



*New Powell Hut*

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

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# WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMME



Starts 8.00 pm promptly

## 7 August : Quentin Duthie – The Story of Pareraho Forest

This will be a combo vision - pest trapping, planting, reserve forest and stream care, enjoyment and awareness of history and values, and some advocacy on land management in upper catchment. We're working with HCC and DOC on the pest aspect so will be linked in with the city network.

## 14 August : : David Maddock – Madagascar

In May and June 2018 David and Jessamy spent 3 weeks canoeing, tramping and wildlife spotting on a World Expeditions tour of Central Madagascar.

## 21 August : Keith Thomas – Bushwalking near Canberra, Australia

This will be a quick tour of some of Keith and Irene's favourite bushwalking areas near Canberra that can be reached in a weekend. The presentation will demonstrate the considerable variety of terrain and vegetation near Canberra. Hopefully this will encourage some of you to find your way to Canberra to sample some of these areas after they return there.

## 28 August : Club Photo Competition

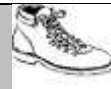
Come along and be impressed by the images that tell stories about Club events and people, and for which there are long-lived trophies for winners to display.

## 4 September : Cathy & Mike Priest – Walking in Spain

Two different Caminos two different ways: Camino via de la Plata and Camino del Norte. (Caminos are a network of pilgrims' ways in Spain and France.)



### FORTHCOMING TRIPS



### TRIP CATEGORIES

#### Tramping

T = Overnight or longer tramping trip

D = Day tramp

= Dog Friendly

= Moonlight Walk

#### Cycling

= Very easy

= Intermediate

= Easy

= 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.

AUGUST				
Sat tba		Ngati Toa domain – Whitby - Plimmerton	Chris McMillan	569 9019
<b>10 – 11 TARARUA FOREST PARK : Wairarapa</b>				
	T1			
Sun 11	D1	Atiwhakatu Hut	Julie Lewis	021 293 2188
Sat 10		MTB Karapoti classic	Andrew Robinson	586 2438

Thu 15	☾	Boulder Hill	Derek Richardson	565 1315
<b>17-18 TARARUA FOREST PARK : Wairarapa</b>				
	T1	Powell Hut	Chris McMillan	569 9019
Sun 18	D1	Colonial Knob circuit	Jo & Tony Birtwistle	934 9229
<b>24 – 25 TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK</b>				
	T2	Mangatepopo Hut – Mt Tongariro - lodge		
Sun 25	D1			
<b>RUAPEHU – Club Lodge</b>				
<b>26 – 30</b>	Ski	Juniors Week	Neil Hickman	380 1192
<b>31 Aug – 1 Sep AORANGI FOREST PARK</b>				
	T2	Aorangi crossing	Andrew Robinson	586 2438
Sun 1 Sep	D1	Whareora Circuit	Kate Livingston	021 073 1953
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>				
Sat tba	🌐	Martinborough Circuit	Helen & Paul	589 7484
<b>RUAPEHU – Club Lodge</b>				
<b>2 – 6</b>	Ski	Vets and all-comers	Russell Oliver	021 245 9596
7 – 8	T2	tba	Phaedra Upton	021 0232 6726
Sun 8	D1	Bus Barns to Lowry Bay	Marina Skinner	021 792 260
Tue 12	☾	Eastern Bays	Helen & Paul	589 7484

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## CLUB OFFICERS 2019-2020

President	Dennis Page	
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	Carolyn Lyon	Cathy Priest
	Sharman Robinson	Jocelyn Woofe
Ruapehu Treasurer	John Simes	
Ruapehu Secretary	Bruce Miller	
Ruapehu Committee	Kate Brownsword	Sheldon Bruce
	Ian McIlraith	Alison Newbald
	Brendan Quirke	Kerei Thompson

# UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>RUAPEHU EVENTS</b>			
<b><i>In</i></b>	<b><i>Out</i></b>	<b><i>Event</i></b>	
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

This list doesn't mean that you have to go on an organised trip. There are plenty of other opportunities to use the lodge throughout the winter season for skiing, climbing, ski touring or just relaxing. Just pick a time, contact the booking officer (details listed above) then come on up.

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## **RUAPEHU LODGE JUNIORS' WEEK** **MONDAY 26 TO FRIDAY 30 AUGUST**

Our famous Juniors' Week will be from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August this year at our lodge (HVTC) on the upper slopes of Whakapapa.

This is about the 9<sup>th</sup> year we have run it and it is a permanent booking each year for some – it's so much fun and well organised. It also has raised thousands of dollars for the club coffers.

