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Club Meetings: These are held every second Wednesday (one before a tramp) at the Hastings Harrier Clubrooms in Sylvan Road, Hastings. Visitors are most welcome

ANNUAL REPORTS

President's Report

It has been a funny year, one of highs and lows, the highlight being the very successful winter trip to Ruapehu, where 40 club members partook in alpine climbing, skiing, tramping and sightseeing activities. Due to its success this is to become an annual event. The club's magazine cover was modernised with Howletts Hut featured on the front cover.

Numbers at meetings varied between 25 in the winter to 45 during summer. Special thanks to Anne Cantrick for arranging a wide variety of speakers, whose topics ranged from bush First Aid, plant identification to trekking - Nepal and the Antarctic.

Some of the money raised during the year has been put aside for continuing hut maintenance, updating club gear hire, the library, the truck fund and for club members to attend relevant training courses in 1998.

The club joined up with the Taihape Tramping Club for some trips in the Ruahines this year and through contact with an ex-HTC member. I hope this liaison continues.

I would like to thank the committee for their support during the year and their commitment on the sub-committees. A club consists of takers and givers - the HTC consists mainly of the latter - without your support, enthusiasm, for the outdoors and your input the Club wouldn't be in the healthy state it is today.

I wish to thank DOC and the landowners for without their support, our trips would not eventuate.

Good tramping to you all in 1998.

Susan Lopdell.

Club Captain

The main aspects of the last years wanderings were six trips away for our local Kaweka and Ruahine Ranges; namely Tararuas, Kaimanawas, Waikaremoana, Tongariro, Tarawera and Ruas track.

Waitotara was cancelled due to small numbers, and another trip cancelled because of lack of road access and heavy snows.

It seems as if biggest numbers are on our local day trips, and small numbers on away trips like Tararua, Kaimanawas and Ruas track for example. I guess that Saturday work commitments affect weekend trips and peoples busy lives and demand on time. It may be worth doing a questionnaire to get feedback to help run trips that may reflect the demand of the customers, rather than the planners doing the usual things. - I would be happy to make suggestions on this.

Finding leaders for trips has been a little difficult and ways could be tried for encouraging new leaders and coaxing and training them. There are two aspects to being a leader. The first one is the organisational aspects to get the trip on the way and the second to manage the actual trip: people, equipment, hazards, risks and safety, route, group dynamics etc. These are learnt by experience rather than just having knowledge and the way to get experience is to have a go the safety of old hand to give help. We must have leaders coming up through the ranks.

John Montgomerie.

Truck Report

The truck has now travelled 70,000 trouble-free km, except for a few flat tyres, since entering service in 1991. It still has many thousands more kilometres left in it yet.

Regular maintenance and servicing makes it a reliable, safe and comfortable vehicle.

This year, the windscreen was replaced, the sliding windows completely removed and the slide tape replaced, enabling them to slide easily. The padding in the back has been inverted so as to get more wear out of it.

The inner rear rims were re-centred to give clearance for new chains to fit both rear wheels on each side, instead of one, making for better traction in adverse road conditions. A new inner rear tyre was fitted at the same time. Other sundry maintenance, light bulbs and lenses etc. have also been done.

Thank you drivers and trampers on each trip for sweeping out and putting the mattresses up ready for the next trip. Happy travelling for 1997/98 and happy tramping.

David Heaps.

Search and Rescue Report

Until recently, the SAR scene has been unusual quiet with a break from operations for 18 months or so apart from the rescue of Gary Smith when he became ill. In February, this year we ran a second 'Track and Clue Awareness' course for sixteen SAR members taken from the four main contributing clubs as well as two Police SAR squad members. These courses are invaluable as the general awareness to clues is considerably increased. A major contributing factor in the recent search for Mike Brown.

The Brown search ran for four days, initially involving about 32 searchers. Approximately, a dozen extra people were called to replace those that were unable to stay for the full duration of the search. Although the outcome of finding a body was a sad one, the Brown family greatly appreciated the hard work and dedication SAR personnel put into the search.

Although it is becoming harder to be involved, those that are keen and show potential will always be taken aboard. Thanks to all those SAR people within the HTC and to the HTC itself for the continuing commitment to SAR.

Eddie Holmes

Environment Report

The following concessions were grand by DOC -

Easement Gwavas Forest, canoe safaris on Mohaka River, guided tours Kaimanawa Forest Park, guided horse treks Cape Kidnappers, guided fishing and hunting trips.

Concessionaires to be responsible for removal of all rubbish from areas and DOC field officers overseeing their activities.

Letters were sent to Mr N Smith (Minister of Conservation) re public access problems and resolutions; coastlines, Law Reform Act, marginal strips.

Education of local councils and MPS

Boundary Stream Mainland Island fully staffed by scientists, with ecological monitoring and management. Ongoing monitoring of birds, bats and invertebrates.

Trapping or shooting of rats, possums, feral cats mustelids and goats. Returning areas to former bush species.

Received Haurangi National Park Management Policy and summary to be written for N.Z. Conservation Authority re customary use of native birds, plant and other traditional material. Thanks to Mike Lusk for his input

Shirley Bathgate.

TRIP REPORTS

Ruapehu - Trip 1695

8 - 10 August 1997

This trip with 39 people was split between 2 ski lodges, the Wellington Tramping and Mountaineering Club and my group at the Christiana Ski Club. Some had gone by private vehicles and were at their lodge but when the club truck arrived about 11 p.m., the passengers were divided up into the ski lodge lots and trudged off into the night with my group having a 10 minute trip. Fortunately, the night was clear and calm. A rough night would have been unpleasant for those not used to the mountain.

Saturday's weather was predicted to be the better day of the weekend, so plans were set up for a trip to the summit plateau and crater lake area. The prediction came true and a group of 18 made their way to the top; some had skiing to do, others a tramping trip to the Tama Lakes area, and some families stayed put and played in the snow.

The group going to the top arrived at the Glacier Knob at the outlet of the Summit Plateau and we dug out the entrance to the snow cave that Ed, Anne, Mike and myself had dug and used for shelter the weekend before - about 10 m³ of snow and 2½ hours work. We lunched

here and moved on up to Dome Ridge to the Dome Shelter which was 90% buried in snow and ice - entry was by the "chimney" hatch, and a ladder descent showed that the large shelter as it was is now reduced to a small area with not enough room to sleep on the floor.

A short time was spent looking down into the crater lake, and because of steam, it was not possible to see the water level low in the crater. We retraced our steps in two groups as Ed and myself covered aspects of travel on steep slopes, ice axe use for self arrest, basic avalanche risk evaluations.

