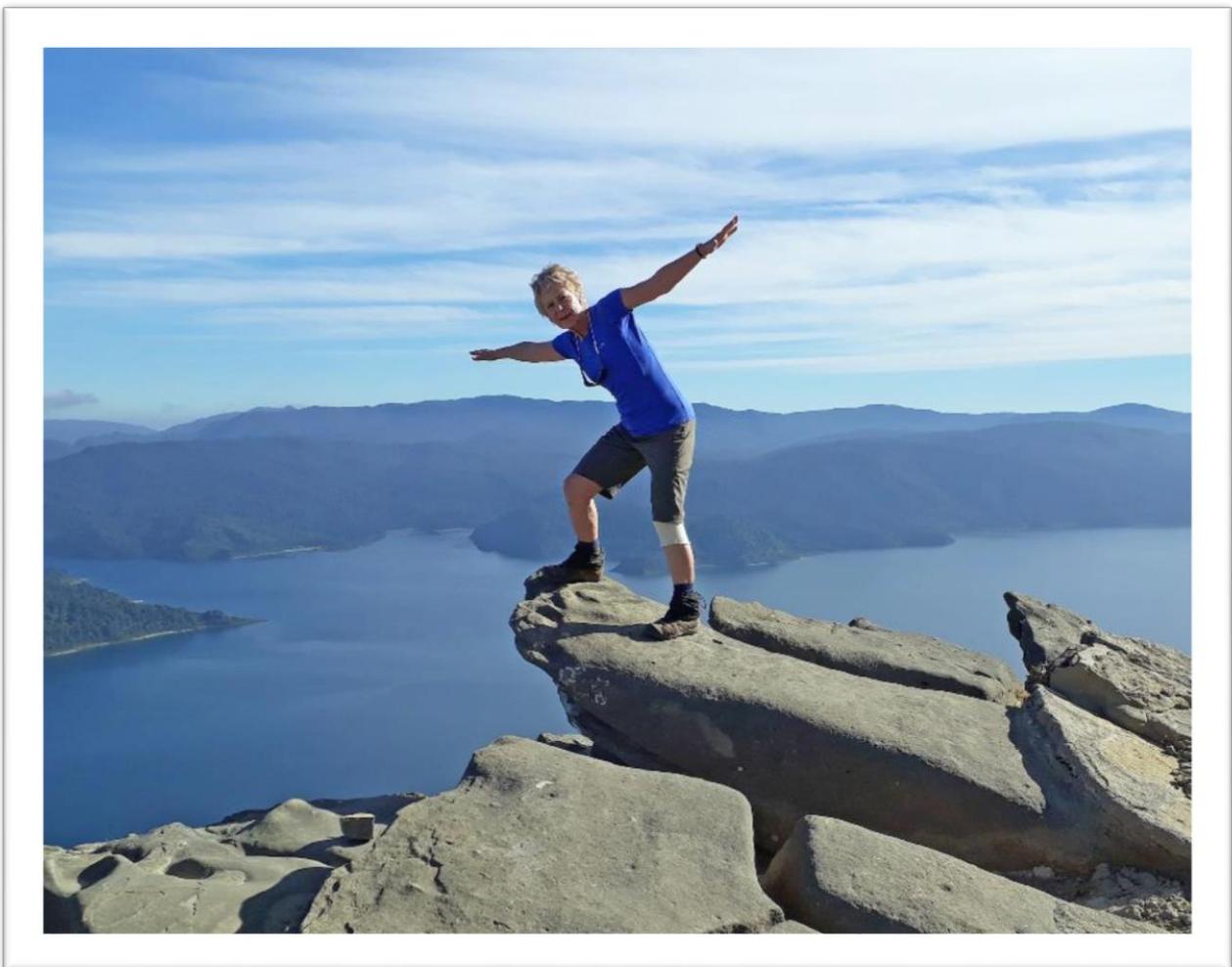




# Hutt Valley Tramping Club Incorporated

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Liz Davis, Panekire Bluff, Waikaremoana Great Walk, February 2017

Photo: John Smith

**Annual Report 2016-2017**  
**Notice of 94<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting**

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 94<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Hutt Valley Tramping Club Incorporated  
will be held at 8pm on  
Wednesday 26 July 2017 in the Clubrooms,  
Birch Street, Lower Hutt

### AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting
3. Matters arising from the 27 July 2016 AGM minutes (see page 24)
3. Annual Report for year 2016-2017
4. Annual Accounts for year ending 31 May 2017
5. Election of Officers - As at 28 June 2016 the following nominations had been received.

