

**HTC Committee**

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**Club Meetings:** These are held every second Wednesday (before a weekend tramp) at the Hastings Harrier Clubrooms in Sylvan Road, Hastings.  
Doors open 7:30pm; visitors are most welcome.

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## The Front Page

This is always the time of year when people are [metaphorically] looking backward and forward. HTC members will be looking back on 2017 and marvelling how quickly it seemed to pass. They can reflect on another round of tramping trips and other activities that are the norm for this small club. Some highlights are recorded in the annual reports; other issues remain to be resolved as is always the case. Club members have also contributed to wider forums over the last year or two: Te Taiao, WCO, TANK, HB Biodiversity Strategy, DoC CMP are a few of the many that are being tackled which trampers have had some interest in.

Then it's time to look forward to 2018 and think about what is planned. More of the same? Quite likely.

Thanks to Randall, the Pohokura is again in your hot little hands and you can work out all the trips that you need to go on. However, as well as familiar things, the club committee is promising a new direction with a strategic plan for the future of HTC – no details yet but there will no doubt be members who are looking forward to considering recommendations and, hopefully, contributing some of their own. Put your thinking caps on if you haven't done so already. Good ideas have come up in similar exercises in the recent past and there ought to be more to be shared.

The year certainly starts on a positive note with the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the present Kiwi Saddle Hut at the end of this month, January. Who would have thought that so many years have passed since that memorable weekend? Something for everyone: construction, demolition of the old hut and then a great trip home via Kiwi Mouth and Cameron. Those were the days..... Enjoy the current summer and all the best to everyone. CH

## Annual General Meeting Reports

### **COMMITTEE**

Your HTC Committee has had a steady year overseeing the many facets of the club:

- tramping elements covered planning and organisation of tramping trips, plus maintenance of huts and truck
- social elements included club meetings, a well-attended barbeque outside the clubrooms in January, ten-pin bowling last November, a picnic at Eskdale Park in April and a mid-winter dinner at Janet's house in July.
- our advocacy/advisory roles involved attendance at Ruahine User Group meetings, correspondence with FMC and other tramping clubs as well as the general public, and club promotion.
- general club administrative duties cover membership, finance and record-keeping.

One of the strengths of the HTC is the number of long-term members [even those who are no longer active] such as a number who joined in the 1950s and 1960s as well as in more recent years. They are able to enhance our knowledge of club history - this year three members who originally joined HTC in the 1950s and 60s have travelled from their homes in Tauranga, Wellington and Haast to join us on various tramps and we thank them for their continuing interest. While club membership has remained steady - with four new members and the loss of two - the committee has decided to focus on increasing club membership over the coming years. This is a component of a strategic plan we are currently working on to give us a clear direction for future planning. We hope to have this plan completed and ready to share with the rest of the club early next year. Work has already been made to increase the awareness of HTC to others with the production of A3 posters advertising the club which will be placed in each of our huts. Smaller A4 posters will be distributed within our local community as well as envelope-sized flyers that interested people can take away with them. Relatively regular Facebook posts have seen our followers increase by 50% since this time last year. Most of our Facebook posts had between 100 and 200 views while some (with a little help from FMC) got well over 1000 views. We always appreciate receiving a few photos from each tramp to help with our e-presence and for showing at club meetings. When the website is regularly updated we get around 40 to 50 hits a day although this dropped significantly over winter when, due to work commitments, it wasn't being updated as often. A number of our visitors this year have heard about us via our e-presence so it would be very advantageous to have more than one person helping with it. Given the importance of publicity for HTC's survival we have formed a new subcommittee, a Publicity sub-committee and hope that we get a good number of club members helping us with it. There is a lot of chatter about the funds the club has and why we do fund-raising. Lex will cover some of these myths in the September 2017 accounts but the bottom line is that these two income streams have subsidised everybody using the truck by \$8.40 for every \$15 fare and more so on further afield trips while an active member sub [currently \$25 per individual member a year] would have to increase to \$61 a year to cover the other club costs if there was no fundraising or interest.

Janice Love is standing down from HTC Committee this year and we thank her for her contribution over the last three years. Thanks also to Pat who, during her short time on the committee, advanced a number of good ideas which we are following up. To club members who helped on sub-committees, led tramps or helped in other ways we thank you as well and hope you will continue assisting where you can. A final thank-you goes to all members and visitors who

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entertained and/or informed us on at Wednesday night meetings - we have had some very interesting speakers (both club members and outside speakers) and a great variety of topics have been covered. Finally, our committee is small and it would be good to have some more people on it. Please, if you do have some spare time, how about joining us or offering to help out on some of the sub-committees?

Lex Smith and Glenda Hooper

## SUB-COMMITTEES

**HUTS:** all were visited in the last 12 months via the fixtures schedule, on working bees or through member visits.

### **HOWLETTS**

In mid-July 600kg of coal was delivered by chopper, a new bunk ladder was also flown in and installed and a roof ladder delivered and stowed in the porch. As well, a knotty gum block flown in and installed as a wood-chopping block was fixed to the ground by a steel standard. Firewood was collected and stored and a number of small maintenance jobs done the next day. The landed cost of a 20 kg bag of coal is \$86.10.... I trust that hut users will understand the cost involved [\$2583.13] and be willing to pay the \$10 per night fee we ask for. A second visit was made on a club trip in late August up from Daphne Hut and while there I measured up the bench with the thought of one day replacing it in stainless steel. A month later it was possible to put in a bid for a new ORC funding application to hopefully undertake this. We have just been advised of being successful in this and aim to have job done this summer.

### **WAIKAMAKA**

The upgrade in November 2016 of the full-length deck, porch and water tank has made a vast improvement to the functioning for the hut users. In January 2017, three of us undertook track cutting/trimming of the upper Waipawa River under Waipawa Saddle and we had three nights in residence. Work done included painting the new porch closed in exterior wall iron, the new porch roof and other small jobs. The door bolt needs some attention to make it close more easily. On the Sunday we met up with the club crew of four who had been on the day trip party cutting the track section in the mid-riverbed area.

### **KIWI SADDLE**

All seems to be in order there although a user found the bench window open on arrival and a mess to clean up. This hut was upgraded and completely re-clad in January 2014. Our three club huts are in great order and set up for a good few years. As owners of them we should hold our heads up high as having done a great service providing excellent facilities for the tramping/hunting fraternity. Essentially our three huts must come into being equal with some top huts in the country. We would hope that this is appreciated in the form of hut fees paid.

