



# The Mouth 'n' Ear

## Wellington Tramping & Mountaineering Club Newsletter

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Spectacular views of Tauherenikau Valley  
and Marchant ridge. Sarah Fisher



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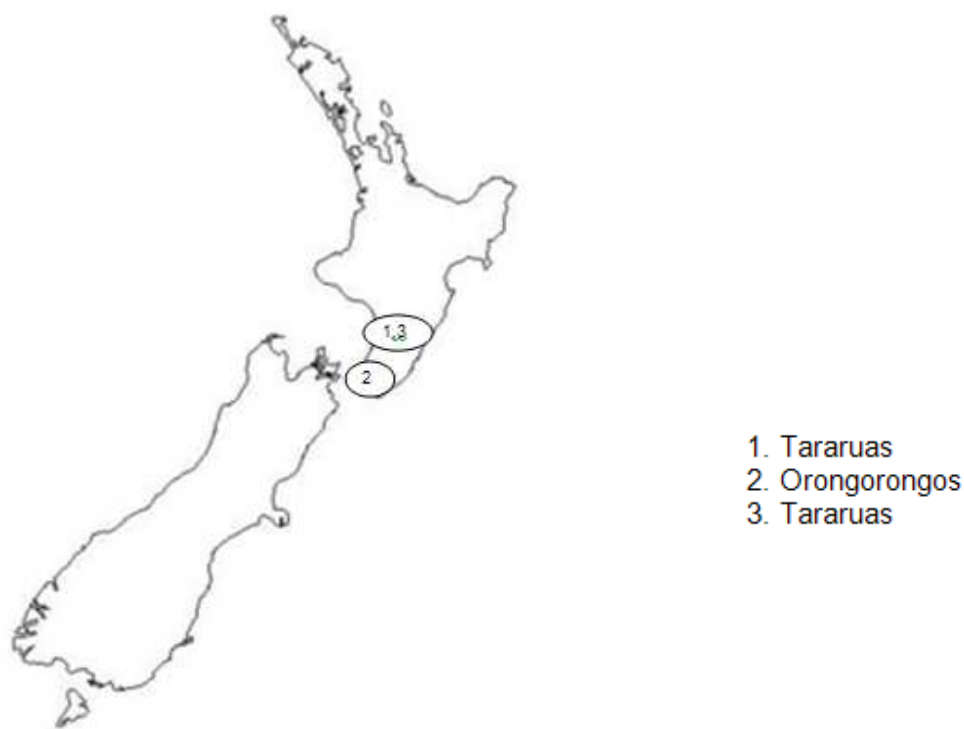
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# The Nature of Things

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Sharron Came, President



Kia ora fellow trampers

Spring has sprung! I know this because most days the weather is decidedly hormonal with sunshine, rain, wind and clouds all mixed together. The arrival of daylight saving enhances our ability to enjoy the mix. We have designed a similar level of variety with respect to the outdoor activities we offer through the trip schedule. You may have noticed that we are persisting with trail running and there is a kayaking trip although it is already over-subscribed. We're keen to get more interesting trips happening to balance out the traditional local day walks and tramps in the Tararuas and Ruahines.

Spring is a good time to plan Christmas trips. The Christmas – New Year – school holiday period provides a great opportunity to execute ambitious adventures to exotic places. If you have any ideas, or would like some help with trip planning or just want the goss on who is plotting what, get in touch with Amanda at [chiefguide@wtmc.org.nz](mailto:chiefguide@wtmc.org.nz)

Spring is a good time to up-skill. What new skills do you need to acquire to help improve your tramping, kayaking, biking or climbing experience? We usually run a Bushcraft course early in the year and we will likely do so again in 2013. We used to organise outdoor first aid courses but we have found it hard to get sufficient people to commit to a date so this year we are encouraging people to take responsibility for their own training. The next outdoor first aid course available in our region is scheduled for the weekend of November 23-25. If you are interested check out the link here [http://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/Training/training\\_results.asp](http://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/Training/training_results.asp).

Variety is the spice of Spring. We would love to run more tramping trips with a navigation focus and more trips where punters can learn about our indigenous flora and fauna, some gourmet and themed trips would be cool too. It has been too long since the Southern Crossing cross dressing trip! If you fancy leading educational or social trips let us know, don't wait till we start preparing the Summer schedule.

