

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for May 2016

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Club night:

Tuesday 10 May 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Ed & Juliet Cooke

Speaker: Bruce and Mary Lambert – biking in France

Trip List

2016

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
30.4	Mt Climie	Ann & John Rhodes	304 9095	M
7.5	Boulder Hill Belmont	David & Kay Bowie	304 9530	M
14.5	Finis working party	John Rhodes	304 9095	M
21.5	Whariti Peak Woodville with Wanganui TC	Barry Kempton	304 9353	F
28.5	Tinui Cross, with Rewanui if time	<i>volunteer needed</i>		M
		<i>email Barry or Carol</i>		
4/6.6	Kapiti bike ride	Margaret Tonkes		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.

Supper: At the end of each club meeting, the people who did the supper should pass the supper box to the people next on the roster.

For the next meeting the roster is:

David & Kay Bowie

Trip Reports

TE ARAROA SECTION PAEKAKARIKI TO PUKERUA BAY SATURDAY 16 APRIL

Sixteen of us joined the multitudes traversing the new track a week after its official opening. We wondered whether it is destined to become the Tongariro Crossing of the Wellington region, as we looked at the multi-coloured ribbons of people snaking their way up and down and around the hillsides in front of us.

Some of the party had already walked the first part of the track and had anticipated that the track would continue around the hills at the level of the Pukerua Bay road saddle, but this was not so! When we reached the viewing point and seating area marking the end of the older part of the track, we could see to our horror that all the height we had gained in coming up about 250 steep steps, was almost immediately to be lost.

One of the co-leaders was spooked by the coloured vehicles speeding past at the bottom of the sheer drops, and had to be solicitously coaxed down the steps by the other co-leader!

By this time the wind had increased, making the ups and downs of steps and track more hazardous, but the views along the coast and out towards Kapiti are truly amazing, and make the journey very memorable. Even the suffering co-leader managed to admire them cautiously from time to time!

We lunched in a gully trying to avoid some of the wind, with trains thundering past below us in a tunnel. The last two kilometres followed along near the railway track, ending at Pukerua Bay Station. Some of the group neglected to follow the small Te Araroa signs and got slightly misled at Muri Station, but we all eventually reached the correct station and took the 1.50pm train back to our cars at Paekakariki.

Those on the trip were Dianne and Ian Bardsley, David and Kay Bowie and daughter Karen, Leslie Coutts, Barry Kempton, Mary Lambert, Carol Major, Ian and Rosie Montgomerie, Neil Morison, Jen Pomeroy, and Ed and Juliet Cooke (leaders). Lynne King joined us at lunchtime having walked in from Pukerua Bay.

Thanks to Neil Johnstone for the photos following.

