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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's time for a change – I am stepping down as president and I wish to thank you all for your support over the last three years.

Our club is in a healthy state with over 110 active and 36 life or associate members. There is a big challenge for the incoming committee to encourage more people out on tramps. A number of tramps have been cancelled due to lack of a leader or no truck driver – the shortage of leaders should be overcome by those participants of the leadership course offering their services. This last year has seen an emphasis on training opportunities for club members – the leadership and risk management courses.

On the social side things have been relatively quiet this year with a couple of potluck dinners at members houses, ending with a great barn dance at Raupunga. I would like to thank the members of the committee and in particular our secretary, treasurer and club captain; also members of the various subcommittees who contributed to the smooth running of the club.

Finally, I would like to thank the landowners who gave their permission to cross their land; to the Napier DOC for their assistance over the year and my trammers who make trips enjoyable in whatever conditions prevail

Good tramping to you all.

Susan Lopdell
President

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Well another year is almost over and we have had a variety of trips to the Tararuas, Ruahines, Kawekas, Ureweras and Mount Ruapehu which was especially memorable with many options for members. Some of the longer weekend trips were unfortunately cancelled due to lack of support, whereas most weekend trips had average to good numbers. The day and family day trips were well attended by young and old (middle aged) and enjoyed. A few trips were unlucky with injuries occurring and spirit of the parties shone through with everyone pitching in and assisting, thus ensuring the safe return of all concerned.

The training aspects of the year were enjoyed by all who took part, ie Ross Gordon's skills and confidence course and the map and compass course at Kuripapango, so we hope to see more people coming forward to be leaders for trips and I'll help out where possible. Also we need people's ideas please, to be put forward before each Puhuokura is sent out.

Kiwi Saddle Hut had a coat of paint in the autumn and is due another soon. Kawaka Hut is due for some repairs and some rat and possum bait stations are being considered.

I have enjoyed my year as club captain and am sorry to see Sue stepping down as president and Christiana as secretary.

My thanks to them and the committee for their support.

Happy wandering for 1999.

**David Heaps
Club Captain**

TRUCK REPORT

The truck has nearly finished its seventh year and is still going strong. 77,00 km on the clock with not a lot needed this year on maintenance apart from regular servicing. Two new rear retreads were fitted recently with one delaminating on the Takapau plains three months later. It has been replaced free of charge.

Spotlights which were kindly donated by Leo Brunton were fitted recently. They make driving at night a lot better. Two new mattresses for the back. Thanks to Randall Goldfinch for the foam rubber and Ros Lusk for covering them.

Thanks everyone for sweeping out and putting the mattresses up and safe truckin' for 1999.

David Heaps

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

There were fewer issues this year but nevertheless these were most important.
Submission sent were:

1. After reading the draft management plan on Kahurangi, our latest national park. Congratulations to Minister of Conservation for his part in bringing this about.
2. Issues and options for managing impacts of deer on native forest.
3. D.O.C.'s plans for the year.
4. Boundary Stream Mainland Island.
5. To Mr Upton Min of Environment: Not to alter in any way the R.M.A.
6. Most important of all to stop the milling of the West Coast beech and rimu forests and native reserves by Timberland, backed by this govt.

Thanks to Glenda and Peter and Mike Lusk for their assistance and advice

Shirley Bathgate

SEARCH AND RESCUE REPORT

Heretaunga Tramping Club can be justifiably proud of its involvement in NZLSAR with Graham Thorp as national chairman and local search advisor and Ross Berry as SAR representative to FMC and local search advisor. Congratulations must go to Alan Berry on receiving a NZLSAR and a police award for his services to search and rescue.

Hawke's Bay Land SAR sadly accepted the resignation of Pat Bonis as search advisor.

A quiet year again for SAR in Hawke's Bay with only two minor calls. One for two 16 year old boys on a hunting trip over the Mohaka for Coppermine. They had climbed down a steep bank above the river and had become bluffed – however the local farmer had come to their aid just ahead of us.

The second incident was only recently with two adults and two children rafting from the Cameron Water Gauge down to Kiripapango base. They had overshot their mark and were picked up by a chopper some distance downstream.

Training for the year included a team leader course based at Camp Wakarara, a field controllers standards workshop and our annual SAREX at Puketitiri last month.

New people are slowly filtering in the system as others move on.

Many thanks to all involved.

Eddie Holmes.