Spring is a good time to get out of the house. You don't need a television set to know that Wednesday night television is crap - may as well head along to club. In the past a few keen people have organised pre-club cycle trips, climbs at Fergs, (remember WTMC members get a discount on Wednesday nights), runs or catch ups at the kebab shop on Kent Terrace. If anyone wants to get the ball rolling with these activities just post on the Phorum or make an announcement on a Wednesday night. Likewise, the practice of slinking off to the pub after the Wednesday night talk is thriving. This provides a great opportunity for everyone to empty their wallets, tell tall stories, indulge in other forms of social intercourse, (only because it is mandated in the constitution of course), or chill. The current practice is to go for the hipster vibe offered by the Hop Garden in Pirie St, next to KFC. If you've been looking for us in the Welsh bar don't worry, the club hasn't turned teetotal.

We are always on the hunt for more people to help out with the social side of club life whether you choose to make the tea, prepare a slideshow or indulge in the often underrated practice of pimping the club to work colleagues or friends. Have a chat to Jenny or email her [social@wtmc.org.nz](mailto:social@wtmc.org.nz)

Spring 2012 is a good one for snow, especially in the North Island. Alan Higgins showed me some photos taken at Whakapapa last week – firm snow and plenty of it as well as calm, settled weather. Interesting clouds of steam rising off Ngauruhoe...  
[lodgebookings@wtmc.org.nz](mailto:lodgebookings@wtmc.org.nz).

Snowcraft 2012 is done and dusted. Big thanks to Jenny Beaumont, Steve Austin and Mike Phethean for their vital contributions and to the course participants who, with the possible exception of the punter who split his over-trousers, gave new meaning to the phrase “low maintenance”.

Spring is a great time to join us. Know someone who has been on loads of trips but hasn't quite gotten round to joining? Wave a membership application form under their nose. The 2012 Club Journal is coming soon, members get a copy for free and it is going to be stunning. [membership@wtmc.org.nz](mailto:membership@wtmc.org.nz)

## Track Talk

Amanda Wells, Chief Guide



Daylight saving has arrived, along with Spring's patchy weather. It signals the time to start thinking about your summer ambitions, as well as any training needed to achieve them! I am trying to write this column quickly so that I can go out for a run and practise my own advice.

Last month while enjoying a designated non-tramping holiday in Northland, Richard and I couldn't resist checking out the Kauri forests. The sub-tropical tree life is totally different from our beech and lowland forests in the lower North Island, and the size and height of all the podocarps spectacular. It felt like we had the bush to ourselves even on short walks, with few tourists venturing down the gravel roads or risking the theft-warning festooned carparks. A few river crossings took us deep into the Kauri forest, not so great in my running shoes but worth it for the sheer oldness of these majestic trees. The best experience in a holiday of great outdoor experiences (which did not include the new Northland “cycle trail” - imagine a gravel culvert through farmland regularly interspersed with non-ridable gates).

It's time to start thinking about our summer schedule (yes, already!). We need to get this published before Christmas, so we need to hold the trip planning meeting in early November. This means you've got roughly a month to get your ideas to me. Please email

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suggestions of road ends (you can include trip routes if you like, but just road ends is fine). Remember that this schedule will cover a few public holidays - Waitangi Day, Easter, Anzac Day – so there's opportunity to venture farther afield.

## Upcoming trips

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### 19-22 October Nelson Lakes – Labour weekend

Kayak	M	Marlborough Sounds	Kevin Cole
Tramp	EM	John Tait Hut	Barbara Keenan
			Ray Walker
Alp1	M	Mt Travers	Katy Glenie
Tramp	MF	Mole Tops	Paul Christoffel
Alp2	F	Mt Franklin	Sharron Came

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### 26-28 October Wellington day walks

Day	E	City to Sea	Helen Law
Day	EM	Sanctuary fenceline	Mike Phethean
Family	All	Baring Head	Marg McLachlan

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### 2-4 November Ruahines - Rangiwahia

Tramp	E	Rangiwahia Hut	Anna Lambrechtsen
			Barbara Keenan
Tramp	EM	Triangle Hut	Debbie Buck
Tramp	MF	Howletts Hut	David Heffernan
Tramp	MF	Pourangaki via Sawtooth	Bernie Smithyman
Family	All	Holdsworth Camping	Andrew Squires

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### 9-11 November Orongorongos – Guy Fawkes

Tramp	E	Paua Hut via Cattle Ridge and party	Mike Gilbert
Tramp	M	Paua Hut via Whakanui	Maarten Ruiters
Tramp	F	Papatahi – Paua Hut – South Saddle	Marie Henderson
Family	All	Paua Hut and party	Angela Gilbert
Alp1	F	Manukau	Mike Phethean

# Membership

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Helen Law, Membership officer



This month we welcome David Bakker joining us as senior member.

