
Kiwi Seniors Walk from Cape Reinga to Bluff

Commencing 11 August and ending at Stirling Point on 1st November 2001

This event is a programmed walk for approximately 8 – 10 Golden Aged Citizens (Kiwi Seniors) and organised by Sport Marlborough, in conjunction with Don ZL1DAQ.

The purpose is to demonstrate by example as a mentor group to others in the community, particularly the young, the values of health, positiveness, team work and achievement.

The philosophy is:

“Walking for Health and Pleasure”

Taking part in this walk are those we will remember from the epic journeys of Dr Tony Whitaker G3RKL who has walked both islands a few years ago.

Don ZL1DAQ, from Blenheim, was his command centre leader and we were kept up to date with Tony's adventures as he progressed on his lone journeys.

When told by Don the Kiwi Seniors plan to walk both islands in one go, Tony had no hesitation in asking to join in this worthwhile event.

Special calls have been allocated for the Amateur Radio members of the group:

Don ZL1DAQ will operate using the Old Timers Call ZL6OTC.

Tony G3RKL has been allocated ZL6RTB. (Reinga to Bluff)

Henk ZL3HGB who is the transport operator has been allocated ZL6WLK.

Peter Johnston will also be taking part using his own call of ZL2PKJ.



Leading the group is Don ZL6OTC with wife Sheena and usually bringing up the rear is Tony ZL6RTB. They use a simplex frequency on 2 m to maintain contact between front and rear.

During the walk you will hear many contacts on the National System and they will welcome your contact. Each day they will commence at 08.00 hrs and will walk between 8 to 10 hours depending on the section covered that day. Once a week there is a rest day allocated.

Most evenings there is a link up through the internet with Tony talking to G3ZHI Ian in the UK. You will also hear a burst of what seems to be packet at regular intervals. This is the GPS locator signal updating the position of the group.

Update – Tony and the group passes through Manurewa 29 August 2001



Update – Tony receives NZART badge from NZART President as he passes through Te Rapa 1 September 2001