President	Phaedra Upton	
Vice President		
VP Ruapehu	Russell Oliver	
Secretary	Marina Skinner	
Treasurer	Jim Cousins	
Trip Co-ordinator	Nick McBride	
Transport Officer	Graham White	
General Committee (6)	Irene Davies	Graeme Lythgoe
	John Smeith	Keith Thomas
	Doc Watson	
Ruapehu Secretary	Bruce Miller	
Ruapehu Treasurer	John Simes	
Ruapehu Committee (8)	Ian Ayson	Kate Brownsword
	Sheldon Bruce	Ian McIlraith
	Alison Newbald	Brendan Quirke
	Peter Robbins	
Social Committee (8)	Hetty Cameron	Ron Cameron
	Pamela Campbell	Frieda Collie
	Liz Davis	Julie Lewis
	Cathy Priest	

6. General Business
7. Minutes of the Extraordinary General Meeting of 5 April 2017

**Marina Skinner**  
Secretary

# ANNUAL REPORT 2016–2017

The 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Report is as follows:

## General Committee

The 2016-2017 General Committee met on 10 occasions to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

		Number of meetings attended
President	Frank Usmar	8
Vice-President	Phaedra Upton	6
Vice-President Ruapehu	Russell Oliver	9
Secretary	Marina Skinner	9
Trip Coordinator	Nick McBride	10
Treasurer	Jim Cousins	9
Transport Officer	Graham White	8
General Committee	Debbie Bainbridge	8
	Graeme Lythgoe	8
	Andrew Robinson	8
	John Smeith	8
	Doc Watson	9
	Chris West	7

## Ruapehu Committee

The Ruapehu Committee met on 10 occasions to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

		Number of meetings attended
Ruapehu Vice-President	Russell Oliver	9
Secretary	Bruce Miller	10
Treasurer	John Simes	8
Members	Ian Ayson	6
	Kate Brownsword	6
	Sheldon Bruce	3
	Mike Fackney (until July 2016)	1
	Ian McIlraith	7
	Alison Newbald (from Aug 2016)	5
	Brendan Quirke	10
	Peter Robbins	9

## Social Committee

Pamela Campbell	Doreen Courtenay
Hetty Cameron	Ron Cameron
Liz Davis	Julie Lewis
Cathy Priest	Pam Smith

## Appointments made by the General Committee for 2016-2017

Financial Assurance Practitioner	Ian Hoare
Assistant Trip Coordinator	Andrew Robinson
Membership Officers	Chris and Jackie West
Finance Sub Committee	Jim Cousins, Graeme Lythgoe, John Simes, Graham White, Frank Usmar
Cheque Signatories:	
- Main Account	Jim Cousins, John Simes, Frank Usmar
- Ruapehu Account	Jim Cousins, John Simes, Frank Usmar
- Transport Account	Jim Cousins, Frank Usmar, Graham White
Hills & Valleys – Editor	Bruce Miller
Hills & Valleys – Mail	Doreen Courtenay
Hills & Valleys – e-mail	Doug Flux
Webmaster	Jan Arts
Librarian	Andrew Robinson
Environmental Convenor	Dennis Page
Club SAR Contacts	Graham Craig, Bob Deller, Patrick Fotheringham, Tony Jaegers, John Tristram
Social Committee Liaison	Pam Smith/Doreen Courtenay
Clubroom Custodian	Mick McParland
Assistant to Clubroom Custodian	Doc Watson
Gear Custodian	Doc Watson
Clubroom bookings	Patrick Fotheringham
Fanny Bayliss Convenor	Kate Livingston
Club Promotions Officer	Dennis Page
Club communications and marketing	Marina Skinner
Digital Photo Archivist	Max Bruce
Random Footprints Editor	Andrew Robinson

## Life members

Ian Ayson	Ray Collins	Graham Craig	Mat Craig
Arnold Heine	Jan Heine	Trev Jones	Graeme Lythgoe
Graeme McVerry	Don Millward	Ron Pynenburg	Phil Rundle
John Simes	Geoff Spearpoint	John Tristram	Pat Tristram

## **President's report**

This year I am retiring from the position of president and will be handing over to a new president, along with some new committee members for the forthcoming year.

The club continues to have a wide variety of trips to many locations led by our dedicated pool of leaders. However, it is apparent there are members who miss out on trips due to being oversubscribed. While this can be disappointing to those involved, the solution is to run more trips and have more leaders to run trips. This applies across the board to all our activities, including having members continue to come up with innovative ideas for outdoor activities for the enjoyment of all members.

There has been an overall loss of 14 members during the past year, showing a reverse in the membership trend for the past two years. The General Committee is aware of the need to increase membership. We all need to promote our club to like-minded people and encourage them to join our club.

A major change for the club has been the fairer membership subscriptions. This has now been implemented and we will wait to see if there is any effect on membership numbers.

