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Stopping at Cone Hut for lunch.  
(Photo: Adam Match | Joe's Hut Trip | 8 May 2010)

## Upcoming club nights

### AGM + Winter Welcome Night

7.30 pm, 1st Tue of the month | Rose City Aquatic Club Room, 50 Park Road, Palmerston North

#### 18th May - Annual General Meeting 2010

The 2010 AGM will be held on Tuesday 18 May at 7:30 pm, at the Hokowhitu Bowling Club Room, 227 Albert Street, Palmerston North.

#### 1st June - Winter Welcome: Gear/Ski/Alpine Night

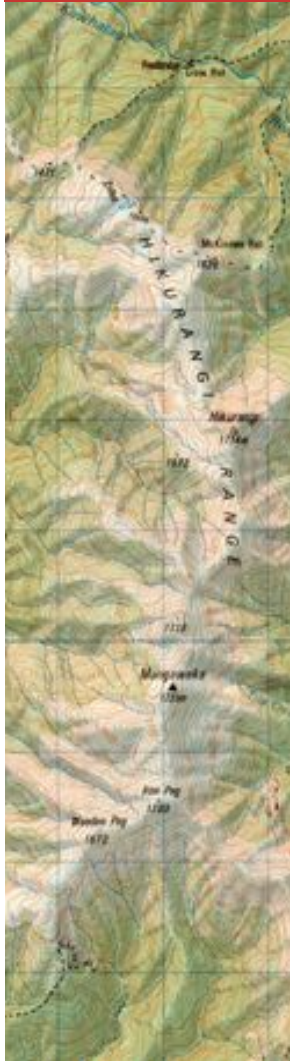
This will be our second club night in the club room at the Lido Complex. A fitting time to welcome in the winter months. There will be a variety of talks on gear for winter trips, the upcoming ski season, and a briefing on alpine courses. Come along and hear what is in store in terms of club activities for the winter months.

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**Items for the newsletter:** The deadline for newsletter items is the end of the month. Please include a date with trip reports. Photos are appreciated, any number of images at 1024x768 pixels or greater if possible. For example a 2 megapixel image is 1600 x 1200 pixels. Please include the date and an appropriate caption for the photo.



# President's Report

## Club Night Changes (again!)

by Ken Mercer

email [president@mtsc.org.nz](mailto:president@mtsc.org.nz) or phone (06) 356 7497 or (027) 364 6475

Just over a year ago we moved our club night venue from the Aero Club rooms to the RSA. The committee has been pleased with the more central location and nicer facilities. Unfortunately there has been some miscommunication from time to time within the RSA, probably due to its size and focus, and we've had to switch rooms at short notice. This has been frustrating but, in the main, it's been a good venue.

Lately, the room we have been using has been converted into office space which pretty much writes us out of the picture. As the dates were uncertain we were hopeful of continuing with both the May meeting and mid May AGM in the RSA but it wasn't to be. The good news is we now have a delightful venue which is part of the Lido complex (although removed from the main building). The room seats about 50, which is perfect, and we have cups and kitchen facilities on hand. We have Tim Swale and Liz Wilde to thank for the initial contact and inspection and I think they've done a wonderful job.

The official name of the building is the Rose City Aquatic Clubroom. It is next door to the Lido (South side) and shares the Lido car park. In the end the committee actually found three other venues but we felt this was the best.

The only downside is that it's wasn't available for our AGM which will be held on May 18. For this we'll be using the Hokowhitu Bowling Club rooms at 227 Albert St, which is at the corner of Albert Street and Wallace Place (near the Te Awe Awe end of Albert St). This is also a most suitable venue so do come along to have your say and help us select a new committee. I want to thank the outgoing committee, appointees, work party members, and everyone else who has organised or participated in club activities last year.

### New Club Members

The club welcomes the following new member:  
Jeanette Watkins (Feilding)

### Lodge Food Carry 12-13 June

by Rob Pringle

email [rob.kate.pringle@gmail.com](mailto:rob.kate.pringle@gmail.com) or phone (06) 354 0218