At the plateau exit by our snow cave was a reasonably steep firm slope where step cutting was practised. Ed's group followed the plateau edge towards "Tukino" point and Te Heu Heu Valley while my group descended over the edge towards Restful Ridge and on down the valley to the Knoll Ridge Ski Cafe and caught the chairlift down the "Waterfall" area and then down to our respective lodges.

Sunday dawned dull and foggy with rain, but fortunately little wind. I somehow managed to convince Ann and Craig to help give basic ice axe skills to 8 keen people. Soon we had them doing ice axe arrests feet first on their face, then head first on their face and lastly head first on their back. I couldn't stop them enjoying all this in the rain in a gully just behind the lodge. The late morning was spent tidying up the lodge (allocated duties) before lunch and then back to the truck. Nobody voted against a stop at the de Bretts hot pools for an hour or so and a bite to eat and then a reasonably early arrival back in the bay.

Many thanks to Ed for the good work he put in organising the accommodation etc. The numbers attending were the test of success. I was pleased that so many had made it to the top; as some were doubtful of making it about half way up, but to their credit they kept on and made it a personal achievement in an environment they had not been in before.

JM

Christiana Ski Club Party: John Montgomerie (leader), Gail Harvey, Marjoleine Friedeman, Craig, Annette, Kerry and Jason Shaw, Ann Cantrick, Robyn Madden, Peter Prior, Sue Lopdell, Al Moffit, Julie Mercer, Gloria and Graham Abraham, Laurence Taula, Doug King, Clive and Karen Thurston, John Lane.

Black Birch - Trip 1696

7 September 1997

This trip was the day after Princess Diana's funeral so we had several pull out due no doubt to the early start after a late night watching T.V. The evening before I discovered that the truck wouldn't start due to a flat battery, so Geoff Robbie and I had to tow it with one of our tractors. We had no trouble starting it so we were not delayed very much and had no further trouble in with it not starting again.

Collected Julie Mercer and dog at the quarry on Whittle Road; she had spent the night on the Turner family farm at Puketitiri. There had been a light fall of snow the previous afternoon and that had come on top of the remnants of a heavier fall ten days or so earlier. We hadn't gone very far up Kaweka Road (above the quarry) before encountering snow and ice on the road. I was surprised that we were not too far off the top before we came to a halt. After much digging of snow and ice we managed to fit the new chains but were still unable to make

much progress in the rather deep snow and ice on a difficult corner. Geoff carefully backed down the road to a wider corner where he managed to turn the truck around and he and Liz Pindar returned down the hill. The rest of the party soon made their way up to the top along past Littles Clearing to the start of the Black Birch Track. Quite large drifts of snow from the earlier fall lay on shady areas along the top of the range but they were hard on top so didn't delay our progress much. The sun made a brief showing occasionally while we were digging the truck out and making our way along the road but it soon disappeared behind a rather thick ominous bank of cloud coming in from the north east. Conditions were not unpleasant though as there was little wind.

We made quick progress along the top of the range stopping for an early lunch at Black Birch Bivvy. Some of the first arrivals made themselves snug in the bivvy while the rest settled under the trees for a rather cold lunch break. Some light snow fell while we were there and those not enjoying the comfort and shelter of the biv soon were keen to move off again. Good views of the Mangaharuru Range with its snow cover on the tops were had out to the Northeast whilst we made our way down the spur leading from the Clover Patch on the top of the range. We could see the truck on the Lotkow Road waiting for us.

Whilst we had another bite to eat at the truck, I tried to enthuse the team to walk up toward Don Juan but no luck, so we headed back down to Puketitiri and stopped off at the museum. After some hard negotiations with the owner Mr. Lemon we finally settled on a group entrance fee. (We were rather limited for finance) About 12 of the party enjoyed browsing through the museum and later some returned to childhood days and made use of the rather novel swings and seesaws.

We were back at Pernel around 5 p.m. after an enjoyable but not very strenuous day.
PM

Party: Philip Mardon (leader), Geoff Robinson (driver), Liz Pindar, Judy McBride, Scott Aitken, Neil Curtis, Gail Harvey, Bobby Couchman, Gary Smith, Gavin Scoble, Sue Holmes, Leo Brunton, Nick Perkins, Julie Mercer, Lew Harrison, Darren Sayer, Jenny Lean.

Mt. Tarawera - Trip - 1697

20 - 21 September 1997

The weather forecast for the weekend was good and 17 of us looked forward to a great trip as we started at 6.00 p.m. on Friday headed for Mt. Tarawera. Just past the summit we had a short delay as we passed slowly through a 4 car pileup that had happened earlier resulting in one death and many injured.

Fuel stop and supper at Taupo and by 11.00 p.m. we were all bedded down at a camp site at Lake Rerewhakaaitu. We were back on the road by 8 am for the short drive to the lower carpark off Ashpit Rd and by 8.30 am started walking the 4.5 km 4-wheel drive road to arrive at the summit track by 10.30 am. After a snack and short break we set off along the chasm towards Ruawahia Dome under a cloudy sky with patches of warm sunshine but accompanied by a very cold wind.

The views all around were quite spectacular with steaming White Island, and Mt. Edgecumbe out to the Southeast, the snow covered peaks of Tongariro National Park and to the north the Mamaku and Kaimai Ranges. We followed the chasms for their entire length on the southern

side and those in the party who were first timers were quite awe-struck by the extent of the eruption that had occurred 111 years ago. At 12. 30 p.m. on the other side of Ruawahia Dome we had lunch in a sheltered sunny spot and by 2.00 p.m. had descended the 500 m to the bush and after a brief look at Lake Rotomahana made our way round the lake to Hot Water Beach and our camp site for the night. Many tents sprang up like mushrooms on the large flat grassy area and then everyone changed into togs for a dip in the hot pool on the edge of the lake.

Sunday morning was still and warm with some mist around the lake. Parts of the lake were like a mirror and reflected the bush covered shoreline as we departed at 8.00 am. I think most of us would like to have stayed longer as it was so peaceful. After a hard climb back to the top we all regrouped and had an early lunch at 11.30 a.m. and then made our way back along the northern side of the chasm to Ruawahia Dome where the party split into 2 groups. One lot crossed over to the other side and back to Wahanga Dome while the others carried on and then down the big shingle slide, wow! We then walked along the bottom of the chasm and climbed out the other end to rejoin the other party. I don't think anyone enjoyed the trek back down the road to the truck, it seemed to go on and on forever, but eventually we did find it at 3.00 p.m.. Neil was the first one back well done. Some of the newer members thought that trip was a bit hard and long, it was! But they all did very well and I am sure that they will look back on it with very fond memories. It was then back to Taupo for a hot swim and a feed (feast). Thank you David for driving and everyone for making it a great weekend.
L.B.

