



Lake Heron Basin, Mid Canterbury with the Taylor Range in the Background

Photo: Dennis Page

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SPECIAL FEATURES

HVTC COVID-19 UPDATE

I hope this message finds everyone safe and well, and not too stir-crazy after enduring the first week of self-isolation? Being restricted to the home and garden, or to the occasional local excursion to purchase necessary supplies, is not a scenario that sits well with the club's *raison d'être* - but health and the national welfare take precedent and we must all do our bit to play our role (and comply with the law) in these unprecedented times.

I have made several attempts to write this update to the club membership prior to submission to the Hills and Valleys editor – But on each occasion events have moved quickly to supersede what I have written and may well do so again before you get to read it (my apologies if this is indeed the case). Most encouragingly, some of the events supersedences have occurred as a result of committee members taking initiative and enacting activities or modes of contact that allow us all to stay in touch and function as a club - within the confines of the requirements mandated by the current level 4 alert conditions. I am most grateful to all committee members that have had a hand in these initiatives and I would especially like to acknowledge the efforts of Rosie, Emma and Murray in this regard.

In the last half of March, I was tramping on Graeme Lythgoe's multiday tramp around various destinations in the upper South Island (more on that, hopefully, in another edition of Hills and Valleys) – We departed when the viral alert status was at level 1 and towards the latter part of the first week, it was raised to level 2. During this time, members of the General Committee were monitoring the situation, including taking into account directions issued from government, to best assess what restrictions, if any, needed to be placed on club activities to ensure the welfare of our members (this approach was also consistent with FMC advice circulated at the time). Those committee members that were absent (there were 4 of us) fed into that discussion as and when internet/cell-phone connections allowed.

For those activities that had less risk of harm to health, we elected to continue offering them (whilst respecting the choice of those who wished to opt out to do so if they did not feel comfortable participating). By the start of the week commencing 23 March it was apparent that this approach was no longer valid given the rapid raising of alert levels to 3 and then 4, and also with a national state of emergency in place from midnight 25 March.

The Current Situation:

Outdoor Recreation: As noted in Murray's e-mail of 24 March, with the current restrictions in place it is clear that the club's usual gatherings, meetings and outdoor activities cannot take place. The police have stated on numerous occasions via the media that they will take a dim view of those caught violating the permitted outdoor exercise/fresh air constraints and those violations include tramping trips etc., into the hills. So, exercise in the garden, yard, local park or around neighbourhood block (whilst maintaining the 2 m distance apart from those outside of your immediate household group or bubble) but do not expect to drive to the nearest forest or national park for exercise or recreation (certainly do not go anywhere where the risk of isolation, accident or injury is high and which would put emergency services at risk if they were called out to assist you).

Support Network: As noted towards the end of the second paragraph above, such restrictions do not necessarily mean the end of all club interactions or relationships. One important thing that was instilled into me when I first joined the club and partook in a search and rescue exercise was that HVTC club members look out for their own. I recall one exasperated instructor noting that he was trying to run a scenario where some party members got separated but it didn't happen because those 'blasted Hutt Valleys kept looking behind and checking on their group!' We can still do that checking now – Many of you will know other club members and have their contacts. Even if they are not part of your 'bubble' you can still phone, text or e-mail them to check that they are OK. If they live close and cannot get out for supplies (particularly for those aged over 70), a door drop without direct (closer than 2 m) contact could greatly assist. If you wish to help the committee implement this form of support network, or avail yourself of it, please contact committee member Emma Dobbie via cocoblu68@gmail.com and she will work to put you in touch with other members as appropriate.

Other Club Communications including Hills and Valleys: We can also assist with communications via the club's wider 'hvtc-all' e-mail system (though we will endeavour not to spam you too much) – That system can include circulating the electronic copy of Hills and Valleys to those members that have e-mail but who, until 25 March, have previously elected to receive a paper copy. There are less than a dozen club members that are not currently in e-mail contact and we will do our best to contact these members via phone or conventional post. FMC Bulletins will also be posted rather than sticking with the usual 'collect from club' requirement. Insofar as Hills and Valleys content is concerned, there must be numerous recent trips that have not yet been written up (guilty as charged) so now might be the perfect time to give an account of an adventure or two that other members might appreciate reading about – this should help keep Bruce going with content.