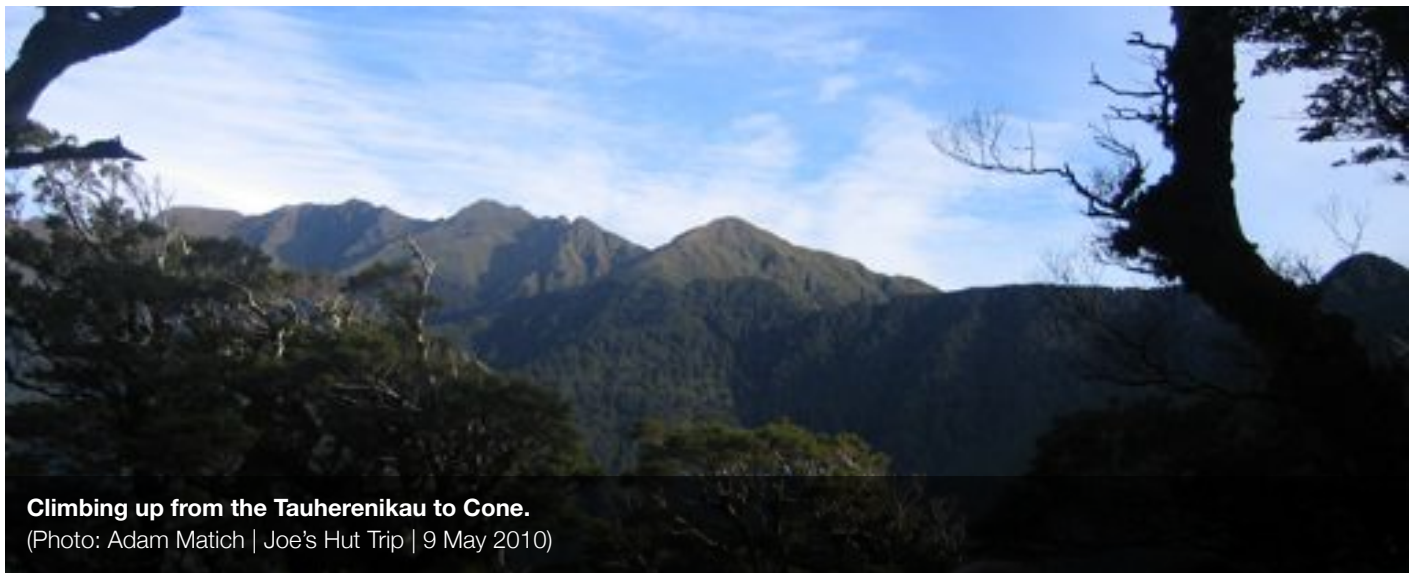
Once again the food carry is booked in for June 12-13 for the carrying of all the goodies we plan to devour over winter. All hands would be welcome as there is always a lot of food to carry in for some reason. Depending on progress a short walk may be undertaken on the Sunday depending on conditions. Feel free to bring the family up and lend a hand,

would be great to see you there. If you could please register your interest with me using the contact details above.

### Signing Off

by Wei-Hang Chua

Time for me to sign off as newsletter editor. It is time for someone with fresh ideas to inject something new into this publication. Times have changed for me since I took over from Adam eight years ago. Back then I was a varsity student, wasn't married, didn't have a mortgage. Thanks to all of you who have been writing for the newsletter and to those of you read it, it's been a great ride. Hope to see you on a tramp or biking trip. Happy trails, Wei.



**Climbing up from the Tauherenikau to Cone.**

(Photo: Adam Matich | Joe's Hut Trip | 9 May 2010)

# Upcoming trips

## TRIP GRADING

The times listed below include tramping, rest and meal stops. In assessing the trip times and grades, terrain, weather and party fitness (a party is as fast as its slowest member) must be considered. As these factors will never repeat themselves, times are only estimates. Contact the trip leader if you are unsure about trip gradings for a specific trip.

|                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| <b>ALL</b>         | All welcome   |
| <b>EASY</b>        | 4 hours per day, pace slower than Easy/Med. Does not relate to terrain. |
| <b>EASY/MEDIUM</b> | 5 hours per day at a pace slower than medium.                           |
| <b>MEDIUM</b>      | 7 hours per day at a standard walking pace.                             |
| <b>MEDIUM/FIT</b>  | 8 hours per day at a pace faster than medium.                           |
| <b>FIT</b>         | Over 8 hours per day at a pace faster than medium/fit.                  |
| <b>TECHNICAL</b>   | Qualifying requirements to be announced by the trip organiser.          |

## TRIP SAFETY

Trip leaders are reminded that trip intentions can be emailed to [intentions@mtsc.org.nz](mailto:intentions@mtsc.org.nz), although this is not a substitute for leaving full written details with the designated contacts within the club. If you require further information on this please contact the Chief Guide. The club also has tent flies and personal locator beacons available free of charge, the club transit van will always have these so there isn't any reason not to take these on a trip short or long, they way next to nothing.