Party: Leo Brunton (Leader), David Heaps, Rodger Burn, Marjoleine Friedeman, Jenny Lean, Gloria Abraham, Lawrence Taula, Nick Perkins, Neil Curtis, Gavin Scoble, Gary Smith, Matt Fryer, Sandy Claudatos, Gail Harvey, Robyn Gulliver, Lew Harrison, Chris Waldron.

Top Maropea & Waipawa - Trip 1698

5 October 1997

Party A

Leaving Pernel Orchard at 6.30 am, we set out for North Block Road. The weather didn't look flash and it was drizzling lightly, when my party of 7 left the truck.

We headed up Sunrise Track and turned off down to the Waipawa River. Lew was worried about getting wet feet, but soon found out that he didn't have to. Walking up the river, we turned off at the north branch and proceeded up it. Going was slow in places as the boulder in the creek were quite slippery.

We finally broke out on the ridge top and stopped to regroup and fuel up. It was just beginning to snow lightly, but was quite warm with hardly any wind. We strolled off to Top Maropea Hut for lunch, meeting Party B at the top of the hill on their way down the way we'd come up.

We had lunch at the hut and had intended going down Triplex Creek but time was against us and the weather was inclement. So we walked Sunrise Track to the truck. Party B arrived 30 mins later.

DH

Party A: John Lane, Neil Mora, Lew Harrison, Peter Prior, Rolie Skews, David Heaps, Sandy Claudatos.

Party B:

On a rather wet but relatively mild Sunday morning Party B set off with Party A from the car park just below Triplex Hut and headed up the Bench Track to Sunrise Hut. An easy pace was established and there were few stops necessary. The A Team left the track and headed down to Waipawa Forks Lodge while the B Team continued up to the hut. It continued to drizzle and this continued until we arrived at Sunrise Hut where we stopped for a brief snack at about 10 am. It was still cloudy around the hut and as we left and headed to Armstrong Saddle, the valley Northwest of the hut opened up to show the very eroded crags and deep valley below. We circled round the valley and up to Armstrong Saddle grateful that it was not raining too much and that the snow which had been previously up there had in the main disappeared.

After a pause at Armstrong Saddle for a breather, we continued in a north-westerly direction to the turnoff to Top Maropea Hut. At this stage Aimon and Alice, our first time trampers were looking hale and hearty and ready to continue all day. Our proposed short cut down the north arm of the Waipawa River was definitely going to be on with the enthusiasm prevailing. In the meantime, our first objective was to descend down gently along the spur and drop into the hut. This we did arriving at midday. While Sunrise Hut had appeared luxurious, this was confirmed when we arrived at Top Maropea, a much smaller hut but still comfortable.

We enjoyed a break for an hour and made our way back up the spur meeting the A Party coming down. We wondered where they had got to. After a brief exchange of intentions, wants and wishes, we parted and our party continued back up the spur. Arriving at the top, we noticed the shingle slide we had to descend and not to be daunted the majority voted for taking the north arm route down to the Waipawa River. Neil Curtis was having difficulty in descending to Top Maropea and it is with my grateful thanks that Rodger Burn accompanied Neil back down the Sunrise Track to the truck.

We descended down into the saddle, dropped off it into a not too steep grassy valley and then moved on to the shingle slide. A new adventure for our two new trampers, but once they and the rest of us got into the right rhythm it was a sprint to the finish at the bottom where we stopped and enjoyed the waterfall and stream joining the north arm of the Waipawa River. Our descent down the stream had a few difficulties to overcome but in the main a little bit of clambering, stretching and leaping overcame most of those and we eventually arrived at the Waipawa River only to be told by Sue Holmes that she preferred to go back up from Waipawa Forks on to the Sunrise Track. I thought that nobody else could be that fit but on a vote found that I was very much the minority and guess where we went.

We arrived back at the truck 20 minutes behind the A Team, got changed in the rain and were glad to get back home in what had proved to be at home a rather stormy day. I was grateful for the thanks and the words of appreciation for the trip afterwards and I thank the B (Best) Team for their company. An enjoyable day.

DWC

Party B: Sue Holmes, Neil Curtis, David Cormack, Rodger Burn, Aimon Samy, Alice Bennett, Roger Dunn.

Mt. Tauhara - Trip 1699

19 October 1997

Well it was a bad start with a flat tyre on the way through Napier but it soon got worse, as it rained and rained & rained. Despite this nearly everyone got out of the truck and climbed through the freezing rain and wind across farmland and then to the bush and on up to the top to admire the view (about 2 metres), a quick bite to eat then back down before we froze. The bush is mostly regrowth with a few big totara near the top but the possum damage has to be seen to be believed. All the kamahi (thousands) are dead, but still a nice walk on a good day. Arriving back at the truck, enthusiasm for further tramping seemed to wash away with the rain so it was off to the hot pool for a swim and then an early tea in Taupo, and then off for home with a short detour at Opepe to have a look at the soldiers graves and a walk around the bush track (it had almost stopped raining). It was a nice social trip but a shame about the weather.

John Berry.

Ruas Track - Trip 1700

Labour Weekend 24-27 October 1997

A rather select tramping crew of eight and truck party of four left Dave & Debbie's at about 6.30 am on the Friday, and after a quick detour to Craig's to pick up the barbie we were soon making good time to Wairoa.

A stop in the sunshine at Wairoa gave folk a chance to visit Oslers Bakery for various comestibles. After a bit of map reading and a stop in Gisborne for diesel we were parked at the end of the farm track at about 1.15 p.m. After a leisurely lunch it was goodbye to the truck party and on the track about 2 p.m. The early walking was quite delightful, with grassy clearings along a slowly climbing ridge. After an hour or so we came across large areas of ground really churned up by pigs. Just after a group of four (trampers that is, not four little pigs) were a little ahead at one point when Leo had no sooner said "look at that yellow shelter" than three dogs let rip barking. We had stumbled across two pig hunters fly camping. One of the dogs had two rips in its side rather simply stitched up. One of the hunters, who was more talkative than the other said they had got five pigs the day before but not before one had damaged all three dogs to varying degrees.

The group made camp about 5 p.m., a bit spread out, round about a small campsite just past Rangitata after a fairly easy afternoon's travel.

Saturday:

Everyone was up about 6.30 am after some found their campsites were less than level. Once a bit of noise was made a kaka indignantly vacated the area, one of several heard but only glimpsed during the trip. The group was on the go by about 8.15 under another blue sky and on a track marred at times by a lot of windthrow. The walking over undulating terrain was again not too demanding and one stop in the sun stretched out to half an hour. Lunch beside the Anini Stream was in a lovely spot under blue skies and a warm sun and a lot of lying and reading in the sun was accomplished. Dave had an unsuccessful fish, in fact fish were noticeable by their absence.

