

**1976****PRESIDENT**

Mr. Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting mentioning that although there were a few of the old faces present there were many new ones which augurs well for the club's future. He had little to report as he was out most of the year due to pressure of work but suggested that the money be raised to keep the truck running especially as the licence had been extended.

**CHIEF GUIDE**

Owen Cox reported on the number of trips run during the past year. The lack of truck drivers restricted the trip running considerably, and were especially felt at Christmas, however very successful summer trips were run in the South Island using public transport.

32 members present at the AGM

**1977****PRESIDENT**

Ray Johnson welcomed everyone to the meeting, mentioning the good turnout. He unfortunately had not been active in the club for most of the year due to pressure of work. He did not expect to be available for the coming year either. He urged the club executive to build up the membership and to remember the truck license allowed trips anywhere in NZ. It was obvious more trip leaders were urgently required and he called for a response to this problem

**CHIEF GUIDE**

The Chief Guide reported on the number of trips run during the past year. The loss of Owen Cox was regretted and the fact that the truck was off the road a great deal greatly depleted the numbers who could go on trips. AN effort to boost membership had been made through publicity in the local paper which had proved very rewarding. Also successful had been liaison with Kapiti College, a number of well attended Sunday trips and newcomers weekends being the result. Unfortunately the fact that the truck was so often unavailable meant that this programme was curtailed. Now the truck was running again things should improve.

37 members present at AGM

**1978****PRESIDENT**

Last year was difficult – not without its ups & downs. Parawai TC is a small club with fairly young and in experienced membership. There were two main difficulties: the truck & finance and the load being carried by a few.

Tramping: quite a few cancelled trips, partly lack of support, partly transport. Still suffering from a loss to Christchurch [??]. The chief guides report will provide detail on trips but one observation is that there is a vicious cycle of last minute names / trip uncertainty / last minute names. When there are enough names for the truck then we

will have a good trip with good revenue. More certainty with transport and more commitment should lead to improvement.

Truck: Run of bad luck and repairs gave much off road time e.g. no summer trip. The driving and maintenance all fall on Fred. Hopefully more drivers will spread the load and no major repairs will allow an improved bank balance.

Finance: Still weak with repairs a big drain. Two encouraging events – cardboard market – can again sell paper. The idea of billing members for subs seems to be a success. The financial membership of 60 is a considerable improvement on last year. The committee has taken a tougher line on people who don't turn up – problem seems to have been reduced. No grant from the Rec [Recreation] funds – will try again. Fundraising needs to continue and be increased if we wish to buy a replacement vehicle.

Hut: Continued heavy use. Still suffers vandalism (mainly booze ups) but not much repair work. The solution may be a locked gate or more trampers using it.

Hydro Schemes: Good news for wrong reasons. The high dam in the Otaki is off but a low dam is being studied

Management Plan: Forest Service has put out a management plan. A great amount of detail but two undesirable aspects: closure of tracks & huts and proposals for milling. The committee issued public statements, prepared submissions and argued vigorously at the WAMC. Thanks to John & Owen Cox for their work here.

Committee: Fortunate to have some hardworking committee members. One person resigned to go to Christchurch and was replaced. Several others left Kapiti but not the committee giving quorum problems. Although most members gave good value I would particularly like to thank Fred Rowland (Truck), June Rowland (Secretary) and Lyndsay Fletcher (Chief Guide)

The problems won't just vanish. We can look back over the first nine years and see how far we have come. We can look forward to next year which will include the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations.

I have enjoyed being president.

David Cox

## **CHIEF GUIDE**

Lyndsay presented his report in which he stressed the problems posed by members not bothering to put their names down for trips and having to phone around to find the list.

Lyndsay Fletcher

36 members present at AGM

## **1979**

### **PRESIDENT**

No report is on file but the following notes are in the minutes:

David Cox presented his report. Commented on the high level of interest on trips and club night revival. Also the new magazine. Finance seems generally encouraging. Need to maintain the pressure we exert on maintaining the natural environment. Special thanks to Fred for his work on the truck, June for her secretary work and Allan as Treasurer

There was also a Secretaries report filed:

Each AGM we have a President's report and a Chief Guide's report so this year why not a Secretary's report!

On looking back over the minutes of the last AGM reading the difficulties mentioned I feel they have been largely overcome, due partly to more reliable transport and greatly increased attendance at club nights. Leadership should also ease up if the up & coming lads with us now do not leave the district too soon.

It was in May 1976 we decided we must be more positive about increasing our membership. Publicity at Kapiti College and through the observer brought good response but we were dogged by bad luck. The truck was off the road for months in 1977 and the winter weather, one of continuing cold southerly wet weekends, making day trips most unattractive for newcomers. As a consequence we lost many of the contacts gained through the earlier membership drive. 1978 was better but once again the truck was unavailable due to lack of drivers or stringent MoT requirements and trip attendance fell off.

Towards the end of 1978 with the truck running regularly, more contact was made with the colleges, this time also with Paraparaumu College which proved very fruitful. Although no large summer trip was run interest remained high with good turnouts nearly every weekend, sometimes cars as well as the truck being used until May when its motor had to be reconditioned. However many trips have still managed to run with a corresponding increase of revenue to the club.

I feel that at the present time the Club is in "very good heart" and I am positive it will now go from strength to strength.

I have personally enjoyed my past term as Secretary and my contacts with all club members.

June Rowland

## **CHIEF GUIDE**

Keith Carpenter read Lyndsay's report which stressed the increased activity of the club in numbers on club trips and attendance at club nights. Improvements in the truck and have made it more pleasant to travel in. Special thanks to June in encouraging members and as secretary

47 members present at the AGM

## **1980**

### **PRESIDENT**

The minutes record that Dave Cox presented a report, but neither notes nor a copy of the report have been filed.

### **CHIEF GUIDE**

The minutes record that Lyndsay Fletcher presented a report, but neither notes nor a copy of the report have been filed.

38 members present at the AGM

**1981****PRESIDENT**

From notes in the minutes:

Owen Cox presented his report which commented on the good year culminating in the truck replacement which led to bigger and better trips being run. Some strenuous fundraising efforts have been embarked on which resulted in a build up of funds, the auction & sale before Xmas being especially successful netting \$1000, Thanks to members who lent money to enable the truck to be purchased & reconditioned completely.

The Parawai Lodge is in good order.

We are sorry to note Ray Ede's death. Ray was the first Chief Guide of the Parawai's and one whose enthusiasm resulted in the club being formed.

The club has continued to be active in conservation measures as there is increasing pressure on National resources.

The President felt it had been an enjoyable year.

Owen Cox

**CHIEF GUIDE**

Notes from minutes:

Lyndsay Fletcher gave his report mentioning increasing numbers on trips, increasing frequency of trips running and availability of truck all making for a successful and easy to run club. He thanked those who had shared the work of trip leading and organizing. The task is now to pay off the loans and build up a reserve for future commitments.

Gear would need to be replaced very soon as it had fallen into disrepair with the preoccupation with the truck. He suggested a concentration on trips further away now that we had a reliable vehicle.

Lyndsay Fletcher

36 members present at the AGM

**1982****PRESIDENT**

From notes in the minutes:

David Cox mentioned that the club has completely paid all debts in relation to the replacement truck including all loans from members. Some excellent trips had been run since the acquisition of the new vehicle.

The hut was in good order.

The club continues to take an interest in conservation matters, the latest being the threat to the Otaki River by the proposed hydro development. This should be watched by members.

He remarked that it should always be remembered that the committee should set the rules by which the club operates never overlooking the fact that all members are equal.

He considered that the club had a healthy future, great truck and good people.

He thanked all those who had worked so hard, especially June who has been Secretary for seven years and had helped keep membership up by contact with college people. Also Richard Barber for his work with the truck and organizing trips.

## **CHIEF GUIDE**

Notes from minutes

Lyndsay mentioned in his report the successful running of most trips. The summer trip to Aspiring and Pelorous was gratifying as it had been several years since the club truck had been suitable to take to the South Island.

The quality and availability of Trip Leaders has improved. It was pleasing to see the number of college people on trips, liaison with the local colleges having been very good, especially with Mr Alan Corry of Kapiti College. Two successful bush-craft courses have been held.

Trips further a-field have been possible with a more reliable truck – Egmont, Ruapehu, Kaimanawas and Ruahines. Interesting and different trips have been run because the ideas have been put forward by members – which are excellent.

Gear has improved with the purchase of two new fly's but more gear is needed. Ian Berryman has done a good job taking on the job of Gear Custodian.

Search and Rescue teams have done a good job on four exercises and on searches.

Lyndsay Fletcher.

43 members present at the AGM

## **1983**

### **PRESIDENT**

From notes in the minutes:

This year the normal activities of the club have carried on as usual. Owen expressed concern that the number of people turning up for winter tramps had fallen but this may have been because of the unusually bad winter conditions.

The summer trip had been very successful but bad weather had marred the end of the trip.

Owen commented that the committee had run well this year even though there had been a large “defection” of committee members, Anne Boniface leaving to go south and Richard Barber and Kerry Hudson also leaving during the year.

Owen noted that there had been a lack of committee meetings due to SAR callouts etc.

Owen Cox

## **CHIEF GUIDE**

Notes from minutes:

Ian Berry mentioned that he had taken over from Rick halfway during the year. He thanked Steve Hudson & Lyndsay Fletcher for helping him out until now but he now had to step down due to family commitments.

