



Newsletter

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Good Morning, Everyone

Enjoy your Labour Weekend wherever you plan to be and whatever you plan to do.

Congratulations to Fiona Alexander for appearing on Seven Sharp on 22 October explaining the project for the restoration of Motuihe Island to its natural beauty with reintroduction of native birds and planting of native plants.

Just a week ago we were enjoying the warm spring sunshine as we crossed the new Jubilee Bridge and explored the Panmure Basin. We treated ourselves to a good cup of coffee and muffin (well subsidised by your committee) on the balcony at Waipuna Hotel afterwards. It was a day to remember. Check out our [website for the photographs](#) .

Some of you may have missed out because you were too coy to ask for a lift. Committee members are happy to meet you at the Club and drive you to these outings. We do not expect reciprocation. Just let us know a day or two in advance so that we can make sufficient seats available for those who want to join in but do not wish to drive themselves. Looking out for each other is what we're about as a Club. We will change the wording in the "General Info" at the end of this newsletter so that this is clearer.

The WalkFest open day, while attracting only three visitors, must be regarded as a success. Both organisers came and have already started giving us advertising on Facebook, we understand. We also have offers of help with promotion if we decide to have an open day sometime next year.

A big thank you to Greg and Jim who cooked the sausages to perfection for our BBQ evening two weeks ago. It was a lovely warm evening. Everyone had a lot of fun.

You may not be aware that Greg and Jim do a lot behind the scenes for us.

Our end of year party, Summer Soiree, is fast approaching. It is on 9 December. Just in case you are confused by the title we will in fact be celebrating at lunchtime. Make sure of your place at the table by paying \$45 into our account. The price is low because the Committee is subsidising the cost. For those of you who like to dress up, please wear your most glamorous or fun holiday clothes. Everyone else is welcome whatever they wear. Mark Taipari is our artist providing live music.

Calendar for the remainder of 2025

Tuesday, 4 November, 10:15 AM Irene Turley Mugging and Melbourne Cup Day

Irene hits the magic decade a few days earlier.

We will have our annual sweepstake for Melbourne Cup Day. Remember your Race Day Hat at our Shared Morning Tea.

Thursday, 6 November Melbourne Cup Results

Tuesday, 25 November Spring Clean Club Rooms

J&W has traditionally given the Club Rooms a good housekeeping clean before the Club Christmas season celebrations start. Windows and lightshades need cleaning and cobwebs cleared. We would be most grateful if you are able to help. Please bring some cleaning gear with you – buckets, cleaning cloths etc.

Tuesday, 9 December Summer Soiree

Preparations are well underway for this spectacular annual event. Reserve your place with payment of \$45. The Committee will subsidise this generously.

Thursday, 18 December Last Club Day of 2025

Wishing you all a very happy festive season

Tuesday, 6 January 2026 First Club Day of 2026

Happy New Year to one and all.

General info

Committee members will drive anyone who would like a lift (from the clubrooms) for any outing away from the club. There is no charge for petrol. There is no expectation of reciprocation. Please contact or speak to a committee member several days before the event if you require a ride.

Health & Safety

Please ensure that there is at least one mobile phone available in the pack you are walking/running in - in case of accidents etc. If there is an accident - big or small, an incident report needs to be completed at the time. Please see a committee member if this is required.

Use pedestrian crossings or pedestrian traffic lights to cross the road.

If you have any respiratory infection, please do not come to the club until you are better. If you test positive for Covid after attending a Tuesday or Thursday please contact John or Cris directly.

Shared Morning Tea

For special occasions we have a shared morning tea to celebrate. It is very much appreciated when everyone who is able brings along a plate to help in the celebration.

Finally

The committee thanks you all for your ongoing support and welcomes any ideas around events, trips, ways to have fun.

Thank you,

The Pakuranga Joggers and Walkers Committee.

J&W excursion to examine the new Jubilee Bridge over the channel from Panmure to Waipuna. More pictures on our website.