At about 1.20 p.m. Sue, Gavin, Leo, Thelma and Anne began a good stiff climb away from the stream leaving the others to their swimming, fishing or sunbathing. The afternoon was marked by some boggy track and again lots of recent windfall. A good, small campsite was spied beside the track (758 837 on the Urewera map) as we walked through predominantly beech with some promising rimu seedlings among it. After travelling in and out of a number of small streams and crossing the Tikitikiotari Range we arrived at a great campsite about 4.30 p.m. beside the Owhakarotu Stream. It boasted a fireplace, two seats, a clothesline, a reasonable amount of tent space (far more than what we'd seen previously), and a little stream dropping into the main stream just across on the opposite bank. Plenty of wood made for a good fire enjoyed by all.

Sunday:

Everyone was away again by 8.15 (becoming a habit) once more under, yes, blue skies, though there was more cloud about this day. Just past a hunters' campsite below the Maungapohatu bluffs, Sue discovered where they were keeping their meat - by falling on top of part of a deer carcass when the bank above a small stream gave way under her! It was exciting, not only for her but those directly behind her who wondered where she'd suddenly gone. Luckily no harm was done and the group reformed about 10 minutes further along for a discussion about where the "track" up to Maungapohatu No2 was.

It was decided it was back where the hunters' camp was so we backtracked and followed Dave upwards. After 15 minutes or so progress began to get a bit tricky so Dave, Debbie, Leo, Anne and Gavin carried on up through the coprosma, Spaniard and leatherwood before emerging scratched and triumphant on to the ridge crest to find not tussock, but more leatherwood! A scramble under and through the leatherwood brought us to the trig for a quick look around and a call to Ross on the cellphone when Gavin managed to leave a message along the lines of: "Oh that's the other phone, not the cellular secretary." Click.

At this point approaching rain sent the intrepid quintet scurrying back down in about half the time it took them to get up. At the hunters' tent we met a trio from Murapara who had choppered in (obviously) on Thursday. They were a generous crew and we were offered a hot coffee and a whole cake, unlike the other three who only had a piece each. The campsite we were aiming for that night turned out to be there but the steam beside it didn't - it had dried up. So as the rain continued to fall billies, plates and cups were placed at the edge of tent flies or under trees to catch drips, and puddles became a source of wonder- for some. Enough water was gathered for everyone to have an evening meal and Gavin did a Rodger (as he was cold from a parka which no longer keeps water out) and led the charge to sleeping bags. Everyone was bedded down by about 8.00 p.m.

Monday:

Everyone was up early and hit the track by 7.45 to enable a stop for breakfast about half an hour later at a sun-dappled spot in the bush with plentiful water - yes, the sun was shining again. We reached the end of the track at the road out to SH38 about 11 00 am and so began the slog up, up and up some more out of the valley. Most of the group stopped for lunch about 12.30 p.m. and there were smiles aplenty when the Berrys were met on the road about 5 minutes after setting out after the break. After about another 20 minutes we saw it - the truck.

The visitor centre was visited by a few before the kilometres were rapidly covered to Wairoa where it was time for greasies - enjoyed beside the river in the early evening, yes, sun.

Everyone was back safe and sound in Napier by 7.30 p.m. Thanks to Sue for leading and Ross & Co for dropping us off and more importantly being part way up the road to pick us up.
GS

Party: Leo Brunton, Anne Cantrick, Christine Hardie, Dave Harrington, Sue Lopdell (leader), Gavin Scoble, Thelma Tasman-Smith, Debbie Thomas.

Truck party: Ross, Robyn, Sarah and Katrina Berry.

Cairn Trip - Trip 1701

2 November 1997

As we neared the Kawekas, the cloud lifted bathing the eroded ridges in sunlight. Twenty-five people divided into 3 groups, winding their way up to the J via Dons. Trialist and Makahu Spurs. We regrouped at the cairn and the President read the service, with Mrs Lyn and Shirley reading poems by Lester Marster and Mrs Mary Lewis. Shirley being the oldest HTC member present laid the wreath and during the minutes silence a skylark was heard, adding poignancy to the occasion. We were joined by a group from Forest & Bird and David Lewis swelling our numbers to 30.

After lunch, David took his group to explore Coxcomb Creek whilst the rest spent the next couple of hours sunbathing, sliding on plastic in the snow, wandering the tops admiring the tussock of Manson, the Kaimanawas and the snow-capped Tongariro National Park. At 2.00 p.m., we slowly made our way down Dons Spur, stopping to point out areas of interest to our newcomers and arriving back at the truck about 4.30 p.m. We waited and waited and waited, finally at 5.45 p.m. a tired bunch (Party B) emerged from the bush and we were back in Napier by 8.10 p.m.. The day was one out of the bag and sunshine and a nice cool breeze, not the gale force winds of the past few years. Thanks Philip for driving and to Robyn Berry for making the wreath. It was great to see a good turnout of HTC members.

Party: David Harrington, Mary Gray, Mike Lusk, Lyn & Lyn Gentry, Leo Brunton, Sandy Claudatos, Jenny Lean, Christine Hardie, Neil Curtis, Gail Harvey, Margaret Colledge, Judy McBride, Arch Lowe, Marjoleine Friedeman, Philip Mardon, Allison Robinson, Campbell Brenton-Rule, Susan Lopdell (leader) Scott Aitken, Wayne Jackson, Bobby Couchman.
(Truck)

Liz Pindar, Shirley Bathgate, David Lewis, John Jones, Raewyn Rickett and friends (private transport)

Party B:

After having lunch following the memorial at Kaweka J, six of us led by Dave Harrington, headed south along the tops and then down Coxcomb Spur. The day was sunny and warm as we made our way down the spur looking for a suitable place to drop down into Coxcomb Stream below a large waterfall. We made very good time on a shingle slide which ended at the bushline and while waiting for everyone to regroup we saw 2 owls sitting side by side on a branch just in front of us at not much more than head height. The owls sat there staring at us as we them and didn't move as many flash photos were taken.

We were soon on the stream bed and Lyn and I sat on the boulders taking in the lovely surroundings while the others went back upstream to look at the waterfall we had managed to avoid. On their return, we were soon scrambling over boulders and climbing up, up and round more waterfall as we made our way downstream. On the third and last one we had to climb

about 200 m almost straight up, sidle a few metres and then drop straight down again. From this point on the stream bed flattened out and became pleasant and easy to walk as we looked for an old track that led back to the carpark. This was found just before the confluence with Ngahernui Stream and we were soon back at the truck late tied but happy at completing a most rewarding stream trip.