Virtual Club Night Meetings: On Friday night (27 March) many members tested a new form of video (or voice only) communication via the 'zoom.us' website which allows for audio-visual conference calling. My thanks to Rosie for getting this set up and initiated. The 'test-happy-hour' lasted from 7 pm to 9 pm and at one stage there were about 25 households online at once and chatting with one another. We estimate about 50 members cycled through the system while it was up and running. The following day, Rosie, Murray and I tested the system running slide shows via Power-Point and Windows Picture Viewer – the latter application is the same software that we use to show sequential images in j-peg format at club night. The system shows much promise and we are going to attempt to run virtual 'dial-in' club nights on Wednesdays so that you can still enjoy a show and some wider contact (links and a tentative speaker schedule will be sent via e-mail to allow you to log in). We may have to temporarily mute you while the show is being screened and the speaker is talking, but following that there should be no reason why members can't have a general chat as they might on any club night. Please understand if there are a few teething issues but hopefully, by the time you read this message, we may well have run our first show! We should also be able to use the same application to hold committee meetings too (if required) – so many aspects of the club's functions should operate as usual.

Concluding Remarks: After considering all of the above, that just leaves the physical activity component of the club's roles unfulfilled – but hopefully, if we all comply with level 4 directives, this suspension should be reasonably short. In the meantime, in between solitary bursts of fresh air and exercise, head to the bookshelf or coffee table and delve back into the outdoor books you purchased some time ago but didn't quite get around to finishing (or starting!). Tramping websites, the NZ Geographic website and FMC's Wilderlife pages may also be other sources of inspiration. Hopefully, by the time self-isolation restrictions are lifted you will have been re-inspired to appreciate the real Hills and Valleys once more.

At your service (021 229 9901) / Nga mihi

Dennis

HOW WE GOT HOME FROM OUR HOLIDAYS (TRIPS)!

With the abrupt arrival of a Level system to manage the Covid-19 pandemic in NZ announced by the Prime Minister on Saturday, 21 March at Level 2 followed by another announcement on Monday, 24 March that the country would move to Level 4 (total lock down except for essential services) 11.59pm on Wednesday 26 March, a number of Club members who had been enjoying themselves in various parts of the country had to make rapid exit plans to get home in time. What follows is how some of them did it as relayed in texts, emails and phone calls. Accounts of the actual trips will hopefully make Club publication at some stage.

The **Upper South Island hut bash** led by Graeme Lythgoe departed as scheduled on Saturday, 14 March and the first part of the trip went as planned. The group tramped to and stayed at, Sylvester Hut, Balloon Hut, Kauhrangi Keepers House, Bushline Hut and the very new Manson Nicholls Hut. They were in Reefton when the Level 4 lock-down announcement was made, leading to a change in plans as they were now aware that their ferry tickets for Friday, 27 March were problematic and so the “fun” began. John Smeith got picked up in Springfield by his sister and flew home from Christchurch. The rest of the group drove to Kaikoura for the Monday night. The following day was through to Picton and joining the chaos that had quickly developed at the ferry terminals. Those of us at home can only imagine the options being worked through for the trip participants to get home before the Wednesday night deadline and the solution was that all finally flew home from Blenheim on various Sounds Air flights. The travel deadline extension (which covered the actual van booking) was only announced after all had booked flights. The van is locked in a secure DOC compound in Renwick, thanks to Marty Clapham and Jan Clayton-Green, along with some gear left inside it. Welcome home folks!

Leena and Irene headed off on Thursday, 12 March, with Irene flying in from Australia on the 10th. They succeeded in walking the Paparoa Track, which they say was very nice, challenging, but enjoyable in perfect weather. However when they arrived in Te Anau for the Milford and Kepler Tracks the information about travel restrictions was beginning to come in and they decided to head for home, which was just as well, as two days later DoC announced the closure of all the Great Walks, huts and campsites. They enjoyed a leisurely three days driving from Te Anau to Picton, not expecting to have a problem with the ferries and fortunately managed to get an Interislander sailing home on the Tuesday afternoon, just before an announcement was made to extend the time to midnight Friday, for passengers to return to their homes. Irene managed to get a Qantas flight to Melbourne on Wednesday afternoon, to be picked up by Keith who had driven from Canberra to Melbourne on the previous day. We look forward to hearing about their Paparoa Track tramp in due course.

