



*Hutt Valley and Wanganui Tramping Clubs on Belmont Trig, 28 April*

Please submit your **July 2019** H&V articles to the editor by **28<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMME

Starts 8.00 pm promptly



### 5 June : Paula Warren – Chair of Friends of Baring Head

Baring Head is a large block of land at the bottom of the Wainuiomata coast road, and includes part of the Wainuiomata River, the popular climbing rocks on the coast, and a lighthouse complex. The talk will cover the way it became part of the East Harbour Regional Park, what it is like, and the progress that is being made in restoring the lighthouse complex and the biodiversity.

### 12 June : Phaedra Upton – The Southern Alps and the Alpine Fault - the next big one?

Phaedra will give an overview of the geology of the Southern Alps and Alpine Fault. Why are the Southern Alps there? What do we know about previous Alpine Fault earthquakes? What can we say about when the next big earthquake might occur and what do we expect it to entail?

The Alpine Fault



### 19 June : Peter Smith and Trish Gardiner-Smith – The Corfu Trail

Peter and Trish walked some of the Corfu Trail through ancient villages, rural countryside and olive groves, with views of picturesque monasteries and endless beaches. Friendly Corfiots helped along the way.

*(Note: Corfu, an island off Greece's northwest coast in the Ionian Sea, is where the Durrell family lived for 5 years prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, and features in Gerald Durrell's enjoyable books "My Family and Other Animals", "Birds, Beasts and Relatives" and "The Garden of the Gods".)*

### 26 June : Bob Deller – Borneo Adventure

Bob will talk about his ascent of the 4,095 metre Low's Peak of Mt Kinabalu in 2016. He will also highlight other interesting places in the Malaysian parts of Borneo and the nation of Brunei.



### 3 July : John Rhodes – Tour de France Part 2

When John set out to bike through the Pyrenees and Alps to Geneva he worried that the 7 weeks he'd allowed himself might not be long enough. However, as it turned out he finished with a few days to spare. Later, when he set out to prepare a talk about the trip for HVTC John worried that ¾ hour might not be long enough. And as it turned out back in April, not only did he have no time to spare but he made it only through the Pyrenees. Tonight John will start pedalling again in an attempt to reach Geneva. If you're a tramper, mountaineer, mountain-biker or skier, stay at home. This is about riding a bicycle on tar-seal.



## FORTHCOMING TRIPS



### 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.

JUNE				
tba		Lake Wairarapa circuit	Phaedra Upton	02102326726
<b>Queen's Birthday EGMONT NATIONAL PARK</b>				
1 – 3	T1	Holly Hut	John Smeith	586 2704
	T2	Pouakai loop	Phaedra Upton	021 023 26726
Sun 2	D1	Orange Hut	Marina Skinner	021 792 260
<b>8 – 9 TARARUA FOREST PARK : Otaki Forks</b>				
	T1	Penn Creek Hut		
<b>RUAPEHU LODGE</b>				
	T1	Ruapehu Lodge food re-stock	John Simes	570 4896
Su 9	D1	Wainuiomata water collection area (booked)		
<b>15 – 16 REMUTAKA FOREST PARK</b>				
	T1	Papatahi Hut	Sharman Robinson	021 563 605
Sun 16	D1			
Tues 18		Piwakawaka track Khandallah	Graeme Lythgoe	479 6630
<b>22 – 23</b>				
	T1			
Sun 23	D1	Mt Climie	Julie Lewis	021 293 2188
<b>29 – 30 MATIU SOMES ISLAND</b>				
	T1	Work party & Party party	Jan Heine	562 8833
Sun 30	D1	Silversky track – Kaukau	Graeme and Michele Lythgoe	479 6630
<b>JULY</b>				
tba		Eastbourne to Baring Head	Derek Richardson	565 1315
<b>6 – 7 TARARUA FOREST PARK : The Pines</b>				
	T1	Mitre Flats	Chris McMillan	569 9019
	T2	Cow Creek	Andrew Robinson	586 2438
Sun 7	D1	tba	Marina Skinner	021 792 260
<b>8 – 12 Ruapehu - School Holidays - Week 1</b>				
			Booking Officer	027 451 2587

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## MATIU/SOMES WORK PARTY + PARTY

29 – 30 JUNE 2019

Announcing the latest of our Matiu/Somes winter celebrations.

