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Club Meetings: These are held every second Wednesday (before a tramp) at the Hastings Harrier Clubrooms in Sylvan Road, Hastings. Doors open 7:25pm, visitors are most welcome.

50 c donation gratefully accepted each meeting towards hall hire (*place in the old boot*).

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President's Report 2005

This year we celebrated the 70th anniversary of the foundation of HTC, with a well attended dinner. A highlight was the appearance of 3 small metal plates commissioned by HTC members serving in Egypt, and marked with the club logo. To our great delight Dudley Shepherd was at the dinner and able to tell us that it had been he who had organized their manufacture. What better way to emphasize the strength of the club tradition!

We continue of course, to tramp, now not only in the weekends but also on every second Wednesday, and the innovation has been most successful. Many hills have been climbed in various parts of both Islands and those who haven't been on a particular trip have enjoyed hearing the reports subsequent meetings, or have read of them in Pohokura, again most ably put together by Andy and Tina.

Our finances are in excellent shape due to the success of our two fundraisers, The Kaweka Challenge in February, and the official collection, with our assistance, of Hazardous Waste. Those of us who have worked at the latter have been fascinated by the substances emerging from the boots of cars. Strychnine, Phosphorus and Cyanide head the list and none of us will be surprised to be handed an icecream container of unwanted nuclear waste.

Once again we attended and thoroughly enjoyed Deborah Turner's production at Puketitiri, this time The Pirates of Penzance, and we enjoyed it the more as we were asked to join the Policemen's Chorus, which involved singing 'tarantara' in many different ways. As usual many of us stayed close to the venue, at Pam's country estate. To show our gratitude for her ongoing generosity we went back in the spring and helped her family turn a large vegetable garden into a lawn, and to plant many native trees behind the house.

In these times of increasing accountability it was perhaps inevitable that our casual relationship with DOC concerning the club huts would need to be formalized, and we finally achieved a satisfactory agreement. Thanks to Doc for listening to our requests, acceding to nearly all and for patiently waiting while we took our time.

It goes without saying that we remain a very happy group, and this is because each member has something to contribute, and willing does so. The Committee and its Subcommittees have worked diligently, and I have received all the help and wise advice I could have wished for. In particular, Graeme, our super-efficient Secretary, and Glenda, our Vice President, deserve special thanks.

I plan to step down from my position this year, and am confident that my successor will enjoy the job just as much as I have.

Mike Lusk

Environmental Report 2005

Boundary Stream: First male Kiwi hatched. There are eight fledgling Kokako.

Submissions: Glenda forwarded an excellent report on "Sustainable future – Issues & Options for Freshwater". Letter to Min. of Cons. Re Seafield Mining Co. who are mining for gold on

West Coast. Permission granted by Crown Enterprises Ltd. DOC watching out for any damage to bird life or land abuse. Also waiting for results from Environment Hawkes Bay re contaminant found in storm-water drains in the Estuary, Karamu Stream and Clive River.

From FMC the promotion of six new S.I. High Country Parks. These are: Hawkdun Range, St. James Station, Spenser Range, Pisa Range and Lake Heron.

Mike and I attended the NZ Environmental Roadshow in Hastings which included all matters concerning the Environment. These were: the R.M.A; Sustainable Industry & Climate Change; Nat. Env. Standards for Clean Water, Air & Land; Waste Management; Cleanup of Contaminated Land and Working with Local & Central Government.

These are the main issues for the year. Special thanks to Glenda for her assistance & input.

Shirley Bathgate.

Truck Report 2005

The truck has now done about 54,000km and continues to give trouble free service, although the 6yr-old batteries had to be replaced earlier this year. Operating costs are still rising, with regular increases in insurance premiums, licensing fees, and servicing charges. Road user charges jumped up this year, and there is a big increase in fuel costs, as we all know.

After nearly ten years of holding truck fares unchanged, the committee now sees a need to raise the levels of trip costs, but it will still be a lot cheaper than taking private cars on tramping trips. If we can do a good job of promoting trips and so get a good number of takers each time, truck fares per tramper can be kept down.

Geoff Clibborn

TREASURERS REPORT - Lex Smith

INCOME	NOTES	\$2,005	\$2,004
Subscriptions		\$2,334	\$2,298
Fares received	1	\$2,579	\$5,092
Meeting Contributions		\$466	\$393
Donations			
Hut		\$580	\$625
General		\$35	\$238
Motere trust		\$300	\$200
Fund-raising	2	\$9,301	\$10,486
Interest Income	3	\$3,754	\$3,178
Insurance Claim	Kaweka Hut		\$8,240
Sales		\$36	\$142
		\$19,385	\$30,892
EXPENSES			
Administration		\$302	\$451
Audit & Accountancy		\$250	\$265
General Expenses		\$584	\$25
Donations	4	\$469	\$828
Insurance (huts & equipment)	5	\$706	\$987
Rent of meeting room		\$300	\$300
Supper & social expenses		\$531	\$649
Library & photo album		\$81	\$55
FMC Capitation		\$900	\$900
Bulletin		\$860	\$775
Training	6	\$450	\$0
Hut maintenance	7	\$3,126	\$74
Subscriptions		\$52	\$82
Transport costs	8	\$4,150	\$4,721
Truck Insurance		\$582	\$582
Equipment	9	\$207	\$491
Telephone		\$9	\$0
Write off - Crampons (1Pair)	Damaged	\$0	\$96
Write off - Typewriters (2)	Obsolete	\$177	\$0
Depreciation		\$5,181	\$5,259
		\$18,917	\$16,539
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR			
TRANSFERRED			
TO ACCUMULATED FUNDS		\$467	\$14,353
NOTES:			
1. Net of Ferry costs \$1821 included in 2004 accounts			
2.. Different mix of fundraising / 2004 returns			
3. Increased funds on deposit / interest rates / timing of deposit terms			
4. Donations - Helicopter Trust (2004 included - Kidnappers Trust \$500)			
5. 2004 included Registered Valuation \$282			
6. Grant to Michelle Burden - O/Door Pursuit Centre Course			
7. Includes Helicopter costs / coal to Howletts			
8. Includes new front tyres / callout costs - \$724 (incurred 4/2004 - late charged)			
9. Crampon protectors			

	2005	2004
CURRENT ASSETS		
Kaweka Challenge deposit	\$600	\$600
Westpac Cheque Account	\$2,021	\$9,213
Accounts receivable	\$0	\$0
	<u>\$2,621</u>	<u>\$9,813</u>
NON CURRENT ASSETS		
Westpac Term Deposits	Term Deposit \$13,572	\$12,877
	Term Deposit \$10,000	
Hastings Building Society	Term Deposit \$39,503	\$37,045
	Term Deposit \$9,199	\$8,629
	\$0	\$0
Fixed Assets	\$37,447	\$42,805
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$112,342</u>	<u>\$111,169</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Sundry payables	\$956	\$250
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$956</u>	<u>\$250</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>\$111,386</u>	<u>\$110,919</u>
Represented by:		
ACCUMULATED FUNDS		
Balance at 1 October 2004	\$110,919	\$96,566
Surplus for the year	\$467	\$14,353
TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS	<u>\$111,386</u>	<u>\$110,919</u>

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 the 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 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 2005 and of the financial position at that date.

W.A. Stacey. C.A. (Retired)

J.A. Smith

Treasurer

TRAINING BULLETIN- Mountaineering Course



On the 5th and 10th of August 2005, I attended a five day mountaineering course through the organisation 'Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre of New Zealand'. The course was wicked and it was full on mountaineering for the whole five days. If we weren't out in the harsh conditions that the mountain presented we were in the lodge studying theory and practicing our mountaineering skills.

Our home 'base' was on the Tukino ski-field and our accommodation was a huge and amazing lodge. In fact it was so big that everyone had the option of their own bedroom. My room was the biggest and the best, as the view from my bedroom window looked out towards Mount Ngauruhoe. So each morning I was greeted by the dramatic and powerful views of the mountains.

