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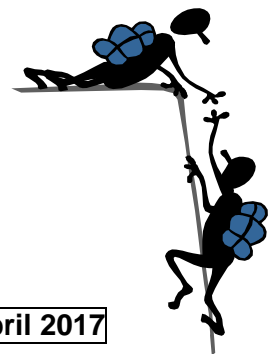
Most club members will have heard or read the recent report about a young European tramper who was rescued from Mad Dog Hill in the Kaweka Forest Park after becoming stranded in the foggy darkness in deep snow. Through what he later described as a series of miscalculations [which experienced locals would probably like to label as stupid behaviour] he managed to ignore advice about local conditions and carried on in dwindling light because he “loved the way the peaks looked and wanted to get closer to them”. When it dawned on him that he was caught in a deadly situation he did what a lot of people do nowadays and used his cellphone to call his friends who in turn called for help. Luckily for him the fog cleared temporarily and a full moon shone so that rescuers were able to find and evacuate him reasonably quickly.

In a similar vein, another recent account, this time from an experienced New Zealander, highlighted scenarios in Nelson Lakes National Park. She had been taking time and trouble to do snowcraft courses over a number of years, and was very careful to keep well within her capabilities in wintry alpine conditions. She was horrified when out in the mountains to discover the casual attitude taken by other climbers [mostly from Europe and North America]. She came across a string of people with no experience or who had bought crampons and ice axes for their excursions but had no idea how to use them! Many of these self-styled mountaineers were out in icy darkness with no climbing gear or torches and injuries from falls in particular were common. When she later commented to DoC staff about what she had seen they said “they want to tear their hair out over it.” What seemed even more galling was the way people ignored her warnings about conditions and carried on regardless when she met them and could see that were not adequately equipped. HTC members could undoubtedly relate many similar tales from their own encounters with unprepared people in the outdoors. Many of us have spent hours and years in the past with Search and Rescue organisations; in fact HTC was a pioneer in the skills and practice of SAR. Every year we hear of deaths in the mountains or rescues from potentially tragic situations and shake our collective heads in exasperation.

The majority of people who get into trouble in the New Zealand backcountry nowadays survive the experience if not unscathed at least safely. Thanks to modern technology, aerial assistance can often arrive in short order – gone are the days of long and arduous treks out of the hills while carrying injured people on stretchers. One wonders what the likes of Charlie Douglas or Lester Masters would think of this. Is there any way that the casualty rate can be reduced? Many of the foreigners in the mountains claim experience in their home countries but seem to take inordinate risks elsewhere. New Zealand ratepayers bear the cost of SAR as well as hospital treatment where necessary. There seems to be governmental reluctance to charging or levying visitors who want to venture into the outdoors. Perhaps the day has come when charging is the only thing that will make people pay attention.

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# TRIP REPORTS



#2370	Pureora Forest	14 – 17 April 2017
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Thursday night 13<sup>th</sup> Cyclone Donna hit Hawke’s Bay with howling winds, heavy rain and power cuts and a leader praying that she would get some tramping done over the long weekend. The original idea was to tramp the Whakatane River area but, after the previous heavy rain, trip was switched to Pureora Forest. Good Friday saw the start time delayed to 9:00 a.m. and the day dawned gloriously with sunshine and all roads out of Napier open. Our first diversion was at Bay View due to macrocarpa trees across the road, a couple of delays due to slips on State Highway 2, eventually arriving at the Z petrol station near Broadlands Road to pick up Derek. The decision was made to take the Atiamuri road and on arrival at this turnoff found it was closed due to a major slip, so on to Tokoroa and finally arrived at Te Kuiti only to find keys had not been Fagin. It was only an hour and half to Pureora Forest Lodge where the seven HTCers made their base for the next two days. Thanks to Lex for a seven-hour day of driving! Settled in, had a glorious communal dinner and discussed our plans for the next day. Derek and Fred began their combat at the table tennis table; not sure who actually came out on top but there were some spectacular shots worthy of a champion.

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Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> morning saw us set off to Pureora DoC base, meeting up with Ali Hollington at the start of the timber trail. We walked along this route through large podocarps, stopping to view the old tractor and timber sledge before continuing through an open area which had been extensively milled. At this moment the rain became persistent and after 5-6 kilometres we returned to the truck, lunching on the porch of the DoC Base. The notice on the door indicated that it is rarely open to the public. On arrival back at the accommodation lodge, most of the group walked Waipapa Loop Track, startling a deer not far from the start. Very nice bush with some large rimu and matai amongst the regeneration - about a 45-minute wander. Some continued down to a pond where we could have used the canoes and on the way back heard fern birds. That night it poured with rain.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> dawned overcast with patches of blue sky. After cleaning the lodge we returned to Benneydale, turning off towards We were fortunate to park near and have the use of one of the shelters. Having erected tents, depositing our deck chairs to claim 'ownership' of the shelter and consuming our lunch, we set off along the Timber Trail. Initially walking on a gravel road for a couple of kilometres then onto the cycle trail to Maramataha Bridge, a 141 foot-long swing bridge spanning the river. We sheltered under the punga as an electrical storm hit and then wandered across the bridge before returning back to the campground. Derek and Anne continued on to The Terminus where the steam haulers used to turn around to return to Tamarunui. It is now a mass of regenerating native trees. Our firewood champion, Fred, had a good supply of firewood cut and as the temperature dropped got the stove cranked up. A few of us walked up to the recently opened Timber Trail Lodge and were fortunate to be shown around by the manager. At present the wing which is finished has quad/double and twin rooms and a shared toilet/shower block with a large lounge/dining area. The other wing which will have en-suite facilities will soon be developed. There are deals for both bikers and trampers – accommodation and meals prepared by the lodge and transport arranged to the start of the trail. We had a shared meal - leftovers from previous night - and soon encamped in our sleeping bags as the rain began again.

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> dawned sunny – left the best till last! We walked in the other direction on the Timber Trail towards Mount Pureora through areas that had been extensively milled; walking through some cuttings from the milling era and saw how it had been hewn with hand tools. Soon the trail started criss-crossing forestry roads although the forest always seemed to be far away. A decision was made to return – a three hour hike. Set off early afternoon, stopping off at the Z petrol station to have a coffee and farewell Derek. A wonderful weekend with some rain but that didn't stop us enjoying Pureora's beauty and a huge thank you to Lex for all the driving to get us there.

**Party:** Lex Smith, Anne Doig, Derek Boshier, Fred Chesterman, Marion Nicholson, Anne Cantrick, Susan Lopdell

#2371	Sunrise Hut - Ruahines	17 May 2017
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In questionable weather eleven trampers left Te Aute Road at 8:00 a.m. and travelled via Highway 50, and Wakarara Road heading to Triplex Hut carpark. After a quick drink we headed up the track into beautiful bush - two of our party, Lynn and Susan, had not been on the track before. Most of the group made it to the hut and enjoyed great views from Armstrong Saddle in subdued autumn light, the swirling mist having lifted from the valley. After lunch at the hut we set off back down, returning to the truck at around 3:00 p.m. Susan and Penny, having walked up as far as the Waimarama Forks turnoff, had returned to explore the Swamp Track and Triplex Hut. Everyone was back at the truck by 3:30p.m. when it decided to rain. How lucky were we! On the way home some of us could appreciate the wonderful autumn hues of the various apple and other exotic trees and grape vines.