**FIXTURES:** three meetings per year to set up the trips that we do, spreading them amongst the different geographical areas we go to and with a mix of interest, difficulty and fitness. It was pleasing this year to see many more willing to lead a trip....if you feel unsure about this then speak to a committee member and have a 'buddy' to help with advice or guidance.

**TRAINING:** this has taken a back seat this year but at the same time with current membership demographics there is less demand for a broad range of skills. Members have been made aware of Mountain Safety You Tube short videos that cover a broad range of skills and we have a copy of the Outdoor Code that can be used by members and shown at meetings. There is a club fund that supports individual members who may wish to undertake additional or special training so contact the committee if you are interested.

**CLUB CAPTAIN AND GENERAL:** thank you, all those club members who assisted with hut maintenance, track-cutting and fund-raising (Hazmobile). As well, appreciation must be shown to the landowners who willingly allow us access to cross their farms. Private car use - thank you to those that do so if the truck numbers are small or where there is not a truck driver available.

John Montgomerie

**TRUCK:** Year One with multiple truck carers and a big thank you to Peter Berry for his share of the work in dealing with the COFs and annual service. Our truck has now covered 144,000km, another 5,000km since the last annual report and a very low kilometre reading for an 18 year-old vehicle. It still gets a mix of mid-week outings, weekend trips but another year with no annual nine-day jaunt. It is well maintained and serviced. Operating costs are much in line with last year as to batteries and tyres plus a driver licence cost.

We are grateful to our very small pool of drivers, primarily Peter B, Lex, Christine and, on occasion, David Blake, John Berry and Ross Berry who are still able to do the job for us. Thanks also to the team of women who continue to look after the interior including the mattresses.

Certificate of Fitness every six months	\$274
Insurance for year	\$580
Annual Service	\$524
Annual Registration	\$394
Road User Charges – 10 cents per km	\$1,048

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Sundry	\$46
Fuel	\$1,279
Tyre	\$295
Batteries	\$430
Driver Licence – Christine Hardie	\$256
Total	\$5,126
Cost per week	\$99

The committee regularly considers whether the truck still meets our needs at an acceptable cost or if we should downsize to a smaller vehicle which may be cheaper to run and possibly allow more drivers to participate. This would depend on what we downsize to/how many and if a trailer was then necessary - such a vehicle/s may have some advantages. However smaller vehicles may be light and some have limited ground clearance which may limit our road end options. If a trailer was necessary this would add to costs such WOF/Registration and insurance options. We keep an open mind as rules and regulations are changing and as recently as August this year there was a change in Passenger Servicing Licences. Unfortunately since losing our garaging the truck has been stored outdoors thanks to the generosity of Glenda and Peter – a big thank you to them.

Lex Smith

## **MID-WEEK GROUP**

Both the Wednesday Walkers and Boots on Bikes have continued to be well supported – an average of 12 members for the last four months. Feedback is very positive and people often say how much they enjoy the regular outings. Once again, Rodger has been the linchpin of the group with his regular communications and help to everyone. We are also impressed with the willingness that everyone shows when asked to organise trips – we try to give all the regulars a chance to lead something. At times we have had cancellations but, overall, conditions have been largely favourable.

Bike reliability is high these days and if someone has a puncture or other misfortune, there are many people with enough expertise to help. Bicycle safety is always a priority, particularly on the open roads and some of us have used the expertise of CAN [Cycle Action Network] to remind ourselves of the care required these days. Mountain biking has limited appeal to our group; the main local venue, Eskdale Forest, is still not back in full operation so we will have to try again when the forest re-opens. In the meantime Te Mata Peak has several exciting rides – not sure yet about the controversial new track on the eastern side!

**At the Annual General Meeting held at the Hastings Harrier Club rooms on Wednesday, 22nd November, 2017 the following awards were presented:**

### **TRAMPER OF THE YEAR AWARD (Stan Woon Memorial Trophy)**

Presented to Joan Ruffell

### **LEATHERWOOD TROPHY (For valuable contribution to HTC)**

Presented to Janice Love

**HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC). INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>NOTES</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Subscriptions		\$ 2,135	\$ 1,958
Fares received	1	\$ 3,284	\$ 3,640
Donations			
Hut	2	\$ 9,730	\$ 1,496
General		\$ -	\$ 34
Fund-raising		\$ 3,450	\$ 3,024
Auction	4	\$ 1,406	\$ 1,542
Interest Income		\$ 5,667	\$ 6,231
Sales		\$ 140	\$ 205
		<u>\$ 25,811</u>	<u>\$ 18,130</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Administration		\$ 182	\$ 250
Audit & Accountancy	3	\$ 275	\$ -
General Expenses		\$ 60	\$ 241
Donations	4	\$ 1,246	\$ 1,542
Insurance (huts & equipment)		\$ 911	\$ 911
Rent of meeting room	7	\$ 668	\$ 228
Supper & social expenses		\$ 117	\$ 165
Library & photo album		\$ 35	\$ 45
FMC Capitation	5	\$ 1,410	\$ 1,020
Meetings		\$ 300	\$ 180
Pohokura (Bulletin)		\$ 1,041	\$ 797
Hut maintenance	6	\$ 11,395	\$ 67
Subscriptions		\$ 57	\$ 57
Training		\$ -	\$ 440
Transport costs	1	\$ 4,547	\$ 5,180
Truck Insurance		\$ 579	\$ 579
Equipment		\$ 98	\$ 304
Telephone & website		\$ 85	\$ 41
Write-off		\$ -	\$ 342
Depreciation		\$ 678	\$ 502
		<u>\$ 23,733</u>	<u>\$ 12,844</u>
<b>NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>\$ 2,078</b>	<b>\$ 5,286</b>
(to accumulated funds)			

**NOTES:**

1. Regular mid-week trips
2. Hut Donations - FMC/DoC funding plus steady income in response to hut notices
3. Audit - 2015 Fee paid early at reduced rate
4. Donations - \$1246 Lowe Walker Helicopter Trust (\$160 received later in year - 2018?)
5. FMC capitation up from \$10 to \$15 per head
6. Waikamaka Hut deck upgrade part funded FMC/DoC
7. Room rental increased by Harrier Club following upgrade of premises

**HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC). BALANCE SHEET.****AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