If you have recently changed your postal address or your contact detail needs updating, please email me [membership@wtmc.org.nz](mailto:membership@wtmc.org.nz) or send details to WTMC, PO Box 5068, Wellington.

Thank you.

## Lodge update

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Brian Goodwin, Ruapehu Lodge convenor



It is nearing the end of the ski season and we are continuing to get more snow. It was possible to ski back to the Lodge in the last couple of weeks. This season has not seen much snow on the lower part of the mountain but the upper mountain has reached the two metre mark.

The recent club ski week was a success even though numbers were down from last year. Four fine days out of five saw a heap of excellent skiing and tired bodies by the end of the week.

A couple of tips when up the mountain:

1. Don't text while riding up the T bar as the resulting splat into the lift pylon could result in an uncomfortable few days after. Those pylons don't bend.
2. Don't guess the amount of baking soda to put in your baking as the result is a massive explosion in the oven. As a consequence after several peoples scrubbing efforts the oven is now cleaner than at the start of the week.

There is space available for the school holidays and also for Labour weekend.

Also remember the Lodge is open for business out of the ski season so keep in mind that this is the place to go for weekends or holiday breaks. Bring friends or family and enjoy the mountain scene. There are plenty of walks on or off the mountain to be had. Contact Eric Evans (Lodge Booking Officer: [lodgebookings@wtmc.org.nz](mailto:lodgebookings@wtmc.org.nz)) or go to our website for Lodge information ([www.wtmc.org.nz/ruapehu-lodge](http://www.wtmc.org.nz/ruapehu-lodge)) or bookings ([www.wtmc.org.nz/lodgebookings](http://www.wtmc.org.nz/lodgebookings)).



# Trip reports

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## Tutuwai via Mt Reeves

18-19 August, Easy Medium, Tararuas (map #1)

Sarah Fisher

Punters: Craig McGregor (leader), Clare Todd, Debbie Buck, Scott Kemp, Lean Van Heerden, Rachel Fisher & Sarah Fisher

### Saturday –Waiohine Gorge Roadend –Cone Hut-Tutuwai Hut

We left the railway station at 8:30am on Saturday morning and drove to the Waiohine Gorge Roadend. We hit the track at about 10:45am by crossing the highest swing bridge in the Tararuas and took the left track that would take us through to Cone Hut. From there it was bit of incline over a muddy track to a height just below 700 metres. It was a really warm morning so the extra layers were quickly taken off but not quite hot enough to justify carrying 5 litres of water like what happened on the Iron Gate Tramp! Debbie, Clare and I were feeling enthusiastic and energetic so went on ahead a bit then waited for the others. Craig then kept us entertained with some tramping stories of people getting “geographically embarrassed” and the infamous Neill Forks -Winchcombe tramp. We realized by then that perhaps we should have asked for a reference before signing up for this tramp, although we were assured that all the punters had gotten back safely.

We stopped at Cone Hut for lunch and a brew. Even though I had done the Holdsworth-Kaitoke Tramp a couple of times I had never seen the name on the long drop before which was very appropriately named “Punga House of Pohy” complete with an air vent at the side.

After quite a long lunch break at Cone Hut we meandered down the final bit of track to Tutuwai, stopping to take photos and check out all the junctions where Bull Mound & Omega tracks led up to Marchant Ridge and Hells Gate – good ways to descend after a Southern Crossing rather than following along Marchant Ridge (do I hear sighs and complaints just at the mention of Marchant Ridge?).

When we got to the flats just in front of Tutuwai hut a few people were camping out in tents on the grass next to the river. The new DoC track up to the hut had been washed out so we did a little bypass around it.

