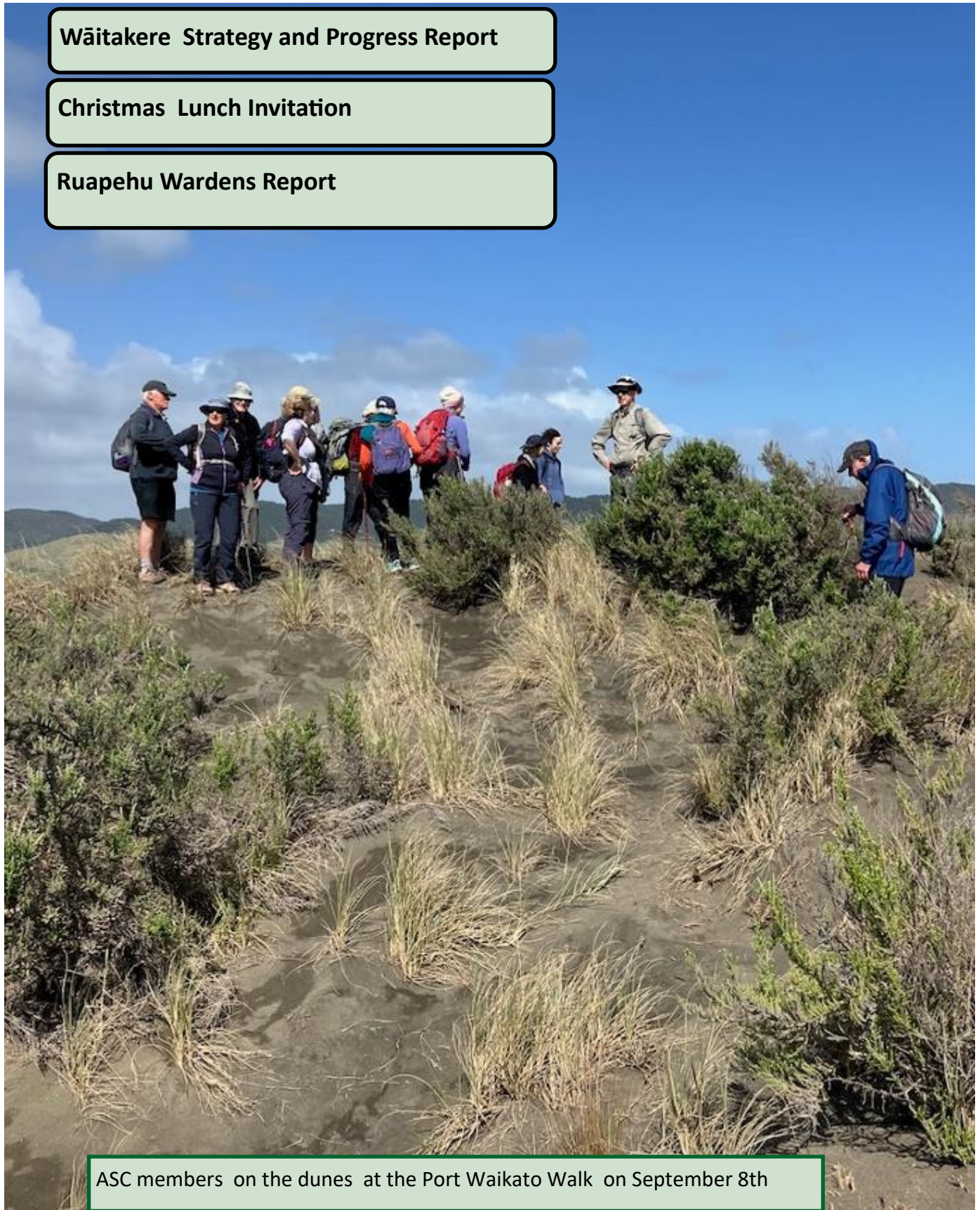


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ASC members on the dunes at the Port Waikato Walk on September 8th

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.



Miranda Hutton, Club President.

President's Column

November 2024

Kia ora koutou,

Spring is in full bloom and daylight savings is a joy!

The ski season has come to an end and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who took part in work parties this year.

Huge thanks to our Ruapehu Buildings Officer Nicholas Roberts, our Ruapehu Operations Officer Ian Seddon and our Hut Wardens Gemma Seddon and her brother Jackson Seddon for all their work keeping the hut running and providing a warm and welcoming environment for our club members and guests. Our Ruapehu Huts are a haven on the mountain, and we hope to continue enjoying them for years to come.

Looking to spring and summer, we have some lovely trips planned for November and December and you can read more about them later in the magazine.