Helen and Paul went north, on Monday 9 March, to spend time on the beaches and parks of Northland. They did some cycling, visited some lovely beaches and Kauri forests before hearing of the impending lock down and heading back to the Hutt. They planned to visit Ruapehu Hut to pick up Paul's skis, but the weather was pretty dire there so they carried on and they look forward to a future visit to Northland some time.

Carolyn and Graeme went south too. They took part on Friday and Saturday (21 & 22 March) with Dunes conference people, a small group of 12 from all parts of NZ, who were flown to Mason Bay after 3 days of conference and bus trips in and around Invercargill. From Mason Bay [wonderful dunes] on Sunday they tramped the (DoC says 3-4 hrs) 4.5 hours to Freshwater Hut in a cold showery westerly breeze (few stops and not a slow pace), then water taxi to Ulva Island for an hour and to Oban (all on Sunday). The South Sea Hotel people were not pleased to see anyone, but put them in a studio out the back (next to Graeme's brother and his wife). They indulged in the last night for a bar dinner, sticking with a small group and then learnt that the planned Great Walk they planned to do with his brother was closed, but the first available flight out of Stewart Island they could change to, was Tuesday morning. The hotel let them stay another night.

Next morning (Monday 23rd) was wet but TV watching discovered the PM's speech of impending lockdown. From Stewart Island there is no guarantee of escape so they didn't pursue ferry changes until safely in Invercargill on Tuesday morning. Tuesday was very stressful as they drove non-stop to Kaikoura, 12 hours after leaving Invercargill.

Wednesday saw them arrive in Picton and after much frustration, as they had been trying as soon as they arrived on the Mainland on Tuesday to change their ferry booking from Saturday to an earlier ferry were successful. They were not impressed with the Inter Islander's booking system via cellphone, apps, etc. but they were safely ensconced in a very comfortable studio motel overlooking the Picton boat harbour, for Wednesday and Thursday nights to await their sailing on Friday.

However there was some good news. The weather leaving Invercargill was appalling, about 8 deg and raining and windy and similar Monday, and after the Mason Bay walk they had not felt sure of their fitness, so they were glad not to be tramping this period.

After the wet and cold drive north into Otago through wonderfully green pastures (no drought there), north of the Waitaki they got sun and dry and increasingly brown fields, then a very pretty sunset over the North Canterbury grape and grass fields, and newly coloured autumn leaves, with decreasing traffic too, and fewer road works. They left Kaikoura for Picton early Wednesday (Jacinda promised no one in Picton would be trapped away from their NZ home) and watched a beautiful sunrise over the sea from the coastal road.

No doubt other folk have had their own adventures over this time – a very uncertain and unsettling one at that. We also feel for those who have had to cancel/postpone overseas travel, weddings and other family events.

Take care, keep safe and wash your hands.

Gathered by Pat and John, with thanks to Graeme, Leena, Helen and Graeme.

VIRTUAL CLUB NIGHT MEETINGS

As Dennis detailed above, during the virus-induced lockdown, Hutt Valley Tramping Club invites you join in its internet Clubnights. We have tested the technology and think Zoom meetings offer an excellent way of keeping our Club sort-of functioning and members sort-of in contact during the national lockdown. You can join the meeting any time from 7.30 pm onwards - which should enable you to sort out your video and audio connections.

Details of how to join in and of who is giving the presentation are being circulated each week by email. **To join the meeting you need only click on the URL highlighted in the email.** Although it may seem initially quite daunting, just follow the instructions and everything works fine.

Please join us - but bring your own cup of tea and biscuits!





FORTHCOMING TRIPS



Listed below are the tramping and cycling trips which will be on offer in the period immediately following the end of the Covid-19 lockdown. All trips will go ahead at the discretion of their leaderS.

TRIP CATEGORIES

Tramping

T = Overnight or longer tramping trip

D = Day tramp

= Dog Friendly

= Moonlight Walk

Cycling



= Very easy



= Easy



= Intermediate



= Advanced

NOTES

Where there is no leader given for a trip, please contact the Trip Coordinator to volunteer to lead a trip, either as shown or an alternative.