### Atiwhakatu Hut

15-16 May

Christine Scott

Easy

354 0510

A perfect trip for beginners or those wanting a cruisy overnighiter. The new 12 bunk Atiwhakatu Hut has a woodburner and double glazing and should be very comfortable for a May visit. The walk takes you through the beautiful Atiwhakatu valley alongside a stream with lots of native wildlife including tui, bellbirds, fantails, kaka, tomtits and riflemen. I am aiming to leave the Holdsworth road end at approximately 1pm for the short 2-3 hour easy walk into the hut.

### Beach Walk

16 May

Linda Campbell

Easy

323 3836

The plan is to leave at a leisurely time and head for the coast. Exactly where we will start is still to be decided but there are a few 'treasures' that I am keen to look out for. I will make sure the trip is suitable for families with young children, if anyone is keen, otherwise we will stroll long and far before returning to the vehicles.

### Wednesday Trampers

19 May

Chris Brunskill

Easy/Medium

354 2511

Please call for more details.

### Thursday Trampers

20 May

Geraldine Fovakis

Medium

356 4327

Please call for more details.

### Wellington Skyline

23 May

David Newstead

Easy

(027) 457 6175

Please call for more details.

### Shorts-Knights

23 May

Ken Mercer

Medium

356 7497

Here's a chance to get to the tops of the Ruahine's before winter really bites. This track in the western Ruahines is a bit south of the more familiar Rangiwahia trip. There is a decent climb, about 900m, which will take about 3 hours and we can expect frosted tussock up near Toka. If there is interest a group can do the shorter Deerford loop.

### Wednesday Trampers

26 May

Mona Webb

Easy/Medium

323 4212

Please call for more details.

### Thursday Trampers

27 May

Royce Mills

Medium

355 8556

Please call for more details.

### Cattle Ridge

29-30 May

Jean Garman

Medium/Fit

354 3536

Saturday will be a medium day so after a civilized start we will follow the track via Roaring Stag to the 5 bunk Cattle Ridge hut. Sunday will be a fit day taking a cross country route down the end of the ridge (yes there is leatherwood) and hopefully if the Ruamahunga River isn't up past the hidden lake, up Ruapae Stream, cut up through the bush to meet up with the track again and plod on out to the car. If the river is up we will head back to the swing bridge by Roaring Stag and take the track out.

### Kapakapanui

30 May

Hugh Wilde

Medium

356 9450

Please call for more details.

**Wednesday Trampers****2 June****Mike Oliver**

Please call for more details.

**Easy/Medium****355 5320****Thursday Trampers****3 June****Merv Matthews**

Please call for more details.

**Medium****357 2858****Around Ngauruhoe****5-7 June****Adam Matich**

I am a bit vague on this trip, but at the moment the intention is to start at the Magatepopo Road end, that is if we have enough people for the van, otherwise we may have to start from the Chateau; and head up the Mangatepopo Valley.

I was thinking of going as far as the Red Crater, then to Tongariro Peak, and across-country to Ketetahi Hut for the night. Next day we will head to New Waihohonu Hut for the night, either via or past Oturere Hut, but either way by a pointlessly creative route. If Waihohonu Hut is too busy we may camp out somewhere. On the third day we make our way back to the vehicle by a route that also avoids too many tracks.

**Medium/Fit****359 2796****Wednesday Trampers****9 June****Patsy Inkpen**

Please call for more details.

**Easy/Medium****323 8030****Thursday Trampers****10 June****Carolyn Brodie**

Please call for more details.

**Medium****358 6576****Daphne Hut****12-13 June****Bev Akers**

We will head in via Kashmir Road, climbing up onto the ridge which takes us down to the Tukituki River. From there it a few river crossings before we reach the hut. So you will get your feet wet. Also we don't want it to rain as I've been trapped there twice before coz of flooded rivers. Its not a big day, about 4 hrs max. How bout it - Sue & Lorraine (just testing to see if you still read this info).

**Easy/Medium****325 8879****Lodge Food Carry****12-13 June****Rob Pringle**

See page 2 for full details.

**All****354 0218****Wednesday Trampers****16 June****Margaret Foot**

Please call for more details.

**Easy/Medium****327 8003****Thursday Trampers****17 June****Ann Green**

Please call for more details.

