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Please submit your **November 2019** H&V articles to the editor by **1<sup>st</sup> November 2019**

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMME

Starts 8.00 pm promptly



### 2 October : Debbie Bainbridge – Alaskan Adventures and Cruise

Bikes, boats, bears, bald eagles and glaciers were all part of the Alaskan Adventure Cruise. Come and join Debbie Bainbridge and Paul Labett to see some of the stunning scenery.

### 9 October : Pat & John Tristram – European Trip 2019 no. 1

Earlier this year a group of HVTC friends went on a European Sojourn. Tonight Pat and John will talk about their time in Switzerland, with a cycle trip at Lake Lucerne and then walks from Grindelwald in the Jungfrau region.

***Sales Table run by Graeme Lythgoe. Bring your cash and your saleable items.***

### 16 October : Simon Nathan – Lloyd Homer's Photography

Hutt Valley photographer and HVTC member, Lloyd Homer, worked for GNS Science for over 35 years, and was on hand to record the impact of events such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and landslides. Later in his career, Lloyd specialised in aerial photography. Simon Nathan will show a selection of images from his new book about Lloyd's photography. He will have copies for sale (\$40 cash), and Lloyd will be there to sign them.

### 23 October : Graeme McVerry – Cruising the Kimberley Coast: Darwin to Broome

Graeme will talk about his 11- day cruise along the remote Kimberley Coast of north-western Australia in June this year. The area features scenic gorges and waterfalls, rock art, birdlife, crocodiles, sharks, turtles and other marine creatures, gigantic tides and relics of the early European explorers and World War 2.

### 30 October : Info Evening – organized by Marina Skinner

An expo style introduction for people interested in joining the club, where newcomers can see outdoor-related demonstrations, together with presentations of the terrific places our club trips could take them to.



## 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.

OCTOBER				
RUAHINE FOREST PARK : Kashmir Road				
5 – 6	T1	Longview Hut	Rene Davies	021 056 6442
	T2	Top Gorge Hut	Andrew Robinson	586 2438
Sun 6	D1	Orongorongo River		
	D2	Turere – McKerrow Loop	Jim Cousins	586 2135

<b>RUAPEHU – Club Lodge</b>				
<b>7 – 11</b>	Ski	School holiday week 2	Ian McIlraith	475 8458
<b>TARARUA FOREST PARK – Putara Rd</b>				
<b>11 – 13</b>	T1	Roaring Stag	Graham White	565 1168
	T2	Dundas Circuit	Murray Presland	562 8194
		Southern Hawke's Bay	Robyn & Frank	569 5996
Sun 13	D1	Wainui Valley circ		
<b>19 – 20 DAY TRAMPS</b>				
Sat 19	D2	Mt Hector	Murray Presland	562 8194
Sun 20	D1+	Smiths Creek to pt 815	Jim Cousins	586 2135
Th 24	D1	 New Powell Hut	Graeme Lythgoe	479 6630
<b>LABOUR WEEKEND</b>				
<b>25 – 28</b>	T2	Kahurangi NP	Nick McBride	021 410 551
	T2	Mt Cupola Nelson Lakes NP	Murray Presland	562 8194
Sun 27	D1	Whakanui / Catchpool	Pamela Campbell	021 857 953
<b>NOVEMBER</b>				
<b>TARARUA FOREST PARK – Ohau</b>				
<b>2 – 3</b>	T1	Waiopehu Hut	Kate Livingston	021 073 1953
	T2	Te Matawai		
Sat 2	D1	Goat Rock Trig	Bob & Bernice	938 4685
<b>TARARUA FOREST PARK - Holdsworth</b>				
<b>9 – 10</b>	T1	Atiwhakatu Hut	Julie Lewis	021 293 2118
	T2	Powell – Jumbo Circuit	Chris & Murray	569 9019
Sun 10	D1	 Butcher trk, Cattle Rdge	Marina Skinner	021 792 260
Th 14	D2	 Pinnacle Ridge deviation	Graeme Lythgoe	479 6630