I'll be taking Clara (11) and Lukas (8) to the Ngamuwahine Lodge weekend, as it's a great chance to get out of Auckland before Christmas. We have a fun event for our November Club Night next week, a **Quiz Night** organised by Fiona Heenan. It will be full of outdoor-related questions, and I can't wait to see how I score and have a laugh!

The **December Club Night** is on Tuesday 3rd December and will include an interesting film plus the presentation of awards and a special supper. We will be launching a new award: a Small People on Big Hills **youth/children's award** for the child, children or family who have contributed the most to ASC trips and tramps during the year. Christine La Roche has donated a cute pair of hand-carved Kauri tramping boot ornaments and came up with this idea of an annual award.

Christmas Lunch will be held at the Wāitakere Hut on December 15th, see notice in the magazine. *(Note: there is an option to drive in via the usual Anawhata Road gate or walk in from Scenic Drive via Cutty Grass Track with Bruce Rogers and party)*

Summer Camp bookings are underway. Camp is near Ohakune this year and will be an exciting base for lots of adventures. Contact Peter Jemmett to register.

On a serious note, one of our lovely ASC families are going through a very tough time. Dave Shorter (42) is battling Stage 4 terminal bowel cancer with his wife Ellie and children Emily (8) and Max (6) at his side. Ellie shares their story later in the magazine. Ellie and Dave have been an active part of the families and Small People on Big Hills adventures. Together we can support Ellie and Dave by donating to their givealittle page:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/support-our-fight-help-cover-critical-cancer>

Arohanui,

Miranda Hutton

GENERAL NEWS & NOTICES



It's that time of the Year once again.

WELCOME to The Alpine Sports Club Christmas Party.

Place: Wāitakere Hut

Date: 15th. DECEMBER

Time: Come early—lunch planning 1:00 pm.

See note in green box below re walking in, if you would like a longer walk

Cost: \$20.00 per Adult, Children \$5.00 each.

Finance: Money will be collected on the day.

Please bring the correct amount.

RSVP: Please RSVP by Monday, 9th December, for catering purposes.

Reply by TX (Text) only message to 0274 218100.

Tx Heading: ASC Xmas. Your name and Number of Adults and children attending.

You have the option to arrive via the normal route through the Anawhata rd gate or if you want a longer walk , please join us for a walk along the Cutty Grass Track to the Wāitakere Hut arriving in time for the Banquet. Walk starts from the Cutty Grass Track and Scenic Drive intersection at 11.30 and returns after lunch. Car parking on the Scenic Drive. Please contact :

Bruce Rogers 0274993211 or 094142021 or bj_rogers@xtra.co.nz if you would like to join the walkers.

CLUB NIGHT TUESDAY 5th November 2024

7:30 pm, St Mark's Parish Hall, Remuera Road

Introducing the first annual Alpine Sports Club Quiz Night. Teams will be assigned on the night. This is your chance to demonstrate your amazing range of knowledge on a wide variety of topics related to the activities that Alpine Sports Club members are involved in along with other general knowledge questions. There will some random but useful prizes awarded on the night, invite your friends—it should be a lively evening.

CLUB NIGHT TUESDAY 3rd December 2024

7:30 pm, St Mark's Parish Hall, Remuera Road

We will be showing the award winning and newly released film

Tararua S-K

This film will bring back many memories for members who have tramped in the Tararuas over the years. Many thanks to the filmmaker Andy Carruthers for allowing us to screen this 27 minute film in a group setting by special arrangement. If you would like to see the film or share with others it can be rented at <https://tararuask.com/>.

The film will be followed by our annual Christmas awards and supper.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- ♦ **Chrissy Gabriels and son Noah (14)**
- ♦ **Kathryn Minchin**

Awards that have been won by our December Club Night Film which we have been allowed to show by special arrangement.



Club members Ellie Jones and Dave Shorter share their story.



This is incredibly hard to write.

After we left the UK (last Christmas 2023) we headed to Vietnam for a family holiday on our way back to New Zealand. On the 11th Jan, just 3 days into our holiday Dave suddenly became unwell. This resulted in hospital tests in Hanoi International hospital. Doctors initially suspected an infection and thought Dave would be out within a couple of days with antibiotics so he insisted Emily, Max and myself get the planned flight down to Hoi An.

3 days later - Never would I have thought I'd be sat at the end of a phone call with Dave still stuck in Hanoi listening and being told by a doctor that they found a large obstructing tumour in Dave's bowel. The doctor strongly suspected bowel cancer and it looked to have spread! My world stopped, life stood still. It was hard to comprehend - Dave is only 42 years old. It was incredibly hard being stuck apart during this time.