He mentioned that Rick was missed by the club for all his funny quirks.

Ian also noted a drop in the number of people coming on winter tramps recently. Ian raised the point that although the truck was still running well it would pay to keep in mind that it will have to be replaced in the future and it might be a good idea to start saving for a new truck now – maybe some special fund raising efforts. Ian noted that the truck was underpowered for the sort of usage it gets and this is causing premature wear and tear to occur.

31 members present at the AGM

## **1984**

### **PRESIDENT**

No written report – notes from AGM minutes:

Lyndsay began his long report by commenting:

That his reign had been short due to taking over from Owen when he left for the big city of Harihari at Christmas

He thanked the committee for electing him to the position and for the way the committee worked together with considerable success throughout the year.

He commented that yet again the balance sheet was not ready for the AGM but thanks to Mike we now have a guaranteed list of financial members.

He thanked the Vice Presidents, Robyn, Rex & John for the good job they had done.

The truck had been a cause of quite [considerable] expense but was a great asset to the club. Housing the truck was going to be of major concern in the next few months.

Thanks to Rex & Robyn for their great efforts with the newsletter – the printing is excellent – hope it will continue.

An encouraging sign is that quite a few new members are here to stay. Importance of easy trips and the need for fitter people to share the job of leading them. Day trips had been few but successful. The summer trip was a success and enjoyable.

Lyndsay Fletcher

1984 is the first year Ian Bade audited the Annual Accounts though there is no formal motion appointing him the auditor in the 1983 AGM minutes.

### **CHIEF GUIDE**

No report was filed in the minutes

25 members were present at the AGM

## **1985**

### **PRESIDENT**

No written report – notes from AGM minutes:

Thanks to the committee for their help since my election as president and for the way the committee had worked together with considerable success throughout the year.

The accounts were not ready for the AGM but Mike was thanked for his list of financial members.

The Vice Presidents are thanked for doing such a good job.

The truck has been quite a cause of considerable expense but was a great asset. Housing the truck could prove to be a problem in the future.

It has been encouraging that quite a few members are here to stay. I would like to stress the importance of easy trips and the need for fitter people to share the job of leading them.

Day trips have been few but successful. The summer trip was a great success and enjoyed by all.

Lyndsay Fletcher

### **CHIEF GUIDE**

Points listed in minutes of AGM: (No actual report)

It seems to have rained for 12 months. The August trip to Arthur's Pass was a memorable one. Many thanks to the people who made the summer trip run so successfully. It is 8 years since the club has started running summer trips.

There have been many pleasurable club nights thanks to Lyndsay and Tony. The last trip schedule meeting had to be abandoned for a search and there was a great willingness to get together teams.

Thank you to Steve for producing such high calibre search teams.

The Hut has been under negotiation for sale to the Forest Service and the bush craft and hut working parties all ran well.

To echo Lyndsay it is great to see so many new members – as it seems that there are a lot of people around Paraparamu who don't know we are here. We certainly need to boost our publicity stunts so long as they are not too dangerous.

I have enjoyed everyone's company on trips – constructive in many ways.

The objects for next year are enthusiasm to increase membership.

Richard Barber

40 members were present at the AGM

## **1986**

### **PRESIDENT**

No Report in the minutes of the AGM

### **CHIEF GUIDE**

Points listed in minutes of AGM: (No actual report)

Summer trip did not happen last year – all it needs this year is someone with enthusiasm to organize it.

Trip Schedule – more people can put their names down to lead trips as there are often people on the trip who can help.

Sad to see Dave P go – did a good job.

Lyndsay – a great asset to the club and we should hopefully see him again.

Club Hut – run down due to the fact that it is being shifted to a new location.

Truck – not being used to its full potential. It can run more efficiently.

Rick Barber

No record was kept of the number present at the AGM

## **1987**

### **PRESIDENT**

It was with shock and grief that I was the one that took over from our duly elected president, Tony Searanke and it is

tonight we miss him and our many absent friends from the meeting. We miss Tony because of his fine qualities and great enthusiasm he showed as a person and for this job. It is with pleasure that that we will all be able to look, given time, at the Club photo album named after Tony. However we must continue, hence on with this rave/report.

The Club has in my view, had a successful year, we have seen changes most for the better. Many new faces are to be seen heading off and making good use of the best thing our country has to offer. I am particularly pleased with the now broad spread of age from very young to not so young. This has meant changes; changes in the type and variation of trips.

I have been pleased to see the willingness and enthusiasm shown by many to take the load off sometimes overloaded shoulders, and spread the burden of running the Club more evenly; this makes everybody's job easier to do well.

Many thanks to Donna for her years' service to the Club as secretary, I think about four -thanks Donna, and of course thanks to Jenny for a great secretarial job, one she has indicated she is prepared to continue. Also thanks to Barry for his usual super efficient job as gear custodian and Treasurer.

Thanks to Michele for a dedicated job as Chief Guide -a difficult job well done.

The Club was, I think, successful in making the correct move regarding the Parawai Lodge shifting, definitely a job well done and providing invaluable service at Otaki Forks. Thanks must go to all Club members and Ian Cooksley and D.O.C.

Changes in numbers have seen the truck used less this year by the Club, something that must be looked into by the new committee. I believe more local publicity about the Club will see the truck run more often. I recommend an enthusiastic publicity officer be appointed by the new committee to see to this task.

Thanks must go to Andrew Saager and Kapiti College for their assistance in helping make the truck viable this year. In coming years, I think the overall truck policy will have to be looked into.

Club nights have definitely taken on a more interesting flavour over the last year with speakers and films being more regular. Thanks to all those who have helped with these especially of course, the tea people, Steve, Wendy, and Doreen -great.

I would like to see the Club become more involved with conservation issues; issues that do affect us as it would be unwise to be complacent with even a D.O.C. I therefore suggest we appoint a committee member to be a Club conservation officer to keep us all informed of important issues.

In conclusion, a successful year and we look forward to many more.

Rick Barber

## **CHIEF GUIDE**

Once again over the past twelve months, the tramping club has been active on most weekends throughout a variety of national and forest parks. In particular, we have seen many trips, into most road ends of our local Tararua Forest Park.

During the year, we have seen an increase in the number of day trips, owing to an increase in their popularity, especially during the winter months. Long trips away during public, school and summer holidays have also been very popular.

I would like to thank the many people who have contributed to the success of all Club trips over the past year; in

particular, those experienced club members who have put in time and effort to help less experienced club members, for without trip leaders, the trips cannot run.

The Club has an enthusiastic core of members, trained to search, and rescue, lost or injured trampers. All search and rescue exercises have been well attended, keeping skills updated. Thanks to Steve Hudson and Jenny Brown for their work as S.A.R. co-ordinators.

I would like to offer my congratulations to Steve Edwards who has recently been elected an executive member of the Federated Mountain Club.

We ran another very successful bush craft weekend, earlier in the year, which was open to non-club members to gain a practical understanding of bush craft.

Finally, as a Club, we must continue to attract new members by offering a variety of trips, suitable for all ages and experience. We need the support of all members to ensure the Club's continued success for the next year.

Michele Coghlan

30 members present at the AGM

## **1988**

### **PRESIDENT**

The club is running well with many enjoyable trips taking place. The club nights have gone well and should continue to, especially with the addition of our new club slide projector – a Braun Paximate. Thanks to Lyndsay Fletcher for arranging it.

Thanks must also go to all those who help with the tea, especially Doreen & Trev and all those who bring slides and arrange guest speakers. Any ideas are always welcome.

The truck continues to go well and we must thank all those keen members involved in truck working parties. A new roof, front tyre and water pump were added during the year. Also thanks to Kapiti College for an excellent place to park the truck and their contribution towards a healthy balance sheet.

The hut condition is improving with the cooperation of members and DoC staff. DoC deserves praise for their assistance as do all those who helped on hut working parties.

The SAR section has had an average year and thanks to Jenny for running this side of the club.

Jenny has had a busy year as secretary, as well as magazine editor and photo coordinator. Her efforts are appreciated by all – thanks Jenny. Next year we will be spreading more jobs around more people.

The Chief Guide changed hands during the year. Steve did a good job before heading south in February, fortunately Michele was willing to step in during the year and continue where Steve left off. Well done Steve and Michele. Chief Guide like many of the committee positions requires commitment to be done well.

Thanks must go to our Treasurer, Barry, who has done a meticulous job of keeping the club finances in order. Fortunately Barry is willing to continue for another year but job commitments have kept him away lately. During

Barry's absences Murray has been willing to step in and assist. Thank you Murray – well done. Finally Ian deserves a thank you for auditing our books and keeping us above board regarding Incorporated Society requirements.

The club continues to take an active interest in FMC and WAMC with John Cox representing us on those organizations. We are indeed fortunate to have such organizations to watch over happenings in our back country and ensure it remains intact.

Thanks must go to the whole committee, particularly the younger people who find it hard to attend meetings and may feel they aren't really needed; you are needed and most appreciated. The experience you gain can only do well for both you and the club – well done.

What of the following year? I would like to see new faces having a go on the committee and of course new members joining up with the club as they did last year. Also a contribution of safe, enjoyable trips in to the back country can be looked forward to. I would like to see members continue to take an active interest in protecting our interests by writing to MPs & newspapers over controversial issues affecting our back country.