APRIL					
24 – 27		ANZAC			
24-26	T1+	Papatahi Hut (booked Fri/Sat)	Chris McMillan	569 9019	
Cancelled – DOC have cancelled all hut bookings.					
Sun 26	D1	Kilmister Track Belmont	Pamela Campbell	021 857 953	
Mon 27		River Trail			
MAY					
Sat tba		Titahi Bay – Whitby Circuit	Chris McMillan	569 9019	
WANGANUI / RUAPEHU					
1 – 3		Visit to Wanganui TC	} Nick McBride	021 410 551	
Sat 2	D1	Lake Rotokare near Eltham			
Sun 3	D1	Sledge Track, Manawatu			
2 – 3	ski	Ruapehu food restock	Kate Brownsword	027 562 0177	
Sun 3	D1	Mangaone walkway	Tony & Jo	021 228 4430	
Tues 5		Khandallah Explore	Graeme & Michele	479 6630	

BITS OF INFO FROM THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

April 2020

Tail-end-Charlie: This term referred originally to the rear gunner of a bomber – a very important means of defending the plane from the enemy. Later in military parlance it has come to be the last man or plane defending a patrol. Tail-end-Charlie has that same really important role for a tramping group. There has been an incident recently where the task was not observed carefully enough, leading to some unnecessary anxiety and distress.

Tramping and biking groups should always have a strong, resourceful, reliable person at the back – to help anyone who gets into difficulty and able to catch the group and warn the leader of an incident that requires attention or time. Remember too that Charlie might have an accident so that

the group needs to check in with him/her – and the front runner! – regularly. How often depends very much on the strengths within the group and the country you are traversing. Sometimes it will be safest to have two members together being Tail-end-Charlie. While it is a primary task for the leader to manage - especially important when setting his/her expectations of the group at the beginning of the journey - it is a mistake for everyone else to leave it all to someone else. However inconvenient or impatient you may be, please be aware of where all of your companions are and make sure you and the group checks regularly.

Club Members of Very Long Standing: We were surprised recently to note how many members of our Club have been members for more than 60 years. I guess it is a tribute to the strengths of friendships they have forged while enjoying the sociability of our recreation in the mountains, hills and valleys. Several have been made Life Members for the service they have rendered to the Club:

Thora Jones
Phil and Mary Rundle
Graham and Mat Craig
Ian and Alison Ayson

But the General Committee wishes also to recognise the long memberships through which eleven others have also contributed to our Club:

Max and Pam Bruce
Malcolm McLeod
Eddie Meldrum
June Green
Pauline Chappell
Lesley Ferguson
Graeme Maxwell
Doug Fowler
Sandra Pearce
Dave Morgan

The Committee has moved to remit the subscriptions of these members. They will still pay their FMC subscription (\$15) and for the cost of printing Hills and Valleys (if they choose to receive a paper copy) and for any postage – but we have excused their continuing to contribute to the costs of maintaining their, and our, Club – they have already made huge contributions!

Thank you to each of these stalwart members! We hope you will continue to enjoy being members of the Hutt Valley Tramping Club.

The General Committee welcomes your comment on any Club issues at any time!

Murray Presland (secretary@hvtc.org.nz)

RUAPEHU ROUNDUP

Last ski season we experienced some problems with the water supply at the lodge. Initially a situation occurred early in the season when one of the drain valves, that we use to drain the water system down to avoid water in the pipes freezing when the lodge is not in use, not being fully closed when the lodge was opened up. Only a relatively small amount of water was found to be leaking but this prompted a check on the amount of water in our storage tank and it was found that we only had about half the amount in the main tank there should have been.

This led to the speculation that perhaps we also had a leak in the main tank that we had not been aware of. At the beginning of the ski season we had a lot of snow accumulated on the roof but with rain and very cold temperatures we were not able to replenish any water either lost or used. We were able to replace some of the water by pumping from our secondary storage tank.

But largely through the efforts of David Biegel, as Custodian, and peoples co-operation in conserving water we just managed to make it through the season.

So this summer our focus was on investigation and remedying the water system. During our regular February work party up the hill we arranged to fill the header tank, located in the ceiling above the kitchen directly from the secondary storage tank, so we could keep operating. This allowed us to drain the main storage tank and to inspect it. When the tank was constructed a drain pipe was installed and this was considered to be a potential source of the leak. After shifting a large amount of the rocks that were placed against the building foundations and digging down the drain pipe and valve were located. It was not possible to ascertain if the valve was leaking but it was still operational and was used to drain the tank. After scrubbing and washing, the tank was



found to be in good condition, but there a couple areas that while not considered significant warranted some attention. There were also a couple of patches on roof of the tank where some concrete had spalled off and exposed the reinforcing steel. These areas we duly repaired and then the walls and floor of the tanks were given several coats of new water proofing. Because the tank was found to be in good condition with no obvious signs of leakage the drain pipe that was quite badly corroded on the outside was again considered the most likely culprit so it has been grouted up and sealed off.