The outgoing mountaineering team consisted of five outgoing members, four of which were male. Yep I was the only female and the youngest by about ten years. Never the least I still kicked their butts in many of the exercises that our instructor got us to do.

On day one we mainly went over the basics to do with mountaineering, this covered walking without crampons and using our ice axe to assist us, "rhythm, balance and secure footing" was the tune that stuck in our heads. Then it was the turn of the crucial skill of self arresting, we found a good size slope and tested our strength and mental ability. A slip and a tumble and I found myself rapidly sliding down the slope, grasping my ice axe I swiftly planted it into the firm snow. This crucial skill soon turned into a playful competition with the males becoming cocky and doing crazy maneuvers, which consisted of head first on stomach, head first on back etc. Yet my competitive streak came out and I soon found myself rocketing down the slope head first on my back, trying to anchor my ice axe, preventing me from continuing down the slope. Day one was an enjoyable day and once we were off the mountain we went straight into theory.

Day two was a cold and windy day, as a low was now over us, yet the weather didn't stop us from going on the mountain. We journeyed up the mountain for an hour where we acknowledged the surrounding environment and carefully took into consideration snow loading and avalanche risk. The majority of the course was structured on avalanche awareness; we wore avalanche transmitters the whole time and did a lot of avalanche search and rescue. I found this a knowledgeable and enjoyable area, as it is very different to the search and rescue that I am learning in Hawkes Bay. We found a large boulder to shelter behind and soon we dealt with the unpleasant conditions and learnt how to construct a safe and stable snow anchor. I thoroughly enjoyed doing this as I felt that this skill of learning how to establish a safe anchor was an accomplishment to know that your structure is safe and will be strong enough to support you and your partner during any situation. When doing the snow anchors we learnt a lot of knots for certain uses. These knots were simple yet they were extremely hard to do, placed on my hands were large gloves with numb fingers; the violent winds were hammering snowdrift into my face and to some it was a bloody mission to tie one simple knot. Yet once I had accomplished my knot I was soon able to continue with my structure. The first day was a satisfying day, although the weather wasn't pleasant, I felt that it was good to have this sort of weather condition when learning. We became comfortable in nasty weather and knew that we could create a safe anchor and could tie a knot in any sort of weather condition.

Day three was the day when I kicked the guys' butts in avalanche rescue and shocked them all. In pairs we made a box in the snow 40meters by 40meters and messed up all the snow, like what an avalanche would do. Then our partner would hide the transmitter, you would have to locate it by listening to the tone of the transmitter when it is turned to transceive, the closer you were the louder it would get. Our instructor Sash decided he would time us and see who could do it the fastest. Two of

the guys were doing it in 7 and 9 minutes; my partner did it in 2 minutes and 50 seconds. Yet I did it in 1 minute and 47 seconds, Sash was stoked as to get certificate one in avalanche search and rescue you have to do it fewer than 2 minutes. To tell you the truth I think that was pretty close to being one of my highlights of the whole 5 days.

Anyway to carry on the weather this day was beautiful and because of that we decided to head up Mount Ruapehu and locate a snow cave just below the top. We had amazing weather and the snow cave was an awesome experience. When deciding who was going to sleep where the guys thought of me and I had a pleasant sleep between two nice warm bodies. In the morning it was so peaceful in the snow cave but as soon as you made your way outside you were greeted by violent winds. As I looked down the valley my breath was taken away, excuse the pun, but it truly was. I was above the clouds and gazed across open space, my efforts and determination to learn how to survive in the mountains had been richly rewarded and a strong feel of tranquility was present. We left very early before the weather conditions worsened, once we had our slice of chocolate cake for breakfast we made our way down the mountain returning to the lodge to do rope work inside.

The final day approached very fast, and at 6.30 in the morning the guys awoke me saying 'get out of bed Michelle, it's an awesome sun rise'. I slowly got out of bed and saw the amazing sun rise; it was an awesome way of summing up the best 5 days of my life. After a good fed we were back on the mountain doing glacier travel, carves rescue and summing up what we had learnt and putting it into situations.

The course was a well worth experience and the amount of knowledge I gained was priceless. It is an experience that I will never forget as I saw some amazing views, when I was above the clouds. I had an awesome bunch of people (who were all male) which supported each other every step of our crazy 'hobby' and outgoing adventure.

When deciding to do this mountaineering course I asked the Tramping club for sponsorship. In my letter I said, " I feel that the course will be extremely helpful in developing my mountaineering skills making me a more skilful and knowledgeable mountaineer". This I feel I have differently accomplished from this course and with practice and experience this will develop.

I also said, " My future goals are to help others enjoy the beautiful but dangerous environment of the mountains and alpine areas. This has already been achieved as in my spare time I help students on their Young New Zealanders tramping expeditions and training courses. My goal to help others has already started but with the knowledge from this course I can create a safer environment for everyone to learn and achieve in". Because the knowledge that I gained from this course was so full in depth it will not only help me but also those that which to learn about the outdoors.

I would like to say thank you to the Heretaunga Tramping Club as they were my main sponsor, but also my other sponsors, Napier Girls Highschool Student Committee, D and L Heaps, K Stanley, P Bloodworth, and J Ford. With out this sponsorship it would have been a mission alone to attend this course. So thank you for your sponsorship as it allowed me experience the awesome and wicked environment of the mountains and how to be safe in them (and also have some fun kicking the guys butts).

Michelle Louise Burden

TRIP REPORTS

#1916	Mt Ruapehu	27-28 August, 2005
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The numbers dwindled to five, the smallest Ruapehu crew ever! Lynette, Mathew self left Friday night for Whakapapa and Robyn and Simon from Palmerston North, arriving about 8.30pm at the Arlberg Ski Club which is very well located at the bottom of the loop road.

Saturday – all except Mathew paid the \$18 to ride up to the Knoll Ridge café, and on up the hard way. At the top of the Knoll Ridge T-bar the temperature was 0C and 50 – 70 km an hour wind, about minus 20's wind chill, blowing ice and snow into us, this was a bad omen as it was clagged in higher up, the sensible thing to do was retreat. Robyn and Simon potted about in the Pinnacles, Lynette went skiing with Mathew, and I likewise for the afternoon, in poor claggy conditions. A sumptuous dinner had that evening and a comfortable night.

Sunday dawned clear (for how long?) and so Robyn, Simon and self repeated yesterday and cramponed up in good firm snow and clear but threatening weather. On gaining the Dome Ridge we crunched on up, but it whited out just before the Dome Shelter. Lunch was taken as we hoped for a clearance but no, and so navigated down to the plateau, out the “notch” and back down into the clear.

We departed about 4.30 after a good break even if the weather was frustrating. *JM*



Party: Lynette and Mathew Blackburn, Robyn Gulliver, Simon Jones and John Montgomerie.

#1917	Holts Bush, Tutira Walkways	31 August, 2005
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Eleven of us set out in private cars for Holts forest. The day was magnificent. Brilliant sunshine and the early morning mist soon burned off. Holts Forest is now open every day, not once a month as it used to be.

We passed through the old forest workers settlement of Waikoau. It looked like a set for a turn of the century film. Old tumble down houses still lived in, with washing on the line and old derelict cars scattered around. An old arthritic dog ambled its way down the main street and some wag has erected a large sign which reads in peeling paint "Luxury apartments for sale apply within."

Arriving at the forest we had our morning "cuppa", then set off to wander in this magnificent piece of forest, gifted to the nation. Various species of trees are signposted, both native and exotic. The young kauri trees were particularly notable.

The daffodils were out but we were a little early for the azaleas and the primroses. A few were flowering but would be very impressive in a few weeks later.