Thanks to all who came for a super day out in the hills and to Christine for driving.

**Party:** Alasdair Shaw, Rodger Burn, Janice Love, Scott Campbell, Garry Smith, Christine Hardie, Susan McKenzie, Lynn Walch, Penny Isherwood, Graeme Hare, Joan Ruffell [organiser]

<b>#2372</b>	<b>Guthrie-Smith Arboretum</b>	<b>28 May 2017</b>
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Our intended trip to Te Kooti's Lookout was unable to go ahead so eight trampers decided that a visit to Guthrie Smith Arboretum at Tutira was a good substitute. A visit some years ago by the club saw the establishing of a good range of native plants being made around their own small lake with a number of walkways for groups of visitors such as school parties. Older trees imported by Guthrie Smith are also there, spread over the once dominant sheep/beef station. As the day progressed the rain started to set in so we packed up for home.

**Party:** Peter Berry, Susan Lopdell, Janice Love, Derek Wear, Anne Doig, Jude Hay, Brent Hickey, Glenda Hooper

<b>#2373</b>	<b>Don Juan and Te Kowhai Area</b>	<b>11 June 2017</b>
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Travelled up to Patoka district, turning off at Hawkstone Road then onto Te Kowhai Road to the new car park – Pan Pac had received resource consent to move the parking area one and a half kilometres back up the road due to vandalism and safety concerns. We met Mary there about 8.45 am and commenced to walk down the gravel road, past the remains of the old Whakatu Afforestation Trust buildings, over the stream, along forestry roads which were well sign posted, stopping to talk to Sue Taylor and another member of the Kiwi team who were after several kiwi whose transmitters needed to be replaced. Crossed a small stream and then it was straight up on a greasy track! Oh boy, did I get some flak for my comments at the club meeting( Not a hard trip, which it wasn't). The track winds upwards with some flattish areas where one could gather and get your breath back, especially as it was an overcast day with a cool wind, which stopped us from remaining in one place for a long period. This area has been milled and replanted in pines with some regeneration of native bushes and offers some nice views over the surrounding countryside. Seven of the party continued on the Don Juan trig whilst the others had a bite to eat before returning the same route, stopping to enjoy the sunshine in a sheltered spot by the stream, whilst watching a horde of fantails flittering about feeding on the insects and waiting for the others to return. On the way back to the truck, some of the party stopped to talk to Peter McDonald who farms close by and we were all home at a very reasonable hour.

**Party:** Derek Ward, Mary Gray, Peter Brown, Susan Lopdell, Anne Doig, Jude Hay, Peter Berry, Janice Love, Glenda Hooper

<b>#2374</b>	<b>Te Mata Peak</b>	<b>Wed 14 June 2017</b>
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A mid-week winter local trip plus a decent weather forecast seemed to have appeal and we had 21 starters plus some canine friends meeting at Tauroa Road carpark. After the usual messing about we were off up Chambers Walk to warm us up and then down to the big redwoods to re-group. Because of the anticipated strong winds we opted not to go up via the goat track but walked up via the stand of karaka trees to the saddle where we found a sheltered spot for smoko. At this point a few had to leave us as they had other demands on their day so 16 of us continued along the track below Farnworth Ridge to the saddle car park. The strong SW wind had increased and most chose to walk to the summit and trig on the road as a safety precaution. Once there we had the usual photo stop.

After regrouping we headed off down the zig zag track which necessitated some care on exposed points due to the wind. We reached the lower levels with more pleasant conditions and then an easy trot back to the big redwoods where we enjoyed lunch before heading back to our cars. Comment was made that in spite of recent rain the track was in good condition with little evidence of storm damage thanks to the clean-up afterwards. A pleasant day enjoyed by all.

RB



**Party:** Janice Love, Barbara Phillips, Pat Hill, Penny Isherwood, Lynn Walch, Pam Pike, Sharon Wellwood, Margaret Graham, Pauline Mahoney, Raewyn Ricketts, Joan Ruffell, Sue, Maia, Scott Campbell, Des Smith, Garry Smith, Peter Hewitt, Graeme Hare, Alan Berry, Rodger Burn

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Rotorua-Okataina Area

24 - 25 June 2017

The promise of a hot pool as well as a couple of walks we don't do very often saw 12 of us leave Hawke's Bay at 6:30 on Saturday morning and travel for four hours to end up at the southern end of Western Okataina Walkway (with just a minor detour as someone needs lessons on how to follow a Garmin navigator). We were surprised not to find Whakatane-based Kevin, the 13th member of the tramp, at the car park and after unsuccessfully trying to contact him we set off without him. The walkway, an old forestry road, is an easy grade initially through tree-fern dominated forest.





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After two hours of walking the landscape became more like reverted farmland with blackberry, gorse and cow pats so most decided to turn back at this point. On our return trip we met Kevin who too had had difficulties in finding the track start. He carried on towards the others, reaching them not long after they had started the return journey (after again reaching nice bush). We stopped to walk the boardwalk at Lake Okareka on the way back but we didn't get too far along this as the boards were underwater so it was decided to return to the Holiday Park and to have a soak in the hot pools.



The next morning ten of us took the water taxi from The Landing to Hot Water Beach while the remaining four planned to walk part way to Hot Water Beach and return. The ferry man gave us an interesting talk on the history of Lake Tarawera and the Tarawera Trail on the 20-minute trip across the lake. We started on the Tarawera Trail just after 10:00 with a five minute walk along the lakeside then a 15 minute grunt partway up the first hill after which it became more gentle. Parts of the track showed evidence of the heavy pre-Easter rains with quite a few small slips on it. Again there was lots of tree fern as well as manuka and, further along the track, there were pohutukawa and akeake. Most of the walk is amongst the bush but we did get the occasional view of the lake and also across to Mount Edgecumbe. Tui were abundant and a tomtit, robins and kereru were also sighted or heard along with a few of the introduced birds. The last part of Tarawera Trail is closed because of storm damage so, instead of following the Wairoa Stream up to Tarawera Road, we took a muddy track which follows the lake shore along to The Landing at Punaromia Beach arriving there around 2:30 p.m. An excellent weekend, the weather was kind to us and most walked on tracks they had never done before. Thanks Peter for driving  
GH

**Party:** Peter Berry, Glenda Hooper, Anne Doig, Janet Titchener, Susan Lopdell, Mary Gray, Jude Hay, Brent Hickey, Garry Smith, Rodger Burn, Penny Isherwood, Janice Love, Kevin

#2376	Tangoio Falls and White Pine Bush	Wed 28 June 2017
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Today 10 members travelled in two cars to Tangoio Falls carpark where we started the track heading northwards. The weather was perfect but the track in the first hour was very slippery with pockets of mud and bog from recent rain. The Kareara and Rauwiri Kokomuka streams were flowing freely as we followed them to Cascade Lookout. We stopped here for a break and saw an average water flow over the rocks to the stream below. For the next hour we wandered along an easy track where we observed a variety of trees such as 70 year-old redwoods, poplars, radiata pine, eucalypts, macrocarpa, nikau and other natives some of which appear to be regenerating.