The four drain valves located in each of the mens and ladies toilets have also been replaced. The previous configuration of these valves had provided them with extended spindles for operating handles but due to wear and tear their operation was not as obvious as it should be, particularly when making sure the valves were full closed and not leaking during occupancy of the lodge. The new arrangement has the valves in the same location but they are now accessed for opening and closing through a porthole in the toilet walls. The tidying up and finishing these portholes, to stop the cold drafts, is still a work in progress.

With the systems reinstated they are currently being refilled by the rains and we hope this will be the end of our water woes. A big thankyou to Sheldon Bruce and his assistants for their work.

Our February work party also saw the lodge scrubbed, cleaned and sorted plus a stocktake of our food storage by another hardworking team. Work also continued on the grinding of paint off the concrete blocks on the west wall along with the repair of the mortar and sealing of the concrete with a proprietary concrete sealer that we hope will keep water out of the concrete and prevent the freeze/thaw further deteriorating the blocks. This project is now at about 90% complete so still leaves a bit to complete next summer.

The other maintenance/refurbishment activity taking place has been the replacement of the squabs on the seating in the lounge. Currently we have new upholstery manufactured and installed on the alcove seats and some of the squabs for the seating along the west wall. We are still hopeful that the work will be fully completed by the ski season.

As the country is now in lockdown due to the pandemic the mountain has now been closed down and is off limits. Unfortunately we have no insight as to when the mountain will be accessible again which obviously affects our food restocking before the snows come. In a worst case scenario we might not be able to go skiing this winter, however we hope for a better outcome. Restocking can still be done after the snows come but might be a little more challenging. If we don't get to go skiing this year or we only have a very short season this will obviously affect our financial situation but the Ruapehu Committee does have sufficient funds in reserve to cover this.

Thankyou everyone who has contributed to the maintenance and operation of the lodge. Stay safe everyone and hope to see you up the mountain soon.

Russell

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

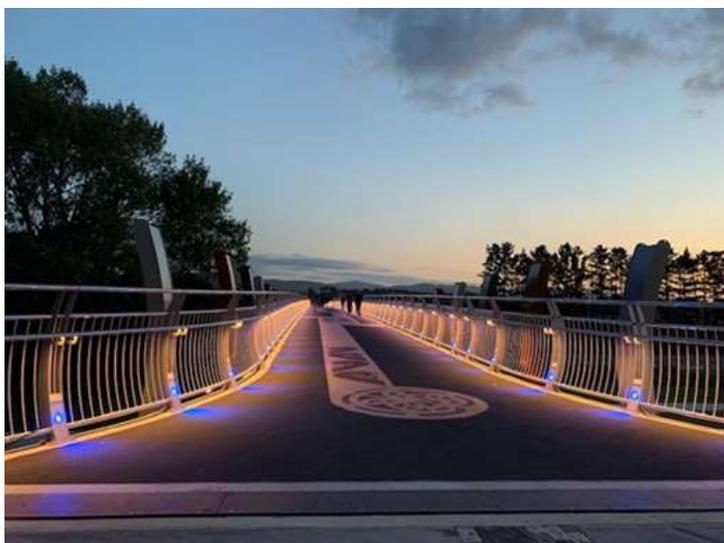
Please welcome the following new members and who have recently joined the club:

Kate Becker
David McQueen
Marina Smith

Doreen Courtenay
Membership Officer

TRIP REPORTS

ROSE CITY CYCLE WEEKEND 29TH NOV - 1ST DEC 2019 Robyn and Frank Usmar



After settling into our Fitzherbert Avenue motel and having an evening meal we all gathered together at 8pm to head on a leisurely evening walk through the Victoria Esplanade, admiring the gardens, sculptures and caged bird life. We were all entertained by the friendly and chatty cockatoo. After following the path down to the river trail to the South we arrived at the new footbridge across the Manawatu River, He Ara Kotahi. This very spectacular bridge is lit up at night so a very appealing sight. There are information panels on both sides of the bridge so we all wandered across and enjoyed the views of the sun setting. When talking to locals there

appears to be some controversy over this bridge for the very large cost of the project and the fact that it went 9 million dollars over budget! But I think most would agree it's a huge asset to the city with its connecting joint walking/cycling trails to Massey University, Summerhill Drive Suburb and Linton, along with providing an alternative link for emergency services.