We then had our lunch and headed for Tutira, but only walked around the small lake. The big lake was closed because of lambing, so we stopped off at White Pine Bush for a look at the magnificent trees in there. D.O.C. has put in walkways around the two giants in this bush to protect them. They were, as always amazing, with their glowing root structure.

We then headed home returning by 3.30p.m. A lovely lazy day. Felt sorry for those who have to work indoors in such lovely weather.

BC:

Joan Ruffell, Bobby Couchman, Rodger Burn, Peggy Gulliver, Judy McBride, Shirley Bathgate, Margot Cooper, Raewyn Rickets, Pam Hurst.

#1918

Kamatua Track, Ruahines

11 September, 2005

We parked the truck at the start of the old Kamatua Track along which we quickly walked to the site of the old Kamatua hut. Very fresh pig rooting was evident along this stretch.

At this stage the track should follow the creek but we could not find any evidence of it after the hut site and never saw any sign of it from there onwards. (This track is no longer maintained by DOC). Instead we spent a lovely day bush bashing, initially climbing up the hillside hoping to come across the track and then sidling around onto a ridge heading southwards, roughly on a bearing to Ellis Hut. It was the perfect place to bush bash, relatively open with mainly crown fern between the trees and the odd orchid and fungi to slow Mike and Ken down as they tried once again to click that wining shot. Randall and Ros had brought along their GPS but they (the GPSes not Ros or Randall) were of limited value in this bush as they rarely were able to pick up the necessary three satellites to fix our position. Late lunch was had on the banks of a small stream and afterwards we followed this creek downstream hoping to find an easy way up the otherside.

By about 3 o'clock it was obvious we were not going to get to Ellis Hut so we decided to head for the nearest farmland that was truck side of a deep gorge that bisects the farm. In doing so we came across an enormous slip which was relatively recent. Climbing up this slip was the easiest way through the bush, so like tiny ants we made our way slowly up being very careful not to dislodge any rocks. Once off the slip it was a short walk through to the farmland and we spotted 2 or 3 deer just before we got to the first fence. We made our way directly towards the farm buildings where we met Mr Gill feeding his dogs at their palatial kennels. From there it was a kilometre or so back to the truck which we reached around 5 ish .

GH

Party: Peter Berry, Peggy Gulliver, Mike and Ros Lusk, Randall Goldfinch, Robyn Madden, Ray Manning, Ken Nugent, Marion Nicholson., Judy McBride, Rodger Burn, David and Anne Blake, Garry Smith, David Mc and Glenda Hooper

#1919

Stopbanks upstream of Waipukurau

14 September, 2005

Two cars with 3 in each drove down to the Lindsay Scenic Reserve on the left bank of the Tukituki River just upstream of Waipukurau. From there we spent the first half hour walking through the reserve which is predominantly tawa trees after which we headed upstream along the stopbank. Thirty minutes later we came to the Kahahakuri Stream which is spring feed and deep looking so we decided not to cross it. Climbing up the bank from there we found an old tunnel which I understand was originally formed for an irrigation scheme but somebody had got their levels completely wrong and has never been used. The tunnel is sort of pack high when one is bending over so we walked through until the roof starting becoming lower and as we didn't feel like crawling we retraced steps back through the tunnel and back to the reserve. We then headed towards Waipukurau along the stop

bank which we reach after about an hour. We saw what appeared to be a body lying on one of the buttresses of the rail bridge but when Rodger bravely investigated he found it to be a live young boy presumably wagging school. We had lunch beside the Waipukurau road bridge and alerted a passing policeman of the boy we had spied. After lunch we walked back to the cars and drove home.

GH

Judy McBride, Marion Nicholson, Rodger Burn, Peggy Gulliver, Bobby Couchman

#1920	Kaimanawa Forest Park	24 to 25 September, 2005
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B Party

The "A" party dropped us off at Poronui Station at 8:15am, next to the HeliSeeka base. The weather was fine with a light crispy frost on the grass. The track follows the farm track until you meet a poled track through gum trees. They seemed never ending until we met up with pine trees. A short break on the bank above the Mohaka River, then a short walk along to the hut crossing the Oamaru and getting our feet wet. It has been some time since I've visited the Oamaru Hut and it has not changed, still the maroon colour. Good timing with an early lunch then a stroll up the Oamaru, spotting trout lazing in the sun. Those who didn't go for the walk just curled up and went to sleep. No names mentioned. Three light planes came in to the near by airstrip up on the Mohaka Flats. Also saw a number of helicopters ferrying in hunters.

Left the hut at 2;15 and headed up the Kaipo along a good clear track looking for a camp site for the night. Very nice beech forest. Not until we reached the foot bridge did we find one and what a good one too. It was now 4:15 and camp was set up quickly except Alan had to scrounge for tent pegs. The firewood was collected and soon the men with a lot of huffing and puffing had a fire going well. The smoke seemed to be in some ones tent all the time as it swirled around the camp site. There seemed to be a great amount of clothing left by passed campers (collected by Mike), of no use but to put on the fire. Boy o boy what a smell it created, especially the bush singlet and shorts. About 5am the light sleepers heard a Kiwi call from nearby.

A 9am start in the morning gave most of the group time to walk up the Kaipo to see another campsite. A good walk up the hill and along the ridge to the old Te Iringa hut site. Caught glimpses of Makorako to the south and nice views of Poronui and Lochinvar to the north east. Then on out to the road end about 2:30pm where there was a quick change and drove down to the Clements Road end to pick up the other party. Fine weather was had all weekend and a safe trip home.

Alan P (leader), Lex S (driver), Joan, David and Ann, Mike L and Christine S (the leader's leader and scribe).

#1921	Maungaharuru Range	28 September, 2005
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This was the only day of the week to have a indifferent weather forecast as we headed to Bell Rock and the wind picked up quite strongly as we drove past Lake Opouahi to the car park at Boundary Stream.

We headed up the forest track to the Maungaharuru Range listening to the bird calls as we went and the wind appeared to drop at the other end of the track but came on again with interest and we couldn't make the last 50 Metres or so to the rock.

Back into shelter for lunch and then some elected to return via the tops to the car park and got caught in heavy rain and wind and the others returned via the forest track.

We drove back via the Pohokura Road/Waitara Road route stopping at the car park at Auroa Road to look at the Organs by the Mohaka River and by which time the rain of course had stopped.

Pohokura

Nice to have Marions two Grandchildren with us who enjoyed themselves.

RB.

Judy McBride, Peggy Gulliver, Barbara Taylor, Raewyn Ricketts, Keith Thomson, Rodger Burn & Marion Nicholson plus Grandchildren

#1922	Kaweka Forest Park	9 October, 2005
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Leave from Lotkow Road following tracks down to the Donald River. Return to truck via Iron Spike Ridge, Jap or Cable Creeks. – Peter Brown		
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#1923	Gold Creek, Ruahine Forest Park	12 October, 2005
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Eight of us set off in the club truck to Halls farm. An easy 1/2 hr walk across the farm and we were able to intercept the track.(which had started much lower down at the junction of gold creek and the Makaroro river) We followed a long, gentle beech ridge high above gold creek until we came to a cairn which marked the steep track down to Gold creek and the hut on the other side. It was good to sit in the sun for lunch but only 2 of us crossed over to the hut. At 1pm we started back and in 1/2 hr were back on the ridge for an easy walk back to the truck by 3.30. Thanks to Lex for driving and also to the Halls for allowing us to cross their farm saving us a wet walk in the river. Great day out good weather , good company.

SAR Exercise	15-16 October, 2005
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Based in Tatarakina area near Tarawera. Busy weekend of winching. Caption Competition:



#1924

South East North Island

21 to 24 October, 2005

Out with the "101 Great Tramps" book, to see what sort of conditions we could expect. 3-4 day tramp, good tracks, lots of ups and downs, teeming bird life, healthy forest, occasional views and nifty campsites to be expected. A tramp graded as medium to fit. Well, I said to myself, this fits almost all the club, and so this left it open to anyone.

