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## The Front Page

I'm sure we all look forward to receiving our quarterly copies of FMC's publication. It always contains a good coverage of the issues facing outdoor recreationalists in the 21<sup>st</sup> century as well as other reports and information plus a selection of gorgeous photos. That plus the other services we get from our parent organisation [so to speak] seems pretty good value for the \$10 a year that, until recently, was all we club members had to pay. Even HTC got a good bit of publicity a few months ago – although it's interesting that no-one seems to have taken Alan up on his suggestion that “perhaps we trampers have now become totally boring and conformist” [page 50 in the Nov 2016 Bulletin]. Oh, dear.

The Bulletin has now had a makeover including a new name, Backcountry, and is a far cry from the little black-and-white pamphlet that we used to get in the 1980s and earlier. Naturally that is partly a result of changes in technology that enable cheaper, easier production and printing, and partly having professional expertise in the compiling and editing of the magazine. My initial reaction is that it's a great little magazine and here's hoping that club members think the same. The content is worth a careful read and I urge everyone to have a really close look at what the FMC President and other contributors have written. There are lots of important issues facing us regarding the management of the New Zealand conservation estate not least to do with under-resourcing, pest control, tourist numbers and so on. Looming over it all is the lack of political will to make the outdoors a matter of top priority. Here in Hawkes Bay we are very aware of important matters to do with land use and water management in particular. We in the outdoor community are also aware of problems resulting from the hollowing-out of DoC in the provincial areas as more attention is given to the big money-earning parts of the natural estate.

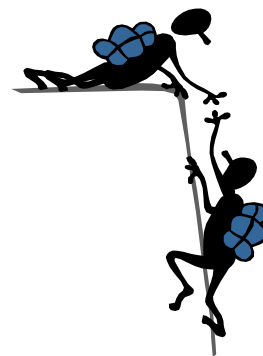
Given all these challenges [which I have written about many many times before] it would be good if HTC members would give thought to the fact that it is election year. Perhaps the club could rouse itself to voice some ideas about future directions of the management of our great outdoors. [For more thoughts on the matter you could reread the comments I wrote in the last Pohokura].

At a local level, we have had a frustrating time over the last few weeks with weather conditions hampering some of our tramping activities. Cyclones seem to be coming along at regular intervals and rain has been abundant on the east coast unlike the situation in previous years in late summer. Storms have damaged forests in the ranges, particularly the northern Kawekas, tracks and roads have sometimes become blocked, and waterways have undergone changes. Challenges all over the place! For some of us, of course, the answer is to get on our bikes and experience the outdoors that way.

We are now looking ahead to Matariki and then the shortest day. Everything seems to come around faster and faster. Talking of years sliding past, several of our members are hitting 70 or 80 this year. Our best birthday wishes go to you all – you know who you are!

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# TRIP REPORTS



## #2356 Te Angi Angi Beach

8 January 2017

Five of us travelled to the Aromoana carpark in Rodger's car on a sunny morning. We arrived there around 9:30am and proceeded to walk southwards towards Blackhead Beach. Unfortunately high tide was around one o'clock so there weren't many rock pools to investigate. This meant we made good time and got to Blackhead Beach well before lunch. The tide stopped us from going around the point past Blackhead so, after a brief spell, we started back towards Aromoana. We stopped at Stingray Bay to have our lunch, trying to shelter from the burning sun in the shade of some scrubby trees.

We then continued on, past Rodger's car and along Shoal Bay to the end of the sandy beach. Part of the dune area here is fenced off to protect the New Zealand dotterels that nest in this area and we saw a few of them from a distance. We also saw pied oyster catchers, pied stilts, white fronted terns and red-necked stilts (we think) as well as the usual gulls. We returned back to the cars and headed for home, stopping for a quick walk around the board walks at Peka Peka on the way.

Party: Glenda Hooper, Susan Lopdell, Rodger Burn, Anne Doig, Penny Isherwood

## #2357 Waipawa Saddle Track Clearing & Waikamaka Last Painting 12 – 15 Jan 2017

A Party: In on the Thursday morning up to the upper basin of the Waipawa River, trimmed the narrow beech tree area up the steep spur, then spending four hours cutting back the leatherwood in the top basin area that was encroaching badly on the track – has not had a good cut back for a long time – leaving remaining patches to do on the way out on Sunday. The wind on the Saddle was extreme making it difficult to get over but we managed to do so. We arrived at Waikamaka hut at 5pm and set up for the night. No rain yet, but in the night it blew gustily and beating heavy rain showers hammered the hut... thoughts of painting tomorrow faded! However next morning [Friday] the weather had miraculously changed and was clear. After washing the walls to be painted and drying time given, then the painting was started by Janice and Mark on the walls and myself on the porch roof, around late morning. Drying was good so another coat was done mid-afternoon.

Saturday, since there were no others for the upper Waipawa valley track cut, as per the Pohokura, we did various finishing jobs that took most of the morning, and rewarded ourselves after lunch with a stroll about 1/3 the way down the Waikamaka River towards Wakelings Hut and back on a hot sunny day, Mark and I had a dip in the cool waters and cool it was.

We achieved painting of the outside walls of the new porch wing, the roof of the veranda over the deck, the door frame and little touch up painting jobs too. Firewood carried up from down at the bivy and granular weedkiller sprinkled to stop the buttercup trying to grow up through the deck gaps. Small branches cut from beech tree on way to the toilet, the toilet cleaned, mattresses wiped where needed as well as grubby patches on the interior paint. As no rain fell after the roof was painted, it was necessary to wash off the paint residue, so water was thrown on the roof and scrubbed down with the floor broom and rinsed down again, to save the detergent residue getting in the tank...with the downpipe disconnected! The little wooden window had two coats too so is in good shape now.



Sunday, away at 8:20 and an hour to the saddle, the wind now down to a respectable 80km/hr or so, then spent a couple of hours finishing the track cutting not done on Thursday and descended down to meet the Sunday crew of Susan, Anne C, Brent and Glenda at about midday and have lunch. On the way down the mid river area, where we have previously opened old tracks (that the Sunday crew had cleared on their way up) some further trimming and taping was done on the way through, getting us to the vehicles at about 2:30. A detour to the OngaOnga store on the way home for a well earned icecream was enjoyed by all. A good result of all the after building jobs at Waikamaka now done and the upper track area given a good trim up to keep it clear for a few years yet. Thanks Janice and Mark for company and help, and good to meet the Sunday crew on the way down. JM  
Teams: John Montgomerie, Janice Love and Mark Hutchinson  
B Party: Susan Lopdell, Anne Cantrick, Brent Hickey, Glenda Hooper

#2358	Boundary Stream and Thomas' Bush	22 Jan 2017
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As I was unable to get permission to go through Opouahi Station the trip was changed to Boundary Stream. Two cars set off on an overcast day and, after a couple of hours, arrived at the track entrance on Pohokura Road, had a brief look at the kaka in the bird aviary and read the information boards before setting off. We did the two loop tracks at the northern end of the reserve - about a two to three hour walk in total. Great viewpoints, diversity of bush and the birdlife was prolific: tuis, tomtits, grey warblers, a robin and three kaka who hover around the feeding stations near the entrance way.

