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Newsletter of the Manawatu Tramping and Skiing Club



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Club meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Rose City Aquatic Club Rooms, 50 Park Street, Palmerston North (next to the Lido). Meetings begin at 7.30pm.

## **7.30 pm 7 June, 2022: Skiing in the Time of Covid by Howard Nicholson, Peter Rawlins & Peter Bowker**

A group of MTSC members headed to the Southern Alps last year, for a spot of ski touring amongst our highest mountains. Numerous factors conspired against us in the lead-up to, and during, the trip, but we eventually had four people with skis on and on the Mainland. Here is a story about "sunflowers" and our part in keeping tourism alive on the West Coast.

## **7.30 pm 5 July, 2022: South Island Adventures**

## **7.30 pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022: MTSC Annual Photo Competition**

Time to dust off your camera, troll through your photos and enter this year's competition. This year the best three images in each category will be chosen by an independent judging panel and the best image in each category will be chosen by popular vote on the night. There will be a prize for every photographer who enters an image as well as prizes for the best image in each category and the best image overall. Entries need to be in by Friday 22 July. See the [MTSC web site](http://www.mtsc.nz) or pages 14 and 15 of this newsletter for competition details.



*Knight Shorts Loop 5 May by John Brock*

# REPORTS AND NOTICES

**MTSC President: Tim Swale**

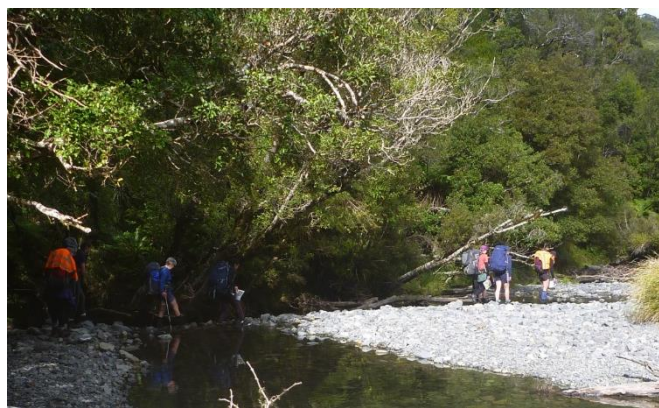
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Following the AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> May I would like to thank all of those people who have once again put up their hand to help with the running of our club. In particular we welcome Nicki Fielder onto the committee and also give our heartfelt thanks to Bev Akers who is stepping down from the committee but continues to help as a club appointee. It is only when you see all of the committee positions and appointments written down that you get to appreciate just how many people are involved. In addition there are dozens more who are leading tramps and other club activities, making our club a very active and vibrant community.

We all get a tremendous amount of satisfaction from being involved with an active lifestyle that provides us not only with a wonderful outdoor environment to recreate in, but also great social interaction. It is good for mind, body and soul. With so much experience in the outdoors we are in a good position to pass on some of the skills that we have learned over the years to others, particularly young



people who are just taking their first tentative steps in the outdoors. I have volunteered as an instructor for Mountain Safety Council and also Outdoor Training New Zealand (OTNZ) for many years now and have always found it very rewarding to enable others to enjoy the outdoors safely. Whilst instructing on formal courses in bush craft, river safety etc. may not appeal to everyone, OTNZ also offers a shadowing service for Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions and this is an area that many of us could quite easily help with. It



involves going along with a group of young people to make sure that they are making safe decisions regarding crossing rivers, walking exposed ridges and ensuring that you are there to solve any problems that may crop up. Expeditions are of two, three or four days' duration depending on the level. OTNZ like to use adults who have extensive outdoor experience, have been Police checked and have a first aid certificate. However, to see if it is something you would like to do, I suggest you come along as a co-shadow in the first instance. We really need more people to help with this important role

as there are currently not enough OTNZ members to fulfil all the requests for shadow parties. Anyone keen to volunteer as an instructor and get the NZQA Outdoor Leader qualification can do so through OTNZ at no cost to themselves. If you might be interested in either shadowing or getting involved with instructing, please have a chat with Linda Campbell, Ken Mercer or myself.

Finally, congratulations to this year's MTSC award winners who were announced at the AGM. The Beech Leaf Award for services to the club went to Marion Beadle for her work in co-ordinating midweek tramping groups. Judith Tonson has shown inspirational determination in getting back to tramping after serious health issues and was given the Gregory Fischer Trust Award. The "Most Spirited Trumper" award went to Syd Easton, a stalwart of the Thursday group, who keeps everyone informed and is always there to look after others on trips into the hills.