Friday: 6am from Pernel Orchard in very wet conditions headed south to Haurangi Forest Park approx 60 km from Featherston.

Still raining heavily as we drove into Mt Bruce Pioneer Museum. \$5 entry but the most interesting collection of, you name it, it was there, even a dehy rat in the netting of the implement shed. Fuel was the next thing to try and find. Did you know there are several railway crossings in Featherston? Geoff tried them all, more than once.

There's a little quiet town called Ngawi along the southern coast to the Cape Palliser where all the fishing boats are launched using retired bulldozers, some with 40 metre tow bars. Spoke to a local who told me there are 50 houses and 20 permanent residents.

Carried on to the Cape Palliser Lighthouse at the end of the road. The rain had stopped by then as we climbed the 258 steps. As we were at the point where we were to end our tramp we thought about starting at this end, but no camping or sheltered area to stop for the night. In hind site, the trip is better from the other side anyway. It was then to Putangirua to camp and visit the Putangirua Pinnacles for the rest of the afternoon. A little damp but a fascinating gravel erosion feature with flutes and soaring pinnacles, some drawing rude comments. There was plenty of evidence of a very severe storm in recent times.

Saturday: With half a day lost and realising it is a 3-4 day trip the party was to be ready to leave at 7am, and that we would be passing the first hut, Washpool heading for the next. Passed through some amazing bush Mairie, Miro, Matai and some Rimu plus just to top it off orchids some in flower. The native iris was in flower everywhere we went. Three different types of green hooded orchids. The OngaOnga was all over the place. A few of us got stung.

The up's and downs turned into more up's when we thought we at the top there were more. Then it was down but alas it was just a small saddle. Some of us by this time were feeling quite tired, and to go further seemed to be unwise. So we decided on our way down to the hut that we would stay at Washpool after all. No-one complained. The hut has been done up with a new fire place and mattress and paint. Very cozy. This gave time for exploring up and downstream and building a bridge over the river to keep our feet dry in the morning.

Sunday: There was wonderful bush, some Totara and beech but magnificent examples of Matai and Hinau. The high point of 700m gave us far-away views of the snow on the Kaikouras, and the South Island coastline. This is known as the Pararaki track and has the most varieties of native bush on one track that any of us has seen before. But where were the birds. Very few. Pararaki hut is situated on a lovely grassy bench just above the river, but just a lunch stop this time. Then on to the Kawakawa Hut. Arrived about 5pm. Another nice spot beside a river. We would like to have stayed there but decided we had better carry on to make sure we weren't late for the bus.

Found our way up a very badly wrecked stream. Enormous damage. Some new shingle banks 3m high. Then found the exit up a short 'brute of a spur' a 60deg plus track. Starting to get dark, and 12 hours of tramping so decided to camp in the stream and bush.

Monday: About 5am it started to rain. We were just under a small fly. So we had breakfast and got ready in the rain, but by the time we were ready to leave it had stopped. Headed over a low saddle, down a slidy spur into another stream to the Mangatoetoe Hut. We spread-eagled and lazed around in the sun drying out and scoffing surplus food. Then down the wide stream bed until someone called out they could see the bus. Arrived 12 noon spot on time. Called into Lake Ferry for lunch then on the way home. Geoff got waylaid by an attractive young lady in Carterton and left us to fend for ourselves for half an hour.

Mike (chief botanist), Ros, Ken (assistant botanist), Annie (get there first), Marion, Christine (reporter), Alan (leader) & Geoff (the driver, thanks)

Haurangi Bush Track

Time: 3-4 days. Distance: 25 km. Grade: medium. Highest point: 700m (bush track). Maps: Rimutaka/Haurangi Forest Park NZMS 274/4, Palliser S28.

This attractive bush traverse sidles the Haurangi Forest Park on good tracks via four huts. Lots of up and down tramping. But the teeming bird life, healthy forest, occasional views over the coast and nifty campsites, more than compensate the visitor on the private and rather personal mountain track.

From Featherston on Highway 2 it's a longish drive on mostly good roads past the turn-off to Lake Ferry to the Ranger Station at Te Kopi and the short side-road to the Putangirua Pinnacles where you can start the track. About 60 km. No Public transport.

From the picnic area follow the track and riverbed past the first "Track" sign 15 minutes or so to the second. This track cuts across to the Pinnacle Stream, where you can drop your packs and explore these strange gravel columns. Back on course the main track zig zags steeply to a splendid lookout over the Pinnacles (and incidentally the Kaikoura Mountains of the south Island) and continues to another track junction. Turn up the inland track as it climbs through manuka to the beech forest and a vehicle track on the main ridge crest.

Follow the road as it does a wandering climb through beech forest. Then changes down into a mere track. Which continues to climb to a 700m ridge crest and a grassy knoll, where there are good coastal views. The track drops down a side-spur to Washpool Hut (6 bunks/open fire), which sits on a terrace 30m above the river.

Follow the track down to the river and head upstream a few minutes to the Pararaki Track. One minute upstream there is an excellent campsite by the forks. The Pararaki Track doesn't mess about and climbs a lively spur with some fine totara and matai amongst the beech. Occasional clearings give views before the track pops over the 700 m crest and slips down quickly to Pararaki Hut (6 bunks/open fire). Plenty of camping on flats around the hut.

The track into the Otakaha starts across the river from Pararaki Hut and slightly downstream. It climbs steeply at first, then eases casually across a side-stream and on to a subtle saddle with a smidgeon of a view. The track drops into the head of the next valley and begins a nettling sidle, plenty of heart-shaped kawakawa lining the tracks. This sidle makes some sense when it reaches an open beech spur and the track romps down it to a fork. A sheltered campsite is half a minute upstream. Easy amble down-river in shady kanuka forest (past many possible campsites) to the sunny Kawakawa Hut (6 bunks/open fire).

From the hut take the old vehicle track up the left (south) branch past a sign and along the track that dodges back and forth up this pretty and intimate stream. About 30 minutes on watch for a prominent side-creek which the track turns up. Occasional markers lead the way up the riverbed to where the creek narrows at a small fork. The track goes straight up a brute of spur between these forks, then settles down into a sidle that slips almost unnoticed over the saddle. Dropping furtively under fern trees down the other side, and then down a steep slidy spur to the main stream. From here on it's easier, with a prospective lunch spot at every bend as the river broadens and the track experiments with both sides of the stream, making an idle path through the kawakawa and kanuka terraces to Mangatoetoe Hut (6 bunks/open fire/lots of floor space). Plenty of camping under the tall shading kanuka trees.

For the final exit keep to the left (east) side of the Mangatoetoe (the only legal access out) down scrubby terraces and farmland to where the route leads round the car park and the sea coast.

#1925	Bonny Mary	23 October, 2005
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Ten of us arrived at Pernel Orchard ready for a great walk up Mount Kohinga, "Bonny Mary". With a little discussion we piled into three cars and headed off. Weather-wise it was a fantastic day and the road up to Kuripapango was in very good condition.

Arriving at the lodge gate-way we prepared for the days walk – a quick cuppa and we were off. Up past Robson Lodge on to a 4wd track to arrive at the foot track which, considering the rain that we had had on the Friday and Saturday, was in very good condition. This track took us up through pine and scrub to a clearing the size of a footy field. Sitting on a fallen log at the edge of the clearing we soaked up the view and the sunshine. Carrying on up onto a plateau where some dropped their packs and had a wander around, the view to Ruapehu with snow covered tops was crystal clear. After a light lunch we carried on up the ridge to the top of Bonny Mary. We reached the trig about 12.45 pm and could look out to Napier, Hastings and Cape Kidnappers – all very visible with nice clear skies.