We drove back down the road to Lake Opouahi and set off around the lake in windy conditions to join Thomas's Track. Initially this is well marked with the orange triangles leading over the farmland and the first ascent through the bush but it is obviously not being maintained as a walking track. We went past the two exclusion fences, one of which HTC helped to erect many years ago, and which now has holes in the netting allowing predators in to graze. At the top we took a sidle track around to the lookout - alas this has been dismantled, whether by DoC or the farmer, and the timber was in a heap waiting to be removed.

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Set off on the homeward journey and here it was that the track was overgrown and the old green track signs hard to find - a couple of excursions in and out and we finally reached the beginning of the loop track. It is sad to see that this track which offers opportunities for families and beginner trampers is being ignored as it is a very nice area of regenerating bush, although the birdlife was non-existent on this day. Lunched in the shelter and were home at a reasonable hour. SL

Party: Susan Lopdell, Brent Hickey, Jude Hay, Glenda Hooper, Anne Doig, Brent Hickey

#2359	Te Wae Wae	28 - 29 Jan 2017
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Te Wae Wae is situated at the end of Willowflat Road, off the Wairoa road, and takes approximately three hours travel from Hastings. Nine members travelled in the truck for the weekend. We stopped at Lake Tutira and walked for an hour along Galbraith Track before returning to the truck to continue our journey to Te Wae Wae where we had a warm welcome from Ian, the owner. He told us of his plans to accompany us through the QE2 nature reserve the next day. We piled all our packs and extra gear on Ian's ute (plus one passenger for gate opening) and he made the 45-minute trip to the Te Hoe Gorge Hut and dropped it all off. The rest of the party walked 1½ hours on a farm track, admiring the ruggedness of the surroundings on this outback farm. High cliffs reaching down to the Mohaka River were an impressive sight. A comfortable night was spent in this very new hut which has solar power and a very well equipped 'kitchen'.

On Sunday morning Ian arrived at 7:30am and, after a short briefing and filling of water bottles, we started walking over steep hills to the start of the track into the bush. We admired the 'swimming pool' Ian has created under a waterfall for his grandchildren. The next five hours were spent walking over many uneven, narrow, overgrown deer tracks but, with our confident leader who had done a recce and markers the day before, we arrived at a large open sandstone cave which had amazing patterns sculptured by nature - Sistine Chapel, South America, Ninja Turtle are a few of the named patterns. After two hours with some bush bashing, low stream crossing and undulating bush, we arrived at a junction where Marion left us to return to the truck. From here on it was a relentless climb through bush that was sometimes open and at other times dense. It was easy to lose track of the markers but we had confidence in our guide. The summer leaf fall was very evident making it crisp under foot. The bush is a fine example of a native reserve with many large matai, rimu and others, all of which are regenerating among the beautiful understory. "Grandad's" kahikatea tree stood majestically reaching for the sky (approx 2000 years old, Ian was told).

Lunch was on a large flat rock where we had panoramic views to the confluence of the Mohaka and Te Hoe Rivers, Te Kooti's Hill, Te Waewae and beyond. From here it was a steep descent with some nettle-dodging before we emerged from the welcome shade to open farmland of about 28° heat. Total walk time = 5.5 hours. After a cuppa and a showing of our appreciation to Ian we piled all our gear PLUS ourselves onto his ute for the 45-minute ride back to the truck. We were so thankful for the transport as, with the heat of the day, we may not have had the energy to walk out. Our grateful thanks go to Ian Brickell for our adventurous weekend and to Peter Berry for driving the truck. JL

Party: Janice Love, Susan Lopdell, Glenda Hooper, Anne Doig, Marion Nicholson, Fred Chesterman, Brent Hickey, Peter Berry, Scott Campbell





*Happy family at the new Te Hoe Hut*

#2360	<b>Broom Bash at Mangatutu Hot Springs</b>	<b>1 February 2017</b>
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In March 2016 the club had planned to assist DoC to remove broom in the vicinity of the car park at Mangatutu Hot Springs but this was cancelled at short notice. In December on a Wednesday cycle trip I suggested that the mid-weekers could do this small job and the riders on the day were happy to assist. A suitable date was arranged with Dan Winchester of DoC Napier.



Our team of eleven met Alan Lee and trainee Bryce at the Hot Springs car park ready to do battle with the broom. We had the Health and Safety talk then worked in pairs to saw the broom plants and paint the stumps

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with weedkiller gel. The only difficulty was that after the heavy snowfall in August 2016 trees and undergrowth had been smashed and flattened throughout the Kaweka FP especially in the northern region so we had to clamber over and through lots of broken scrub to reach the broom plants. Luckily the distinctive colour and form of broom made it easier to find them. After lunch some were able to try the pools which were super hot while others scouted the area for more of those unwanted plants.

Alan was pleased to have our assistance and we said we would be happy to return to seek and destroy the next crop of broom. Thanks to all who came and made the day so successful. Special thanks to Peter for driving. We left the carpark at 2:30pm  
GRH

**Party:** Peter Berry, Rodger Burn, Janice Love, Des Smith, Keith Thomson, Scott Campbell, Judy McBride, Joan Ruffell, Roy Frost, Christine Hardie, Graeme Hare

#2361	Cameron Hut – Kaweka Forest Park	5 - 6 February 2017
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The Waitangi Weekend tramp to Cameron Hut was an excellent choice with high temperatures forecast. It was a slow start to the journey as the truck had battery issues; thanks to Peter we sourced another couple of batteries so, belatedly, we set off for Cameron Carpark on the Napier-Taihape Road. Our arrival there was heralded by a cacophony of cicadas. Their volume continued as we walked from the carpark, across the swing bridge, past the water tower and across the first shingle-based river crossing. There were to be many crossings (DoC website states that there are at least 30) and they varied in depth, greasiness of rock and shingle. However, as it was a hot day, the coolness of the water was welcome. At appropriate intervals time was taken for a swim.



The route from Cameron Carpark to Cameron Hut follows the Ngaruroro River and is a 9km journey; a trip we took about 4½ hours to complete. Not all the tramp was up the river - we were able to find tracks across the river terraces but these are not maintained and we all become well acquainted with the sharp spikes of mingimingi. The bush was showing signs of the drought - the plants underfoot were very dry - and there were dying kowhai. The Ngaruroro River is popular with trampers, hunters, trout fishers, and swimmers with the location of Cameron Hut offering an excellent base or stop-over point. The hut was built in the 1960s and is a six bunk hut positioned on a river terrace on the true left of the Ngaruroro River at an attitude of 540 metres. The hut book shows no visitors between April and October. We established ourselves there while Mark camped on a lower river terrace although he was not carrying a tent. There were three other groups camping around the hut and on the lower river terrace. The late afternoon and early evening were spent chatting and dealing with the determined sandflies. I am still not sure which is the best insect repellent - there were many on offer. After dinner Susan, Janice, Derek, Mark and I went up the track to the location of the Cameron swing bridge which was removed in 2013 and will not be replaced.



