

# South Wairarapa Tramping Club

## Newsletter for September. 2019

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### *Club night:*

Tuesday 10 September 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

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

*Speaker:* Shane and Anne Atkinson - Up the Road of Bones - a road trip through Stalin's Gulags in the Russian Far East

### ***Trip List***

September 2019

<b>Date</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Trip coordinator</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Fitness</b>
31.8	Tora *	Sara Murphy	022 307 8868	M
7.9	Duntulm Farm, Mangatarere	John Rhodes	304 9095	M
14.9	Bike ride, Carterton environs	Bruce Lambert	379 6106	M
21.9	Bassetts Creek	John Rhodes	304 9095	M
28.9	Atiwhakatu	Mary Lambert	379 6106	M
5.10	Donald wetlands	Barry Kempton	304 9353	M

\* If you would like to come please give me a call on 022 307 8868 from Thursday 29th as I will be away before then. The plan will be to either meet on the square in Martinborough at 8.45 am, or if you would like to car pool from Greytown, meet at the Greytown Workingmen's Club at 8.20 am. The walk will be a combination of hills and coastal flat country and will be approximately 3 hours walking time. We could add on an excursion down to the 1926 Opuia wreck as well. Bring warm gear as it's often bracing on the Coast!

***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:

October: Vicki Brooks and Barry Kempton

November: Ed and Juliet Cooke

### **Membership Fees Now Due**

The membership fees for 2019 - 2020 have been decided at the AGM and are now due.

Single membership is \$45

Family membership is \$55

This can be paid cash or cheque to South Wairarapa Tramping Club via Bruce Lambert  
10 Danske Close Carterton 5713 or  
direct to our bank account ANZ 01-0623-0044755-00

### **President's annual report:**

As I say each year, we struggle on, all getting older- but we have an enormous email list of members and interested persons and we are still managing to put out a schedule of tramps every weekend, so maybe we're not doing so badly.

And we have an important event coming up - Silvia and Blair are expecting a baby in three months' time. When did a club member last have a baby- the 1980's maybe? Potentially a new tramper!

Perhaps we should survey our email list asking for feedback as to what club members would like to see in the club, places they would like to tramp to but haven't visited, places they would like to lead a tramp to, ideas or volunteers for speakers at our monthly meetings.... We may come up with some new ideas that way.

We had an interesting new route this year, the Naenae crossing of the northern Tararuas, from Palmerston North to Maungamarie, with SWTC walking west to east and MTC (plus 1 SWTC member) walking east to west. And a route we hadn't done for some time, the Mt Bruce crossing to Mauriceville, both trips combined with Masterton Tramping Club. We need more of these, to introduce all of us to new ideas and places. On Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> November to the 3<sup>rd</sup> we have proposed a trip taking in some short tramps in an area that we have not previously explored, several small forest parks near Hunterville. In the meantime we hope for more sunny Saturdays to ensure our trips are not cancelled and perhaps this will induce and entice more of our members and new ones to join in on tramps. Happy and safe tramping.

### **Note from the president:**

From: [efjac@xtra.co.nz](mailto:efjac@xtra.co.nz)

Hi everyone. When I was writing my annual president's report this year I thought it might be timely to canvas the opinion of everyone on the email list on some matters, so here goes! A reply to the questions in 2-6 below should be by email to the above address.

1. We are a club of approximately 35 financial members but with some 56 on the newsletter circulation list. We schedule trips both locally and in the larger Wellington area mostly on Saturdays with varying degrees of fitness required. All trips have a coordinator responsible for organising the trip and a leader. We would love to be able to increase membership, particularly

active walkers be they occasional or regular. We have monthly meetings on each second Tuesday at the St John's Hall Main Street Greytown at 7.30pm.

2. What would you like to see SWTC doing, that it is not doing now?
3. Where would you like to walk or tramp to, that we can consider including in the trip list we are compiling for November onwards?
4. Can you lead a trip? This doesn't have to just be a day trip as we sometimes schedule one further afield maybe leaving on Friday evening for a weekend away.
5. Would you like to be a speaker at a club meeting? Speakers cover a wide range of topics not always tramping oriented such as a holiday overseas.
6. Anything else you would like to raise?

Regards

Ed Cooke, President SWTC

### **Note from the editor about trip reports:**

I am having trouble with putting photos in the newsletter. I need them to be sent as an attachment to the email, NOT in the body of the email, and as a JPEG, otherwise I can't use them.

Please make sure you put the date of the trip and where you went. Some reports come in without and I have to go back through the trip list to locate them.