After a while we returned back down to the plateau and dropped off over towards the fire ponds, going over rocky ledges and clay pans some quite large and a little slippery. At the fire ponds we wandered around before heading off again down the logging tracks and as we passed the large logging machinery we stopped to inspect them. The last part of our walk was all down hill back to the lodge. Arriving back at the cars we changed and had another cuppa while discussing the days walk which I though had been ery interesting. After a little while we headed back to Pernel, arriving about 4.45 pm. A great day was had by all.

GS

Party: Barbara Taylor, Glenda Hooper, Judy McBride, Robyn Madden, Graeme & Helen Hare, Randall Goldfinch, Garry Smith, Pam Turner, Rodger Burn and Bobby Couchman.

#1926	Rotary Pathway	26 October, 2005
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#1927	Cairn Trip	6 November, 2005
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Last year we had 50 on the Cairn Trip this year we had 14, – maybe the gale force wind on the Saturday put the rest off. We dropped Helen and Shirley off at the Whittles Rd turn off as they were going to spend the day with Pam. By 8.00 we had all arrived at Makahu Saddle: 9 in the truck and 5 in private cars and the last of us started up Trials Spur at 8.15, the weather was overcast with no wind



and low cloud hovering just above Dominee. We had two new people, Lyn and Warren venturing out on their first tramp with us and as well 3 year old Samara Eggers and her Mum and Dad had left the for the cairn about 30 minutes before us.

The tramp up the zig zag track offers much better views now the contorta has been removed but we were puzzled by the rows of small eucalyptus trees growing in amongst the fallen pines. After a stop at the junction with Makahu spur and

another at Dominee, which at that stage was just below the low cloud, we carried on ever upwards into a claggy mist.

On the tops the dense mist meant that you could only see to the next warratah making navigation more difficult and after examining the triangular shaped sign pointing the ways to Ballards, North Kaweka, the Cairn and Dominee I was a little puzzled to see Graeme had lead them all off in what I had interpreted to be the direction of Nth Kaweka. They stopped as soon as the terrain started to head down hill and agreed that, even though Graeme has this desire to go to Ballards, we were not going to go there that day. A quick back track to the sign post and off onto the correct track to reach the cairn with three minute to go before the 11 o'clock deadline.



We held the service and Samara, with a little help from her Mum, laid the lovely wreath made from native flowers by Robyn Berry. Afterwards we all amassed for the group photo and collected rocks to add to the cairn. We decided that given the cool damp mist on the tops we would head back down to Dominee for lunch so quickly shouldered our packs and headed north. Shortly after turning off the tops I noted that we were one body short and after a bit of thought and discussion we realized that we were 1 Graeme short. Yelling got no answer so Graham and Geoff back tracked to find him while

the rest of us waited wondering whether he was going to Ballards after all. They found him coming along the track just a little way back – he had stopped to put on some “woollies” only to find that we had all disappeared into the mist and then had to stop again to get out his compass as he could not see to the next warratah and didn’t want to end up at Ballards.

We had our lunch at Dominee which was now in mist but was still fairly warm after which we went back down to the Saddle got quickly into the truck and drove down to our afternoon tea at Pam’s Puketiriri Palace. Yum! Devonshire scones, chocolate coated strawberries and other cakes and biscuits – you poor silly people who stayed at home. After gorging ourselves we collected Shirley and Helen and headed townwards. Many thanks Geoff for driving, Pam for afternoon tea and the rest of the party for their company. To our new comers Warren and Lyn I hope you enjoyed your day and will come out with us again.

GWH

Party: Geoff Clibborn, Graeme Hare, Graeme Thorp, Owen Brown, Chris Brown, Lew Harrison, Lyn Michael, Warren Harris, David & Anne Blake, Kathy, Darryl & Samara Eggers, Glenda Hooper

#1928

Te Waka

9 November, 2005

Another wonderful sunny Wednesday. Four of us left for the Napier Taupo road, our destination, to climb to the Telecom tower that stands on the horizon behind the Te Pohue pub.

With the farmers permission we parked the car and, after a quick cuppa, set off along the winding four wheel drive track to the summit. The views were spectacular and the climb well worth it.

About 3/4 of the way up we entered a very beautiful piece of beech forest, which had somehow escaped the axeman. Some of the trees were very old.

We saw a deer, some paradise ducks, several goats and lots of N.Z. red admiral butterflies.

We reached the tower at lunch time and explored the contorted limestone rock formations around the tower base.

A truck with workmen arrived and we were able to ask them questions about the tower and the views. Vodafone also has a tower up there now, not so spectacular as the Telecom one.

#1929	Ruahine Forest Park	19 to 20 November, 2005
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A Party – Round Trip from Sunrise to Sunrise

With all the Napier trampers loaded in my car we headed off to Pernel's as usual to meet up with the rest of the weekend trampers. With Geoff helming we headed south to Triple X car park. The numbers for each trip changed even at the start of the tramp. Some saying that they will come with us then changing their minds and deciding to go with the other party. I left the Weds meeting with 5 going, then there were 4, but by the time we set off we were down to a stalwart 3.

The walk up to Sunrise Hut was hot and steady. A long lazy smoko break was had before we headed over the Waipawa Saddle and up on the high point. There was a slight breeze blowing, just enough to cool us down. Once over the top and down into the low trees we met a breeze, so Alan was given the job of finding a sheltered spot for lunch. Out of the saddle to what looked like a grassy slope down to the river we decided to head for the river below. This took us one hour of shingle slides down massive erosion slips, bush bashing and no grassy slope as we were promised. There were lots of impressive slips into the river, and large volumes of gravel which made the going down the river quite easy, even though lots of crossings were required.

Maropea Forks Hut still looks the same as it did several years ago when I last visited it. An old style forest service hut. The only change is a new skylight and fireplace. We shared the hut with 3 hunters who had been there since Thursday and seen no sign. The only sign we encountered was a few rotten carcasses along the river. Murray couldn't believe his luck – they gave him a cold can of beer!

Sunday morning had turned cloudy and a light drizzle fell, but only for a short time. There was not much water in the river and so it was a pleasant walk back up the river, to the side stream leading to the grunt of a climb out, and then to the Top Maropea Hut. This is a real genuine old style forest hut, a four bunker. The track from the river right to the bush edge is nice and clear, although steepish we found the going comfortable. The Armstrong Saddle is well known for the strong, cold winds, and it did not disappoint. It was almost holding hands stuff but with care the welcome sight on the Hut (Sunrise) came into view.

A nice little break and then down the Sunrise Track to meet the other party with the brew ready. We. By the way, were only 10 minutes late. A major improvement on the last trip I led. The trip is a great round, and the fine weather we had made all the difference.

Thanks to Murray Alderson and Alan Petersen for accompanying me.
Christine Snook

B Party.

This was originally planned for Waterfall creek hut but the 4 of us opted for a lazy weekend at our club hut.

After dropping the A party off we settled down for a cup of Tea at the North Block road end when two Carloads of the Napier Tramping club turned up some destined for a overnight stay at the waterfall Creek Hut and the others having a day trip to Waikamaka hut.

The weather gods were favouring us and it was warm and the river through the gorge was low .Just over the tops of our boots and we soon had wet feet except for Geoff who managed to keep dry feet all weekend.

A slow amble up to the waipawa saddle where we stopped out of the wind for a lengthy lunch stop and just soaked up the view a blue sky and not a cloud in sight.

We eventually reached our hut about 2.30 after stopping at the waterfall and the track certainly isn't getting any better there.

We had the hut to ourselves and after another smoko Geoff did a hut check and pronounced everything ok and found a sunny sport with a good book as did the Girls while Rodger wandered up the stream towards Rangi Saddle trying to avoid the Golden Spaniard with mixed success.

Next day it was a bit cloudy and very windy and after a look at the old Biv we set off back for the saddle when to the Girls delight they saw the water getting blown back over the top of the waterfall (and they thought that Geoff and I had been telling them porkies).

Over the saddle and out of the wind we had lunch and wandered back to the truck .On the flats the lupins were out in flower and the scent was quite strong.