The club's financial position appears good on paper, but when considering our financial commitments, the financial situation is potentially challenging. We are very fortunate to have the Fanny Bayliss bequest of \$29,000, from which the club has an established policy to make grants only from accrued interest for the benefit of the club.

We also have \$38,000 accumulated as a van replacement fund. This is a very necessary fund as our 16-year-old van will need replacing, possibly in the near future. There needs to be some reorganising of our accounts to allow for the interest generated from this fund to be allocated to the van replacement fund. When the time comes to call upon the van replacement fund, a cash flow shortage may arise due to our staggered income and expenses over the year.

Over recent years there has been little maintenance required on our clubrooms. Recently a major roof leak occurred over the library, from which potentially serious damage was averted due to the quick action of our hall custodians, and it has been repaired. Due to the age of the building, it could be necessary to consider establishing a fund for further repairs and maintenance.

On a positive note, last year an anonymous club member made a very generous donation of \$12,500 to repay the Ruapehu bunkroom loans. This most substantial donation has completed the repayment of all the outstanding loans from club members. It has allowed the club to move forward in budgeting and carrying out the needed maintenance that is arising at the Ruapehu Lodge without the restraint of paying back the loans.

There have been other smaller donations to the club during the year, some from fundraising and the continued sales table proceeds gratefully organised by Graeme Lythgoe.

I have appreciated the support and hard work that has gone into the club from the General Committee, the Ruapehu Committee, and the Social Committee, along with all those leaders and other members who make the club function successfully.

I wish the incoming committees all the best for a successful year of activities.

**Frank Usmar**

## Membership

At 31 May 2017, club membership was 295. During the year, 12 new members joined the club and 26 members transferred to non-active subscriptions, passed away (5), resigned or allowed their membership to lapse.

<b>Membership Category</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2014/15</b>	<b>2013/14</b>	<b>2012/13</b>
Life member / Life spouse	16/8	17/8	17/8	15 / 6	16 / 7
Senior Veteran (>50 years membership)	6	5	5	31	24
Married/Partner Senior Veteran	22	24	24		
Veteran (>21 years membership)	32	30	32	77	85
Married/Partner Veteran	48	48	48		
Married/Partner	72	86	82	66	70
Single	73	76	73	79	78
Student	2	1	0	1	2
Absentee	16	14	15	13	11
<b>TOTAL (including absentees)</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>293</b>
New Members	12	25	27	24	36
Outward Members	26	20	11	29	13

## Affiliations

The Club is affiliated to the following organisations:

- Federated Mountains Clubs of New Zealand
- Royal Forest and Bird Society
- Ruapehu Mountain Clubs Association
- Rimutaka Forest Park Trust
- Friends of Mana Island

## Club members in other related organisations

David Barnes	FMC Executive member FMC Nominee, NZ Geographic Board FMC Nominee, NZ Conservation Authority
Nicholas Boyack	HVTC representative – Tararua Aorangi Rimutaka Huts Committee
Graeme Lyon	Secretary/Treasurer – Wellington Mountain Radio Service
Dennis Page	FMC Youth Scholarship Committee Co-ordinator. Representative for FMC Central Group reporting to the FMC Executive
Phil Rundle	Treasurer – Tararua Tramping Museum Trust Review Accountant – Wellington Mountain Radio Service, Forest & Bird Lower Hutt
Bob Sewell	Manager – Wellington Mountain Radio Service
Pat Tristram	Secretary – Tararua Tramping Museum Trust



Searching the Dun Mineral Belt for the Monster gold mine, Bryant Range. Easter 2017.

Photo: Leni Mäckle

## REPORTS

### Trips

A big thank you to Pat and John Tristram who organised the biking schedules for the summer and winter trip list and assisted with the Sunday tramp schedule for winter. It would not be possible for me to organise the biking schedule along with other Trip Coordinator responsibilities.

Thanks are also deserved for trip leaders. I am sure it is noticeable to all club members, especially those who go on the most popular trips, how dependent they are on such a small pool of people who lead trips. While we get big numbers on Sunday walks and grade 1 tramps, a much smaller proportion are willing to be leaders. It is about time some people who go on those trips started offering to lead them. The same goes for popular overnight and multi-day bike rides.

And thanks to Assistant Trip Coordinator Andrew Robinson for assistance with data.

Long-term aggregate numbers can be seen from the graph. Numbers held up well compared with recent years. Beneath the surface, the story is that easy Sunday walks and grade 1 tramps are extremely popular, with big numbers going to such destinations as Powell Hut, Sunrise Hut and Totara Flats Hut. By contrast, grade 2 trips depend on a very small pool of active participants. Often only two or three will sign up and some were cancelled for lack of interest. Thank you to those who support grade 2 or 3 overnight trips, as well as to those leading the most popular trips.