AMAZING CLUB AUCTION

GET READY FOR ONE OF THE MAIN EVENTS OF THE YEAR

SORT OUT ALL THOSE UNWANTED AND UNLOVED GOODIES AND BRING

THEM ALONG ON

FEBRUARY 17 1999

THIS TRULY IS AN EVENT THAT HIGHLIGHTS RECYCLING AT ITS BEST

TRIP REPORTS

Southern Ruahines, Travers Hut Stanfield

Trip 1718

6 September 1998

Before arriving at the carpark I had decided to do the trip in reverse for safety reasons. Weather was bad, raining and windy and there were 15 people in the party. Some I knew would find it hard in rough weather, but going to Stanfield would sort them out. So we headed off in steady rain up the Tamaki river, stopping now and then for the tail to catch up. We passed the Rimu Track which is marked by a rock cairn. A short distance further on is the Holmes Ridge track which is marked by a plastic bag hanging in a tree.

On arriving at Stanfield we sheltered from the rain which had not stopped. On having a rest and something to eat, I suggested that we take 2 parties: one group to go back by the Holmes Ridge track and the other up top to Takapari Rd and along to the A frame hut, then down to the truck. I told them that it would be pretty rough up top. However, I was very pleased how things went. Nine decided to go back along Holmes Ridge and five went along the tops. Mike suggested that we go back down river and go up Rimu Track which meant we would not spend so much time in the open, so up the Rimu Track the six of us went.

Though it was raining, still it was a pleasant tramp up (I thought so) through the bush stopping now and then to admire some large Rimus. On reaching a higher altitude in leather wood, it was not so pleasant as we were more exposed to the wind and raing. A short distance from the top we had a break and dressed for the open tops; the wind and rain hit us with full force. Mike thought the rain was hail. Quickly we headed for the A frame hut. After a short visit to the hut we dropped over the side and down to the truck. The track was steep in places and very wet and muddy, at times it was a small running stream. Arrivingat the truck we found that the B party had arrived before us.

Thanks to all for the company and special thanks to Dave for driving.

L.H.

A party: Lew Harrison, Mike Lusk, Susan Lopdell, Allison Hollington, Dave Heaps, Dave Mullinder.

B party: Rodger Burns, Ros Lusk, Garry Smith, Crhis Waldron, Matt Fryer, Judy McBride, Leo Brunton. Marjoleine Friedeman, Bobby Couchman.

Northern Kawekas – Trip 1719

October 17-18 1998

Party B: The A and B parties left the truck together at Pinks at about 8.45am and began the initial grind up the first section of track to Middle Hill Hut on a day that was fine with some cloud.

(Four people pulled out before Saturday, possibly put off by Gavin's pointing out at the club meeting that the DOC brochure says of the Middle Hill-Makino track: "Because of the constant up and down nature of the track as it winds in and out of major creeks this is not a popular option". He still maintains honesty is the best policy).

Brian was finding the uphill a bit steep not having been out for 12 months and Jenny wasn't looking forward to the up-and-downs across to the Makino Hut so before we reached Middle Hill it had been decided that they would overnight there. (Jenny also slightly twisted her ankle just before the hut). They planned to walk back to the truck on the Sunday and Brian would drive the truck to the Mangatutu hot springs.

About halfway to Middle Hill the A party went ahead and the parties met briefly again about 11.30am at the hut. (Jenny and Brian had a quiet night at the hut with two hunters for company later).

The B party lunched then Leo, Mike and Gavin set off about midday. Immediately it was down 140 metres into a branch of the Mangatutunui stream, and then 160 metres up the other side.

The next big down into another headwaters branch came sooner than expected (great!) and again we slogged up a steep uphill in hot conditions. The 3hr15m sign time from to Makino Hut from Middle Hill was looking increasingly hopeful.

When Gavin developed a bit of headache from the heat and little sleep from staying up to watch the league test (a mistake!), packing late, and having an alarm clock go off half-an-hour early, he found other family members had raided his tramping first aid kit for panadol! Luckily Mike came to the rescue.

The track marking was patchy in places with some markers either fallen off or in the case of the last 200m climb up to the Makino ridge track often on the downward side of tree trunks. Before that climb was a very pleasant section of only slightly undulating beech.

We hit the ridge track about 4.30pm and had a quick conference where the short cut to Makino Hut deviates from the main track before the main junction. Everyone was tired (Mike admitted the walk was the toughest thing he'd done) but all wanted to get to the hot pools so 500m down the ridge we went to the footbridge over the Makino. We made an attempt to call the A party partway down around but were not surprised to find we could only get the cellular secretary.

The track did not seem as fearsome as remembered and it appeared that DOC had done some work as there were waratahs where neither Leo nor Gavin could recall them and possibly a bit of rerouting.

Leo's new boots were making their presence felt in no uncertain fashion and the trio were glad to see the river and head up the Mohaka towards the Mangatainoka Springs. The tree root-plagued climb up to the plateau above the river (The Hobbits' Staircase) was damned hard work late in the day.