*We welcome new members, Jenny Bucknell, Angela Cameron and Christophe Chemasle and family to the club.*





June Wednesday Tramps			June Thursday Tramps		
01	Anja Scholz	027 749 5811	02	Alistair Hall	06 357 1832
08	Mary Mercer	027 372 5375	09	John Brock	06 329 4834
15	Lorraine Barr	022 074 9321	16	Garry Grayson	027 269 5934
22	Anne West	06 357 5716	23	Bill Milham	027 443 3324
29	Margaret McKenzie	06 358 2535	30	Carolyn Brodie	027 358 6037
June Weekend Trips					
12	Tim Swale	Tararua District Cycle Tour			022 134 8384
24-26	Linda Campbell	Wellington Walks (Matariki)			027 333 4493
1-3July	Howard Nicolson	Lodge Food Carry			027 294 1941

**Trip Intentions:** The email address for leaving trip intentions is [intentions@mtsc.org.nz](mailto:intentions@mtsc.org.nz). Intentions sent to this address will not be acted upon UNLESS a party is reported overdue (e.g. by a family member, flatmate, friend, etc). The email is sent to several MTSC members. This information will be provided to Land SAR/RCC only if the party is reported overdue or a MTSC-owned PLB is activated. The email should include: a list of participants and their contact details; a brief description of the intended route and possible alternative routes; starting point; start date; date/time due out; vehicle registration; and any other relevant details.

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2022: Tararua District Cycle Tour

Tim Swale Phone 022 134 8384 or [theswales@xtra.co.nz](mailto:theswales@xtra.co.nz)

A Tararua District cycle tour with a lunch stop at Tui Brewery, Mangatainoka. A mix of sealed and gravel roads. Two distance options.

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2022: Wellington Walks (Matariki) Easy

Linda Campbell Phone 027 3334493 or [lindammc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lindammc@xtra.co.nz)

The plan is to travel to Wellington on Friday 24 June, stopping on the way to do the Rangituhi/Colonial Knob Walk. This involves bit of a climb to the summit at 468m. On a good day there are views from the Inland Kaikoura Range in the south to Mt Taranaki in the north-west. You also see the lovely Mana and Kapiti Islands and the drowned river valleys that make up Porirua Harbour. The track goes through kohekohe/tawa forest and as you go higher the forest is dominated by mahoe with broadleaf, stinkwood and mapou.

On the Saturday the plan is to walk the Southern Walkway through the town belt from Oriental Bay to Island Bay. This walk is approx. 11km and takes 4-5 hours. The track undulates and there are great views of the harbour and central city as well as many points of interest along the way including the Truby King House and garden. On Sunday we could perhaps do a shorter Wellington walk before heading home or people may like to make the most of other opportunities Wellington has to offer or visit family members. Transport and accommodation will be discussed once I know who is keen to come.

## 1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2022: Lodge Food Carry

Howard Nicholson Phone 027 294 1941

Due to a forecast warm start to winter, the Lodge Food Carry weekend is scheduled later than usual, on Saturday 2 July 2022. Many will travel to the mountain on Friday night, ready for a morning start. After the usual cleaning of the food storage areas, carrying, putting away, general lodge clean-up and last-minute maintenance, we can relax with a sumptuous meal. People can choose their own pleasure for Sunday. Contact Howie if you wish to be part of the tradition this year.



## Wednesday 27 April, 2022: Atene Skyline

Trip Leader and Reporter: Marion Beadle

Photographer: Rod McKenzie

The Atene Skyline track is the perfect ridge walk with tantalising views between the trees on both sides, all day.

Just over 20 of us set off at 09:30 from the upper car park on a near perfect day, not too hot, not too cold and an occasional breeze. A small group had planned to only go part way and a further group, upon reaching the clearing, also decided to return the same way. This is easier than going all the way around. The clearing has a shelter, water supply, table, toilet and goats. My concerns about daylight hours were unfounded as everyone was down on the road within 7 hours.

My thanks to van driver Wendy and the others who helped with the logistics of this walk.





## Thursday 28 April, 2022: Kapakapanui

Trip Leaders: Ken & Mary Mercer

Trip Reporter: Mary Mercer

Photographers: Jinny Andersen, Ken Mercer

Eight brave souls, all masked, set off in the club minibus for the big hill behind Waikanae. We were, after some confusion over bus stops, followed by Adam and his two passengers, Judy and Bill, but all eleven arrived at the Ngatiawa Road end within minutes of each other. The day was sunny, still and brisk in the early morning. Three of us had opted to wear sandals or similar for the six crossings of the Ngatiawa River but our slightly numbed feet soon warmed up as we began the steep, 950 m climb up Kapakapanui.

The bush is beautiful and varied, with a profusion of ferns and mosses as well as larger plants from the bottom to the top of this peak. There are also many large trees even at low altitudes. After a short break for morning tea the speedy group,



Adam, Bill, Judy, Bryce, Tony and Carolyn, soon vanished into the distance while the smaller group, Jinny, Nicki, Linda, Mary and Ken, took a more leisurely approach, arriving at Kapakapanui Hut (860m) about noon. Soon after that we entered the first of three 'goblin forests' on this track. Eventually we reached the final





ridge where we had panoramic views of Kapiti Island, the South Island and the nearby, bush covered hills. The trig made a wonderful lunch spot, well worth the nearly four hours of climbing.