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Our return journey started at 8:30 a.m. with a rather cool plunge into the first river crossing as the sun had not risen over the mountain ridge. We were not the only creatures to have ventured along the river sands; we spotted well defined kiwi tracks. The return to the truck was after the required number of food stops and swims and we were back by 1:30 p.m. AD

Party: Peter Berry, Glenda Hooper, Susan Lopdell, Janice Love, Mark Hutchinson,  
Derek Boshier, Anne Doig

#2362	Spooners Hill, Bellbird Bush	15 February 2017
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What a brilliant day for tramping: high cloud, sun, no wind, fantastic views and temperatures low to mid twenties. At Bellbird Bush entrance we were greeted by DoC with two volunteers who were bagging dry leaves for a departmental project. The beech leaves are used for raising baby petrels in bird boxes at one of the local DoC sanctuaries. Setting off at 10:30am after a pep talk concerning the tomos (deep holes in the ground) on Spooners Hill, we then walked the Loop Track for about 15 minutes which brought us back to the beginning of the main track.

It was a steady climb up through the bush towards Spooners - not a lot of storm debris on the track considering the gale force winds we have had recently. It was noted how dry the track was as there had been no rain for quite some time. After leaving the bush we arrived on top of Spooners Hill with clear views as far as the eye could see both over towards Maungaharuru Range and eastwards to Hawke's Bay. Photos were taken and a snack was had then another reminder about the tomos before moving on. The grass was long and dry which partly obscured the track back down into the bush. On following the posts down it was quite slow at times as they are spaced well apart and obscured by bush. As we tramped Peter at times mentioned to those near him the names of trees, plants and insects which was most interesting. On heading down and crossing a bridge we eventually came to a clearing and settled down for lunch above a stream. Afterwards some of us went down the steeper part of the track, over another bridge then up to the end of the track by the road.

From there we returned along the track to a junction of DoC signs before proceeding along the lowest track through the bush below Spooners Hill to the truck, arriving back there at about 4:00pm for a well-deserved snack before we headed off home. A most enjoyable day and a big thank-you to Peter for driving. RF



*Keith Thomson (centre), a long-time member of HTC, turned 86 two days after this tramp. It was great to have him with us, enjoying his company and reminiscing. He is an inspiration to us all - well done, Keith.*

Party: Peter Berry, Roy Frost (organiser), Rodger Burn, Barbara Phillips, Mike Bull, Ray Manning, Judy McBride,  
Keith Thomson, Lynn Walch, Des Smith, Pat Hill, Margaret Graham, Graeme and Tracy May

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#2363

Gold Creek – Ruahine Forest Park

19 February 2017

The trip along Gold Creek Ridge to Gold Creek hut was postponed by a week due to extremely heavy and welcome rain so on 26th February a party of 10, travelling in three cars left from Te Aute Road. It is thanks to Michael Hall of Glenlynn Road that we have access across his farm thereby giving us a quicker route to the ridge with no wet feet. A large kahikatea tree and fence line are the indicators to go up to the ridgeline where there is an excellent view of the Makaroro River. This is the area where the proposed Ruataniwha Dam is to be built. Gold Creek flows into the Makaroro River.



The track along Gold Creek ridge is on the true right of the creek and follows a long, gentle climb through beech forest with horopito undergrowth. Our trip was on an overcast day with the track being dry underfoot. We shared the forest with a good range of bird life including kereru, tui (one of which was imitating a kaka), robin, whitehead and (on the return) a ruru which flew across our path and landed in a branch to the right of the track. The Wakarara area was spared last August's snows but, as we neared the track down to the creek, there was evidence of damage. The track to the hut is well defined with a cairn at the summit. Seven of the party made a return trip there. This for Jude was the first hut visited. Gold Creek Hut was one of the first Forest Service huts built in the Ruahine Range in 1958. It is a four-bunk hut which is well-kept but is designated by DoC as "minimal maintenance" due to low overnight visitor use. The return journey was completed back along the ridge which now was a long, gentle downhill slope. On the journey across the farm back to the car Brent was able to source a number of mushrooms. Thank you to all for making this, the first trip I have led for the club, very pleasant.

AD

**Party:** Susan Lopdell, Glenda Hooper, Joan Ruffell, (drivers) Alasdair Shaw, Brent Hickey, Mike Bull, Des Smith, Janice Love, Jude Hay, Anne Doig

#2364

Taradale Hills

1 March 2017

This has become a popular walk since it was introduced into our programme several years ago. For a change, this time we walked it south to north in order to have a slightly different perspective on the surrounding landscape. The day was very calm and became warm as we trudged up the first hill from Springfield Road carpark. The tracks have been resurfaced and widened at this end over the last couple of years so it's an easy route to follow. There is information about the Otatara and Hikurangi sites on handy noticeboards, and it's always interesting to imagine what it must have looked like four hundred years ago when the buildings were intact and the huge palisade system was still upright. From the top we enjoyed scanning the landscape out to the east – there are huge covered horticultural blocks in evidence near Pakowhai and Jervois town and we decided that they must be kiwi fruit or some other specialist crops.

Next it was across the top then down through Churchill Drive reserves and eventually over to the Dolbel section where the numerous plantings are now forming a pleasant forested area. On the way down one of the

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slopes we encountered a beautifully painted stone left on a fence post. It appeared to be part of the present treasure hunt activities that many families are part of – people encourage their children to paint and hide stones in local parks so that they can then go searching and swapping them. Apparently it can all be logged on social media if desired and seems to be another imaginative way of getting kids out and about. Cheaper than Pokemon Go!

The rest of the wander up to Lake Terrace was uneventful; we were interested to see all the new housing developments in the Kent Terrace area. Last climb was up to Sugar Loaf before moving in the direction of Taradale township and locating cars that could take us back to the original parking area. CH

**Party:** Rodger Burn, Christine Hardie [director], Judy McBride, Lynn Walch, Garry Smith, Marion Nicholson, Pauline Mahoney

**#2365**

**Maungataniwha**

**4 – 5 March 2017**

Barry met us and guided us part-way through the maze of forestry roads but then we lost him and ourselves. Ignoring a cryptic sign saying "cables" we passed various unfamiliar scenes eventually proceeding under a cable attached at one end of a pole on a logging skid site. We learned after Barry found us that the cable was a flying fox along which logs travelled! Barry received on our behalf a bollocking from the loggers, no doubt in logger language. He passed on a sanitised version to us and we apologised humbly, pleased to have not been splattered. Once established we set the skink pitfalls and checked the weta/gecko tree houses. The latter did house some Auckland tree weta and the usual spiders. The other tree house line also had a pleasing number of weta. A couple of small cave weta were collected for the team at Massey Uni, Pam's objections notwithstanding. For heaven's sake Pam, they are only nasty little invertebrates!

On Sunday morning we checked the pitfalls, empty of skinks. Next visit we will modify the traps to match those at Cape Kidnappers but it does seem that there are not many skinks at Maungataniwha.