LB

Party B: Dave Harrington (leader), Lyn Gentry, Sandy Claudatos, Mike Lusk, Mary Gray, Leo Brunton.

Rangiwahia to Howletts - Trip 1702

November 15 - 16 1997

6.00 am Saturday saw 11 sleepy-eyed trampers emerge from the woodwork and board the old truck bound for Mangaweka (somewhere between Fielding and Taihape). Some 3 ½ hours later saw us gearing up at the Renfrew Road end. After a rendezvous with Peter, Glenda and Co we plodded up the ridge in the general direction of Rangi Hut.

Rangi Hut was gained after an hour or so and with lunch taken on board, departure for the tops was inevitable. The ridge to the Whanahuia tops is very gradual, surrounded with gently rounded tussock tops - you can see why there was once an attempt to make it into a ski field. Two stags were seen on the ridge north of us and after some scrutiny we pushed onward and upward. Whanahuia range is like everywhere else in this area - wide rolling tussock tops which round over until reaching the bushline where they drop steeply to the rocky valley floors below. Here we said goodbye to Debbie, Dave and Rollie and took a northerly direction until reaching Mangamahue, then turned westward toward the distant Te Hekenga and the camp for the night. Up and down for several kilometres through some sharp little saddles eventually resting in the final saddle at the foot of Te Hekenga (possible camp No. 1).

Whilst resting another stag was spotted, this time only 200 metres away. Armed with camera, Gerald gave it a wide birth then dropped into the creek leaving the stag between us and himself. Once spooked the stag headed straight toward us up the creek, on spotting seven pairs of eyes it stood quite still for some time before slowly making his way up the hill. Wind gusts were no longer but a solid gale making progress up hill painful at very best. The cold I had been nursing all the previous week was taking its toll, leaving me with no wind in my lungs. The tarn from three years previous was not to be found due to large patches of snow and little visibility. Had it been found the wind would not have allowed us to use it anyway. The summit was gained and straight over into the southern catchment we went, desperate to get out of the wind.

Carefully kicking our heels into the hard snow chute we descended until with the mist lifting we could see what was to be home for the night. Just below us, surrounded by bluffs was a little tussock plateau with room for four tents, 2 of which were on a ten degree slope. It also had its own water supply, a tarn approx. 1 metre long and half a metre wide. Tucking into bed for the night was an interesting move, not knowing how much sleep we were going to be allowed. Torrential rain hammered us all night and at about 4.00 am freak wind gusts almost obliterated our camp, leaving bent tent poles and waterbeds.

As dawn broke the rain eased and finally cloud lifted with only a light wind. A weather report from John Monty and a quick call to Glenda on the cell phone to give our intentions and we

were off quickly gaining the ridge east of Te Hekenga and onwards toward Tiraha and Howletts Hut. Views were rewarding as it among the best real estate in the Ruahines.

On reaching Howletts at 10.15 am a brew was had and slowly we made our way down the track to Daphne Hut where we arrived at 12 o'clock. Whilst lunch was being had the rain started again.. The stroll down the river was quite wetting with the river running a bit high and slightly dirty. Travel was slow with a couple of crossings waist deep. Mill farm and roadend were a welcome sight. We took shelter in one of the old huts, changed out of wet gear, ate all remaining food, told jokes and passed the time until Peter arrived with the truck. Excellent trip and company. Thanks all.

E.H.

Party: Eddie Holmes (leader), Sandy Claudatos, Gerald Blackburn, Dave Heaps, Anne Cantrick. Mike Hawthorne, Yarny Triandafilidis, Dave Mulinder.

FAMILY TRAMPS

Dannevirke Area: 31 August

Just 3 families ventured south on this lovely fine day and met up for a leisurely lunch at the Dannevirke Deer Park. After feeding ourselves and the ducks and the peacocks we set off down the Weber Road to the Ngapaeruru Scenic Reserve. This is a small but impressive reserve with a lovely grassy parking area for sleeping in the sun on while small children played. We walked through the bush and had another laze in the sun before deciding it was now too late to carry on to the Waihi Scenic Reserve - so we then took the "short cut" home - the very wild and "no trailers" and scenic route. - Well it looks like a short cut on the map anyhow.

Holts Forest, 14 September:

This trip to Holts Forest was on another lovely sunny Sunday with 7 families including two new families, the Dunns and the Moroneys, plus 3 "extras" taking part. We had a short walk before lunch through the camellias and rhododendrons. Then after lunch we found the longest meander of the forest to enjoy the trees, both native and exotic and the daffodils and primroses that abounded everywhere. After another rest beside the cars we then went home by the Darkie Spur Road.

Tangoio Beach 26 October:

Unfortunately our recent luck with the weather did not hold so well for this trip. Five families met at the beach and walked along the rather steep, smelly (due to a number of dead cattle beasts) and washed out track to the beach on the other side of the Flat Rock where we found a spot out of the wind to have lunch. After lunch we went round onto the Flat Rock but as the clouds were looking rather ominous we didn't tarry for long and speed back to the cars as fast as little legs could go. Fortunately we arrived back to the cars before the clouds completely burst and the resulting deluge just washed the cars as we drove back to Josies for the traditional Devonshire tea.

Families participating during this period were: Heather & Hamish Thurston, Daniel, Donna & Natalie Berry, Claire & Glen Holmes, Erika & Conal Boland Bristow with Caroline Potter, Avril & Blair Turvey, Kerry & Jason Shaw, Michelle, Morgan and Hannah Dunn, Sam, Jessica and Ben Moroney, with Mums &/or Dad, Petals and Grandma Barbara.

FAMILY TRAMP FIXTURES LIST:

4 Jan: Esk River: A watery walk down the Esk River from Island Farm. Bring your togs and a raft if you have one.

17-18 Jan: The annual family tramp into Kaweka Hut.

31 Jan - 1 Feb: Camp Saturday evening at Triplex Hut then on Sunday head into Waipawa Chalet via the Sunrise Track, back out to Triplex via the Waipawa River.

1 Mar: A trip down the Mangataura Stream, a tributary of the Makaroro Stream, from below Camp Wakarara to Mathews Road.

29 Mar: Pourerere Beach. Walk southwards along the beach from Pourerere to Aramoana Beach.

26 Apr: Littles Clearing: A walk up to Black Birch bivvy and back.

EXECUTIVE NEWS:

Wanted: any surplus tramping gear for our Club Gear Hire - (see the ad. in the magazine).