We worked to get Dave back to NZ ASAP and on the 17 Jan Dave arrived back in Auckland and was admitted straight into hospital. Emily, Max and I followed the day after. I arrived back just in time to see Dave being wheeled out of keyhole surgery (to remove the tumour and a section of bowel). Recovery began, but within the following 4 days Dave deteriorated and ended up having emergency open surgery and removed more bowel that had been compromised.

Recovery restarted and on Feb 2 Dave finally came home to continue his recovery. Heartbreakingly on Feb 5th we received more bad news at the oncology trials meeting - it was confirmed Dave was Stage 4 terminal bowel cancer with spread to some lymph nodes and his peritoneal lining. Coupled with this, Dave unfortunately has the BRAF v600e mutation which is aggressive and has a poor prognosis. We were told he would need palliative chemo. The world shrunk away being told Dave may only have 12-18 months with treatment. (However, these are averages and Dave has responded so well to chemo so far).

A CT scan (6 weeks after his hospital CT scan) on March 5th confirmed growth in the peritoneum but the nodes were not big enough to access the trial. Dave began chemo. Due to the aggressive nature of BRAF our oncologist wanted to hit the cancer hard.

Life is in two week windows for the next 6 months. Each window is made up of chemo, blood tests, medical appointments, counselling for us all - along with chemo side effects. Dave has now had two PET scans (at 3 months and recently on Oct 2nd/ 6 month mark) both have good results which is a huge relief. What's next - Dave will continue Chemo until just before Christmas and then have another PET scan.

The emotional turmoil we have been through these last 10 months isn't possible to put into words. It has been especially hard on Emily (8) and Max (6). There has been constant worry and fear of what the future holds for Dave and us as a family. On top of this in New Zealand many cancer drugs are not funded. Dave has health insurance but it doesn't come anywhere near close enough to cover costs. Here Avastin (a highly recommended and proven to be effective component) is not funded. This means Dave has to receive this treatment in private at a cost of \$2500 every two weeks!

We have been told Dave will need BRAF inhibitors. These are extremely expensive - again unfunded - and cost \$140 000 for 6 months of treatment, then every subsequent 6 months is \$75 000. These are such huge scary costs and money we just don't have. So we are reaching out with a give a little page to try to raise funds towards Dave's future treatment. There is absolutely no pressure to contribute. Please know any contribution amount is very gratefully received and it will all help.

The last 10 months have been the biggest emotional roller coaster. It's been really hard on our family. Cancer steals from you the moment you meet it. The way we have found to challenge this is to try to create opportunities to spend quality time as a family. Now it's all about preserving as much time as possible left as a family and truly trying to make the most of it under very hard circumstances.

Thanks for reading and we'll keep you updated x

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/support-our-fight-help-cover-critical-cancer>

Note : The information above has been shared from the family's givealittle page with their approval. The text has been edited slightly for brevity while retaining all pertinent information. Inclusion in Alpinesport has been approved by Miranda Hutton prior to publishing. Many of Dave and Ellie's friends who are also ASC members encouraged them to start their givealittle campaign and have shared it widely through their own networks.

Waitakere Access & Kauri Dieback – the Strategy & Progress

A report from John Mackay

Last year the original research and the assertions made at the time the tracks were closed was peer reviewed. Amongst other things the review found:

- Initially, it was believed that 70% of infected kauri trees were within 50 metres of walking tracks. However this conclusion was based on a flawed mapping procedure, which started by analysing aerial photos, but then added other infected trees that were discovered by checking along tracks.
- Because infected trees within 50 metres of a track were attributed to human activity, the Kokako Block baitlines that Mike Frith and ASC members service were wrongly blamed for all of the infected trees in the Kokako Block.
- These misinterpretations had been cited to justify track closures, but the 2023 review highlighted the need to reinterpret the data using accurate spatial models
- The disease probably spreads due to other environmental factors rather than predominantly humans (e.g. soil movement in storms, introduced and native animals)
- Wild pigs, for instance, are known to uproot vegetation and disturb soil extensively, making them a potential vector of disease spread. The pigs also seem pleased about using the Waitakere tracks without having to share them with trampers
- The assertion that, if kauri died the rest of the forest would die along with the birdlife it supported, was debunked by ecologists
- There's no clear scientific data showing whether track closures or upgrades have improved kauri health. There hasn't been a controlled study to compare areas left open versus those closed
- The disease and the Phytophthora fungus is most concentrated at two old sawmilling sites.
- The disease is spreading much more slowly than originally expected

This peer reviewed research led us to believe that many tracks would soon be re-opened. The hopes were premature however. Because of the slow spread, the Council decided that a longer period would be required to reach conclusions from the research!