**Medium****374 5208****Whakapapaiti Hut****19-20 June****John Doolan**

This is an easy graded trip with the add-on of an overnight stay on the western slopes of Ruapehu. No big hills to climb! Suitable for those wishing to have their first night in a hut on the side of a mountain and those wanting a cruisey weekend.

**Easy****027 4468 740**

The hut will be warm once the log fire is roaring and the toilets have tiled floors! There is a bunk room for the snorers and a big platform sleeping space for the rest of us. The sign post says 2-3 hours but who cares, we will do our own time.

We will leave from 24 Montana Way in Milson at 8.00am and travel to the Whakapapa Visitor Centre via the coffee shop at Ohakune for morning tea. If we are on the track at 12 we will be able to be in the hut, fire going, rested and socializing by 3.00pm.

Book your spot by e-mailing me at: john.doolan@inspire.net.nz or hopefully catching me on 0274 468 740. Bound to have a full van on this popular trip so don't delay, first in get the best beds.

**Wednesday Trampers****23 June****Bernard Cobb**

Please call for more details.

**Easy/Medium****328 8088****Thursday Trampers****24 June****Stuart Malcolm**

Please call for more details.

**Medium****358 3409****Roaring Stag Hut****26-27 June****David Newstead**

Please call for more details.

**Easy****027 457 6157****Island Range****27 June****David Harrington**

From the Upper Mangahao dam we'll bush bash up the spur past spot 615 to Island Range, along the tops (it maybe scrubby) and down the bush spur to the confluence of Dick Creek and the track. Back out via the river track.

**Fit****(06) 839 5766****Wednesday Trampers****30 June****Marie Inkpen & Denis**

Please call for more details.

**Easy/Medium****323 1089****Thursday Trampers****1 July****John McLeod**

Please call for more details.

**Medium****323 5785****Moerangi-Rogers Hut****3-4 July****Mark Learmonth**

Please call for more details.

**Medium****355 9143**



David and Adam checking out where they have come from.

(Photo: Jean Garman | Makawakawa Trip | 24-25 April 2010)

## Trip Reports

### Branch Walkway, Pohangina

24 March

by Pam Wilson

Fifteen of the Wednesday trampers did the round trip, ie across the pleasant walkway from Kuku Rd. and down to the township via the 8KM gravel road. The main reason to use the road instead of doing a return trip on the track is to lengthen the walk by about one-third. Ending the walk at the school with its unlocked toilets made a good meeting point, while Dave Pollard, our very considerate driver went the extra mile, picked up the van from Kuku Rd., and collected the few stragglers still on the road. To end an enjoyable day, we relaxed at the Waterford Café.

### Burton's Track

28 March

by Mary Mercer

It was overcast, windy and drizzling intermittently, as eight keen trampers crossed the bridge over the Kahuterawa stream and set off through the Gordon Kear pine forest. We left Ken turning the van, under Tim's eagle eye, because those two had nobly offered to drive to the Tokomaru Valley Road end and walk north to meet us. Just over an hour later we clambered over the stile into the Tararua Forest Park where the dense native bush protected us well from the wind. From there the track

descended steadily down to the Number 1 stream. Here some of our group began to take off their boots but the old hands managed to convince them of the error of their ways. Though water levels were relatively low, by the time we had crossed Numbers 1 and 2 streams and the Tokomaru River, there was no possibility of dry boots. Ken and Tim timed their appearance perfectly because our group were just about to cross the Tokomaru River the second time when they appeared so guess who kept their feet dry? Burton's original track begins at this point so there is a lot of regrowth bush from there on and we spied lots of lovely looking, grassy camp sites as we walked upstream towards the road end. Some of the sign posted times were definitely contradictory but, since the weather did not encourage us to linger long for a morning snack or lunch, it took us almost exactly six hours from start to finish. We were Laurent, Mikael, Nacho, Daniel, Glen, Kathy, Linda and Mary along with our transport team of Tim and Ken.

### South Makaretu Hut

8 April

by Graham Pritchard

The Thursday trampers (10 in number) made a return visit to this hut after an interval of exactly five years and one day. (Permission is required from two separate landowners for the first leg to Happy Daze Hut.) Good to find both

Happy Daze and the Makaretu huts in well-cared-for condition. The route up the Makaretu south branch from Happy Daze has fared less well in the intervening years with quantities of large bouldery rock in the stream bed and several big tree-trunks to circumvent. This has probably meant fewer trampers visiting the hut and consequently the old sidle tracks across the terraces are getting overgrown. But it is still a pretty valley (especially when the sun is shining, which it wasn't when we were there).

