

Judith Bogle - FMC Executive Committee

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I was indoctrinated with a love of the outdoors from an early age by a father who grew up on New Zealand lighthouses. In my teens, the Spirit of Adventure Club introduced me to tramping, and I have tramped throughout New Zealand especially with the Kaimai ranges and Kauaeranga Valley being at my backdoor. Then I obtained a Master's degree in Earth Science and a Graduate diploma in Dispute Resolution, incorporating different aspects of Environmental Planning and Environmental law.

Currently, I am the President of the Waikato Tramping Club.

In 2020 at FMC's suggestion I took on the challenge with other experienced club members to train Trip Leaders in the region. I am a strong advocate for education being the core of safe and enjoyable tramping. In the meantime, I have upgraded our Code of Ethics and the trip leaders' registration to include guidelines for trip planning and risk assessment, and provided support to the University of Waikato Tramping Club.

To maintain and protect our backcountry for future generations we need sustainable management practices, especially with increasing demand for access both from New Zealanders and tourists. Decisions being made on Stewardship land, changes relating to co-governance (e.g. Te Urewera, Mount Taranaki and Tongariro crossing), and the possible introduction of a Great Walk in the Kaimai Ranges, affect all New Zealanders. My understanding of the complexities of Environmental Management relating to the community, business and policies will allow me to contribute to the direction we take to support New Zealanders.