We cooked a really nice dinner of Creme Fraiche, pasta and sausages and had skinny custard sauce for dessert. Unfortunately Craig had not read the WMTC recipe book with Auntie Rata’s advice on custard making: *Auntie Rata recommends that you try making it at home before cooking it in the hills. The phrase*





*“turn to custard” is in fact a reference to what happens if your custard execution is not up to scratch.*

Despite this, the custard turned out fine and was delicious. So kudos to Craig for that!!

There were a few other trampers and hunters staying at the hut that night so we had a chat with them. Two of them were into mountain races and mentioned the Mukamuka Munter so I blame them entirely for giving me the absolutely insane idea to go run it this year on limited training, instead of the Pelorus half marathon I was going to run that weekend just for a fun training run. Although I think I put the idea of the Queen Charlotte Ultra marathon in their minds so it's all fair game I guess.

### **Sunday - Tutuwai Hut over Mt Reeves track & Coal Stream track to Waiohine Gorge Roadend**



From the hut it was straight up to Mt Reeves which provided a good way to get warm on a cold winter's morning. The highest point at 899 metres provided spectacular views of Tauherenikau Valley and Marchant ridge.

We took the 'unofficial' Coal Stream track down which was actually very well marked. Points had to be awarded for creativity in the tracker markers. The markers were mostly yellow triangles but some were made of venetian blinds and others of snow foam! There was also some of the really 'old school' circular DoC track markers.



As we continued making our way down the Coal Stream track we could actually see our van in the car park (so close but oh so far away) through a gap in the trees. This created a discussion over the quickest way down - sliding down on ground sheets and snow foam. We decided to continue tramping

down so we would all end up at the van in one piece rather than in several.

When we got to the Coal Stream Crossing the paparazzi was out again taking photos of the final muddy slide down to the stream and crossing (no photos of anyone getting wet sadly).

We got to the van at about 1pm just as the rain started so that was very well timed.

Thanks to the our superb leader, Craig, for not only leading the trip with so much enthusiasm and doing the driving but also keeping us entertained with his many stories of tramping (moon-light southern crossings) and his biking journeys – much better than IT!

Thanks to all the punters who went on the trip for their good company over the weekend.

## **Mukamuka munted**

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15 September, Run - Fit, Orongorongos (map #2)

Sharron Came

Punters: Sharron Came, Gareth Morton, Eddie Hussey,  
Sarah Fisher, Harriette Carr, Phil Kendon, Kelvin Thiele

I'd heard about the Mukamuka Munter from friends and read a bit about it on the website. It sounded hard and I'd always had an excuse for giving it a miss until 2012 when I found myself listed next to the race in the Spring Trip Schedule. Even then I wasn't unduly worried thinking nobody would sign up or that the weather would force cancellation. However, as the inquiries started to trickle in and people starting getting in touch to organise transport it gradually dawned on me that I might have to actually enter. By the time race day rolled round we had two car loads of participants and good conditions. Throughout the week it looked like we may have to endure gale northerlies and rain but despite a few drops of the wet stuff early on race day by the time we all assembled at the South Coast for the race start the only issue was a bit of wind and a nagging feeling in the back of my mind that if I got lost on the route (as I had on the drive to the start), it would be difficult to live it down as a member of a tramping club.

At 8.34am we set off into the northerly and I didn't see most of the approximately 80 competitors again till the end. The race organiser has many contacts in the multi-sports community and the race participants all definitely looked like they were seasoned racers. The first 12km follows the coast and is mostly flat across rocks, grass and sand. The coastal views are glorious, this stretch is the easy bit and seasoned competitors run it as fast as they can to get a lead on the field for the rather more challenging haul up the Mukamuka Stream Valley.

By the time I reached the Mukamuka Stream Valley I knew I wasn't having one of my better running days with my legs feeling heavy and tired. The Valley follows the Mukamuka stream up to South Saddle (545m), the bottom of the valley is open but this gradually changes as you ascend and you are soon grovelling up a rugged stream bed through lots of debris and boulders. I enjoyed this stretch as it involved selecting the best line through

the various obstacles, something that comes easily to trampers. Plus I made it to the top without twisting any ankles or knees, taking any unscheduled swims, route deviations or any close encounters with stinging nettle.