The 2019 Matiu Mid-winter HVTC party, with some work around the island, is on the last weekend in June, Saturday 29-Sunday 30.

We have accommodation for 18-20 people, and to ensure we keep those beds, you can put your name down with me (Jan 5628833).

the Rangers can arrange jobs that we are good at doing.

The first names are on the list already, so add your name too. It's a time too for a bit of a mid-winter feast to share with the Island DOC Rangers and families.

Look forward to seeing your name on the list.



*Jan Heine*

## **RUAPEHU EVENTS**

<i><b>In</b></i>	<i><b>Out</b></i>	<i><b>Event</b></i>	
Mon 8 July	Fri 12 July	July School Holiday week 1	Contact Booking Officer 027 451 2587
Mon 15 July	Fri 19 July	July School Holiday week 2	Contact Booking Officer 027 451 2587
Mon 26 Aug	Fri 30 Aug	Juniors' Week	Contact Neil Hickman 04 380 1192
Mon 02 Sept	Fri 06 Sept	Veterans and All-comers week	Contact Russell Oliver 021 245 9596
Mon 30 Sept	Fri 04 Oct	October School Holiday week 1	Contact Kate Brownsword 027 562 0177
Mon 08 Oct	Fri 12 Oct	October School Holiday week 2	Contact Booking Officer 027 451 2587



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

The Annual General Meeting of Hutt Valley Tramping Club will be held in the Clubrooms, Birch Street, Lower Hutt, at 8 pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019. The Annual Report will be distributed to members with the edition of Hills and Valleys at the beginning of July.

We will need volunteers for several posts within the Club. Please remember that our Club functions only because members volunteer to make things happen. Most notably it is the Trip Leaders who ensure that the trips, that we each enjoy, occur – our gratitude and congratulations are owed especially to them! But there are many other “administrative” posts that must be filled so that the Club functions well. This year several “high-profile” positions needing to be filled.

For the General Committee, we must find a new President, a Vice-President and a Trip Co-ordinator (who ensures, with assistance, there is an interesting programme of tramping and biking activities for all of us – and who deserves the admiration and the help of all of us) plus additional members. A competent Secretary would be useful too.

For the Ruapehu Committee – which, behind the scenes, oversees all the details of operation and maintenance of the Ruapehu Lodge – we must find at least one new person. Many of the existing Ruapehu Committee members have served on the committee for a long time and are prepared to continue but would welcome your fresh input. Committee meetings are held in member's homes and there is always supper afterwards.

And for the Social Committee – which ensures there is an interesting programme of speakers for Club meetings, plus organises social events, and produces lots of cups of tea and coffee – more helpers would be helpful!

Please give thought into how you could assist so all the work is not just left to the few! You are welcome to talk to the President, Phaedra Upton ([phaedra.upton@gmail.com](mailto:phaedra.upton@gmail.com)), or the Ruapehu Vice-President, Russell Oliver ([russell@gnawt.co.nz](mailto:russell@gnawt.co.nz)), or the Secretary, Murray Presland ([murray.presland@xtra.co.nz](mailto:murray.presland@xtra.co.nz)), if you will consider contributing to our Club's successfully providing the opportunities that all of us want to enjoy. Nomination forms are available at the Clubrooms and from Murray. Nominations close with him on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

*Murray Presland*  
(Secretary)

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## **2019 HVTC PHOTO COMPETITION**

### **Wednesday 28<sup>TH</sup> August 2018**

All Club photographers are invited to submit their favourite/best recent images into the 2019 Club Photographic Competition. Just a heads up - please start searching through your images to choose which ones you would like to enter in the competition.

Our Club Competition is aligned with the FMC Photo Competition – so that the winning two entries in each of the FMC categories will be forwarded to the FMC Competition. But there are also some categories that are special to HVTC. You may enter up to 4 images in each category. An image file size of 1 Mb is about the minimum of acceptable quality – and much beyond 3Mb has detail that cannot be displayed.