OCTOBER BIKING SCHEDULE for Tuesday Evenings - 6.00 pm				
<b>Trip Grading:</b>				
Very Easy:		Smooth surface, broad track, basically flat. Any bike will do.		
Easy:		Quiet roads and/or smooth gravel tracks; occasional hills. Medium to wide-tyred bike recommended.		
Intermediate:		Usually includes off-road sections that may be rough and/or narrow; good-sized hills. Mountain bike recommended.		
Advanced:		Off-road on loose surfaces, steep climbs, lots of obstacles. Mountain bike necessary.		
Date	Grade	The Ride	Leader/s	Phone
8	Easy Interm.	Remutaka Incline Remutaka Incline - Cross Creek	Leena Russell Oliver	027 672 1604 021 245 9596
15	Easy Int/Adv	Eastbourne to Baring Head Battle Hill-Puketiro	Paul Haines Paul Labett	589 7484 027 344 2906
22	Easy Int/Adv	Avalon - Harcourt Park Cannon Point	Ray Hyndman Murray Presland	567 2772 562 8194
29	Easy Interm.	County Lane - Explore Silverstream Blue Mountain Circuit (anticlockwise)	Jackie West Graeme Lythgoe	528 4697 479 6630

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SALES TABLE

**9 October**

Note the return of the sales table on **9 October**. Please bring along items that you wish to donate to this effort. Home baking and preserves are especially welcome. Garden produce is also popular so bring along all the excess from you vegetable garden. Everyone else bring some cash to purchase some goodies with.

### ***RUAPEHU EVENTS***

<b><i>In</i></b>	<b><i>Out</i></b>	<b><i>Event</i></b>	
Mon 07 Oct	Fri 11 Oct	October School Holiday week 2	Contact Ian McIlraith 475 8458

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.

### **OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Bluebird days - and few people on the mountain. Families are thinking about summer sports and the child-free stay away because it's the holidays. For the last few years we've had a week or more of bluebird weather at this time and few queues.

Come and join us at the lodge with the best view and newest facilities.

**School holidays 2<sup>nd</sup> week : 7 - 11 October**

a number of spaces still available

contact the Ian McIlraith on 475 8458 or email [ian@speyside.co.nz](mailto:ian@speyside.co.nz)

Remember that there are plenty of other opportunities to use the lodge through the remains of the winter season for skiing, climbing, ski touring or just relaxing. Just pick a time, contact the booking officer (details listed below) then come on up.

**Alison Newbald**

**Ruapehu Lodge Booking Officer**

**Phone: 027 4512 587**

**Email: [alison.newbald@gmail.com](mailto:alison.newbald@gmail.com)**



# BITS OF INFO FROM THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

October 2019

**Summer Trip Schedules:** The Trip Coordinator - with help from a small group of members and a large number of volunteer leaders! – has produced two Trip Schedules for the Summer, October 2019 – March 2020. One lists the tramping trips (Sunday, weekday, weekend and longer) and major biking trips during the period. The evening bike rides, scheduled for each Tuesday evening during the period of Daylight Saving, have been listed on a separate document because there is very little conflict for members in the activities on the two Schedules. The Tramping (and Biking) Trip Schedule (in the traditional, 8 section, folded card format) and the Tuesday evening Biking Schedule (a double-sided A5 sheet) are available at the Clubrooms. They will be distributed/posted with the October edition of Hills and Valleys to those who receive printed newsletters.

Both Schedules can also be downloaded from the Club's web-site – <http://hvtc.org.nz> – as pdf documents. Because the long form of the Tramping Trip Schedule is not easily printed, it has been re-formatted on the web-site in a double-page, A4 format (you can fold this easily into the same size as the long-format card). The Tuesday evening Biking Schedule is also in double-page A4 format but you can easily ask your printer to produce it in A5 format.