The marshals at South Saddle were crouched just below the tree line checking everyone off as they arrived and feeding us crunchy bars and chocolate frogs. These volunteers were the real heroes of the day giving up their time to sit in the cold and make sure the participants did not get lost. When I emerged onto the saddle itself I realised why the marshals were in the bush. The wind was very strong necessitating a spurt of speed and utilisation of the 'crouch, tuck and hold' technique for a rapid traverse of the saddle. Back below the bush line the track descends straight down to the Orongorongo. Despite prior warnings about the risks of face plants I still managed to take a fall near the bottom of the descent, fortunately no damage other than a few bruises to my ego and left knee. The prize for collecting the most impressive and comprehensive array of bruises and grazes definitely went to Harriette!

Down at the river a group of us joined forces to figure out the route down and across to the spot where you are meant to join the Big Bend and then Orongorongo tracks. The River was easy to cross which was a relief, this is the single biggest hazard on the course and if the river is up an alternative course is used. On the main track and heading for home I managed to persuade my legs they should do some running now and they humoured me, sort of. I felt a bit mean but I actually managed to overtake a couple of people on the last 2km of road.

Despite finishing towards the tail end of the field I was greeted at the finish line by the Race Organiser Shane Ross who gave me a handshake as well as his congratulations. Some mates of his had even done some baking. The Mukamuka Munter is easily the most well organised trail run I've competed in. Shane, who has a great dry sense of humour and a big heart, does the whole thing on a shoestring budget charging competitors only \$25 each. The event is the type that once you've done it once you keep coming back and it deserves the Club's support. I hope that lots of members will continue to run the race in the years ahead. I know I'll be back next year. You can find out more about the Mukamuka Munter at this website: <http://www.betterthantv.co.nz/>

WTMC collectively had a great day out. Harriette Carr who has participated in this event every year except one since it started and was doing her first race in a year was the first Vet Women home. Paul Stephenson was the first Vet Man. Sarah Fisher, who will be a member as soon as she fills out the form right Sarah, came third in the Open Women category.





## Photos

From left to right top row: Gareth Morton; Eddie Hussey

Middle row: Eddie Hussy and Gareth Morton; Sharron Came and Gareth Morton

Bottom row: Eddie Hussey, Gareth Morton, Sarah Fisher, Sharron Came (on ground); Sarah Fisher proudly wearing her medal.

# Kaitoke – Tutuwai Hut return

1-2 September, Easy Medium, Tararuas (map #3)

David Heffernan

Punters: Jo Fink (leader), Meena Kadri, David Bakker, David Heffernan, Rory McLellan, Kay Steinkamp, Wei Min Ren

Originally we were supposed to be picking up the Moonlight Southern Crossing (FE) group on Sunday at midday-ish, but as that trip was called off we had a lot more freedom on departure times and return times. We left the station at a very reasonable 9am on Saturday morning, a nice change from the typical hurried Friday night departures.

As we pulled out of Wellington trip leader and driver Jo requested a volunteer to write the trip report. After an awkward silence I put my hand up, on the condition that somebody do something spectacularly funny over the course of the trip to provide material. Just as the other punters were about to breathe a sigh of relief Jo came to the party by eliminating some white and/or grey fauna. It became immediately apparent that we lacked a bird-expert on the trip, and Jo and Meena in the front seats spent the remainder of the 40-minute drive to Kaitoke arguing whether it was a seagull or a woodpigeon. After resolving the traditional Wednesday night gear-pickup miscommunications and numbering our Dave's we left the car park at 10am sharp.



Pre-departure at Kaitoke road end

Surprisingly none of the group had walked this section of the Tararuas before, so we were not quite sure what to expect. We found the Puffer Saddle to be not particularly puffy, and after a moderate rest at the bottom of the descent we headed onwards, over a couple of respectably sized slips and towards Smith Creek Shelter. The pace was relaxed, the weather cooperative, and we settled down for lunch on the riverbank just after midday. Over lunch I reminded the punters that I was still waiting for somebody to do something spectacularly funny, but now that I was already committed to writing the

trip report I wasn't getting a lot of buy-in.