The images, and comments, will be presented by the Competition Judge on Wednesday 28 August.

## **FMC CATEGORIES and RULES:**

There are 7 categories – including a new category for Long Exposure images. There is also an annual theme – in 2019 this is the Forgotten Lands. The best image in each of the categories which is taken in the Forgotten Lands will be awarded a separate prize and may be used in furthering the FMC Forgotten Lands Campaign.

- A. **ABOVE BUSHLINE** (with **no** human element)
- B. **ABOVE BUSHLINE** (with a human element)
- C. **BELOW BUSHLINE** (with **no** human element)
- D. **BELOW BUSHLINE** (with a human element)
- E. **HISTORIC**
- F. **NATIVE FLORA & FAUNA**
- G. **LONG EXPOSURE** – *Trial category for 2019, explained below in rule #4.*

## **2019 Annual Theme – Forgotten Lands**

This is intended to encourage photography that documents topical places which FMC is fighting for, current campaigns being waged and values under immediate threat. The theme for 2019 is Forgotten Lands –

Whangapoua and Tairua Forests (Coromandel)  
Whareorino Conservation Area (King Country)  
Rangataua Forest (Ruapehu)  
Waitotara Forest (Taranaki)  
Mokihinui and Radiant Range (North Buller)  
St James Conservation Area (North Canterbury)  
Lower Landsbrought to Lake Moeraki (South Westland)  
The Remarkables (Queenstown/Central Otago)  
Livingston Range and Mavora Lakes (West Otago)

Any image taken in these areas should be entered in the relevant category but noted as being a **theme image**.

## **Rules**

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

*The definition of a “human element” is flexible but the general intention is: Where the photo contains: 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 January 2016. 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 an ‘historic’ photo. Photos for the historic category must be taken before 1 Jan 2016. 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.

#### **HVTC CATEGORIES:**

- H. **TOPICAL** (tells a story)
- I. **PERSONALITY** (illustrates a character)
- J. **OVERSEAS** (from your recent travels)
- K. **NOVICE** (for those who have not previously entered a photo competition)
- L. **PRINTS**

The Rules on post-processing remain as in FMC Rule 6 above.

You should submit your images to **Murray Presland** ([murray.presland@xtra.co.nz](mailto:murray.presland@xtra.co.nz)) on disc, memory stick or as attachments to an e-mail.

Each image should have a title – and you should prefix the title with the letter (**A – L**) that denotes the intended category into which your photo is being entered.

The deadline for entries is **Friday 9 August 2019** – so the judge has 2 weeks to deliberate.

Good luck for the competition. ☺

*Pamela Campbell*

for HVTC Social Committee

## **TRIP REPORTS**

### **ESKDALE MOUNTAINBIKE PARK : WELLINGTON ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND 2011**

**Andrew Robinson**

#### ***On grading bike tracks***

*I must put my hand up as the person responsible for assigning the grades to the various rides the club does. Generally there are books or websites to consult and people tend to lead trips of similar grades. After that it's a bit of guesswork on my part and I don't always get it right. Having said that, the experts don't always get it right as you will see from the following article that I wrote in 2011 for Hills & valleys that didn't make it into print at the time.*



Like Wellington anniversary weekend earlier this year, the weather meant we only got in one day of riding on our trip to Napier, but it was still good to get away. Paul Haines, Graham White and I went mountain biking while 18 did a road trip to the north of Napier.

The mountain biking was at Eskdale MTB bike about 15 km north of Napier. We had a good look around the western end of the park for about four hours, then had lunch. After lunch we set off to do a loop of the outer edge of the park. Partway around we were all more tired than expected, so we stopped and had a siesta. By that time we'd done about twice what we'd do on a Tuesday night ride, probably the reason we were tired. We'd had a good night's sleep the previous night as we had excellent accommodation at Kennedy Park in Napier.