Are you interested or do you know anyone with kids up to say 10 yrs who could be interested?

At the time of writing this a number of families have indicated interest. The grandparents and parents love the R&R and for the little ones it is an out of this world experience whether it's skiing, tobogganing, wandering or just digging holes in the snow. While it runs for a week, nights can be arranged to suit your time and budget.

For more info contact me and I can email you "All you need to know about Junior's Week".  
[neil.hickman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:neil.hickman@xtra.co.nz) or ring me Neil 380 1192.

*Neil Hickman*

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## **Final Reminder: PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION** **28 August 2019**

The Club's Photographic Competition will be presented on Wednesday 28 August. The rules for the Club Competition were printed in the June edition of Hills and Valleys. Please remember that you may enter up to 4 images in each category in our competition.

Entries - on disc or USB memory stick or by attachment to an e-mail – need to reach me by Friday 9 August.

I am not able to be present at the Club meeting on Wednesday 7th August. If this makes it difficult for you to get the best of your images into the competition - please contact me so I can arrange to gather your entries somehow!

However, you are welcome to give your entries to John Smeith at the Club meeting on Wednesday 7 August.

The judge this year is John Flux, a consistent winner in years past. John has provided the following criteria on which he will be awarding marks:-

- Relevance: To HVTC/To FMC style
- Originality: Subject/Treatment
- Technique: Composition/Exposure/Sharpness
- Colour: Matching tones/Contrast/(Black & White OK)
- Difficulty: Location/Movement/Lighting

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For HVTC categories

- Personality: Likeness/Humour
- Overseas: Clearly not New Zealand.

*Murray Presland*

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**RUAPEHU LODGE VETERANS & ALL-COMERS WEEK**

**MONDAY 02 TO FRIDAY 06 SEPTEMBER**

**Planning on a great ski week at Mt Ruapehu?**

**Come join us this year**

This trip is guaranteed to provide:-

- Great food & wine
- Great weather
- Great snow for skiing walking or just looking at from the upper deck
- Great company especially if you join us.



But the trip is not only for vets to come on, everybody is welcome. A good chance to bring friends along to experience the clubs facilities, taste the pleasures of the mountain and enjoy the skiing and perhaps join the club.

New to the club and or skiing you are welcome. Let a few of us older, mature, well perhaps experienced, members show you the ropes so to speak. Come along and find out what a great asset the club has on the mountain.

## DECIDE NOW

### SAY YES TO A SKI WEEK AT OUR RUAPEHU LODGE

For Vets week initially contact Russell Oliver, [russell@gnawt.co.nz](mailto:russell@gnawt.co.nz) or 021 245 9596.

*Russell Oliver*

## BITS OF INFO FROM THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

August 2019

**Club Committees:** The Annual General Meeting of the Club has taken place. Shelly Bruce's eleven years of stewardship of bookings for Ruapehu Lodge (and his assistance in maintaining the Lodge over a much longer time) and the wholehearted contributions of Irene Davies and Keith Thomas to the tramping, biking and management activities of the Club during their "temporary" stay in New Zealand were recognised with President's Awards. Phaedra Upton and Nick McBride (from the General Committee), Paul Haines (from the Ruapehu Committee) and Michele Lythgoe (from the Social Committee) were thanked and farewelled from their roles. Others were welcomed - Dennis Page as President, for another spell!, Chris McMillan as Trip Co-ordinator, Graeme Lythgoe as Vice-President and Russell Oliver for graciously agreeing to continue as Vice-President (Ruapehu). Welcomes were extended to Rosie Doole and Derek Richardson on joining the General Committee, to Kerei Thompson joining the Ruapehu Committee and to Jocelyn Woofe joining the Social Committee. Thanks are extended to those who are continuing to help manage the Club's activities through the three committees – but special thanks are owed to all those members who make the activities happen. You are a great bunch – all volunteers!

**Clubnight meetings:** We did not get a great response from members willing to be rostered for greeting newcomers to our meetings. Actually it is a task that each of us should feel responsible for - to contribute to visitors' comfort and perhaps the Club's welfare if they decide to join us. Please welcome any "new faces" you notice as they enter the Clubrooms and introduce them to any of the Club's officers. It would be helpful if you did not congregate around the entrance to the hall before the meeting – it is daunting for a visitor to walk into a room choc-a-bloc with people all animatedly talking with one another. Please make space and look after them!