There was one genuine grade 3 trip run the past year: a moonlight Southern Crossing led by Andrew Robinson.

During the year there were complaints about people missing places on popular overnight bike rides and multi-day trips.

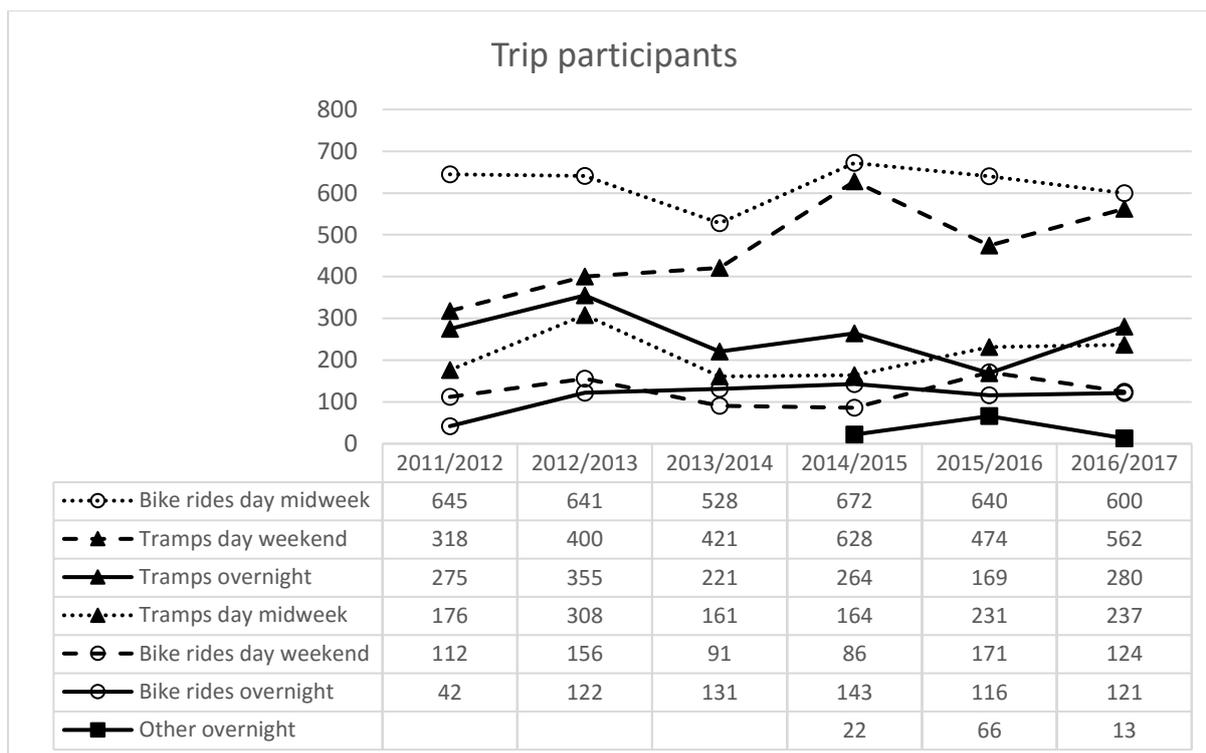
A message from the President in Hills & Valleys correctly diagnosed the problem as not enough trip

leaders, although leaders were also reminded to be transparent about such matters as waiting lists. Certain popular trips will inevitably be oversubscribed so it would be great if members were prepared to take the initiative to organise something for themselves and others missing out.



Murray Presland at Little Tora 1, April 2017.

Photo: Andrew Robinson



**Nick McBride, Trip Coordinator**

## Finance

The 2016-17 financial year has seen the club return an overall surplus of \$1,965, which is a useful improvement over last year's surplus of \$1,265. Prior to depreciation of \$9,735 being applied, the operating surplus was \$11,700. Notable factors in the net gains are two large donations of \$1,000 each, marked reductions in the printing cost of Hills & Valleys and in the clubrooms account deficit, and a profitable year for the transport account. The reduction in print cost was due entirely to reverting from colour printing to black and white.

The operations of our clubrooms have shown a marked improvement this financial year, largely due to a combination of increase in revenue (mostly from temporary use by a church group in the aftermath of last year's earthquake) and a very low \$100 expenditure on maintenance. Depreciation charges increased due to additions over the last two years of audio-visual equipment to the assets of the clubrooms. Our thanks are extended to Graeme Lythgoe for running the sales table that partly funded the new equipment and to Martin Watson for the installation. And, of course, to the many members who purchased the sales table bargains.