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Arriving at White Pine Bush we were greeted by the resident rooster who was looking for leftovers from our lunch stop. He found some crumbs after we left to walk the wheelchair track. There were stops to read the information boards and, of course, admire the gigantic kahikatea trees - an easy loop track of about 40 minutes entailing many bridges over the streams below. Returning to Tangoio Falls track we reversed our walk back to the carpark via Te Ana Falls where there was a good fall of water crashing into Kareaara Stream. An enjoyable day was had by all and home by 3:30 p.m. Thanks, drivers Alasdair and Rodger.

**Party:** Lynn Walch, Barbara Phillips, Scott Campbell, Rodger Burn, Des Smith, Garry Smith, Joan Ruffell, Alasdair Shaw, Susan McKenzie, Janice Love.

#2377	Kaweka Flats and Iron Whare	9 July 2017
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Eight keen trampers set off at 6:30 a.m. intending to walk in to Mangatainoka Hot Springs. We stopped to pick up Mary and, as it was raining and the ford marginal, the decision was made to go to Makahu and Iron Whare. Sleety rain hit the windscreen as we descended to the car park. At 9:00 a.m. having donned wet weather gear we were on the track and, despite the persistent light rain, enjoyed the wintry bush atmosphere. The river was easily negotiated and we kept moving until we reached Kaweka Flats Bivouac where we stopped for a.m. tea. As it was pretty cold we didn't linger long, though admired the sprinkling of snow on the tops. Though the tracks had been cleared, the snow damage from the previous storm is very evident, with broken trees and branches everywhere. Iron Whare is easily found now due to a marked track and the fact that DoC has cleared the area surrounding the hut due to fire risk.

Arriving at about midday, eight of us managed to shelter sitting inside on bunk and boxes eating our lunch under a solar lamp. Janet read the historical information panel on the wall about the whare before we left. On the return trip Mary removed two dead rats and a weasel from traps and reset them.



Despite the rain and the mud, everyone was pleased to have gone for a walk. Thank you to Ross for driving us and to all who came along.

**Party:** Janice Love, Janet Titchener, Brian Smith, Ross Berry, Anne Doig, Kim Morgan, Mary Gray, Joan Ruffell



#2378

Napier Hill

26 July 2017

This walkabout was attended by 16 members and one dog. We met opposite the site of the old Royal Hotel at the southern end of the hill and started along Chaucer Road before branching off and up a long, steep set of steps to an eventual view over the city. The weather was mild and kind so many photos were taken from the top. Some of us had an interesting conversation with an elderly man who was in the garden of his house, one of the oldest in the street – a lovely villa built in the late 1800s; he was able to give us some interesting snippets that he knew about early Napier. We trudged on to the Central School area then headed down Burns Road to Ahuriri. Once back at sea level we ventured into the grounds of the bowling club where we used the seats to rest while having morning tea. A serious game of bowls arose: Messers Manning, Hare and Hickey entertained the rest of with their skills [or lack thereof] with mandarins from the trees around the green! From there it was up the steps from Hardinge Road to Chaucer Road North, past the boarded-up Hinepare Nurses' Home and over to the Botanical Gardens for second lunch. We had plenty of time to admire the trees and also potter about the cemetery to look at some of the interesting headstones. After that it was time to wander back to the cars and home [except for those who had walked into town to join us].  
GS

**Party:** Lynn Walch, Barbara Phillips, Anne Doig, Mike Bull, Christine Hardie, Garry Smith [organiser], Ray Manning, Marion Nicholson, Anne Cantrick, Peter Hewitt, Pauline Mahoney, Heather Stephenson, Joan Ruffell, Alasdair Shaw, Laila, Maia, Brent Hickey, Graeme Hare

#2379

Sunrise Hut – Ruahine Range

6 August 2017

It was a 7:00 a.m. start from Te Aute Road for our trip to Sunrise Hut. We met Mary at the monument at Maraekakaho and continued the journey down Highway 50 and up Wakarara Road. It was reasonably mild at the carpark for the start of our climb. We set off at about 9:00 and visited Triplex Hut. Although not marked on the map (BK36) there is a track to the west of the hut which joins the Sunrise track. Morning tea was at the seat by the turnoff to the Waipawa Forks Hut. Here we met trampers returning from Sunrise Hut. There had been at least 14 in the hut overnight. The bonus for us was that with the double glazing and the contained warmth from the fire we were to have a cosy lunch. The last of the party made it up to Sunrise Hut by 11:30 where there was a good covering of snow and a temperature of 3°C. After lunch, with our names and club stamp in the hut book, we viewed the route to Armstrong Saddle and the Ruahine Range behind the hut. The wind was strong and the wind chill factor extreme thus ruling out the trip across the Armstrong Saddle.

At 12:00 p.m. we departed the hut and were back at the truck by 2:00 p.m. The journey home was via Makaroro Road and then on to Highway 50. Thanks to all for an enjoyable day and a big thank you to Peter for driving.  
AD

**Party:** Peter Berry, Glenda Hooper, Jude Hay, Brent Hickey, Mary Gray, Anne Doig

#2380

Daphne, Howletts Huts

19 – 20 August 2017

As few as five set off at 6am bound for Kashmir Farm to start the trip, three destined for Howletts and two for Daphne. Over the farm and through the old original track to the Tuki Tuki headwaters. Some changed footwear so as to keep dry feet for the clamber up to Howletts. A quick lunch at Daphne and then the wee grunt up Daphne Spur, three hours later at Howletts. Gathered some wood and got a fire going for the evening and doing a few jobs including measuring the bench for a potential stainless top sometime in the future. Still some snow in patches, the weather came and went, clag and unclag but not too cold...but the fire was welcome....ask Jason. We had arranged to meet Joan and Glenda down at Daphne next day (Sunday) at 10 – 10.30am so no need for an early start, didn't want to make the girls get up too early! We made it a compromise and arrived at 10.15am. No coffee or muffins. They had a little trouble getting a fire going the previous night, no firewood there apart from starting twigs, I had scouted up river yesterday but surprisingly found little flood driftwood, but the dead budlia got a fire started for them. Away down the river which seemed full of medium gravel from a fresh that filled in most of the places that might be over the knees so

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was a fast trip to the hill junction. A few showers but not enough to need a coat for so we were quite lucky. Back to Kashmir Road to the truck for a change and refresh and off via Waipukurau with an inevitable stop at the BP in Waipawa for sustenance. A small group but good to see an A and B trip happening on a harder tramp, although small in numbers and thanks to Ross for driving us safely there and back.  
JM

**A party:** Ross Berry, Jason McKinley, John Montgomerie

**B party:** Glenda Hooper, Joan Ruffell

#2381	Ahuriri Estuary	23 August 2017
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Garry, Christine and Rodger had done a recce for this walk and their report was so encouraging that a good crowd turned up to see the local attractions. The day was sunny, mild and calm which was a welcome change from recent wet and cold conditions. We all met at the carpark over the road from the old Westshore Hotel and headed south-west along Embankment Road. Then it was on to the cycle trail, under the bridge and a turn to the north alongside the expressway. Over the fence and past the plantings to the shore; along the way we observed and speculated about the buildings in the clearing. It turned out that Peter was able to enlighten us as he has spent some time there. It is the site of the NCC kiwi-rearing project which his son works at. We heard about the monitoring and raising of kiwi chicks, part of a larger programme of kiwi recovery work in various parts of the country. In turn Anne was able to tell us about her end of the programme as she works with the team that raids the nests of kiwis in the Kaweka Ranges to obtain the eggs so that chicks can be hatched then nurtured until they are big enough to go back into the wild and maybe survive the mammalian predators which infest the conservation estate.

