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Newsletter of the Manawatu Tramping and Skiing Club



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Club meetings are held on the 1st 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 Tuesday 6 September, 2022: Part 1: Ruahine Hut Warden Recruitment & Part 2: Volunteer Work in the Tararuas and Ruahines by Brett Gillies and Jean Garman

First of all, Brett and another DoC representative will talk about recruitment of Hut Wardens in the Ruahines. Then Jean will talk about her volunteer work: One of the joys of retirement is to have the time to volunteer. My passion is for the hills so my volunteer work focusses on huts, tracks and predator trapping. This part of the talk will cover some of the projects I have been involved in over the last couple of years.

7.30 pm Tuesday 4 October, 2022: MTSC, PNTMC & MUAC Annual Interclub Photo Competition – hosted by the MTSC at the Rose City Aquatic Club Rooms, 50 Park Rd, Palmerston North

Come along to see some of the best backcountry images from our local talent. The images will be prejudged by an independent panel from the Manawatu Camera Club and the best images in each category will be chosen by popular vote on the night. Voting will be electronic so bring along your smart device with the QR code reader activated (e.g. settings/camera/Scan QR Codes = on).

6.15 pm for 6.45 pm Tuesday 18 October, 2022: NZ Mountain Film Festival

Venue: SSLB1 at Massey University and hosted by MUAC. Doors open 6.15 pm for movie start at 6.45 pm. Total film time is 120 minutes plus a 15 minute break. (Details below.)

Tickets are \$15 and are available to purchase at Bivouac Outdoor, Palmerston North or by emailing socialrep@muac.org.nz



7.30 pm Tuesday 1 November, 2022: Outdoor First Aid by Mel Harper

NZ Mountain Film Festival (MFF)

Traversing the Night (40 mins) Director Maddy Whittaker, NZ. With an average age of 22, the four New Zealand Alpine Kids (as they called themselves) set off from Arthur's Pass. The dream was to traverse the spine of the Southern Alps for the next three months until they reached Fiordland. The mountains are wonderful, beautiful and healing – but they are healing because they make us confront things that get drowned out in regular civilisation. (*Best NZ made Film 2022 MFF*) *Continued over*

Ô'Parizad (36 mins) Director Guillaume Pierrel, France, subtitles. In the 70's, the pioneers explored the most breathtaking mountains in the Alps and Himalayas; 45 years later, the same passion has remained intact and skiers decide to return on the trail of their ancestors. Their goal is to ski an 8,000m Himalayan giant. (*Best Snow Sports Film 2022 MFF*)

We Don't Usually Have Ice Creams (10 mins) Director Paul McCredie, NZ. This isn't your average pensioner walking group. They don't believe in tracks or bridges. They scale untracked ridges, ford or swim rivers, scramble up waterfalls, abseil over bluffs and seldom get home before dark. These men are tough, but the women are tougher. (*Spirit of Adventure Award 2022 MFF*)

House of The Gods (44 mins) Director Matt Pycroft, UK. The great northern prow of Mount Roraima soars from the depths of the Amazon rainforest like the prow of a gigantic ship, shrouded in cloud, drenched by torrential rain and guarded by vertical jungle, deep mud and overhanging cliffs. Follow Leo Houlding and team on their real-world quest through 100km of untracked jungle, into a unique slime forest and up the desperately steep big wall. (*Grand Prize 2022 MFF*)

NZ Mountain Film Festival Charitable Trust Registered Charity #CC49344



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This winter has certainly thrown up some challenges weather-wise. It does seem that global warming is coming to pass, with warmer temperatures and some heavy rain events causing damage to the hut and track network. Despite this, it is good to see the determination of our mid-week groups in getting out and enjoying the outdoors anyway. Unfortunately, our skiers have not had a great start to the winter with the snow coming late and then, just when the ski-field opened up, warm temperatures and rain came to further frustrate activities. Hopefully better is to come.

