

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for August 2018

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Club night:

Tuesday 14 August 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Barry Kempton & Fay Mangin

Speaker: Ed and Juliet Cooke - walking the Danube Bend and Budapest.

AGM

Trip List

2018

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
4.8	Rimutaka Incline	Silvia Sze	027 475 3756	M
11.8	Colonial Knob			
18.8	Pukerua Bay – Paekakariki	Barry Kempton	304 9353	F
25.8	Pigeon Bush	John Rhodes	304 9095	
2.9#	Mt Bruce crossing with MTC	Ed & Juliet Cooke	304 9497	F

Sunday

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:

September - Blair Crafar and Silvia Sze

October – John and Ann Rhodes

Trip Reports

REWANUI BUSH 1 JULY

We joined with the Masterton club for a trip to Rewanui Bush Park - which as many will know is a farm park run by a trust and situated alongside the road to Castlepoint. There were six of us from SWTC and nine from MTC. We started with a climb to the trig station - a long slow gruel on a farm track, however we were rewarded with views of the Masterton city as well as the sea. There was a strong and extremely cold wind! We could not find the Tinui cross.

After the climb we completed the bush-walk which was a little overgrown, however 'our' Mary knew the way and we finished the circuit without getting lost.

SWTC participants were Mary Lambert, Neil Johnstone, Liat Gush, Fiona, Jen Pomeroy and organiser Ian Bardsley.

SILVERSTREAM TO HUTT RIVER MOUTH AND RETURN 14 JULY

Neil picked Mary and Bruce up at 8.30am from Carterton for a day's biking along the Hutt River Trail.

We left the frost behind as we travelled over the Rimutakas coming down the Upper Hutt side into clear skies and no wind.

Carol had arranged to meet us over the road from the first garage, so we had a quick hello and then off to Silverstream for the start of the bike ride.

A quick catch up with Carol, as we had not seen her or David since they had moved to Akatarawa, and then off on the bike ride. It was a bit up and down, narrow with gravel, until we reached Stokes Valley. After that there was a lot of new tar seal.

Just before we reached the Taita rail bridge Bruce's back tyre went flat. There was a large cut in the tyre plus a small hole in the tube. Off came the wheel, Mary had a spare tube, Neil had a patch and glue which we used to patch the tyre and Bruce had a pump, so it did not take long to get it fixed and to get going again.

The weather could not have been better, the river and the track were at their best, with people on bikes, pushing pushchairs, running or just enjoying a walk.

We stopped for smoko at picnic tables in the kids' park at Avalon. If you have young grandkids or children and are looking for somewhere to go in the Hutt Valley, I would suggest you take them there, it is just an amazing place, full of kids having a great time. Off again, to Lower Hutt where their large Saturday Market was on at the river car park. Lots of people on the track going through there but once we were past there it was easy going all the way to the Hutt River mouth. You can see the whole Wellington harbour from here, right out to the heads. The sea was like glass, flat with a few yachts, power boats on the harbour and people fishing at the mouth of the river. We stood to have lunch at one of the picnic tables that have the seats built on them as some !!!!!!!!!!!!! had broken the seating away from the table. After lunch it was back to Silverstream, uphill into a very light northerly and back to the cars.

Carol kindly invited us back to her lovely new home for a cuppa. David met us as when we arrived and showed us around their bush covered property, down a pathway to the river and back up to the house. What a lovely spot, amazing views from the house and down by the river. Thank you Carol and David. Bikers - Neil, Carol, Mary and Bruce (leader and scribe).

MASTERTON WALKWAYS 7 JULY

Anne and Steve Maddock, Jen Pomeroy and grandchild Aja, Warren Harland, Neil Johnstone, Kay and David Bowie, and Mary and Bruce Lambert met Frances at Kitchener Street car park all eager to get going on the walk.

The weather wasn't the best, very cold wind. Once we got down the track a bit it was more sheltered and not that bad. The place I had chosen for morning tea was very exposed so we moved on a bit and leaned against a wooden fence part, of the Lansdowne villas. We continued on down to Tankersley and Cody Street till we came to the start of the Reserve. By now the wind seemed to have stopped. We zig zagged along the track around the lake to the bottom of Milford Downs. It's always a challenge getting up that track but everyone did well. We were then well on the way to the stock track. No more wind on the ridge so it was very pleasant. It didn't take long to get back to the cars and some departed for home.

The more energetic ones, Neil and Warren, Bruce and Mary went on to Henley Lake and did the big circuit there, then had their lunch out on a bench in the cold. I joined them for lunch and a chat then we all departed for home.

Thanks everyone for joining me, it was a good winter's walk.
Frances Pike leader and scribe.