After this interesting interlude we carried on to the Watchman Road/SH2 junction where the large roadworks project is underway to build a big roundabout. We dodged around the heavy machinery to go along the road back to the cycleway and then retraced our steps under the bridge and along the eastern side of the estuary to Pandora Pond. We looked out for wildlife and were able to observe various species of ducks and herons in the main. By then it was time to have lunch so we sat opposite the Humber Road apartments to consume our delicacies. From there people made their ways back to the starting point and home. GS

**Party:** Marion Nicholson, Brent Hickey, Bob and Heather Carter, Lynn Walch, Judy McBride, Scott Campbell, Christine Hardie, Pauline Mahoney, Anne Cantrick, Rodger Burn, Garry Smith [organiser], Peter Hewitt, Susan Lopdell, Graeme May, Des Smith

#2382	Stanfield Hut	3 September 2017
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The previous weekend tramp to Stanfield Hut was October 2012. Today's tramp saw three keen trampers who had not been to Stanfield Hut and two who had been there a few years ago. We travelled to Danniverke in two cars in overcast conditions with low cloud over the Ruahines and much to our delight the day was free of rain with a touch of mist and low cloud moisture. At Dannevirke we collected Dave Mulinder who was our navigator to West Tamaki Road where he had the farmer's permission for us to park near the farm gate and start our ascent to Holmes Ridge. An easy, steady climb on the farm track with great views on the farm below and the mist covering the Ruahines. After the heli-pad we had morning tea in the splendid native bush before dropping down to West Tamaki River. A few river crossings, a walk through buddlia and we arrived at the hut just before noon for our lunch stop. The hut was clean and tidy.

We returned to the cars along the ridge where we had the odd glance to the river below but the low cloud prevented us seeing the tops of the majestic Ruahines. Thanks to Maureen who helped supply transport and it was a pleasure to see Dave Mulinder enjoying the physical challenge in the outdoors which he loves so much. JL

**Party:** Anne Doig, Maureen Broad, Brent Hickey, Dave Mulinder, Janice Love



Stanfield Hut

<b>#2383</b>	<b>Kiritaki Hut – Southern Ruahine Range</b>	<b>16 - 17 September 2017</b>
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Thank you to Dave Mullinder who approached me to offer help with access and through his extensive contacts in the NZ deer stalkers association and local farmers and hunters was able to get good up to date information on the area, detailed suggestions and permission for access.

We ended up as one big party because the A party plan to leave from Kumeti Hut and go over Matanginui to Kiritaki was squashed by the very high winds that buffeted the truck, low scudding cloud and poor forecast. Instead the trusty truck was left at Mike Long's farm at the end of Fairbrother road and after having the start of the track pointed out to us by the Longs daughter we made our way (following the girls let out after milking) to the ridge track to Kiritahi.

The ridge track has been cut by hunters and offers a very valuable alternative access to Kiritaki hut if either of the rivers are up. The first part of the track is well maintained and passes through really lovely mixed forest, Matai, Rimu, Toro, Pigeonwood, lots of variety and really good going. It undulates pleasantly and there are lots of points where you get views of the surrounding valleys. In the second half it became quite slippery muddy in parts, awkward because of the mud on the steeper parts and once on the top for the final ridge to join the DOC track it was rather plagued with fallen leatherwood and a bit overgrown. There was nowhere that we could not find the route but it was slow and scrambley though still.

After our first tantalising glimpses of the orange Kiritaki hut that emerged from under the cloud when we were nearly half way the weather deteriorated and we had short sharp squalls of rain and hail coming through regularly for the rest of the day.

The ridge track eventually joined the DOC track that links the Oruakeretaki stream and the Raparapawai stream

We had imagined this would be easy street but again the very slick mud made it slower going than expected and after 5 hours we were blown into the hut. We were a party of 7 approaching a 6 bunk hut and noted that there was already smoke coming out the chimney... and on the track just above the hut we heard voices off to the side and were joined by 2 hearty looking trampers who were followed by their party also totalling 7 so we had a cosy chatty evening and slightly squashed night with 15 in the house! They were from the Parawai tramping club based in Kapiti area, a very active experienced and pleasant crew. Our sympathy was for the very pleasant young hunter who had initially had the hut to himself and was the source of the smoke coming out the chimney as we approached.

We were carrying a fly and searched up and down the track for a suitable spot to pitch it for a more peaceful night but there was nowhere really suitable especially given the very strong winds buffeting the ridge.

By Sunday morning the wind had eased a little and though the cloud was still low it was dry and forecast to stay that way. The Parawai crew advised us against the DOC track down to Oruakeretaki stream saying that

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it was A difficult at the very bottom and B that getting into the stream that high up meant negotiating a couple of deep pools that may have to be swum!! Instead they recommended the hunters track that Dave Mullinder had also mentioned which angles down to the stream from right up by the hut beyond the Helicopter pad. It was well cut and marked with pink tape and the occasional white marker and lead us nicely down to the stream. The stream was running clear and was attractive with lots of small pools and cascades. There were boulders to scramble over and numerous crossings around knee deep; wet foot work for all... except Gerald who cat like managed somehow to both keep his feet dry and not fall in!! (don't try this at home folks you are bound to slip and fall in!)



The sun attempted to shine and in the creek we were sheltered from the Norwester so we had a relaxed walk out, again enjoying the variety of plants. We even got out the billies for a brew at Jeanettes excellent suggestion. We took close to 4 hours for the walk out.

Thanks again to Dave Mullinder for all his advice, to the Longs for their welcome and readily given access, to Jeanette for taking us and the less than salubrious parts of the track in her stride, the young hunter and Parawai for their cheerfulness in sharing a tight space, John Berry for driving and the rest of the party for excellent company and many a good grin through the rain, mud and leatherwood!

Tina Godbert

**Party:** Glenda Hooper, John Berry, Derek Boshier, Jeanette Louisson (first trip out with club), Gerald Blackburn, Andy Fowler and Tina Godbert.