### Te Matawai Hut Work Party

10-11 April

by Jean Garman

A relatively quiet affair - after many reshuffles four off us set of walking into a mild calm overcast day. We got a little excited when we were in the section of bush between the farmland and the river as a helicopter came cruising slowly down the river. Wayne had flippantly said that if the weather turned out



good he might come along and pick us up out of the river. As we were in thick bush we couldn't see it but as we approached the river we met a couple of parties who though it had been the red rescue chopper, it did not come back. We stopped for an early lunch and a hot drink at South Ohau then plodded and sweated up the hill in what was now a clear calm day. The hut had one occupant who was off somewhere on a day trip so we started by cleaning up the green tinged toilet and doing some 'gardening' behind the toilet to hopefully get a better airflow around the toilet. The prunings were cut up for firewood and the mess of twigs, leaves and the occasional branch piled in the corner of the veranda were removed back to the wood shed where they should be. The deck was cleaned up so once again it provides a sheltered place to sit on arrival and remove wet coats and boot before entering the hut. We consumed the usual nibbles, drinkies and minestrone soup that had been bubbling away on the fire followed by an apple and berry shortcake for dessert and retired at a civilised hour for a good sleep. The other hut occupant had come back but was a man of very few words. Sunday was another clear calm day and we did more cleaning and vegetation clearance before we headed off about 10am to exit via the Gable End ridge. Sitting in the sun on the ridge at lunch time Hugh exclaimed he had been bitten, from a vague recollection of them being there before I asked him if it was ants at which stage Ivan realised what the crawling sensation up his back was. No sign of ants on Hugh but Ivan was sitting on a nest of the big red buggers and required a good brushing down to get them all off his clothing. All in all a pleasant tramp, good company and the hut is clean and tidy again for another year. Many thanks to the workers; Hugh Wilde, Brian Webster, Ivan Rienks & Jean Garman).

### Hemi Matenga Walkway, Waikanae

14 April

by Dave Pollard

All tramps at the moment are a first for me, so I would like to thank Pauline and Rosemary for their suggestions for this walk. From the DOC info sheet I followed the instructions to the letter, as I thought should be, however it appeared that just about everyone who knew of this walk usually came in from the opposite direction - easier going up than down!

The bus was full and the Feilding troupe following, so a total of 17 determined hardy trampers, the day was relaxed with a variety of topics discussed, not many about tramping though, although I learnt an important lesson for future walks, and that was, keep in site of each other, as one of the

group took a wrong turn, which is very easy to do, it was at the very end of the tramp, and only discovered when they did not turn up at the end, so a couple of us went back to check, it was not, in itself a major situation, but for me highlighted how easy it can be to do.

Another thing that came to mind was, what was said about driver fatigue in the last newsletter, now I don't feel guilty about stopping on the way back at a convenient coffee stop, which we did at Te Horo, So in all a great day.

### Makawakawa

24-25 April

by Jean Garman

Never trust a weather forecast!

Adam and I met up with David in Ashhurst then proceed to drive up Takapari road as far as Adam was willing to push the little blue granny mobile. Turns out that this is quite a long way and it was only when he reached a bit of downhill he wasn't 100% sure he could get back up that he stopped. With David's ute parked up for our return we then backtracked down to the Pohangina Valley East road and parked a wee way up Arbon's road before heading to the bridge to start our journey up the Makawakawa stream.