In conclusion I have enjoyed this year as president of a happy club that gets on and enjoys itself. I am prepared to stand again this year and continue but am happily prepared to step down should anyone else be elected. I would like to say that if elected I would like to make next year my last year as President for a while.

Rick Barber

## **CHIEF GUIDE**

I took over the Chief Guides job after Steve Edwards went south to Christchurch so I am presenting this report on his behalf also.

The club has had many weekend and day trips over the last year with only a small number being rescheduled or cancelled. Trips to the Tararuas have been well supported, likewise trips further a-field: Arthur's Pass & Mt Ruapehu last winter, the Victoria, Temple & Huxley Forest parks on the summer trip; the Easter break saw a truck load of members in the Urewera National Park; Anzac weekend in the Egmont National Park and Queen's Birthday in the Ruahines. I am confident the club's level of enthusiasm will continue to see future trips well supported.

It is encouraging to note the number of new faces on club trips over the last year – may this continue. We have run a greater number of day trips and easy/medium trips to cater for them.

Finally I would like to thank all trip leaders without whom trips would not be able to run. I hope that in the coming year club members will be as generous with their time and talents.

Michele Barber

27 members present at the AGM

## **1989**

### **PRESIDENT**

This has been a good year overall for the club. The committee has served the membership well. Highlights of the year are of course the many enjoyable trips members have taken part in. The purchase of a club slide projector has proved

very worthwhile helping provide many enjoyable club nights.

The club has seen a major change with the introduction of the DoC user pays system being applied to our hut at Otaki Forks. The system is still in its infancy. It still requires some aspects to be reviewed if it is to become a more generally accepted system.

The truck is still capable of providing the club with excellent, cheap & convenient transport but requires patronage on a regular basis to realize its true potential.

Socially the club has performed well with a successful dinner, gourmet trip and planned 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner.

All in all a good year with the club being able to look forward to another 20 years.

R Barber

### **CHIEF GUIDE**

Once again I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all those who have contributed towards the successful running of trips over the last year. A special thanks to those who have organized and lead their first trip throughout the year.

One of the most enjoyable trips was the summer trip to Fiordland with a creditable nineteen people. We have also visited many other parks around NZ and of course our local hills, the Tararuas. I am pleased with the number of members out regularly on trips even if there are insufficient numbers to run the truck. I hope that the clubs current level of enthusiasm will continue next year.

Michele Barber

18 members present

## **1990**

### **PRESIDENT**

The years highlight was the 20th Club anniversary function held at the pleasant and homely restaurant on the Otaki Forks road. It was great to have so many previous members along as well as a good turnout of current members.

During the year the clubs social aspects brought a marriage to fruition and a new tramper was born (with feet ready for her father's boots).

Club meetings have continued to be well served with slide presentations from Rick, Paul, Bob, Murray, with Lyndsay throwing in the odd show. The clubs meeting venue at the community centre has had a significant charge increase and is under demolition plans. We will be investigating alternative venues, which however must be stable and pleasant to use.

Successful Xmas and Easter trips were held with Rick providing good stewardship of the Xmas trip. The club has presented full trip lists over last summer and this winter and a new list will be out soon.

Attendance at meetings and on trips swelled last year with an influx of people. However we have now come back to a bit below average strength. This is not necessarily cause for great concern but every opportunity to get interested people along should be grabbed.

The truck has had little use apart from the Xmas trip but continues to be well looked after by Kapiti College.

We had a busy year with SAR callouts and we were able to muster a team each time. The club performed well at the SAREX in the Rimutakas last November. It is pleasing to have strong interest in SAR work being expressed by younger members.

Club equipment is adequate and in working order.

The clubs hut at Otaki Forks is in good order and being well looked after by the caretaker and users.

The FMC, which is an umbrella group for tramping clubs, has reviewed its role, and while we do not expect a departure from core activities of conservation lobby group and advocacy, we can expect a broadening of its support role.

Club finances are adequate and I would recommend that we continue with our practise of having meetings self funding and surplus truck fees going into the truck replacement fund.

The surplus money from the 20th anniversary dinner was donated to the Tararua Museum Trust and the club gave a grant to a new hut in the Wanganui area in response to an appeal from the local tramping club.

I thank all committee members for the work done this year.

Marshall Hyland

## **CHIEF GUIDE**

No report in the minutes

21 members present at the AGM

## **1991**

### **PRESIDENT**

During the year we had another tramper born and one more on the way. Your President kept up the marriage average, although at the cost of a temporary diversion to house redecorating activities.

Club meetings have been noticeable for the absence of your President who has been learning square-dancing. Next year he will be more in attendance. Rick has filled the gap, with Paul and our thanks go to their continuing slide presentations, with the assistance of other members. On occasions next year I will be able to chip in with some video clips of the hills and tramping.

We have welcomed the new civil defence Officer for the Kapiti Council into the club and have had many club members volunteer for Civil Defence duties for which we are planned to commence training later this year.

We continue to use the Community Centre for meetings but are concerned at the ever increasing hire charges. Attendance at meetings and on trips has been quiet, but we have in the club a dedicated core of people who will be added to by the family groups and the summer trampers. We lost some keen people this as school leavers moved on to other areas, but we can be proud of the good grounding we gave them in safe and enjoyable tramping.

A successful Xmas trip was had to the Whirinaki Conservation Park, with the fit group diverting to the Ureweras for a

day. The truck served us well on the summer trip although it apparently saved its worst for a later Kapiti College trip when it misbehaved with distinction.

The truck has had very little club use, but is well looked after at the Kapiti College and is giving a good return on our investment and supplying funds for its replacement by rental.

The club sent a team to both the Wellington Sarex and to the Horowhenua Sarex. We were complimented on our navigation on the Wellington Sarex. It has been a quiet year for SAR callouts, however Jenny has done a good job with SAR liaison and has organised people for the outdoor first aid course in August.

Club equipment could be examined this year and an upgrade/replacement programme funded.

The club hut at Otaki forks is in good order and looked after by the caretaker and users.

The FMC has prepared a 5 year plan which involves broadening its role, appointing a full-time development officer, and having the executive members visit clubs. June Rowlands an ex-member was appointed to the Wellington Conservation Board.

Club finances are adequate. We should continue having meetings self funding.

I thank committee members for their work this year and wish everyone happy and safe tramping.

Marshall Hyland

## **CHIEF GUIDE**

No report in the minutes

22 members present at the AGM

## **1992**

### **PRESIDENT**

It has been a moderate year in terms of tramping activity. However for each of us there are always the memorable trips! For me these were the trip to Kapiti Island on the Sunday of Queen's Birthday Weekend on a fantastic day, when the birds were really friendly and the company was great.

I was very lucky to have the good times carry through to the Monday where Phil, Paul, Eric and I had an adventurous trip up to top of a very icy Mt Holdsworth. This year we have been introducing people to tramping with us and with a regular turn-up of new faces, we will continue with this. Thanks to a great display at Coastlands organised by Andrew and attended by club members, the club got some useful exposure to the community at large and we've had several referrals from this.

A successful bush craft weekend was held, with thanks to those who gave the benefit of their experiences, and special thanks to Phil for putting in the organising work. Phil has put in quite an effort organising tramps but I think it's fair to reflect Phil's disappointment in some of the trips not going. Ultimately it's over to us as the club members to get out on club trips and build up good friendships amongst ourselves. It can be a bit overawing going out for the first few times with experienced people who have done a lot together, but I can say with confidence that this is a friendly club, and you will always be made welcome and given good advice.

The club SAR team entered the Wellington SARIEST this year after a break and won the Test with good solid performances in all areas of SAR work. We had 2 callouts this year but not for the full team.

The club is recognised as a useful part of the local Civil Defence resources. We are comfortably accommodated for our fortnightly meetings in the CD room.

As you will see from the Treasurers report, we have contained costs quite well, but the new committee should revisit the use of the club truck and possible replacement strategies.

I would like to record my thanks to the club officers, especially to Phil as Chief Guide, Murray as Treasurer, Val as Secretary, and acknowledge the work put in by Jenny as our SAR co-ordinator and by Rick with the truck. I also give thanks to Ian for auditing our accounts as he has done willingly for many years.

I look forward to seeing some of our established members starting to appear on trips with the next generation of club trampers.

To all club members I extend best wishes for good times in the hills, not to mention the odd rivers and islands.

Marshall Hyland

### **CHIEF GUIDE**

No report in the minutes

20 members present at the AGM

## **1993**

### **PRESIDENT**

We have had a good year of building up numbers, skills, experience and public recognition. It is very pleasing to note our new members are getting out oil trips and staying with the club. Our revamp of the trip list to alternate day and overnight trips, weekend about, has got our focus onto the trips we have run (rather than the ones that we did not run) and the reward has been good numbers turning out with lots of enjoyment for all ( and a few character building experiences).

However, the only way to get comfortable with tramping is to do it, have fun, and learn what you can handle, which is always more than you first thought. I am proud the way our experienced club members have willingly provided good, safe tramping company for our less experienced people.

Thank you to our officers and committee members who have done a good job this year. Special thanks to Andrew for picking up the challenge of chairing the meetings, to Rick and Michelle for looking after the food and drinks, to Phil for trips management, and I would like to put on record the input and assistance we have from Bob Gyton, ever willing and generous.