		<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Westpac Cheque Account		\$ 89	\$ 4,025
Accounts receivable		\$ -	\$ -
		<u>\$ 89</u>	<u>\$ 4,025</u>
<b>NON CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Westpac	Term Deposit	\$ 18,925	\$ 18,350
	Term Deposit	\$ 29,735	\$ 28,780
	Term Deposit	\$ 11,361	\$ 11,015
	Term Deposit	\$ 11,775	\$ 11,492
		\$ -	\$ -
HBS Bank	Term Deposit	\$ 17,910	\$ 17,283
	Term Deposit	\$ 76,123	\$ 73,244
Fixed Assets		\$ 3,706	\$ 3,356
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<u>\$ 169,623</u>	<u>\$ 167,545</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Sundry payables		\$ 250	\$ 250
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		\$ 250	\$ 250
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>\$ 169,373</u>	<u>\$ 167,295</u>

**Represented by:****ACCUMULATED FUNDS**

Balance at 1 October 2017	\$ 167,295	\$ 162,009	
Surplus for the year		\$ 2,078	\$ 5,286

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

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

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

Subject to the possible effect of the limited control over income referred to in the preceding paragraph, in my opinion, the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet show respectively a fair view of the Club's activities for the year ended 30 September 2017 and of the financial position at that date.

W.A. Stacey.

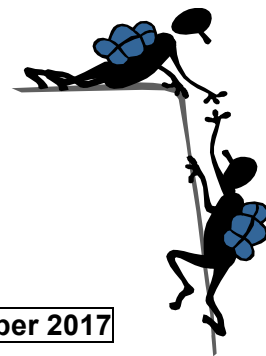
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HTC Treasurer

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# TRIP REPORTS



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Sparrow Hawk Ridge and Bivvy – Ruahine

1 October 2017

As in 2008, when I first went to Sparrowhawk Bivvy, the ridge is still a grunt. In fact age, fitness and time are three components that can have a major influence on any tramping trip as we learnt. I was very happy to have in the team Jeanette who, a fortnight earlier, had joined Tina's Kiritaki Hut party and Tyne, a very observant sharp-eyed young trumper. Both of them were waiting for the truck at Highway 50 and Wakarara Road junction. After driving to Hall's woolshed in Glenlynn Road the real uphill started immediately after crossing Gold Creek at 9:30am. The DoC sign suggested 3½ hours to the bivvy. At 1p.m. the forward party members, who knew they were close to Sparrowhawk, decided it was time for lunch. A small group of four went on to the bivvy including Des who went even further to view the country out west from the main Ruahine Range.



After doing this same trip in 2008 I asked the members of the party for a comment for the report so we did the same again. The thoughts were somewhat similar. Janice said, "The ridge was rather challenging."

"I felt it in my knees," from Brent. "One for the C.V.," reported Anne who also commented, "Well marked track in very good condition." Randall said, "A very difficult day and I never got to the hut."

"This was so good and one of the most challenging tramps I've been on," reported Jude. Kim's smartphone told us we had travelled 15 kms, gone up and down 7000 feet in total, and walked 26,891 steps. (Jude's phone told her she had taken 40,127 steps) Tyne, who was on her first outing with the club, was delighted to see a pair of riflemen in the bush when going up and probably the same pair again when travelling down the ridge. She also saw bellbird, kereru, fantail, tui and heard a cuckoo. Lex said, "I would rather go down than up." Jeanette, on her second trip with HTC said, "Today was the best thing since the Kiritaki trip a fortnight ago." "View west from Main Range: simply marvellous," enthused Des. I trust everyone enjoyed the day and I thank them for joining me on a very enjoyable "grunt" trip. Thanks, Lex, for your smooth driving skills.

**Party:** Janice Love, Brent Hickey, Des Smith, Jude Hay, Anne Doig, Randall Goldfinch, Kim Morgan, Tyne Nelson, Jeanette Louisson, Lex Smith, Graeme Hare (organiser)

<b>#2385</b>	<b>Golden Crown Range</b>	<b>Wed 4 October 2017</b>
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Six walkers travelled to Mangleton Road on a perfect spring day to enjoy the views from Golden Crown Ridge. The local farmer came over to see us and kindly moved the few cows and calves in the field in case they damaged the mirrors on the truck. We began climbing at 9:45am and took our time. We stopped for lunch after midday. The kowhai and rangiora were in full bloom and we saw alpine flowers. The wind came up in great gusts, but not before we had absorbed the sights and the tranquility. We were back at the truck for a cuppa and left at 3pm as one of our walkers had a function to get to.

Thanks to all who came along and to Christine for driving.

Party: Joan Ruffell, Alasdair Shaw, Roy Frost, Garry Smith, Margaret Graham, Christine Hardie

<b>#2386</b>	<b>Te Puia Lodge – Kaweka Ranges</b>	<b>28-29 October 2017</b>
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It was a small party of five which left Te Aute Road for Te Puia Lodge at 7:30a.m. One of the party was smaller than the rest: six year-old Keri. We arrived at Makahu Roadend at 9:30 and were on the track by 10:00. It was a three-hour hike along the track to the lodge. Along the way, on a flat river terrace, Keri told us that this was a good place for a trampoline. On our return this opinion had not changed but the equipment had - it would now be a good place for a playground. The trip in and out was under overcast skies. Along the track and in the forest could be seen clematis in flower - both the showy white-flowered male and small creamier, yellow female blooms. The kowhai was at the end of its flowering season. Evidence of snow damage to the bush was visible but the track was well maintained and clear.

Te Puia Lodge is a very popular 26-bunk serviced hut on the Mohaka River. It is well appointed with gas cookers, solar lighting and the mattresses cover the whole marae-style bunk (so there is no falling down the cracks). Overnight there were to be 16 in the hut. After lunch we continued 45 minutes to Mangatutua Hot Springs. The two pools are well appointed and maintained. It was a very welcome dip. At the Mangatutua campsite were a couple of school parties (Lindisfarne and Iona) plus a party from the Air Corps. Back at the lodge, Mark took the responsibility of ensuring we had hot water so the requisite number of hot drinks were had and then it was on to dinner. In Keri's backpack amongst the squiggles were a couple of candles one of which she was pleased to be able to light (the candle holders are still in place but not necessary with the solar lighting). We saw no evidence of trout in the Mohaka. On the way out a hunter we met assured us that they are evident when the sun is shining. Once back at the Gums Carpark, ah the bliss and cleansing of Mangatutua Springs. Like the Mangatutua Springs, the Mangatutua pools are well-appointed and maintained. Many thanks to David for driving the truck and to the rest of the party for making it an enjoyable trip. We were back at Te Aute Road by 3:30p.m.