The Club has continued in its quest to build up the snow craft equipment by recently purchasing another 2 ice axes and two pairs of smaller sized crampons.

Another trophy has been purchased for the Club's Photo Competition and will be awarded to the best slide.

Library: When borrowing a library book a small donation, which will go towards the purchase of new books and maintenance of existing books, would be appreciated.

Subs: Subs are now due and if paid before 31 January they are \$5 cheaper than otherwise. The various categories and discounted prices are:

ACTIVE - SENIOR - \$25 - This sub is for all active trampers (i.e. attend 1 or more Club trip in a year) who are not covered by the FAMILY or JUNIOR category. This sub entitles you to 1 FMC card (which can give you substantial discounts e.g. for Annual hut passes and travel) and 1 set of the Pohokura. Non active members who would like to get an FMC card can also join as an Active Senior.

ACTIVE FAMILY - \$38 - This is the sub for a couple or one parent and one child who are both active. It entitles you to 2 FMC cards and 1 set of the Pohokura.

ACTIVE - JUNIOR - \$13 - This is the sub for an active trumper who is still at school. It entitles you to one FMC card and 1 set of Pohokura.

YOUNG FAMILY - \$25 - This sub is for families whose only involvement with the Club is on the tramps which are designed for the children as described in the Family Tramps section. It entitles the family to 1 FMC card and 1 set of Pohokura.

ASSOCIATE - \$10 - This is the sub for past active members of the Club who still want to keep in touch, it is also the sub for non members wishing to obtain a copy of the Pohokura. The sub entitles you to one set of Pohokura for the year.

Please determine your category and send your payment to:
The Treasurer, HTC, Box 14086, Mayfair, Hastings.

<p style="text-align: center;">REMEMBER Jan 7: First Meeting for 1998.</p>
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An Abbreviated Summary of the Duties of the Trip Leader.

(For more details consult the handout available from you Club Captain).

Before the trip:

- If you are not sure of the route or have other doubts about the country to be crossed ask someone who knows the area for advice before the trip
- Obtain permission from the landowners - the Club Captain will tell you who to contact
- Outline the trip at the two previous Club meetings - explain if any special equipment, clothing or overnight gear is required.
- Meet any new members
- Collect fares - to be forwarded to the Treasurer with the appropriate form. Retain the two lists from the trip book.
- Organize any gear required for the entire party
- Organize truck driver

On the trip:

- Leave a correct, legible list in the front of the truck prior to setting off.
- Distribute party gear between members (taking into account their fitness). Ensure new members have the correct gear.
- The responsibility for the conduct of the trip, its speed and its route is entirely yours (but confer with experienced members when necessary).
- See that the party doesn't become strung out - have an experienced tramper at the end to collect any stragglers.

After The Trip:

- Return all gear borrowed
- Ensure that a written report is forwarded to the Editor promptly.
- Be prepared for the oral report at the next Club meeting

<p style="text-align: center;">CLUB NEWS</p>

Welcome to the following new Club Members - we hope your time with the Club will be enjoyable: Bobby Couchman, Neil Curtis and John Lane.

Welcome back to HB Randall Goldfinch and Sharon Hamilton (nee Charteris) - we hope to see you out in the hills with us again soon.

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to Christianna Stevens and Wayne Hatcher who were married on December 6 and all the best to Kathy Turner who is marrying Darryl on February 14 1998.

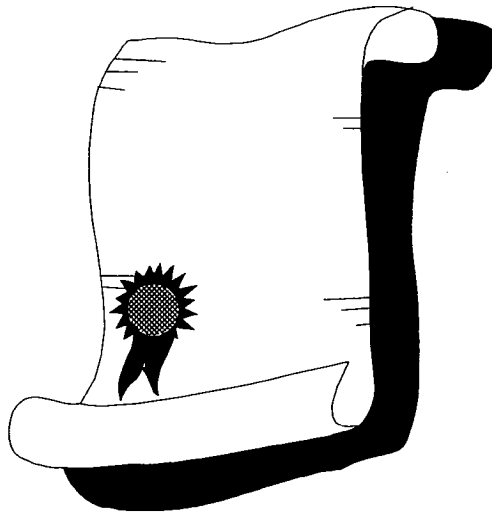
Life Memberships: More congratulations, this time to Pam Turner and Liz Pindar, both of whom were given Life Membership at our recent AGM. Pam's first trip with the Club was the cairn trip in 1965 and she joined with the Club shortly after that. Between 1966 and 1975 she was on numerous committees with many different roles and was active on Search and Rescue.

Over the years Pam has been involved in many working bees and has encouraged many young members into tramping. More recently Pam has represented our Club on the Conservation Board and aptly fits the role as "Club Mother".

Liz also joined the Club in 1965 and has assisted in Club administration almost every year since 1967 - she is currently the Club librarian, a position she has held continuously since 1976. Liz was also involved in Search and Rescue and has attended most Club working bees.

TRAMPER OF THE YEAR

Yet more congratulations! This time to David Heaps who was awarded the Trumper of the Year trophy for 1997.



MACPAC KAWEKA CHALLENGE

The 9th Kaweka Challenge, organized jointly by the Heretaunga Tramping Club and the Hawkes Bay Orienteering Club and assisted by members of the Hawkes Bay Amateur Radio , will be held on February 20 - 22 1998

The Courses are:

COURSE A: KAWEKA 1 DAY SOLO CLASSIC - SATURDAY

Category: Super fit Age Limit: 18 years minimum

Length: Approx.: 41 km Climb: Apron. 3060 m

Saturday: Climb 750 m to Kuripapango Hill, follow ridges via Kiwi Saddle and Kaiarahi to Kaweka J. Down to Makahu Saddle by Dons Spur then down Matauria Ridge cross the Donald River and up to Mackintosh Plateau and out to the Lakes Car Park and the events centre.

COURSE B: MAKAHU 2 DAY PAIRS - SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Category: Extra fit Age Limit: 16 years minimum both competitors

Length: Approx.: 41 km Climb: Approx. 3060 m

Saturday: Climb 750 m to Kuripapango Hill, follow ridges via Kiwi Saddle and Kaiarahi to Kaweka J. Down to Makahu Saddle by Dons Spur.

Sunday: Down Matauria Ridge, cross the Donald River and then on up to Mackintosh Plateau and out to the Lakes Car Park and the events centre.

COURSE C: KAIARAHİ 1 DAY SOLO - SATURDAY.

Category: Extra fit Age Limit: 16 years minimum

Length: 28 km Climb: Apron. 2150 m

Saturday: Climb 750 m to Kuripapango Hill, follow ridges via Kiwi Saddle and Kaiarahi (1500m) to Mackintosh Spur. Down Mackintosh Spur and south along the Kaweka Track. Return via the Lakes Car Park to the events centre.