There are nevertheless a few things to be grateful for:

- We've earned brownie points from the Council by being co-operative with their processes. Mike Frith, Joe Scott-Woods and others have liaised with the track and research contractors and ensured that our hut is available for them as a base (earning extra hut revenue along the way). Some of us have volunteered for track upgrade working parties. I'm the Council's track auditor for Comans Track.
- Early on, with the help of the incredibly patient Stu Leighton, we were able to have Cutty Grass Track re-opened as a necessary east-west link across to Scenic Drive.
- The Cascades Kauri Track loop was recently opened up to the public and now a cascade of wooden steps down to Fairy Falls has opened (see photo on next page). Like the few other re-opened tracks they are so popular that the track and parking areas are often overcrowded.
- Stu Leighton is also working towards a connection from Scenic Drive and the Fairy Falls Tracks across to the camping ground in the Bethells Valley.
- The priority is to link up tracks to enable longer distance tramps. This is likely to continue most urgently along the coastal edge in the form of the Hilary Trail (Although this is vulnerable to landslips and the withdrawal of owner permissions)
- Above all, the maps now show the old tracks as being "temporarily closed," so the worry that the tracks might never re-open has receded.

Despite these advances, the standard that tracks, boardwalks and staircases must be built to is expensive. Many trampers are offended by the wooden stairways and other structures that are being imposed on otherwise natural areas. Moreover, the three-year budget for research has not been renewed. With both the government and council focused on trimming their budgets, it would be unlikely that most tracks can be funded to re-open within our lifetimes.

ASC, like most tramping clubs, supports the FMC's approach, as led particularly by Tony Walton. The aim is to engage positively with key players in the Council, Government and iwi, in an attempt to understand their positions and work towards better solutions for kauri dieback and track access.

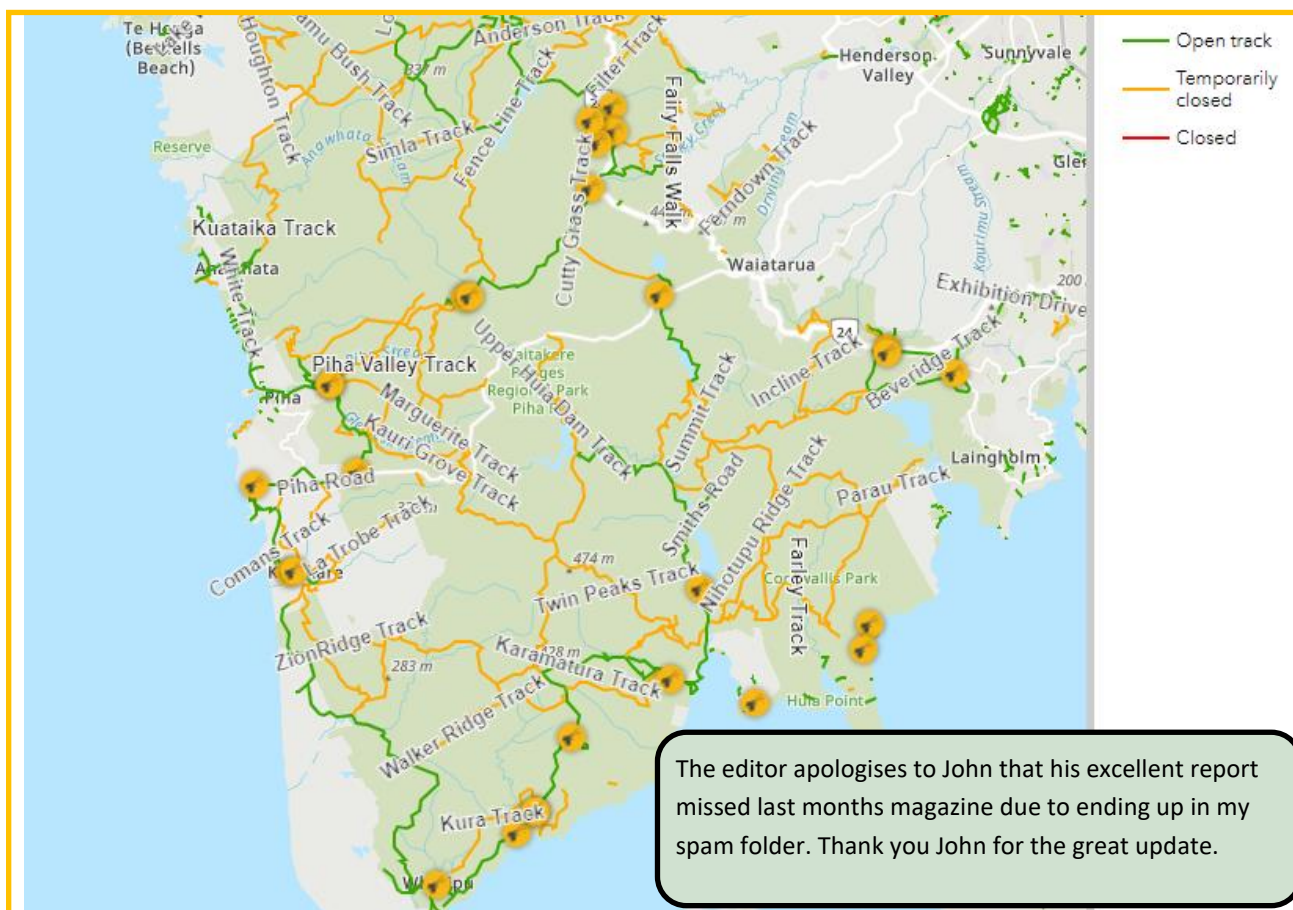
There have been some promising political developments recently but we've seen false dawns before, so don't hold your breath!