## Private Tramping Trips

### Longview and Southwards Maintaining the Trap-line

**14 - 15 May**

As the weather on Saturday was rubbish, and Sunday onwards ok and the two of us could be independent of weekends, we went on the Sunday. Anne and I set off at 6am, collected the lure from Ben in Waipukurau. We left Longview hut at 10.20 and checked all traps to the Makaretu hut junction, arriving at there at 4pm. From there we decided to go to Leon Kinvig as planned but to leave the trap checks until on the way back next day. At 4.30 with slow track [windfall] we decided that, as we would not be at Leon Kinvig until 7pm [1.5 hrs in torch light !], we would return back to the junction and go down to Makaretu hut. A neat hut and

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pleasant spot, just enough daylight to get fire wood etc, but were disappointed in not getting to Leon Kinvig. Only thing was that it was 600m down, and up next day!

Monday was clear and fine/sunny but about 2-4 deg and depending on locations with views for Africa as the saying goes. We were away at 7.10am in light rain that thankfully cleared, and were up the 600m back to the main ridge by 9am. We baited traps on south of the Makaretu Hut junction to the last trap which is at the bushline above Leon Kinvig. As there was a shortage of the rabbit lure we had fresh venison mince with a hint of aniseed and had to meter this out sparingly to do all the traps. A few had a 'fruit salad' with a little rabbit too! Leaving the last trap at 11.30am, we returned to our packs at 12.45am and had lunch and a well earned break before heading towards Longview for a quick cuppa brew. We were back down to the ute at 5.30pm, what a relief to sit in a comfortable seat, and were home by 7pm. The day had hovered at about 3-4 deg and was overcast, at least not raining thankfully. This is a long ridge [9km] with significant ups and downs and we soon worked out that this line was a big job, 90 traps in which we found 2 rats and 1 stoat and a quick look at each trap revealed no overnight catch. This means that 25 stoats, several rats and a ferret have been caught since last December when the line was first baited.

John Montgomerie, Anne Cantrick

## Coal Delivery to Howletts Hut

**23 – 25 July 2017**

After the club having owned 300kg coal for a couple of years [stored at DoC Onga Onga] that we had hoped might get there in small lots in helicopter back loads going to pick up hunting parties... but to no avail. So the decision was made to buy another 300kg and arrange to get it up there. One helicopter quote was so high it was ridiculous so enquiries revealed another as sensible, although significant cost, to get the job under way. After buying the extra lot, I collected and stored it until a window of weather came up to hope to get it there. I had called on contacts at Balance Fertilisers to beg for a one-tonne bag to go with the ones I had. After obtaining a reasonable price from Bay Heliwork, I then had to 1) find a time to fit it in myself [and hopefully a helper to also fit in] and 2) explore a suitable window of weather to enable the flying to be done. It appeared that I was going to be doing the job solo but Dave Heaps last minute fortunately became available to help me out to do the job on behalf of the club. I had to assemble the coal into 200kg lots in one tonne fertilizer lift bags at home on my trailer the day before the expected go date. There was a period of some days of rubbish weather, a small window followed by more rubbish the third week of July.

So Sunday 23 July looked to be reasonable and therefore arrangements were made for a meet at the end of Kashmir Road at 9am. It was calm but fog/cloud starting to drift about. Dave and I were taken in in the first load, followed by the three coal loads and a fourth of the new bunk ladder, the roof ladder I had made, a knotty piece of gum for a chopping block, some firewood, food for us for three days and a few tools. Snow started to fall during the last load. The pilot Oscar Bolderson was quite chuffed to do the job and got quite a buzz from it as he later told me, as it was an unusual type job for him and Bay Heliwork. It was interesting carrying the bags down from the helipad to the hut in two feet of snow! Trying to keep on ones feet! All stowed in a re arranged woodshed, clearing it out first and then the wood back in beside the coal. As we were staying two nights I had taken in some pine, macrocarpa and kanuka mixed firewood to save scrounging in case the wood shed was bare, which it pretty much was. Bet the fire has never burnt kanuka before!

Next day Monday we put together my bunk ladder and mounted it in place, a great improvement in terms of safety and use, stowed the roof ladder in the woodshed ceiling, got firewood and other jobs including repainting the original routed door sign which looks magnificent now. Also put up more drying lines behind the fire, never have too many of them and scrubbed out the toilet bench, seat and walls etc. On the way in I had taken a movie of the trip, 5 minutes, and note that the return trip out via the present DoC track took 6 ½ hours!



The landed cost of a 20kg bag of coal this time is \$86.13! so we trust people will pay the \$10 night fee and use it prudently, and the whole job cost of \$2583.13. As usual I felt reluctant to leave such a magnificent hut and area but things must go on. Dave was pleased he had been able to participate, for which I was thankful for his help and company.

John Montgomerie

## Checking out Kiwi Saddle Hut

**2 – 3 Sept 2017**

Rodney Allen and myself wandered into Kiwi Saddle on Sat morning with drizzly rain, cool temps and little wind; no snow anywhere. I had not been out tramping since the last Cairn Trip so I was not in a hurry. There were a few trees down across the track but easy to get past. At KS after lunch we worked on the firewood and then got comfortable. It took an hour to improve the temperature to a comfortable level inside. I had not been there for 18 months - the place was reasonably clean and tidy with some dry firewood to start the fire. I was really pleased to see a new sign about 'Light No Fires Around Or Outside the Hut.' I guess DoC added it. On the Sunday morning late we headed back to Lakes Carpark meeting a hunter coming in as we were gaining height on the first big hill. On the high tops we walked through 30mm snow from Sat night.

**Party:** Randall Goldfinch, Rodney Allen



# HTC BIKE TRIPS



## **Maraekakaho**

**Wed 03 May 2017**

A group of 18 club member cyclists met at the war memorial SH50 on a clear and sunny morning to discuss the merits of the various rides for the day. A few chose to follow Graeme along Kereru Road on a challenging circuit while the rest chose between the almost-flat Mangatahi Road or the more hilly and longer Aorangi Road circuit.

Dick Waterer started off with a puncture and that was copied by Dennis Beets some 12km along Aorangi Road. Everybody enjoyed their rides plus the benefits of tail winds on the return lap. Our customary afternoon tea was had back at the war memorial to end a pleasant morning. RB

**Cyclists:** Pam Pike, Sharon Wellwood, Lyn Walsh, Christine Hardie, Joan Ruffell, Peggy Gulliver, Pauline Mahoney, Heather Stephenson, Mr&Mrs Lyn Gentry, Dick and Vivienne Waterer, Jim Hewes, Dennis Beets, Alasdair Shaw, Scott Campbell, Graeme Hare, Rodger Burn

## **Cycle Some Local Stop Banks**

**Wed 31 May 2017**

The group set off from Pakowhai Park at 9:30 a.m. on a cold but clear morning along the first stopbank paralleling Omahu Road. At Fernhill we re-grouped by the bridge and waited for Dennis to do a quick puncture repair. He was ably assisted by Roy and, after they caught up, we headed for Highway 50 - on to Roys Hill Reserve after farewelling Graeme at the intersection. It was time for a quick snack at the reserve and we carried on, turning left onto Ngatarawa Road cycle trail which was unfortunately in the shade at that time of day. Still, we got past the airfield, turned into Maraekakaho Road and finally reached the Hastings Golf Club at 11:45 a.m. Good timing for lunch! We sat out on the balcony and enjoyed the warmth of the sun which by now had dispelled any remaining mist and cloud cover - things just kept getting better and better!