AD

Party: David Blake (driver), Keri Blake, Derek Boshier, Mark Jenkins, Anne Doig (organiser)





*David Blake following daughter Keri (Editor's note: David has his eyes tightly shut!)*

<b>#2387</b>	<b>Boundary Stream</b>	<b>Wed 1 November 2017</b>
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Ten eager trampers assembled at Glenda and Peter's for an 8:30am departure for Boundary Stream on what promised to be an ideal day for such an enterprise. After picking up another two participants at Penny's we travelled on in fine style, reaching Pohokura Road carpark and track entrance at 10:20am.

After chatting with some DoC volunteers we prepared to get under way. Lynn and Roy elected to accompany Christine to Heays Road carpark and walk up to Shines Falls from there after doing the Loop Track while the remainder decided to do the whole three-hour walk from top to bottom. The group departed at 10:50am on a mostly downhill walk through some really lovely bush, somewhat dry underfoot. The weather was also kind to us, there being enough cloud cover to shield us from the heat of the sun, along with a gentle breeze.

We stopped for a quick snack just after 12 o'clock, prior to our first stream crossing which we managed without mishap. We pressed on through mostly undulating terrain, with the odd muddy section of track to negotiate, until we decided a lunch stop was in order - it being around 1:15pm - so we found a shady spot and settled down.

After lunch we got underway once more, stopping to admire the view above the falls. Shortly after that we began the steep final descent down to the stream below, thanking our lucky stars that we were not having to contend with wet weather. DoC rates it "for experienced trampers only" and we could see why! We crossed the footbridge at the bottom of the track, turned right and walked five minutes or so to view the 58-metre high Shines Falls, which are definitely a sight worth seeing!

We met up with Christine, Lynn and Roy and, after a snack and photo session, we headed back to the truck, approximately an hour's walk away, passing a number of people along the way.

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After a quick tidy-up, we gathered under the shelter to celebrate Rodger's 78th birthday with a cake that Christine had baked for the occasion - may there be many more, Rodger! We really appreciate you. We then packed up and headed for home, dropped off Mike and Des at Penny's finally arriving back at Te Aute Road at around 6:15 p.m. Great day, great walk, great company!

And a big thank you to Christine, our driver, for a safe journey.

**Party:** Rodger Burn, Barbara Phillips, Raewyn Ricketts, Garry Smith, Mike Bull, Lynn Walch, Roy Frost, Joan Ruffell, Des Smith, Peter Hewitt, Christine Hardie (driver), Scott Campbell (organiser)





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<b>#2388</b>	<b>Hazmobile Weekend</b>	<b>Hastings 11 Nov and Napier 12 Nov 2017</b>
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Once again we were asked by the local councils to assist at this year's Hazardous Waste Collections in Napier and Hastings. Again, our members were happy to assist and 16 people volunteered to help at each collection point. Each day was well organised with some changes this year - paint stacked without sorting into a bin. The number of cars was down slightly from last year. Thank you to all who came to this valuable fund-raiser, especially those who came to both days. GRH

**HTC Workers:** Fred Chesterman, Penny Isherwood, Brent Hickey, Pam Turner, Anne Doig, Roy Frost, Marion Nicholson, Mark Jenkins, Lex Smith, Anne Smith, Susan Lopdell, Glenda Hooper, Peter Berry, Des Smith, Brian Smith, John Montgomerie, Scott Campbell, Philip Mardon, Liz Pindar, Alan Berry, Anne Cantrick, Heather Stephenson, John Berry, Graeme Hare (organiser)

<b># 2389</b>	<b>4100 - Kaweka FP</b>	<b>Wed 15 Nov 2017</b>
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Today had a much slower start than usual: when Christine was doing a pre-trip check it was obvious that, as well as low fuel quantity, the tyres were not up to the required pressure so it was necessary to make a stop at Mandy's station in Omahu Road to attend to it. With help from the lovely Mike and Peter the tyres were suitably inflated. Pete also found that the plastic radiator header tank on the driver's side was empty so he decided to refill it at the same time. He quickly discovered why this was so – there was a large split in the container and water went out as fast as it came in! The split then became a hole so there was nothing that could be done to remedy the situation. [Peter replaced it the very next day so there was no lasting damage to anything]. We drove on and collected Scott who was waiting patiently on the roadside a little further on, wondering what had happened.

The day was cloudy and cool which indicated good tramping conditions. On the way along Castle Rock Road we met two white tail deer grazing on the verge but they quickly ran off into the trees once they became aware of the truck trundling in their direction. We saw another deer a bit later on but, unfortunately, it was a large carcass rotting away in a smelly fashion next to the toilet at the carpark. After avoiding that, most of the group members chose to walk up to 4100 [or 1250, as Mr Bull likes to call it] and over the saddle to the water gauge which meant that Christine would have to bring the truck around to collect them later. Rodger, Raewyn and Roy planned to climb a little way then come back potter around the lakes and tracks below. All took place as planned.

The climbers made it to the top in respectable time where they sat to have an early lunch. The famous five then headed downhill through the pine forest heading for the Ngaruroro. Christine retraced her steps and eventually reached the 3Rs having a cuppa and a rest at the truck. We then headed round to Cameron Carpark which has been recently bulldozed where the others had just arrived after a straightforward descent. We all passed the time of day with some HBRC staff who were doing their annual water safety exercise in the river – field staff who do sampling and monitoring in waterways have to keep their knowledge and practices up-to-date. Time for another cuppa before heading home..... CH

**Party:** Christine Hardie [organiser], Rodger Burn, Mike Bull, Janice Love, Scott Campbell, Raewyn Ricketts, Roy Frost, Peter Hewitt, Margaret Graham

<b>#2390</b>	<b>Cairn Trip 2017 Kawekas</b>	<b>19 November 2017</b>
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This was the worst weather conditions that I have been in for a Cairn Trip. In fact it was a day that you would have to have had a good reason for wanting to walk in the Kaweka Ranges. It was very bleak, especially on the tops. The wind was sucking the warmth from us as soon as we left the truck and it was not long before our youngest member was feeling the cold. Progressively, as we trudged higher, people peeled away to return to the shelter of the truck. In fact only a small party of five - Janice, Samara, Brian, Derek and I - placed the wreath on the cairn at five minutes to eleven, read Joan's "To the Cairn" poem and promptly retreated. I did not even take a photo.