For the up-to-date map of all re-opened tracks (including those in the Hunuas, on Waiheke, and in the Kaipatiki catchment) click on:

<https://aucklandcouncil.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=090a929b13884cfdb17078f7bb41c8a4>

CASCADE KAURI LOOP TRACK RE-OPENS information and photo provided by John Mackay

The Cascades Kauri Track loop was recently been reopened and a cascade of steps down to Fairy Falls has just opened to the public (see photo below). Like the other re-opened tracks they are so popular that the track and parking areas are often overcrowded.



RUAPEHU HUT WARDEN REPORT FROM GEMMA SEDDON



Kia Ora ASC Whanau, I am writing to express my gratitude for the amazing experience that being Hut Warden at the Mt. Ruapehu huts over the past two seasons has given me, and to thank those who visited the mountain during my time at A-Frame.

This winter season as Hut Warden has been very rewarding; I've enjoyed the crazy fluctuating weather, making new friends on the mountain, and the company from families and groups at the hut. It's been great getting to know everyone and has been nice to see both familiar and new faces.

I've received an amazing summer opportunity down in the South Island working in a hut on the Routeburn Track for Ultimate Hikes. As the job starts in mid-October, I've had to leave Whakapapa earlier than expected. For the final few weeks/end of this season, my brother Jackson has taken over all hut warden duties for the A-Frame and Ruapehu Bunkhouse.



Ultimate Hikes Routeburn Falls Hut on the Routeburn. Photo : Gemma Seddon

Jackson joined me as co-warden back at the end of August when he returned from Camp America and has been a great help to the huts since.

Make sure to get up to the mountain and enjoy the rest of the snow that spring had surprised us with this season if you haven't already! If anyone is in the Queenstown or Milford Sound area during the next 6 months don't be a stranger, I'd love to spend more time with our ASC family. My contact details should be in the membership booklet if needed.

All the best, Gemma Seddon

Many thanks to Gemma for sending her report earlier in the month and for cheerfully and swiftly answering my last minute request for photos this morning despite the fact that she was in the throes of trying to get a lodge ready for guests—enjoy your season Gemma!



Beryl Borthwick

The club was saddened to hear that Beryl passed away on October 10th.

A keen cyclist, tramper and skier, Beryl was someone who struck you with her great enthusiasm for life, the mountains and the people she loved. It was her wish that she would be farewelled with a private family funeral.

Bart Schroder shares his memories

"Beryl always had a glint in her eye. I'd see her on the mountain and at club night, and she often sent me suggestions of what we should be doing at Alpine Sport. She kept her eye out for us.

She was prolific in keeping the Snow Riders and Alpine Sports Facebook pages populated. She was in there publicizing the things we needed to know. She got into walking, did Thursday Walks, and along with Sue represented us in Walking NZ. She was often to be found up the mountain with her grand children. She'll be missed. "

Helen Lyons



“Last month we reported that one of our former members, Helen Lyons, had died. Unfortunately we found out the day after Alpinesport was sent out that the death notice was for a lady in the lower North Island.

However it is with much sadness that we now report that our former club member of the same name died on Sunday afternoon 27 October 2024.

A tribute to Helen will be published in the December issue of Alpinesport.”