It was good to see the resident common gecko in the lounge, and to find one under a plank outside. I also have a dehydrated one from one of the cabins on my wall at home. Barry looked after us well as we have come to expect and Lex drove with his usual care and finesse. ML



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**Party:** Mike Lusk, Des Smith, Susan Lopdell, Anne Doig, Pam Turner, Brent Hickey, Lex Smith, Marion Nicholson, Fred Chesterman, Penny Isherwood, Joan Ruffell, Alasdair Shaw, Graeme Hare, Janice Love, Anne Cantrick

#2366 Matakuhia Hut – Upper Matakahia

19 March 2017



*What lengths people go to, to keep dry boots. Don't fall in, Peter!*

This tramp replaced the advertised one to the Hogget because of extensive snow damage in the Kaweka Forest Park. We were lucky to have missed similar track devastation in this southern corner of Whirinaki Forest Park and this was because Ron Davis (Awesome from Kaweka Challenge fame) from Tokoroa and some mates had spent many hours clearing the track earlier in the year. What had been a two-hour walk from carpark to hut for them had become an eight-hour slog but with their Awesome Efforts it is now back to

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the two hours – thanks, guys. We arrived at the carpark at about 9:30am and, as we were putting on boots and packs, Ron arrived. So, after a year we started on the track. We were appalled by the obvious snow damage that was everywhere but all enjoyed our walk to the hut. One of Ron's most evident pieces of handiwork was an arch he had cut into a large tree that had fallen over the track. At the hut we met up with Ron and co. again and had our lunch in the sunshine.



*Matakuhia Hut*

The hut is well looked after by Ron and even boasts a portable shower (a 20 litre PVC container with shower rose attached: one part boiling water to two parts cold water is the recipe for a warm shower). Despite the snow damage the bird life was amazing and we saw or heard just about all the NZ bush birds possible including seeing riflemen and whio [blue ducks]. We have Ron and his crew to thank for this as well as they maintain a whole series of traps all the way from the carpark to Lower Matakuhia which before the snow damage was a good day past Upper Matakuhia and goodness knows how long it is now. After lunch we returned to the truck which again took around two and a half hours. With us on this trip were Warren and Fiona Greer, our past and now present members from Haast so it was good to catch up on their news. GH

**Party:** Peter Berry, Jude Hay, Mike Bull, Des Smith, Susan Lopdell, Derek Boshier, Joan Ruffell, Anne Doig, Glenda Hooper, Warren and Fiona Greer

<b>#2367</b>	<b>Bell Rock Tramp</b>	<b>22 March 2017</b>
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This was part of a rearranged schedule caused in part by weather and as promised by Judy the weather turned out just fine .

A little delay at Taradale with the rear truck door not sealing properly meant we were a little late in getting away.

Passing Lake Tutira we all commented on the foul smell emanating from the lake which has effectively spoilt a fine family recreational area.

Arriving at our starting point on Pohokura road we elected to do the trip in reverse in that we walked up the road to the firepoint and then a continual uphill walk to the predator proof fence where we had smoko and regrouped .It seems quite different when you do it in reverse .

The mild breeze was a blessing as it was quite hot and before long we reached Bell rock and a welcome lunch break and Graeme devoured about 2 kilos of lunch before we headed back through the bush all downhill to the truck.





Great to have Penny, Heather and Pauline back again with us and thanks again Christine for driving RB.

**Party:** Judy McBride, Heather Stephenson, Christine Hardie, Penny Isherwood, Pauline Mahoney, Margaret Graham, Garry Smith, Des Smith, Graeme Hare, Mike Bull, Rodger Burn

#2368	Longview Loop – Ruahine Forest Park	2 April 2017
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There was a slight deviation from the advertised trip (to Daphne Hut) due to the level of the Tukituki River. We left from the carpark on Kashmir Road at around eight o'clock, crossed Moorcock Stream and climbed up the overland track to Daphne until we reached its junction with the Longview to Daphne Track. There we had a break before turning south towards Longview Hut.

The weather up to this stage had been fine and relatively calm but at the junction the wind was evident and by the time we broke out into the open it was gale force. The 45 minute tramp from the junction to Longview Hut ended up an almost two hour marathon as we battled the wind with several of us being blown over a number of times - fortunately nobody was blown into the spaniard that was growing in the tussock.

Lunch was had in the shelter of Longview Hut where we met a couple of hunters out for a couple of days. After lunch, while fighting our way way back to the start of Moorcock Saddle Track, we met a couple of girls who had crawled over the tops from Howletts Hut. The descent to Moorcock Saddle was much calmer and from Moorcock Road carpark we had a twenty minute walk to the cars which we reached at around four o'clock. We enjoyed the company of Phill and Kim on their first tramp with us and hope they will come out again soon.

GH

**Party:** Phill Heavrin, Kim Morgan, Susan Lopdell, Maureen Broad, Glenda Hooper



*Kim Morgan*

<b>#2369</b>	<b>Galbraith Hut</b>	<b>30 April 2017</b>
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A search of trip reports in the 80 years of Pohokura [recently digitally archived by Mike Bull; many thanks to him for this wonderful resource] shows that Galbraith Hut has rarely been visited by HTC although on a number of occasions we have looked down on it as we traversed the Maungaharuru Range from Boundary Stream to Titiokura. The last reported visit to the hut was in 1953 by a party of four including brothers Alan and [Peter's father] Ian Berry. A year prior to this the only other reported visit, a party of 14, had stayed at the hut and two of the party - Angus Russell and Dave Williams - had camped beside a cabbage tree. In the middle of the night this cabbage tree came down, landing between Angus and Dave, breaking Dave's wrist and injuring his chest and hip. Dave then had to be stretchered out to the Titiokura Saddle which took all of the next day.

Even though it has been 64 years since the Club visited the hut we numbered only three so we travelled to Waitara Road in Peter's car. To get to Galbraith Hut the easy way involves a walk up farm tracks on Waitara Station from the end of Brooks Road (which is off Waitara Road not far from Glenfalls Campground). We arrived at the end of the road and had started walking up the track by 9am, having first chatted to one of the locals. It was one of those days when the drizzle came and went so it was easier to leave one's raincoat on. The walk up was mainly through pasture land although we went past a block of pine trees currently being logged (although they were not working this Sunday) and there were a few small native bush remnants. The views down to the Mohaka were great, albeit a bit misty; similarly the Maungaharuru tops were shrouded with mist.

We reached Galbraith Hut at 10:30am and had a long break enjoying this historic two-roomed, five-bunk hut with its 1950s Weekly News "wall paper" (including a large picture of Princess Margaret and a smaller one of the Queen and Philip). The visitors' book indicated that a lot of work was done on the hut in the 1990s and this included the addition of a wood stove. As the tops were still clagged in we decided to return directly to the car and travel on up Waitara Road to Pohokura Road and Boundary Stream shelter for lunch. The birds were very vocal at the shelter and here Peter tried in vain to get a decent picture of a robin that wouldn't sit still. Unfortunately we didn't see the kaka this time and after lunch we drove down to Lake Opouahi which we walked around before returning home.