From there we continued on the loop track and began the very steep descent back down, down, down. Towards the bottom, the track was dry and crumbly which made it extra difficult to avoid a slide. Fortunately, all made it back to the river without serious injury (I hope). On this part of the track, there were only four river crossings and we arrived at the van in the three hours, as promised by the DoC sign, though it was a whole hour after the speedy lot. A long, but wonderful, day of tramping.

## Wednesday 4 May, 2022: Otangane and Toi Toi Loops

Trip Leader and Reporter: William and Robyn Laing

Photographer: Terry Stewart

*Robyn:* On the most perfect, late autumn day, nineteen trampers assembled at the Sledge Track parking lot. Then we set off as a group, along with one small, over-eager dog, and climbed the Sledge Track to have a very cheerful morning tea at the top of the track. At this point we broke into two groups. Those choosing to do the Toi Toi track lingered in the sun a little longer while nine of us set off to do the longer Otangane Loop.

Marion led from the front, until she declared that she was soaking wet from the heavy dew and passed the baton on to Sue Pither. Marion and Sue were our karate experts with their pole and stick respectively, trying to beat the bush lawyer into submission. We ducklings followed behind, dodging Bush Lawyer and getting our socks well coated with hook grass.



There was no wind at all, which made a mockery of the trees growing at a 45-degree angle. We found a lovely spot for our lunch up among the Leatherwood with a very warm, late autumn sun making the experience even more enjoyable. The Loop is an interesting combination of open spaces interspersed with areas of regenerated bush. (Editor's note: There are quite a few patches of 'Goblin Forest', though the trees are smaller than those on Kapakapanui.) One got occasional, great views out east and westwards, especially from the top of Pukenaenae (or the "Nipple"), a detour of ten minutes up and down some of us took. It was a long tramp but not too hard. On the way back we had a short break where we had stopped for morning tea, then legged it down the hill and along the Sledge Track, as we knew the Toi Toi Loop folk would be waiting patiently for our return. They got out an hour and a half before us.

Wendy Williams deserves the "Good Sport" award as she kindly drove the van for us but, as she was nursing a sore back that she didn't want to exacerbate, filled in a long day waiting for us all to return like sailors from the sea. Thank you so much Wendy. Also thank you Terry, Marilyn and Marion, for taking your cars and helping with the transport.

*William:* A second party set off to do the Toi Toi Loop after the more vigorous Otangane Loop trampers, as we had plenty of time. The Toi Toi Loopers did a more leisurely stroll around this shorter track, stopping half way for a second morning tea and climbing up to a vantage point overlooking the wind farm developments, before continuing on through the valley of the Toi Toi (actually they weren't that much in evidence; wrong season?) and up a steady climb back to the top of the Sledge track. We had a relaxed lunch and then set off

for the carpark, arriving back at about 3:00pm. As the Toi Toi trampers took about 25,000 steps, compared to the 37,000 steps that the Otangane loops took, we certainly had the shorter tramp.

## Thursday 5 May, 2022: Knights-Shorts Loop

Trip Leader & Reporter: Darlene Westrupp

Photographer: John Brock

I seem destined to have a plan B when planning my tramps! My first choice was Tunupo but I discovered, early in the week, that the humped bridge was being resurfaced and therefore closed. We toyed briefly with the idea of going bush and swinging down to the river on ropes but thought better of it. Plan B was required!



As Knights-Shorts loop, incorporating Toka trig, was in the same area we went for that. Nine of us had a fabulous day – the weather was (almost) perfect with sunshine, mild temperatures and no wind. - Unfortunately, near the tops low clouds came down but not enough to obliterate all of the views while we had lunch. Three trampers made the short trip up to the trig but the rest of us were content to have a slightly longer lunch break. Going down via Shorts was far easier than coming up the very steep Knights track. Two or three of the group had never done it that way round before and decided it was definitely the better way to tackle the loop. We were back to the van after 7 hours and had time for an ice-cream at Cheltenham. Thanks to Wayne for driving us safely and to John Brock for his fabulous photos.