New ASC Award for 2024

These hand carved Kauri “boots” ornaments were donated by **Christine La Roche** and will become the newest award to be presented at December's Club Night.

They will be awarded annually to the child, children or family who have contributed the most to ASC trips and tramps during the year





Our Afghan friends who gave a presentation to the club earlier in the year are running this event in the Riverhead forest this month in association with Lactic Turkey events. A great opportunity to support their efforts.

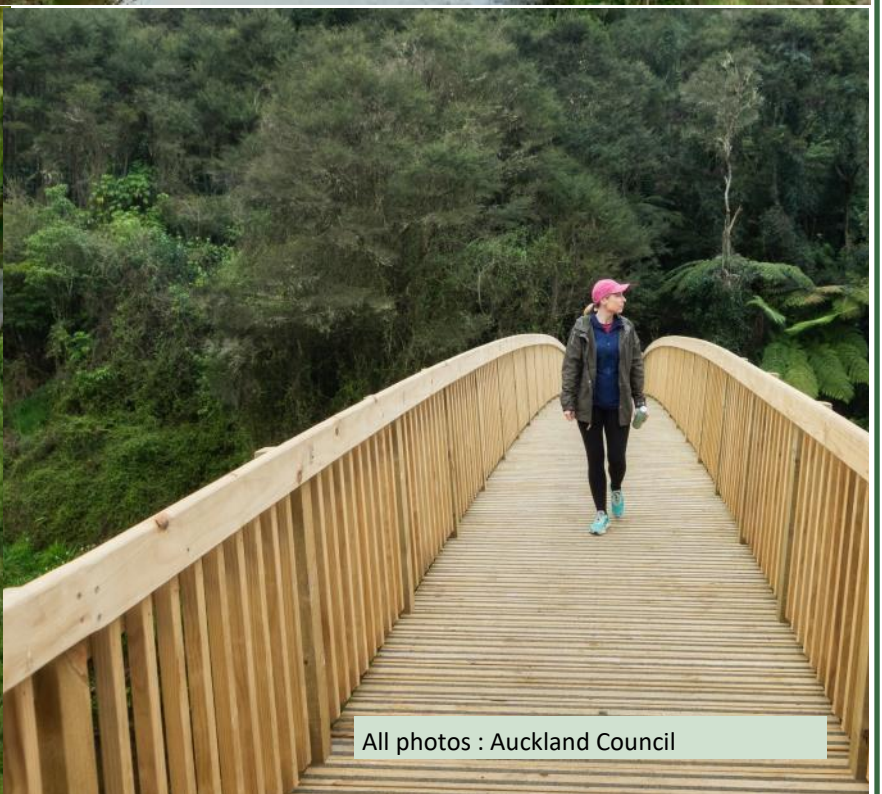
Inspired by the ground-breaking Marathon of Afghanistan, Timatanga Hou welcomes you to the first-ever Aotearoa Afghanistan Marathon. [The Aotearoa Afghanistan Marathon](#) is fuelled by the spirit of inclusivity and friendship, and is an event that combines running with celebrating the many cultures of Afghanistan. Come join us on **Saturday 16th November 2024** in Riverhead Forest for a truly unique event that has been developed in close consultation with the founders of the original Afghanistan Marathon. To evoke the original context of the Kohi Baba mountain range, high in the Hindu Kush, Timatanga Hou/New Beginnings have created courses largely based on the unsealed road network in Riverhead Forest.

While waiting for runners to return or after the event there will be a range of delicious Afghan food on sale including traditional Kabuli pulao - tasty bits of tender lamb in a bed of fragrant rice. Bolani - a fried flat bread unique to Afghanistan and mantu - delicious meat stuffed dumplings. And, of course, different kinds of chai or tea without which no Afghan meal would be complete. In addition, there will be musicians playing hazargi music on the Dambura and Dutar and hazargi dance including the Afghan "stick dance" along with Afghan handicrafts including carpets.

All proceeds from the event are going towards similar future projects.



NEW BRIDGE OPENS AT HUNUA FALLS



All photos : Auckland Council

TRIP REPORTS.

Thursday Walk on 24th October 2024 - An Epsom circuit culminating in a visit to Auckland's Government House gardens.

The route took us from Eden Gardens to Mt St John/Te Kopuke and then back to Government House by early afternoon. On the way we passed turn-of-the-century mansions (like Florence Court), negotiated a remnant of the original Maungawhau lava forest in Withiel Drive, and admired the facilities of Dilworth and Diocesan schools.

The access to Te Kopuke is steep, with lots of steps on the western side, but morning tea at the top revived our flagging energy. After descending Mt St John we continued our walk along Ranfurly Road to the old (and now deserted) Training College grounds.