The weather has certainly taken its toll on the back country. On a recent trip up Totara Creek from Totara Flats hut, we found a lot of trees down across the track and eroded river banks making progress much slower than usual. With all of these weather events sweeping the country, it is imperative that trips into the outdoors are planned carefully and that we have a plan B in case the route that we had intended to take becomes impassable. Checking the DoC website for track and hut warnings is always worthwhile. Weather forecasts these days are far more reliable than they were a few years ago. I particularly like the forecast charts on [Metvuw](#) and, if you are going into the Tararuas or Central Plateau, [Metservice](#) is excellent. The Norwegian site, [yr.no](#), has forecasts for a surprisingly large number of places around New Zealand and whilst the rainfall, hour by hour, is often impressively accurate, I find that wind speeds are frequently understated. [Windy](#) is worth a look for both average and wind gust speeds. And if you are going to be crossing unbridged creeks, check the [Horizons site](#), or for Wellington region, the [Environmental Monitoring and Research site](#) for river levels in the catchment you are visiting. Forewarned is forearmed.

Despite recent climatic events, if you pick the right weather window, winter is a wonderful time to be out in the hills. It is cool enough to make big climbs pleasantly comfortable and the views with the clearer air can be truly impressive. So, stay safe and enjoy the hills.

Travel Reimbursement

The MTSC Committee has recommended that the minimum payment be 40 cents/kilometre/car. i.e. if there are four people in the car, everyone, including the driver, should contribute 10c/km.



Slip control on Escarpment track by John Brock



MTSC Annual Photo Competition 2022 Results

ABOVE BUSHLINE WITH NO HUMAN ELEMENT

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| 1 st | Icebergs in Tasman Lake, Mt Cook | Hazel Phillips |
| 2 nd | Snow Lake | Davide Conti |
| 3 rd | Ngamoko | David Harrington |

ABOVE BUSHLINE WITH A HUMAN ELEMENT

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| 1 st | Powell Hut above the clouds | Hazel Phillips |
| 2 nd | Another Hill | Royce Mills |
| 3 rd | Girls Rule | Davide Conti |

BELOW BUSHLINE WITH NO HUMAN ELEMENT

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|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 st | Mountains & Plains | Louise Lahmert |
| 2 nd | Reflection Perfection at Peter's Pool | Hazel Phillips |
| 3 rd = | Lake Matheson Reflection | Elizabeth Lander |
| | Frosty Morning | Louise Lahmert |

BELOW BUSHLINE WITH A HUMAN ELEMENT

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| 1 st | Tramper's Life | Maria Lombard |
| 2 nd | Come With Me | Louise Lahmert |
| 3 rd | Tokomaru Farm Walk | Royce Mills |

HISTORIC

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|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 st | Roaring Stag Lodge 2003 | Howard Nicholson |
| 2 nd | Harris Ck Hut Demolitioners 2003 | Howard Nicholson |
| 3 rd | Harris Ck Hut Demolition 2003 | Howard Nicholson |

NZ NATIVE FLORA & FAUNA

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| 1 st | Dewdrops on Koru | Richard Lander |
| 2 nd = | Gulls Against a Southerly Storm | Davide Conti |
| | Shy Robin | Elizabeth Lander |
| | Friendly Kea | Craig Lahmert |
| 3 rd | Eyebrights | David Harrington |

LONG EXPOSURE

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| 1 st | Medland Beach Milky Way | Davide Conti |
| 2 nd | Night Drive to Whakapapa | Davide Conti |
| 3 rd | Aoraki Milky Way | Richard Lander |

BEST IMAGE OVERALL

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| Dewdrops on Koru | Richard Lander |
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Note: The photos will be entered in the Interclub Competition to be held on 4 October at the Rose City Aquatic Club Rooms as outlined on page 1.