Back at Triplex Car park at 2.40 and Goeff got the Clibbonette fired up and the A party arrived at 3.15. A great weekend with good company and thanks to Geoff for driving.

RB

Party: Joan Ruffell, Mary Roche, Geoff Clibborn, Rodger Burn

#1930	Kaweka Forest park	23 November, 2005
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An earlier start for us (7 AM) saw us on the way to the picnic area on the Makahu Road. Some early morning mist soon burnt off and with a blue sky, minimal wind and warm temperatures we made our way along the track to the Black Birch Biv meeting en route a couple of hunters who had shot a deer at the Clover Patch.

The Biv was a delight to see, very tidy and with a fresh coat of paint a far cry from the state it was a few years ago.

Here Pam and Shirley stayed a while whilst the rest carried on to the Clover patch for a leisurely lunch and enjoying the wonderful views of the Kaweka Range and took the opportunity to do some compass work before returning to the Car Park at 2PM and the journey home after another great mid week trip.

RB.

Pam Turner Shirley Bathgate Marion Nicholson , Joan Ruffell, Judy McBride, Bobby Couchman, Peggy Gulliver & Rodger Burn

#1931	Southern Ruahine Forest park – Tamaki River	4 December, 2005
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Left Hastings at 6am as planned, with two pulling out we were four, so took Marian's car. Thanks Marion. As we passed through the Takapau Plains spectacular lenticular clouds had formed over the Southern ranges making for a rather unusual vista. A portent of the wind. At Dannevirke Dave

Mulinder was sitting waiting us on a street corner and all five of us fitted snugly into the wagon and headed for the West Tamaki carpark.

The wind was blowing quite strongly and the decision to go to the tops was discussed. But we came to do this trip and so at 8am we were on our way. The two hour climb was steady but DOC had done a wonderful job of clearing the track. The A Frame hut was duly reached a short distance from where we popped off the track onto the 4 wheel drive track along the main ridge. The mud that was all over the place last time I did this trip was all gone and it made it very pleasant tramping. But as it has been the last three times I've been there the wind blew and blew. The leatherwood has grown and so gave us some shelter as we walked north along the track across the tops, rewarded with some views out to the west. Once you come across the mast the track veers off to the right, sidling slowly and dropping down to where we could see the Stanfield Hut a long way below. The sign post says it is three quarters of an hour to the hut, it is very steep but well cleared and easy to follow. What a pleasant lunch spot, Stanfield Hut, situated on a terrace between two streams, a cosy pot-belly stove and new mattresses. An hour for lunch so Alan could have his siesta and we were on our way again at 1:30. Heading down stream to the junction of Holmes 4 wheel drive track. A vote on which way we should go, down river or up track. Up it was and what wonderful views we had of our route across the tops. An easy walk along the track brought us back to the car with the wind still blowing. A quick change in the wind, and then back to Dave's place for afternoon tea with home cookies. Thanks Dave, it was enjoyed by all.

What Happens when you are late by four minutes?

You miss the bus because it didn't go as there were only four. (So you are responsible for that decision).

You realise the ute you passed on the round about was the party and try to catch the private transport.

You drive to the road end to find the party already gone.

You follow, decide to take the short cut to catch us.

You overtake while the party is having lunch and siesta at hut and then you go home.

And the leader doesn't even know you have been.

We do however admire your determination.

Party: Dave Mulinder, Alan Petersen, Marion Nicholson, Ray Manning, and me, Christine Snook.
And our mysterious late tramper, Keith Thompson.

" H T C ----- what is it?"

Heretaunga Tramping Club is a unique bunch of amazing people of diverse personalities, a mixture of everything from everywhere, bound together by heritage and a deep sense of comradeship, fellowship, mutual sharing and love for each other, brought together by the common bond of appreciation for the "off road" experiences we can only find in our outback hills and bush. Furthering this "togetherness" is the wonderful asset of our trustworthy truck, too-ing and fro-ing us off the tarsealed roads to distant hills and valleys of our dreams.



I have been on the receiving end of all of the above for close to forty seven years now and am still constantly amazed at the generosity and warmth of love and caring shown by individuals to individuals, especially so in times of crises. From bunches of flowers, check up phone calls, shared books, visits, outings, to huge gardening / tree planting skirmishes in the rain, support, and most importantly, shared laughter, I have received it all, and hope I am a better person for it.

I have experienced happy membership within a number of other Tramping Clubs but have always been happy to "come home" to Heretaunga; where although membership may change, the atmosphere is always the same, and welcoming friendships constant.

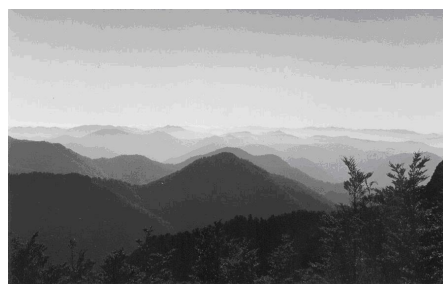
Thank you, H T C.

Pam Turner.

Obituary:

In memory of Jonathan Pryor

Jonathon was tragically killed in a car accident early in spring. Jonathon joined the Club in 2000 having been on a number of tramps in 1999 accompanying his father, Peter. He continued coming out regularly through 2000 and 2001 and experienced the whole range of tramping with the HTC; from beach trips to a tramp in the Mt Richmond Range as well as the Urewera and Tongariro National Parks and our local ranges. Those that tramped with him found him to be a quiet, pleasant enthusiastic trumper. To Peter and family you have our utmost sympathy – to lose someone so young is something that all parents dread.



*I live not in myself, but I become
Portion of that around me; and to me
High mountains are a feeling, but the hum
Of human cities torture.*

Byron

HAWKE'S BAY TRACK & HUT UPDATE



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

November 2005

**Due to recent dry conditions fires are only permitted in facilities at huts and road ends.
During lambing season take care not to disturb stock when passing through farmland.**

For your safety, every effort has been made to ensure this information is correct. However, you should always seek more information before you begin your trip and be prepared to change your trip according to the conditions. To report any safety hazards in the outdoors call **Safety Watch, 0800 999 005**.

KAWEKA FOREST PARK

Lawrence Road

Due to Pan Pac logging operations this road is closed and will reopen on the 21st November. This date is earlier than previously mentioned.

Track Maintenance

Between 5-16 December parts of Te Puia track will be closed for up to one hour durations while blasting is done on some steep cliff faces.

Makahu Road

The private bridge across the Makahu Stream at the beginning of Makahu Road into "The Gums" camping area is closed and vehicles will need to use the concrete based ford for access. Caution is required as the crossing cannot be used when the river is high.

Hut Maintenance

A new fire box has been placed in Te Puke hut.

RUAHINE FOREST PARK

Sunrise Hut

Extensions have been completed and there are now 20 bunks available.

Hut Maintenance

New toilet placed at Shutes hut, new fire box at Kiritaki hut and upgrades done on Happy Daze, Poutaki and Diannes Huts.

Mill Road – Access to Daphne Hut

The last 1km of this road is open to foot access but not for vehicles. Vehicles can be parked at the locked gate.

Track Maintenance

During November and December contractors will be cutting tracks in the vicinity of Kiritaki, Cattle Creek, Stanfield, Barlow and Smiths Stream huts. It is possible that contractors will be occupying these huts for short periods.

Coppermine Track

Due to continuing erosion, the track is maintained to a lower standard and only goes as far as the Magazine. There are steep drop offs adjacent to parts of the track. Proceed with care and keep to the track.

RESERVES

Lake Opouahi Scenic Reserve

"ECOED" is aiming to complete by mid February 2006 a predator proof fence around the reserve. This will provide a safe haven for juvenile kiwi to grow free from predators. Public access to the reserve and the track around the lake will continue.

