

# South Wairarapa Tramping Club

## Newsletter for March 2024

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### *Club night:*

Tuesday 12 March 7.30 pm

Studio 73, Main Street Greytown

*Speaker:* Glenys Robertson with photos of the Auckland Islands.

*Supper:* (tea towel, milk and biscuits) 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:

April: Ed & Juliet Cooke

May: Bruce Eglinton

### *Trip List*

2023

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
10.3	Possible bike trip to Shelly Bay – see email from John Rhodes			

***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.

### ***Trip Reports***

#### TOTARA FLATS SATURDAY 2 MARCH

Led by Ian and Rosie, accompanied by Billy Adair and John Wilson.

We met as usual at SWWMC at 8.30 am to travel to the Waiohine Gorge Road end.

Calm weather and cloudy skies made for an enjoyable walk in the bush. The high swing bridge is a great start to the walk .The benched track for the majority of the walk was in good condition. There had been recent rain, so mud in places. The track includes some climbs and dips, made easy by tree roots and big rocks as stepping stones along the way. We stopped for a cuppa at 10 am. It was our intention to walk until the group decided it was enough and in fact there was rain ahead of us a wee way before the turn off to Cone Hut, so we decided to turn back and have lunch. We met several other groups, some heading for overnight stays at Cone or Totora Flat huts.

We were back at the carpark by 1.30 and took the path down to the river, lots of rocks not gravel line the river bed.

Heading out we came across Search and Rescue vehicles heading into the area, perhaps a training exercise?

A good wee tramp for the four of us.