For transport, trips and gear, the overall surplus of \$4,530 was well ahead of last year's \$2,235. Interestingly, a \$6,268 reduction in revenue was more than offset by reductions in costs. A further \$3,000 from last year's surplus was transferred to the general section to provide funds that could be drawn upon for van replacement. Over the years, a total of \$38,000 has transferred and placed on term deposit.

The Ruapehu section had a bad year. Total expenditure was similar to last year but income was badly affected by poor weather during the all-important ski season. Last year's surplus of \$3,013 (pre-depreciation) was replaced by a deficit of \$3,739 this year. A bright note, however, was that a very generous donation of \$12,500, combined with \$1000 from last year's surplus, has enabled all outstanding member loans to be repaid.

Drawings of \$1,143 were made from the Fanny Bayliss Legacy funds. In combination with \$846 from sales table income, they funded the purchase of a lapel microphone and pull-down screen for use in the clubrooms, some crampons, and a good-quality bike pump.

Finally, the treasurer does not carry the financial workload alone. I express my heartfelt thanks to John Simes, Graham White, Patrick Fotheringham and Jackie and Chris West for their substantial and valuable contributions to managing the financial affairs of the club. I also thank Louise Gibson for helpful advice during the preparation of the annual accounts. On behalf of the club, I thank Ian Hoare for carrying out assurance reviews of both this year's and last year's accounts. His experience and thoroughness are greatly appreciated.

**Jim Cousins, Treasurer**

## **Ruapehu Lodge**

Lodge use was disappointing this year, with only 29 bed nights used in summer, despite advertising through Hill & Valleys, club nights and club emails. Winter use was down due to a school group cancellation, a late start to the snow season, then extreme bad weather. There was plenty of snow but insufficient time to take advantage of it.

Family use has increased but we have not seen a return to the occupancy levels of previous years. It is regrettable that although the club has such a great asset there are so few who wish to take advantage of it.

<b>Ruapehu Lodge Occupancy</b>									
	16/17	15/16	14/15	13/14	12/13	11/12	10/11	09/10	08/09
Member	637	696	535	579	718	593	573		
Non-member	43	74	61	80	64	43	54		
School	46	88	204	163	140	0	104	210	396
Group	58	58	74	189	80	118	89	111	186
Summer	29	65	67	95	141	0	151	183	246
Custodian	8	8	10	9	0	0	92	21	
<b>Total nights paid</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>981</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>1115</b>	<b>1143</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>888</b>	<b>1052</b>	<b>1346</b>
Work Party	56	60	52	69	40	411	83	46	44

A very generous donation enabled the Ruapehu Committee to pay off loans from members, and undertake more significant maintenance on the lodge exterior. Recladding the north wall of the building's second storey was substantially completed for \$4200.

Repairing the ground floor block work has started, along with work on the mortar as needed. Paint is being stripped off, and a concrete sealer applied to prolong the life of the blocks.

The lodge is in a satisfactory condition but the next major item will be replacing the glazing and perhaps the window sashes on the ground floor of the two-storeyed section. Interior and exterior maintenance painting continued as well as regular cleaning and tidying.

In response to rapidly escalating electricity lines charges, we installed control relays to cut some lodge heating during periods when the lines company was carrying out load control measures. This resulted in significant cost savings but with reduced comfort and some inconvenience. With further refinement of our load control measures, it is possible to achieve a reasonably balanced result.

Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL) has proposed to mountain clubs that a customer-owned power supply network is established. Some of the RAL proposals are likely to have direct benefits to clubs and the potential for significant savings.

The Department of Conservation has identified that considerable work is required to upgrade the sewage treatment scheme to meet environmental standards. Failure of the scheme is due partly to its poor design but largely to its management and operation. DOC expects that all the original stakeholders will be charged for the upgrades and improved operations. This would result in significant cost increases for all, however, there is considerable dissatisfaction among the clubs and others, and DOC has been advised that its approach is unacceptable. Our club must accept that some cost increases can be expected.

The new Health & Safety Act and new Food Act could have a significant effect on the operation of the lodge and increase our costs. Although our lodge is neither a workplace nor a restaurant, the new legislation is much broader in its application and places much more responsibility on the owner and management than previously. Work has started on preparing health and safety and food safety plans.

Following the re-licensing of the Whakapapa ski field, RAL has begun major redevelopment of the lower mountain, installing new lifts, snow-making facilities and ski areas. These improvements are somewhat overdue and will greatly enhance the experience of beginner and intermediate skiers, boarders and tourists in general. We hope this will improve visitor numbers and benefit the HVTC Ruapehu Lodge.

**Russell Oliver, Ruapehu Vice-President**

## Transport

The club van has performed reliably over the past 12 months, with no major expenses. The distance travelled is low compared with previous years, but the van is still paying its way so fares can be expected to stay the same.