Lunches and coffees were ordered and eaten with great enjoyment in a relaxed atmosphere where we were able to just sit and gaze out on the vista of a beautifully maintained golf course.

We departed on the last leg of our journey just before 1 p.m. Judy headed towards Hastings and home while the rest of the group turned into Stock Road and followed the cycle track to Flaxmere. From there it was a direct route down Wilson Road, across Omahu Road, into Oak Drive, through the majestic oak trees planted in 1874 then across Evenden Road and on to the stop bank once more. We finally arrived at the carpark just after 1:30 p.m. So ended a great ride of 34 kilometres on a beautiful, calm, blue-sky autumn day.

**Cyclists:** Garry Smith, Christine Hardie, Des Smith, Judy McBride, Graeme Hare, Pam Pike, Sharon Wellwood, Roy Frost, Margaret Graham, Alasdair Shaw, Joan Ruffell, Susan McKenzie, Dennis Beets, Peter Hewitt, Jim Hewes, Peggy Gulliver, Heather Stephenson, Rodger Burn, Scott Campbell (organiser)

### **Seawalls Artists For Oceans**

**Wed 5 July 2017**

The Pangeaseed Foundation's mission is "to empower individuals and communities to create meaningful environmental change for oceans through ARTivism, education, and science."

So far 300 murals have been painted by 200 artists in 10 places around the world.

In Napier, as we embrace the ART aspect, a further 22 murals were painted in March this year on building walls - mainly on laneways, carparks and back walls in the CBD and Ahuriri. These were in addition to the 31 murals painted in 2016.

Maps are available from Napier i-site, airport and Pangeaea Foundation web site. Our ride snaked about to see all these new artworks and stopping at each mural to view it. Napier has another unique attraction that is worthy of study and support. On a warm, windless day winter day our large group enjoyed an easy ride. Thanks all of you who came. GRH

**Cyclists:** Alasdair Shaw, Lyn and Lyn Gentry, Des Smith, Rodger Burn, Scott Campbell, Pauline Mahoney, Garry Smith, Roy Frost, Heather Stephenson, Dennis Beets, Lyn Walch, Alan Russell, Pam Pike, Rick Bowker, Maya Koezeva, Graeme May, Graeme Hare

### **East of Havelock North**

**Wed 30 August 2017**

A good turnout of 21 met in Havelock North for what promised to be an easy morning's ride. A good weather forecast and flat terrain helped. Leaving from River Road by the Tukituki River we were soon spread out but regrouped from time to time before arriving at the Clive Cafe and Bakery where they were expecting us and had set up tables. A lengthy and enjoyable smoko was had before taking off again and joining up with the cycle path following Karamu Stream back to Hastings Show Grounds. Then it was all road work back to Havelock North via Crosses Road. An easy 33 km enjoyed by all. RB

### **Local Pathways**

**Wed 13 September 2017**

This was a members' choice and a decision was made to revisit the Matapiro to Crownthorpe Church circuit. A group of 10 set off from Pukehamoamo School in warm conditions but with the usual spring head wind which got stringer the further south-west we went. Before long Des had disappeared over the hill while the rest of us [except Ray on his e-bike] battled the steady wind to Ohiti Road junction and a lunchette. Even in the comparative shelter, the wind was strong enough to topple a carelessly-propped bicycle. Then it was over the last of the hills and down the long long long flat stretch to historic Crownthorpe Church for another pleasant lunchette, this time in the cemetery grounds. This seemed appropriate as we were a bit tired and dead beat! The cycle back was greatly enjoyed as we now had a tail wind. What a speedy bonus. We were able to expend minimal effort and we got back to the cars quite quickly. We joined Ray and Rick at the Settlement Road junction - they had elected to return via the hilly route. Even Des turned up although he had come via Whanawhana and Otamauri! A great day enjoyed by all. RB

**Cyclists:** Rodger Burn [organiser], Garry Smith, Christine Hardie, Lynn Walch, Des Smith, Rick Bowker, Ray Manning, Pam Pike, Scott Campbell, Jim Hewes



## From the Committee

**New Members:** welcome to Kim Morgan who has recently become a member. Kim has been on our tramps to Longview and to Iron Whare and hails from the Kahuranaki area. We have another two members joining us soon but need to have their applications forms before we can confirm them as members.

**Photo Competition:** congratulations to Janice Love who was over-all winner of the photo competition. See page 25. Full results - the first name in each section is the popular choice while the second name is the judge's choice.

<b>Above Bushline No Human Element</b>	Tina Godbert	Alan Berry
<b>Above Bushline With Human Element</b>	Janice Love	Andy Fowler
<b>Below Bushline No Human Element</b>	Pam Turner	Ross Berry
<b>Below Bushline With Human Element</b>	Graeme Hare	Andy Fowler
<b>Historic</b>	Ross Berry	Graeme Hare
<b>Native Flora &amp; Fauna</b>	Graeme Hare	Tina Godbert
<b>Club Character</b>	Penny Isherwood	Glenda Hooper

**Club Auction:** our two auctions in March netted \$1246 and this has been forwarded to the Lowe Helicopter Trust

**Hazmobile:** dates for Hazmobile are the 11th and 12th of November. This is our club's major fundraiser and without it our subs would be much higher. We hope to get a good turn-out of members over the two days to collect goods (paint, oil, garden chemicals, batteries; gas bottles) from cars and place/tip them into the correct containers/areas under the guidance of council-appointed personnel.

**Social Times:** we held a mid-winter pot luck dinner at Janet's place in Haumoana. It was a great night with people coming from far and wide to attend. Although not planned at this stage there should be another social event coming up in spring such as another ten-pin bowling night or maybe pool, darts and table tennis in the shed at 315 Te Aute Road. Do you have another suggestion?

**Meetings:** there have been suggestions that, given the low numbers attending meetings (particularly through the colder months), our Wednesday meetings should be held monthly instead of fortnightly. The committee has already discussed this but would like more input before making any decision. If you have any feelings either way let us know them.

We would also like to improve contact with new people at our meetings and would like the meeting night hosts to re-establish contact with these people prior to the next meeting to see if they wish to continue.

**AGM:** scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> November and we are looking for new faces to come on to the committee be it as a committee member or an office holder such as President, Secretary, Club Captain, Treasurer. If you are interested, or know someone who might be interested, let us know and maybe come along to one of our meetings before then to see what happens. Nomination forms will be available from current committee members from mid-October. The more new people we have on the committee, the more new ideas we will have which must be beneficial for the club.

**Contact Lists:** we would like our contact list to reflect the way you prefer to be contacted - home phone, mobile phone, email, snail mail - and we want to ensure that you are happy with us sending out your contact details to other members. You should be getting an email/letter from us at some stage requesting your preferences.



