

# South Wairarapa Tramping Club

## Newsletter for September 2024

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### Club night:

Tuesday 10 September 7.30 pm

Studio 73, Main Street Greytown

*Speaker:* Charlene James on her trip to Namibia

*Supper:* (tea towel, milk and biscuits) David & Kay Bowie  
Supper box is kept in the store cupboard at Studio 73

For the next meeting the roster is:

October: Billy Adair

### Trip List

September 2024

Date	Destination	Trip coordinator	Phone	Fitness
31.8	Martinborough to Te Muna	Ruth & Peter Graham	306 8822	M
7.9	Finis track from Bucks Road	Neil Johnstone	379 5420	M
14.9	Rewanui Forest Park	Lesley Callaghan	021 033 5338	M
21.9	Masterton walk	Jennifer Pomeroy	027 483 4121	
28.9	Whakatūrākau Track to junction, up to Mountain House Shelter & return by Rocky Lookout	John Wilson	027 557 2873	F
5.10	Rimutaka Incline from Kaitoke to the summit and back	Bruce & Mary Lambert	379-6106	M

***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*

### LAKE FERRY 10 AUGUST

Six of us did two short walks in the Lake Ferry area. We were Liz and Chris Crowe, Ruth and Peter Graham, Stefan van Trigt and me (Jane Lenting). It was surprisingly pleasant weather, given a forecast suggesting a cold wind and general winter nastiness.

The 2km walk leaves from near the Lake Ferry fire station and goes up a Landover track and across farmland (the SWDC Greywater facility) to a clifftop view where you can see the South Island on a good day (sadly not that good on Saturday).

The beach walk was 6km return, and goes past dramatic and rather unstable looking cliff areas, rather like the Pinnacles. We looked at two SWBG planting projects – an established one by Ōkorewa Lagoon, and a newer small planting of Pīngao in the sand near the beach.

We turned around at Whangaimoana when we got to their community's Pīngao restoration area. This is an older project by a local Whangaimoana resident.

Pīngao (*Ficinia spiralis* or golden sand sedge) is a coastal restoration native plant. It creates and protects sand dunes and has high cultural value for weaving in tukutuku panels in Whareniui.





## TE WHAKATŪRĀKAU RIVER 24 AUGUST

Shall we stay or shall we go? After an anxious few days watching the weather forecast – compounded by heavy rain the night before – we decided to trust MetService and eight of us (plus one dog) set off.

Very glad we did! No rain or wind – just sun glistening off the wet bush and the sound of the river rushing by. A little damp underfoot, plus a couple of tricky slips – otherwise, perfect conditions.

Barry and his dog Sioux had to leave us, after having morning tea by the first swing bridge. We reached the hut in good time for lunch and a yarn around the table inside.

On the way there and back, we met many trampers – including one large school group returning from an over-night trip.

Thanks to Ian Montgomerie, Barry Kempton & Sioux, Lesley Callaghan, Stefan van Trig, Neil Johnstone, Bruce Clay, Liz & Chris Crowe.

