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Newsletter of the Manawatu Tramping and Skiing Club



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7 pm Tuesday 5 September, 2023: Sensational Snow Sports

Snow sports featuring lift-accessed terrain nearly wasn't 'a thing' at Ruapehu this year, but thankfully, it is! This show and tell will include interesting 'stuff' from all over the place. That is to say, we have a lot of places to show, from yonks ago to just the other day, and we will filter the content to ensure there is something to whet everyone's interest.

6.30 pm Tuesday 19 September, 2023: Mountain Film Festival

The Massey University Alpine Club will screen the Mountain Film Festival 2023 in the Social Sciences Lecture Block (SSLB1) on the Massey Campus. They will be showing the one-night film package, followed by Tararua S-K (See trailer at <https://tararuask.com/>). Tickets are \$15 per person. To purchase tickets you can pay into the MUAC account: 03-1522-0117091-000 and use "Film Fest" as a reference along with your name in the particulars. MUAC will also have eftpos available on the night. Let Gemma know when you have paid socialrep@muac.org.nz and she will put your name on the list so just have to turn up on the night!

MUAC will have a fundraising sausage sizzle outside the front of the building from **5:30pm** until the show starts at 6:30pm, with vegetarian sausages and hash browns also available for purchase. Tea, coffee and milo will be provided at no extra cost during the 15 minute mid-show break.

Monday 2 October, 2023: Interclub Photo Competition organised by PNTMC

7 pm Tuesday 3 October, 2023: Manawatu Geopark by E. Professor Vince Neall

Moves are afoot to create a Manawatu Geopark centred upon Te Apiti, the Manawatu Gorge and its surrounding environs. There is a wealth of geological and geomorphological opportunities for designated geosites which help explain the evolution of the region, both from a neotectonic but also past climate history standpoint. In this talk I will explain the basis for a number of these sites and what you can see and understand about the geological history above a convergent plate boundary.

7 pm 7 November, 2023: Penguins: Antarctic field work and little penguin conservation

John Cockrem is a penguin biologist who has worked with Adelie and emperor penguins in Antarctica, and with hoiho (yellow-eyed penguins) and kororā (little penguins) in New Zealand. He will talk about field work with penguins in Antarctica, including trips around Ross Island and camping on sea ice to work with emperor penguins. The second part of the talk will cover conservation studies of kororā at Napier Port, Mana Island

and other North and South Island sites, work with community groups, and advocacy for kororā that face threats such as marina building and sand mining off the coast of Taranaki.

5 December, 2023: 6 pm Walk and 7.30 pm Dinner

Meet at the Summerhill car park for a walk in Summerhill Reserve then back for dinner at the Indian Summer Restaurant.



MTSC President: Tim Swale

This is a very brief report as I am currently overseas and only have my cellphone for communication. However it is wonderful to get almost daily emails keeping me up to date with what is going on regarding trips and club activities. We really do have a thriving club with so much happening, providing members with such awesome opportunities to enjoy the outdoors together and maintain those essential social connections. The upcoming outdoor film festival being hosted by MUAC is a must see for anyone interested in the outdoors, even if some of the epic adventures are a little more than many of us are able to tackle! The movie on the SK (Schorman/Kaitoki) trip which starts at the Putara Road end and traverses the length of the Tararuas may well be of particular interest for those of you who know the Tararuas well. Anyway I hope you all have your own wonderful adventures in the hills as we start to head into spring. I look forward to joining you again soon.

MTSC Photo Competition 2023 Results

Above the bush line with no human element

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| 1. Tarn, Humpridge Track | Royce Mills |
| 2. Mt Ngauruhoe | Geoff McKay |
| 3. Hooker Valley | Sonya Holm |

Above the bush line with a human element

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| 1. Enjoying the moment | Geoff McKay |
| 2. Green Machine | Hazel Phillips |
| 3. But first let me take a selfie | Hazel Phillips |

Below the bush line with no human element

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| 1. Takatimus | Pam Menzies |
| 2. Mountain Reflections | Elizabeth Lander |
| 3. Light at the end | Maria Lombard |