COURSE D: MACKINTOSH 2 DAYS PAIRS

Category: Fit Age Limit: 16 years minimum both competitors

Length: Approx.: 30 km Climb: Apron. 2160 m

Saturday: Climb 750 m to Kuripapango Hill, follow ridges via Kiwi Saddle and Kaiarahi (1500m) to Mackintosh Spur. Down Mackintosh Spur to overnight camp beside Mackintosh Hut.

Sunday: Return via the Lakes Car Park to finish at the events centre.

COURSE E: KURIPAPANGO 1 DAY SOLO - SUNDAY

Category: Fit Age Limit: 16 years minimum

Length: Approx. 13 km Climb: Apron. 950 m

Sunday: Climb 750 m to Kuripapango Hill (1250m), Descend to the Lakes Car Park and return around the base of Kuripapango Hill to finish at the events centre.

WANTED

Billies
Parkas
Day packs
Boots

Stoves - Gaz or White Spirit
Overtrousers
Weekend packs

We need to acquire gear for the Club Gear Hire

If you can help

Phone Sue Lopdell 844 6697 or Anne Cantrick 844 8149

AMAZING CLUB AUCTION

GET READY FOR ONE OF THE MAIN EVENTS OF THE YEAR

**SORT OUT ALL THOSE UNWANTED AND UNLOVED GOODIES AND BRING
THEM ALONG ON**

FEBRUARY 18 1998

THIS TRULY IS AN EVENT THAT HIGHLIGHTS RECYCLING AT ITS BEST



(SORRY - COULN'T FIND A WHITE ONE)

CLUB CELLPHONES

The club now owns 2 cellphones for use in emergencies. It is clearly recognised that they do have limitations, but mountain radios can be hired for trips that may require further needs for communications.

Cellphones require very much lines of sight access to a cell site (rather like a radio repeater) which generally means in the places we go, a significant altitude. Also unlike phones at home, they have to be turned on to work.

Should you have to call either phone and it cannot be answered, then a cellular secretary will answer and take your message. The particular phone you have called can only get that message in the field when they are situated as in second paragraph and when the phone is turned on.

Leave a clear concise message and give the day and time you called, area code and phone number. Any message must be of significant importance as the phones are for safety and not for personal chitchat.

Also, since you may not know which team has which phone, then leaving your message on both phones may be a good idea, but say on both phone messages that you have done so.

Phone 1 025 386 474

Phone 2 025 386 475

Training will be undertaken for the use of the phones by club members in the field

John Montgomerie.

LOCAL DAY TRIPS

- 25 Jan: Happy Daze Hut
- 8 February: Toropapa Stream, Taupo Road. Contact: Glenda Hooper 8774183
- Easter: Those wanting to do a day trip during Easter contact Mrs Lyn to sort out best day and place (8750542)
- 3 May: Tamaki River Area: Visit Traverse Hut on top of the range and/or Stanfield Hut up the Tamaki River. Contact: Lyn Gentry 8750542

MEETING DATES AND DUTIES

HOSTS

SUPPER

4 February	Wayne Hatcher, Mike Malone	Mrs Lyn, Graham Abraham
18 February	Ros Lusk, Craig Shaw	Margaret Coledge, Alva McAdam
4 March	Pam Turner, Graham Shepherd	Glenys Taylor, Leo Brunton
18 March	Gavin Scoble, Chris Waldron	Randall Goldfinch, Nigel Read
1 April	Ed Holmes, Debbie Thomas	Nick Perkins, Owen Brown
15 April	John Montgomerie, Jenny Lean	Gail Harvey, David Walsh
29 April	Philip Mardon, Dave Cormack	Doug King, James Chittenden
13 May	Jim Glass, Gloria Abraham	Darren Sayer, Peter Prior
27 May	Lew Harrison, Margaret Jones	John Jones, Mandy Leslie

ENTERTAINMENT

7 January	Social	
21 January	Training	The A-team
4 February	Irish Tales	Lyn O'Gentry
18 February	The amazing auction	Lyn Gentry, John Berry
4 March	Who knows?	
18 March	Trip to SE Asia	Joy and Arch Lowe
1 April	Plant I.D. and Quiz	Dr Botany & others

DIARY THESE DATES

18 FEBRUARY
20 - 22 FEBRUARY

AUCTION
MAC-PAC CHALLENGE

HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB

FIXTURES LIST

13 & 14 Dec: Social Evening at Makahu Saddle Map U20

There will be a social evening and camp out at Makahu Base. Many options for a wander on the Sunday.

Leaders: Committee.

Driver:

11 Jan: Middle Stream area, Central Ruahine Range Map U22

Party A: To go from the Carpark at the Waipawa River to Middle Stream. Then to climb up on to Bombup and descend this ridge back down to Middle Stream. Then follow down Middle Stream to the Waipawa River and return back to the truck up the Waipawa.

Party B: To go to Middle Stream from the Waipwa River carpark and then to go down this stream to the Waipawa River and back up the Waipawa River to the truck.

Leader: A Party: Peter Berry 8774183

B Party:

Driver: Peter Berry

\$10

24 & 25 Jan: Kiwi Mouth Hut / Kiwi Saddle Hut Map U20

Party A: To go to Kiwi Mouth Hut for the night via Kiwi Saddle and on Sunday to follow the Ngaruroro River down to Kurirpango.

Party B: To Cameron via the overland route then out via the river.

Party C: A easy weekend at Kiwi Saddle Hut. - There is work to be done at this hut for those who want to. Back out the same way.

Leaders: A Party:

Mr Lyn Gentry 8750542

B

Party: David

Cormack 8775903

Driver:

\$10

Extra Day Trip: Happy Daze Hut.

Follow up the Makaretu Stream to Happy Daze Hut - back out the same way.

Contact: Glenda Hooper 8774183

February 6-8 Taranua's, Waitangi weekend. Map S25, S26. \$20.00 . Driver: C. Hardie (?).

Party A: Kiriwhakapapa road end, Blue Rg., Cow creek hut, Arete forks hut. Waignawa R., Tarn ridge, Girdlestone, Brockett, Mitre, Adkin, Three Kings, Mid King bivouac. Broken axe pinnacles, McGregor, Angle Knob, Jumbo, Mt. Holdsworth, track to Holdsworth carpark. Leader: Neil Mora Ph 8432226

Party B: Holdsworth carpark, Powell hut. Mt. Holdsworth, Jumbo, Jumbo hut. Rain gauge track, Atiwhakatu R., Holdsworth carpark. Leader:

Truck Party: Options within Holdsworth carpark area.