Thanks. Lynne

### ***Trip Reports***

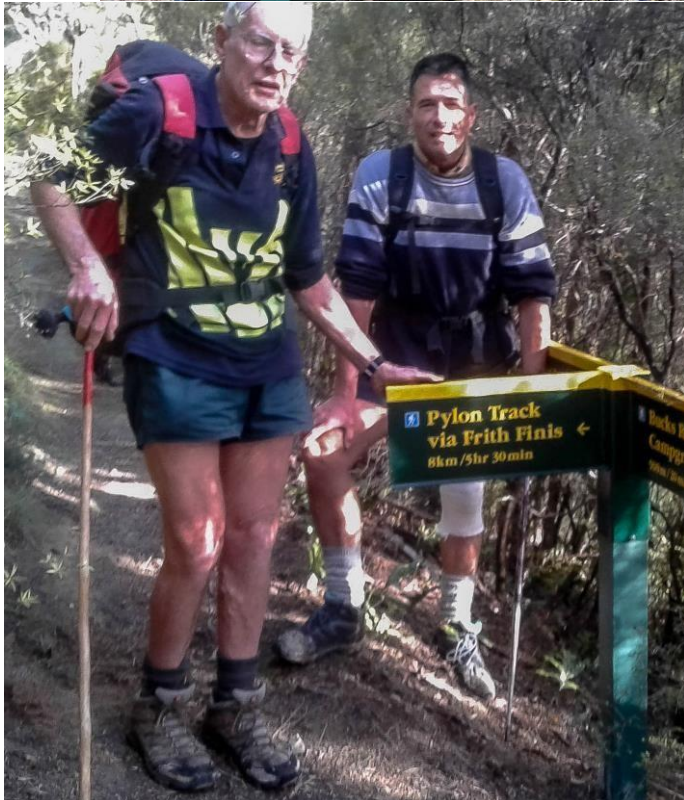
#### **FINIS WORKING BEE 28 JULY**

Franz Hubmann, Joe Nawalaniec and John Rhodes cleared the last part of the track to the start of the DOC bypass and continued along the bypass to pt. 505. About 800 metres of work on the bypass remains, but it's in fairly good shape.

The previous day Gareth Thomas, Jack Sheppard and seven others cleared from the pylon track towards Mt. Frith. Gareth is Race Director of the 100 kilometre WAI2K ultramarathon on 9 January 2020 that will use our track as part of the course. You can fly over the entire course at [https://fatmap.com/routeid/171295/Wai2k\\_100KM](https://fatmap.com/routeid/171295/Wai2k_100KM) - click on the aeroplane icon at left.

DOC signs now mark both ends of the SWTC track.

John Rhodes



### MASTERTON WALK 3 AUGUST

The original plan was to walk along the Hutt River from Te Marua towards Silverstream. As the weather forecast was not good and the hill road was marginal, I decided to postpone that walk until later in the year. Turned out to be a sensible decision as the hill road was in fact closed most of the night. So five of us did a Masterton walk instead, walking along the river and around Henley Lake. We enjoyed the sun but the wind was cold. We were rewarded with a beautiful view of the snow on the Tararuas. We found some sheltered seats for morning tea which a group of motley ducks wanted to share with us. A short but enjoyable outing. Those taking part were Mary, Lesley, Ian and Rosie and Jennifer – leader. At the same time, as they were already on the other side of the hill, Ed and Juliet did a walk along the Hutt River.





### GREYTOWN RAIL TRAIL 10 AUGUST

I dropped my car off at North Street and then picked up Fay and drove around to the Cotter Street Rail Trail entrance.

Nine of us started walking at 9am down the track to the railway station. It was a bit chilly but not too bad. We arrived at about 10am, had smoko in the train stop seating and left again around 10.30.

We went out to the main road and turned off to a track alongside the railway line and into a paddock. We climbed over a stile and walked along in the rough grassy verge along the river.

This is the track that you follow to get back to North Street. We walked for one and a half hours until we reached the gravel track nearer the road end arriving, about 12.15.

Four people walked back to Cotter Street, and I drove Fay home and then dropped the other three back at their vehicles at Cotter Street.

A good morning's walk enjoyed by all.

Those who came were Barry Kempton, Warren Harland, Ed and Juliet Cooke, Jennifer Pomeroy, Fay Mangin, Ian Montgomerie, Graham Britten, and Mary Lambert leader and scribe.

### REWANUI FOREST PARK 17 AUGUST

We met in Carterton at 8.40am and weren't too sure if we wanted to drive all the way out to Rewanui because of the weather forecast. So we decided to head for Henley Lake in Masterton and have a walk around there and see what the weather was going to do, but when we arrived there it was still a nice day so we decided to give it a go.