Below the bush line with a human element

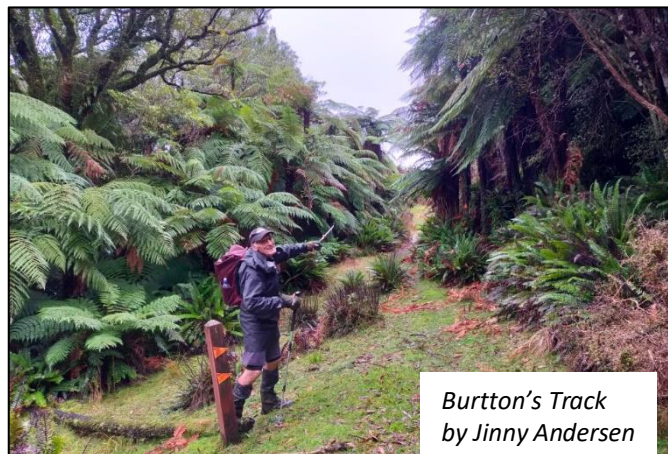
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| 1. South Coast Hump Ridge Track | Royce Mills |
| 2. A steep climb | Helen Peek |
| 3. Bendy boardwalk | Louise Lahmert |

Historical

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| 1. Kepler Track 1994 | Blair Petersen |
| 2. The Lodge 1987 | Blair Petersen |

Native Flora and Fauna

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| 1. Gannet greeting display | Geoff McKay |
| 2. Tieke | Geoff McKay |
| 3. May I eat this | Maria Lombard |



Long Exposure

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| 1. Matariki Day Sunrise | Geoff McKay |
| 2. Celebrating Matariki | Geoff McKay |
| 3. Fly me to the moon | Maria Lombard |
| 3= This way out | Louise Lahmert |

We welcome the following new members to the club: Bryce Buddle, Sharon and Rod Te Whatu, and Brian Way and Paula DeGoldi.



September Wednesday Tramps			September Thursday Tramps		
			31-01	Jenny McCarthy: Jumbo Hut O/N	021 215 2197
06	John Salisbury	021 160 2869	07	William Laing	022 099 7988
13	Trevor Bain	021 111 6892	14	Chris Mercer	021 292 6292
20	Anja Scholz: Punga Hut	027 749 5811	21	Judy Swainson	021 030 3425
27	Lyn Lewis	027 431 3836	28	Tony Evans	027 829 3069
September Weekend Tramps					
03 Sun	A Frame & Stansfield Huts: Blair Petersen		027 600 4263		Details below.
09 Sat	Bike ride: Marton - Mt Curl: Chris Brunskill		021 026 74246		Details below.

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.

Sunday 3 September, 2023: A Frame and Stanfield Huts

Blair Petersen 027 600 4263 Medium

My plan is to start from the carpark at Tamaki West Rd, up to Traverse (A Frame) Hut, along the ridge & down to Stanfield Hut. From there it's back to the carpark via Holmes Ridge track.

Meeting at Milverton Park (on Victoria Ave) at 7.30am.

Saturday 9 September, 2023: Marton-Mt Curl Bike Ride

We'll start in Marton in 10 am. Park on Tutaenui Road by the first 50 km sign. Then we'll head north on Tutaenui Rd, then Galpins Rd; turn right into Warren Rd; left into Mt Curl Rd; stay on Mt Curl Rd for some time then turn right into Leedstown Rd. Stay on Leedstown Rd til the T junction, then turn right into Jefferson Rd. At the end of Jefferson Rd, turn left into Tutaenui Rd and back to Marton and your car. Distance approximately 40 km with some hills but mainly on sealed roads. We'll stop at times to take in some fabulous views. Please be aware you are on back country roads all the way and wear high visibility jackets. When all have returned to the cars, we'll go to Moomaa café for a well-earned coffee.

TRIP REPORTS



Wednesday 26 July, 2023: The Tale of Two Halves

Trip Leader and Reporter: Robyn Laing

Photographer: Bill Milham

Organising the weekly destination for the Wednesday trampers is a shared responsibility. We all get to take a turn at choosing a destination and making sure we all get there. However winter tramps can be dodgy. Weather may play havoc, or deliver an unexpected day of sunshine and stillness. This day was one of the "weather havoc days". It was also a day when at least 7 of our group had to cancel at the last minute due to sickness. Not only did we become a smaller group but, when we got near the final bit of road up to the Mania track, we discovered that the road was closed due to washouts.