## 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May 2022: Oturere Hut Circuit

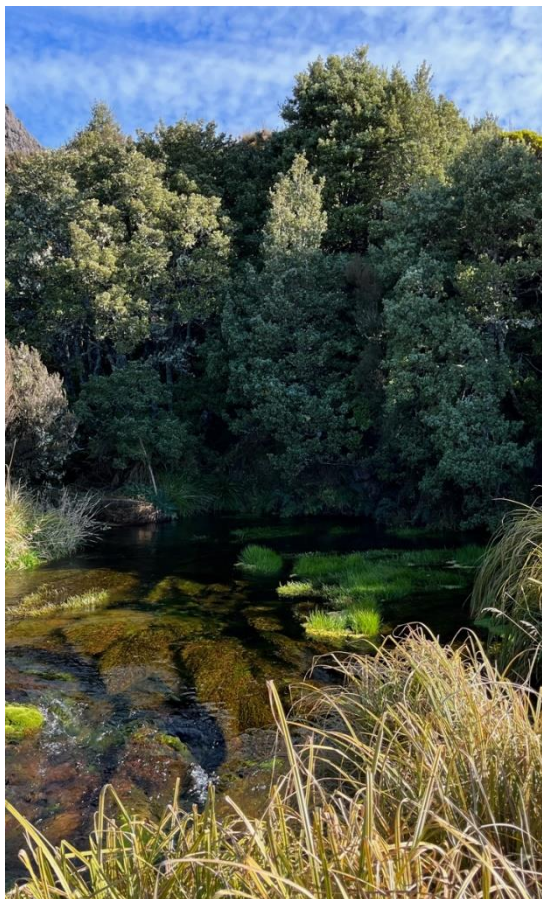
Trip Leader: Adam Matich

Reporter and Photographer: Royce Mills

Adam Matich spotted an opportunity of very good weather and sent out an invitation to Thursday trampers to join him on an off-track adventure which included the Tama Lakes and Oturere hut. Ken Mercer and I signed up to join him. See route on map on p13.

We had a relaxed afternoon walk into Waihohonu Hut and others trickled in making eight people staying overnight. A spectacular sunset and sunrise the next morning had us out with our cameras.

The next morning we set off in beautiful weather along the familiar track heading towards the Tama Lakes. Our off-track adventure started by turning off and climbing a gentle ridge on the east side of the Lower Tama Lake. Wonderful views of the lake from a different perspective and into the distance in all directions! Then along a couple of saddles to arrive on the western side of Upper Tama Lake and past the familiar stone shelter. Adam had previously tramped all of today's route and he navigated us down to the beach of Upper Tama where we had lunch. The afternoon's route skirted around the base of Ngauruhoe, around lava flows and across very arid ridges and valleys. Up, down, up, down and onwards. Getting closer to Oturere Hut the lava formations became very spectacular - with huge upright, solidified, crazy pillars and "statues" which we picked our way between to reach Oturere Hut. Day two was a very satisfying tramp of 20km. It had been a nine-hour day but this included generous stops. Once again there was a beautiful sunset, an amazing starry night and a colourful sunrise. Oturere Hut is a much more



compact hut and again there were eight of us which made the hut quite busy inside. Liam, a keen young trumper from Auckland, stayed in both huts with us and had been good company. We invited him to join us on the walk out in the morning. Our plans were to go off-track and find the Waihohonu Springs. It was a scenic walk but we zig-zagged up and down to locate the springs. It turned out that Adam's memory was much more accurate than the map - the location shown on the map is out by almost a kilometre! For the record, the location is just SE of spot height 1212m. It was worth the effort to visit this beautiful pool. Then it was an enjoyable walk along a high ridge to join the regular track out from Oturere hut to Waihohonu hut. We sat there on the deck in the sun for lunch. Being a Saturday, people were arriving in groups to stay at the hut, or camp. Still with Liam, we headed back to the Desert Road and were out to the road end at 1.45pm. Today's walk had been 15km. Thanks to Adam for your planning and navigating, and such good weather too! This tramp was a real highlight for me. My two companions were very good company, even if a lot of their conversations were rather high-tech (cars, house renovations, electricity, pumps, gadgets, plumbing ...) - I certainly couldn't contribute!



## Sunday 8 May 2022 Pohangina Walks

Trip Leader, Photographer and Reporter: Linda Campbell

Twelve of us set off on a lovely autumn Mother's Day morning to walk the Fern Walk in the Pohangina Valley. At the start we were surprised to see a pile of citrus fruit dumped near the road close to the toilet and wondered why someone would feel the need to dump it there! The Fern Walk passes through beautiful bush. From the start there were plenty of fungi of varying sizes to see and, as we went up the hill, some great views. The ferns were, of course, rather lovely as well. The birds were audible and, at the morning tea stop, Piwakawaka flitted around us. Another point of interest was that some of the wētā hotels near the start of the track proved to be inhabited by small wētā. At the end of the Fern walk six of our group headed off home and the other six headed to Totara Reserve for a picnic lunch.

We then completed the walk there which includes a section with a rope



to pull yourself up. Once we completed that walk we heading to County Fayre for a lovely Devonshire tea. Finally four of us stopped at the wetlands on the outskirts of the Pohangina Village where we were surprised to see very few water birds and large numbers Piwakawaka. It was a lovely relaxed sort of a day and wonderful to welcome new people to our weekend walk. Joining me for the trip were Karen Tutt, Tim Swale, Jill Stewart, Angela Cameron (standing), Lisa, Zac (aged 7), Josh Swale (aged 5), Leonie, Megan Delvin, Sonya Turk and Linda Shailer (sitting, L to R).