Van use			
Quarter	Kilometres travelled (previous year)	Number of trips	Passengers
Jun – Aug 2016	1292 (2739)	4 (6)	20 (42)
Sept – Nov 2016	2578 (2085)	6 (5)	54 (39)
Dec – Feb 2017	3583 (2772)	5 (6)	50 (56)
Mar – May 2017	2008 (3233)	5 (7)	55 (50)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9461 (9721)</b>	<b>20 (24)</b>	<b>179 (206)</b>

The bike rack is being modified to minimise damage to bikes. It is also hoped that securing them for the journey will be more reliable and easier.

**Graham White, Transport Officer**

## Gear

A special thanks to Murray Presland for re-proofing four club tents. We now have six instep 4 point crampons, thanks to the Fanny Bayliss Bequest Fund, and a further seven donated to the club. Murray has replaced two out of date PLBs with two KTI SA2G beacons, which are smaller, lighter, less expensive and have a 10-year battery life. The club now has a total of four PLBs.

**Doc Watson, Gear Custodian**

## Clubrooms

The major repair during the year was to fix a leak above the library. Other minor repairs were made in the garage, kitchen and hall, and trees overhanging the building were trimmed.

Many thanks to:

- Mick McParland for cleaning graffiti on at least five occasions and installing extra library air vents.
- Ray Hyndman for making a portable ramp so bikes can be wheeled over the steps and into the foyer.
- Patrick Fotheringham for fixing the light above the sales table.

**Doc Watson, Clubroom Assistant Custodian**

## **Fanny Bayliss bequest grants scheme**

During 2016/17 the Fanny Bayliss bequest funds were held in a term deposit. Funds in excess of the original bequest of \$29,000, derived from bank interest, gave \$2,800 for distribution. In addition, \$1,931 had remained available from the 2015/16 year.

Four projects to use the remaining 2015/16 funds were approved and completed during 2016/17:

- 50 percent funding of a new lapel microphone for use at the clubrooms, with the balance funded from sales table proceeds (\$510).
- 50 percent funding for a new projector screen for the clubrooms (\$294), with the balance funded by sales table proceeds.
- Purchase of new 4-point instep crampons (\$240).
- A bike floor pump with a gauge (\$99).

For the 2016/17 funds, two proposals were received:

- A youth alpine course based at the Ruapehu Lodge.
- Partial funding of a new hot water system at the clubrooms.

At the time of writing this item for the annual report, neither has completed the approval process as both remain under discussion between the Fanny Bayliss Bequest sub-committee and the General Committee. A verbal update on decisions will be available at the AGM.

## **Kate Livingston, Sub-committee convenor**

## **Social Committee**

In another busy year, the committee organised a variety of interesting talks with other less usual evenings sprinkled in, such as an auction night and an entertaining tips and desserts evening. Thanks to Pam Smith (first six months) and Ron and Hetty Cameron (second six months) for co-ordinating the evening entertainment.

The long-promised ABBA night was held in April and well enjoyed. December's Christmas barbecue was well attended. This year's photo competition involved extra work for our judge, Ian McIlraith, and Murray Presland due to changes to the FMC competition. Our thanks go to them for their generously given time.

Our team has worked well each Wednesday to keep things running smoothly even when members are away, and we appreciate the help given in the kitchen when our numbers are low. Alan and Linda Geeves do a great job setting up the hall each Wednesday and ensuring the equipment is ready.



From left, Hetty and Ron Cameron and Sue Shields at the ABBA night.  
Photo: Doreen Courtenay

## **Doreen Courtenay, Social committee liaison**

# Hutt Valley Tramping Club Incorporated

## Statement of Financial Performance

For the year ended 31 May 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Subscriptions	12,842	13,162
Donations-general	3,048	1,146
Other	345	-
	<u>16,235</u>	<u>14,308</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Affiliation fees	3,052	3,202
Hills & Valleys	781	2,713
Printing and Stationery	2,491	3,126
Insurance - public liability (Note 5)	575	652
General expenses	907	235
Clubrooms account deficit	975	2,321
	<u>8,781</u>	<u>12,250</u>
<b>ADMINISTRATION SURPLUS</b>	<b>7,454</b>	<b>2,058</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME &amp; ACTIVITIES</b>		
Interest, General Accounts	1,215	1,439
Transport, Trips Account	4,530	2,235
Ruapehu Account	(11,235)	(4,467)
	<u>(5,489)</u>	<u>(793)</u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>(5,489)</b>	<b>(793)</b>
<b>SURPLUS to Accumulated Funds</b>	<u><b>1,965</b></u>	<u><b>1,265</b></u>