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**Huts:** thirty bags of coal have been helicoptered into Howletts Hut - the cost for this is \$83 per 20 kg bag so we hope that hut users burn it wisely. Many thanks go to John Montgomerie and Dave Heaps for flying to Howletts and storing the coal for us before walking out to Kashmir Road

**Publicity:** there are now some HTC stickers in the truck's glove-box for trip leaders so please use them in hut intentions books. We have also prepared a poster montage promoting HTC and these will be placed in all our huts.

**Condolences:** unfortunately this winter has been a rather hard one on the elderly and a number of club members have lost someone in their family during this time. To all of you we send our condolences. Past member, Peter Lewis, was one who recently passed away. Peter joined the club in 1961 and was Club Captain from 1964 to 1968. He actively tramped with the club until 1976. In his time with HTC, Peter was a very able trumper and generously transported many club members in his kombi van. Many people attribute much of their back-country training to the efforts of Peter. To Pam, Julie, Kathy and Eileen and families we send our condolences.

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

Another successful few months despite some winter cancellations; the good turnouts have continued with a range of eight to twenty-two people spending their Wednesdays together. The mid-week trampers consider themselves fortunate to still have access to HTC's lovely truck which remains a popular feature with a good proportion of members who enjoy their journeys sprawled on mattresses in the back. So far this trusty vehicle has served us well although we note the increasing signs on the exterior of exposure to the elements. Fortunately it is mechanically sound and reliable, and we appreciate Peter Berry's guardianship of it.

The cycling section, Boots on Bikes, goes from strength to strength. Some of us look like trampers on wheels but others have invested in smart gear of the lycra or spandex persuasion – even to the extent of sporting matching colours! A number of folk have cunning little carry bags on their bikes and rear vision mirrors are becoming more popular. It is commendable that nearly everyone wears hi-viz clothing of some sort which is an advantage on our open road trips.

Our undoubted champion of the two-wheeled brigade is Des Smith who often carries on beyond the scheduled rides and creates an epic journey from one end of Hawke's Bay to the other. He thinks nothing of biking 70 to 80 kilometres at a time and has been known to go for more than 100 km on some outings. Prospective members need not be alarmed however - the rest of us seldom go further than 45km at a time and everything is done at a moderate pace. At this time of year the biggest obstacle is high winds. Sometimes it seems as though we are always battling a head wind but when it blows behind you the enjoyment and reduced effort is considerable.

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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## Obituary:            **PETER GRAHAM LEWIS    1935-2017**

Peter has died - he was a friend for whom I have a great deal of affection and respect. I'm not going to write a eulogy here, just a few anecdotes which I hope will give those of you not fortunate enough to have known him some idea of him as a person and remind those who did know him of some of the good times we had together. When talking about Peter, over the 45 years that I have known him everyone tends to talk about him before and after his accident, so I will too.

When I joined the tramping club in the early seventies, Peter was very active and often took parties out in his kombi van. There were dozens of us teenagers in the club at the time and Pete drove us everywhere, even all the way to Stewart Island once - he had an unshakeable faith in the kombi's ability to go anywhere. Peter was extremely intelligent but certainly didn't look it. He always wore an old army lemon-squeezer hat that had oozed into a nondescript lump on the top of his head and he carried an enormous canvas sack with straps. He was big, bearded and craggy-looking and seldom wore anything that was even remotely new looking. Pete had an evil sense of humour: one of his favourite stories involved helping himself to the community porridge and then stirring it with a stick from a coprosma fetadisima bush. Toby told me an anecdote the other night which I think bears repeating. This young lady trumper is walking along in the rain and cold, she is very tired, very cold and very cross and is loudly letting the world know about it, as in, "Jesus Christ, why am I here?" Meanwhile, Peter has come in from a different direction and is waiting behind a tree as the first party approaches. The young lady has just let out an extremely impassioned appeal to Jesus as she gets to Pete's position at which point he steps out and says, "Yes, my daughter." She apparently screamed and fell face forward into a big muddy puddle!

Peter never seemed to have much luck when it came to women but he did have one lucky escape. He had a new girlfriend and was taking her tramping so she had pride of place in the middle of the kombi's front seat. I was in the back. We had just crossed the ford at Makahu and Pete was keen, as always, to show off the kombi's abilities. On one side of the road was an enormous puddle which we could have avoided. But not Peter! He drove at it full tilt and it was really deep, deeper perhaps than he had expected. Muddy water shot up the front of the kombi and over the roof. Kombis have an air vent in the front middle top of the

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windscreen that you should shut if it's raining. Let's just say that Pete's by now ex-girlfriend had no sense of humour.....

After being knocked off his motorbike in a hit-and-run Peter was never the same both mentally and physically. He couldn't drive or tramp but he used to do huge mileages on his old pushbike. I remember once he turned up at my place in the middle of winter in shorts and an old, very thin, summer-weight shirt. He would not accept a ride home and it took all my powers of persuasion to get him to accept the tattiest old jersey I had. You used to see Peter riding around at all hours of the day and night on his bike which had no lights. Unable to persuade him to accept a better replacement, worried friends eventually took the law into their own hands and stole his old bike so that they could get him to accept a replacement with lights.

Peter is buried in the old part of Park Island Cemetery and many of his old friends joined the family for his funeral. As we shovelled dirt into his grave afterward I couldn't help myself and sang a verse of a very inappropriate song (by that point there were only trampers left). "They heave in dirt and they heave in rocks/ they don't give a damn if they break the box/ yoho yoho, yoho, yoho/ how happy we shall be". It was always one of his favourite songs. All our love goes to Pam and the family and to those of Peter's friends scattered all over the country and indeed all over the world who were unable to go to his funeral but who would have wished to have been there to celebrate the life of our good friend and bushman, Peter. **Peter Berry**



*Peter Lewis wearing a yellow parka and with his large orange coloured pack.*

## Heretaunga Tramping Club Meeting and Trip Information

### Coming Meetings:

Date	Chair	Speaker	Topic	Host/Supper
<b>2017</b>				
11 Oct	Susan Lopdell	All Members		Anne Doig
25 Oct	Graeme Hare	Mark Venman	Fish and Game Council	John Montgomerie
08 Nov	Penny Isherwood	Alan Berry	History of Arataki Honey	Pam Turner
22 Nov	Graeme Hare	All Members	Annual General Meeting	Brent Hickey
06 Dec	Pam Turner	Lex and Anne Smith	Voyage of the Vikings	Raewyn Ricketts
<b>2018</b>				
03 Jan	Penny Isherwood	All Members		Janice Love
17 Jan	Lex Smith	Rod Hansen DoC (To be confirmed)	Compliance and Law Enforcement Marine: Cape Turnagain to Waikare River Mouth	Penny Isherwood
31 Jan	Brent Hickey	Canadian Rockies	Susan Lopdell	Marion Nicholson
14 Feb	John Montgomerie	All Members	Quiz Evening	Graeme Hare

**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>	All items listed for day trip plus
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)

**01 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

**04 October Wed Ruahine FP**  
Access restrictions make it difficult to get into the ranges at Yeomans. We could go to Gold Creek or Waipawa River area; maybe further north to Masters Shelter and up to Parks Peak area.  
Let Christine know: Ph 8449590

**11 October Wed Seafeld Road Cycle**  
A choice of going over the hills from Park Island via Poraiti to Eskdale or along the cycleways which is flat; meet up at Snapper Café in Bay View or bring your lunch to eat while sitting at the beach.  
**Organiser:** Christine Hardie Ph 844 9590

**15 October Bell Rock to Taraponui \$15 Map BH38/39 BJ38**  
Go past Bell Rock to the radio tower at Taraponui - the keen ones may carry on to Taupo Road SH2 traversing the Mangahururu Range southward.....a big day.