Photo by John Brock on July Rangitikei Tramp



UPCOMING TRIPS

September Wednesday Tramps			September Thursday Tramps		
31 Aug	Catherine Henderson	021 939 604	01	Royce Mills	021 055 2527
07	Anne West	021 0266 6860	08	John & Gillian Thornley	022 153 4321
14	Lucy Marychurch	027 461 7548	15	To be advised	
21	Anja Scholz	027 749 5811	22	Darlene Westrupp	021 167 8815
28	Carole Kennerley	027 264 0232	29	Jinnie Andersen	021 0220 9874
September Weekend Trips					
24-25	Mangahao Flats	Tim Swale	Medium Fit		022 134 8384

Trip Intentions: The email address for leaving trip intentions is 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.

24-25 September, 2022: Mangahao Flats

Tim Swale Medium Fit Phone 022 134 8384

Mangahao Flats Hut has been maintained by MTSC under the leadership of Jean Garman for many years. It's a lovely, sixteen bunk hut with a wood-burning stove that is rarely busy because it involves a fairly demanding walk beside the Mangahao River. Although only 10km from road end and 100m higher than the start point, the walk to the hut can be termed "Tararua flat", with a lot of short scrambles up and down that will likely take about six hours. We need a reasonably fine forecast as there are some creek crossings that may be impassable after heavy rain. If you want to find out more, Hazel Philips has a good article that she wrote for Wilderness Magazine that you can find online.

Sunday 30 October, 2022: Deadmans Circuit

Linda Campbell Medium Ph 027 333 4493 or lindammc@xtra.co.nz

This trip starts with a walk up to Rangiwahia Hut from Renfrew Road near Rangiwahia. We will stop at the hut for morning tea and to admire the beautiful art works on the out buildings. From there we will follow the track up the tussock covered ridge to the tops of the Whanahuia Range and head east to the Mangahua Trig before following the poles south east up and down through tussock, leatherwood and red beech back to the car park. It is a wonderful circuit with great views on a good day.

November 26-27, 2022: Orongorongo Track

Linda Campbell Easy / Medium Ph 027 333 4493 or lindammc@xtra.co.nz

As there is no hut available, we will need to camp at the Catchpool Valley Campground. The area is extremely popular so please let me know ASAP if you are keen to come. There are many walks in the area, several of which are classified as easy. Exactly which walks we will do will be decided when I know who is keen to come.

TRIP REPORTS

Wednesday 20 July, 2022: Blue Range Hut / Mikimiki Track

Trip Organiser, Tail End Charlie and Reporter, Blue Range Hut: Nicki Fielder

Trip Reporter and Tail End Charlie, Mikimiki Track: Bob Hodgson

Photographers: Pam Menzies, Nicki Fielder (Blue Range Hut) & Cheryl Dawson (Mikimiki Track)

There were two options for the 29 trampers who joined our Wednesday excursion - to Blue Range Hut or along the Mikimiki Stream.

A huge thank you to Rod, Bob and Ken for offering to lead as this made it possible.

It was also fabulous to have Kevin Cawsey join us for his first tramp with the club, Chris Lander join us while in NZ and Blair Petersen join our midweek tramp!

Thanks to Trip Leader, Ken, to Mary for driving the club van and Evan, Blair, Marion, Richard L, Rod and Cheryl for driving cars.

Blue Range Hut

Fourteen of our group committed to the tramp to Blue Range Hut. The rain held off for the climb and the track was in good condition. The group by and large stayed together and support within the group was excellent, with everyone making it to the hut for lunch. Unfortunately, the view from the hut could only be imagined. While not cold the rain settled in on our way back down and I think everyone was pleased to reach the car park, put on dry clothes and enjoy a warm drink! Just what you come to expect from a mid-winter tramp.