As we approached the springs we could see smoke, and as we thought it could have been Dave, Randall, and Ali, when someone said "good, someone's go a fire going", someone else hoped "they've got a billy on as well". We reached the campsite at about 6.30 after a long day.

After putting up tents Gavin shot off to the pools for a beaut solo soak and a chat to Mandy Leslie who had come up to the Springs with her partner. After dinner Leo and Gavin headed back to the pools for another soak along with Mandy and Dave, and another trio of young guys also camping out. Laying back with the stars above was superb. Mike had headed off to bed asking "we don't have to get up early do we?"

A solid night's sleep was enjoyed by all. After breakfast the track up to the next river junction was explored and Gavin had yet another soak. Just as we were about to leave for Te Puia to have lunch, the A party turned up so we stayed and had an early lunch before walking back in various combinations to the Gums. Along the way we met Anne Cantrick, Christine Hardie and her nephew.

The afternoon was hot at times and the many streams welcome. In the last kilometre or so before the end of the track it was nice to see heaps of kowhai in bloom.

It was great to see the truck (thanks Brian) and everyone regrouped there. Ali, Dave and Gavin headed down to the hot tub and then down to the Mohaka for an invigorating dip.

A long day Saturday but overall an enjoyable trip. GS

Leo Brunton, Jenny Lean, Brian , Mike Rummel, Gavin Scoble (leader)

Cairn Trip Trip 1720

15 Nov 1998.

Fifty years ago on 20/21 November 1948 47 Heretaunga Tramping Club members and guests headed into the Kaweka Ranges for the dedication of the Memorial Cairn - Not like us, assembling at Makahu Base after reclining in the back of the truck for some extra beauty sleep. - They were a much 'hardier breed' having had to tramp in to Kiwi Saddle and Kaweka Hut for a night in wet, crowded conditions followed by a very early morning rise as they all were assembling on the top of Kaiarahi spur at am. Then it was the haul across the saddle, up Mad Dog Hill and on to the Cairn where the first ever Memorial Service began at 11 AM. Now don't we have it cushy!

This year 37 members headed off by club truck or private cars from Hastings into rather doubtful weather conditions but ever hopeful that there would be an improvement. En route Peter was subjected to an undignified calamity causing much hilarity. A certain members spare knickers had slipped through the carrier rack netting and Peter's head was festooned with this rather unusual adornment. He alone remained straight faced!

By 8.30 we were all shod, pack laden and heading upwards by varying spurs (Dons, Makahu) but the majority up via Trial Spur. As we gained altitude the much hoped for 'improvement' was canned - mist became denser and the temperature cooler. Reassembly at Dominic Bivvy saw some members rummaging in packs for their hats etc. The remaining climb soon warned the system but at the plateau we were met by the 'fleet footed' members and learnt that the conditions on top we not all pleasant so out came the 'serious' weather gear. The plateau was an awesome sight - through the eerie mist it appeared like a garden of scattered white daisy bushes. These 'daisies' were piles of elongated icicles stripped from the tussock clumps and dumped by the wind.

Our service began at 11 am and we were also joined by David Lewis and companions. Special mentions was made of the loss of two cherished members this year, Arch Lowe and the very recent and sudden death of Craig Shaw. Their families were very much in our thoughts. We all moved from the more sheltered side into the blast of the chilly wind for the laying of the wreath which was kindly donated by Robyn Berry. There was a prompt mass exodus from the Cairn with members disappearing into the mist in all directions. The majority headed off back down to Dominie, a small group of trusting souls followed Peter off towards Coxcombe Spur but their mission was later aborted and they too returned down via Dominie. Eight of us headed off along the tops towards North Kaweka with intentions of exiting via "Dave's" spur somewhere below this point. At lunch I was savouring my luck - out with 7 males - when low and behold a band of 4 females plus 1 honorary member (Rodger) arrived just to spoil my fun!

At John's suggestion we dropped off under North Kaweka to view some tarns not usually seen whilst following the poled route. As we ventured down visibility was still limited so Dave had some difficulty trying to locate his ridge. In the process we skittered hither to thither and the 'intruders' lost faith opting to return back to the tops and descend down via Dominie. Soon after this there was a clearance which revealed the allusive ridgeline was right where we were. We sauntered down enjoying varied topics of conversation but with the mention of Viagra the party came to a complete halt! Suddenly it was like a radio talkback and our Club doctor's knowledge was in great demand. All too much for me so I departed along with 2 other members (who perhaps don't have the need)! Our wait at the bushline was lengthy so there must have been some serious consultations! Down by Boulder Stream we met up with Russell Perry and his party who had had a few adventures coming down the shingle slide beneath Dominie Bivvy leaving Jenny a very 'cheeky' sight.

It was disappointing for the three newcomers with us not to have the views from the tops but we all had an enjoyable day of companionship and adventure. Thanks Philip for driving us and thanks to the team for the wonderful support on this very special club occasion.