**18 October Wed Omarunui Landfill**  
Postponed from July: we will get a chance to see the latest techniques and technology at the transfer station.  
**Organiser:** Graeme Hare Ph 844 8656

**20-23 October Waikamaka and Beyond \$15 Map BK36**  
To Waikamaka Hut and beyond, maybe Waterfall Hut and down Waikamaka River towards Wakelings or base ourselves at Waikamaka and do day walks.

**25 October Wed Central HB Cycle**  
Looping around the roads east of Otane and admiring the views down the Tukituki River.  
**Organiser:** Rodger Burn Ph 877 6322

**28-29 October Te Puia Hut and/or Makino \$15 Map BJ37/BH37**  
In to the Bluegums carpark and upriver to Te Puia Hut or camp at Mangatainoka Hot Springs. Alternatively, we could start at the road saddle and go up the ridge to Makino Hut - out via Te Puia Hut on Sunday. Truck party could camp at Mangatutu Hot Springs at the roadend; lots of possibilities.  
**Organiser:** Anne Doig Ph 878 8694

**01 November Wed Boundary Stream**  
Tramp from one end to the other or do the northern section only to Shines Falls and back.  
**Organiser:** Scott Campbell Ph 879 8554

**08 November Wed Tour of the Bays**  
One of our favourite rides, from Hastings Golf Clubrooms to cruise around the Raukawa area.  
**Organiser:** Jim Hewes Ph 877 6784

## Pohokura

<b>11-12 Nov</b>	<b>Hazmobile Weekend</b>		
Hazardous waste collection for HDC and NCC at the usual locations: Saturday in Hastings and Sunday in Napier. All hands on deck for this; this is a significant club fundraiser.			
<b>Organiser:</b> Graeme Hare Ph 844 8656			
<b>15 November Wed</b>	<b>4100 - Kaweka Range</b>		
Always a good climb to the radio mast and beyond; check on the forests and tracks.			
<b>Organiser:</b> Christine Hardie Ph 844 9590			
<b>19 Nov</b>	<b>Cairn Trip</b>	<b>\$free</b>	<b>Map BJ37</b>
Our annual pilgrimage to HTC Memorial Cairn at the J on top of the Kawekas - in memory of WW2 members who did not return.			
<b>Organiser:</b> Graeme Hare Ph 844 8656			
<b>22 November Wed</b>	<b>CHB Cycle</b>		
Around the roads from Waipukurau to Hatuma; lots of attractive countryside and usually not much traffic.			
<b>Organiser:</b> Alasdair Shaw Ph 8776225			
<b>25 -26 November</b>	<b>Kiwi Saddle Hut</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>Map BJ37</b>
A retry because of the recent trip that did not go ahead: in to our club hut for a weekend. Options for Sunday are to return the same way or walk out via Kaiarahi and Rogue Ridge route.			
<b>29 November Wed</b>	<b>Clifton to Cape Kidnappers</b>		
Walk along the beach as far or as little as you like; if the tides are unhelpful we will swap with another day.			
<b>Organiser:</b> Rodger Burn Ph 877 6322			
<b>06 December Wed</b>	<b>Lyn's Choice Cycle</b>		
Mr Lyn will direct us to somewhere that he thinks we will enjoy riding; could be cycle-ways or back roads.			
<b>Organiser:</b> Lyn Gentry Ph 875 0542			
<b>10 December</b>	<b>Kuripapango: EOY Social</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>Map BJ37</b>
A social pre-Christmas get-together with many options; some people may camp overnight on Saturday and there will be walks, swimming, fishing and socialising on the Sunday.			
<b>Organiser:</b> Social Committee			
<b>13 December Wed</b>	<b>Ellis Wallace Road</b>		
We haven't been here for a while; have a look at this historic route off the Napier-Taupo Road.			
<b>Organiser:</b> Garry Smith Ph 844 9931			
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December Wed</b>	<b>End of Year Get-Together</b>		
Cycle, tramp or swim. TBA			
In <b>January 2018</b> there will be weekly Wednesday cycle trips arranged for those who are interested.			
<b>07 Jan 2018</b>	<b>Blackhead to Porangahau</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>Map BM38</b>
Drive to Blackhead Beach and walk southwards to view the Maroro shipwreck just past Blackhead Point probably returning back the same way.			
<b>Organiser:</b> Penny Isherwood Ph 844 9994			
<b>14 Jan 2018</b>	<b>Kahuranaki and Down the Mareatotara</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>Map BK39</b>
Hopefully entering Maraetotara Stream through Kahuranaki Station and following it downstream to Mokapeka.			
<b>Organisers:</b> Alan Berry and Raewyn Ricketts Ph 877 7223			

<b>20-21 Jan 2018</b>	<b>Waihaha/Pureora</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>Map BG34</b>
Leaving from SH38 it is an easy three-hour walk to Waihaha Hut where we can stay or could tent slightly further along Hauhungaora Track where there are some lovely clearings - beautiful podocarp forest in the Waihaha Hut area. <b>Organiser:</b> Glenda Hooper Ph 877 4183			
<b>28 Jan</b>	<b>Fernie Ridge</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>Map BJ37/38</b>
From Whittle Road leave vehicles at the small carpark on the left 500 metres past Lotkow Road turnoff; tramp north along an old sidle track then go down to cross a small stream and up to high point 909. Return the same way. <b>Organiser:</b> Brent Hickey Ph 876 5873			
<b>3 - 6 Feb</b>	<b>Whirinaki Forest</b>	<b>\$35</b>	<b>Map BG39</b>
Take the Monday off work and travel to Minginui where we have a cabin booked for three nights; here's an opportunity to do day walks and overnight tramps in this beautiful area. <b>Organiser:</b> Susan Lopdell Ph 844 6697			
<b>18 Feb</b>	<b>Tarn Bivvy or Khyber Pass</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>Map BL36</b>
Leave from Mill Roadend and walk either downriver to Khyber Pass or upriver to Rosvalls Track; climb to Tarn Bivvy and back.			
<b>3 - 4 March</b>	<b>Parks Peak/Upper Makaroro/Barlows</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>Map BK36/BK37</b>
Start at Yeomans Mill and tramp up to Parks Peak Hut or Upper Makaroro for a night; downriver to Barlows Hut on Sunday and out. Some may just want to go up the Makaroro River to Barlows Hut for the night. <b>Organiser:</b> Janice Love Ph 877 5442			



Photo Competition Over-all Wining Photo  
Above Bushline with Human Element – Janice Love