

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for April 2014

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Club night:

Tuesday 8 April 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Roger and Ann Coventry

Speaker: John Rhodes – out and about, with pictures

Trip List

March – April 2014

Date	Destination	Trip organiser/leader	Phone	Fitness	Cost
29 Mar	work party lower Reeves track	John Rhodes	304 9095		
12 Apr	Atiwhakatu Hut	Bruce & Mary Lambert	379 6106		
19 Apr	TBA	Ed & Juliet Cooke	304 9497		
26 Apr	Somes Island	Barry Kempton	304 9353		

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.

Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ (Inc)

NOTICE OF 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Saturday 14 June 2014
Time: 9.30am
Venue: St John's, Willis Street, Wellington Central

Any club wishing to move an amendment to the Constitution or move motions for general discussion is required to give notice of these to the FMC Secretary no later than **11 April 2014**.

(FMC Secretary Josie Broadbent, PO Box 1604, Wellington 6140) www.fmc.org.nz

Details relating to voting and notices of motion will be circulated to affiliated clubs in early May.

SWTC members:

Please contact Carol Major (phone 304 8210 or email carolmajornz@gmail.com) if you require:

- **a copy** of the nomination form for nominating members of affiliated clubs for election to positions on the Executive of the Federated Mountain Clubs.
- **information** relating to
Youth and Young Adults Scholarship Scheme: Back and Revised for 2014.
(applications must be received at FMC no later than 5.00pm on Friday 11 April 2014)
- **Photo Competition Entry Details 2014** and a **Photo Competition Entry Form 2014.**
(all entries must be received at the FMC Office by 16 April 2014)

All of this information will be available in hard copy at our next Club Night on Tue 8 April. However, time will by then be running out for anyone wishing to submit forms/applications/entries.

Trip Reports

KELLY'S TRACK 8 MARCH

Fourteen members met at Greytown at 9.00 and drove to the start point on the southern side of the Rimutakas for the day's scheduled tramp. One member was heard to ask, "Where do we go to from here?" The reply was, "Through that hole". We had a steep but leisurely walk up to the saddle, through lovely bush, and while we waited for the drivers to return some of us took the opportunity for our morning cuppa. Then it was on to the old access road which was made to service the building of the Railway Incline. It is now covered in lovely bush, but the sides of the track are still holding up well; a great piece of history hidden away. We emerged to join the "Back Road" which took us down to meet the Incline Track near Ladle Bend Bridge. Here David had gone to great trouble to leave a sign to tell us that he had biked further up the Incline Track, but not one of us thirteen walkers saw it; hope Search and Rescue don't need any more volunteers. David did appear shortly after and we found a sheltered spot to have our lunch, just by the tunnel ventilation shaft. It was a great day for a tramp, the temperature was mild and as usual the company was great. Thanks everyone for a super day, and thanks also to my emergency trip leaders!!

Those on the trip: Frances Pike, Carol Major, Clive Baxter and Hurricane, Helen Morison, Theresa Fawdray, Bill Dolan, Mary and Bruce Lambert, Juliet and Ed Cooke, Barry Kempton and Lynne King and David (biker) and Kay (scribe) Bowie.

OLD COACH ROAD / MT KAUKAU 22 MARCH

"The man who is blind to the beauties of Nature has missed half the pleasure of life." Thus reads the bronze plaque on a wooden bench part-way up the Old Coach Road track – a quote of Robert Baden-Powell 1857-1941 (founder of the Boy Scouts Movement).

8.15am: The first of the group set out in vehicles from the WMC carpark in Greytown and headed to Ohariu Valley, picking up another starter at Featherston and meeting up with two more at the Old Coach Road track-start: in all, seven happy trampers.

Although the breeze had us seeking sheltered spots for our two refreshment stops, the weather was obligingly helpful and we were treated to postcard views of Wellington as we wended our way to the summit of Mt Kaukau. Scenic views of the Ohariu Valley were worth stopping to admire from the lower end of the track, and a glimpse of the northernmost stretch of the South Island drew our attention as we stopped for our morning tea break.

Time-wise, opportunity presented to explore a part of another track from the summit which two of the group chose to do: otherwise, the choice was to return to the parked cars via the already-trodden Old Coach Road track or to return via a shorter private road route. The latter option found favour with the early returners and – eventually – the extra track people as well.

Trip participants were Kay Bowie; Ed & Juliet Cooke; David Lawrence; Barry Kempton; Lynne King; and Carol Major (trip leader).