*Samara Eggers placing the wreath at the Kaweka J Cairn*

The wind, and its wind chill factor, thick damp mist and light rain encouraged us to get down a.s.a.p. On our way up we had met Christine, who left base before us, and Randall who had travelled over from Clements Road via the Kaimanawa/Kawekas through Harkness, Te Puke, Ballards and Rocks Ahead among others during the previous week. When all were back at the truck we were soon on our way to Pam's for the spread that the family plus Marion and Fred had prepared. Grateful thanks for all the treats especially the famous chocolate strawberries. We also had the commemoration service for our war dead at Pam's.

#### TO THE CAIRN

No more to tramp these ranges high  
Where rock and snow meets wind and sky,  
These strong young men, adventure seeking,  
To foreign lands went unsuspecting  
of the horror that awaits them -  
hunger, sickness, death and destruction.  
Their families would question why  
so many of them had to die.  
For war is such a futile thing  
And so today, remembering -  
we raise them up and hold them high,  
Here where "The Cairn" meets wind and sky.

*Joan Ruffell*

Thanks to David Blake for driving and to all who came for the 2017 Cairn Trip.

GRH

**Party:** Anne Doig, Liz Pindar, Brian Smith, Janice Love, Scott Campbell, Brent Hickey, Jeanette Louisson, Margaret Graham, David Blake (driver), Keri Blake, Samara Eggers, Derek Boshier, Randall Goldfinch, Christine Hardie, Graeme Hare (organiser)

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Five people in two cars headed westward along the Napier-Taihapa Road to Castle Rock Road and through to Lakes Carpark which was almost full with other vehicles including a school minivan. We started walking through the fir trees that are adjacent to the carpark around 8:30am in overcast conditions. After the firs the track goes upwards through a section of kanuka and smaller shrubby trees where there were quite a number of native flowers to enjoy. The ourisia was nearly finished but the small clematis was still flowering profusely and there was the odd native iris, eyebright and mountain daisy as well along the way. Further up the kanuka is replaced by contorta pine which has become a huge problem in this area of the Kawekas despite quite a bit of time and effort aimed at controlling it. The weather man had predicted high cloud for the weekend - but here the cloud was low and spoilt any chance of obtaining good landscape photos. We got to the junction with Smith Russell Track just before 10:00 where we met a hunter returning from a morning's unsuccessful hunt. Smith Russell Track takes one down to Cameron Carpark and is named after two HTC stalwarts from the 1940/50 era: Clem Smith (Brian's Dad) and Angus Russell. We continued uphill on the ridge track through smatterings of mossy beech forest interspersed with contorta until we eventually came out into the open and then to the junction with the track down to Cameron Hut. An early lunch was had here before continuing on up and then down the last 240 metres to Kiwi Saddle Hut.

This hut is the second one at this site, both of which were built by HTC members. After the war the club decided to erect a third hut and considered a number of sites in the Kaweka Range. When a party of nine high school boys came out three days overdue from a tramp in Manson country they realised that there was a need for a hut in the Kiwi Saddle area. So, in 1947, the first Kiwi Saddle Hut was erected and the afore-mentioned Angus Russell and Clem Smith were a main part of the building team. By 1987 this original hut was pretty dilapidated and so it was decided to build a new hut, a project that involved most of the active club members under the guidance of Eddie Holmes. In 2014 a much smaller group, led by Geoff Clibborn, replaced the walls and roof cladding with colour-steel, replaced the gutters and did other general improvements to give us the hut as it is today. In 2015 we helicoptered in the bench seat which sits on the grass near the hut and is a memorial to Nancy Tanner, another club stalwart who was very active in the 1940s to 60s and remained a member until her death in 2012.

As it was still very foggy, after a rest and a cup of tea or two, we decided to do some hut maintenance rather than to carry on and take in some non-existent views. While two blokes proceeded to collect and cut firewood the two females oversaw Derek cleaning out the gutters. Once we had got him sorted we washed down the colour steel walls which had a liberal coating of algae on them. After a couple of hours we called it a day and had another drink or two before proceeding to make our dinner and, not long after, head into our beds.

Also at the hut for the night were two keen hunters who had left Whangarei at midnight on the Friday and then walked into Kiwi Saddle in search of deer (the weather man hadn't told them about the fog too). They understandably were in bed just after 6 p.m. On Sunday morning the fog was still there so there was no early morning hunt and instead the hunters rose at about 6a.m. to start their trip back to Whangarei. We also got up at around 6:00am and, after breakfast, we finished washing the last hut wall before we started up the 240 metre climb in the mist to head back to civilisation, resting at the same spots as we did on the way in.

GH

**Party:** Janice Love, Mark Jenkins, Brent Hickey, Derek Boshier, Glenda Hooper





**#2392**

**Tauroa Road**

**Wed 29 November 2017**

The planned walk on the beach was cancelled due to unfavourable tides so a local walk was decided on. A group of 11 met at Tauroa Road car park, which even for mid-week was pretty full. We inspected the progress on the building of toilets and bike cleaning facilities there before heading up a side track to the main car park to view progress on a visitor and educational centre being erected there.

At this stage we noticed that Graeme and some others had gone missing but the leader found them on another track and we regrouped before walking up to the saddle lookout where we had smoko before the final grunt up to the summit. The return was easy and we found a nice sunny spot off the main tracks for lunch before returning to our cars. RB

**Party:** Lynn Walsh, Marion Nicholson, Judy McBride, Margaret Graham, Garry Smith, Pete Hewitt, Scott Campbell, Des Smith, Brent Hickey, Graeme Hare, Rodger Burn

## **Private Tramping Trips**

### **Tongariro Alpine Crossing**

**Thursday 02 March 2017**

20kms, 6 - 8hours <http://www.tongarirocrossing.org.nz/national-park/world-heritage>

The Tongariro Alpine Crossing went well last Thursday. It took seven hours with perfect weather. We guessed 1500 people were on the trek: 2% Kiwis, 1% Asians and the remainder were from Europe (e.g. Germans and French). Average age (mostly) 20 - 35, a few 50 year-olds then a step up to a few of us in our 60's and 70's; 65% females. People were extremely well behaved and courteous.....and absolutely no rubbish left behind. I learned that training by walking "on the flat" was a waste of time.....the Hospital Hill stairway served me well but even that was not enough. Taking six hours to walk from my home (near the hospital) to Te Mata Peak and back was easy compared with this Tongariro trek. My trek mate said one day that when we can walk over Napier Hill for six hours non-stop (but take water drinking stops) then we would be ready for the trek....he's probably right...the stairs and steep slopes were pretty tough on the trek and I took frequent stops to rest my legs. If I was prepping again I would give considerable time to building up my calves, knees, thighs and hips...and to sweat freely and rehydrate. I carried two litres of water but drank only one. We had a light breakfast at 4:45am and started walking at 7:40am. I had my first snack stop at 8:30am (two hands full of scroggin, four salted crackers and some water) .....I repeated this snack stop at 10:30am, 12:30pm and finally at the trek end at 2:30pm.....a regime that stood me in good stead.