AC

Party: Anne Cantrick (Leader), Robyn Madden, John Montgomerie, Glenda Hooper, Russell and Chris Perry, Ros & Mike Lusk, Vincent, Eveline, Julie Mercer, Chris Bennett, Sue Holmes, Christine Hardie, Peter Berry, John Berry, Gloira Abraham, Peter Pryor, Lew Harrison, Paul Madden, Sally Hobson, Sharon Hamilton, Randall Goldfinch, Rodger Burns, Garry Smith, Stephen Anderson, Lyn & Lyn Gentry, Jenny Lean, Dave Heaps, Dave Cormack, Liz Pindar, Sue Lopdell, Philip Mardon and Sandy Claudatos.

LOCAL DAY TRIPS

WHARITE PEAK.

The day was fine and sunny as we left Havelock North around 7 in the morning and traveled south through Dannevirke and up on to Top Grass Road. The clag over the Ruahines - in particular the Wharite Peak area - became more evident here but we ventured on arriving at the Coppermine Creek road end around 9 o'clock. Here it was definitely overcast, but not raining and Mike's thermometer told us that the temperature was 9 °C as we walked along Coppermine Track. We left the trips up to the old mine working or to the hut for the afternoon and started up the steep grind up the spur - four of the group had weekend packs on in preparation for their coming trip to Oz. The others of us did suggest that they could have carried our gear rather than their superfluous gear but that idea was steadfastly ignored.

We were reasonably sheltered as we climbed up the lower part of the spur and stopped for a breather just before the track ahead became more open and exposed. From here on the wind roared overhead and we were very thankful of the impenetrable border of leatherwood that offered protection from this wind. The temperature had dropped to 5 °C as we walked along the ridge top towards Wharite but if the wind factor was considered it would have been more like -14 °C. Views were limited, we could at times see Dannevirke and Woodville on the east and Ashurst and Feilding to the west but the central mountains and Mount Egmont were well hidden.

As we approached the Wharite repeater station the roar of the wind through the towers was like an aeroplane perpetually taking off. We managed to find shelter in one of the open buildings there for a reasonably quick lunch (it was not warm there) and afterwards retraced our steps back down to the Coppermine Creek track. Here we split into two groups one to visit the old mine workings and one to visit Coppermine Creek - neither group was terribly successful as the hut has been removed a little remains of the old coppermine. We were back at the cars around 3 o'clock where we had a quick cup of tea before going home via the Norsewear Shop.

GH

Party: Bobbie Couchman, Marc Warren, Philip Mardon, Mike & Ros Lusk, Susan Lopdell, Robyn Madden, Jim Glass and Glenda Hooper.

Khyber Pass, Ruahine Range 20 September:

The Havelock carload meet up with the Napier carload at the Maraekakaho monument just before 8 o'clock and we traveled on to Mill Road and along the farm track to park where we leave for Daphne Hut. As we stood around drinking our cups of tea we did a little map reading and made estimates of travel times to see how accurate we were. A little after 9 o'clock we then followed the farm track down to the Tukituki River (taking about twice as long as estimated) and started the 26 river crossings (as ascertained by the number of stones Jenny had in her pocket after depositing one there at every crossing) downstream to bring us to the Khyber Pass.

It was a brilliant day and the river water was a comfortable temperature although slightly too cool for swimming, the river water very clear with a number of potential swimming holes. In this stretch of the river the river valley is very steep with a number of waterfalls cascading down long drops to the river below. Flax and kiekie like plants are the main vegetation on these steep slopes with a number of kowhai trees which unfortunately hadn't reached full bloom by then.

After about 2 hours walking down stream we had reached the Khyber Pass which is a short gorge, about 5 metres wide and 10 metres long and on this day about mid thigh deep in the shallowest places. It was also rather cold in the gorge as it was in the shade and the wind was funneled through it. Once on the other side and back into the sunshine we elected to have an early lunch.

After lunch we started on the trek back which was uneventful until we came to what had been our first crossing of the day. Here we found an extremely timid and thin farm dog on one of the shingle islands in the river. Sue made a lead out of here spare bootlace others feed it with lunch scraps and muslei bars and Sue then proceeded to lead/drag the dog back with us. It was very reluctant to enter the river and didn't show any spirit until we were well back along the farm track and it saw some sheep. Its ears picked up then and it was quite happy to follow us along to the vehicles arriving there around 3 pm. After we had another a cup of tea, and the dog a few more morsels it happily jumped into the back of Sue's ute and we headed homewards, managing to off-load the dog to a local farmer who was working on the road just a few kilometre along, who was going to ring around to find its owner. It had been a great day and a good tramp.