**Tararua peak names:** It is an oddity about the high-points in the Tararua Range that many have recognised names that have never been gazetted. Unusual also that many of them have just a name without the "title" Mt or Peak attached – for example: Girdlestone, Adkin, Aston vs Mt Hector, Mt Crawford, Peggy's Peak. We have been given notice of an application by the great grandson of Ernest Lancaster to have the peak noted on maps as Lancaster, at the intersection of Tarn and Carkeek Ridges, gazetted as Mt Lancaster and for a creek draining from the northern face of the peak to the Park River gazetted as Lancaster Creek. Ernest Lancaster accompanied G L Adkin on many of his explorations of the northern Tararua Range – Adkin naming the peak after his companion in 1911 and noting it on the Adkin/Francis Tararua Map published in 1930. What do you think? Should HVTC support this application?

**Tararua Maps:** Geoff Aitken, of NewTopo NZ Ltd, is about to publish a new edition of his Tararua Tramps map. He has asked for advice of any errors, changes and improvements that you have spotted on the current map – which can be found at <http://www.newtopo.co.nz/tararua-tramps-map.html> . You can send any information you wish to offer to Geoff at

[geoff.aitken@xtra.co.nz](mailto:geoff.aitken@xtra.co.nz) . (I have low-resolution images of sections of the map if you would like these to mark up your amendments on. Please ask.)

**Aid Projects in Nepal:** The International Nepal Fellowship has a trust called the Humanitarian Aid Trust which works in community development, and medical and disaster response in remoter areas of Nepal. A connection has grown amongst climbers and trekkers from New Zealand with Nepal. Because of this, Sean Marston (Director of INF) has asked if our Club would support one of their projects or run a fund-raising event to help some of the remote communities in Nepal. Do you think our Club should contribute, and how?

Members of the General Committee will welcome your comments!

*Murray Presland*  
(secretary@hvtc.org.nz)

## NEW CLUBROOMS BOOKING OFFICER

Please note that Julie Lewis has taken on the post of Clubrooms Booking Officer. Club members and outside individuals and organisations wishing to hire our clubrooms can contact Julie at:-  
[jma.lewis@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jma.lewis@xtra.co.nz), ph 04 526 7271 or 021 2932 118

## CLUB CENTENARY

After Murray's comments re our upcoming Centenary, a potential history and the Kim Hill interview on RNZ re the TTC "Leading the Way" I have now listened to it. Having also read the HVTC copy of the book, the interview with the authors is not only very interesting, but also a guide to what was involved. We do not have the financial resources of the TTC, but we must ensure our 100 years are recorded for posterity.

I would like to suggest that folk listen to RNZ, the Kim Hill Saturday morning programme for 29 June at 10.00am with Shaun Barnett & Chris Maclean.

*Alan Stevens*

## TRAMPING BOOKS AND HVTC ANNUALS

I have HVTC Annuals going back to 1970 and was wondering if anyone would like them?  
I am a veteran member of the Club.  
I also have a few tramping related books too.  
I am gradually downsizing pending moving into Parkwood Retirement Village.

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# BARING HEAD

Following her presentation in June and at the request of our club, Paula Warren has provided the following background information and contact details about the Friends of Baring Head.



Baring Head farm became part of East Harbour Regional Park in 2010. The new park includes the lower Wainuiomata River, steep escarpments, the lighthouse complex, and the climbing rocks below the lighthouse. It's a great place for day walks, cycling and rock climbing, and is also used by the hang gliders and horse riders. It can be accessed from the Wainuiomata coast road (there are two carparks, a main entrance by the bridge across the river, and another at the coast), or by bike or foot from Eastbourne (with permission from the private landowners if you are using the road through their land). For information on getting permission,

contact the ranger [jo.greenman@gw.govt.nz](mailto:jo.greenman@gw.govt.nz).

Friends of Baring Head was set up to help achieve restoration of the park. We raise money for restoration work (\$375,000 so far), and coordinate volunteer work. We are working on both the lighthouse complex and the biodiversity values.

We run a working bee once a month, have a trapping team that does the trap lines, have some specialist volunteers who do specific jobs when it suits them, and organise volunteer events for existing groups such as tramping clubs. We are also running a major planting programme with corporate volunteers and Million Metres Stream funding. We have turned the garage at the lighthouse into a volunteer base, so that we can do overnight volunteering activities.

If you want to stay in touch with what we are doing, email me to go on the mailing list for the regular emails that go to members and volunteers. Or check the Facebook page. If you want to do a volunteer outing, or want information to help you plan a visit, email me.

*Paula Warren*

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Chair, Friends of Baring Head

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## Trip Reports

Because not enough contributions were received to fill another 4 pages, the two trip reports that were received are being held over to a future edition. Many thanks to the contributors of those reports.

*Bruce Miller*

Editor

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