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**Party:** Peter Berry, Anne Doig, Glenda Hooper

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Galbraith Hut Exterior



Anne Doig and Glenda Hooper checking out the hut book and living room.  
[Time has forgotten this place – Editor]

**MAP NAMES •**

*This article is a result of wet weather after the New Year trip when I got to reading old (really old) Pohokuras. All the data is just about word for word from Norm Elder, hence no claim for originality.*

At the beginnings of HTC [the early thirties] the ranges of Hawke's Bay were virtually devoid of names. Norman Elder, who arrived on the scene from Wellington in 1931, played a large part in the early mapping and naming of the Ruahine, Kaweka and Kaimanawa Ranges assisted in due course by others, in particular Doug Callow. Of the maps produced in those days some are still in current use, e.g. Kaweka, and others have been the basis for later Lands and Survey maps, e.g. NZMS 74, Ruahine and NZMS 196 Kaimanawa. In naming the various features of the countryside it was Norman Elder's policy, backed by the HTC committee, to hunt out traditional Maori names or established Pakeha names rather than christen peaks after their conqueror - a practice which was rife in the Tararua Ranges at the time. In the event of no previous name being unearthed appropriate Maori names were chosen. The meanings of the names are interesting and reveal in some cases, an amusing event.

Some of the original Maori names for which meanings are known, are Te Atua Mahuru or "the evil spirit opposed to good feeling" and Te Atua-o-parapara (known to us as Sixty-Six) meaning "a place of snow and the dregs or leavings of a southerly gale." Te Iringa O Ngakahua Tamakorako was shortened by early surveyors (amongst numerous others) to Te Iringa and commemorated a Maori battle of which Kuripapango (the dark dogskin cloak) was a participant. Colenso is remembered by Colenso's Track up Te Atua Mahuru plus Lake Colenso, Puketarama and Ngaroto, also in the Ruahines. An early surveyor named Lessongs had a turf mound built from the top of which he could obtain a sighting otherwise impossible to gauge. The mound, probably not now visible, became known as "Lessongs Monument". Te Hekenga also seems to be related to surveying as its full name Te Hekenga o te-rakau-a-tane Koeka translates to "some unfortunate named Koeka whose pole wouldn't stand up straight".

Amongst the HTC names is Kaiarahi meaning 'the peak of the pathfinder'. This name was devised by Bishop Bennett at HTC's request in memory of Doug Callow whose name appears on the Cairn. Piringa is a transliteration of the "Shangri La" of Norman Elder's field notes made while working up from Maropea Forks. One of HTC's very early trips was an exploration of the main divide above the Makaroro River. One member of the party, Ina Holderness, stopped and rested while the rest scattered north and south to Tupari and Te Atua Mahuru - hence "Ina's Rock". As most people are aware Armstrong Saddle is named after a pilot whose crashed plane was found there. Although he managed to get clear of the wreckage he was never seen again. A tin plate nailed to a stick marked the exact spot of the crash after the plane had been removed but I think a beer bottle has now taken over the duty. Triplex was the brand of a shirt found in the creek of that name. Three Johns was inspired by boys in a party from Hereworth School led by their headmaster, looking for Shut-eye Shack in 1933. Maungamahue in the Western Ruahines was a name given by the Geographic Board inspired by Palmerston North tramping clubs. With this precedent established HTC described two peaks on the main divide and the names Paemutu and Ohuinga were produced.

In the 1940s three clubs met on a combined trip in the Northern Ruahines. One club was from Auckland and, keen to add to the map, set off to conquer a new peak. Whether they reached the top is uncertain but the name Akarana, the Maori equivalent of Auckland, seems to have stuck. Subsequently the original Maori name Rangiwahakamataki was discovered and precedence should be given to it. In early mapping the actual trig point got accidentally transferred from one end of the long name to the other, ending up in the Makaroro Basin which was not then drawn in. As can be imagined confusion reigned when the Makaroro was added, until the original map was consulted. Some of the Ruahine huts have quite a history, in particular Howlett's Hut. A handy hut at times but a hell of a place to build one - the first was built by Howlett possibly in the 1880's of split cedar. The stumps of this used to be visible at the top of Daphne Spur. In the 1930s the ruins of an old malthoid hut were visible. This, along with Shut-Eye, No Mans, Hut Ruin (Aranga Hut) and Ruahine Corner are thought to have been Rabbit Board huts. The present hut, the third on the site, was built by Ruahine Tramping Club with much assistance from HTC. Manawatu Tramping Club took it over when RTC went into recess. Aranga means "resurrection" - the hut built in the ruins of the previous one.



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More recent names added by the club in the Kawekas are Rocks Ahead and Ahurua. Rocks Ahead was named by Norman Elder and John van Dadelszen. Ahurua meaning "two heaps" signifies two cairns built by Philip Bayens and Hugh Elder in 1953. Although the practice was not recommended two acronyms have appeared on the maps. Apias Creek: before tracks were cut the northern plateau of the Ruahines was a mass of dense scrub and blind spurs. A small boggy clearing was about the only recognisable place and parties always seemed to end up there, often ready to pitch camp. Being no suitable campsite the expression Any Port in a Storm caught on and in its contracted form has remained. Lotkow Hut: this name was devised by Bob Jackson of the Forestry Department from "Lawrence over Te Kowhai to Whittles. CBS

# HTC Bike Trips



## Waitangi – Black Bridge - Clive

Wed 12 April 2017

Again the weather has played havoc with our midweek schedule and cycling is the preferred option. Mr Lyn came up with a good local alternative and offered to organise. Twelve keen cyclists - having faith in the local forecast - met at Black Bridge, Haumoana and cycled through Clive to join up with the pathways following Karamu Stream to the Whakatu swingbridge then down Ruahapia Road to Pakowhai Park where we had smoko. We then enjoyed crossing over the very new Chesterhope Bridge cycle way and through the new underpass to Gilbertson Road and eventually to the northern end of Waitangi Regional Park where we inspected the Maori celestial compass with the four pou which have been very well set out. We also watched a windsurfer showing great skills in blustery conditions on the Tutaekuri before carrying on to Clive Bakery for a welcome lunch. Mindful of the approaching bad weather which was forecast we made it back to our cars just before the rain came. All except Graeme, Ray and Des who cycled back to Taradale. RB

Cyclists: Mr and Mrs Lyn Gentry, Heather Stephenson, Anne Cantrick, Christine Hardie, Graeme Hare, Dennis Beets, Ian Stewart, Des Smith, Allan Russell, Ray Manning, Rodger Burn

## Cycle Ride to Bay View

Wed 19 April 2017

Again a perfect day for cycling as 14 of us met at Park Island for another easy ride. Ray arrived with his new ebike which attracted a lot of interest and comment [and some try-outs]. There are now several in the club. Des and Ray decided to test the merits of electric bikes verses man power and they took off towards Bay View via Seafeld Road while the rest of us headed there via Ford Road, Riverbend Road, Flax Bush cycleway and Marine Parade, dodging lots of fallen branches along the way. When we got to Pandora Pond we noticed that we had lost Garry and Rodger. Phone calls raised no response so Graeme headed back to find them. It turned out that they had been delayed by a puncture in Garry's wheel so they rejoined us and we headed north. Lunch was welcome at either the beach or at Snappers Cafe where Des and Ray had already arrived after their contest in which manpower had lost out to electric technology, but not by much. On Christine's advice we returned the same way as the cycle paths behind the airport were in parts very boggy.

