

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for Nov 2013

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Club night:

Tuesday 12 Nov 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Juliet Cooke and Bill Dolan

Speaker: Grayson Cooke – South Australia

In this presentation Grayson Cooke will talk about his recent trip to two locations in South Australia; filming in limestone caves in Naracoorte, and walking in the Flinders Ranges. Grayson will show motion-controlled video footage from his time in the Naracoorte cave system, an incredible network of limestone caves which is also home to Australia's best collection of mega-fauna fossils. Grayson will also talk about his trip through the Flinders Ranges, staying at the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary, a private wilderness resort featuring incredible geological formations, some great walks, and some pretty cute rock wallabies.

Trip List

Nov - Dec 2013

Date	Destination	Trip organiser/leader	Phone	Fitness	Cost
9 Nov	Rimutaka Rail Trail Cross Creek to summit	Bill Dolan	306 9921	M	
16 Nov	Colonial Knob or coastal walk	Carol Major	304 8210	M	

If you wish to go on a trip, please let the organiser know by the Thursday prior.

Trip Gradings

The letters after the cost for a trip are an indication of how tough it will be.

- VE** **Very Easy.** A stroll suitable for the youngest, oldest and least fit of people.
- E** **Easy.** Up to four hours walk. May involve some uphill. Lots of stops.
- M** **Moderate fitness.** 4-6 hours walk per day. Lunch and smoko breaks.
- F** **More fitness.** Some experience needed. May go off tracks. 6 – 8 hours walk per day.
- FE** **Fitness extreme.** 8 – 18 hours walk, fast. Heaps of climbing. Stops are hurried. Enjoyed only by masochists. May take up to a week to recover.

Leaders: please remember if you are unable to lead your trip it is your responsibility to find a replacement leader / trip.

Christmas Party!

This year's party is to be held at Campbell and Barbara Speedy's, 8 Shooting Butts Road Martinborough.

Saturday 21 December 6pm. Bring food to share, your own drinks and a \$2 present.

Trip Reports

PLIMMERTON-PUKERUA BAY AND RETURN 5 OCTOBER

We left the Wairarapa in glorious sun and by the time we "de-carred" outside the Plimmerton Boating Club premises there was misty rain. Blow! BUT, not long after we had passed through the Marae area avoiding puddles, the mist went away and whilst not exactly sunny it was pleasant, improving throughout the day.

The trip around the coast was timed to avoid the high tide because of a rocky point where the water at high tide would have meant climbing over a bluff - we were about spot on in timing as we could scramble over the rocks with impunity, if a little creakily in some cases.

Lunch was had at the car park at Pukerua Bay followed by a modest climb up the Goat Track to a road which when followed took us to the State Highway and the start of the Ara Harakeke track. After around 3 km we were at the Crematorium and the start of the Taua Tapu track. At this point Graham was unable to take his amazing little dog through some farm land because of lambing so he and Janet walked back to the cars along Airlie Road while the rest of the party climbed past a trig then descended down a bush track to Reserve Road and, via Airlie Road, to the cars.

In all an interesting day. Finds along the way included a dead Little Blue Penguin, lots of debris from a smashed boat, and an object that has all of us puzzled - photo attached for identification by anyone. It has a look of plastic, being translucent, but is probably not. It is hard, looks like an oversized molar and seems to contain air. Various suggestions include an airsac from some creature, reproductive gear such as an egg container and so on. It does appear to be of a marine nature. There are no prizes for identification, only glory.

Participants were Ed and Juliet Cooke (leaders and scribe), Barry Kempton and Lynne King, Graham Britton, Janet Corlett, Teresa Fawdray, Carol and David Major, Bruce and Mary Lambert, Grayson and Wendell Cooke, and Frances Pike.



Pylon Track / Chimney Spur 13 October

We had an uneventful four hour tramp. The pylon track always seems a steep grunt but once at the top the alpine type vegetation is superb. There was a slight breeze while we had a welcome cuppa on the side of the track.

No problems as we descended Chimney Spur. We had lunch about halfway down.

Those on the tramp were Mary and Bruce Lambert, Clive Baxter and Hurricane, Graham Britton and Pepsil, and Janet Corlett leader and scribe.

Roaring Stag / Cattle Ridge 19 - 20 October

Three of us went to Roaring Stag Lodge in good weather. When we arrived we dropped our packs there and went on to Cattle Ridge, a straight up climb for two hours. We reached the snow line; the snow wasn't too deep. Janet and Graham went to the hut while Vicki went back down to Roaring Stag and had a swim in the Ruamahanga river.

That night at Roaring Stag Lodge we listened to the rugby on the radio. The new lodge is in a beautiful area. We heard many bird songs; wood pigeons, tui, cuckoos and morepork. We had a pleasant trip out on Sunday.

Janet Corlett, Graham Britton and Vicki Brooks were on the trip.