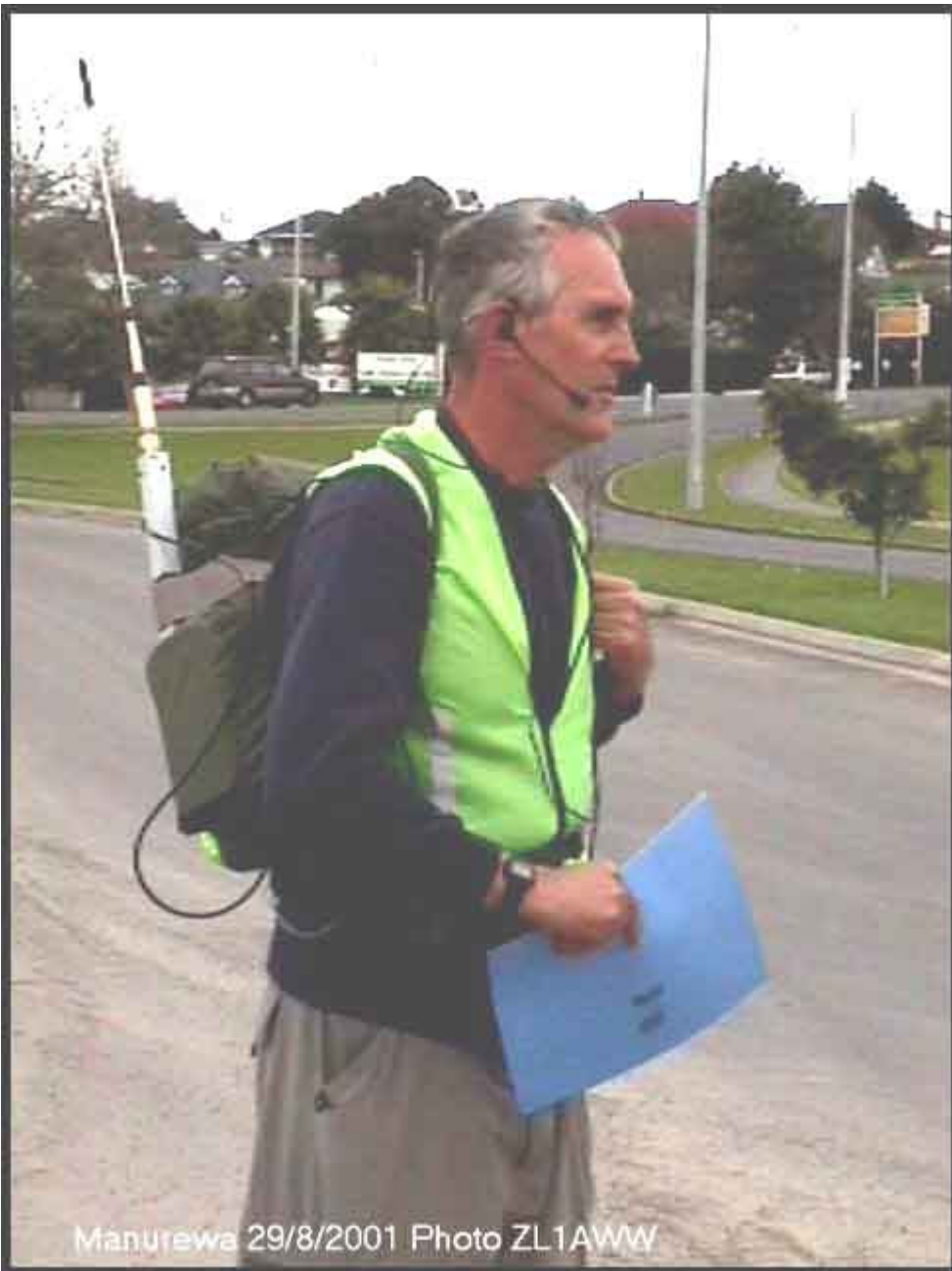
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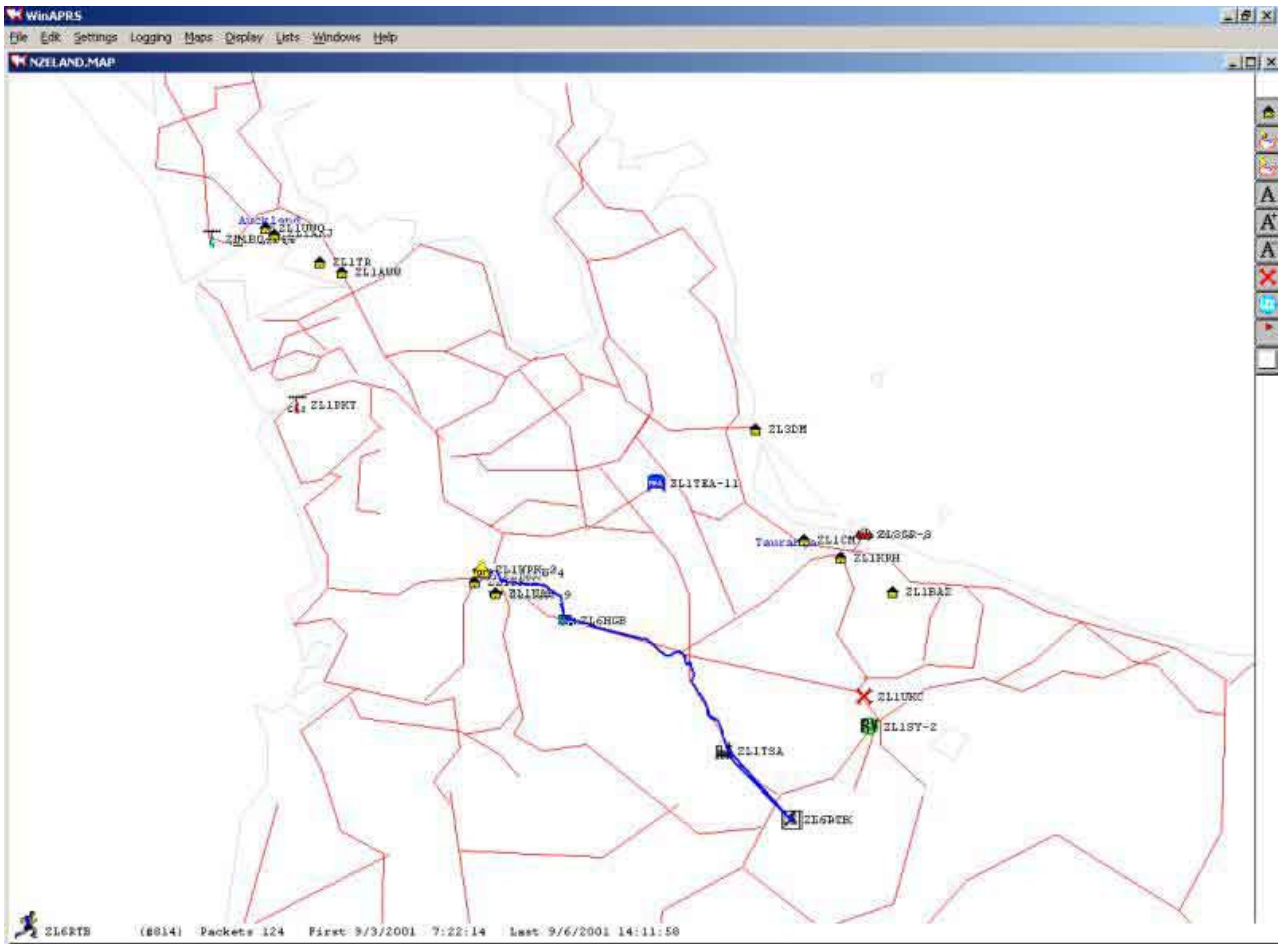
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Update – APRS Map showing progress to Day 24, 7 September 2001, from Hamilton, getting nearer to Taupo