

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for April 2021

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Club night:

Tuesday 20 Apr 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Speaker: Chris and Gerald Leather: Bougainville – mountains, mangoes, magic and making do. Chris and Gerald Leather were VSA volunteers for 18 months in Bougainville. Daily living was basic in this remote part of the world, the mountains were spectacular, food was a challenge and electricity happened only occasionally. It was like ... a very long tramping trip!

Supper: (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Jennifer Pomeroy and Vicki Brooks

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 & Juliet Cooke

June: Bruce Eglinton

Trip List

2021

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
3.4	Anyone doing anything others could join?	Please send out an email		
10.4	Bike ride	Ian & Rosie Montgomerie	021 0237 4092	E
17.4	Farm walk	Mary Lambert	379 6106	M
24.4	Winzenberg working party	John Rhodes	304 9095	M
1.5	Farm walk	Ian & Rosie Montgomerie	021 0237 4092	M

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.

Trip Reports

PUTANGIRUA PINNACLES 20 FEBRUARY

With temperatures promised in the very high 20's the group assembled in Martinborough early and were on the track at the Pinnacles base by 9.30am. The route chosen was along the riverbed and then up the Ridge track to the Pinnacles lookout. This took us through lovely cool shade in the bush as we climbed to our morning tea stop by the lookout viewing platform. From there we continued up the ridge to the Te Kopi loop track which circles left for four kilometres through forest, down farm tracks, across farmland and skirts the cliff tops before dropping down a steep road to the accommodation house at Te Kopi. From there it was a short 300m walk back to the Putangirua Pinnacles carpark. The day was hot but beautiful with a light breeze and the views were magnificent. Just before we stopped for lunch we watched in awe as a small plane flying over Palliser Bay practised aerobatic manoeuvres. After the show was over we nestled down in long grass under a welcome shady tree for lunch before heading back into the hot day for the last leg of the journey. We were back at the carpark by 1.30pm - an excellent 7.2 kilometre, four hour walk on a perfect day, marred only by two of our group being stung by wasps. The trampers were Ed and Juliet Cooke, Ian and Rosie Montgomerie, Jen Pomeroy, Barry Kempton, Robyn and Ingrid Ward, Lesley Callaghan, Ros Clear and Pete and Ruth Graham (leaders).



BIKE RIDE AROUND CARTERTON 27 MARCH

Ten bikers plus Freddy in his baby bike seat left our place at 9.45 for a bike ride. We went through the new subdivision into Brooklyn Road, down to the bridge that turns into Mannings Road and along into Belvedere Rd.

One little hill to bike up just by the Belvedere Hall and the leader was the only one to get off and walk it!! We continued to Fensham and had a few hundred metres of gravel to bike on but no mishaps. We walked through the back gate with our bikes and biked up to the cool of the trees and tables and chairs, it was nice to get off into the shade as it was a pretty hot day. Freddy thought so as well.

From Fensham we went back to Upper Belvedere Road where Bruce E left us then as he wanted to get to the air show in Masterton. When we got to Connelly's Line Blair and Sylvia departed as well because Freddy had fallen asleep in his seat.

From Connelly's Line we went into Kent Street and Carrington Drive where Fay departed as well, because she was going to bike back to Greytown. Through Carrington Drive on to the Walkway into Andersons Line and up to the Main Road, on the footpath to Kent Street as the road was too busy to cross, down Kent Street in to Taverner and then Lincoln Rd and back to our place by midday.

Nice morning bike ride. Those who joined Bruce and me were Fay Mangin, Bruce Eglinton, Steve Maddock and grandson Conrad, Bob and Jen Pomeroy, Blair and Sylvia Sze and Freddy.



HONEYCOMB ROCK 6 MARCH

The prospects of a tsunami on Friday 5 made me have doubts about our trip to Honeycomb Rock on the South Wairarapa coast. I was certainly thinking of a plan B.

Fortunately everything settled down and the trip was on, weather report good.

Two car loads left the SWWMC carpark aiming to meet two more car loads from Martinborough at the Gladstone school, plus one other from Masterton.

Four cars left Gladstone. Some time after I remembered the fifteenth person we were to meet at Gladstone, but by now we were at Te Wharau and there was no phone coverage. My apologies Hans.

On arriving at Glenburn Station on the coast where the walk starts we were surprised that one car load hadn't arrived even though they were leading when we left. The remaining ten of the party had smoko then set off down the farmland toward the sea. This part of the route is quite rough so slow going. Soon after we were on a better track leading us south with great coast views. Near Honeycomb Rock we were in close proximity to a large number of seals, some of whom had babies. We enjoyed a great lunch spot near the actual rock. The day was cloudy enough to just take the heat out of the sun so the walk back was comfortable until the last half hour when it really heated up causing some heat distress for one walker.

Back at our cars we were still puzzled about our carload of missing persons. We found out later that they had taken a different road to us so didn't get to Glenburn so went home.

Participants were Jane and Victor Lenting, Pete and Ruth Graham, Anne Maddock, Faye Mangin, Ingrid Ward, Bill Dolan and Joy Cooper and Barry Kempton (leader)

M.I.A. - Alf and Roz, Ian and Rosie.



