



CALLIOPE CAPERS

27 MARCH 2019

TONIGHT 27 March 2019

Fun Night

NEXT WEEK 3 April 2019

Graeme Wells Bush Bash, Shepherds Park

SUGGESTIONS, CONCERNS, QUERIES FOR CALLIOPE

If you have suggestions, concerns, queries, observations and safety issues would you **please** address them to the Committee via calliope.birkenhead@gmail.com rather than overwhelming the individual volunteer or putting on Facebook.

NORTHCOTE TAVERN RUN/WALK

It was great to see everyone. 67 people signed in. 28 runners and 39 walkers

Next Monday night is the last event for the season. The course will be run in reverse.

See you all next week.

If you are keen to continue with a weekly evening run or walk we would love to see you at Calliope Wednesday evenings to join us. Everyone is most welcome to come along and join in the fun.

BEACH HAVEN FUN RUN

Many thanks to all the Calliope members, friends and family who assisted with registrations, marshalling and at the Calliope tent/water station. Although the day initially dawned to dark skies and rain this largely cleared for the event. Despite the clash with the last of the Albany Lakes series the turnout was excellent with almost 500 competitors taking part. Particularly pleasing this year was the increased representation by local schools with Verran Road Primary, Kauri Park Primary, Beach Haven Primary, Birkdale and Birkdale North Primaries, Birkdale Intermediate and Murrays Bay Primary all well represented. Feedback we have from local headmasters is that they are keen to get more involved and promote the event within their schools, with the aim of getting even more pupils involved in the event in the future. With the Shore to Shore becoming increasingly difficult to engage with they see this event as an ideal friendly local alternative. It was also pleasing to hear Calliope promoted by the MC on multiple occasions, which after all is a key reason we are so keen to be involved.

In particular I'd like to thank Malcolm Fisher who was visiting from sunny Nelson, and having been out all day Saturday at a half marathon risked the wrath of his wife to help marshal, our Calliope old boy Keith Kent for volunteering one last time to stand on a street corner and wave a flag on our behalf, and Katya Jonkers and Abi Mace for volunteering for their first marshalling roles.

MALCOLM FISHER

I am back in Auckland for a week, partly to take part in the Dual event which took place at Motutapu and Rangitoto last Saturday. I had booked into the marathon run, but early last week I downgraded to the half, because of lack of training.

This was a good decision because I felt quite comfortable with the challenge and was able to enjoy the the most technical part of the run, the rocky, fern,moss-fringed Coastal Track. Because of my association with the family bach on Rangitoto,it was also a social run, catching up with other bach people who were manning drink stations on the run.

It was a hot assignment in the midday sun and I was pleased to finish in 2hr 50min. But what really thrilled me was to find that my son Brendon, who flew up from Christchurch for the event, came first in the marathon in 3hr 48min.

My next event is "Loop The Lake" in April at St Arnaud, Nelson Lakes National Park.

KEITH KENT

On the 24th May Keith Kent a long time member of our Calliope family is due to move out of his recently sold house and shortly thereafter depart for Kerikeri. During his long association with Calliope Keith has contributed significantly to the club as a competitor, administrator and volunteer. It is no exaggeration to say that over many years Keith has contributed hundreds of hours of his time to the club, particularly to the Hyatt/Cathay Pacific/Stirling Sports Half Marathon. The event as it became would not have happened without the commitment of a number of Calliope members at the time, of which Keith was prominent. As an athlete Keith was a well respected veteran, as can be seen by the number of times his name appears on our trophies.

To farewell Keith we will be arranging a catch-up with the rest of the old buggers at the Northcote tavern one Saturday afternoon. Once we have the date locked-in we will let everybody know. I would encourage you to come down and have a run or walk, then share a beverage with Keith and wish him a fond farewell as he settles into retirement and heads north to his new life of quiet streets, rural aspects and nude sunbathing.

BIRKENHEAD WAR MEMORIAL PARK DRAFT MASTERPLAN

The draft masterplan for the BWM park is now open for public consultation. A copy is on the table.

John Gillon, Kaipatiki Local Board Member says

Please have a look through the masterplan and let us know if we're on the right track, or have missed anything.

As soon as the masterplan is completed and adopted, we'll be able to get underway with the business case for a new multisport facility to replace the grandstand (the business case is a requirement from Councillors before we can receive funding for the new building). Consultation open until 14 April.

Drop-in Sessions:

* 10am to 12pm, Saturday 6 April: Birkenhead Library

OurAuckland article: ourauckland.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz...

View Plan and Have Your Say link is:

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/have-your-say/topics-you-can-have-your-say-on/birkenhead-war-memorial-park-draft-masterplan/Pages/consultation-documents.aspx>

It is important to Council to receive submissions in response to the draft masterplan. The 'Have Your Say' is user friendly. The questions all have tick boxes – support, do not support, unsure. There is space to make comments.

A thought for making a submission would be to express concern that the development of the Multi-use sports building is in the 5-15 years medium term. Submit urging a greater urgency for the development of this facility. Submissions are due 14 April 2019.

RESULTS ALBANY LAKES SUMMER SERIES, Sunday 24 March

The third and final race in the Albany Lakes Summer Series took place on Sunday, March 24; again in favourable running conditions - we have been lucky this series! Sara, Mike, Michael, and Dale were inducted as "Lakes Legends" for completing 5 full series and were each presented with a trophy for their efforts. Sandra was lucky enough to pick up a pair of socks in the spot prizes! The next milestone is completion of 10 full series. Watch this space...

10 km run	
Mike Shaddick	49:35
Sara Duggan	49:57
Michael Jenkinson	53:16
Sandra Haynes	55:22
5 km walk	
Dale Pearson	43:42