Please use either method of delivery of the Trip Schedules. We will review the convenience and costs of delivery of Trip Schedules next year.

**Club Presentation:** As well as being convenient sources of information for members about Club activities, the Club's web-site and Facebook pages are a face to anyone searching for tramping, biking, skiing, climbing opportunities. It is a demanding task to keep these media up-to-date and useful to members, as well as fresh-looking. We would like to hear if there is information, presently missing, that you want to be readily available or that you have had difficulty finding. If you have images, ideas on presentation, material that you want to see on either platform, please let us know! You might offer to help the managers of the platforms!!

**Club Centenary – 2023:** Although it is three full years until the Club's centenary, the General Committee is already considering how we might celebrate the event. A few members have button-holed me about this – but the General Committee needs to gather a wider sampling of members' ideas about the events and activities in which you would be interested to participate. An on-line survey has been constructed to enable each of you, very easily!, to give us ideas about the celebrations you want.

## Hutt Valley Tramping Club – Centenary Celebrations – 2023

On-line questionnaire – go to  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Q8GCTPC>  
open until Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

- The questionnaire will only take a few minutes for you to complete.
- Please only enter the survey once per member.
- No record is kept of your e-address or identity – unless you enter it for us at the end of the survey.
- You are welcome to add any ideas you have that are not offered in the survey.
- The survey will be left open until end of Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October, this year.
- Contact me, the Secretary, if you would like the survey made available on paper.

Of course, you are welcome to pass your ideas and preferences directly to any member of the General Committee.

The General Committee welcomes your comment on any of the issues raised this, and every, month!

Murray Presland (secretary@hvtc.org.nz)

## FREE TO GOOD HOME

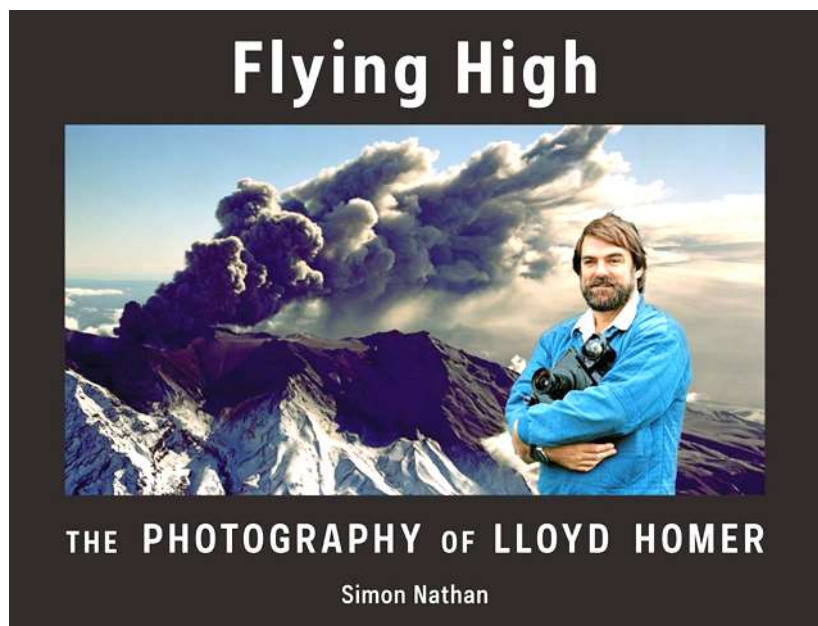
Almost complete set of FMC Bulletins from No. 2 to No 150.

1958 to 2002.

Contact Graeme Lyon ph 04 938 4583 or 021 154 3850

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## FLYING HIGH : THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF LLOYD HOMER By Simon Nathan.



This new book published by the Geoscience Society of New Zealand is the latest tribute to long-time club member Lloyd Homer.

There is great interview with the Simon Nathan on Radio New Zealand at [https://www.rnz.co.nz/audio/player?audio\\_id=2018707330](https://www.rnz.co.nz/audio/player?audio_id=2018707330). It is well worth listening to.