We arrived at Rewanui around 9.40am, walked through the paddocks and started the steady climb up to the trig on Mt Clyde. When we rounded a corner getting near the top Blair spotted a couple of stags wandering in the valley just over the side from Mt Clyde.

It took us just over an hour to get to the trig and we found a spot on a steep ridge out of the cold breeze to have morning tea. While we were having our drink Barry knocked his lunch box and it went rolling down the hill, bump, bump, bounce and over the side and disappeared. He slowly went after it because it was pretty steep, and retrieved it, after a bit of bantering from his fellow trampers.

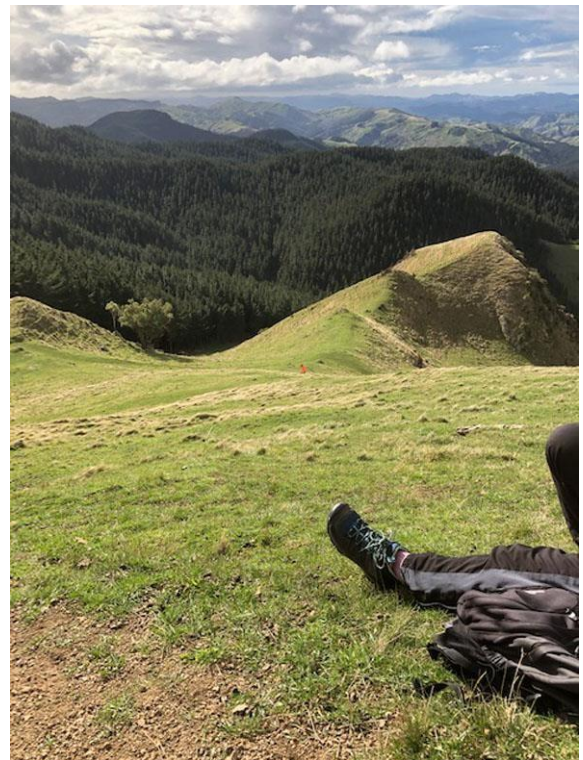
We moved on down the hill again and went into a track on the right and up and around the side of the hill and into a bushy little native area. It goes around into a loop with a couple of tracks coming off it as well that all connect and meet at the bottom.

It was muddy and slippery in places and we had to watch our footing. It had started to rain so on went our coats and wet weather gear. The rain was here to stay and we got drenched.

We came out of the bush and walked straight to the car park, no sitting around to have lunch. We took off our wet gear, said our goodbyes and were on our way home.

Those who came were Steve, Blair and Sylvia, Barry and Lynne, Ian and Rosie, Peter and Ruth and Mary, leader for the day and scribe.

Spot Barry in the photo right, climbing back up from rescuing his lunch.



#### KARAPOTI TRAMP 24 AUGUST

Five from SWTC met up with Stuart Hammond and his friend Russell from the Forest & Bird Tramping Club, at the Karapoti Road-end carpark, Akatarawa. Stuart had warned us about the first ten minutes of Very Steep terrain - we found that it was also extremely slippery, and that many of the small trees that looked like potential hand-holds were in fact rotten, and liable to pull right out of the ground! But we managed the section without mishap in only nine minutes, and then continued up the steepish slope under pine trees. Stuart had cut a path through the thick gorse near the top, and we emerged from that on to a forestry road.

The road wound round and up to its highest points, from which we had good views to Mt Climie, Mt



Barton where we tramped a few months ago with Stuart, and Mt Wainui, above Paekakariki.

We walked down the road, making sure we followed arrows to McGhie's Bridge and didn't get sidetracked at the many intersections, and lunched in the sun above the Karapoti/Akatarawa West River.

McGhie's Bridge took us across the river and in to the deep shade of the Karapoti Gorge. Enormous deep puddles, and slips, blocked a lot of the roadway, so we walked a rather wavy path, edging past some of the larger puddles on the narrow margin of dry ground above the river. Luckily we weren't drenched by any cyclist speeding past: in fact there were fewer bikes than we had expected.

Finally, four minutes before the track end, we reached Stuart's promised large stream crossing. Most of the group managed to cross with dry feet, except one nervous member who always envisages broken ankles, legs or wrists, and chose to wade!

Stuart and his partner Pam provided a cup of tea and delicious ginger cake, a lovely end to a satisfying almost five hour tramp along a route none of us had followed before.

Those on the tramp were Graeme Britton, Ed & Juliet Cooke, Peter & Ruth Graham, Stuart Hammond (leader) and Russell Searle.





