

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for July 2014

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Club night:

Tuesday 8 July 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Mike & Jan Gall

Speaker: John Wells, a local ambulance officer, talking about CPR and other emergency situations.

Trip List

2014

Date	Destination	Trip organiser/leader	Phone	Fitness	Cost
28/6	Mangatoetoe Hut	Frances Pike	027 330 6358	M	
5/7	Mikimiki – Kiriwhakapapa	Bruce and Mary Lambert	379 6106	M	
	<i>No other trips booked</i>				

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.

Remember the anniversary tribute day for Stan. See attached notice.

IMPORTANT NOTICE! Mark in your diaries now.

SOUTH WAIRARAPA TRAMPING CLUB

AGM

Tuesday 12 August 2014

7.30pm

in the St John Hall

Main Street, Greytown.

Trip Reports

GWRC PLANTING AT LAKE RESERVE 7 JUNE

Bruce and Mary Lambert, Asha Mitchell and John Rhodes joined a dozen others to make a new shelter planting of native shrubs near the yacht club building in a cold wind such as only Lake Wairarapa and Featherston can turn on. Mary gave her head a serious knock on an overhanging pine branch, so Bruce and Asha took her to Wairarapa hospital for repairs. The rest had morning tea in the yacht club building, an architectural gem now shared with the Featherston family 4WD Club. Photos are on page 4 of the Wairarapa Times-Age for Monday 9 June or at http://swtc.org.nz/?page_id=344

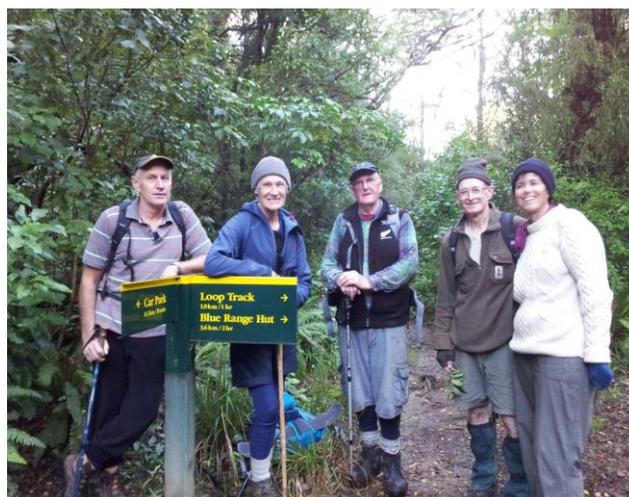
More opportunities are coming up on 4, 13 and 26 July – see *Get involved in a local planting day* elsewhere in this newsletter.

BLUE RANGE HUT 14 JUNE

Nine members enjoyed a perfect winter's day for the trip up to Blue Range Hut. Although it had rained for most of the previous week the track was in good condition and the group made the most of the perfect conditions. The trip was made more interesting by the operations of a helicopter spreading bait over the forest and, on occasions, operating just above our heads.

Four members of the group turned back before the main climb. The remaining five carried on to the hut where we had lunch in brilliant sunshine with an unobstructed view of the surrounding peaks.

The party comprised Roger Coventry, Ian Montgomerie, Bruce and Mary Lambert, Sarah Ross, Carol Major, Fay Mangin, Helen Morison and Bill Dolan.



FORT DORSET / EASTERN WALKWAY 21 JUNE

After meeting in Greytown at 8 am we travelled to meet everyone at Seatoun Wharf; Mary and Bruce who had stayed in their campervan overnight but in windy conditions and Barry and Lynne who had braved the motorbike ride to join us. It was in a fairly blustery northerly we set off along the waterfront, across Wahine Park past Roger Thompson's sea sculpture to the start of the Oruaiti / Fort Dorset walkway. Once out of the wind, it was a stepped climb to the observation points overlooking the entrance to Wellington harbour and Barrett's reef. We came across the first of many gun emplacements built [from 1908](#). A carved Pou and paved area and good information boards tell the importance of Maori legends and [settlement](#). Great views over Seatoun and beyond, to Pencarrow and Cape Palliser. It was a bit breezy at times. We crossed over to the Eastern Walkway at the Pass of Branda, and headed up the steps to reach a morning tea spot amongst the pine trees. The track is well walked and led us the Ataturk memorial situated above Tarakena Bay, which may be a place to consider coming to for an Anzac service next year. The coastal views are stunning. We were ready for a lunch break on the beach, and then headed back to Seatoun along Breaker Bay Road, through the Pass of Branda and down Inglis Street to our cars.

Most people felt that was a good walk for the day or had other commitments, so Ian, Rosie and Sarah, Margaret and Wayne and Carol went in cars over Awa Road, up Nevay Road to the old Mt Crawford Prison. We found the old prison - a sad sight. The old prison garden is now run as a community garden but felt more like a Baha'i shrine. However, we met locked gates and farmed land at the top of this road. On our way down we discovered new paths being created in the [Centennial Reserve](#). We will follow these up and also Maupuia walks that link to the Massey memorial for future walks. Still not satisfied with finding tracks, we headed around Shelley Bay to Mahenga Bay and found an access road, but locked gates to Fort Ballance. This [area of gun emplacements](#), old concrete barracks, and tunnels dates back to the [Russian Scare](#). Although now covered in colourful graffiti, it was absolutely fascinating and Sarah was eager and had us in tunnels over walls and trying locate pathways.

We had really enjoyed a great day with such good company. Fellow walkers were Ed and Juliet, Barry and Lynne, Faye, Sarah, Margaret and Wayne, Carol, Bruce and Mary and Frances.

Scribe and leaders Rosie and Ian Montgomerie.





Here's something to look forward to:

ANY MILFORD TRACK STARTERS?

Sarah Ross and Carol Major have each secured a place on the MILFORD TRACK STANDARD trip organised by OYAT/Milton Rotary Tramping Club.

Trip date: 19-22 March 2015

If you haven't walked the Milford Track or have been thinking about repeating this adventure and need a bit of a nudge to make it happen for you, here's where to find the trip description and online booking info:

www.otagorotarytrusttramps.org.nz