## Wednesday 11 May, 2022: Bushy Park

Trip Leader & Reporter: Catherine Henderson

What a beautiful day we had. A happy birthday to Margaret Foot & Bernard Cobb.

We started the day with a talk from Many Brooks about the release of Whitehead birds (Popokotea). Then we split into two groups and made our way around the pathways of Bushy Park. One group had the lovely Esther Williams guide us with information on the birds and flora. Afternoon tea was a real treat with scones, cream & jam - Dale also provided some of us with gluten & dairy free options. - Much appreciated. He also gave us interesting information about Bushy Park & homestead

A cake was presented to Margaret & Bernard & was shared with everyone & much enjoyed.

Thank you Margaret McKenzie for making this cake. A big thank you to all 38 who came to celebrate and the drivers providing their cars to transport everyone to Bushy Park. Van driver Wendy, many thanks to you.



## Thursday 12 May, 2022: Tokomaru Hill Country Farm Walk

Trip Leaders: Jinny Andersen and Ian August

Reporter: Jinny Andersen

Photographer: John Brock

Walkers gathered at Summerhill carpark on a crisp and clear Thursday morning full of anticipation for what the day would reveal. The Tokomaru Hill Country Farm Walk was a first for most. We clambered into the



club van and cars and drove southward past the Tokomaru village to the end of Albert Road. The full contingent of 23 walkers set off on the farm road climbing a steep section almost immediately and then winding steadily upwards for about an hour. Ian led the way, stopping from time to time to take in the panoramic view: the Manawatu plains spanning out to the coast; Kapiti Island to the south and Mt Ruapehu to the north and, at times, Mt Taranaki. Morning tea break was on the deck of the hermit's cottage. The sun was warm and the surrounding hillsides and farm scenes were pleasing to the eye. We lingered there for quite a while before moving on.

The wide grassy track to the bush line made easy walking and opportunity to absorb the spectacular views of the Tararua foothills and beyond. Upon arrival at the boundary the chatter turned to discussions about where Burrtion's track was. We began the downhill section, jumped across a stream and looped around to the farm road again and back to the cottage for an early lunch. After lunch the walk ventured to the right of the farm road. A cool breeze caught us unawares but we soon looped around under the





pylons and descended back onto the farm road and down to the car park. The perfect weather conditions contributed to a very pleasant four and half hours exploring the grassy hills and making sure we left the gates as we found them.

A big thank you to the family for allowing us to experience their hill country farm.

### **Wednesday 18 May, 2022: Aruwaru**

Trip Leader, Photographer and Reporter: Tim Swale

With heavy rain the day before, there was some doubt about the safety of crossing the Otangane Stream at the end of Naenae Road so I headed out early to check the water level. Fortunately, the river had dropped sufficiently so, courtesy of the cell-phone tower on the hill above, I was able to call Ken and confirm that Plan A could go ahead. Alistair Hall arrived shortly afterwards with tape measure and pegs hoping to mark out a spot for a small car park which he has been negotiating with Tararua District Council. Once the van arrived our group of twelve put on river shoes, linked up and crossed the stream. On the other side we changed back into tramping boots and stashed our river shoes ready for the return trip. The track was muddy at first as it crosses farmland, but we were soon onto the new track built by Ian Argyle and helpers.



This climbs steeply up beside the stream. It took a bit over an hour of solid toil to get to the top where we sat in the shelter of the bush for morning tea. It was a blustery but sunny day, though cloud hovered around Aruwaru Summit. Nevertheless there were great views over the Wairarapa and Palmerston North.