The truck has been sold to Kapiti College and is available for hire.

The hut is in good order. DOC is recommending that Parawai hut be taken out of the hut ticketing system, which means no money from that source for hut maintenance. I am positive that the club can, and will continue to look after the hut. I expect the hut will remain but eventually it may be replaced by a DOC shelter, in which the club may consider negotiating an interest in another suitable hut.

Track maintenance is a worthwhile activity the club could start (in addition to the Mt Maunganui track work we do).

A separate Kapiti SAR sub region has been set up and Parawai and Kapiti Deerstalkers will provide SAR team members. Phil and Andrew have been trained as field controllers. A Kapiti SAREX was held last weekend and all performed well (and no doubt learnt a thing or two.) Parawai won the Webb SARTTEST Cup in March for the second

year running and our club has received good public recognition as a well trained and safe club.

Our funds are at a good level, and while we are not at this stage proposing getting another vehicle, the committee has decided to strike a balance in the use of approx \$800 interest annually between building up capital, special trip subsidies and training activities. A separate SAR fund has been setup to take donations.

I give my thanks to everyone for a good year.

Marshall Hyland

## CHIEF GUIDE

Thanks to all those who participated on club trips this last twelve months and especially to those members that organized and lead trips. Thanks also to Andrew Gay for his help during the year.

The tramping club seems to be ticking along nicely at the moment with most tramps running successfully. Day walks have been very popular and well patronized. Weekend tramps have also ran smoothly with several new members braving the hills and experiencing some of the joys and hardships that make an overnight tramp a challenge.

Some of the memorable trips for me were

A snow craft weekend at Mt Egmont last year.

An abseiling day at Titahi bay.

A moonlight southern crossing attempt

Waitomo caves trip at Easter this year.

A Holdsworth to Mitre.

Rodger McCormack

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Paul Michl

Rodger McCormack

Paul Michl

Not forgetting the many interesting trips that Bob Gyton has run

It's good to see so many new members getting involved in club activities this year and I'm sure that this will make for some good tramps in the months to come.

Unfortunately we didn't have the numbers to run an organized summer trip last January but if numbers permit we have some good ideas for a summer trip next year.

## Search and Rescue

Our club has participated in two Sarex and entered and won the WAMC SAR test. We have also attended two actual searches, the first one resulting in the finding of two people lost on the Hemi Mating walk above Waikanae. This year Laurie Gallagher has been made a SAR Advisor and Andrew Gay and I have been given training to become Field Controllers. The aim of this is to make the Kapiti area self sufficient from Wellington but still have them as backup if need be. This resulted however in our SAR team being short of numbers, but with interest shown by four club members we should be up to full strength fairly soon. These people will be included in SAR training whenever possible.

Phil Curran

37 members present at the AGM

## 1994

## PRESIDENT

Over the past twelve months the club has been going well, at the start of the year a successful Xmas trip was run up north, then in February once again we had a successful mall display which is always a good way to encourage new &

old members into the club. A special thanks to those that helped set it up.

Club meetings have been running well with good attendance at meetings and good entertainment from speakers – thank you to those speakers. Trips have also been running well with good attendance on trips thanks to those that have lead trips. The routine of every alternate trip being a weekend trip and then a day trip seems to be working well. There has also been good participation by members for SAR callouts and training weekends – thank you.

Committee members have also attended a number of different meetings such as DOC, WAMC & FMC and others – thank you.

I have not had much of a chance to get out on trips over the past year but look forward to new freedom of being able to over the next twelve months.

The next twelve months should be well worth looking forward to as we move towards the clubs 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and other events over the next twelve months.

Also thank you to CD & KCDC for the use of the club rooms and also thanks to our tea monitors.

Finally thanks to the committee members for their support over the past twelve months

Andrew Gay

## CHIEF GUIDE

The past twelve months have seen a variety of interesting and different activities and tramps go ahead, also some that unfortunately have not.

Some highlights for me this year have been:

An early December trip down the Tauherenikau River Valley. One of the most relaxing tramps I've been on, but great to enjoy the sunshine, company and bush at a leisurely pace.

A day walk up to the Belmont Trig in the Western Hills on a glorious Wellington day.

Taking part in the bush craft weekend. A good number fronted for that and a lot of experiences were shared and useful advice passed on.

A wettish Saturday's walk into the new Mangahao Hut which was followed by a more enjoyable sunny Sunday's walk out. A tramp which was enjoyed by all those who participated.

It was great to see the return of the " Summer trip" which took a few keen types up to the Whirinaki Forest Park to check out the northern scenery.

Other trips which deserve a mention are another successful snow craft weekend, and exciting Easter trip which covered a range of activities from mountain climbing, kayaking to pool Rugby. The First Aid course had a good Parawai contingency which was also pleasing to see. The participants of the Gourmet trip also came back with good reports, or at least reports of good food.

On reflection of last year's tramping activity, the number of fit trips was down slightly, but the medium trips and day walks are still very popular. I think next year we will see some medium trampers venture out on some more advanced tramps.

It has been an excellent learning experience for me as Chief Guide. I would like to thank all those who put their time and effort into organising trips and also those committee members who gave me assistance.

Rodney Hopkirk

27 members present at the AGM

## 1995

### PRESIDENT

The Parawai Tramping Club has had a busy year. A variety of events, trips and new activities took place, with a satisfying participation by a number of club members. Also, many new trampers have come along on trips and enjoyed our evenings.

In September 1994 one hundred past and present club members had an enjoyable evening at Waihinau Lodge near the Otaki River, celebrating the club's 25th Anniversary. The success of the evening was contributed largely by all those present and the fine entertainment, including a hilarious skit provided by several club members and a slide show.

In November nine club members participated in the annual snow craft weekend. Despite unfavourable weather conditions Phil gave valuable lessons on self-arrest and the use of snow "bleepers". A number of members also enjoyed two successful days abseiling; one day in November at Titahi Bay, led by Rodney, and the other last Easter at Wanganui Bay, led by Rodger. Three mountain-bike trips were run successfully. And also, after a number of attempts over the past few years, a party of ten finally succeeded to traverse the Southern crossing, along with approximately twenty other keen trampers. For the second time nineteen club members enjoyed a social Easter trip held at Tokaanu. Thanks to Rex for organising this. Most recently Bob hosted a Gourmet trip to Hikurangi Lodge at Mangaweka.

The 1994-95 summer trips to the Nelson Lakes and Richmond Ranges was a welcome return to the traditional Parawai South Island annual visit. An event, due partly to the current financial trends, which in recent years has been confined to the North Island. A new excursion included on this year's trip list was a rafting trip on the Rangiteiki River, organised by Ruth. Nine people took part in this adventure.

As previously noted in the May 1995 issue of the club's newsletter, *Parawai News*, I would like to extend my thanks to all those who participated on the working bees of the 28th of January and 1st April. The hut now has its own water tank and the new coat of paint has brightened up the place considerably, but a reminder that the roof still requires a second coat of paint.

The number of new faces present at club nights following the annual Mall display in May was proof of its success. Thanks to all those who assisted in putting the display together.

This year has been a quite year for Search and Rescue. Thankfully there have been few callouts. Thank you to those who have taken part in the call outs and exercises. Further thanks go to Civil Defence and the Kapiti Coast District Council for the continued use of their hall for club nights, and also to guest speakers and those who have shown slides on those evenings. Lastly, due to Geoff's persistence and persuasiveness to gather written contributions, the Parawai Newsletter has been produced at regular intervals.

The last major project the committee has been involved in is the re-writing of the club's constitution. Unfortunately we were unable to present a draft copy on time for the A.G.M. but I hope that the incoming committee will continue with this project and I would like to extend a thank you to all those who have worked on it, particularly Janet McCarrison who spent many hours typing and re-typing drafts for our deliberation.

To conclude, I would like to thank all those who helped make this last year the success it has been. I now wish to take this opportunity to step down from the position of President and wish my successor all the best in the future.

Andrew Gay

**CHIEF GUIDE**

After another year as Chief Guide, I feel the Club has had a busy year, with some excellent trips and expeditions going ahead. The trips I have been involved with I have thoroughly enjoyed.

The Mana Island tree planting is always popular and despite the weather which was windy and drizzly, half a days planting was achieved and the weather actually improved to provide a pleasant walk around the island in the afternoon as well as a smoother boat ride home.

We were luckier with the weather for the abseiling day on the rocks at Titahi Bay. Everybody managed to overcome their fear of heights and had at least two abseils. Thanks to John Anderson for helping run that day and Rodger for finding some of the gear required.

Three working bees on the Parawai Lodge over the summer months have upgraded this club facility. Thanks to Andrew, Phil and Bruce for their skills organising and overseeing the many hours work which went into that. Thanks to Geoff for donating the water tank and also to the many helpers who worked on this project, a commendable effort.

The rafting trip on the Rangakiti River was something different; we struck a cracker day, with the water just warm enough for swimming. The trip was a huge success. The most fun I've had being yelled at by a rafting guide. Well-done Ruth for introducing the Club to rafting.