As we were driving we noticed the Higgins maintenance truck passing us, having just put cones out to tell us to keep off the road. It became obvious that the van was going no further and the folk in the van decided that they did not want to walk up the hill to get to the track. A group of intrepid hikers set off to walk up to the track (see Bill's report below). The rest of us gratefully let Evan turn the van around to return to Rangiwahia.

We decided to tackle the Fuchsia grove at the end of the Cemetery road. It is a trove of these beautiful trees, their bark hanging like loose flesh off their gnarly arms. We decided not to attempt the reserve on the other side of the road as, even in good weather, the bogs are impressive. (We did boggy mud last week with Bob Hodgson.) We then returned to Kimbolton and settled in around the fire at the cafe for cakes and coffee. While for us it wasn't the most energetic day tramping, we all had a marvellously social day and decided that, despite its tribulations, the day had us all feeling energised and in good spirits.

Part 2 Trip Reporter: Bill Milham



At the "Road Closed" sign on Mania Road and, after a recce with Terry, it was decided that the road was not suitable for vehicles so seven of us hearty souls watched as the van disappeared into the distance. Then we donned our wet gear and proceeded up the road toward the beckoning snow-covered hills. After an hour or so, as the rain set in, we reached the start of the poled track. It was quite wet and muddy from the melting snow and, after a short break for morning tea, the snow underfoot became more plentiful as we entered the track proper.

A local farmer we had encountered earlier on the road had indicated that the snow overnight was down to about 600 m so his farm had quite a covering and the track we travelled, with no overhead bush, had a reasonable cover. The rain eased on occasion and the sun appeared briefly; however the rain returned and it was decided to turn round and head back for a late lunch.

Our group enjoyed the day and stayed together as we headed down hill in the rain and were grateful to be back at the cars. We returned to the Rangi hall for shelter to change and then headed off to Kimbolton to warm up and enjoy some local fare.

Thursday 27 July, 2023: Burtton's Track Tokomaru Shelter north

Trip Leader and Reporter: Jeff Baldwin

Photographers: Royce Mills and Jinny Andersen

It was a day on which you wouldn't normally head into the hills but a commitment had been made. A full



van load of 12 set out. The weather was cold with rain forecast. The drive in was challenging due to the rutted Mangahao Road but, with the expert driving of Tony, it wasn't a problem. The weather kept getting better until we ended up with blue sky. The gradient of the track which Jim Burtton built for his dray made it easy going. After 3 hours we arrived at Burtton's whare

site. There are some really nice clearings near his whare site (open north-facing clearings with views of the dense, bush-covered hillside across the opposite side of the river). It would be a perfect place to camp for a few days. You can see why he was attracted to the area but it's still an isolated, harsh environment. The group seemed to have similar fitness so we stayed together rather than splitting into smaller groups. It was a great day. There is some attractive regenerating bush including Rewarewa and Rimu.



Wednesday 2 August, 2023: Kohitere Forest

Trip Leader and Reporter: Anne West

Photographers: Rod McKenzie and Mary Mercer

To access Kohitere Forest via Grey Bush Track meant a very steep climb to start the day. We were pleased to find that the track was not too slippery, despite the overnight rain, and the skies cleared to give us a mostly fine day.

We set off in three groups. Team A took an off-track loop into the Scenic Reserve; the highlight was discovering a spot where *Powelliphanta* were plentiful. Not just shells, live snails were also observed. We were grateful that Terry had made a special trip earlier in the week to clear a route round a fallen tree; those of us on the recce the previous week had great difficulty finding a way through or around this blockage. The group then followed after team B which had briefly visited the Trig (see over) before taking on the Double Dipper cycle trail. After completing one dip, it was up to the road and along to Arapaepae Lookout. Team C had taken a more direct route to the lookout; fortuitously, both B and C reached this point at about the same time. It was not yet midday but both groups were happy to take time out together; we were not sure if it was our second morning-tea or an early lunch! There were clear views to Lake Horowhenua, Levin, and out to sea.