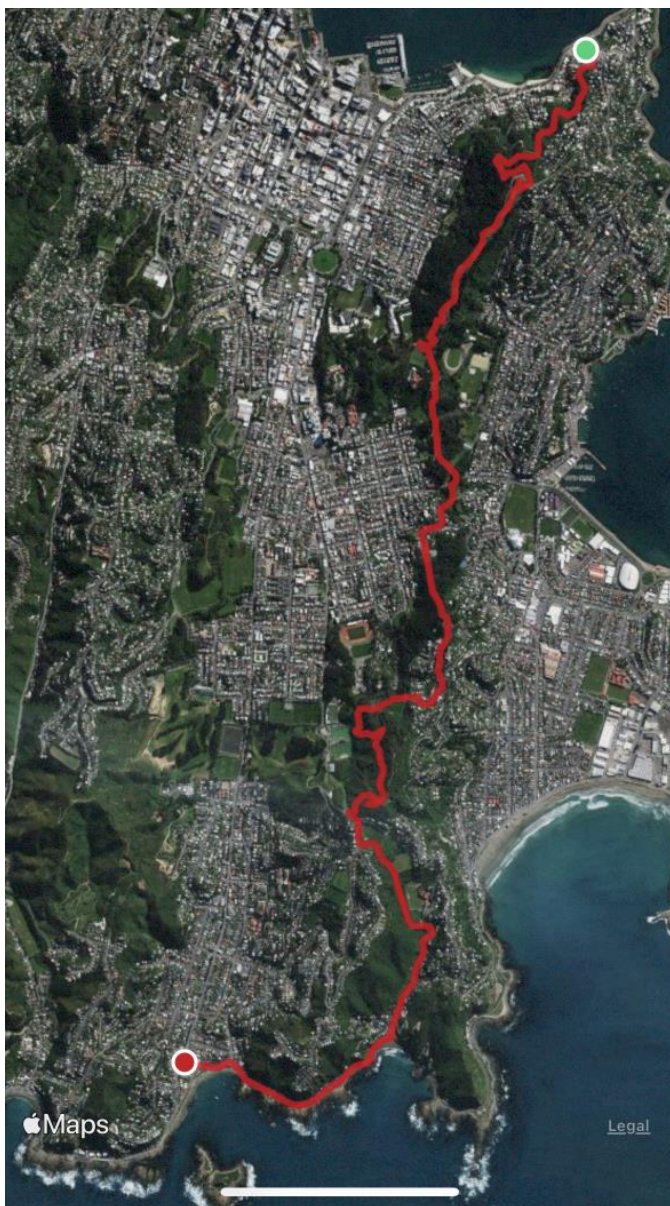
We split into two groups after morning tea with one group making Pukenaenae (“the Nipple”) their lunchtime destination whilst others continued on the well-marked track to Aruwaru. Ken and Alistair had come well prepared with shears and saws so were able to do a little track maintenance on the way, to clear the Bush Lawyer and occasional fallen tree. Lunch was had by group 2 in the tussock at the summit of Aruwaru (767m) before our return trip by the same route, arriving back at the van a little before 4pm. A lovely little trip with great company not too far from Palmerston North.



## Thursday 19 May, 2022: Wellington Southern Walkway

Trip Leader, Reporter and Photographer: William Laing

Eight trampers joined this hike along the Wellington Southern Walkway from Oriental Parade to Island Bay. It is an 11 km walk in the Wellington green belt, through pine forest, housing, along roads and points of interest. Not your usual bush tramp, even though the hills were steep and the tracks sometimes rooty and rough. The weather was dry but very windy, the waves in Oriental Bay creating interesting patterns in the sea



We started from Oriental Parade climbing a steepish concrete, zig zag path up the side of the hill. The concrete soon gave out and changed to gravel paths, and later to a rough track. At the top of the hill there was a look out at about 200m and, although this was not actually where the topographical maps named Mt Victoria, it was close enough. From the top we set off south towards Mt Alfred (Queen Vic's second son) who seemed more responsible than Bertie. We had morning tea there at a picnic table before continuing along the track to the south.

The track was marked by red coloured, wedge-shaped markers at very frequent intervals so you couldn't get

lost, even though we did go on the wrong track near the Wellington Zoo. There were lots of alternative tracks marked in other colours. If you deviated too far from the track you ended up in Wellington City! This meant we missed Mt Albert, near the southern end of the track, but we passed through Sir Truby King's gardens and house and made our way down to Houghton Bay for lunch on the beach. See John and Tony sheltering underneath the propeller blade and the Houghton Bay Road behind us. While it was still windy, the sea was relatively calm.