GH

Party: Peggy Gulliver, Jenny Lean, Judy McBride, Sue Holmes, Rodger Burn, Al Moffitt & Glenda Hooper.

Alternative entertainment

The next best thing to tramping - no not sleeping - biking

Feb 14 9.30 am Overland starting from Lord Lyns. Weather permitting

Mar 15 9.30 am .Leave from John Berrys

Ring John or Lyn to check whether on.

Additional alternative entertainment.

The other Beach Boys Party. 27 Feb on a Napier Beach. 4 pm. Lord Lyn's got it organised. Check with him. Christine and John might know but don't get your hopes up.

CLUB NEWS

President's Comments.

For the 1998/99 term we welcome 3 new members, Paul, Peter & Stephen onto our committee. I believe we have a great tramping club with a very enthusiastic and dedicated executive team willing to cater for the needs of our members. To make it even better we need your input and ideas on all facets of club activities. Please don't be hesitant in offering any suggestions to either myself or any committee member.

A hearty welcome to our newest member, Matthew Fryer.

My thanks to the generous donations towards the hamper for Annette, Kerry and Jason Shaw. A very large box of Christmas gifts, treats and goods has now been delivered, much to the delight of the boys and Annette was quite overwhelmed and deeply grateful.

Congratulations to Glenda Hooper, recipient of our Trampler of the Year Award for her contributions organizing family tramps and the 100% effort that goes into all Club Activities.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing festive season with time to reflect on memorable tramping moments of the year and aspirations and adventures for 1999. May the last year of the century be a good one for you - and not so fast as this one.

Cheers,
Anne

Other News.

Search And Rescue

Our Local SAR Co-ordinator, Eddie Holmes had a recent call from the president and club captian of our club, (who shall of course, remain nameless) who had bluffed themselves when returning back from a painting trip at Kiwi Saddle. It seems that they decided to return by a diffent route so headed down to the Tutaekuri River from the bog to follow the river down - now any fool who had followed a previous Club president down that same track some 13 years previous could tell you that YES there are waterfalls in that stretch river and NO you can't get down them, so these two unnamed Club members did what we did back then and climbed right back up 4100 and came out via theusual route.

NEW MEMBER?? I have been lead to beleive that there is another new member in this club - this one answers to the name "Barbie" first viewed on the Pureora Trip in a Cerise Pink Outfit and shared a tent with one Garry Smith.... I also understand that this Barbie is of a downy appearance and can be slept with at temperatures of minus 10°C.....

OBITUARY

Craig Phillip Shaw

7 November 1998

For Craig

His footsteps crunch no more across the shifting mountain scree,
Nor pad along the mossy paths 'neath gnarled and twisted trees.
The shattered ridges lifted high and easy valley tracks,
Will no more feel his wandering boots or swinging of his pack.
He's climbed the highest peak there is, there's no more height to gain,
His pack rests light on his shoulder now, gone is all the pain.
And some day soon we'll journey back, to climb a ridge on high,
And sit where drifting wisps of cloud, merge with earth and sky.
We'll think of trips we've shared before and time upon the hill.
And wish from deep within our hearts that he were with us still.

A. Lee

I'd like to start with a poem written by a fellow outdoor enthusiast
For Craig....

I am here on behalf of the people with whom Craig tramped. Craig has been an active member of the Heretaunga Tramping Club since 1993 – one of that band who wander about the remote and rugged parts of our contry.

Many of us remember Craig's trademark – his magnificent shorts – technicolour marvels they were. Being an active tramper he often sustained extensive injuries to his shorts but no one was ever allowed to suggest replacing them. Craig would take them home and sew a new piece on what was left.

The fame of his shorts was such that they rated a mention in the club's magazine. A member wrote a light-hearted letter to draw attention to the accelerating decline in presentation of club members:

"There is a young man who wears a pair of short pants that are obscene, having been carelessly patched with various fragments of rag."

Of course, they were otherwise generally regarded as picturesque wearable art!

Craig gave freely of his time and energy to the tramping club. He was involved on the committee, even taking on secretarial duties. (Of course with Annette's assistance). He maintained our huts, organised trips and shared bushcraft skill at training sessions. Craig was a frequent leader of trips, giving guidance to new members. He even gained a bus driver's licence in order to drive our club truck – but I think that was because he got tired of feeling sick in the back.

Craig, we know you always enjoyed adventure and challenge off the beaten track. This often led me to be entwined in leatherwood or encased in snow. Thinking of snow reminds me of the time my alpine overmit fell from a wire and the gortex was the only thing that burned in that miserable fire in Mangaturutu Hut. You found that DOC rubbish bag and so patiently folded, shaped and taped a new mitten- what a fiddly job. Like anything you crafted, it had to be exactly right. You even formed a furniture company up at Kiwi Saddle Hut. From odd bits of timber lying about, you and Ed so cleverly crafted the table and two-seater. My carpentry skill were not trusted; I was delegated the position of tea lady!!