Powelliphanta



The two teams then parted to continue on their separate routes. Those of us who took both dips of the Double Dipper on their return considered that we were really "Triple Dippers". Walking this cycle trail was really pleasant: soft with pine needles underfoot and neither muddy nor slippery. Returning down that steep road to the carpark was accomplished without incident, and we were out early enough to enjoy a coffee stop at the Masonic Cafe. Thanks to Ewen, Rod and Terry for guiding, to car drivers and especially Mary for driving the van.

Thursday 3 August, 2023: Sledge Track – Te Mata – Kahuterawa Road

Trip Leader and Reporter: Alistair Hall

Photographers: Royce Mills, William Laing

This trip combined bush walking in the Kahuterawa Valley with a traverse of Arapuke Park and a ridge walk in farmland. We started by walking up the Sledge Track, across the swing bridge and up to the shelter near the high point on Arapuke Road where we stopped for morning tea. From there we could see 24 of the 27 wind turbines in the just-completed southern section of the Turitea wind farm (and the tips of a 25th). From the Scotts Road carpark we



continued over private land up to "windy ridge" to the north, following the ridge then stopping for lunch just before we reached Te Mata. We walked past large areas of newly planted pines, plus some more mature blocks. Very open country, with views in all directions – to Tokomaru, Linton, and Palmerston North, as well as across the Kahuterawa Valley to the wind farm and back towards Arapuke Park and Aruwaru. Some squally showers felt very cold at times, but periods of sunshine warmed us up again. From a rocky outcrop just by Te Mata we could look down into the quarry on Kendalls Line. From Te Mata we dropped down to the block of land of which Alistair is a part owner, where pine harvesting is now complete and gorse is taking over rapidly. We disturbed a mob of sheep while following a forestry road, and they showed a shortcut – so like a mob of sheep ourselves (with our own Shepherd) we followed their path up the gorse-covered

hillside and so avoided about 50m of climbing (hurrah!). A walk down through regenerating bush was enjoyed by all. Crossing the Kahuterawa stream wet the feet, but we'd learned from last time we did this trip, and left our dry clothes at the end point, Alistair & Anne Hall's home. We'd covered about 15 km and climbed nearly 500m. Cake and cream by a warm fire rounded out an enjoyable day. Many thanks to our drivers, to the landowners who gave us permission to cross their land, and to Anne Hall for her hospitality and for helping with transport to the end of the road.



Wednesday 9 August, 2023: Number 1 Line

Trip Leader and Reporter: Geoff McKay

Photographers: Geoff McKay, John Salisbury, Cheryl Dawson

Muddy bums and muddy boots (see John's photo below) were the order of the day as 21 of us scrambled up and back down the narrow No.1 Line Track. After pausing for a group photo at the magnificent giant

Rimu a few minutes in from the start of the track, we made our way on up in two groups, the faster led by Ken and the other by yours truly. Fortunately it wasn't raining but we ascended into cloud which obscured our views. We stopped near the View Point at the end of the DoC-maintained track for morning tea. Shortly after, one of our group, who had struggled on valiantly while ill and vomiting, could go no further and was escorted back down to the car park by Lyn and Rod. After recovering, she was able to drive them back into town. I think this



highlights how our club is very caring and how we look after each other. Thankyou Lyn and Rod.

After morning tea we made our way up towards the high point 1011 m marked on the Topo Map. Our group stopped at 12 noon for lunch, just short of the high point, while Ken's group had ventured past there and explored a short

distance along each of the tracks at the junction. On our return the clouds parted a little at times to give us glimpses of the magnificent views that can be had up there when there is a clear sky. We also stopped to admire the pouch fungus growing





from the side of a ponga and so well photographed by Cheryl. On the way down we met and chatted briefly with Pete McGregor (pohanginapete), a former resident of the Pohangina Valley. I highly recommend you visit his blog at <https://pohanginapete.blogspot.com/> and his beautiful photos on Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/pohanginapete/?hl=en>. After some protests at the thought of another climb, we took in the Trig Loop and returned safely to the car park. I'm not sure that everyone enjoyed this tramp but we definitely had a great workout and I'm sure everyone slept well that night! Thanks to Ken for driving the bus, to those who took their cars, to Ken for group lead, to the tail-end Charlies, to those who have shared photos and to those who helped me with advice and suggestions as trip leader.