Other trips which are worthy of a mention are the Club's 25th anniversary Dinner and associated stories from members past and present. A snow craft weekend up Mt Ruapehu in some testing conditions, known in tramping circles as character building. Thanks to Brian for the Parawai Juniors Camp out, encouraging tramping at a younger age. A summer trip to the Nelson Lakes region was well attended as was the Easter trip to the Oasis Motor Camp at Tokaanu.

Many day trips have gone ahead especially recently with the influx of new members. There are some members of this club who can offer an abundance of local knowledge and history and make these trips very interesting and enjoyable and we are lucky we don't have to go far a-field for these outings.

A lot of work and planning goes into organising and leading these trips and I would like to thank all those who gave their time to get trips underway. Also those participating as without you the Club would not exist. I'm pleased by the new faces we see each club night and would like to encourage everybody to get involved with the preparing of the trip list and to help organise and run trips as I feel there is a wealth of experience within this Club which people are only too willing to share.

Rodney Hopkirk

30 members present at the AGM

**1996****PRESIDENT**

No report on file in the AGM Minutes

**CHIEF GUIDE**

The past year has been very successful with many trips and activities going ahead. Unfortunately due to shortness of leaders not all planned trips went ahead. Some personal highlights of the year have been:

Working Bee on the Club Hut  
Southern Main Range  
Abseiling Day  
One day Southern Crossing  
Mid Winter Dinner

Looking back over the past years the number of fit trips was down but the easy- medium trips are still proving to be very popular.

This year has been a learning experience for me as Chief Guide. I would like to thank all those who put their time and effort into organizing trips and also all those on the committee.

Thank you

John Anderson

19 members present at the AGM

## 1997

### PRESIDENT

I write this report as outgoing President. Due to family commitments I won't be standing again. However, I am still keen to lead the odd tramp and instructional weekend.

The last two years as President have been interesting and enjoyable. It's great to be involved with a club who's members are keen, not only to participate on tramps and activities, but are also prepared to work together, organise trips, instruct and guide new-comers, and help each other when the going gets tough.

It's with sadness that we say goodbye to Josie Cox who passed away recently. Josie and her husband John have been dedicated members of the Tramping Club for many years -mostly before my time, but I will remember Josie as an outgoing, warm hearted person, always ready to help others.

It's great to welcome some new people into the Club, it's good to see them taking up the challenge. I believe we have a well balanced club membership, with enthusiastic people keen to guide the Club over the next year and beyond. We have had some interesting and informative club nights with slides speakers and instructional evenings and quizzes. Another great evening was the Mid Winter Dinner which was enjoyed by both young and old alike. There was good food, and entertainment for all age groups. A big thank you to all those who helped contribute on these evenings

I would like to thank all the committee members who have contributed their time and effort over' the last year. It's great to have approachable people who are easy to get along with, and who are dedicated to the running of the Tramping Club. You have helped make my job easy.

All the best

Phil Curran

### CHIEF GUIDE

The past six months has been very successful with most trips going ahead. Some personal highlights of the past six months have been:

- The Northern Crossing
- The Southern Main Range
- Powell – Jumbo
- The Mid Winter Dinner

The easy – medium trips are still proving to be very popular.

I would like to thank all those who put their time and effort into organizing these trips.

Darrel Sutherland (Chief guide Jan – July 1997)

35 members present at the AGM

## 1998

### PRESIDENT

Another year has passed all too quickly, where does the time go? As we are well underway in our winter activities it's good to reflect on some of the good times we have all enjoyed together.

The new clubrooms are very comfortable with all the facilities we need. We give our thanks to Kapiti Primary School for accommodating us in such a pleasant venue. Recently we had our annual mid-winter feast, this year held at the Waihinai Lodge at Otaki Forks. Everybody had a great time with dancing and the Parawai children once again looking forward to some "pass the parcel" goodies.

Whilst the club certainly enjoys many other associated recreational interests tramping continues as our main focus. The one-day trips have been particularly well attended with perhaps slightly fewer people going on weekend overnights. Leisure time these days seems to be at a premium, with many Parawai members having to work Saturdays or weekends. In preparation for the next trip list, careful thought is being put into this by the Chief Guide and other committee members, in order to provide a suitable trip list, which meets the needs of members. However, many successful weekend trips did go ahead, notably Neil Forks on anniversary weekend, Lake Dive in Taranaki and the elusive Burn hut continues to be a popular trip. We also had a very successful gourmet weekend at Waikuku Lodge in the Haurangi Forest Park. We all deserved our scrumptious dinner after an eight-hour, hard, but thoroughly enjoyable day. Last year a successful open weekend was run at the Parawai Lodge and was very well attended to its maximum capacity and very well supported by club members helping to provide tuition and give pleasure to many of the youngsters. A special thanks to all those involved. We also ran a senior bush craft weekend and a river crossing tuition day at Otaki forks.

I should like to thank the committee for their hard work and enthusiastic guidance over the past year. I firmly believe the club has been in good hands. Special thanks to Andrew Gay who for more than ten years has been a very active and committed member of the club holding positions of President, Vice President and Chief Guide he is now stepping down due to forthcoming family commitments. We wish Andrew & Ruth well and hope to see them again soon, perhaps becoming more involved with the Parawai juniors. Thanks also to Paul Michl who is stepping down as a Vice President due to his other commitments. Again, we value Paul's experience and hope he will still be a guiding influence.

I would also like to thank the Chief Guide for steering through and implementing the Risk Management protocols and guidelines, which are so important if we are to manage the club responsibly and enjoy our activities with minimum risk and maximum safety.

Bryan Wild

## CHIEF GUIDE

It's been an interesting 12 months with highlights for me being a successfully run and attended navigation day and senior bush craft weekend. Thanks to all involved.

We've had some very successful Parawai Junior Trips out and the popular Open Weekend at Otaki Forks. Thanks to Carol and all her helpers.

Spring/Summer saw quite a lot of us out there doing different things in the outdoors. Unfortunately a few trips didn't go ahead because of the very unusual spring weather (lots of rain and wind). There wasn't the big Xmas trip this time with any number of factors contributing to this but there were smaller successful trips held at the time which people enjoyed. I don't know if the big Xmas trip will be resurrected with lots of people having other commitments at that time of year. As we know, demands on people for their time are forever changing.

Easter Trip -Once again maybe we need to look at alternatives to the Tokaanu regular, time for a change maybe.

Autumn/Winter trip list saw a call for more medium overnights trips out of the Tararuas and varied activities. Hopefully we came part way to achieving this and in the next Trip List improving. Your ideas here are important because it's what you want to do that counts.

Another step for us as a club was working through those Risk Management Protocols. Everyone's input and help was great. I believe that we have a lot clearer guidelines for us in the Club to be able to offer a safe and enjoyable environment for outdoor activities.

Things are changing all the time, people's available time for recreation, people expectations etc. There are areas that will always need to be reviewed and updated but nothing is set in concrete, ongoing training and education of club members for instance.

I've really enjoyed the challenging and fun time during this time and have learnt a lot.

We are a varied club with a lot of different personalities and ability. I feel that we will continue to offer a great club to belong to for its members. Let's have fun in this great place of Aotearoa.

Craig Robinson

22 members present at the AGM

## 1999

### PRESIDENT

The weather plays a large part in tramping enjoyment and the club has seen several successful major trips go ahead though the spring and fabulous summer of 1999. Notable favourites of many were the Queen Charlotte trip at Labour Weekend, the Egmont climb and the Easter Weekend to the Ureweras. It's great to see the club active; enjoying the outdoors and especially many of the newer members focussed on what they enjoy the most -tramping. However it does require noting that there is a reduction in the number of planned tramps actually making it onto the hills and I know the Chief Guide is paying attention to this and will cover it in his report.

We have enjoyed an interesting and varied programme for club nights with a number of stimulating guest speakers and

other events. The more notable ones were the quiz nights run by Geoff. "So you think you know the Tararuas? Still remains in the minds of most people." Also very successful was the car Rally and Bar – B - Que.

Club numbers remain fairly constant -around the forty marks, which is acceptable, as part of the clubs appeal is its smaller size, unlike many of the larger clubs with a less personal approach. Parawai has a "family" feel about it. Our displays in the shopping Mall and at the Heritage Exhibition at Southwards have given the club some great publicity. It's great to see Parawai's talking with enthusiasm about the club and encouraging others to join and experience the outdoors. The open weekend at Parawai Lodge was another opportunity to allow others to experience the bush. Well done to those involved for making it a huge success.

This past year has also blessed the club with many new potential Parawai Juniors. Ruth & Andrew, Keith & Roberta and Robyn & Mike have provided us with the chance to increase club numbers. It's great to welcome the new entrants into the Parawai family. Sadly though we have also lost -though hopefully not forever -Rick & Michelle Barber & their family to the South Islands West Coast. Rick and Michelle made a significant contribution to the club over many years and they are already being missed.

I should like to thank a number of people for their efforts on behalf of the club:

Craig for his contribution as Chief Guide and Mark who took over mid-term and has continued the good work in this very important role.

Murray for looking after our finances.

Carol for the open weekend and for her efforts on the Huts committee.

Bob and Valma for their continued good work in keeping us all supplied with tea & coffee.

Rex for his SAR administration and for taking care of our club gear.

Adrienne for looking after our first aid needs.

Rachel for organising the Mall displays.