Craig, your sense of service also came to the fore in the DOC fire team and with Search and Rescue – you willingly dropped whatever you were doing to search for others. (Though after a couple of mishaps you too had to take the "quick way out" in a helicopter.)

We've shared many a yarn and had a lot of laughs over a REALLY, GOOD STRONG CUP OF COFFEE. You told me never to give you cat's pee

Craig; you will always be with us – see you at the top.

It is not age that gives character but spirit.

Anne Cantrick.

SOCIAL EVENTS

1. Jan 6. Social. How I lost my fitness for Xmas.
2. Jan 20. Tramping by trailer at Pennel Orchard
3. Feb 3. Orienteering with Jim Glass. Bring your compass and get lost in Windsor Park. Prompt 7.30 start
4. Feb 17 the Infamous Club Auction with Lord Lyn Gentry. Circulate your junk. Also prootree and Tramping gear. Proceeds to the Lowe Walker Rescue Helicopter.
5. Mar 3. Tales of the MacPae. A baref and hopefully humorous report from each checkpoint.
6. Mar 17 Dave and Debbie in Ireland and Iceland
7. Mar 31 Tramping in the Gammon Ranges (Northern South Aust) Featuring the most frightening slide you are ever likely to see.
8. Apr 13 Kay Ward Tramping Nutrition. How to cope with being a very long way from McDonald's.
9. Apr 23 Native Plant I.D. and Tramping Knowledge Team Quiz.



DUTIES

Date	Hosts	Supper
20/1	Jenny Lean, Christiana Hatcher	Wayne Hatcher, Randall Goldfinch
3/2	Lew Harrison, Sue Lopdell	Judy McBride, Doug King
17/2	Robyn Madden, Lex Smith	Owen Brown, Gail Harvey
3/3	Gloria Abraham, Rick Bowker	Jan Hawke, Neil Mora
17/3	Shirley Bathgate, Gavin Scoble	Liz Pindar, Julie Mercer
31/3	Garry Smith, Eddie Holmes	Neil Curtis, Ros Lusk
14/4	Lyn Gentry, Peter Berry	Lyn Gentry, Marjoleine Freideman
28/5	Pam Turner, Stephen Anderson	Scott Aitken, Martin Mallow

Duties of those on supper and Host

Hosts: Greet visitors and fill in visitors book. Sweep floors and check that heaters and lights are off at the end of the meeting

Supper: Put zip on, cups etc out, wash dishes and leave kitchen clean and tidy at end of evening and generally help Jim.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR 1998-1999:

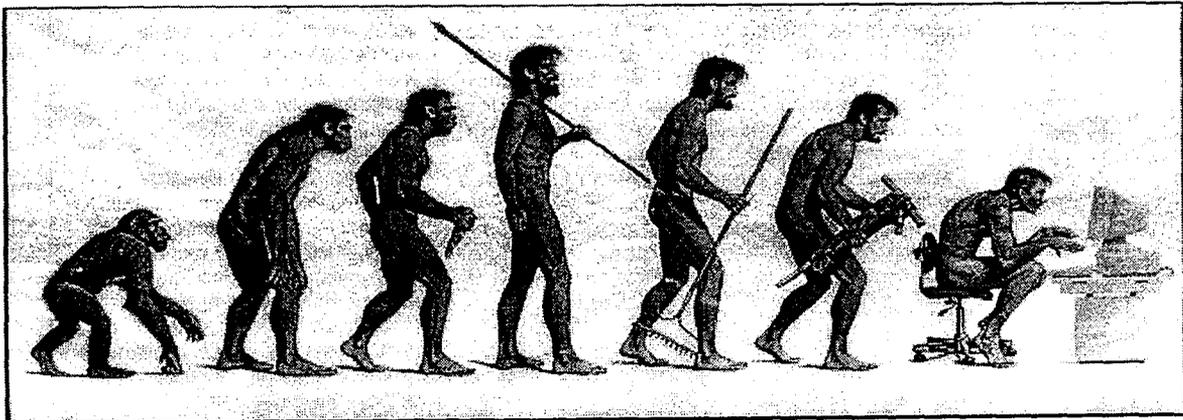
ACTIVE - SENIOR - \$25 - This sub is for all active trampers (i.e. attend 1 or more Club trip in a year) who are not covered by the FAMILY or JUNIOR category. This sub entitles you to 1 FMC card (which can give you substantial discounts e.g. for Annual hut passes and travel) and 1 set of the Pohokura.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