[https://www.google.co.nz/?gfe\\_rd=cr&ei=Chu-WJKvBs\\_N8gew1oGgBg#q=Scroggin&\\*](https://www.google.co.nz/?gfe_rd=cr&ei=Chu-WJKvBs_N8gew1oGgBg#q=Scroggin&*)

Would I do it all again? Probably not (as I've now done it)...was it worth the effort?.....oh yes, definitely. Worth it for the discipline, personal effort (and result) and a great place to see.

Don't leave it to long to go yourself ...I'm happy to give you some advice. Plan well ahead. Month of March seems a good time to go from our experience.

Regards, David Walker

**Party:** David Walker, Mike Bull





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*On the way to Ketetahi*

Sat 11 Nov

I left Napier at 8:00am on an InterCity Bus bound for Taupo and got dropped off about seven kilometres past Rangitaiki Hotel at the intersection of Taharua Road. The grand plan was that Sika Lodge people would meet me and drive me to the start of the Te Iringa track to Oamaru Hut. Well, no-one was there at 9:30am! They had forgotten about me but remembered two hours later when I was within sight of the lodge. Anyway, the lady delivered me to Te Iringa Track and I got walking at 11:30am. About an hour after Te Iringa Trig I came to the track diversion where it went off down to the left to cross a stream then back up to reconnect with the track. I had read about this on the internet so I continued down to the bridge over the Kaipo River and on towards Oamaru Hut. On the signage it read three hours to Oamaru from the bridge but after an hour I decided to pitch my tent on the track for the night.

Sun 12 Nov

After a comfortable night I was off to Oamaru Hut for lunch and I stayed the night there. Oamaru Hut living room has been enlarged - it used to be the same design at Waipawa Forks, Triplex Base, Tira Lodge. All of the tracks I would be walking on, I had done many times in the past but several of the huts like this one had had renovations.



Mon 13 Nov

I walked off up Oamaru River Valley and in the upper reaches there were some tree falls to climb though or around. It was easy to see where others before me had got around. It was good to reach the Waitawhero Saddle and lookout into the Ngaruroro River valley over towards Boyds Hut at 3:00pm. Arriving there, I found a family group of Mum, Dad and three teenage boys with two dogs who had been deer-stalking. They flew out with Heli-Sika to Taupo. It was amazing to see all these six people + two dogs + baggage all fit into a Hughes 500 helicopter and fly off! It was great to have the place to myself with peace and quiet. Looking around Boyd's it was hard to find anything that had changed.

Tues 14 Nov

With the weather still dry and sunny I headed for Tussock Hut. I found the track winding its way through the tussock in pumice soil along the bottom edge of a right-hand hill face and crossed the Ngaruroro River. Looking around the Ngaruroro River valley I think there is a lot of re-vegetation on the hill slopes with low scrub. Climbed the ridge track up into the beach trees, nice to be in shade, good to reach Tussock Hut for lunch and to read in the hut book how Pam Turner, Brian Smith and Brent Hickey had been here for three nights. They left on the previous Friday 10 Nov (I think that is correct).





*Tussock Hut*

This hut has been made longer to accommodate eight bunks and the veranda is now on three sides of the hut with a sink bench. Pam and co. had left the place spotless. After my lunch I started off to Harkness Hut; Chris Crosse with two DoC guys came flying in to check the hut then flew off. When I arrived at Harkness Hut for the night the two DoC guys, Peter Abbot and Rod Hansen who had been in the helicopter at Tussock, were busy giving this hut a clean-up. Later Chris Crosse came back with the helicopter and took these two DoC guys home.



*Harkness Hut*

Wed 15 Nov

Another wonderful, dry day although cool; zoomed off to Te Puke Hut. The track heads upstream with a few crossings then climbs steeply up onto a ridge that continues up to Te Puke Trig. Once I had gained the ridge, where there is a large rock in the trees, the going was good. From Te Puke Trig to the helicopter pad the track has been re-laid with plastic matting and sandy soil. At Te Puke Hut were three hunters who were good company for lunch. Afterwards I departed for Mangaturutu Hut. With no-one around, I organised some firewood and had a comfortable night. Mangaturutu Hut was in good order and it was just as if I took a step back in time although the trees around outside are growing in a lot closer.

Thurs 16 Nov

Wx still cool but no rain. I returned back up the track to the junction then headed for Venison Tops Hut or Tira [Kelvinator] Lodge, where I had lunch. This place is well-maintained with a new water tank and well-painted. I was then off to Ballard Hut for the night. Ballard was just the same: a nice, small, cozy hut but I never like the track down and then up on the way out.

Fri 17 Nov

Wx still holding with no rain so I climbed back onto the ridge and then up to Whetu signposts where I continued southwards along the main Kaweka Range past North Kaweka Trig. I turned off on the northern spur ridge down to Back Ridge Hut. This spur ridge seems to go on forever before you head finally down to the hut in a small valley. Back Ridge Hut is in good order with new aluminium-framed windows. I had a nice cup of tea and lunch, cut a heap of firewood, had a 'Grandad Nap' and then a couple of tramping guys turned up who had come the same route as me from Middle Hill Hut. Good to have some company with someone to talk to.

Sat 18 Nov

Wx raining lightly as these two guys left for Back Ridge Bivvy > Rocks Ahead Hut > Tira Lodge. I made myself comfortable for the day with more firewood to cut and stack.

Sun 19 Nov

Wx raining lightly with strong winds as I left Back Ridge Hut heading up the southern ridge for Kaweka J Trig hoping to meet Graeme Hare's party coming in for the HTC Cairn Trip. Tramping up the ridge the rain and wind were sand-blasting my parka hood, making things most unpleasant. I was really happy to see Kaweka J loom out of the cloud and rain. Of course there was no-one up there and, with no sheltered spots to pitch my tent, I thought the clever thing to do was carry on down to Dominie Bivvy and Makahu Saddle and hope to connect with the others. Halfway down to Dominie Bivvy I met about four or five HTC bods heading for Kaweka J. Down at Makahu carpark I met the others and piled into the truck canopy with them. It was so nice - warm and comfortable. After a wait for the others to return from Kaweka J we were off to the afternoon tea at Pam's Farm. What a superb finish to a wonderful week.