I should also like to thank the committee for all their efforts over the past year. In particular Robyn for her contribution to the VAMP report and Rodney who in recent weeks has taken on the mantle of Secretary during Robyn's absence. As I stand down, I pass on my good wishes to the new incoming President and would like to add that, my support in any way possible is assured.

Bryan Wild

## **CHIEF GUIDE**

Greetings.

Well another successful & memorable year has passed thanks to the members of the Parawai Tramping Club who have over this time thrown themselves into the fray and enjoyed the many activities put together for their entertainment. There has been a real mixture of both club and private trips, which have resulted in some great tales of joy coming back to us on club nights. We hope that this continues to be the norm as it encourages all to participate in future club activities.

Safety

Safety is always a hot topic with many of us having different thoughts & opinions. Over this last year we have seen the introduction of risk management programmes being put into place. There have been many moans & groans about this, including those from myself, while trying to find a balanced system that does not detract from our fun in the field. It is important for all that participate in club activities to utilize these programmes if not for the safety of themselves then or others, particularly for new and in experienced people joining our ranks. If not for them well let it be for the chief guide as it sure makes his or her job that much easier when trying to keep up with events. It may also be worthy of mention that just perhaps one day that we will need to supply this information to our SAR team should anything arise that may

require urgent attention.

### Search & Rescue

Throughout the year we have all heard of the horror stories from our SAR team members where things have gone wrong which we as a club have to date have escaped due to proper planning of trips and those trips being led by competent leaders. On this matter we thank the SAR team members for their dedication both in real operations & the training scenarios which are tantamount to the real thing. We have heard of the successes that they have had in the field whereby people are brought out in good health all be it that they may have had a wake up call before their next adventure. Unfortunately there is always the others who may have not been so lucky to have SAR arrive in time but we are all able to learn from such incidences so as not to fall into these traps. I encourage those who are interested in SAR activities to think carefully about the commitment required for training and real operations, given then that you still wish to pursue becoming a team member then approach anyone of SAR contacts who will only be to glad to assist you. Once again thanks to all the SAR team who have been a credit to both the community as a whole & us the Parawai Tramping Club in the service that they have rendered.

### Club Trips

Throughout the year we have had a number of notable events taking place such as:

The Parawai open weekends, which have been ably co-ordinated by Carol Exton, have by all accounts been great successes for all that have participated. My thanks go out to such people who arrange these activities/events as a great deal of planning must be put into place to ensure not only the enjoyment but also the personal safety of all concerned who attend such weekends as this. Once again thank you Carol & crew.

Over the last 12 months we have had the opportunity to experience the delights of the Queen Charlotte walkway even though some were pretty battered and bent as they staggered into camp each night after a gruelling day on the track. Some of the more astute members of the party walked one day, caught the boat the next then walked again on the last day, this did nothing to detract from our enjoyment as some of us were there for a break not compulsory punishment.

Other trips away out of the local area have been the likes of Paul Michl's mystery weekend which always prove to be exciting to those souls brave enough to accompany him. Jarrod Nicholson was also another one who took the initiative to round up the troops and head northwards for a time of excitement and adventure; many new skills were learnt by members of this party. Aqua sports were very much on the agenda such as rowing, water skiing, and riding in tubes behind the boat and whatever else took your fancy. Some of the slides of this trip presented to us at club night looked rather suspicious particularly those of Jarrod fishing.

Then there is always the Tararuas. Well! What more can one say. There are those of us who love them and there are those of us who hate them, but whichever category that you fall into we have all had exciting trips about this range of hills. The majority of our trips have been into and about this area. Totara flats, Mitre Flats, Shingle Slip Knob, Waitewaewae, Kapakapanui, Penn Creek, Field Hut, High Ridge and the good old Southern Crossing are just a few of many trips that have taken place in our own backyard with many more still to come.

Great tales of joy and some of sadness have been regaled at our club meetings by those who have chosen to venture forth into this magnificent range of hills and valleys to enjoy and experience what they have to offer. My thanks are extended to all that have made these trips a great success through their personal participation and commitment to the club.

Throughout the year we have experienced a good in number of visitors to club nights with some staying on and eventually joining the more active members of the club in the field. Though those that have stayed with us are somewhat limited in their numbers they in turn have brought further qualities to our ranks with skills previously learnt; along with loads of enthusiasm to get out there and make things happen when away on trips. From all reports there is the potential for future trip leaders, presidents, chief guides, committee members and others waiting in the wings but they do need to be nurtured and encouraged while out and about with established club members enjoying the many and

varied activities that we participate in.

Trips: past & future

This is an area where I am concerned for throughout the year there have been a high number of trips that have not proceeded; there are many reasons for this happening and it is difficult to put my finger on any one thing.

Throughout the time that I have been associated with the club I have had the opportunity to attend a number of trip list meetings but have always left these nights with mixed thoughts as to the value behind them; for trying to extract suggestions for trips is like pulling teeth. The only conclusion that I can come to, following discussions with others in the club, is that perhaps we are not properly prepared when these meetings arise even though we endeavour to prompt people some way out from the actual night. There are a few thoughts rattling around in my head as to how this may be overcome, however this is neither the time nor place to air those thoughts but it is an area that needs to be addressed promptly by all members within the club. A good thing to remember is that without the trips there would be no need for the club to exist. All suggestions gratefully received as it is going to take everyone's effort to turn this situation about thereby ensuring that as many trips as possible actually go.

It is on this point that I finish my report by extending a big thank you to all club members for their individual efforts throughout the year and for their support since I have held the office of chief guide over the last 6 months having taken up the position from Craig Robinson who left me with a good platform from which to work.

Mark Robertson

19 members present at the AGM

## 2000

### PRESIDENT

The reason most of us have joined Parawai Tramping Club is because we have a common interest in tramping and the outdoors. As President of Parawai Tramping Club it is heartening to see many people leading a variety of trips to interesting destinations which are generally well supported. Thank you to those members who endeavour to organise and lead these trips and also to Jarrod for his commitment to the job as Chief Guide and for putting together 2 interesting and successful trip lists. I would now like to reflect on my own experiences in my first year as President.

In early 1999 I decided it was probably my turn to take the President's position for a term and after discussion with Bryan Wild, (the President at the time) I decided to commit myself to the job should I be elected. In the committee meeting leading up to last years AGM it seemed I was the only contender for the position and was elected without contest. I looked upon this as both a challenge and an honour, to be elected President of such a prestigious organization as the Parawai Tramping Club.

The President's job is one which involves a little bit of work constantly. One must keep ahead of the club night agenda, deal with relevant correspondence and liaise between the Secretary, Treasurer, Chief Guide and Committee Members to ensure the smooth running of the club, as well as the obvious job of running the regular club meetings and committee meeting. I would like to put myself forward for nomination for another year as President, as I feel the job has rewards as well as hard work. I would also like to encourage those who would like to hold a position in the club or be on the Committee to let it be known and ask someone to nominate you or nominate yourself. All the help we can get is greatly appreciated. Don't be put off if you feel you don't have enough experience. In my opinion enthusiasm and energy are equally as important. I would like to thank the present Committee for their hard work and enthusiasm I want

to list the Committee and note their contributions in order to show club members the sort of work these people do behind the scenes.

Rachel Nolan	Vice President does the mall display and assists Treasurer.
Bryan Wild	Vice President immediate past President has assisted me with advice and guidance.
Andrew Gay	Our Secretary: Takes minutes, replies to correspondence and posts our newsletter.
Murray Ballinger	Our Treasurer: Takes care of the finances and does the accounts.
Jarrold Nicholson	Chief Guide: Puts together the trip list and helps run the evening meeting.
Ian Bade	Audits the accounts.
Adrienne Weeks	Looks after the first aid kit.
Darryl Sutherland	Collects and distributes relevant forms.
John Anderson	In charge of Parawai Lodge organises working bees etc.
Keith Rodgers	has a good knowledge of incorporated societies of which we are one, is often called upon to do research.
Mark Robertson	The immediate past Chief Guide was responsible for organizing the Chief Guide folder.
Jude Rodley	our gear custodian ensuring our club equipment is all accounted for and in working order.
Carol Exton	Our voice on the Huts Committee and other issues.

All of these people play a vital role in making the Parawai machine tick, and the club members who are elected to the Committee tonight would be expected to be given a similar sort of responsibility at the next Committee meeting.

Other people who deserve thanks are Robyn Wilson for printing the club newsletter. Rex McCarrison and Matthew Nolan for their efforts as SAR contacts and advisors. Velma & Bob Gyton for providing supper, and those who provide club night entertainment be it educational or fun. And finally thanks to members for participating in, and helping with club activities and trips.

Rodney Hopkirk

## CHIEF GUIDE

As another rewarding tramping year rolls to an end I take great pleasure in reflecting on the many successful trips that the Parawai Club has made possible.

Once again, over the last twelve months many trip leaders have given their time and expertise to organise different and interesting trips for our enjoyment. Thank you to those members, we all appreciate your effort and enthusiasm.

Some of our trips during the year included:

- Te Matawai/Nichols
- Crowe Hut
- Mid-Waiohine
- Seeing in the Millennium at Parawai Lodge
- Mitre Flats
- Waitewaewae Campout
- Tutuwai via Reeves Track
- Longview/Ruahines

Out of many trips there were two which stood out for me. The first was leading a group of eleven from Ohau down the Otaki River to Otaki Forks. Many of the group had never tramped this area before, so it was fulfilling to show them some more of what the Tararua has to offer. My second highlight was the summer trip to Stewart Island and Fiordland National Park -an once-in-a-lifetime adventure, thanks again, Eddie for making it possible.

