

South Wairarapa Tramping Club

Newsletter for July 2024

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Club night:

Tuesday 9 July 7.30 pm

Studio 73, Main Street Greytown

Speaker: Kerry Maher of Greytown: My Family's Life in Travel

Kerry says, I spent virtually my whole working life in the travel industry - from the 70s into the 2000s. The technology changes over that time were unforeseen but the main ingredient - the people aka the customer - didn't change. It was a wonderful journey!

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

Supper box is kept in the store cupboard at Studio 73

For the next two meetings the roster is:

August: Bruce and Mary Lambert

September: Kay and David Bowie

Our SWTC subs are now due for the following year.

Single Member \$45 Family Member \$55

Could you please pay into our bank account ANZ 01-0623-0044755-00

These subs include membership to FMC

Some members have already paid

Trip List

July 2024

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
6.7	Rimutaka ridge track	Clive Baxter	027 742 2075	M
13.7	Butterfly Creek / Mackenzie Track	Elizabeth Halliday	379 7209 027 572 1010	M
20.7	Finis Track from Bucks Road	Neil Johnstone	379 5420 021 073 6162	M
28.7	Cannon Point with MTC	John Rhodes	304 9095	M
3.8	Rimutaka Incline	Hilary & Jeff Ryan	304 8464	

10.8	TBA	Jane Lenting	306 9077 021 0257 8799	
17.8	TBA	Pater & Ruth Graham	306.8822	

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.

Happy Birthday, Hans!



Hans Kolinko in 2010

Hans Kolinko took up tramping and hunting in the Tararuas after migrating to New Zealand from Austria in 1965. In 1972 he joined the New Zealand Forest Service, and spent much of his time working in the Tararuas.

Hans built or helped to build several of the huts that trampers use: Tutuwai, Tōtara Flats (since replaced), Te Matawai, Jumbo and Alpha. As well, he repaired and maintained many other huts, and

helped to develop and maintain road-end facilities. Other projects included the Tararua Peaks ladder and a bridge across the Tauwharehikau River.

Hans turned 90 on 24 June 2024. We congratulate him, thank him for his work and wish him good health and a continued happy retirement.

John Rhodes

Trip Reports

IN SEARCH OF A STUMP *A combined MTC / SWTC trip, 26 May*

SWTC participation in this trip had two main objectives:

- to find a moss- and fern-covered stump that an SWTC member had noticed on a previous trip but couldn't photograph owing to the party's excessive speed;
- to see Punanga Recreation Reserve.

Breaks for rest, tea, and refreshment were adequate. The first was at the lookout after an abrupt 300 metre climb, where a phone took this photograph of Nathan, Margaret, Josh and Nigel.



Everyone kept a sharp eye, but the remembered stump proved elusive. The best we found was this:



An orchid, *Earina autumnalis*, was a consolation prize.



After descending to Gentle Annie Saddle we climbed to Carrington Ridge and lunched beside this sign, painted and placed by the late Ron Brown.



Almost back at the car park, we came to Punanga Recreation Reserve, an area of about 0.16 hectare that in 2017 was vested in the trustees of Rangitāne Tu Mai Rā, a post-settlement governance entity representing Rangitāne o Wairarapa and Rangitāne o Tamaki nui-ā-Rua.



As part of the same settlement, a statutory acknowledgement and deed of recognition reflect the ancient association of the Tararua Range with Rangitāne to both east and west of the Tararua Range, renaming Mitre as Pukeamoamo / Mitre and Jumbo as Pukeahurangi / Jumbo.

Nathan Ball, Nigel Boniface (leader), Margaret McLauchlan, Josh Oakley, John Rhodes

PINNACLE, MONDAY 3 JUNE *A combined SWTC / MTC trip*

On a cloudless and calm King's Birthday, two SWTC members, two MTC members, four hangers-on and a dog walked up Pinnacle to spend a lazy hour admiring the view, chatting, boiling the billy and eating lunch.

Returning to Holdsworth Lodge (now under cloud), some crossed Te Whakatūrākau Stream to follow a trapping line and join the Donnelly Flat track.