According to *Classic New Zealand mountain bike rides* (7<sup>th</sup> ed., 2008) the total length of tracks is over 60 km. We had an up to date map of the bike park and in the space of about seven hours covered some or all of 28 of the 84 named roads and tracks.



*It always pays to have a map*

The tracks were graded beginner, easy, intermediate, advanced, expert or extreme, with the three of us agreeing many of the tracks were incorrectly graded. The grades supposedly follow *Classic New Zealand mountain bike rides*, which has "Mostly flat with some gentle climbs..." for easy tracks, but some sections of "easy" track we had to walk because they were too steep! Conversely, we did a track graded "expert" that was hardly more than a hard intermediate. One track we did labelled "intermediate" we thought should have been expert until we discovered we'd gone up what was a downhill track.

By mid afternoon we'd done at least one track of all the grades except for extreme. Having earlier done an expert track and found it well within our capabilities I suggested having a go at an extreme track on our way back to the vehicle and the others eventually agreed. The tracks were generally well signposted but somehow we missed the turnoff to the extreme track. Partway down the last bit of easy track I spotted where the extreme track crossed it. To our right was a ramp about 2 metres above the road so extreme riders would cross the road airborne. Extreme was definitely outside our capabilities. Usually expert tracks have exposed outside edges (like in Wellington) so you have to be careful to stay on track. There was little of that at Eskdale, which made the expert tracks doable for us. The whole park is in pine forest with little undergrowth, so fewer obstacles to contend with. We got a good taste of the park in our visit. I'd happily go back to do some more, but equally would not be too disappointed if I didn't get to go there again.



*It always pays to have a nap*

*Andrew*

## TRAINS HUT : 29-30 September 2018

Irene Davies

When promoting his trip to Trains Hut Andrew Robinson said that from memory the trip profile looked like a horizontal line. This sounded promising to someone with dodgy knees, although I



was a little sceptical since the walk was up a river. He qualified this by saying that his memory was not always 100% accurate and he had last visited this hut in 2007.

As the drive from Lower Hutt to the road end would take about 4 hours it was decided to leave Lower Hutt on Friday evening and stay in a motor camp outside Whanganui. This was an excellent choice as it broke up the drive and meant that we got an early night on Friday.

Passing through the tiny township of Waitotara situated about halfway between Whanganui and Hawera we arrived at the road end, 50kms up the Waitotara River at 9.35 am. At the start of the track we had to scramble through a couple of patches of fallen vegetation. This led to some speculation about the likely state of the track further on. However, the track improved as we walked up river. We were entertained by several families of ducks with ducklings cruising along the long pools.

The track became quite narrow in a number of places where parts of the track had slipped down the bank. However, it was all quite navigable on foot.

After about 5 and a half hours of quite leisurely and remarkably FLAT walking through attractive forest by the River we reached Trains Hut at 3.00 pm. The walk involved a total ascent and descent of approximately 300 meters. The maximum elevation reached was 121 meters and the minimum was 63 meters.

Trains Hut is a clean, well-constructed 6 bunk hut, situated in an open clearing above the river. Andrew advised us that, based on a note from his previous trip, the land on which Trains hut sits was given to the local publican many years ago in payment for a debt and either the debtor or the publican was called Trains.

After dumping gear the more energetic in our party went down to look at the two nearby scenic waterfalls.

The following morning we set off on the return journey in bright sunny weather. Soon after leaving the hut we saw two Whios swimming in cascades in the river. Further along we were passed by a hunter on a quadbike with a huge feral pig and two dogs on the back.

On both days we stopped for lunch at the site of an old farmhouse where there were a number of towering flowering camellias and other exotic trees and shrubs.

This was a very pleasant weekend walk in an area not frequently visited by the Club.

Trip Participants: Andrew Robinson (Leader), Graham White, Ian Milne, Keith Thomas and Irene Davies.

*Irene*

## **PINUS CONTORTA : 2 - 3 March 2019**

**Andrew Robinson**

There were a few things different about this year's *Pinus contorta* trip. For starters instead of the van we went up in cars (including a Porsche) and we all went up during the day instead of at least some heading up after work. On the recommendation of friends of the Dellers, we went to a very popular burgeria Blind Finch for a craft beer and a burger. Well worth a visit next time you're in Ohakune.