I'd like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to a number of members who have organised special events

Carole, for her continued efforts with the Parawai Juniors and again, organisation of the open weekend  
Rachel, for organising the very successful Mall display  
Jude and John A, for making our Millennium Bash a night to remember  
Rodney, for continuing to put together interesting and informative club nights.

It is pleasing to see the contribution Parawai members have made to SAR over the last twelve months with a large number of members giving of their skills and time to help the community

In conclusion, it has been very satisfying to see a number of our newer members take to the hills, some for the first time, enabling them to experience the sense of achievement we all share. I feel very privileged to be able to belong to a club with members who have such a diversity of skills and attributes and I hope to see this continue, with the club growing even stronger in the proceeding years

Jarrold Nicholson

27 members at the AGM

## 2001

### PRESIDENT

Tramping is an enjoyment which we never seem to get enough of. Many a trip has passed by on the trip list and I have not been able to participate, I know the same is true for many other members. As the nature of our lives change people no longer have so much spare time, regular weekends for many are a thing of the past. Still the Parawai Tramping Club seems to survive and we just have to organise our tramping and socialising around our busy lifestyle. I am always heartened to see so many trips which do go ahead. Quite often a trip idea is born from a conversation on a previous trip and so the cycle continues. The AGM is a time when the President can reflect on the past year. One of the jobs I dreaded when becoming President was organising the club night activity. But once I got into the swing of things I found it wasn't too difficult. It is made easier by the fact that many people have slides and videos which are of interest to the club, also there is a talent in many members for inventing quizzes, organising car rallies, demonstrating knots and performing exotic cooking demonstrations etc. As I will be continuing in the role as organiser of club night activity, please keep coming forward with your ideas and or feedback, it is a great help to me. One thing I can never organise well is the weather. It seems every outside activity I've planned, usually the final club night of the year, the weather has been appalling.

The AGM is also a time when the president has the opportunity to recognise the contributions made by club members to keep the club functioning smoothly. I want to make special mention of the work done by these people:

- ~ Our Secretary -Andrew Gay: Andrew is also working at putting together a club database;
- ~ Our Treasurer Murray Ballinger: Keeps our accounts;
- ~ Ian Bade: Audits our accounts;
- ~ Jarrod Nicholson: For his efforts as Chief Guide;
- ~ Carol Exton: Took over mid-term and continued the good work;
- ~ Robyn Wilson: Publishes our club newsletter;
- ~ Rex McCarrison: For his efforts as SAR contact;
- ~ Velma & Bob: Continue to provide our club night supper with a smile.

I also want to thank all members of the Committee for their hard work and enthusiasm over the past year. The club could not function without you. It is important to note that Murray Ballinger intends to stand down as Treasurer this AGM. Murray has been Club Treasurer for many years and has meticulously looked after the club finances in that

time. I feel the club owes Murray a huge debt of gratitude. Rex McCarrison intends to leave the Kapiti Coast and will so be standing down from his position as SAR Contact. Rex has been responsible for logging all the intention forms and is co-ordinator of SAR call outs and exercises. Thanks to Rex for all your years of service. Both these people will be sorely missed but hopefully we will still see something of them in the years ahead.

A notable achievement for the club this year has been the addition made to Parawai Lodge. Contributions were made by so many club members it was truly a combined effort. However I think Richard Iremonger, Phil Curran and Eddie Dickson deserve special mention for organising materials and plan. To all those who participated in the construction phase of the project thank you very much.

I would like to thank people for the support which I have received while being President. Even small gestures such as, well done or you are doing a fine job, keep up the good work etc. Do wonders for your moral and confidence. President is not always an easy job, but support like that certainly makes it rewarding.

I intend to stand down this year as Parawai President, but would still like to be involved to some degree and have offered to help the incoming President, whoever they shall be, with organising the club night agenda. I would urge people to offer the same sort of support to the new President and if I can be of assistance I will be only too happy to oblige. I would like to close by wishing the new President well in the year ahead.

Rodney Hopkirk

## **CHIEF GUIDE**

Jarrold Nicholson has been our Chief Guide for the last couple of years. Due to a work promotion Jarrold moved up to Taihape a few months ago and I've been filling the gap. My thanks go to Jarrold for the work he has put into the Club as Chief Guide, for coordinating activities and for leading trips, sometimes at short notice.

I've really enjoyed these last few months as caretaker. Rodney's been a really supportive president. Even though the current trip list went out in rather a rush most of the trips have gone ahead. I would like to pay special tribute to Eddie Dixon who has organized some phenomenally successful out of area major events. Thanks for your attention to detail Eddie.

Highlights for me personally have been The Bannister Crossing and Nelson Lakes for strenuous trips, and Matamateonga and Mana Island for easier social times. I believe that our club needs to offer a big variety of trips to meet the different needs of our people. The quality of our activities can only be maintained through the continuing commitment of us all. I look forward to contributing to future trips. I look forward to tramping with you. Our club is small, it's friendly, and it's a pleasure to be part of. See you in the hills.

Carol Exton

22 members present at the AGM

## **2002**

### **PRESIDENT**

The year has been a relatively quiet one with the Club ticking over.

Main points from my perspective have been:

A number of good trips have run. The wet weather of the last summer and Easter limited activity, including my own. Despite this, a range of trips have run. Thanks to the Chief Guide and the leaders.

The club nights have been well run, thanks mainly to Rodney, Bob and Velma, and well supported.

Membership has increased slightly. As usual there was a turnover of members with a number moving out of the district. The Newsletter came out thanks to the work of Robyn Wilson. We need to provide her with more material for the next one. The mid winter function is still to come.

I'd like to thank the Committee and other for their work over the last year.

Owen Cox

### **CHIEF GUIDE**

Carol Exton made a verbal report. No copy was filed.

25 members present at the AGM

## **2003**

### **PRESIDENT**

This year has been an interesting with mixed results.

The club ran some good trips, but against this we had a number that needed help. We reflected on the problems and this coming year we should direct some effort to ensuring that we don't repeat these problems.

There were also rather more trips cancelled than I'd like. The issue that this raises is that the trip schedule does fill its function; that of letting members and prospective members know what the club is doing.

A good change this year has been, with the extra budget money for huts and tracks, the Tararua Hut Committee is now looking at what new huts can be put in the Tararuas, a much better situation than the previous one -where the Committee was preoccupied with shrinking the system to match an inadequate budget.

My role as President has been busy this year especially filling for others –the Treasurer, and more lately preparing the trip programme. We weren't able to follow-up membership towards the end of the year without a full list of who had paid and this is reflected in a drop in subscriptions coming in. I'd like to thank Rodney for work on club nights and also Darryl for filling in when I've been away.

I'd also like to give thanks to Ian Bade for auditing the accounts, Robyn Wilson and Bridget Connor for doing the newsletter, Bryan for picking up the newsletter and for a very good min-winter function. Thanks also to the others on the Committee for their work.

Finally, thanks to Bob and Velma Gyton for their efforts and election as life members of the club.

Owen Cox

### **CHIEF GUIDE**

The club continues to be active with a small but regular base of members. The purchase of a digital camera has enhanced club nights with the screening of very up to date photos. I believe it is an excellent choice and use of club funds and I would like to thank Bryan for the work he put in selecting and organising the purchase of this camera.

We took on some big trips in the past year. Some tramps where we had to turn back due to bad weather were The Three Kings and the Papatahi Crossing. Along with Saw Tooth Ridge, from a previous year, I hope the club successfully goes back into these areas as they are spectacular places to tramp. Let's just hope for better conditions next time!

Other fit trips that were lucky enough to strike reasonable weather were Maungahuka Southern Main Range, Mid Waiohine, Tararua Race and Tapu-ae-nuku. All were very strenuous and very successful, particularly Tapi where 15 in our party summated. Unfortunately no view so we were unable to wave to those back on the coast. What an amazing feat thank you Jim Watt for organising such a big trip.

The Waitotara (west of Wanganui) was a really different tramping experience. Long ridges, with little zigzags and bumps. An eerie, desolate, but very beautiful place to be. It was of course rather alarming not to be able to share it with our leader who mysteriously separated from us. We were~ pleased to eventually be reunited.

Some great medium/easy trips and other activities also took place -biking, caving, picnics, partying and of course tramping to places such as Pureora, Burn Hut, Ohau Gorge, Mid Pohangina and others. Thanks to all those leaders who put the time and effort into organising these outings. The Club obviously couldn't operate without your input. I have been Chief Guide of the Parawai Tramping Club for nearly three years now. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time helping to organise the trip lists and leading trips myself. I have loved being in the hub of activity and I thank you all for supporting the club, and me, so well. It is time now for me to step down as Chief Guide and Jet some one else take over the reigns. I plan to sit back for awhile and do nothing, then complain bitterly if things are not organised to my satisfaction. I believe I will be very good at this. Keep well and fit

Carol Exton

16 members present at the AGM

## **2004**

### **PRESIDENT**

Again we have had a mixed year.

Last year at the AGM there was some discussion about making the trip actually list what we were going to run. We have done this and now a higher proportion of the trips run. We have done this despite having to have caretaker Chief Guides.