Nigel Boniface, Bruce Farley, Kohe Habberfield, Rachel Horwell, Barry Kempton, John Rhodes and Peter Thompson.

Photos are at <https://swtc.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/2024.06.03-Pinnacle-SWTC-MTC.pdf>

TUNNEL GULLY 8 JUNE

Nine of us had a lovely leisurely wander on a superb sunny and still day at Tunnel Gully. It was Ed and Juliet's first SWTC tramp since February, and they really enjoyed being out with the club again, instead of in the chilly orchard shed dealing with the Pick Your Own Apple customers. (But they actually enjoyed that too, it was great seeing so many happy apple-eating families!)

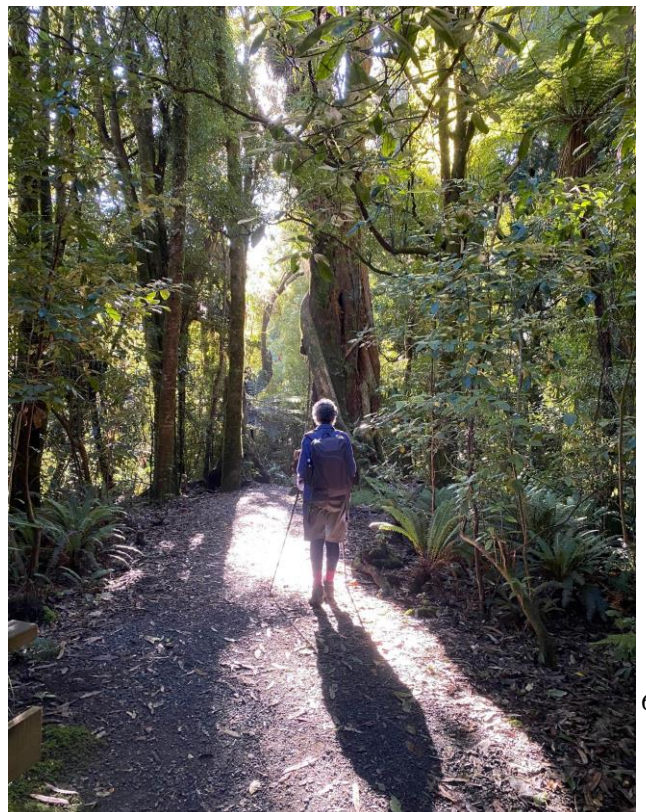
We parked in deep shade at the first car park, but as we walked up the road we passed through patches of sunlight which helped to warm us up.

We did the short Tane's loop track through the bush, emerging into the sunlight at the upper carpark where we had morning tea. Note - the water problems at the toilet block still haven't been fixed.

Then on via the Firebreak track and Station Drive to the railway station for lunch. We had a look at an enormous new subdivision, but none of the sections tempted anyone.

The return took us through the old tunnel - enter at your own risk - and back to the cars.

Those on the three hour 54 minute walk were Liz and Chris Crowe (Enjoy Italy!). Barry Kempton, Rosie and Ian Montgomerie, Ingrid Ward, John Wilson (see you back in a few months!), and Ed and Juliet Cooke, co-ordinators.



MASTERTON WALK 15 June

The early misty rain disappeared as we drove up to Masterton. After parking in Railway Crescent, we headed downstream, noting the new bridge from Oxford Street en route. Also new to some of us was the enlarged Colombo Road bridge.

As we had limited time, we skirted around the west side of Henley Lake, stopping at the loos - essential for some!

On up Gordon Street -will it never end? - and up to the hill tops. More new houses than when some of us were last here. The next most obvious change was that a grove of pine trees (which had been a handy comfort stop for some) have been felled, and the picnic table by the lake had been replaced by a concrete bench which just fitted 6 backsides on it, but lacked any warmth. We understand from Dianne Bardsley that dog poo bins have also been removed, and that locals are NOT happy!

We returned to the cars by walking right along Oxford Street to the new bridge - limit 100 people the sign said. We were quite happy to be on it without the other 94.

Those on the three hour 12.2km walk were Lesley Callaghan, Chris Leather, Ian Montgomerie, Jen Pomeroy, Ed and Juliet Cooke (co-ordinators).