Accommodation Friday night was the Ohakune Doc base and the following morning we again met up with the Wanganui Tramping Club for the drive to the Tufa campsite. Joining in this year was Rowan Sprague, New Zealand Wilding Conifer Group coordinator. At the campsite we learned that the Wanganui club had arranged for a regional reporter for the Herald to do a story on the efforts to eradicate pinus contorta. They would fly in by helicopter, interview the Wanganui leader David Scoular, then get some footage of us in action. After setting up camp about 18 of us headed off to pull pines, except for David and Doc ranger Danial who would join us later. After a walk of half an hour we got to the Wahianoa River and headed up that. The area overlapped a lot with



Morning tea day two

what we did last year so we didn't get huge numbers of trees on that run. When we'd gone far enough up the river we stopped for lunch. We'd been sitting there for about 10 minutes when we heard a helicopter approaching. It circled a few times before coming to land about 100m downstream from us. Over the course of lunch the reporter interviewed several people, mostly from the

Wanganui club but also our members John Simes and Jan Heine

After lunch we headed away from the largely bare river valley to a scrubby area to the west. Some of the vegetation was quite dense and pine trees hard to get to so we became quite spread out and lost the odd person or two for a while. We eventually all regrouped just before afternoon tea. From afternoon tea we had a 15 minute walk to our last run for the day. The last run was across relatively easy and open country but because of the shape of the patch we did, it took some half an hour to do and others about three quarters of an hour. From the end of the run it was a fifty minute walk back to camp.

Dinner was barbecued sausages and venison provided by Danial, accompanied by a delicious couscous salad made by John Simes. A fresh fruit salad topped off the meal nicely.

Sunday we did an area a little to the west of the Wahianoa, adjacent to where we started the previous day. We spent a lot of the time wading through knee-high scrub which was slow going at times. The area hadn't been done for a while so although there weren't large numbers of trees, some of them were fairly large. I counted eleven rings on one of them.

Because the going was a bit slow we only did the one loop, not the two Danial had hoped. We finished our loop about 12:20 then headed back to camp. We stopped at the Wahianoa River for lunch and got a few more pines on the final walk to camp. The total number of pines removed over the weekend was around 390.

Trip members: John Simes (HVTC leader), Bob and Bernice Deller, Paul Haines, Jan Heine, Kate Livingston, Graeme Lythgoe, Bruce Miller, Derek Richardson, Andrew Robinson (scribe), plus Danial and Lois from Doc, Rowan from New Zealand Wilding Conifer Group and 7 from Wanganui Tramping Club

*Andrew*

## TAIHAPE - NAPIER CYCLE WEEKEND : 29 - 31 MARCH

Frank & Robyn Usmar

Friday afternoon 14 of us headed up to Taihape to spend the night at the Rusty Nail Backpackers, a very comfortable and friendly accommodation nestled on a hill above the southern end of the township. The local takeaway shops were visited and food taken back to the Backpackers where we could all relax and listen to Frank's briefing for the next day's cycle ride from Taihape to Kiripapango, a distance of approximately 76km.

Soon after 8am Saturday morning we parked on the outskirts of Taihape, unloaded the bikes and 12 of the group began cycling the first 10km on Spooners Road. Frank drove ahead in the van, parked and waited at the first regrouping point at Te Moehau Junction. Robyn followed up the rear in the car to assist if there were any problems with bikes or cyclists. The days ride was split in to

approximately 10km sections, with regrouping places that had room for van, trailer and car to park safely. At these points there was driver changes to allow all on the trip time to ride their bikes. The day was relatively fine but with moderate head wind at times. There were a couple of challenging hills on the first day so most were encouraged to pack their bikes on the trailer and ride in the van for those stints, the biggest being "The Gentle Annie" with 8% gradient. Keith did extremely well and rode the whole route on Saturday, with Graeme the next rider to tackle the majority of it. Well done to you both. A welcome lunch break was at the historical Springvale Suspension Bridge over the Rangitikei River.