Next morning we departed on our cycle ride, heading down Fitzherbert Avenue towards the river to intercept the river trail towards Ashhurst. The trail was popular and busy with the Saturday morning runners club and many dog walkers. There was a bit of geo caching for some along the way, finding their caches in various containers, including a very well disguised plastic pine cone beside a large pine tree, which took a while to find.

Morning tea break was at the Ashhurst Domain and then our route was a bit of a zig zag on roads in the direction of Bunnythorpe, to avoid the busiest roads as much as possible. Half way along the Ashhurst Bunnythorpe Road we turned left into Kelvin Grove Road and began to head back to Palmerston North City, carefully finding our way through cycleways, quiet suburb streets and large industrial areas. After passing the outskirts of Milson airport we arrived at the Milson shops and small quiet picnic area where we stopped for lunch.

After lunch our ride soon got us on the Mangaone Stream Walkway, a limestone track around the outskirts of the city, finishing beside the Awapuni Racetrack. From there we soon connected back on to the Manawatu River trail and made our way back to where we had started in the morning, completing around 61km. It had been a hot sunny day so we were pleased to get back to the motel by mid-afternoon to relax, with some cooling off in the swimming pool. After happy hour it was a 10 minute walk down the road to Rosie O'Grady's for our evening meal.

On Sunday morning we checked out of the motel at 8.30am and all drove to park at the Victoria Esplanade and then begun our ride by first heading up to the



Square to admire the several historical monuments and gardens. Then we cycled our way through the almost empty streets to stop at the information panel at Savage Crescent. Savage Crescent is a notable early example of New Zealand's State Housing Programme, built from 1938 – 1945. After doing a circuit of the Crescent we cycled over the new He Ara Kotahi bridge and turned right to head on the new trail out to Linton for our morning tea break. This included several new bridges and native bush areas on a wide shared pathway. Returning the same way we then took the Massey cycle path and made our way around the lower area of Massey University and headed up to ANZAC Park, or known by the locals as "Pork Chop Hill". We were rewarded with vast views over Palmerston North City. We then whizzed through the new suburb of Summerhill Drive with further city views, turning on to the Old West Road.

After about a kilometre we turned on to Albany Drive and cycled down into the main complex of Massey University. After a slow, interesting circumnavigation of Massey we headed back by the cycle trails to cross over the Fitzherbert Avenue road bridge and did a circuit around the Centennial Drive Lagoon with a visit to admire the historic Caccia Birch House. From there we were soon back at the Victoria Esplanade to enjoy a late lunch and admire the suburb Rose Garden before packing up and heading home.

Thanks to all on our trip with making it a very pleasant sun filled weekend.

Pat & John Tristram, Michael Grace, Sandra Pearce, Graeme & Carolyn Lyon, Tony Birtwistle, Jo Scott, John Smeith, Geoff Norton, Vera de Graauw, Jean Cookson, Pamela Campbell, Leena Stowell, Irene Davies, Pam Smith, Helen Lukes and Paul Haines. Robyn and Frank Usmar

Frank & Robyn

PINUS CONTORTA
29 February - 1 March
John Simes

Contorta 2020 was another excellent trip with 9 HVTC participants and 6 from Whananui TC. We camped on the west boundary of the pine forest which is the eastern boundary of the major beech forest visible from the southern slopes. The camp spot is about 5km. SW of our usual camping spot at Tufa. From there we climbed to the work area much as we would at Tufa and the terrain was pretty much similar. Pine numbers were high especially small seedlings closer to the pine boundary. Once beyond this zone ie. about a kilometre from the pines, the density was generally sparse with many trees with more than 10 growth rings and far fewer seedlings. The group was well exercised and pulled or cut a creditable 869 trees. 500 would be considered good. A challenge was put to the crew to write a poem about the weekend on the journey home and two were submitted. Thanks to all who contributed on another delightful weekend.