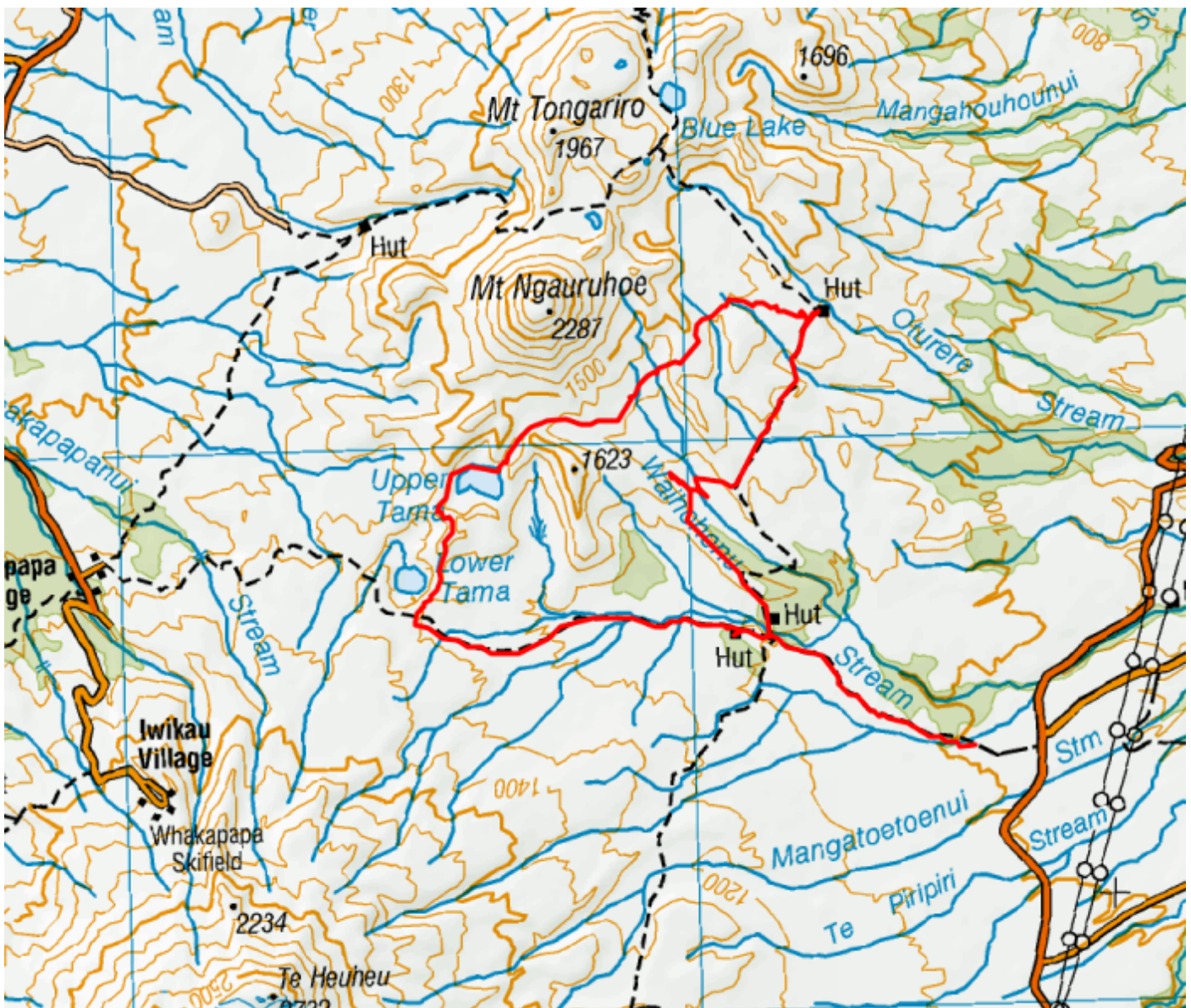


Lastly, we walked the kilometre or so around to Island Bay where we caught an electric, double decker bus back to Courtney Place. As we entered the coffee shop the rain came and, as we left to walk back to the van it stopped, so we had a dry run. There was strong wind though, up to 80km/h.

Going to Wellington on the new Transmission gully road certainly seemed faster even though [this article](#) suggests it costs more in fuel and only saves minutes. Our trip took 1 hr 55 min, although some of that could be ascribed too low traffic densities in Wellington. Thanks to our van driver Chris Mercer.

### 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May 2022: Oturere Hut Circuit GPS track

Adam Matich, Royce Mills, Ken Mercer (map maker) – from page 8







# MTSC Annual Photo Competition

7.30 pm, Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022, Rose City Aquatic Clubrooms

**Entries need to be in by Friday 22 July 2022**

## Categories

This year the best 3 images in each category will be chosen by an independent judging panel and the best image in each category will be chosen by popular vote on the night. There will be a prize for every photographer who enters an image as well as prizes for the best image in each category and the best image overall.

- **ABOVE BUSHLINE WITH NO HUMAN ELEMENT** (Alpine scenery with no people or man-made objects)
- **ABOVE BUSHLINE WITH A HUMAN ELEMENT** (Alpine scenery including people or man-made objects)
- **BELOW BUSHLINE WITH NO HUMAN ELEMENT** (Bush/lowland/subalpine and no people or man-made objects)
- **BELOW BUSHLINE WITH A HUMAN ELEMENT** (Bush/lowland/subalpine with a human element)
- **HISTORIC** (Taken prior to 1 January 2019)
- **NZ NATIVE FLORA & FAUNA**
- **LONG EXPOSURE**

The best images in each category will be entered into the interclub and FMC competitions. See “rules” overleaf for details of the definitions.

## Entries

You can enter up to 3 photographs in any category and up to 21 images in total.

Photo(s) should be in digital format as either a **.jpg** or **.tif** file with a minimum size of 1 MB and a maximum size of 5 MB.

Photo(s) must not have been digitally manipulated other than by cropping, sharpening, tonal / exposure adjustment or the stitching of panoramas. Removal or insertion of features not in the original image is not allowed.

Photo(s) must have been taken after 1 January 2019 (except for historic ones) and must have been taken in New Zealand, defined as within our Exclusive Economic Zone.

