

# South Wairarapa Tramping Club

## Newsletter for August 2022

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### *Club night:*

Tuesday 9 Aug 7.30 pm

Studio 73, Main Street Greytown

*Speaker:* John Rhodes – Iceland 2015

*Supper:* (tea towel, milk and biscuits) Rosie & Ian Montgomerie

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 – Bruce & Mary Lambert

October – David & Kay Bowie

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.

### ***Trip List***

August 2022

<b>Date</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Trip coordinator</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Fitness</b>
30.7				
6.8				
9.7	Ridge west of Boar Gully / Mt Frith #	John Rhodes	304 9095	M
<b>21.8 !</b>	Manawatu Gorge from both directions	Ed & Juliet Cooke	304 9497	M

# 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.

## **! Sunday**

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

### ***Trip Gradings***

*The letters are an indication of how tough it will be.*

**E**     **Easy.** Completely flat, no hills, 2 – 3 hours.

**M**     **Moderate fitness.** Some hills, well formed tracks. 4-6 hours walk per day.

**F**     **More fitness.** Steep hills, challenging tracks. May go off tracks. 6 – 8 hours walk per day.

**Leaders:** Please remember if you are unable to lead your trip it is your responsibility to find a replacement leader / trip.

SWTC members who came on the trip to Moturimu in November 2020, or who helped carry waratah standards for the Naenae Track in January 2021, will be sad to learn of the death of legendary track maker Ian Argyle on 10 July.

A tribute to Ian is at <https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/129265382/sledge-track-yeti-remembered-for-opening-up-the-wilderness>

### ***Trip Reports***

#### **TUNNEL GULLY 16 JULY**

Nine of us met up at a very cold carpark in deep shade, in Plateau Road, at the entrance to Tunnel Gully. Wrapped up warmly, we proceeded along the main track to the lower car park and map board, where we refreshed our memory as to where we were going.

We all enjoyed the beauty of the forest on Tane's Walk, which brought us out to the upper car park and picnic area, for morning tea in the sun. Unfortunately the loos there were closed - no water!

From there we followed the Firebreak Track through bush and up on to the Maymorn Ridge, with good views out to Kaitoke and the Hutt Valley. We lunched in the warm sunshine at Maymorn Railway Station, and then returned via the old Maymorn Tunnel. A sign warned us to, "Enter at your own risk," but we decided it looked pretty safe, and we shouldn't think about earthquakes while walking through!

We walked back to the cars in light misty rain with a rainbow behind us, and just finished the walk before it really rained.

Those on the three hour 8km trip were Liz & Chris Crowe, Barry Kempton, Desiree Kortink, Rosie & Ian Montgomerie, and Ed & Juliet Cooke (coordinators) with granddaughter Beth.

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### MASTERTON BIKE RIDE JULY 23

After a week of wet weather we decided a bike ride would save wet feet and a chance of a bit of sun. Just three of us meet in Greytown and took our bikes on board to Masterton. We started on Columbo Road, and headed east on Johnston Street to Lee's Pakaraka Road, admiring lifestyle properties on the hills, noting storm damage on farms, eroded creeks and some friendly animals along the way. We turned into Te Ore Ore Road to Henley Lake, and followed the many pathways through to Columbo Road Bridge and back to our vehicles. A warm up morning tea at The Village Grinder Street Kuripuni was great. We thawed out after a cool but enjoyable 1.5 hour cycle. Billy Adair and Rosie and Ian Montgomerie.



## COMBINED CLUBS BOAR BUSH NON-EXPLORATION, 9 JULY

As only two of us wanted to go to Boar Bush, we diverted the trip to the foot of Winzenberg Hill and started work on an alternate track to the summit, after first debating which spur to follow. Only light cutting was needed through second-growth forest. We established a line up the first 100 metres of the climb, to a clump of mature beech trees. The gradient should ease beyond this point. The day was cloudy and cold with light afternoon drizzle, but activity kept us warm.

The Boar Bush trip has been rescheduled for 13 August.

Nigel Boniface and John Rhodes

Blue dots = existing track

Red dots = cutting of 9 July