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## CLUB ROOMS AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
INCOME		
Hall and equipment rent	4,426	3,654
Auction and sales table (Note 7)	2,139	2,009
	<u>6,565</u>	<u>5,663</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Suppers, socials, awards etc, net	569	607
Lease HCC	386	386
Power and Maintenance	689	1,438
Insurance and valuation (Note 5)	4,186	4,455
Depreciation	1,711	1,098
	<u>7,541</u>	<u>7,985</u>
DEFICIT to Statement of Financial Performance	<u>(975)</u>	<u>(2,321)</u>

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## TRANSPORT, TRIPS & GEAR (OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES)

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Trip receipts & hut ticket sales	9,414	15,464
Interest	8	22
Gear Hire	-	20
Donations	368	1,047
Pinus Contorta (DOC)	669	174
	<b>10,459</b>	<b>16,727</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Sundry (Ferry costs)	1,050	-
Rentals, private vehicles and hut ticket purchases	407	6,861
Vehicle costs -Fuel	1,436	1,412
-Repairs & maintenance	418	3,547
-Road user charges & registration	829	902
-Insurance (Note 5)	940	913
Cycle rack -Depreciation	223	248
Gear -Depreciation	306	383
-Maintenance	319	226
	<b>5,929</b>	<b>14,492</b>
SURPLUS to Statement of Financial Performance	<b>4,530</b>	<b>2,235</b>

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## RUAPEHU LODGE

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Lodge Fees	28,555	34,560
Locker Hire	1,660	1,725
Interest	689	892
Donation	430	1,070
	<b>31,334</b>	<b>38,247</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Food	4,615	5,303
Power	8,794	8,416
Telephone	701	701
Repairs, maintenance	5,810	2,084
Insurance (Note 5)	6,291	8,275
DOC service & site levies	5,924	6,344
General expenses	-	276
Council rates	2,107	2,033
RMCA services + IQP	829	1,803
Depreciation	7,495	7,480
	<b>42,568</b>	<b>42,715</b>
DEFICIT to Statement of Financial Performance	<b>(11,235)</b>	<b>(4,467)</b>
Surplus or (Deficit) before depreciation	<b>(3,739)</b>	<b>3,013</b>

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**STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS TO THE ACCUMULATED FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MAY 2017**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Balance 1 June	356,961	353,281
Surplus for the year	1,965	1,265
Transferred from Fanny Bayliss (Note 1)	1,143	2,415
Donation for loan repayment (Note 6)	12,500	-
Balance 31 May	<b>372,568</b>	<b>356,961</b>

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**As at 31 May 2017**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	\$	\$
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	<b>372,568</b>	<b>356,961</b>
Represented by		
<b>BANK ACCOUNTS</b>		
General Funds - current a/c, Westpac	5,084	6,877
General Funds Term a/cs	40,271	30,214
Fanny Bayliss Bequest - term deposit	30,779	30,932
Transport - current a/c, Westpac	9,571	6,754
Ruapehu - current a/c, Westpac	10,755	15,767
Ruapehu term deposit, Westpac	15,000	15,580
	<u>111,460</u>	<u>106,124</u>
<b>OTHER CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
DOC Hut tickets	403	592
Prepayments & Accrued income (Note 2)	12,713	10,416
	<u>13,116</u>	<u>11,008</u>
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>124,576</b>	<b>117,133</b>
<b>LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES &amp; SPECIAL FUNDS</b>		
Creditors (Note 3)	-	1,600
Fanny Bayliss Bequest (Note 1)	30,779	30,932
	<u>30,779</u>	<u>32,531</u>
<b>WORKING FUNDS</b>	<b>93,797</b>	<b>84,601</b>
<b>LESS TERM LIABILITIES</b>		
Members Loans – Ruapehu (Note 6)	-	13,500
	<u>93,797</u>	<u>71,101</u>
<b>PLUS FIXED ASSETS (Note 4)</b>	<b>278,771</b>	<b>285,859</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u><b>372,568</b></u>	<u><b>356,961</b></u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**For the year ended 31 May 2017**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is an Incorporated Society. The financial statements of the entity have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The entity is entitled to use differential reporting exemptions because it is not publicly accountable, because it is not large and has taken advantage of all differential reporting exemptions.

Measurement Base

The measurement base adopted is that of historical cost.

Nature of Activities

The entity conducts the activities of organising tramping, climbing, skiing, and other outdoor trips to, and for the enjoyment of, New Zealand's recreational and conservation estates.

**SPECIFIC ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost, using a first in first out basis, and net realisable value.

Taxation

The Inland Revenue Department confirmed in May 2000 that the Constitution entitled the Club to an exemption from income tax under their amateur sports promoter rules.