Saturday 12 August, 2023: PP20 with Side Trails

Trip Leaders and Reporters: Royce and Owen Mills

Photographer: Bruce Henderson

It was a large and colourful group of 28 bike riders that met for a starting photo at Pekapeka. Before we set off, our friend Bruce Henderson from Te Horo, spoke to us explaining what has gone on behind the scenes to achieve these excellent bike paths beside the Kapiti and Horowhenua expressways, and more to come. Bruce is Chair of the Kapiti Cycleways Walkways Bridleways Advisory Group. It has meant hours of meetings and negotiating, but the local councils have seen the rewards of how incredibly popular these cycle paths have become.



Then we set off, heading north to ride the expressway bike path towards Otaki. Unfortunately it soon rained on our party and it was very cold as well. However our MTSC biking group are a staunch lot (and well equipped for winter weather) and persevered. Our first stop for photos and re-grouping was at the striking

white sculpture "Gateway to Otaki". This is one of two matching sculptures at each end of Otaki - the columns wind together and represent three significant local waterways – the Waitohu, Mangapouri and the Ōtaki River. On we headed northwards with cold rain in our faces, then detoured off the expressway bike path to ride the Chrystall's Bend walkway. It was easy riding on a gravel track beside extensive community plantings of native bush, each labelled by date and sponsors. The shelter of the bush was appreciated, and as we looped around the lagoon, the weather started to improve. Next was a trail on the north side (true right) of the Otaki river heading under the three bridges (expressway, railway and old SH1) towards the township. Another re-group before biking across the old State Highway One bridge at the southern end of Otaki. Care was needed as the cycleway / footpath is rather narrow and elevated without any separation



from road traffic which was surprisingly busy. Cyclists will be pleased to hear that a separate cycleway over the bridge is planned.

The bridge was safely crossed and our next section was an elevated ride along the stopbank on the southern side of the Otaki River heading west. "Squeeze gates" during a route along a short walkway which followed took a while to negotiate with a big group. Then on to Te Waka Road - this quiet, sealed country road gave us views of farmland on our way back to Te Horo. Here the overbridge across the expressway was our only climb of the day. Hot drinks and lunch

were now calling and it was "all go" returning back along the expressway path to Pekapeka. Unfortunately due to Saturday crowds we had to scatter to different cafes, even back to Otaki (by car!) for a well earned late lunch.

The ride was 30 km and in spite of several stops everyone was back within 2 1/2 hours. Special thanks to many of you who helped out during the ride looking after fellow riders and keeping us together. Thank you Nicki for starting this very successful and growing biking group. We are all enjoying the variety of rides, and getting to know our fellow riders each month.



Wednesday 16 September, 2023: Apiti Track



Trip Leaders: Cheryl Dawson and Marilyn Hewitt
 Photographers: Royce Mills, Terry Carkeek, Cheryl Dawson

Thirty one of us gathered at the end of Ngamoko Rd, Norsewood to walk the Apiti track. We arranged ourselves into three groups. The first group headed up to the sign post for the track to Makaretu Hut. A small detour after morning tea saw most of that group climb up hill 880 for a great view of the surrounding area while Royce and Jenny headed straight for the

geocache at the track junction. Group two, led by Marion, followed suit scrambling up the hill for a view.