Randall Goldfinch

# HTC Bike Trips



## Omarunui Landfill Tour

**Wed 18 October 2017**

Angela, the HDC Waste Minimisation Officer was able to take our party of 20 on a tour of the Omarunui Landfill as we had not visited the site for some years. As expected, the landfill is ever-changing as waste tonnages fluctuate with the economy. Annually 84,000 tonnes are currently coming to the landfill. The Waste Team is continually trying to reduce waste and economically dispose of it while having the public recycle as much as possible. Disposal of recycled material can be difficult too. What was obvious at the tip face was the amount of plastic material being dumped. Our landfill is very progressive, generating electricity from methane gas coming off the sealed pits - enough to supply 1500 homes. Thanks to Angela, it was a very interesting morning for us. GRH

**Party:** Joan Ruffell, Alasdair Shaw, Barbara Phillips, Mike Bull, Brent Hickey, Christine Hardie, Janice Love, Raewyn Ricketts, Lynn Walch, Judy McBride, Anne Doig, Rodger Burn, Garry Smith, Margaret Graham, Rick Bowker, Peter Hewitt, Marion Nicholson, Brian Hall, Neil Cunningham, Graeme Hare

## Black Bridge to Clearview Winery

**Wed 13 Dec 2017**

Wednesday was hot and clear. Eighteen riders met at different locations to ride to the winery. Stopping at the end of Moore Road we had a break for a drink then on to Parkhill Road where the ride took us through a vineyard out to Beach

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Road. Then it was a short ride to Clearview Estate. Meeting us there were Joan, Alasdair and Maya and an enjoyable lunch was had by all. To finish we rode along the cycleway through Te Awanga and Haumoana back to Black Bridge.



*Spiffing lunch at Clearview*

**Cyclists:** Garry Smith [organiser] Scott Campbell, Des Smith, Judy McBride, Graeme Hare, Roy Frost, Margaret Graham, Alasdair Shaw, Joan Ruffell, Heather Stephenson, Rodger Burn, Rick Bowker, Ray Manning, Graeme and Tracy May, Heather and Bob Carter

## Seafield Road

**Wed 11 October 2017**

This ride is always a bit of a challenge because of the many large hills so there are always some of our cyclists who do the lowland route along the coast. Today was breezy and cool which is good because it's harder then to overheat. From Park Island we took the usual route through the cemetery and past Hohepa Home School to Puketitiri Road. The next section is easy but then the hills start.....at this point Des left us and struck off inland. We speculated where he might go today – the minnum would surely be Patoka!

In the lead all day was Christine who had managed to score an e-bike for a week. What a triumph for her as she smoothly drove up hills and down dales while loudly telling all and sundry about this marvellous technology. It was only 12 minutes for her from the Seafield Road turn-off to Bay View! She even had enough time to bowl up the hill and over to Eskdale School and back before everyone else could catch up. By lunchtime, of course, everyone else was undoubtedly sick of all the fuss and accolades so we all retired quietly to Snapper Park Caff or the beachfront for lunch. Then it was south on the cycleway, through Westshore and back to the start point.

**Cyclists:** Heather Stephenson, Christine Hardie [organiser], Rodger Burn, Garry Smith, Lynn Walch, Alasdair Shaw, Joan Ruffell, Roy Frost, Anne Cantrick, Graeme Hare, Des Smith

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## CLUB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

As a source of information on aspects of the outdoors and personal safety and general information, the Mountain Safety Council used to have video resources that clubs could get on loan or buy. They only have three now: Outdoor Safety Code, Hunting and Avalanche/Snow.

We have purchased the Outdoor Safety Code DVD which can be shown at club meetings when desired. As well they have short tutorials on a wide selection of outdoor skills etc available via Youtube. See the link below to access these.

**[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHy\\_76uW0tFx2RWtHXpuotQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHy_76uW0tFx2RWtHXpuotQ)**

You may need to copy and paste this link address in a browser if it does not load up on its own.

The opening page will show an actual 'experiment' real time on hypothermia. Just above the video picture is a tab VIDEOS....clicking on this will bring up the whole range of the short videos. Some are very short, others several minutes.

The main ones I recommend to look at are: #14 Compass #13 Read a Map #17 Give a Grid Reference #20 River Crossing #19 Travel as a Group #18 Survive and Be Found #15 Where Am I? Get Back on Track

There are many more so have a look around and learn lots. John Montgomerie, Training Sub-Committee

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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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## Editor's Note

### Lack of Trip Reports

There have been fewer than usual trip reports for this Pohokura especially about the Wed Group's activities. I really like to record something about what you do because it can be useful for members to look and see where/when/who went, in time to come.

Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club provides a contact list of property owners; in HTC the committee keeps this knowledge very 'Secret Squirrel' - trip reports can help future leaders especially where permission is needed for access over someone's property for walking through or leaving cars and so on. It helps HTC with statistics or surveys. Also in the near future HTC will be reconsidering its transport needs, so the more info we have the better the decision making will be.

## Heretaunga Tramping Club Meeting and Trip Information

### Coming Meetings:

Date	Chairperson	Speaker and Topic	Host/Supper
<b>2018</b>			
17 Jan	Lex Smith	Penny Isherwood Africa in Many Parts	Randall Goldfinch
31 Jan	Brent Hickey	Canadian Rockies	Marion Nicholson
14 Feb	John Montgomerie	All Members	Graeme Hare
28 Feb	Penny Isherwood	Produce Auction All Members	Anne Doig
14 Mar	Brent Hickey	All Members	Penny Isherwood
28 Mar	Susan Lopdell	Joan Ruffell, Alasdair Shaw Cycle Safety	Marion Nicholson
11 April	Alan Berry	Bric-A-Brac Auction All Members	John Montgomerie
25 April	Pam Turner	Speaker / Topic to be Confirmed	Brent Hickey
09 May	Graeme Hare	All Members	Raewyn Ricketts
23 May	Penny Isherwood	Alan Lee DoC Kaka Beak	Pam Turner
06 June	Lex Smith	All Members	Janice Love
20 June	John Montgomerie	Gordon Anderson Local Back Country Tales	Graeme Hare
04 July	Jude Hay	All Members	Penny Isherwood

**Meetings Sub-Committee:** Penny Isherwood, Graeme Hare, Philip Mardon

We want ideas for club night speakers and activities.

**Supper:** Put out cups, wash dishes, leave kitchen clean and tidy, and generally help Joan and Alasdair. Sweep floors and check that heaters and lights are off at the end of the meeting.

Don't drag the furniture as it marks the floor.