Check our web page www.doc.govt.nz for standard information on huts and tracks

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CLUB NEWS:

Welcome to New Members: David and Anne Blake and Murary Alderson. We hope you enjoy all your tramps with us.

RETIRING COMMITTEE MEMBERS.



A big thankyou to Mike Lusk, who has stood down from President, and Dave Heaps, who has stood down as Club Captain, for their dedicated service and hard work – both of whom are now committee members, you both will be hard acts to follow.

Tina Godbert did not stand for committee this year. Thanks Tina for all your energy and enthusiasm over the past years and we wish you, Andy and Hebe all the best.

CONGRATULATIONS:

At the recent AGM Dave Heaps was awarded the Leatherwood Trophy for services to the Club while Ken Nugent received the Trampler of the Year Award. Well done to both of you.



Congratulations also to, Shirley, our latest octotarian and to Tina and Andy who have recently got engaged.

MEETINGS and SPEAKERS:

Many thanks to Lyn, Geoff and Michelle for their recent talks on Croatia & Cambodia, Australia by campervan and OPC on Ruapehu respectively. It is good to have such a wide variety of themes for our after meeting entertainment. The committee has just ordered a digital projector which, once we purchase a compatible lap top, should be put to good use given the number of members now taking digital photos. The model purchased was the Dell one featured in the last FMC Bulletin.

It is my aim to finish the business part of a meeting by 8:15 pm. People giving trip reports on Club or private trips should only take 5 minutes or less and when there are a number of speakers doing one report even shorter please. Take a few minutes preparation prior to speaking to cull out the unnecessary and focus on the important parts. If anyone has photos to show of the tramp please contact the person doing the trip report before the meeting starts so they can be shown as that person speaks. Please keep the number of photos shown for any trip report to 6 or less - members can use the social time after the meeting to look at the rest.



WORKING BEES:

Thanks to the members who traveled up to Pam's Puketitiri home and spent a day with Pam's sons-in-law, Darryl and Barrie turning most of the vegetable garden into grass and planting natives in the periwinkle waste land behind the house. Many thanks also to Pam, Julie and Kathy for feeding us so well (Golden Syrup Loaf , Savory Bacon & Egg Slice for morning tea, Hot Savories , Sandwich Platter & Kathy's baking, Fruit Platter, for lunch etc etc)

Thanks also to the 36 or so bodies who turned up to help with the Hazomobile Collection thus ensuring good funding for the Club. Saturday's crew was pretty lucky with only a little bit of drizzle off and on but Sunday was much wetter. Around 600 cars used the facility over the two days.



Please remember that the Club needs as many helpers as possible for our major fundraising the KAWEKA CHALLENGE. This takes place February 25 to 26 so if you can lend a hand please ring Susan (8446697) evenings or weekends.

SOCIAL EVENTS:

The highlight of the last 4 months was the 70th celebration dinner held at the RSA in Hastings attended by over 50 present and ex members.

In November Napier Tramping Club challenged the Heretaunga Tramping Club to a game of Ten Pin Bowling. 19 HTC and 13 NTC competed at Superstrike for the Trophy which, based on the average score per person, was won by the Napier Club. An enjoyable night was had by all.



RENOVATIONS:

The committee has agreed to update the lighting in the back of the truck and to purchase a light easily put up awning to use when changing after a wet tramp. Kiwi Saddle Hut will be painted this summer.

DOC MATTERS:

The agreement between the Department of Conservation and the HTC concerning our management of our Huts and the upkeep of the Barlow's Track and Waipawa Saddle Track has now been signed.

KAWEKA HUT SITE:

Recently opinions have been expressed that there should be some kind of shelter built at the Kaweka Hut site. We still have the insurance money received for Kaweka Hut set aside and one suggestion was that it should be offered to DOC to use in building a structure similar to the one at Otatara Pa. Having a shelter there would be a practical memorial for the old hut and could incorporate information panels detailing the history of the hut. A shelter rather than just a display board, as is currently proposed, would provide a better focus for an easy trip that would introduce groups of children to the outdoors and would also be used by our members particularly on the mid week tramps and the extra day tramps.

The insurance money received for Kaweka Hut, plus accumulated interest, would go a fair way towards funding a new shelter which, if built by DOC, would cost \$12,000 to \$15,000. We could approach other outdoor groups, Service Clubs etc for contributions to make up the difference. After the fire a member of the Deerstalker Club exec. indicated that they might contribute to a replacement hut as they felt it was in an ideal place to bring their children for their first hunt and Forest and Bird have also expressed disappointment that "nothing" is there.

We have contacted Pat Sheridan from the Department of Conservation regarding the idea of erecting a shelter and he suggested that the idea be incorporated into the discussion document on the Kuripapango Area. At the Annual General Meeting Dave Heaps suggested that we should look into the feasibility of relocating Middle Stream Hut to the Kaweka Hut site. He was going to talk to Pat about it. Having a hut, rather than a shelter, would be better from a safety point of view but DOC has a policy that huts should be at least 3 hours walk from a road end or another hut. When I talked to Pat regarding a shelter he empathized that the site did not fit their criteria for a hut but that a shelter, like the one at Mangatutu would be a good option. We should also investigate whether we could incorporate BBQ type fireplace or a safe structure where a fire could be lit into the shelter.

At this stage it is proposed to hold a discussion at the meeting on 8 February to determine the Club's enthusiasm for this project. The committee have set up a subcommittee consisting of Glenda, Mike, Lynette, Lex & Pam to facilitate discussion on the matter so if you can't attend the meeting you can forward your comments to one of them.

Coming Meetings:

DATE	TOPIC/ SPEAKER	COMMENTS	Hosts	Supper Help
11 Jan	Social	A chance to catch up on the holiday happenings.	Peter Brown, Randall Goldfinch	Eddie Holmes, Sandy Claudatos
25 Jan	Up & Coming trips	Info on the tramps scheduled so bring along your diary to enter the "must do's"	Christine Snook, Greg Munn	Michelle Burden, Dave Heaps
8 Feb	Kaweka Hut Discussion	If you are interested in or wish to express your views for or against future development at the old hut site Attend This Meeting.	Lew Harrison, Peggy Gulliver	Bobby Couchman, Raewyn Ricketts
22 Feb	Madagascar Bobby Couchman	Hear all about this island of amazing contrasts.	Geoff Clibborn, Jim Hewes	Alan Petersen, Nancy Grant
8 Mar	Checkout Chatter	Highlights from the Kaweka Challenge check points	Ken Nugent, Pam Turner	Kerry Johnstone, Helen Hare
22 Mar	Club Auction	Bring and buy-proceeds to the Lowe Corporation Helicopter so Spend Up	Mike Lusk, Gerald Eyles	David Blake, Anne Blake
5 Apr	Social	Time left free for Easter trip organization	Anne Cantrick, Ray Manning	Selwyn Hawthorne, Liz Pindar
19 Apr	"Balls ups!"	Be brave and share those tramping Horror Stories / mistakes!!!!	Owen Brown, John Berry	Geoff Robinson, Joan Ruffell
3 May	Cycling in China Chris Waldron Leonie Heaps	Adventures of our intrepid pedal pushers in China.	Philip Mardon Robyn Madden	Chris Waldron Gerald Blackburn

Duties of those on Supper and Host:

HOSTS: Greet visitors and fill in visitor's 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 Jenny.



ARE YOU FIT ENOUGH TO TRAMP ?

