

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for July 2022

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Club night:

Tuesday 12 July 7.30 pm

St John's Hall Main Street Greytown

Speaker: John Gilberthorpe, president of the Greytown Little Theatre, talking about the little theatre's past history.

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

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:

August: Rosie and Ian Montgomerie

September: Bruce and Mary Lambert

South Wairarapa Tramping Club's fees for the next year are \$55 for a family and \$45 for a single.

Payment to our bank account ANZ 01 0623 0044755 00 or cash payment.

Thanks Bruce Lambert 06 379 6106 or 027 379 6106

Trip List

July 2022

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
2.7				
9.7	Ridge west of Boar Gully / Mt Frith #	John Rhodes	304 9095	M
16.7 !	Mt Bruce crossing with MTC	Juliet & Ed Cooke	304 9497	F
23.7				
30.7	Pinnacles	Celia Wade-Brown	021 247 8360	M
21.8	Manawatu Gorge both ways with MTC	Juliet & Ed Cooke	304 9497	F

Ridge west of Boar Bush Gully and a new approach to Mt Frith. This is a short, exploratory trip. Most of the walk will be on a road and 4WD tracks. We'll then enter bush and / or scrub and prospect a route towards Frith. For this part, pruning saws and loppers may help. However, it's not a do-or-die effort and we certainly don't expect to get anywhere near the top. Total height gain about 260 m and map distance 3-4 km each way (6-8 km total). Joint trip with MTC.

! Saturday, rain day Sunday 17

If you wish to go on a trip, please let the organiser know by the Thursday prior.

Trip Gradings

The letters under Fitness 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 essential. 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

STONE WALL JUNE 4

We meet in Greytown at 8.30am and later at Martinborough Square, and travelled in a convoy of four cars heading to the south coast. A few showers and definite rain cloud and rainbow gave us cause for concern we had the wrong day. But the Met Service was right, the day was to improve. The road to Cape Palliser has certainly taken a pounding from recent storms, high tides and swells, but temporary repairs meant we made it without any incident.

We set off at 10 am, still cloudy skies and only 10 degrees. We proceeded at a good pace, dodging deep puddles and mud. We had smoko, sitting on conveniently located stones overlooking the sea. The skies had begun to clear. We reached the stone wall, but couldn't cross the quite fast river, so walked up to the waterfall. Our attention was on several small seals, swimming happily up stream, slipping off rocks and into pools of water. They seemed to know they were the centre of our attention, and also of Barry's dog Sioux, who Barry had under excellent 'no chasing seals' control.

Lunch was enjoyed again on stone seats and ideal tabletops. We seemed to cool off quickly and began the walk back. By now we had been joined by riders of dirt bikes, cyclists going to White Rock and some 4WD vehicles. Back at the lighthouse, the carpark was nearly full, and many of us climbed 268 steps to the lighthouse, to be bathed in sunshine and to see the splendid views south and towards Pencarrow.

We arrived back in Greytown at 3.15, having enjoyed a lovely coastal walk with great company on what was a coolish but sunny autumn day.

Trampers, led by Ian and Rosie, were Barry and dog Sioux, Billy, Bill and Joy, Carol, Chris and Liz, Ingrid, Jen, Ruth and Peter, and new member Ross.

BLUE RANGE HUT 25 JUNE

Being extremely nervous about returning to a leadership role with SWTC I set up an answering service to field the multitude of potential incoming enquiries about this trip to one of the little gems of the Tararua. As fate would have it however, I only had two other starters for the trip, those being club stalwart John Rhodes and newcomer to the club Sam Farmer.

Knowing it was going to be difficult to make this trip fit the timing criteria of "fitness required" I confided my concerns in John, which he swiftly allayed. "All we need do is extend the time for the trip out by having numerous tea and comfort stops" said John, and true to his word we were easily able to mould the trip into meeting the criteria and all involved were happy, especially after being sweetened up with caramel slice.

An enjoyable day was had by all. We didn't encounter any snow but we did come across our fair share of mud.

It was great to meet Sam and learn about our new club member.

John Rhodes was entertaining and educational as always and a marvelous example of what can be achieved by octogenarians.

Clive Baxter (leader and scribe)