Kiriwhakapapa Stream to the Mikimiki Stream

Around 15 trampers left the road end shelter in good spirits and light rain to make their way along the banks of the Kiriwhakapapa Stream. We were grateful that the weather gods had relented as the forecast was for persistent heavy showers for all of the day! There was evidence of recent flooding along the track with muddy holes and one small bridge displaced but nothing to deter our gallant band. With one exception, who found it to be a bad day for a climb, we all made our way up to the saddle for a cheerful, but damp, morning tea. The descent to the Mikimiki stream was slowed by the muddy wintery conditions, four, fallen, large trees that straddled the track and the need to be careful clambering through, plus a steep, muddy hole. The latter had been formed by the collapse of a large tree that had fallen with its root platen vertical to the side of the track. These obstacles called for team work and presented excellent photo opportunities. After about ten minutes of sunshine, the rain then steadily increased in intensity for most of the afternoon. Lunch was taken at the stream crossing point and the decision made to return.



After lunch, the return tramp was without incident with the fallen trees safely negotiated for the second time but, in the deteriorating conditions, special care was needed. All returned safely and in good spirits as we joined the soggy throng in the shelter where clothes were changed and hot drinks dispensed and consumed. Conclusion: Good winter tramping in lovely bush.

Thanks to Trip Leader, Rod



Wednesday 27 July, 2022: Deadmans Track

Trip Leader and Reporter: John Salisbury

Photographer: Graham Irvine

Plot Bob Hodgson

Eighteen brave souls bravely braved the rotten weather to ascend Deadmans Track to various altitudes. As the van was on an unscheduled break (literally) due to a mishap at the panelbeaters, we had to hurriedly organize car transport. Thanks to all the pressganged people who volunteered.

The track was in good shape given the rain it had experienced lately; unfortunately, the views had to be imagined from memory. Welcome to Graham who not only drove, but ascended with the front group as far as the bush line. There were vestiges of snow to be found higher up, and the wind rose, as predicted, to speeds which would have made further progress quite uncomfortable.



The descent was enlivened by the prospect of tea and sticky buns at the Cafe in Kimbolton, and that establishment lived up to its reputation in all things, including Polar Express white drinking chocolate with a dusting of raspberry - delectable. That's about all I can squeeze out of a wet, coldish, miserable day; maybe the sun will bless us next week! Thank you all for coming and supporting each other, especially in the absence of radios.



Orange line to the tussock on Deadmans track; red line to Rangī Hut

Thursday 28 July, 2022: A Scout around Rangiwahia

Trip Leaders & Reporters: Syd Easton & Audrey Shepherd

The weather had been ugly for the last week or more and Syd & I were recently isolating with COVID 19 so we organized a low key, but interesting, look at numerous places around Rangiwahia and were joined by Chris Mercer, John Brock, Jinnie Andersen, Wayne Lincoln and Ian August.

First stop was the Ian McKean Pinetum. The website says *“Founded in 1958, this pinetum is a lifetime of work by farmer and tree-enthusiast Rawhiti “Ian” McKean. The collection includes more than 300 species of conifers, including 90 of the 110 recognised pine, and is planted across 14 hectares of rugged hill-country land on the McKean family farm. Today, it is part of Queen Elizabeth II Trust and open for everyone to enjoy.”*



And enjoy it we did, spending almost an hour wandering the well contoured tracks to check out the large collection of conifers. Then we stopped in the gazebo for morning tea.

Next was the Rangiwahia Scenic Reserve located at the southern end of the village. This is the baby of the Bielskis who have tracked & trapped the area. It is 53 hectares of virgin native bush originally put aside for the Rangiwahia water catchment but never used for that purpose. It contains some marvellous big old trees. At the start of the walk are big rimu, miro, matai, kahikatea, totora, rata, maire and hinau. Then later in the walk is a large area of beech trees. It's a magical place with groves of black tree ferns, wheka punga and all sorts of other ferns. We spent almost three hours there and by that time were getting somewhat hungry.