On the funding side we have a small surplus, but this was only due to donations following a search. We have let subscriptions drop away a little this year. This area is one the new committee could address -many of the people are still around.

We are changing the club nights to a Wednesday. The purpose of this is to reduce trip organising outside of the meetings. We still have some work to do on making the club nights more interesting -we are missing Rodney's efforts.

I'd also like to give thanks to Ian Bade for auditing the accounts, Jenny Newby for her work as Treasurer and Bryan Wild for doing the newsletter. Thanks also to the others on the Committee for their work.

Finally, thanks to Bob and Velma Guyton for their efforts and wish Bob well.

Owen

### **CHIEF GUIDE**

No Report

No record was kept of the number at the AGM

## 2005

### PRESIDENT

I report to you on what has been a busy "Parawai" year with several highlights. The main purpose for the club's existence is to promote & encourage "safe tramping and other outdoor activities" and I would like to thank Steve, our Chief Guide for his contribution to providing a trip program and overseeing the safety of club members. A safe return is perhaps the most important thing of all. I feel it is significant to understand the changing needs of club members -we are seeing fewer trips take place, of the trips in the program we are also seeing an increase in the number of trips not going ahead for a variety of reasons. Definitely there has been a shift towards more day trips and also some of the more challenging weekend and longer trips. I should like to thank those members who are active in the bush and mountains, leading club trips and I would like to say a special thank you to Owen who has led several major trips over the past 12 months. Highlights that come to mind are: The Lake Colenso trip, Honeycomb Rocks luxury 'pampered' weekend -the 42nd Traverse bike ride and ski weekend, The Round Taupo bike ride TEAM EVENT and it was especially good to see the 'Parawai Peddlers' come in at a very respectable time -just for the record Geoff made mincemeat of the Hatepe hill! We enjoyed another great ski weekend in Ohakune which included a luxury hotel stay in Palmerston North. It has been particularly good to see Rodney not only make us our supper each club night but also organise trips for the Parawai juniors -I feel it's an important part of the club as we are very much a family based club it's great to see the young ones out there enjoying the bush. Thanks Rodney for all your hard work. We've had some enjoyable club nights, with some really good speakers -to name a couple -Peter Ellis Kapiti Sports Coordinator, Marcel Pilkington gave us a cooking demonstration, we had some fun quiz nights, the Parawai photo competition was re-instated this year and we had a (dare I say it!) a very good judge who has an eye for a 'good' snapshot!! Dave Daniels is coming back soon to give us some more tips on outdoor photography. We also enjoyed our own member's slides of their trips -Karen Gazley, Scotland & Jim Watt, and Kilimanjaro. We had several nights of sheer indulgence -looking at our own club trips using the digital camera and viewing them on the TV with a glass of wine & cheese. I feel we should have more of these evenings -it's like our own little party. Some more good news -the committee is looking at the possibility of purchasing a digital projector. It is a high value item so we are investigating the possibility of some funding to help us. The club now has a very accomplished website and e mail address thanks to the work by Leith Bade and to those who haven't yet checked it out -you really should as it looks great with some fantastic photos and trip reports. Thanks Leith. Karen Gazley has taken on the responsibility of gear custodian -so thank you Karen -you'll never look back. The Parawai Lodge is in great shape and I feel we owe a vote of thanks to our now departed caretakers -Gerri & Barry. I'd also like to acknowledge & thank Geoff for all his hard work in organising the club notice board and for his efforts to provide us with a club library and archive photographs. I think it's important to recognise that this has required some considerable time commitment which Geoff has been prepared to give.

I have thanked several people individually; however I would like to express my thanks to the committee as a group for steering the club with purpose and energy and not an inconsiderable amount of commitment.

Our efforts to inform the local community of our club and about club night activities through the local Kapiti Observer 'what's on' column have attracted a few new members and also one or two visitors tending to see what the club is about. We should continue to make any new person feel especially welcome and to be made

to feel a part of the "Parawai Family" so welcome to those members who have only recently joined us.

This year has seen the very sad death of one of our most respected members -Bob Gyton. Bob had been associated with the club for many years and had the special gift and ability to entertain us with his riveting tales of his travels and especially of the "jokers" he met along the way. At Bob's funeral Parawai was represented by many of its members. The packed church heard eulogies as testament to just what a popular person Bob was. Paul Michl composed and read a very special poem in which he described Bob's appreciation of all things and how he passed his vast knowledge on to others. Bob left a bequest to the club and the new committee will decide on how the club can benefit from this.

Could I also take this opportunity to thank Phil Glasson for his work as club secretary and also in producing our club newsletter, thanks also to Jenny for looking after the purse strings and also stepping in to run the club nights when I have been unable to attend the meetings.

Finally I would like to extend my good wishes to the new President and incoming committee -please carry on enthusiastically, the work and work in progress that has already started. As we look towards the next Parawai year I feel that the club has strength and so I look forward with optimism.

Bryan Wild

## CHIEF GUIDE

No report

14 present at the AGM

## 2006

### PRESIDENT

I have been privileged to be the first lady President of The Parawai Tramping Club, with a very good Committee which met on four occasions.

Firstly thanks to Steve, our Chief Guide and also Owen, Darryl and Patrick who have all helped when Steve couldn't make our meetings. Also I would like to thank Phil for compiling and distributing our magazine the Parawai News, as well as being our Secretary and Treasurer extraordinaire. He has also been doing a great job of keeping up with all the new and prospective new members. Also thanks for bringing along a Lap top computer so we can enjoy our many trip photos as well as a testing quiz. Geoff has been doing a great job of organising Posters to be displayed at various places from Wellington to Otaki. They are displayed in libraries, information centres and tramping shops as well as the Parawai Lodge. This is a great help in getting our terrific club out in the community. Something that is essential to keep a healthy growing membership. Also thank you to Geoff and Darryl for updating the notice board as well as keeping us informed on the long range weather forecast.

As at the 31<sup>st</sup> May 06 the club had 50 financial members.34 individuals and 16 families with 4 members either leaving or resigning in the past year. This compares to 39 members at the same time last year.

The Tramping Clubs financial position is sound. The books show a substantial loss because of the write off of the Parawai Hut, plus depreciation on our digital projector. Our cash position is healthy and we have even managed a slight surplus despite the purchase of a digital projector. This was done with 66% funding from the Pub Charity. So a thank you also goes to them for helping us get this very useful piece of equipment.

I had a wonderful response when I organised a spur of the moment food hamper for The Hudson family, after they lost their home through a fire earlier in the year. Thank you to everyone's generosity.

A big thank you to Karen Gazely for organising a very enjoyable mid winter dinner at the Coast to Coast restaurant. We've enjoyed a variety of entertainment on Club nights, from Wayne Boness updating us on DoC's work in progress, to Nigel Welch's mountain bike maintenance night. We've also enjoyed travelling the world with Bryan Wild and Wayne Butler. We've had revision of first aid with our own John Lane and an update on what is available for first aid kits by Raumati Pharmacist, David Brazier. He also kindly checked the Tramping Club's kits and helped us to bring them up to date. We learnt about the new Topo maps that Geoff Aitken is producing and enjoyed Paul Michl's presentation of old slides. We were also privileged to have Dave Daniels, from Wellington Photographic Supplies, judge our members' fabulous variety of photos for our competition. We are once again lucky enough to get a repeat performance from him for this year's competition. So get snapping if you haven't already. Another big thank you to all our club night presenters who have helped to make our evenings very enjoyable.

The committee's next project is to check the Tramping Club's gear and update it as necessary. It would be a good time to make an updated list so that our members can see what is available for them to use.

Happy Tramping

Jenny Newby

## CHIEF GUIDE

It is with pleasure that I report on the previous 12 months of the club. The club has had a fantastic year with a large number of weekend Tararua trips and a mixed variety of day trips. Many of the newer members took the opportunity to get out on trips. Thanks to all those members who took on a leadership role and organised trips.

Special thanks must go to Owen Cox who is always willing to venture out on more adventurous trips to interesting & isolated locations. Without the commitment of people like Owen our trip schedule would look very lean.

Trips worthy of special note over the past 12 months include Mt Taranaki organised by Paul Quinn, Waterfall Creek, Ruahines (3rd attempt!) led by Owen Cox, Mt Ruapehu (November) weekend organised by Paul Michl, our Gourmet trip to the new Roaring Stag hut (on which Daryl claimed to have carried in a shower), led by myself and not forgetting some very enjoyable family bike rides in the local surrounds.

It has been great to see members getting behind the spirit of the club and coming along to the social functions that have been organised. Our Mid Year solstice dinner saw over 50 people attend. Special thanks to Karen Gazley for organising the evening which was thoroughly enjoyable, and a great opportunity to catch up with some familiar faces.

One recommendation that I would like to make to all trip leaders, is to ensure that a comprehensive first aid kit is carried on all trips. Also a copy of all persons on the trip is emailed (or phoned) to me prior to the departure of the trip.

A challenge for the incoming committee going forward is to think of initiatives that will increase the membership of the club and encourage young people to get out and discover our beautiful and inspiring countryside.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who has assisted us with so much support over the last 4 months. As you all know we are well under way into putting our lives back together.

Safe & Happy Tramping

Steve Hudson.

There were 22 members present at the AGM