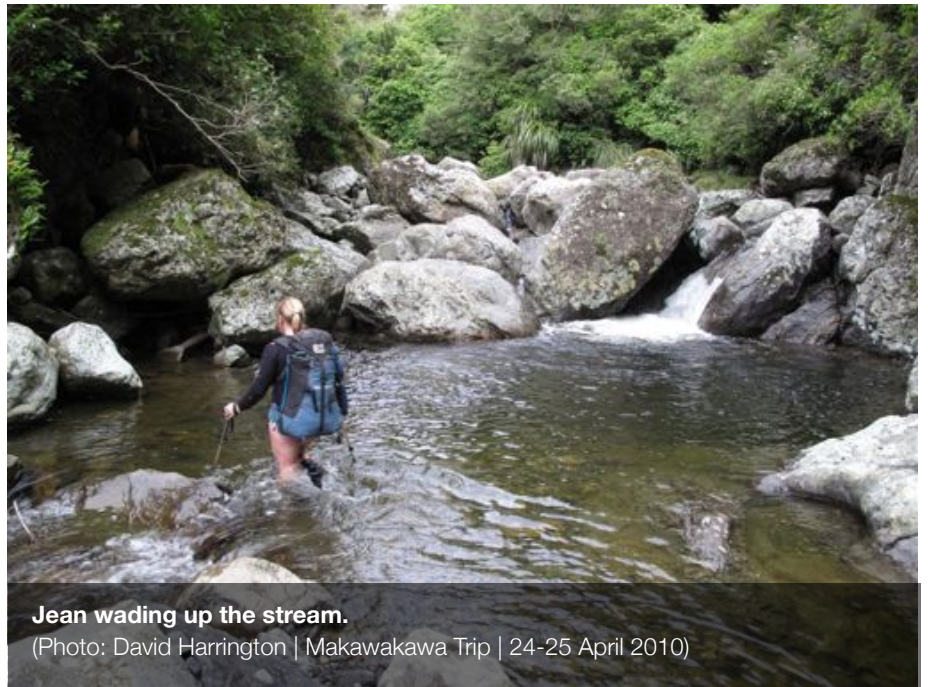
The forecast had been for morning rain but there wasn't any which made us quite happy. The river is not what I would call pleasant. The rocks in the water were very slippery, there was the odd dead sheep, as we progressed the boulders got bigger and more scrambly and the pools got deeper. As a change from the odd stinky sheep we passed a stinky deer and in about 3 hours reached Digger hut in time for lunch. It was ever so lightly drizzling, not enough for a coat but enough to make the rest of the rocks in the river bed slippery too. The drizzle kindly stopped after lunch and we carried on up the river which is pretty friendly as far as the forks where the track to Takapari road begins. Here we took the southern branch of the Makawakawa. This became very much like the river had been earlier only even more so - bigger boulders and deeper pools. Adam and I had decided to try out David's second preference in attire for river trips so eventually we were all in our togs. This did prove to be markedly more

comfortable than wet undies/shorts and also gave greater freedom of movement for scrambling over rocks.

An hour or so along and the river became less gorgy, we found a hunters campsite which had been recently used and carried on up a more friendly stretch of river before calling an early halt to the day opposite a big slip. This wasn't because we were tired but rather because if we didn't stop here we would not be able to stop before we got to Takapari Road which could take a frightfully long time especially in the dark. A cosy spot beneath the trees was found and we set up camp. David found a decapitated deer nearby so the hunters had obviously had some success. After a cuppa and a chat we crawled into the sleeping bags as we were feeling a little chilly.

Dinner was cooked and consumed and it started to drizzle. This was not what the forecast had promised and it didn't stop at drizzle. During the night the rain was constant and quite hard for a prolonged stretch of time before dying off around dawn. The river was somewhat louder and on investigation was up enough to dissuade us from trying to navigate up the gorges and waterfalls to come. Instead we opted to climb straight up behind our camp to the Diggers/Takapari track on the ridge above us. This started out pretty easy in scrubby forest and part way up in the horopito we even got some views of the surrounding countryside. The horopito then got smaller and thicker before getting a bit better which is where we found a freshly vacated can of pineapple pieces - we are not the only idiots who roam random scrub faces. It then got thicker again and eventually we reached the leatherwood. This was not as bad as it sounds as this was truly majestic leatherwood, so big you could move relatively freely under it.

Some beautiful red fungi were spotted and photographed and before we knew it we had reached the top of the ridge - now to find the track. This was taking longer than expected so we stopped and got out the maps and compasses and behold when we started off again the track was almost immediately spotted several meters



**Jean wading up the stream.**

(Photo: David Harrington | Makawakawa Trip | 24-25 April 2010)

away. The track was muddy but at least being free of the close embrace of the vegetation it was an option to remove the coats, it wasn't raining but we were in thick mist. As we climbed higher towards Takapari road and the leatherwood got thicker and thicker Adam and I were beginning to doubt David's sanity at his proposed exit from the headwaters of the Makawakawa and thought the rain may have actually been a blessing in disguise.

Takapari road was reached and we skipped off along it meeting a couple of 4wheel bikes going the other way and then another vehicle going our way who even offered us a lift. Unfortunately the ute was about 30m away around the next corner so we didn't take them up on their kind offer. While a somewhat shorter trip than expected and some unfinished business to be dealt with at some other time (maybe) it was a jolly pleasant trip. We were David Harrington (trip leader and advocate of the speedos), Adam Matich (who over came his shyness and wore a pair of budgie smugglers) and Jean Garman (who was so impressed with the comfort of togs for river trips she went out and bought a couple of pairs of bikini bottoms the very next day). Don't say you haven't been warned of the new approved (by certain club members) dress standard for those river trips where the crossings are deeper than the legs are long...