Although there have been several other books that included Lloyd's photos such as 'The Fold of the Land' by Lloyd Homer and Les Molloy, this new book concentrates on the aerial photography and changes in techniques and technology over the career of Lloyd.

Hopefully the club library may have a copy soon.

# TRIP REPORTS

## KATE'S SPRINGTIME SUNDAY TRIPS

Pat & John Tristram

### 1 September - Whareroa Circuit : 15 September - Wharepapa Hut

**Sunday, 1 September** on a beautiful spring morning, 22 participants departed the carpark at Whareroa Farm around 9.45am to wander up the Ramaroa Track, which was through some very pleasant bush. We stopped on the edge for morning tea and then carried on through farmland and up quite a steep (at times) farm track to The Rocks, where there were good views out over the Kapiti Coast. A combination of uphill and sunshine meant some were in Tee shirts and sun hats. Kate had got permission to cross the private land through pine forest to come onto Campbells Mill Road, where we stopped for lunch. Several cyclists came up the road as far as the gate before returning for a nice whizz back down the road. With a few geocachers on the trip, some stops were made to look for these, a favourite being the Flying Cow (which if you look closely at the falling rocks, the top one is a cow).



We turned off Campbells Mill Road to take the Horse Track back down the Valley and the main group got ahead of the geocachers who did some looking on the way down – not all of it successful. We



we were back at the cars around 2.45pm to find the rest of the group had just departed, except for Kate. We said our thanks, passed on some geocaching tips and departed also, after a very pleasant day in the sun with good company.

Participants were – Kate Livingston (leader), Bruce Miller, Carolyn and Graeme Lyon, Anne and Simon Grant, Heather Eskdale and Rob Buxton, Vera de Graauw, Pat and John Tristram, Tania Hatfield, Neil Hickman, Kate Jones, Marilyn Sickels, William and Anna Liao, Emma Dobbie, Graham White, Julie Lewis, Irene Davies and Leanda Rock.

**Sunday, 15 September** was a rather different day, although it wasn't raining when 7 of us met at Upper Hutt Station at 7.45am for an 8am departure to the Wairarapa. It was beginning to drizzle as we parked the car (a tricky spot to find) off the Western Lake Road to begin the walk into Battery Stream. Kate had decided following a recce earlier in the week that the trip through to Wharepapa Hut might be a little longer than the daylight allowed.



With parkas and beanies on, we crossed a footbridge

and followed an easement to where we crossed a drain (wet feet) and then joined some steers grazing. A bit puggy, but after another footbridge crossing and through some scrubby trees it was very wet and puggy so that boots were very muddy. Fortunately the grass was long and wet and it cleaned them a bit and once through a farm gate were in very pleasant beech forest.



After about 50 minutes, we had a stop for morning tea before continuing along the very good track, with the occasional tree across it. A steady climb and then onto a side track, that had some little exposed bits, especially with the (now) heavy rain making the track very wet. A couple more windfalls to crawl under (inelegantly by some) and we came to the "interesting" spot where Kate felt it would be decision time. It was. There had been quite a lot of damage with trees and scrub covering the track making it difficult to



see just where it went. Kate said the recce group had got through, but it had been a scramble. We were thoroughly wet now and to turn back was unanimously agreed. It was a steady slob back, with water lying on the track in places and the drain crossing having several more inches of water and running dirty, but was no trouble to cross. Back at the cars by 1pm, we put on some dry clothes and drove down to the Picnic area beside the Lake to eat our lunch before returning to the Hutt. The rain eased, although there were still some showers, but over in the Hutt Valley, it obviously hadn't rained for a while.

Participants were – Kate Livingston (leader), Bruce Miller, Russell Oliver, Heather Eskdale, Tania Hatfield, Pat and John Tristram.

Thanks to Kate for leading these two trips – the weather really defining them as springtime trips.

*Pat & John*

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