Cyclists: Christine Hardie, Lynn Walch, Heather Stephenson, Pauline Mahoney, Judy McBride, Joan Ruffell, Dennis Beets [organiser], Ian Stewart, Des Smith, Garry Smith, Ray Manning, Dick Waterer, Graeme Hare, Rodger Burn

# CLUB NEWS:

## **From the Committee**

Firstly, welcome to our two new members:

**Kevin Gilbert** who came out with us on the Waikaremoana trip last year; as he lives in Whakatane he will join us mainly on tramps when we travel north of Taupo.

**Jude Hay** who has been out on a few tramps with us now - her first one was to Boundary Stream and more recently she was on the tramp to Upper Matakuhia Hut.

**Fun Day** was held at Esk Reserve and, after a damp start, turned out fine. We all had a good time playing games and eating. There were six primary school-aged children there (another two returned home before the sun came out) who all competed strongly in the egg and spoon, three-legged and sack races plus the tug-of-war and all were rewarded with a little treat bag. The adults also partook in these activities but maybe not as competitively. We then produced the skipping rope and again the youngsters out-performed the adults. Many thanks to Joan and Alasdair who did all the organising for this.

**HTC Phone** has not been used for at least 18 months and it has been decided to cancel it. Trip leaders should now ensure that they or someone else takes a phone on any tramp.

**Internet Banking** for paying subs and fares is a good way of helping our busy Treasurer but if you are paying online please include your name and what it is for in the references (or put in a phone number if it won't accept a name).

**HTC Photo Album is Missing in Action**, i.e. the 2015 club photo book that was compiled by Janice from photos taken on club trips. If you do have it, please bring it back. We are now planning the 2016 Photo Book so if you have good photos taken on club trips that you are happy for us to use please contact Janice.

Speaking of photos.....

**The 2017 Photo Competition** will be held on 19th July and, as in recent years, we want you to forward the photos to Glenda prior to this meeting. In line with the FMC competition the categories have changed slightly this year and are

1. Above bushline with no human element\*
2. Above bushline with human element
3. Below bushline with no human element
4. Below bushline with human element
5. Historic
6. Native Flora and Fauna

\*The definition of "human element" is flexible. The general intention is that where the photo contains anything more than a very minor feature such as people, hut, track sign/marker, bridge, ice axe or anything else that has been introduced by humans into the environment we would define it as having a "human element". However, if a photo has what could be called a human element but it is very small, inconsequential and not a feature of the photo then you could count it as "no human element".

The rules are those required by FMC and are:

- *All photos must have been taken in NZ after 1 January 2015 (except for Historic category)*
- *Photos can be cropped, adjusted for colour, contrast and white balance and can be stitched to make a panorama*
- *Photos can not have features removed from them or features inserted to them*

**South Island Trip:** Fiona and Warren Greer live in Haast and have offered to lead a tramp to Welcome Flat Hut and hot pools. This is on the Copeland Track which is accessed off State Highway 6 south of Fox Glacier. It is a seven-hour walk to the hut and hot pools. If you are interested in this contact one of the Fixtures Sub-committee members.

**Club Contact List** has been fastened in to the back of the Pohokura for many years. It is now to be changed to a contact list with members' names and addresses plus their preferred means of contact which will be given

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to all members. Because of privacy issues it will be issued separately from the Pohokura. The committee will contact each member to find out what we can publish in this list.

**Club Archives:** Mike Bull has made great progress with this project and has presented us with a memory stick containing all the scanned Pohokura and which will be stored in a number of places. He is now looking at including other interesting items such as photos, letters from members abroad, war years and oral history transcripts. If you have any ideas around this please talk to Mike.

**Hastings Harriers' Hall** hire has been increased substantially (from \$12 per night to \$15 per hour which includes set up and clean up time as well). Because of this we intend to limit the total time payable to two hours only. Please think about your trip reports, number of photos to show, pre-trip summaries before coming to the meeting so you can present them efficiently.

### Speaking of meetings.....

We have had four great speakers so far this year - well done, the Meetings Sub-committee. It is unfortunate that not many people turned up to hear them. We had Te Kaha from HBRC speak on the Maori celestial compass at Waitangi Estuary and about the waka journeys he has done; we have had Dominic Salmon turn what would seem a very dry talk on waste minimisation into a very interesting evening and I think all who attended will put even more effort into recycling their rubbish. A fortnight ago Sandy Haidekker, also from HBRC, spoke on how she monitors the health of rivers and streams by looking at the micro-organisms living in the stream. [Professor Sir Peter Gluckman had been on TV News earlier that night commenting on the current poor state of NZ rivers so there was much discussion on this topic]. Finally, on the 26th April we had Jake Brooki from the National Aquarium who gave us a most entertaining and informative talk on aquarium history, aquarium species and the Aquarium itself. Hopefully the Meetings Committee will get him back again to speak on Kiwi rearing at the aquarium.


**Mid Winter Dinner:** the Social Sub-committee has been tasked with looking into resurrecting the progressive dinner for our mid-winter function with members bringing a dish for one of the courses. If you would be happy to host one of the courses please speak to Joan. More information on this will be sent out later via email.

### Speaking of emails out.....

Club email communications have suffered from a few IT issues lately, some of which will be solved by the intended replacement of our current lap-top. There appears to be a number of members (particularly those with xtra email) not receiving all the emails that are sent from [hoopberry@orcon.net.nz](mailto:hoopberry@orcon.net.nz). This is probably due to one of the three reasons below. If you think you are not getting the emails, instead of complaining to others, talk to Glenda and we can hopefully fix it.

1. A while back Glenda "lost" her HTC distribution list so a new one had to be made from scratch and she may have overlooked an address or two.
2. Your email address may have changed and you have not advised Glenda
3. Your mail programme might be treating our emails as spam, in which case you need to check your spam filters and blacklists and make sure [hoopberry@orcon.net.nz](mailto:hoopberry@orcon.net.nz) is not blacklisted. This is how xtra says to do this

## On a computer

1. Click  on the upper right corner of the mailbox screen
2. Click **Settings** from the dropdown
3. Click **Email** from left hand side column menu which will expand to display sub menus
4. Click **Blacklists**
5. You can Add/Delete/View Blacklist Addresses and Domains in this screen

If you did not get two emails in April advising you of the Fun Day at Eskdale Reserve (one on the 6<sup>th</sup> April and one on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April) then you have a problem - please check you spam filters and/or let Glenda know.



**Lew Harrison** who was a club member for many years before he resigned in 2009, died after a fairly long illness over Easter. Many of our current members will remember him as a very fit and capable trumper who researched everything thoroughly. Lew is standing on the left in this photo and with him is the late Brian Culpan [centre] and a young Mr Lyn Gentry.

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### **Mid-Week Group:**

Thanks, everyone, for the high level of support you have continued to give us. We are still getting pretty good numbers every week especially with the cycling – the last trip before publication had 18 people signed up – so we must be getting something right. After more than twelve years it's inevitable that we have covered the attractions that are within easy reach of town and we end up visiting many places a number of times. However, it's always good to see familiar pieces of bush, farm and mountain so nobody really minds. There are always good suggestions for variations on themes and we are delighted to get new ideas and destinations.