Around 5pm we arrived at Robson's Lodge at Kuripapango. This historic house is looked after by DOC with bookings required and accessed through a locked gate, down a 700m gravel driveway. It is quite an idyllic setting located on top of a small hill overlooking grassy pastures. Like a tramping hut we needed to take all equipment with us including the clubs double gas cooker to cook meals and boil water for brews, all cooking and eating utensils and chilly bins to keep food chilled. The house is comprised of two 6 person bunk rooms, 1 small room with two single beds, a large combined lounge dining room with table and chairs and couches, a large kitchen, a bathroom and two showers. The house had fairly recently been installed with gas hot water heating for kitchen and shower use, but unfortunately after most had had showers and dinner prepared the system seem to fail due to the gas running out. There is a separate external shed where you can plug in a generator to supply lighting to the house. We were able to bring one, so as evening drew in it made it easier to dine and relax until the generator was switched off just prior to bed time.

Sunday dawned a lovely sunny calm day, so after the group had cleaned and packed up from the Lodge we drove the first 12.5km up a rather long hill to Blowhard Bush Reserve. This lovely reserve is maintained by Forest and Bird with good easy walking tracks. The bird life was very prolific and there were some interesting rock formations, overhangs and caves. We were pleased to see there were no tight squeezes like was shown on a previous Wednesday club night talk. There was a good view overlooking the Kaweka Range from the high point lookout. After the walk and morning tea break all but the two drivers were back on their bikes to enjoy the undulating and continually lovely downhill ride to our final destination at Omahu, again stopping about every 10km for driver changes. At Omahu we loaded up the bikes and began our drive home, stopping at Dannevirke for a refreshment break and driver change.

Those who enjoyed the weekend were Pat & John Tristram, Graeme Lythgoe, John Smeith, Geoff Norton, Paul Haines, Vera de Graauw, Frieda Collie, Pam Smith, Doreen Courtenay, Jean Cookson, Keith Thomas and Frank & Robyn Usmar.

*Frank & Robyn*

## **BELMONT TRIG CIRCUIT Sunday 28 April 2019**

### **Graeme Lythgoe**

As part of the events held for the weekend visit of members of the Wanganui Tramping Club 23 of us gathered at the Oakleigh St entrance of the Regional Park. The forecast overnight rain did not eventuate and the day produced fine weather. Most of us had enjoyed a pot-luck dinner at the Clubrooms the previous evening so it was a good chance to burn off some of that great food. We took the gentlest route down to the dam and enjoyed the magnificent nikau palms and other trees in the area. After a look at the newly renovated dam viewing platform we scrambled up the shortcut. It was hot work rewarded by a snack break at the top. Here, Pamela, having taken the baked beans route rejoined us. Then it was up to the trig at 457m and we enjoyed clear views in all directions except the southern Tararua Range. A group photo was taken and then we walked

down the 4WD track before cutting back into the bush. We had lunch overlooking Stratton St and the Old Coach road areas. Then into the bush and the steps both up and down before rejoining the track we entered on. The tramp took just under 5 hours including all stops.

The WTC visitors were: Marilyn McGlone, Reti Pearse, Esther Williams, Jacky Evans, Anne Royal, and Dave Scoullar. HVTC members were: Bernice and Bob Deller, Pamela Campbell, Anna and William Liao, John Smeith, Marilyn Sickels, Ida Hussein, Kate Livingston, Anne Anderson, Jan Heine, Mike and Cathy Priest, Jim Cousins, Rene Davies, Keith Thomas, Graeme Lythgoe and Dash.

*Graeme*

## **SNOW CHAINS FOR SALE:**

We have a set of Snow Chains that were custom made for our Mitsubishi Lancer 1999 station wagon by the late Don Hendry ( a member of HVTC). We have now sold the car and so no longer need them. They also fitted our Nissan Micra which we have also sold. No payment necessary but suggest a donation to the sales table.

Contact Elaine or Derek Richardson - 565 1315 or 022 618 3071 (Elaine)'

## **BILL WILLIAMS (1947 - 2019)** **Former Member of HVTC**



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