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

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

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

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



HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB TRIP LIST

The trips listed below are designed to cater for people of average fitness. Although the area for the trip is generally adhered to the suggested objectives may change for a number of reasons. For pre trip inquiries contact the leader or David Heaps 8750088

January 10. Taupo Road	Map V19.
Party A: Pack floating trip down the Waipunga River, starting at the double crossing.	
Leader: Mandy Leslie 8782349	
Party B: Stoney Creek: Up one of the branches then up and over the low spur to come out down the other branch.	
Co-Leaders: Glenda Hooper 8774183 & Robyn Madden 8449661	
Driver: P. Berry.	\$10

January 23-24. Central Ruahine Ranges	Map U22.
Party A: From Triplex carpark to Top Maropea & Maropea Forks, stay night at Wakelings Hut. Sunday will follow the Waikamaka stream to Waipawa saddle returning to Triplex carpark via Waipawa River.	
Leader: P. Pryor. 8765666	
Party B: Up Waipawa River to Waipawa saddle and on to Waikamaka hut. Then across Rangī saddle to stay Saturday night at Waterfall hut. Returning Sunday by the reverse route.	
Leaders: Rodger Burns. 8776322 & Susan Lopdell 8446697	
Driver: David Heaps	\$10

Extra Day: 24 January: Colenso Spur & Barlows Hut, Ruahine Range.	Map U22
Leaving from Yeomans, cross the Makaroro River and take the track past Craigs hut to the Makaroro River, up river to Colenso Spur, up spur until track down to Barlows, then out via Barlows Hut & the river.	

February 7 Beach Trip - Rangaiika Beach	Maps W21 & W22
Late Saturday wander over Cape Kidnappers to camp at Rangaiika Beach (swimming & fishing) and walk out to Ocean Beach on the Sunday.	
Leader: Lyn Gentry 8750542	
Driver: John Berry 8776205	\$10

February 20 - 21 MACPAC Kaweka Challenge	
Based in the Kaweka Range this is a major fundraising event for the Club. We need lots of volunteers to man control points etc.	
Contact: Susan Lopdell 8446697 Neil Mora 8701321	

March 7: Mangaharuru Range.	Maps V19 & V20
Party A: From the Pohokura Saddle up onto Taraponui Trig and out to the Titiokura Summit via Ahuateatua and Kopua Trigs.	
Leader: Mike Lusk 8778328	
Party B: Into Taraponui Trig via Bell Rock and then back out and drive round to the Titiokura Summit stopping for lunch on the way.	
Leader: Shirley Bathgate 8778511	
Driver: Christine Hardie	\$10

March 20- 21 Kuripapango Bushcraft Weekend	Kaweka Ranges	Map U20
Practice making emergency shelters, lighting fires, first aid, cooking and river crossing techniques. Bring your usual weekend packs. This course is for all Club members, young and old. Saturday night BBQ.		
Leader: Paul Madden. 06-8588653		
Driver: Volunteer wanted		\$10

April 2 - 5 (Easter). Kaimanawa & Kaweka Forest Parks **Maps U19& U20**
Party A: Kiko Road to Cascade on Friday night then down to Tussock for Saturday Night. Sunday onto Te Puke and staying at Mangaturutu Hut for the night. Monday through to Tira Lodge following the tracks along the tops of the Kaweka Ranges to Makahu Carpark.
Leader: Stephen Anderson 8768327
Party B: From Tauhara Rd to Boyds via Oamuru Hut. Saturday to Tussock, Harkness and on to Te Puke Hut for the night. Sunday to Tira Lodge to stay the night then on Monday out along the tops to Makahu Carpark with party A.
Leader: Volunteer wanted
Driver: Volunteer wanted **\$20**

Local Day Trip 5 April. Mt Kuripapango. Kaweka Range) **Map U20**
 Leave from the Cameron carpark and up to Kuripapango down and around the Kaweka Lakes and back to the water gauge.
Leader: Volunteer wanted

April 18 Donald River/Matauria Ridge Kaweka Range **Map U20**
Party A: From the carpark at Makahu drop into and follow the Donald River down to the MacIntosh Track crossing. Return back via the Matauria Ridge.
Leader: David Harrington 8449059
Party B: From Makahu walk along Matauria Ridge to drop down to the Donald River and return back up and along the Black Birch Range.
Leaders: Chris Waldron 8750034 and David Heaps 8750088
Driver: Volunteer wanted **\$10**

May 1 - 2 Howletts/Moorcock Ruahine Range **Map U22**
Party A: Up the Tukituki River to Daphne Hut, up Daphne Spur to night at Howletts Hut which is situated on top of the range. On Sunday travel out along the tops via Otumore and Longview to Moorcock Saddle.
Leader: Peter Pryor 8765666
Party B: Up from Moorcock Saddle to Pohangina Saddle and stay at Longview. Some may wish to go on to Howletts via Otumore
Leaders: Anne Cantrick 8448149 and David Heaps 8750088 **Driver:** Volunteer wanted
\$10