Even the easiest of club trips require 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 cattlestop via the road-side track with an 8 kg pack should take about 70- 80 minutes. Further, this pace should be able to be maintained for 5 to 6 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 & 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

<u>Wear/Carry</u>	<u>DAY TRIPS</u> <u>Carry</u>	<u>WEEKEND TRIPS</u> <u>All items listed for day trip plus</u>
Pack & pack liner	Map & Compass	Sleeping bag
Boots & gaiters	High energy snacks	Sleeping mat
Socks	At least 1 litre water	Food for 3 additional meals
Parka & over trousers	Lunch	Cooker & Billy & matches
Fast drying shorts	First aid kit	Extra snacks
Fleece or wool Jumper	Torch, spare batteries & bulb	Toilet gear, small towel & toilet paper
Longjohns & singlet	Sunscreen	Additional warm clothes
Sunhat & warm hat	Emergency food	Plate, mug, knife, fork , spoons etc
Gloves/mittens & overmitts	Survival kit (whistle, cord, matches etc, pencil, paper)	Tent/Fly if required
Whistle	Complete set of spare warm clothing	

Leave at truck/car: Complete set of clothing for the return trip and a mug with something to flavour hot water from the Clibbornette.

TRIP LIST January - May 2006



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 Susan Lopdell 844 6697

8th January 2006 HB Coast \$10 Map
 Leave from Tangoio Beach to walk along past Flat Rock and Taits Beach to Waipatiki Beach
 Organiser: Ken Nugent 8771454
 Driver:

14-15 January Palmerston North Area \$10 Map T24
B: (Main Trip): Travel through to the Manawatu on the Saturday afternoon and walk the Beehive Creek Walkway (3.5km) before setting up camp at Totara Reserve beside the Pohangina River for night.
 Sunday travel to the Kahuterawa Valley (near PNth) and walk the Sledge Track through to the Hardings Park (861 ha of native bush at the Sth end of PNth town water supply area) and the Platinum Mine Loop Track. Items of interest includes a good swimming hole, waterfalls, Argyll Rocks, a 600+ year old rimu tree and old platinum mine shafts.
A: (Other Options): Either an overnight trip in the Northern Tararua Range to come out via Scotts Rd or a through trip in the Southern Rauhiine Range to emerge at one of the road ends off Top Grass Rd – Leaders Choice.
 Organiser: B: Glenda Hooper 8774183..... A:
 Driver:

22nd January Shutes Hut \$10 U21
 Into Komata Rd and descend sharply to the Ngaruroro River. Cross river and climb spur to the Historic Shute's Hut. Return is via the same route.
 Organiser: Marion Nicholson 8735935
 Driver:

28-29th January Taruarau Pack Float \$10 Map U20/21
A: From the bridge on the Napier – Taihape Rd follow the Taruarau River, camping Saturday night on the river terrace, coming out on Timahanga Station.
B: For the “dry feet brigade” climb Mt Cameron on day 1. Driver to Timahanga Station and on Sunday climb spur (high pt 475) to the Komata Track, walk out to main road for pick up.
 Organiser: A: Mike Lusk 8778328 B: Susan Lopdell 8446697
 Driver:

Local Day Trip: MacIntosh/Kaweka Circuit Organiser:

4-6th Feb Waitangi Weekend, Tararua's \$25 Map S26
A: From Mt Holdesworth Lodge, travel up to Mt Holdesworth via Powell Hut, down to mid Waiohine Hut for night. Up to Aokatarangi along ridge to Maungahuka for 2nd night. Out to Otaki Forks via Bridge Peak and Field Hut – Not for the faint hearted!
B: From Kaitoke up the Tauherenikau River to Tutuwai & Cone Huts. Options of Cone Ridge to Totara Flats Hut via Neill Forks or over Saddle Track following the Waiohine River to the Mt House Shelter.
 Organisers: A: Peter Pryor 8765666 B: Susan Lopdell 8446697
 Driver: Lex Smith

12th Feb Willowflat Area \$10
 Visit a covenanted area of private bush with some great tanekaha trees & incredible limestone formations in the Willowflat / Te Hoe Area – well worth the drive.
 Organiser & Driver: John Berry 8776205

Wednesday 15th Feb Ruahines Map U22
 Up to Daphne Hut via Rosvall Track and back down Tukituki River to Mill Rd Car Park. Start at 6am.
 Organiser: Rodger Burn 8776322

25-26 Feb Kaweka Challenge
 Our clubs major fundraiser for the year! We need your support, whether gear checking or manning one of the checkpoints around the course.
 Call Susan Lopdell 8446697.

Wednesday 1st March Cape Kidnappers
 Cape Kidnappers along the beach. Start time TBA.
 Organiser: Peggy Gulliver 8797763

11-12 March (1.5 days) Waikamaka Hut, Ruahines \$10 Map U22
 50 yrs ago in March, Graeme Hare did his 1st trip with the HTC. Come on a 50yr celebration. Various Options for return trip.
 Organiser: Graeme Hare 8448656
 Driver:

Wednesday 15th March Esk River
 Up Esk River from Ellis Wallace Rd. Start at 7.30am.
 Organiser: Barbara Taylor.

25-26th March Kiwi Saddle, Kaweka \$No Cost Map U20
 Come to one of our Club Huts. We need to do some Maintenance work at Kiwi Saddle Hut. Pot Luck meal Saturday Night.
 Organiser: Hut Committee
 Driver:

26th March Local Day Trip

Wander into Kiwi Saddle Hut and return with working party.

Wednesday 29th March Maraetotara River

Down Maraetotara River from Craggy Range Rd to Te Awanga. Start 8am.

Organiser: Peggy Gulliver 8797763

9 April

Maungaharuru's

\$10

From the saddle on Matahoura Rd, wander past Bell Rock, Taraponui #2, Galbraith's Hut to the Napier Taupo Highway. Wonderful views of Hawkes Bay and perchance seeing the native snails.

Organiser: Marion Nicholson 8735935

Driver:

Wednesday 12th April Happy Daze Hut, Ruahines

Map U23

Up Makaretu River from Snee Rd Bridge to Happy Daze Hut and return the same way. Start 6am.

Organiser:

14-17 April (Easter) Mt Taranaki/Matamateonga Walkway \$20

A: Mt Taranaki various options, combining alpine / round the Mt Tracks.

B: Matamateonga Walkway

Organisers: A: John Montgomerie 8777358 B:

Driver:

23 April

Kaweka

\$10

Map U20

From Makahu carpark ascend to Kaweka J, along main ridge and down to MacIntosh Hut, across the Donald river and out via Matauria Ridge.

Organiser: Ken Nugent 8765395

Driver:

22-25th April (Anzac Weekend)

\$25

Travel to Te Awamutu and visit Mt Maungatautiri (mainland Island) and Mt Pirongia – areas seldom visited by the club.

Organiser: Alan Petersen ph 8351082

Drivers: Alan Petersen / Lex Smith

Wednesday 26th April Rauhines

Map U21

From Masters Shelter go down Matthews and return the same way. Start 7am.

Organiser: Lyn Gentry 8750542

6-7 May	Ruahines	\$20	MapU22
<p>A: From the Western side Ruahines, climb onto the main range via Rangiwahia Hut & traverse tops to Howletts Hut and out via river to Mill Rd.</p> <p>B: Climb up to Rangiwahia Hut, onto Tussocks Tops and down to Triangle Hut for the night. Follow river past Irongate Hut to carpark. Drive around to pick up A party.</p> <p>Organisers: A:..... Christine Snook 8351082 B: Mike Lusk 8778328 Driver: Alan Petersen 8351082</p>			
Local Day Trip: Longview Hut.			

Wednesday 10th May Local Area
Walk from Clive to Havelock North via the proposed pathways route. Going along the coast and up the Tukituki River Stop Bank
Organiser: Lyn Gentry 8750542

21st May	Ruahines	\$10	Map U22
Walk up the river to Barlows Hut, up to Junction with Parks Peak Track and down to Yeoman's Mill placing track markers and trimming growth.			
Organiser: Roger Burns 8776322 Driver:			

Wed/Thurs 24-25th May Ruahines	U22
Up stream and stay either at Stansfield or Cattle Creek Hut for the night and return route to be decided.	
Organiser: Marion Nicholson 8735935	

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:

Susan Lopdell 844 6697

Jim Glass 877 8748

Glenda Hooper 877 4183

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.

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