

# South Wairarapa Tramping Club

## Newsletter for November 2018

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*Club night:*

Tuesday 13 November 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

*Supper:* (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Anne and Steve Maddock

*Speaker:* Jen and Bob Pomeroy - Dinosaurs in China (and possibly Australia).

### ***Trip List***

2018 - 2019

<b>Date</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Trip coordinator</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Fitness</b>
3.11	Atiwhakatu Hut	Mary Lambert	379 6106	M
4.11	working bee Mt Finis with MTC	John Rhodes	304 9095	
10.11	Pigeon Bush	John Rhodes	304 9095	M
17.11	Mangatoetoe	Barry Kempton	304 9353	M
25.11	northern Tararuas joint trip MTC #	Ed & Juliet Cooke	304 9497	F
1.12	Eastbourne walk	Ian & Rosie Montgomerie	304 9252	M
8.12	Mt Dick, followed by Xmas party at Montgomeries	Mary Lambert	379 6106	M
15.12	Tauanui (Pirinoa)	Ian & Rosie Montgomerie	304 9252	M
5.1	Rata ridge x	Clive Paton		
10.11	Palliser Bay bike ride	Fay Mangin	304 9765	M

# This is a new route, a very northern crossing, from the Kahuterawa Valley, start of the Sledge Track near Palmerston North, to Naenae Rd, near Maungamaire, west of Pahiatua. It is a joint trip with the Masterton club. They will tramp east to west, on Sunday 25, taking our cars from Masterton. We will tramp west to east, on Sunday, having spent the Saturday night in PN, at a motor camp or motel, so we don't have 1½ hours' drive at the start of the day. We will drive Masterton cars over to that road end. We will swap car keys en route. Should take 6-7 hours.

We will email full details shortly, but would appreciate expressions of interest as soon as possible, so that we, and the Masterton club, know that the crossing will have sufficient trampers going from both road ends to make the trip feasible.

Contact Ed and Juliet Cooke, [efjac@xtra.co.nz](mailto:efjac@xtra.co.nz) or phone 304 9497.

x Clive Paton has a vineyard and forest area. He has a passion for native plants, in particular the northern rata, and has been growing hundreds of plants and planting them on his property. Hopefully the rata will be in flower at the time of the tramp.

***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:

December: Ken O'Dowd & Vicki Brooks

### **SWTC SUBS are now due for 2018 - 2019**

Single Sub = \$40

Family Sub = \$45

Payable by internet banking at ANZ 01 0623 0044755 00 or cheque (made out to South Wairarapa Tramping Club) or cash to:

B Lambert

10 Danske Close

Carterton 5713.

## ***Trip Reports***

### **LIGHTHOUSE TO STONE WALL 29 SEPTEMBER**

After our storm at the beginning of the week, Saturday turned out to be a fine day. Frances arrived at our place at 7.45am and she and I went on down to Greytown to pick up Lou at 8am. Lou had got a bit mixed up about the pickup spot, so she was a few minutes late. The rest of the crew who left from Martinborough met us at the lighthouse.

With clear skies and a large swell of about 2+ metres, the coast looked quite spectacular. We set off from the lighthouse about 10am and reached the stone wall about 11.30am where we had smoko. There was quite a bit of traffic - four wheel drives, motor bikes and four wheelers. We left Frances at the stone wall and carried on past the large sand hill and around the next corner where we ran into three four wheel drive vehicles coming out of one of the large creeks. One of the vehicles was just about vertical, so they had to winch it out, but this did not seem to worry them. They had all their camping gear and surf boards on board.

Around the next corner we had a good view of Ngapotiki and White Rock. The surfies were out in force, riding the Ngapotiki break, so we watched them for a while before returning back to the stone wall and Frances for lunch. After lunch some went up to the waterfall and others just enjoyed sitting in the sun.

Once we were all back together we walked back to the lighthouse.

A great trip on a good day with Lou Gallagher, Ian and Rosie Montgomerie, Ruth and Peter Graham, Frances Pike and Bruce Lambert (scribe).

## WHITIREIA PARK TITAHI BAY 28 OCTOBER

A short walk, but a nice mix of coastal and hill top views.

We met at Onepoto Road carpark and headed around the coast past Te Onepoto Bay to Onehunga Bay. The strong northerly wind became quite unpleasant, so we huddled in a gully for morning tea. Due to the wind we decided to head upwards and inland via the gully we were sheltering in. At the top of the ridge we found a road and it led us to the Kaitawa Pou, carved and erected on a headland as part of the 2000 millennium celebrations by Ngati Toa, marking this area as an important early settlement.

Onwards toward the very obvious radio mast where we met a chap trying out his new drone. It was amazing how stable it was as it rose, hovered, and stabilised itself against the rather strong winds, and then it was flown out to sea and back again, where it landed softly by its owner.

We skirted around the golf course and joined the main track down to Onepoto Bay, where the tide had come in, and the water was now lapping near the track, and finally made it back to the cars after some 2.5 hours.

Those on the walk were Peter and Ruth Graham, Ed and Juliet Cooke, joined for the first half of the trip by Wendell and Penny Cooke.

Around the coast



The Pou