Other than having our wilderness experience disturbed by a couple of lost airplanes the afternoon was peaceful and quiet and we had a relaxed walk to Tutuwai Hut, taking in a couple more rest stops on the way. We saw another beautiful white and/or grey bird early in the afternoon, and the woodpigeon vs. seagull debate resumed in earnest. In order to avoid conflict we declared that all birds would be classified as seagulls for the remainder of the trip. There was talk of upgrading the trip to an "M" after what Meena described as a "millisecond bushwhack", but the group decided it probably wasn't warranted.



At the Hut people unpacked, and there were a few surprises gear-wise. Dave #1 had brought a coffee grinder. As in *an actual coffee grinder*. It wasn't a hugely efficient piece of gear, taking the better part of an hour to make a round of coffees, but the group voted the trade-off worth it.

Meena wanted everybody to play "Who am I?", a game where you have to ask yes-or-no questions to guess the person/character on your head, and brought cigarette papers just for that purpose, which she licked before slapping against our foreheads. There was heated debate over whether or not "Am I a fictional character or a real person born before 1950?" was a yes-or-no question, with battle lines largely drawn up with IT and physical scientists on one side and everybody else on the other. After clarifying the rules for a conflict-free game Rory, with "God" licked to his forehead, lead the restart with "Am I a fictional character?" Conflict resumed. 50 minutes later at the conclusion of the first round we aborted the game and agreed that it would no longer be played on club trips.

Trip Leader Jo mentioned that she always looked forward to dinner because, despite writing up a detailed list of ingredients for each individual to bring, somebody always turned up with a surprise. Sure enough, Kay delivered. After being assigned "300g beef, cut up and frozen" for the Beef Stroganoff he got a bit confused and instead produced a pack of "Frozen Beef Nuggets". After laughter subsided Kay asked how he did, and we assigned him a mark of 68% - the proportion of beef in his Beef Nuggets.

Dinner debate was lively and took in the alcohol purchasing age vote, tramping theory, why Palmerston North is better than Wellington, and fury at people using nouns as verbs.

Lights-out was 9:30pm. Snoring was subdued, and the group woke leisurely after a good night's sleep.

We received a bit of a breakfast bonus when Wei Min returned with an egg, presumably a seagull's, that he found floating in the river. All were suspicious, but it looked and tasted as you would expect of an egg, so we divvied it up 7 ways.

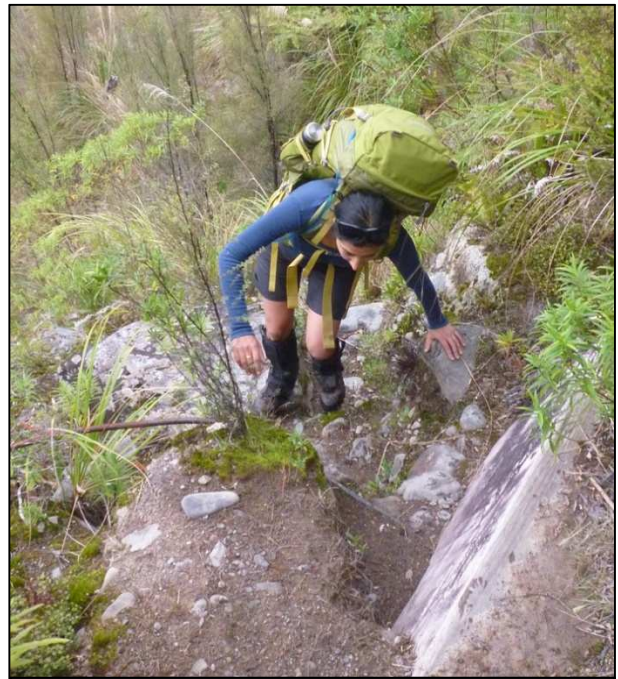
We left the hut at 9am on the Sunday, and despite the lack of overnight rain the track somehow felt more muddy than on the trip in. Nevertheless, we still made reasonable time, and were back at our favoured lunch spot before midday.



Wei Min carves up the oversized seagull egg for breakfast



Bush seagull



Meena negotiates one of the steep-ish sections



Mud was knee-deep in places - nothing a pair of gaiters wouldn't fix. (Photo c/- Rory)





Lunch on the return trip

The weather on Sunday was overcast and it was a bit chilly compared to the day before, but otherwise pleasant. After renegotiating the slips we stopped for a final break and de-jacketed for the last uphill section. Arrival back at the van was just before 3pm, so fairly consistent at six hours each way, although it would be walkable in about four and a half hours at EM pace if you were a bit more stingy with the breaks. It was a very nice two-day tramp, and seemed quite beginner-friendly.