Night-time had more stars than ever seen

Above a landscape so clear

Of lodgepole pine, we did a mean

Push through where the deer

Bash through alpine scrub each day

(If only they ate seedling pines)

But hold on we've loved going here

Scratches and sun our only pay :-)

by Rosie Doole

*The contorta crew did work in line
and Ruapehu said just fine*

*And at night they camped and dined
the whiteheads flew, the kaka opined*

*Then it chilled and "Milky" shimmered
Ice melted while breakfast simmered*

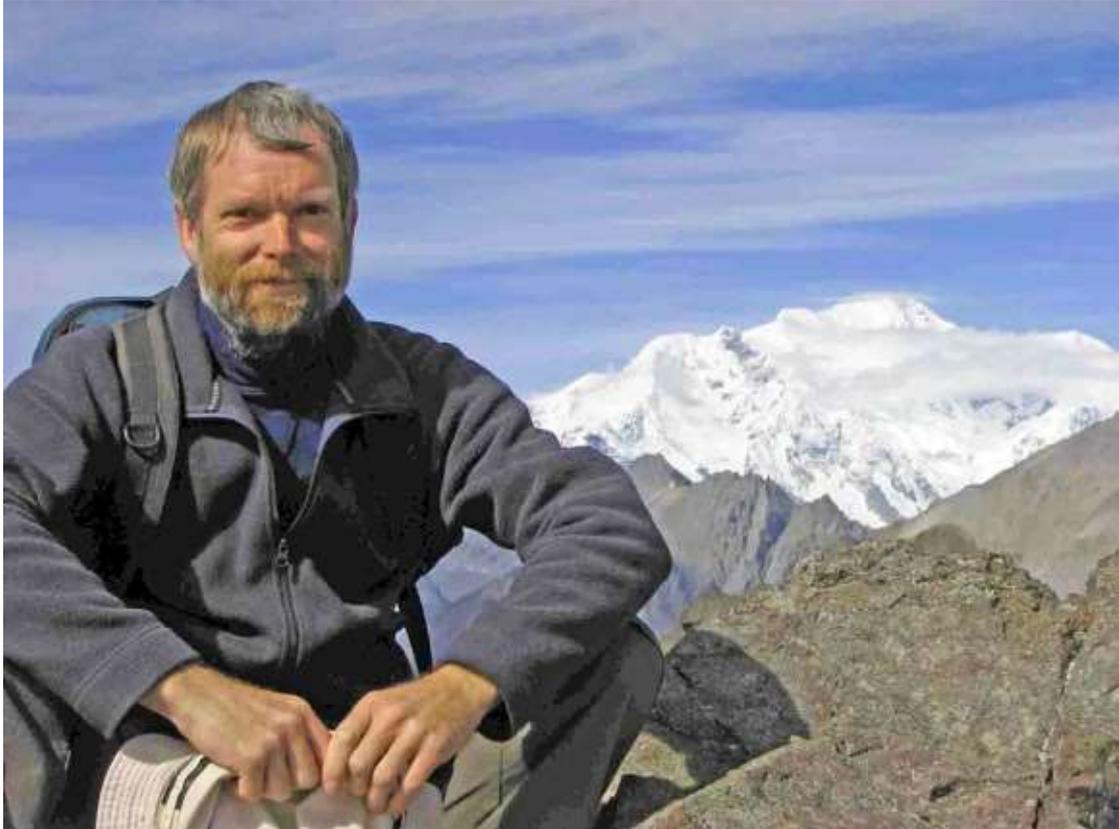
*Well then the slopes attacked again
till the final tally, with a pen*

*Eight six nine
and all this to rid, of the contorted pine*
by John Simes

John

IN MEMORIAM

DOUG FLUX 1961 - 2020



*And now, the end is near
And so I face the final curtain
My friends, I'll say it clear
I'll state my case of which I'm certain
I've lived a life that's full
I traveled each and every highway
But more, much more than this
I did it my way*

*Regrets, I've had a few
But then again, too few to mention
I did what I had to do
And saw it through without exemption
I planned each chartered course
Each careful step along the byway
But more, much more than this
I did it my way*

*For what is a man, what has he got
If not himself then he has not
To say all the things he truly feels
And not the words of one who kneels
The record shows, I took the blows
But I did it my way*

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