

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for June 2016

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Club night:

Tuesday 14 June 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Jennifer Pomeroy and Sarah Ross

Speaker: Anne Taylor – trip to South Africa

Trip List

2016

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
4.6	Kapiti bike ride Waikanae #	Mary Lambert	379 6106	M
11/12 .6	Tauherenikau working bee	John Rhodes	304 9095	M
18.6	City to Sea walkway	Ian & Rosie Montgomerie	304 9252	M
25.6	Kaitoke Regional Park	Ian Bardsley	379 5251	M
2.7	Kaumatua Track	Ed & Juliet Cooke	304 9497	
9.7	Cycling Carterton & chocolate cake	Mary & Bruce Lambert	379 6106	M
16.7	Petone historical walk	Carol Major	304 8210	M

14 Sunny Glen Waikanae 10 am. Stay on & have pot luck tea with Margaret & Wayne afterwards if you wish.

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. If you can't do the night you're down for, please arrange a substitute yourself.

For the next three meetings the roster is:
July – Mary and Royce Cooper
August – Kay and David Bowie
September – Ken O' Dowd

Trip Reports

MT CLIMIE (MAYMORN AREA ACROSS RUMATAKA HILL) 30 APRIL

Four of us (Ann Rhodes, Jennifer Pomeroy, Sarah Ross, and Ian Montgomerie) journeyed door to door from 9-4 involving about four hours active walking when there. Ian kindly drove. Mt Climie sits at the end of a tarmacked/tree planted recreational park rather like Mt Holdsworth and is full of a criss-cross of walks and cycle ways.

The shingle road itself up from the car park is less than spectacular (like Mt Dick)- as it is relentless 1000ft up thoroughfare for authorised vehicles (serving communication towers), cyclists and other walking fitness fans. Trees/foliage on either side mean few views en-route. The roadway is not given to peaceful pauses for morning tea nor pausing generally ☺ as nowhere to sit except roadside. However, the views over the Hutt Valley, across toward Mana Island, Wellington and the Wairarapa were stunning. At many points you see all of these combined. The weather was NE wind, no rain and full sunshine – great for walking. We saw a native pigeon, a native worm, and locals out with an array of dogs. At the end we explored the disused Maymorn Rail Tunnel – it is 100m away from the last carpark and about 100m long. Torches not needed as light from both ends guides the way.

To sum up – people friendly place with loads of activity, off the leash dog friendly, worth the view and great company, a strong walk up and down (judging by sweat factor!). Another time – better to find a different path up if we can to vary the walk.

BOULDER HILL 7 MAY

Nine members met at SWWMC at 8.30 on a very pleasant morning. A good number for two cars and it was away over the Rimutakas and then up to the top of Hill Road, Belmont the start of our walk by 9.45. We followed up the sealed/unsealed farm road (originally the Main Coach Road) and soon came across the first of the WWII concrete Ammunition Bunkers. Apparently there were 62 bunkers designed to look like chicken farms as seen from above to hide from the enemy, so Google tells me, now either used for farm vehicle/implement storage or shelter for the sheep and cattle which are able to roam freely through them. We investigated a couple after having a cuppa in the shelter of a cutting on the track. Big new woolshed on the ridge above, and lots of new fencing materials deposited at strategic intervals – Lands and Survey Farm. We continued to follow the old road, soon getting wonderful views into the Hutt Valley and Pauatahanui Inlet. Mary C and Kay left to return to retrieve the cars and the rest of us dropped down off the road and followed the track up through regenerating native bush and on up through farm land to the summit of Boulder Hill. Here we stopped, among the lichen covered boulders, to take in the 360 degree views, starting in the north with Transmission Gully, around to Pauatahanui and the inlet, Plimmerton, Paremata, Porirua, circling around to Wellington, the harbour and up through Lower and Upper Hutt. A wonderful spot but a chilly breeze soon had us off the top and looking for a sheltered spot for our lunch, some nearby gorse bushes did the trick. We were now on the track to Dry Creek but we soon turned right and followed down through some lovely bush to Kaitangata Road exit at Kelson where Kay and Mary were waiting. They hadn't been there long so it was very good timing, about 2.00p.m. A great day with wonderful company. Those on the trip were Juliet Cooke, Mary Lambert, Mary & Royce Cooper, Neil Johnson, Carol Major, Jenny Van Dalen and leaders and scribes Kay & David Bowie.



A note from Barbara Lovatt:

Attached, below is info about a two man play to be presented for one night only at Aratoi, on Thursday July 21 at 7 p.m. Following a season in Auckland, the play will be touring both islands. The subject matter will be of interest to your members. One of the two professional actors, Stephen Lovatt, is our son. Stephen is a keen outdoors man and has a passion for the story told in this play. Although July 21 is some time off, this early info. will give you time to inform your members. Kindest regards,
Barbara Lovatt
Greytown.

<http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2016/everest-untold/masterton>

Everest Untold

Where: [Aratoi - Wairarapa Museum of Art and History](#), 11 Bruce St, Masterton

Everest Untold follows the climbing of Everest in 1953 from the perspective of expedition leader, Sir John Hunt, and "the other Kiwi" on the climb, George Lowe. It was not the "Hillary and Tenzing show" but a team effort. Others might have got there first had fate not intervened.

It's an extraordinary but little-known story of the 1953 Everest expedition leader Brit Sir John Hunt and Kiwi George Lowe that will expose their collective dreams, personal sacrifices and the part each played in this momentous moment in history.

Written by Gareth Davies, whose international consultancy company Vinstar aids in providing economic and information technology, Davies is no newcomer to the theatrical stage. Everest Untold is his fifth play and the second that has been staged in New Zealand, having had plays performed at the prestigious Hay Festival in the UK. Nepal Memories was performed in the 2015 Auckland Writers' Festival.

Starring Stephen Lovatt (Angels in America and The Book of Everything) alongside Edwin Wright (Manifesto 2083 and Slow West) and directed by Toby Leach (Wheeler's Luck), Everest Untold promises to be intimate and illuminating theatre for all New Zealanders.

□ [Buy Tickets](#) – 0800 383 5200

Everest Untold will transform your understanding of what happened in the Himalayas sixty years ago, with Theatreview describing it as “The untold story all New Zealander’s should know”.

Stephen Lovatt, who recently appeared at the Academy in The Book of Everything plays Sir John Hunt and Edwin Wright plays George Lowe.

A Ffynroc Production. Touring to support the Himalayan Trust.