Local Day Trip: 2 May: Rosvall's Track, Ruahine Range **Map U22**
 Drive into Mill Road and walk up the Tukituki River for a short way then climb up Rosvall's Track to Tarn Bivvy and return.
Leader: Robyn Madden 8449661

May 18 Boyds Bush Sth Kaweka Range. **Map U20**
 Come and wonder through Boyds Bush on the Taihape Road whilst practising your navigation skills.
Leader: John Montgomerie 8777358 **Driver:** Volunteer wanted

OVERDUE TRAMPERS

Although returning parties plan to be out of the bush before dark, safety considerations must come first. This may mean that parties are late returning to transport. Even after arriving back at the transport, it may take 2 hours or more to return to the embarkation point. Beginners should make sure that anyone who might worry about them is informed of this. Leaders will try to get a message through to one of the "overdue contacts" if return seems likely to be later than 10 PM. All newcomers should ensure that their own emergency number is noted in the party list that the leader leaves in town. For all inquiries about overdue trampers please ring one of the following:
Ross Berry 8774436 **Jim Glass 8778748** **Glenda Hooper 8774183**
Cancellations: If you can not make a trip please contact the leader BEFOREHAND so as to avoid unnecessary delays for the rest of the party.

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

HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC). BALANCE SHEET.

AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 1998.

	1998	1997
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash on hand	\$7	\$410
Trustbank Cheque Account	\$3,725	\$3,479
Accounts receivable	\$144	\$260
	<u>\$3,876</u>	<u>\$4,150</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Trustbank term deposits	\$12,379	\$11,422
Hastings Building Society	\$30,841	\$24,462
Fixed Assets	\$29,207	\$32,246
	<u>\$76,302</u>	<u>\$72,279</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$76,302</u>	<u>\$72,279</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Sundry payables	\$250	\$250
Subscriptions received in advance		\$10
Trip Credits		\$40
	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$300</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$250</u>	<u>\$300</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>\$76,052</u>	<u>\$71,979</u>
Represented by:		
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Balance at 1 October 1997	\$71,979	\$66,566
Surplus for the year	\$4,073	\$5,413
	<u>\$76,052</u>	<u>\$71,979</u>
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS	<u>\$76,052</u>	<u>\$71,979</u>
AUDITOR'S REPORT TO MEMBERS OF THE HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC.)		
I report that I have examined the books and records of the Club and have obtained all the information and explanations that I have required.		
With organisations such as the Club, it is not possible for the auditors to verify all cash received during the year and my examination of income has accordingly been limited to a comparison of recorded receipts with bank deposits. I did not however note anything that would indicate the existence of receipts not banked.		
Subject to the possible effect of the limited control over income referred to in the proceeding paragraph, in my opinion the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet show respectively a fair view of the Club's activities for the year ended 30 September 1998 and of the financial position at that date.		
W.A. Stacey. ACA(Retired)		
<i>L. A. May</i> 7/11/98		

HERETAUNGA TRAMPING CLUB (INC). INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1998.

INCOME	NOTES	1998	1997
Subscriptions		\$2,640	\$2,601
Equipment hire		\$168	\$240
Fares received		\$3,236	\$3,037
Meeting Contributions		\$406	\$384
Donations			
Hut		\$165	\$234
General		\$205	\$206
Motere trust		\$300	\$200
Hillary Commission			\$677
Macpac Kaweka Challenge		\$3,700	\$2,800
Fund-raising		\$4,241	\$3,713
Interest Income		\$3,076	\$2,598
Sundry		\$167	
Sales		\$37	\$68
		<u>\$18,341</u>	<u>\$16,760</u>
EXPENSES			
Audit & Accountancy		\$250	\$250
General Expenses		\$52	
Donations		\$429	\$192
Insurance (huts & equipment)		\$291	\$349
Rent of meeting room		\$300	\$288
Stationery, photocopying stamps etc.		\$819	\$437
Supper & social expenses		\$252	\$324
Library & photo album		\$54	\$126
FMC Capitation		\$1,020	\$979
Bulletin		\$968	\$1,165
Training		\$2,920	
Hut maintenance		\$280	\$154
Subscriptions		\$47	\$77
Transport costs		\$2,048	\$2,703
Truck Insurance		\$445	\$441
Phones		\$426	
Equipment: maintenance & minor items			\$246
Depreciation	2	\$3,668	\$3,616
		<u>\$14,268</u>	<u>\$11,346</u>
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR TRANSFERRED			
TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS		<u>\$4,073</u>	<u>\$5,413</u>

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