## 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 2018



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)

During January 2018 there can be weekly cycle trips arranged for those interested.

<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 we could tent slightly further along Hauhungaroa 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 turn-off; 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>Wed 7 Feb</b>	<b>Blowhard Bush Tour</b>
An informative walk around Blowhard with a Forest and Bird historian as a guide.	
<b>Organiser:</b> Rodger Burn Ph 877 6322	

<b>Wed 14 Feb</b>	<b>Dartmoor Cycle</b>
From Guppy Road to Sacred Hill Winery on Dartmoor Road.	
<b>Organiser:</b> Scott Campbell Ph 879 8554	

<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>Wed 21 Feb</b>	<b>Esk River</b>
A walk down Esk River from the end of Ellis Wallace Road.	
<b>Organiser:</b> Garry Smith Ph 844 9931	

<b>Wed 28 Feb</b>	<b>CHB Cycle</b>
A ride in CHB from Tikokino Pub to Ongaonga or Waipawa - various options.	
<b>Organiser:</b> Des Smith Ph 022 370 6118	

<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			

<b>Wed 07 March</b>	<b>Clover Patch/Black Birch Bivvy - Kaweka Ranges</b>
<b>Organiser:</b> Scott Campbell Ph 879 8554	

**Wed 14 March**                      **Cycle Paths**  
A coastal ride including Black Bridge and Haumoana.  
**Organiser:** Garry Smith    Ph 844 9931

**18 March**                      **Cape Kidnappers**                      **\$10**                      **Map BK39/BK40**  
With the Neil Diamond concert on Saturday we have selected a shorter tramp which can start later in the morning to give concert goers a sleep-in. Low tide is around 1:00pm so we will leave Clifton at around 10:00am for the 8.5km walk to the gannet colony. This is now one of the Great Short Walks and can have some interesting bird life as well as inspiring views as you follow the beach under the towering cliffs. This is a trip suitable for all-comers so bring your grandkids, your family and your visitors. Total walking time for the return trip is about five hours.

**Wed 21 March**                      **Kayak Trip**  
From Havelock North down the Karamu Stream/Clive River  
**Organiser:** Graeme Hare    Ph 844 8656

**Wed 28 March**                      **Tour of the Bay Cycle**  
Our old favourite: Tour of the Bay ride from Hastings Golf Club.  
**Organiser:** Jim Hewes    Ph 877 6784

**30 March – 2 April (Easter)**    **Waikaremoana area (Te Urewera)**                      **\$15**                      **Map BG39/BG40**  
Lots of options around the lake for all fitness levels: either tramp part of the Great Walk and return via water taxi or do a series of day walks to Panekiri Bluffs, Ruapani Lakes circuit and perhaps wander up Aniwanui Valley or walk from Rosy Bay to Lake Kaitawa.  
**Organiser:** Susan Lopdell    Ph 844 6697

**Wed 04 April**                      **Eskdale Reserves and Surrounds**  
An attractive and easy walk.  
**Organiser:** Pauline Mahoney    Ph 844 1052

**Wed 11 April**                      **Cycle in Central Hawkes Bay**  
A cycle ride in CHB to include the now-completed Waipawa/Waipukurau circuit with various options such as going through to Hatuma.  
**Organiser:** Rodger Burn    Ph 877 6322

**15 April**                      **Te Kooti's Lookout**                      **\$15**                      **Map BH39**  
In from Tutira to the end of the road at Waitara Station, across the 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.

**Wed 18 April**                      **Walk the Local Havelock North Reserves**  
**Organiser:** Barbara Phillips    Ph 877 5459

**Wed 25 April**                      **Maraekakaho – Raukawa**  
Cycle the circuit from Whakapirau.  
**Organiser:** Graeme Hare    Ph 844 8656

**28 – 29 April**    **Longview – Apiti Track – Leon Kinvig**                      **\$15**                      **Map BL36**  
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**Wed 02 May Lake Tutira - Enjoy the views from the walkway.**  
**Organiser:** Joan Ruffell Ph 877 6225

**Wed 09 May Cycle Hastings to Havelock North**  
 Cycle the back roads from Hastings to Havelock North via Mutiny Road and probably Birdwood Café.  
**Organiser:** Christine Hardie Ph 844 9590

**13 May Waipatiki Beach and Scenic Reserve \$15 Map BJ39**  
 Low tide should be around 11am, ideal for this beach and bush trip. We leave from Waipatiki Beach and follow the coastline north to Aropaoanui Beach which should take around two hours. Here we will decide whether to do the long walk up the road to the entrance to the Waipatiki Scenic Reserve or to return back along the beach and enter the reserve from the Waipatiki Road end. The beach walk includes boulder hopping, sandy stretches and, in places, a track along the bottom of the cliffs while the bush walk goes through a magnificent nikau forest.

**Wed 16 May Waipatiki Beach - Coastal track and nikau walk.**  
**Organiser:** Lynn Walch Ph 844 5679

**Wed 23 May Cycle the Waipawa to OngaOnga circuit in Central Hawkes Bay.**  
**Organiser:** Jim Hewes Ph 877 6784

**26 – 27 May Waikamaka Hut - Ruahines \$15 Map BK36**  
 In to our club hut via Waipawa River and Saddle for the weekend to enjoy the alterations done in November 2016 - probably a few small jobs that will need doing. B party could overnight at Waipawa Chalet instead, a very short tramp. An alternative is to go to Sunrise Hut.  
**Organiser:** John Montgomerie Ph 877 7358

**Wed 30 May Pohokura Road**  
 Potter around the limestone cliffs.  
**Organiser:** Pete Hewitt Ph 877 5188

**1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> June (Queen's Birthday Weekend) Waitangi Falls, East Woodhill Arboretum \$35**  
 Over the weekend we will visit the picturesque Waitangi Falls on Ruakituri River before continuing on to Eastwoodhill Arboretum near Gisborne where we will roam the many tracks and hopefully see the autumn colours. Time permitting, we may wander along the Otoko Walkway.  
**Organiser:** Susan Lopdell Ph 844 6697

**Wed 06 June Lyn's Favourite Somewhere**  
 More information closer to the day.  
**Organiser:** Lyn Gentry Ph 875 0542

**10 June Three Gorges to Middle Hill Hut \$15 Map BJ37**  
 Through Makahu Station to the saddle before the road end; then up to near Makino Bivvy and head south west to take in the three gorges [Mangatutunui Stream headwaters]. Arrive at Middle Hill Hut before returning to the carpark at the twin bridges.