When down from the hill this group carried on a little way before having lunch at a nice open area. Then we entered the rather dark bush for a while before turning around. Group two were back at van by 2.45pm a little wet as the rain had started about one hour earlier. Group three, led by Cheryl, walked to open top, where there are nice views all around, then had lunch and headed back down. Thanks to Mary for driving the bus and also to the car drivers

Thursday 17 August, 2023: Manawatu Gorge Walk

Trip Leader: Wayne Lincoln

Photographers: William Laing, Jinny Andersen



What was thought to be a wet soggy day turned out to be a nice, slightly cool day with an occasional gentle breeze. We hiked from the Gorge car park and along the Manawatu Gorge Track, stopping at the turbine

for morning tea before moving on. This track climbs gently from 80 m to 380 m at the highest point. We also included the Klein Track (which gives 11 km from the car park). If you are inclined, there is a wide variety of plants and trees to view but the group were having none of that. We started with 11, one person joined us at the car park and another mid track and then left at the Woodville end. The leader was able to keep track of the fluctuating numbers. (I started with 9 in the minibus and finished with 9. Hopefully they were the same people). Lunch was at the reserve at the entrance to the gorge. We did a quick tour through the wetland forest in the reserve. (If not for the suggestion of the leader we would have missed this.) A nice brisk stroll along the old road which can be strenuous with a brisk westerly but we were saved that. Total distance was 19 km.



Wednesday 23 August, 2023: Rangi Reserve

Trip Leader and Reporter: Alan Hawkins

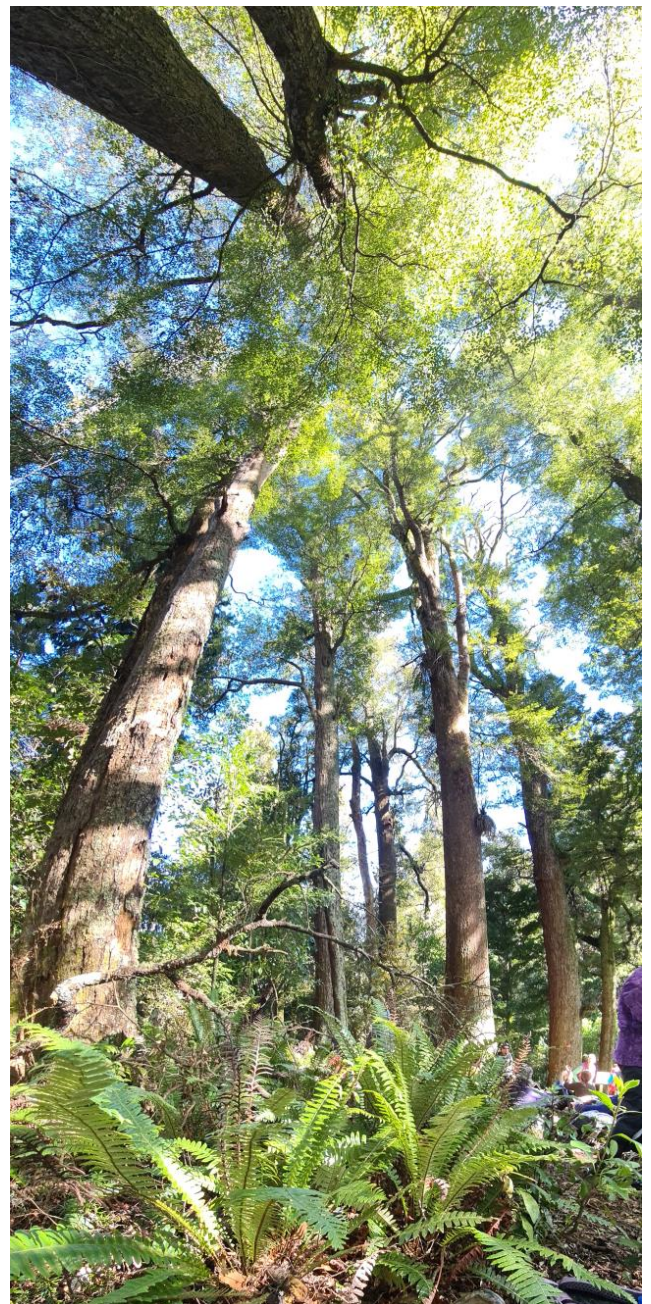
Photographers: Owen Mills, Cheryl Dawson

We arrived at Rangiwahia Scenic Reserve on a beautiful, crisp frosty morning to be greeted by Steve Bielski, who gave us a wonderful talk about this 130 acre (53 ha) remnant bush reserve. Steve explained that in the early days, Rangiwahia was predicted to become a large and prosperous farming town. This did not happen



as the area was too cold but the bush was preserved to potentially become the future town's water catchment. The rest of the bush for as far as the eye could see was milled for timber and cleared for farming while this bush remnant (DoC Reserve) remained untouched and uncared for for many years. Eventually Steve and his wife, Mary, saw what an asset they had near their own back yard. With the help of local volunteers, Steve and Mary negotiated with DoC to rid the reserve of pests and weeds by first putting in "pest control" tracks.