The next stop was the Kaikawaka Scenic reserve but, before we attempted the short walk, we had lunch. The Kaikawaka reserve is only 5 hectares located next to the Rangiwahia Cemetery. The large aerial roots of the many kahikatea trees are striking at the start of this loop track, as are the old native fuchsia and many ferns. We arrived back to the van just as the rain started to fall. We had planned to end the day with a visit to the White cliff boulders near Ohingaiti but the rain put us off and instead we headed for the Kimbolton café where we all enjoyed coffee and cake.

Wednesday 3 August, 2022: Mangaone Walkway

Trip Leader and Photographer: Evan Davies

Reporter: Mary Mercer

Very heavy rain and road works made our trip to the Mangaone South Road carpark rather slow but fortunately, just before we arrived, the rain stopped and not a drop fell during the rest of the outing. Twenty-nine trampers assembled for Evan's talk before most set off on the track while Evan and Ken waited about 15 minutes for the last two trampers to arrive. Ken and Evan then entertained themselves clearing blocked drains along the track so we were quite spread out by the time we stopped for morning tea, with the lead group some distance ahead of the rest. Not long after, most of the first group decided to turn back because the path was blocked by several large trees which had fallen across the track. A few scrambled over the first jumble of trunks but, when they encountered a second pile of downed pine trees, "sanity prevailed" to quote John Salisbury, and they also turned back. We all retraced our steps through the beautiful bush that surrounds the baby Waikanae River to eat lunch in the car park.

Some decided to have a lazy afternoon and left while the majority tackled the Pukeatua track. Despite the tape across the start of this track and signs warning of tree felling for the first 300 metres, the only chain saw operating at the time was cutting logs into firewood. Progress was slow initially because there were a number of trees down on this track as well. After about half an hour the track led down to a tributary of the Waikanae River which was slightly turbid and flowing quite fast. Seven intrepid trampers crossed and headed up the spur but the other ten chose to keep their feet dry and turned back.

Once at the car park, Margaret boiled the billy in its box and we filled in the time sipping hot drinks and chatting til the intrepid seven returned about half an hour later. All in all, a somewhat abbreviated day's tramp but we did at least stay dry, though for some it was only from the knees up! As we drove back along Reikorangi Road we could see that lots of pine trees on a hill above Waikanae had been snapped off a couple of metres from the ground and speculated that the trees were damaged by the two tornadoes that ripped through the township a few weeks ago.



A Committee Meeting

Thursday 4 August, 2022: Powell Hut / Mountain House

Trip Leader and Reporter: Judy Swainson

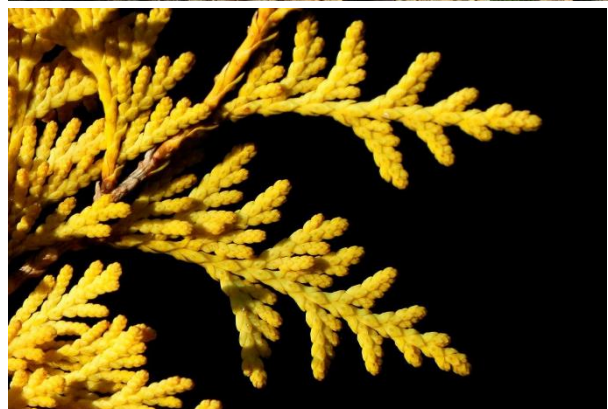
Photographer: Alistair Hall

The day was one of those rare ones with blue skies and not a cloud in sight. Eight enjoyed morning tea



together on the way up to Mountain House and then three went on to Powell Hut. Despite the notification that this hut was closed they were able to enjoy lunch inside the hut. (It would have been a perfect day to do the crossing!) The other group of five went as far as Mountain House and then enjoyed the steep decent back down River Ridge to join the main track from Atiwhakatu to the road end.

An enjoyable day for both groups.



