

# South Wairarapa Tramping Club

## Newsletter for April 2018

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### *Club night:*

Tuesday 10 April 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

*Supper:* (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Ian & Dianne Bardsley

*Speaker:* Dianne and Ian Bardsley - a Personal Journey through the Baltic.

### **Trip List**

2018

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
31.3	Powell Hut from Holdsworth creek			
7.4	Exploration up true left Waiohine from Wall's Whare			
14.1	Taits Stream to pt. 568 & return via old logging road			
21-22.4	With Wanganui club	Barry Kempton	304 9353	
28-29.4	Somes Island MTC			

***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 two meetings the roster is:

May – Ed and Juliet Cooke

June – Royce and Mary Cooper

## ***Trip Reports***

### NEWLANDS – PAPARANGI 3 MARCH

We couldn't have had a more perfect day for our wander through Seton Nossiter Park and Te Ara Paparangi. Sunshine, no wind, and great views!

After leaving cars at the end of Tamworth Crescent, Newlands, we drove to Mark Avenue in Paparangi to begin the walk. We passed the concrete abutments of the viaduct built in 1885 by the Wellington and Manawatu Railway Co, at the time NZ's biggest timber viaduct, and continued along the Belmont Stream. Brand new bridges were evidence that recent storms had wreaked havoc in the valley. Wendell took us on a side trip to a high waterfall, but none of us took advantage of the opportunity to climb up the steep slippery rock face beside the waterfall, even though there was a knotted rope in place to assist!

We continued on through Seton Nossiter Park (named after a local farmer and member of the Hutt County Council) to its end at Colchester Crescent. A short walk took us to Ladbrooke Drive, Waihinahina Park, and the Gilbert Bush Reserve.

The park is on the site of the old Horokiwi landfill, and has pink breather tubes protruding. We discussed the advisability of lighting a match above the tubes, and whether this could blow up the whole park - but fortunately no one had any matches!

Te Ara Paparangi (4km) crosses through the park, with wonderful views across the harbour from Petone to the Heads, and, later, views over the airport to Cook Strait. Most of the walk is through the bush reserve, into the gully and around the hillside. We could hear the sounds of machinery and trucks backing from the Horokiwi quarry in the valley beyond Waihinahina Park, and wondered whether this would be a continual annoyance for all the residents on the hill above the reserve. We reached our cars after a 3 1/2 hour leisurely walk. Total distance maybe 8km.

Those on the walk were Barry Kempton, Lynne King, Mary Lambert, Ed and Juliet Cooke, and Wendell Cooke, who devised the walk and led us through Seton Nossiter Park.



## GENTLE ANNIE & ATIWHAKATU 10 MARCH

On a fine, cool morning Ian Montgomerie and John Rhodes walked up Gentle Annie Stream to the foot of the spur that leads to Rocky Lookout. There we met Ron Brown, who had dropped in from somewhere. After morning smoko we carried on up the spur, noting plenty of flowering rata. Glenn Millar was coming down, followed by his Dad and another. We caught Ron at the knob above Rocky Lookout and traversed a short section of the old Holdsworth track to join the 'new' track which we followed to the Carrington Spur turnoff. As the three of us descended the spur track down to the Atiwhakatu, we met Chris Peterson and Duncan Moore coming up. Ian and John partook of lunch and a brew at the stream, then walked out via Donnelly Flat. We noted that the SWTC table was in use, admired the new shelter and observed a moment's silence in memory of the anguish that it caused Ed Cooke.



## MT CLIMIE 17 MARCH

Four hardy souls left Greytown to meet at Te Marua. A cool wind greeted us at the car park. Not long into the trip we needed our jackets on and light showers drifted over us. We meet a good number of walkers, runners, dog walkers and a mountain biker on this steep track. The mist got thicker and colder and Graham put on his gloves and Barry his long pants. We walked until the mist hastened a retreat. Parked at the top end of the track was a 25 ton excavator with 3 cones in front to stop us tripping over it! The views improved on our return. Thanks to Barry Kempton, Graham Britton, Phil Cox, and scribe Ian Montgomerie.