This last season was a bit messy as we changed a number of fixtures often due to weather or illnesses or wrong information about club dates. We know that this can be confusing at times but it's not a deliberate plot to annoy people. The twice-yearly programme sometimes ends up being a rough guide only - peoples' circumstances change as the months roll by. We try to ask members in advance if we can do a change and are told that it's okay to be flexible so we will continue to move trips around if we have to. Sorry that it inconveniences some people sometimes but we are keen to make sure that the whole thing carries on as smoothly as possible. Keep an eye on your weekly emails.

An interesting trend nowadays - that is reflected in our group – is the increasing popularity of e-bikes. Several of our members now have these battery-powered jobs and what wonderful pieces of technology they are. The bikes themselves are heavier than conventional ones but how wonderful they are when going up hills or encountering headwinds. If you have the money, get one! By the way, the mid-week group does not discriminate against people who turn up with e-bikes, despite what you may have heard. We are just jealous, really! Everyone on two wheels is welcome. RB & CH

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### **ITEMS for SALE**

The club has a number of useful tramping items for sale at discounted prices.

<b>New</b> Topo 50 Maps:	\$5.00
Large blue survival bags	\$5.00
Smaller white pack liners	\$2.50
Metal HTC club badges	\$8.00
Blue HTC caps	\$17.00
Bushcraft books	\$12.00
Safety in the Mountains	\$5.00
Revised Safety in the Mountains book	\$12.00

These can all be ordered from **Penny Isherwood** Ph 844 9994 or Email [p.isherwood@orcon.net.nz](mailto:p.isherwood@orcon.net.nz)

Orders are collated in batches to save on courier charges so you may not get your maps straight away.

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### Personal Contact Information:

If you change your mailing address, home phone number or e-mail address please inform the Club Editor Phone 845 4913. Otherwise, we could lose contact with you.

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## Heretaunga Tramping Club Meeting and Trip Information

### Coming Meetings:

Date	Chair	Speaker	Topic	Host/Supper
2017				
24 May	Brent Hickey	All Members		Anne Doig
07 June	Susan Lopdell	Alan Berry Raewyn Ricketts	Antarctica and Sub-Antarctic Islands	John Montgomerie
21 June	Alan Berry	All Members		Pam Turner
05 July	Janet Titchener	Audrey Talua	Heart Foundation	Brent Hickey
19 July	Graeme Hare	All Members	Club Photo Competition	Raewyn Ricketts
02 Aug	Pam Turner	Matt Kneebone HDC	Stormwater Management	Janice Love
16 Aug	Penny Isherwood	All Members		Graeme Hare
30 Aug	Pat Hill	Ross Berry	USA Trip: Utah, Colorado California	Judy McBride
18 Sept	John Montgomerie	All Members		Penny Isherwood
27 Sept	Brent Hickey	Connie Norgate	DoC Hawkes Bay Operations Manager	Marion Nicholson
11 Oct	Susan Lopdell	All Members		Anne Doig

**Meetings Sub-Committee:** Lex Smith, Penny Isherwood, Graeme Hare

We want ideas for club night speakers and activities.

**Supper:** Put out cups, wash dishes, leave kitchen clean and tidy, and generally help Joan. Sweep floors and check that heaters and lights are off at the end of the meeting. Don't drag the furniture, it marks the floor.

**Club Meetings:** These are held every second Wednesday (the one before a weekend tramp) at the Harrier Clubrooms in Sylvan Road, Hastings. Doors open at 7.30 pm; visitors are welcome.

## ARE YOU FIT ENOUGH TO TRAMP?

Even the easiest of club trips requires a reasonable degree of fitness and, from time to time, tramps have been seriously delayed by unfit party members. While individuals may have varying degrees of basic fitness it is unlikely that a person who has a sedentary job or who plays no sport will manage an average B Party trip. The best preparation for tramping is tramping and there are hilly places in Napier and close to Hastings which make excellent training areas. For example, a walk from the cattle-stop car park in Te Mata Park to the top of the peak via the big redwoods and back to the cattle-stop via the roadside track with an eight kilogram pack should take about 70 - 80 minutes. Further, this pace should be able to be maintained for five to six hours.

### TRIP GRADINGS

**EASY:** 4-6 hours tramping - suitable for beginners.

**MEDIUM:** 6-8 hours tramping - suitable for those with some experience.

**HARD:** 7 hrs+ tramping - experience and a high level of fitness necessary.

**Unless otherwise specified** an "A" trip would have a **HARD** grading and a "B" trip a **MEDIUM** grading.

GEAR LIST FOR DAY & WEEKEND TRAMPS		
DAY TRIPS		WEEKEND TRIPS
<u>Wear/Carry</u>	<u>Carry</u>	<b>All items listed for day trip plus</b>
Pack and pack liner	Map & compass	Sleeping bag
Boots and gaiters	High energy snacks	Sleeping mat
Socks	At least a litre of water	Food for three additional meals
Parka and over-trou	Lunch	Cooker, billy and matches or lighter
Fast-drying shorts	First aid kit	Extra snacks
Fleece or woollen jumper	Torch, spare batteries and bulb	Toilet gear, small towel and toilet paper
Long-johns & singlet	Sunscreen	Additional warm clothes
Sunhat & warm hat	Emergency food	Plate, mug, cutlery
Gloves/mittens	Survival kit (whistle, cord, matches, pencil, paper)	Tent/fly if required
Overmitts		
Whistle	Complete set of spare warm clothing	

**Leave at truck/car:** Complete set of clothing for the return trip and a mug with tea / coffee / sugar or whatever to have a hot drink from the Clibbornette.

### 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 two 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 contact" people listed below if a trip return seems likely to be later than 10:00 pm. All newcomers should ensure that their own emergency number is noted in the party list that the leader leaves in town. For all enquiries about overdue trampers please ring one of the following:

**John Montgomerie 877 7358**

**Graeme Hare 844 8656**

**Glenda Hooper 877 4183**

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

## TRIP LIST 2017



Although the area for the trip is generally adhered to, the suggested objectives may change for a number of reasons. For pre-trip enquiries contact the organiser or John Montgomerie, Ph 877 7358. Please email trip requests to [htc@orcon.net.nz](mailto:htc@orcon.net.nz)

**24 May Wed**                      **Sunrise Hut**  
Enjoy the view from high up in the Ruahines.  
**Organiser:** Joan Ruffell   Ph 877 6225 / 021 1016 954

**28 May**                      **Te Kooti's Lookout**                      **\$15**                      **Map: BH39**  
In from Tutira to the end of the road at Waitara Station; cross the Mohaka River via the forestry bridge and on up the spur to Te Kooti's Lookout - an historic spot from colonial history, notably Whai-o-te-Motu.  
**Organiser:** Brent Hickey   Ph 876 5873 / 027 6429 408

**31 May Wed**                      **Cycle Local Stop Banks**  
**Organiser:** Scott Campbell   Ph 879 8554

**07 June Wed**                      **Cycle on Pathways**  
Probably from Park Island to Bay View [or maybe in reverse!]  
**Organiser:** Lyn Gentry   Ph 8750542 / 021 1028 717