From the car park, 34 of us set out along the paper road avoiding the large, icy puddles, until we came to a stile where we entered the bush. We soon warmed up after climbing over tree roots, with lots of ups and downs, passing magnificent large trees like Kahikatea, Northern Rata and Matai. Then we turned left at the sign post following the pink markers past Sidle Staircase, Twin Rimu Ridge and a large Hinau. (You have to hug a Hinau on the way around.) Morning tea stop was at the Rangiwahia Central Plateau lookout with wonderful clear views of snow-capped Mount Ruapehu (see above) and the northern Ruahines. After a long break we carried on down the Matai Staircase where the ropes came in handy



to tackle the steeper, slippery sections of the track. We passed a large Northern Rata, Totara, etc, and many of the five species of tree ferns. Lunch was near a place called Red Beech café, named after all the Red Beech trees in that area. Just down the track from there we split up into two groups. Some took the outer track, led by Steve, while the rest of us continued on the loop track through the bush. We passed a Rimu/Miro clearing and turned left at the T junction which took us back to the vehicles. On the way home we stopped in Kimbolton at Hansen's Café, where they easily catered for 30+ tramper with their great selection of hot drinks and food. Our thanks to Steve Bielski for an interesting talk and taking the time to escort us around the reserve.

Thursday 24 August, 2023: Summerhill Area

Trip Leader and Reporter: Audrey Shepherd

Photographer: Graham Irving

Seventeen people gathered in the sun at my place in Summerhill, ready to wander the walkways on our side



of Palmerston North. On the way we lost a few, who were committed to a short walk only. We started down Waicola Drive to Pari reserve, walked along the treed walkway to Aokautere Road, heading towards Adderstone walkway. Unfortunately, the council were spraying in this area so we diverted to walk through the Pacific College grounds

and on to the top of the Turitea walkway and made our way down Old West Road. Crossing under or over the road, depending on if you took the track under the bridge or the short cut over the stile, we began the journey to Massey University. We stopped at Atawhai Park playground to enjoy a cupper and time in the sun. Some even tried out long unused climbing and swinging skills.

We took the stairs down the hill to Massey, turning left to take the large loop, through muddy paths, around the Massey Arboretum – a somewhat neglected collection of large old trees, most of them deciduous and bare at this time of year. A Google search says: *“The arboretum is part of the old McHardy homestead. In 1926 the Palmerston North Borough Council bought the land and donated 12 hectares to the government to create Massey Agricultural College. A committee to design the arboretum was set up in 1943, but most of the credit for its current value goes to former Massey chief groundsman, Dave Bull. He worked in the job for 37 years and was planning how he wanted “his” arboretum to look from day one.”* Perhaps, Massey needs some money and another “Dave Bull”.



From the Arboretum we walked through the native bush of Bledisloe Park, under Tenant drive to pick up He Ara Kotahi, over the walk bridge and along to Fitzherbert bridge, up Cliff Road toward Pork Chop hill. We found a stop just before reaching the car park, to sit in the sun, have lunch and gaze out across our city. Next challenge was the Stairs of Tane! More than half the group rose to the challenge and completed the descent to the river and the climb up the other side. Down 220 and up 207 steps. By now most were footsore and hanging out for the promised coffee and cake, so we dipped into the valley of the lower Titoki walkway, across Cashmere Drive to upper Titoki walkway, up another 100+ stairs to my place for refreshments in the sun.



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New Members

Prospective members must be nominated by a Proposer and a Secunder 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, billys 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.

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.
19+ yrs (Adult)	\$50	\$75	
12-18 yrs (Youth)	\$40	\$60	
5-11 yrs (Child)	\$32	\$52	
0-4 yrs (Pre-school)	\$0	\$0	