Local day trip, February 8, Toropapa Strm, Taupo Rd. Contact: Glenda Hooper Ph 8774183

February 21-22 Macpac Kaweka Challenge.

Volunteers required, out in the field and at base. Weekend, Sat. or Sun..

March 8 Mangahuru Rg. Map V20, V19. \$10.00 . Driver: J. Berry

Northern end, Bell rock, Napier-Taupo road summit. Leader: Mike Lusk Ph 8778328

March 21-22 Tuki Tuki R. canoe/kayak, overnight camp. \$10.00 . Driver: P. Mardon (?).

Patongata bridge to Euchre flats, near Waimarama bridge. Canoes and kayaks will be available for hire.

Leader: Neil Mora Ph 8432226

Local day trip, March 22, Mt Kahuranaki summit and ridge line to Tuki Tuki R.. \$10.00

Driver: P.

Mardon

Leader:

April 5 Mohaka R. Map U20, V20. \$10.00 . Driver: C. Hardie.
Pakatut bridge up river too Mangatutu hot springs. Hot swim, after an opportunity to practice river crossing skills. Leader: David Heaps. Ph 8750088

April 10-13 Ruahines, Easter weekend. Map U21, U22. \$10.00 . Driver:
Party A: Mangleton Rd, Parks Peak hut, U trig.. Potae, Ruahine corner, Potae, Lake Colenso hut. Te Ata Mahuru, Maroparea, Sparrowhawk bivouac. Colenso spur, Yeoman's old mill site. Leader: David Heaps. Ph 8750088
Party B: Mangleton Rd, Parks Peak hut, U trig.. Potae, Ruahine corner. Potae, U trig, Te Ata Mahuru, Barlow hut. Makaroro R., Yeoman's old mill site. Leader: Sue Lopdell. Ph 8446697
Local day trip: To be organised, based on interest. Contact: Mrs Lyn Ph 8750542

April 19 Ruahines. Map U21. \$10.00 . Driver:
Party A: Herrick spur, Ohawai, Grid ref. 906744 spur leading into headwaters of Big Hill strm, Dead Dog hut, Herricks hut via strm and track. Leader: Lew Harrison. Ph 8785701
Party B: Herrick spur, track to Dead Dog hut, Herricks hut via strm and track. Leader: Rodger Burns. Ph 8776322

May 2-3 Pureroa Forest. Map T18. \$20.00 . Driver: D. Heaps (?).
Party A: Kakaho Rd, Bog End hut, Weraroa, campsite at Mangatu strm. Waihaha hut, river track to Western bay bridge. Leader: Neil Mora Ph 8432226
Party B: Waihaha hut from Western bay bridge and return overnight.
Leader: Chris Waldron. Ph 8750034
Local day trip: Tamaki R. area. Visit Traverse hut and or Stanfield hut, up the Tamaki R. Contact: Lord Gentry Ph 8750542

May 17 Southern Ruahines. Map T23. \$10.00 . Driver:
Party A: Kumeti Rd, Matanginui, Keretaki hut, stream to Loveday Rd end. Leader:
Party B: Loveday Rd end, return via Keretaki hut. Leader:

OVERDUE TRAMPERS

Although returning parties plan to be out of the bush before dark, safety considerations must come first. This may mean that parties are late returning to transport. Even after arriving back at the transport, it may take 2 hours or more to return to the embarkation point. Beginners should make sure that anyone who might worry about them is informed of this. Leaders will try to get a message through to one of the "overdue contacts" if return seems likely to be later than 10 PM. All newcomers should ensure that their own emergency number is noted in the party list that the leader leaves in town. For all inquiries about overdue trampers please ring one of the following:

Cancellations: If you can not make a trip please contact the leader BEFOREHAND so as to avoid unnecessary delays for the rest of the party.

Ross Berry 8774436

Jim Glass 8778748

Glenda Hooper 8774183

Club Meetings: These are held every second Wednesday (the one before a tramp) at the Hastings Harrier Clubrooms in Sylvan Road, Hastings. Doors open 7.25 PM, visitors are welcome.

HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC). INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1997.

INCOME	NOTES	1997	1996
Subscriptions		2601	2655
Equipment hire		240	213
Fares received		3037	4185
Meeting Contributions		384	363
Donations			
Hut		234	180
General		206	157
Motere trust		200	300
Hillary Commission		677	
Macpac Kaweka Challenge		2800	1700
Fund-raising		3713	3366
Interest Income		2598	1877
Sundry			59
Sales			
Maps (Net)		16	112
Sundry		52	174
		<u>16760</u>	<u>15341</u>

EXPENSES

Audit & Accountancy		250	344
General Expenses			110
Donations		192	205
Insurance (huts & equipment)		349	289
Rent of meeting room		288	300
Stationery, photocopying stamps etc.		437	440
Supper & social expenses		324	208
Library & photo album		126	
FMC Capitation		979	960
Bulletin		1165	547
Hut maintenance		154	216
Subscriptions		77	77
Transport costs		3144	3383
Purchase of items for resale			569
Jubilee Costs			641
Equipment: maintenance & minor items		246	258
Depreciation	2	3616	3566
		<u>11346</u>	<u>12112</u>

NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TRANSFERRED

TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS	<u>5413</u>	<u>3230</u>
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HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC). BALANCE SHEET.
AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1997.

	1997	1996
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash on hand	410	80
Trustbank Cheque Account	3479	962
Accounts receivable	260	199
	<u>4150</u>	<u>1241</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Trustbank term deposits	11422	10604
Hastings Building Society	24462	20040
Fixed Assets	32246	34931
	<u>72279</u>	<u>66816</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		
	<u>72279</u>	<u>66816</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Sundry payables	250	250
Subscriptions received in advance	10	
Trip Credits	40	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>300</u>	<u>250</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>71979</u>	<u>66566</u>

Represented by:

ACCUMULATED FUNDS

Balance at 1 October 1996	66566	63336
Surplus for the year	5413	3230
Expenditure from special funds		
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS	<u>71979</u>	<u>66566</u>

AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC.)

I report that I have examined the books and records of the Club and have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required.

With organisations such as the Club, it is not possible for the auditors to verify all cash received during the year and my examination of income has accordingly been limited to a comparison of recorded receipts with bank deposits. I did not however note anything that would indicate the existence of receipts not banked.

Subject to the possible effect of the limited control over income referred to in the proceeding paragraph, in my opinion the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet show respectively a fair view of the Club's activities for the year ended 30 September 1997 and of the financial position at that date.

W.A. Stacey. ACA

W.A. Stacey 10/11/97
Secretary