## Mangaweka Trig

25 April

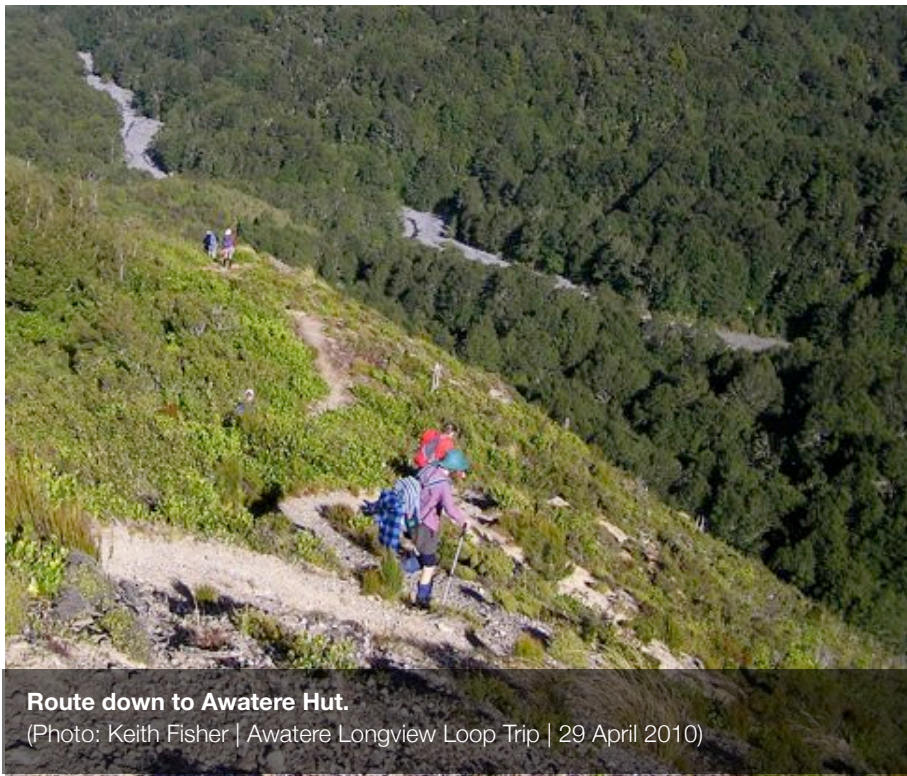
by Hugh Wilde

Four of us left in Tim's van at 07.30, picking up Leanne at Ohingaiti. After almost two hours drive we arrived at the Purity Hut road end near the Kawhatau Valley and headed on upward. About two hours later saw us at the hut where we had a late morning tea and set off for Wooden Peg, arriving about one hour later.

There was a moderate south-westerly wind that kept the mist below the ridges leading up to the main range. We found a lunch spot out of the wind and watched the clouds scudding across the tops - the peaks clear, then obscured, then clear again. By the end of lunch the wind had dropped somewhat and the clouds hung around the tops obscuring the view. Nevertheless we pressed on for about another 40 minutes to the trig.

The track is reasonably well worn but disappears in places, so we made good use of map and compass to navigate the various slight changes of direction, but keeping the eastern scarp close to our right. I had my GPS with the route on it to keep a check on progress but we didn't need it.

After 15 minutes or so at the trig it was getting cold so we decided to return, and after a minor problem sorting out sense from direction we were walking south again with Chief Navigator Tim following the return path via Iron Peg and the tarns and then south-west to Wooden Peg. The cloud base was just



**Route down to Awatere Hut.**

(Photo: Keith Fisher | Awatere Longview Loop Trip | 29 April 2010)

below Wooden Peg with good views of the lower country. Slightly less than one hour later we were back at the hut and back at the car on the dot of six. Those who went were Darlene Westrup, Jane Dennis, Leanne Pratt, Tim Swale and Hugh Wilde.

### **Awatere Longview Loop**

**29 April**

**by David Grant**

On a brilliant autumn day 13 Thursday trampers broke new ground (for us) and completed a circuit from the Kashmir road end, over Moorcock saddle to Awatere hut, then bush bashed up the hill to Rocky Knob. We completed the

loop N along the Leon Kinvig/ Longview track and back down to the van at the roadend. Took us about 6 hours. The un-tracked bit up the hill from Awatere was surprisingly straight forward thanks to Merv's prior plotting a course on his GPS, and Gordon's excellent work on the ground.