John Brock - Rangī Trip 28.07.22

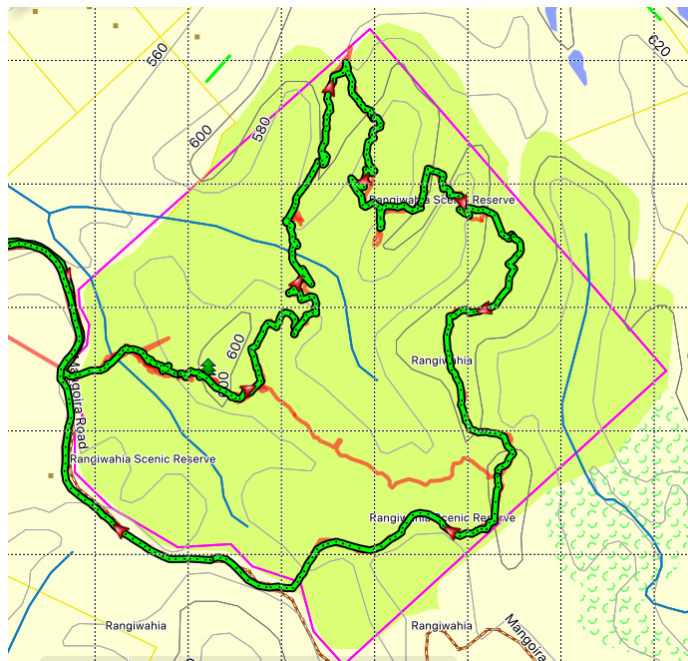
Wednesday 10 August, 2022: Rangi Reserve

Trip Leader and Reporter: Jenny Williamson

Photographer: Roswitha Lentge

Plot: Bob Hodgson

It was a fine, crisp morning for this tramp through the Rangiwhia Reserve (more or less what I promised!). The first mistake this leader made was not clarifying on the travel list who was going directly to the Reserve and who was going to Memorial Park. The second mistake was not indicating where to park, so a couple of us parked outside the hall and the rest went to the area at the start of the track. Third mistake - not counting the trampers before starting out. - There should have been 33 but who knows. (There were no bodies lying beside the track on the return journey, so that was a good sign.) Fourth mistake - not specifying which route we would take at the fork in the track, green or blue. Luckily, there were intelligent people at the head of the group (not including the leader in this group!) who were able to make that decision.



The Reserve is 53 hectares of unique bush, in that different species of trees grow closely together. Usually the same species grow in close proximity. The trees included Beech, Rata, Maire, Miro, Matai, Kahikatea, Rewarewa, and 5 varieties of tree ferns. We even found an unwanted plant, Darwin's Barberry. Steve and Mary Bielski, who look after the Reserve, were pleased to be notified of this.

Most of the large group, which included a number who have not been out with us for some time, got back to the start of the track to have lunch and were then able to walk the Kaikawaka (cemetery) Reserve of 5 hectares,

just across the road. This area of bush contains numerous Tree Fuchsias. One of the best aspects of the Rangiwhia Reserve is the labelling of 70 tree varieties, some which we don't often hear about.

I had planned to go to the Ian McKean arboretum following the bush walk, but it soon became apparent we were going to be much too muddy to get in and out of vehicles so that remains for another day. The final highlight of the day was hot drinks and rather luscious cake at the Kimbolton cafe. Many thanks to the drivers of vehicles and especially Margaret McKenzie who drove the van.



Thursday 11 August, 2022: Escarpment, Te Harakeke and Tua Tapu trails

Trip Leader: Wayne Lincoln

Photographer: John Brock



Wednesday 17 August, 2022: Mania Track

Trip Leader and Reporter: Bill Milham

Most of us gathered at Memorial Park and set off for Mania in drizzling rain. Half hour or so later, near Kimbolton, the club van broke down. (Details from Ken over page). Bob H took the opportunity to swap to Trevor's car but my commiserations to the nine left in the van who, unfortunately, had to return to Palmerston North.