The leaders had been a bit ambitious, planning to lunch on Mt Eden/Maungawhau before reaching Government House, but time was short, so we found a pleasant spot to stop and eat, then took a shorter route back along some very delightful streetscapes to Government House.

Gardener Josh, together with a police officer who checked our credentials, was waiting at the gate, ready to show us around. The 4.6 hectare (11 acre) property dates from the 1860s, so some of the trees are well over 100 years old.



The Mappins, who bought the property in 1921, spent 45 years developing a garden-scape around the underlying geology, and planted many special trees and shrubs, both native and exotic. We marvelled at huge Pohutukawa, Norfolk pines, Redwoods, Port Jackson and Moreton Bay figs, to name only a few of the iconic

trees and at the borders of colourful shrubs and perennials around well-manicured lawns. All this is maintained by just two gardeners. It is no wonder it is designated a Garden of National Significance. Our 90 minute tour was an experience we will never forget.



While 33 club members walked the circuit, the garden tour was limited to 25 participants

Scribe : Jocelyn Whyte.

Photos: Don Baker

Sunday Walk - Te Rau Puriri Regional Park - 13th October 2024.

Photos : Calin Cascaval



Womens Overnighter Trip - Pararaha Valley 12th & 13th October

In October we had another very successful Womens trip, this time organized by ASC member Claire Caiger. The destination of the Pararaha valley with a relatively short walk in from Karekare meant that those of us on a tight schedule could arrive later and leave earlier the next morning to attend to other commitments. The initial group walked in at lunchtime and a small group of us set off just before dinner, the yellow lupins looking spectacular in the setting sun as we headed towards Whatipu.



Given the amount of gravel on the re opened tracks in the Wāitakeres, the walks along the coastal fringe still retain a sense of remoteness and the feeling of being fully immersed in nature.

Obviously we were not the only ones thinking that way as on arrival at the campsite, despite all of us booking our spots via the Auckland Council website ,it was pretty full, a group of trail runners, some individual trampers and a large Duke of Ed group from Baradene.



We briefly contemplated nipping back to the empty Tunnel Point campsite but elected to find a spot to pitch our tents and instead make some new friends. In total there were 15 in our group and we had a lovely evening, sharing dinner together before a rain shower sent everyone running to the cooking shelter.



The next morning the early departees, headed back along the little ridge by the lake under the cliff to Tunnel Point, through the tunnel and along the old tram line before heading back out along the beach rather than walk the whole way over the sand. Tunnel Point is such a wonderful little campsite and a great place to take kids for their first overnight tramp. Somewhere along this track I lost my drivers licence out of my pocket and was pleasantly surprised to get a phone call two days later from the Onehunga Police Station to say it had been handed in, thus saving me the hassle of organizing a replacement. Another very enjoyable little adventure in

the great company and I heard the same comment over and over again "it hard to believe we are only an hour from Auckland"

Scribe : Fiona Heenan

Sunday Walk - Port Waikato - 8th September 2024.

18 people took part in this walk on a rather dubious weather-wise day in September.

Although there was some rain prior to setting out, the entire walk - lasting from about 10.30am to sometime shortly after 3.15pm - was rain free!!

We left the middle part of Maunsell Rd. Port Waikato, and walked up a steep hill to Maureen and Malcolm Beattie's home with a wonderful view over Port Waikato and right up the beach, past the bar of the Waikato River.

We had a great morning tea break with Maureen showing us photos of the Port as it was in the past, and also being available for a variety of questions about the area.



The original plan was to walk the beach to the river, and then move along the sand dunes, down the river to the store. However the tide was too far in, and so we took off for the river mouth across the dunes.

We looked for, and found a sheltered place out of the wind for lunch.

It took some time in the early afternoon to negotiate the dune area close to the river initially and then we moved towards the road, and an exit from the sand.

Once the walk was completed, we were ready for a cup of something warm, before heading back to town.

Thank you to all who took part:

Brian Bargh, Jenny Hudson, Peter Loveridge, Dieuwke Gers, Warren & Jocelyn Whyte, Barbara Lamont, Rosemary Wakeman, Theresa Kermode, Bruce Derryhouse, Jonathan Janet & James Hodder, Jeanette & Murray Davidson, Maria Bullock **(scribe)** and the 2 Susans.

UPCOMING TRIPS

MARAETAI, OMANA , BEACHLANDS COASTAL WALK

Sunday November 3rd 2024

From Maraetai to Pine Harbour via Omana Regional Park, Te Puru Park, Shelly Bay, Pohutukawa Bay, Sunkist Bay and Pine Harbour Park.