## To enter

Contact Richard Lander via email at [photocomp@mtsc.org.nz](mailto:photocomp@mtsc.org.nz) or [r.lander@xtra.co.nz](mailto:r.lander@xtra.co.nz) or text/phone 021 840472 to:

Either

- Email digital images directly (if you only have 5 or less images)
- Upload images to our Dropbox folder (send an email and you will be sent a link to the Dropbox)
- Send a link in your email to another “cloud transfer service” (e.g. WeTransfer, Google Drive etc)
- Put your photos onto a USB drive and let us have that before **22 July 2022**





## Rules

### The competition “rules” are those of the Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand

#### 1. Definition of a “human element”

*The definition of a “human element” is flexible but the general intention is: Where the photo contains as anything other than as a very minor feature: people, a hut, a track sign/marker, bridge, ice axe and anything else that has been introduced by humans into the environment then we would define that as having “a Human element”. But if a photo has what could be called a Human Element but that element is very small, inconsequential and not a feature in the photo then you could count it as “No Human Element”.*

2. Entries for the contemporary categories must be taken after 1 Jan 2019. Any photos taken prior to this date will automatically be entered into the historic category.

#### 3. Definition of “historic”

*The intention for the historic category is for entrants to go back through club and individual archives to select “old photos” rather than “photos of old things”. As an example, a recent photo of a hut built in the 1950’s is not a ‘historic’ photo. However, a photo of the same hut taken in the 1960’s certainly is a ‘historic’ photo. Photos for the historic category must be taken before 1 Jan 2019. The prize for any winning photo from a club archive by a deceased member will go to the club. The prize for any winning photo from an individual archive by a deceased person will go to the person who entered the photo, whether through a club or as an individual supporter.*

#### 4. Definition of “Long Exposure”

*The intention of the long exposure category is for photography of scenes that the naked eye cannot normally comprehend. These shots would require a very long exposure and the use of a tripod. The category is intended for highly technical images of shots taken at night, (including star trails), or in extremely low light situations such as caves or canyons. The category is not intended for normal dusk/dawn photography, or images where a long exposure is used to ‘blur’ the image (such as flowing water, or movement of the subject).*

5. All photos must be taken within New Zealand, which is defined as within our Exclusive Economic Zone. This includes the following islands; North, South, Stewart, Chatham, Kermadec, Sub-Antarctic.

#### 6. Rules on post processing:

- Adjustments for exposure, white balance, contrast & levels are allowed.
- Cropping is allowed
- Stitching for panoramic shots is allowed
- Removal or insertion of features not in the original image is **not** allowed.

7. Unless you notify us otherwise, by entering this competition you grant MTSC the right to submit winning photographs to the Interclub competition and the FMC for the annual FMC Photo Competition. You will have given your consent for any of these images to be used in publicity material, either produced by MTSC, FMC or a third party, which is used to promote the objectives of FMC.

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### New Members

Prospective members must be nominated by a Proposer and a Seconder who are current MTSC members and have been so for at least one year. New memberships are confirmed at the next monthly committee meeting. Prospective members are encouraged to go on a club trip or attend a club night before joining. For further information or an application form please see the club website.

### Club Equipment

Hire equipment: we have packs, 2 and 3 person tents, tent flies (small and large), snow mats, gas cookers, size 8 and 9 boots, billies and two bivvy bags. Ice axes, crampons, and helmets are also available. We have three personal locator beacons (PLB) for which there is no charge. Contact the Gear Custodian: Rob Pringle on 020 426 2176.

### Website <https://www.mtsc.nz/>

This contains club information, photos, contact details and back issues of this newsletter, Beechleaves. The club website is maintained by Howard Nicholson 027 294 1941 and is kindly hosted by **Inspire Net**, a locally based company.

### Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MTandSC>

### Accommodation at the MTSC lodge on Mount Ruapehu

The lodge is close to Iwikau Village, has power, heating, hot showers and is stocked with food. Members and their guests are welcome. For Lodge bookings email Liz and Hugh Wilde [lodge.bookings@mtsc.org.nz](mailto:lodge.bookings@mtsc.org.nz) or phone 021 054 2560. To confirm your booking, payment must be made by internet payment (please email to confirm before depositing) Westpac account number 03 1521 022035300 or by cash to 179 Cook St Palmerston North 4410 in person.

	Members	Guests	The lodge phone number is (07) 892 3860.
Adult	\$40	\$58	
Secondary School	\$32	\$48	
Primary School	\$26	\$42	
Pre-school (3-5 yo)	\$13	\$13	

**Booking the MTSC Van:** For bookings: Contact Ken Mercer 027 364 6475. Cancellations should be made as soon as practicable to accommodate other potential users. A tent fly (in the passenger door) and a Personal Locator Beacon (in the glove box) are available for use free of charge on trips.