Thanks to Jo for architecting the trip, and to a great bunch of punters for bringing the entertainment.

## Other bits and bobs

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### Congratulations to Ian Bunckenburg

At the Search and Rescue AGM on 30 August 2012, retiring member Ian Bunckenburg - 'Buncks' - received a long service award in recognition of his many years of service to search and rescue in the Wellington region. As well as his time spent on operations, Bunks has spent a considerable amount of time mentoring junior team members and passing on his experience to others.

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### Nine Great Walks in nine weeks... it could be you

Air New Zealand has joined forces with New Zealand's Department of Conservation to protect and enhance some of New Zealand's most inspiring natural environments. Together we are on a global search for keen walkers to get amongst it and take on all of New Zealand's nine Great Walks in nine weeks.



Our Great Walkers will be covering over 550km of dazzling terrain from the alpine peaks of the Tongariro Northern Circuit to the rainforests of the Heaphy Track, the golden beaches of the Abel Tasman Coast, a stunning river journey and the glacial valleys of one of the finest tracks in the world, the Milford Track.

A moderate level of fitness and a can-do attitude along with plenty of personality and character are key.

Tell us why you should be chosen for this truly epic Kiwi adventure of a lifetime at [greatwalkernz.com](http://greatwalkernz.com).

Get in quick because entries close 22 October 2012.

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## WTMC website update

The website users' list has been updated so all your contact details should now be up to date.

Even better, there are 28-odd new members who have been added to the website users' list. If you're one of these users, you should have received a 'welcome' email with some details about how to log onto the website.

### The benefits of logging onto the WTMC website

Logging onto the WTMC website enables you to search for other members' details, and then contact them by phone or email.

### How to log onto the WTMC website

If you are a member and you are not sure how to access the website with your username and password, or even what your username or password actually is, email [webmaster@wtmc.org.nz](mailto:webmaster@wtmc.org.nz). I'll sort it out.

### How to find member's details on the WTMC website

To find a member's details, do the following.

1. Log into the website with your username and password. (If you're a member and don't have a username – email [webmaster@wtmc.org.nz](mailto:webmaster@wtmc.org.nz) and I'll sort you out.) ‘
2. Click in the 'search' box just below the login button and enter part of the first or last name of the person you are searching for.
3. The results will come back - these are the results for searching the website.
4. Click on the 'members' tab of the search box to see the members, their name and phone number(s) who match your search.
5. To send an email to a member, click on their username (in bold blue), click the 'contact' tab and type a message in.

Note there is currently a problem doing this with Google Chrome. We're working on that. In the meantime use another browser.

### **But that's too hard! / There's not enough info there! / I don't want my phone number all over the internet!**

This is the best place to talk about all these issues is on the WTMC forum on the home page of [www.wtmc.org.nz](http://www.wtmc.org.nz).

But if you don't want some or all of your details available, email me at [webmaster@wtmc.org.nz](mailto:webmaster@wtmc.org.nz) and I'll fix it right away.

Mike Gilbert

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## **Fancy tramping near the Wairarapa coast?**

There are three DoC walks near the Wairarapa coast that may be of interest to you:

1. Rockyhill: 6km return and has great views.
2. Honeycomb Rock: a flat 10km return along the beach and passes seal colony.
3. Oumakura Stream Bush Reserve: 400 acres of nice bush to walk around, with lots of wild deer living that may be seen at times. A relatively new reserve, it has only a couple of tracks in place at present, so contact Mike Milburn on 06 3727570 or email me [mmilburn821@gmail.com](mailto:mmilburn821@gmail.com) if you'd like to be guided.

There is farm and beach accommodation nearby, or stay in Greytown and drive out for a walk.

The Flatpoint beach ([www.flatpoint.co.nz](http://www.flatpoint.co.nz)) is also nearby if you like paua, crayfish and swimming (if weather permits!)

For more information on any of the above contact Mike Milburn on 06 3727570 or email me [mmilburn821@gmail.com](mailto:mmilburn821@gmail.com)

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**Deadline for submissions to the November 2012 WTMC newsletter: Monday 29 October**

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