**3/4/5 June [Queens Birthday]**                      **Zekes Hut, Castle Rock**                      **\$30**                      **Maps: BK35 BJ35 BH35**  
Maybe a morning fish at the Rangitikei River before continuing on to Hihitahi Forest to walk in to Zekes Hut for the night just south of Waiouru. Next day go up the Desert Road to the Army Corridor carpark to ascend to Castle Rock high point and return to camping area on Kaimanawa Road or could stay at the Tokaanu Bunkrooms instead (with a hot pool). The Pillars of Hercules and Tree Trunk Gorge can be taken in on the way home or maybe a quick jaunt up to Urchin Trig as well as a possible hot pool at Tokaanu.  
**Organiser:** John Montgomerie Ph 877 7358 / 027 2729 656 & Brent Hickey Ph 876 5873 / 027 6429 408

**11 June**                      **Don Juan and Te Kowhai Area**                      **\$15**                      **Map: BJ35 BH35**  
Just past Patoka, drive down to carpark by the old Te Kowhai forestry base. Walk initially along forestry roads before gently climbing to Don Juan trig and return the same way.  
**Organiser:** Susan Lopdell   Ph 844 6697 / 027 288 765

**14 June Wed**                      **Te Mata Peak**  
Walk some trails with Rodger Burn   Ph 8776322 / 021 0241 6636

**21 June Wed**                      **Puketapu Area Cycle**  
Have another try at riding the Dartmoor-Apley Road circuit.  
**Organiser:** Christine Hardie Ph 844 9590 / 022 6162 146

**24/25 June**                      **Rotorua-Okataina Area**                      **\$35**                      **Maps**  
This year we will travel to Rotorua for our hot pool and tramping trip. We will leave on the Saturday morning and stay the night at a camp ground. Possible walks include circuits of Blue Lake and Lake Orakea and part of the Western Okataina Walkway. There is also an option to walk the Tarawera Trail - which goes to Hot Water Beach - one way and use a water taxi for the reverse trip. (If you are interested in using the water taxi let us know early so we can do the bookings) Also there is opportunities for bikers as well.  
**Organiser:** Glenda Hooper   Ph 877 4183 / 027 4505 184

**28 June Wed      Balls Clearing and Hutchinson Reserve**

Check out these lovely stands of forest off Puketitiri Road

**Organiser:** Janice Love Ph 8775442 / 021 0306 305

**05 July Wed                      Art Appreciation Outing**

Have a look at all the fabulous colourful ocean murals in Napier and Ahuriri.

**Organiser:** Graeme Hare Ph 8448656

**9 July                      Mangatainoka Hot Springs                      \$15                      Maps BJ37/BH37**

In from the Blue Gums carpark and on to Te Puia Lodge; on to Mangatainoka Springs for a dip and return. Another option is to stay at the road end at the Mangatutu hot pool.

**Organiser:** Joan Ruffell Ph 877 6225 / 021 1016 954

**12 July Wed                      Napier Hills**

Stretch your legs on the hills and steps of Bluff and Hospital Hills.

**Organiser:** Garry Smith Ph 8449931

**19 July Wed                      CHB Cycle**

Cruise around the farms and quiet roads around Otane.

**Organiser:** Rodger Burn Ph 8776322 / 021 0241 6636

**22/23 July                      Kiwi Saddle - Kaweka Forest Park                      \$15                      Maps BJ37**

In to our club hut with options out via Castle Camp, Kaiarahi and Rogue Ridge to Lakes carpark again. Could even be a snow trip!

**Organiser:** Janet Titchener Ph 875 0805 / 027 2341 687 and co-leader wanted

**26 July Wed                      Omarunui Landfill**

A seriously interesting tour to study the latest methods of solid waste treatment and methane gas extraction.

**Organiser:** Graeme Hare Ph 8448656

**02 August Wed                      Cycle Tour of the Bays**

Our old favourite with a stop at the Golf Club.

**Organiser:** Jim Hewes Ph 8776784

**6 August                      Sunrise and Top Maropea Huts – Ruahine FP                      \$15                      Maps BK36**

A trip that is often overlooked because most have been there but worthy of a club day trip. Go on to check out Top Maropea Hut if you like - it has been flashed up, repiled and given a makeover and retains status as an historic hut to be kept original, like Waterfall hut.

**Organiser:** Anne Doig Ph 878 8694

**09 August Wed                      Turangakumu and Tarawera Hot Springs**

A warm destination for winter!

**Organiser:** Mike Bull Ph 8436052 / 027 4721 758

**16 August Wed                      Pakowhai to Puketapu Cycle**

Along the cycleways mostly and a look-in at the pub.

**Organiser:** Lyn Gentry Ph 8750542 / 021 1028 717

**19/20 August                      Daphne Hut, Howletts Hut, Tarn Bivvy – Ruahine FP                      \$15                      Maps BL36**

Probably in via the old track through Kashmir Farm, up the short distance in the Tukituki to Daphne and the keen on to Howletts or Tarn Bivvy for the night.

**Organiser:** John Montgomerie Ph 877 7358/027 2729 656 and Co-leader for Daphne Hut



**23 August Wed Ahuriri Estuary**

A good time of year to walk about and look for migratory birds.

**Organiser:** Garry Smith Ph 8449931

**30 August Wed East of Havelock North**

Pelotonise from River Road to Clive along the cycle paths.

**Organiser:** Rodger Burn Ph 8776322 / 021 0241 6636

**3 September Stanfield, A Frame Hut Area - Ruahines FP \$15 Maps BL36**

Leave from West Tamaki picnic area, ascend to main range via A Frame hut, along the tops and down to Stanfield Hut; out via Holmes Ridge. Easy option into Stanfield Hut and return via Holmes Ridge.

**Organiser:** Janice Love Ph 877 5442 / 021 0306 305

**06 September Wed Kaweka Hut Site**

Have a look at the memorial; go up Rogue Ridge Track for a look if you like. An important area in the history of HTC.

**Organiser:** Christine Hardie Ph 8449590 / 022 6162 146

**13 September Wed Local Pathways Cycle**

Members Choice this time.

**Organiser:** TBA

**16/17 September Kiritaki from Kumeti – Ruahine FP \$15 Map BM35**

From Kumeti roadend, ascend onto main range and walk into Kiritaki hut for the night. Return via same way or out via Raparapawa Stream (permission from farmer needed for this option).

**Organiser:** Tina Godbert or Andy Fowler Ph 835 0064 / 021 0263 9891

**20 September Wed Yeomans Track**

A beautiful place to spot the spring flowers.

**Organiser:** Joan Ruffell Ph 8776225 / 021 1016 954

**27 September Wed Cycle Ways and Stopbanks**

Probably in the Hastings-Fernhill area

**Organiser:** Scott Campbell Ph 8798554

**1 October Sparrowhawk Ridge and Bivvy – Ruahine FP \$15 Maps BK36/BK37**

Through Halls Farm to Gold Creek then up the ridge to Sparrowhawk Bivvy and return.

**Organiser:** Graeme Hare Ph 844 8656