Photo: Richard Ellis

### **Colenso Trig and beyond with the Thursday Trampers**

**6 May**

**by Tony Gates**

Sixteen of us (plus "Milo") sweated on up from the Kawhatau Base to the wide open tussock of the Mokai Patea Range in ideal autumn conditions. It's a wonderful place up there, with unrestricted views of many Ruahine peaks and valleys, as well as Ruapehu, Taranaki, etc.

Despite a few windfalls on the track, we gained the summit of Colenso trig in two hours, which felt like a reasonably rapid climb. Some of us continued along the Mokai Patea Range for a bit.

We observed helicopter hunting in action, with the pilot and shooter (staying at Kawhatau Base) speaking of taking some thirty deer that day. It would have been a great day for a flight.



**Six models for the price of three.**

(Photo: Tony Gates | Colenso Trig Trip | 6 May 2010)



# Club Information

## Annual Hut Passes

Buy your Annual Hut Pass through DoC. The full price of an Annual Hut Pass is \$90 but is reduced to \$63 with your Federated Mountain Club (FMC) card discount. Jean Garman will provide you with a form to fill in which will be sent off with your cheque and FMC card (if you have one) to DoC Waikanae who will post you an Annual Hut Pass. Note that MTSC family memberships only pay one FMC sub so only one FMC card (and therefore discount) is available per family. Contact Jean at [jeanandivan@value.net.nz](mailto:jeanandivan@value.net.nz) or phone (06) 354 3536.

## Accommodation at the MTSC lodge on Mount Ruapehu

The lodge is close to Iwikau Village, has mains power, heating, hot showers and is well stocked with food. Members and their guests are welcome. (Lodge phone number is (07) 892 3860).



Lodge bookings should be emailed to Liz and Hugh Wilde [lodge.bookings@mtsc.org.nz](mailto:lodge.bookings@mtsc.org.nz). If for some reason you cannot email, please phone 06 356 9450. To confirm your booking, payment must be made in advance by cheque, or cash (in person) to 179 Cook St, Palmerston North 4410. Internet payment is not available for lodge fees.

|                     | Members | Guests |
|---------------------|---------|--------|
| Adult               | \$25    | \$38   |
| Secondary School    | \$22    | \$35   |
| Primary School      | \$19    | \$30   |
| Pre-school (3-5 yo) | \$10    | \$10   |

## Booking and use of the MTSC Transit Van

The normal run-of-the-mill things you need to do if using the Transit Van are:

1. Book preferably by Thurs day, and certainly no later than 6 pm Friday.
2. Cancel bookings by these times so others needing the van have time to amend travel arrangements.
3. A fly should be carried on every tramp, there is always one in the passenger door of the club van and they are available from the Gear Custodian at no charge. There is a Personal Locator Beacon, in the glove box, for people using the van to take with them.



Trip leaders and those planning trips should use this club asset. Adam Matich is our minibus custodian and he can be contacted at (06) 359 2796 or at work (06) 953 7679.

## Club Equipment

We have two personal locator beacons (PLB), packs, 2 and 3 person tents, fly-sheets, snow mats, sleeping bag cover, gas cookers, size 8 and 9 boots, billies, two bivvy bags and two big tent flies. Ice axes, crampons, and helmets are also available. Food Dehydrator: ideal for drying large and small quantities of fruit, vegetables, and meat for tramping rips. Easy to use, works well, and is available for hire from the Gear Custodian. Hire cost for members, \$1 per day (no charge for PLB). Contact the Gear Custodian: Peter Rawlins on (06) 356 7443.

## Articles for the newsletter

Send by the **end** of each month to Wei-Hang Chua at [editor@mtsc.org.nz](mailto:editor@mtsc.org.nz). Please contact me if you'd prefer to receive your newsletter by email only. Send changes of address to the Membership Secretary at P.O. Box 245, Palmerston North or email [membership@mtsc.org.nz](mailto:membership@mtsc.org.nz).

## Club website | [www.mtsc.org.nz](http://www.mtsc.org.nz)

This includes a list of contact details and a club email address. The club webpage is maintained by Howard Nicholson and is kindly hosted by InSPire Net.

## People to contact

If you would like to contact the club with general inquiries, please drop a line to MTSC, P.O. Box 245, Palmerston North and it will reach the appropriate person. If you want a particular topic discussed at Committee meetings, this is a good way to go about it.

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