Nineteen of us met up at the end of the road and set off in very pleasant, mild and overcast conditions. The front group, led by yours truly, missed the turnoff and were led astray for a short distance; however, after realising the mistake, there was an about turn and eventually we were back on track. I received some mild ribbing for this deviation. The Mania track is a steady climb through to the Hunters' camp at around 900m; along the way we were able to observe the many large Beech and Rimu trees in the pristine surroundings. Most reached the Hunters' Camp and, after a leisurely lunch, headed back down.

This area of the park is not often visited but, on this day, with the mild weather and excellent ground conditions, we were treated to a very pleasant day in the bush. As this was Trevor's first visit, he and I decided to continue up the steeper section and, as we emerged into the leatherwood, were treated with expansive views over the upper Kawhatau farmland and, across to the south, we spotted the Rangī hut nestled on the ridgeline. All returned safely to the cars by mid-afternoon and enjoyed coffee and cake at the Kimbolton Café on the way home.

Special thanks to Ken and to Mary for getting the van back to Palmy and thanks to our drivers Marion, Rod, Trevor and Bernard.

The Minibus Drama

While traveling towards Kimbolton in the minibus there was a slight pop and we lost power; warning lights and a "service immediately" message were displayed. Phone calls to Ford weren't helpful. We limped back to Feilding at 60km/hr but didn't make the final kilometre so were "towed" the last bit after Ford Roadside



Assistance did their best. Eight passengers were transported via taxi to Memorial Park but there was no room for me so I went with the truck. Ford Feilding were very busy and I wasn't hopeful. Fortunately, the nice Ford lady drove me home to PN.

To my surprise, Ford Feilding managed to diagnose and fix the van by lunch time that day! The problem was a detached hose from the inter-cooler. While I was collecting the van their mechanic helped me identify the cause of the side door rattling which was a loose 22mm nut fastening the upper roller bracket. Great relief on multiple fronts!! So not much tramping yesterday for 9 but a happy ending.

Thursday 18 August, 2022: Sunrise Hut

Trip Leader, Reporter & Photographer: Judy Swainson

The weather featured in the news this week with adverse conditions everywhere so a decision was made to go to Sunrise Hut. Nine trampers set off in from road end in calm conditions with high cloud. After recent rain the bush was particularly beautiful and a little black robin came to hello. The clusters of mountain cabbage trees were also impressive. The weather was not suitable to venture beyond the Hut and a convivial lunch was enjoyed by all.

Sunrise Hut was a perfect destination for the day that was rounded off with great coffee at the Onga Onga General Store.

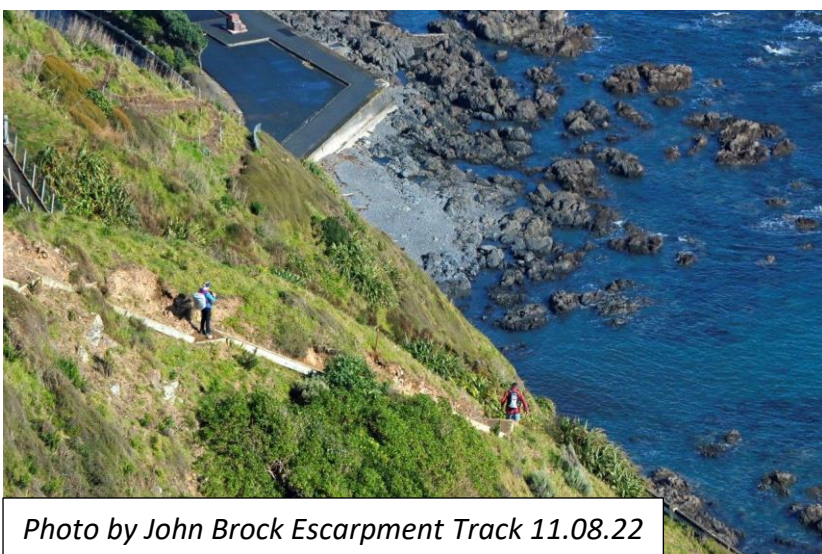


Photo by John Brock Escarpment Track 11.08.22





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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 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.