Deviate to Motukarakara island at low tide and circumnavigate the island—check out the sea cave on the North side then continue to Pine Harbour car park.

Meet at the Maraetai Changing Rooms and Toilet at 10 am (turn left at the roundabout where Rewa Rd meets Maraetai Drive, then first right off the road leading to the Maraetai Boating Club.)

Two cars will drive to Pine Harbour carpark to park and one will return with the drivers. \$10 for shared transport.

The mid range weather forecast is for fine weather. Please note change to start point.



Motukarakara island

WOMEN'S OVERNIGHTER KAWAKAWA

12pm Saturday 16th November –12pm Sunday 17th November 2024

Join us on a short 45 minute beach walk to a small campsite. Enjoy safe swimming and a beautiful, secluded stretch of white sand beach backed by regenerating bush and farmland.

The best type of camping for our last WON of the year.

Contact Jeanine Scholey for more details at:

womens.overnighter@gmail.com



NGAMUWAHINE LODGE WEEKEND

Friday 15th—Sunday 17th November, 2024

The ASC trip to Ngamuwahine Lodge is scheduled for November 15-17, 2024. The lodge is located 2.5 hours from central Auckland, in the Kaimai-Mamaku Forest park. Activities during the stay include swimming, bush walks, and river tubing/kayaking and basic mountain biking.

The facility can comfortably sleep 90, includes a large conference room, two commercial kitchens, large outdoor covered dining area plus indoor dining. It has a BBQ area and pizza oven.

There is a trampoline and basketball hoop. BYO bedding .

<https://www.tauranga-int.school.nz/lodge-hire>

For more information and registration/booking information:

Please email **Claire Jackson**: clairelouisejackson@gmail.com



SMALL PEOPLE ON BIG HILLS—PIHA COASTAL ADVENTURE

Sunday November 24th , 2024



This wee adventure is walking at low tide to the ‘hidden beach’ and cave, exploring the rock pools and then heading back for black sand castle making and picnic on the beach.

Low tide is at 11:19am so we will meet at 9:30 and leave at 10:00 so little legs have plenty of time to crab hunt and Rock pool explore on the way around. Wear weather appropriate clothes, good grippy shoes (the rocks can be slippery) and bring a towel and set of dry clothes to change into, hat, suncream, raincoat and snacks / lunch water and a sense of adventure.

Meet in front of Brother Beer & Juke Joint BBQ (South Piha) on Marine Parade (South)

Contact Jodi 0221564279 if you have any queries.

LAKE TARAWERA HOT WATER BEACH

30th November to 1st December, 2024

Either sea kayak across the lake or tramp the 15km Tarawera trail to camp at Hot Water beach. Contact Mark & book your campsite via the Doc website Hot Water Beach Campsite . We will be leaving Auckland Saturday morning returning Sunday afternoon.

Leader Mark Roberts mark2005roberts@yahoo.co.nz

Tarawera Trail Map



SATURDAY WALK—RIVERHEAD FOREST

Saturday November 30th, 2024

Meet 9.30 am sharp at Barlow Rd entrance to Riverhead Forest for a tramp along a mixture of forestry roads, tramping and cycling tracks.

It may be muddy depending on the weather therefore boots advisable.

Exact location of start will be advised following registration - Barlow Road entrance is off Ararimu Valley Road

Please book with leaders: Bruce and Jane Rogers mob 027 499 3211 or email

bj_rogers@xtra.co.nz

ASC SUMMER CAMP—OHAKUNE

Thursday 26th December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025

Duration: Thursday 26th December 2024 - Friday 3rd January 2025

Our Campsite: Is in a long grassy paddock beside a fresh water lake 15 minutes drive from Ohakune. Approximately a 5-hour drive from Auckland

Bring: Everything you need for camping and staying safe in the outdoors. Bring your own food and gas stove for cooking on. There will be a local water supply which we recommend treating or boiling.

Toilets: There will be a selection of Port-a-loos for use at camp. There will be a cleaning roster for the toilets. Members may bring their own chemical toilets for which they will be responsible for.

Rubbish: All (non food) rubbish needs to be taken off site. Food scraps and compost can be disposed of at our campsite.

Food & Petrol: Ohakune, our closest town, is a 15 minute drive away. Ohakune has petrol stations, cafes and a supermarket.

Dogs & other pets are not allowed at camp. No radios or stereos.

Bookings and advance partial payments are required :

Please contact Peter Jemmett for further information : pmc.jemmett@xtra.co.nz



Members Tracey Laga and Jodi Reddell among the lupins on the way into Pararaha Valley.