Depreciation

In recognition of wear and obsolescence, a portion of the following assets have been written down in value. The rates applied are as follows;

Ruapehu Lodge	2.5% of initial cost
Garage	2.5% of initial cost
Ford Van	Written down to estimated residual value.
Tramping Gear	20% of book value
Clubroom Furniture & Equipment	20% of book value
Laptop and Projector	Written down to \$100 nominal value
Laptop	20% of book value
Clubrooms	Written down to \$1000 nominal value
Cycle rack and rack hoist	10% of book value
Audio-Visual Equipment	20% of book value

Goods and Services Tax

These financial statements have been prepared on a GST inclusive basis of accounting.

Capital Expenditure

There are no commitments for capital expenditure at balance date.

Contingent Liabilities

There are no known contingent liabilities at balance date.

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes to these policies.

## 1 FANNY BAYLISS LEGACY

	2017	2016
This year's movements are:	\$	\$
Balance 1 June 2016	30,932	32,026
Plus: Interest received	990	1,321
Sub total	31,922	33,347
Less: Distribution of funds (Note 7)	1,143	2,415
Balance 31 May 2017	<u>30,779</u>	<u>30,932</u>

## 2 PREPAYMENTS AND ACCRUED INCOME

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Interest earned but not received	550	520
Prepayments	6,186	5,778
Clubroom rentals	1,792	1,318
FMC Affiliation Fees	4,185	2,800
Totals	<u>12,713</u>	<u>10,416</u>

## 3 CREDITORS

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Prepaid subscriptions	-	337
DOC - Hut tickets	-	450
DOC - Quarterly Site levy	-	813
Totals	<u>-</u>	<u>1,600</u>

## 4 FIXED ASSETS

	Additions	Depreciation	2017	2016
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Clubrooms (built 1959)	-	-	1,000	1,000
Garage (built 1985)	-	335	2,644	2,979
Ruapehu (bunkroom - built 2012)	-	7,495	262,515	270,010
Tramping Gear	998	306	2,223	1,532
Ford Van	-	-	1,829	1,829
Clubrooms general contents	-	22	90	112
Kodak projector	-	-	100	100
Laptop/projector	-	-	100	100
Laptop	-	103	411	514
Audio-visual equipment (2016/17)	1,649	1,080	4,319	3,749
Cycle rack hoist (purch. 2014)	-	171	1,535	1,706
Cycle rack (purch. 2013)	-	223	2,005	2,228
	<u>2,647</u>	<u>9,735</u>	<u>278,771</u>	<u>285,859</u>

## 5 INSURANCE

Insurance is held on the Club's buildings, contents, van, and potential liabilities, as follows:

	<b>Buildings</b>	<b>Contents</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Date</b>
Club Rooms (valuation \$500,000)	474,000	45,000	-	May-17
Ruapehu Lodge (valuation \$1,161,500)	728,000	-	-	Apr-15
Public Liability	-	-	2,000,000	-
Statutory Liability	-	-	500,000	-
Ford Van	-	-	14,000	-

The Ruapehu Lodge is insured under the Ruapehu Mountain Clubs Association scheme with an expiry date of 31 July 2017. All other insurances are current to 31 May 2018. The clubrooms are insured for replacement, the Ruapehu Lodge for indemnity.

## 6 MEMBER LOANS

In 2012 members lent the Club \$22,700 for the refurbishment of the Ruapehu Lodge. Repayment of the loans was dependent upon the operations of the Ruapehu Lodge and the aim was to have the loans repaid within 10 years from June 2012. A very generous anonymous donation of \$12,500 made earlier this year has enabled the outstanding loans to be repaid in full.

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
This year's movements are:		
Balance 1 June 2016	13,500	14,500
Less repayments made	13,500	1,000
Balance 31 May 2017	<u>-</u>	<u>13,500</u>

## 7 PURCHASES FROM FANNY BAYLISS AND SALES TABLE FUNDS

	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Sennheiser EW 112G3-B Omni Lapel Mic		1,061
Pull Down Screen (120 inch)		588
In-Step Crampons		240
Floor Bike Pump with Gauge		100
		<u>1,989</u>

Funding sources were:

Fanny Bayliss Legacy interest	1,143
Sales Table funds	846
	<u>1,989</u>

Sales Table Funds remaining for future projects **2,139**

Ian T Hoare  
Chartered Accountant  
109A Waerenga Road, Otaki

## **ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT TO THE HUTT VALLEY TRAMPING CLUB INC.**

I have reviewed the financial statements of the Hutt Valley Tramping Club Inc. for the year ended 31 May 2017 in accordance with the Review Engagement Standards issued by the External Reporting Board.

### *The Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Statements.*

The committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements and for such internal control as the committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### *The Assurance Reviewer's Responsibility.*

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements. I conducted my review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (New Zealand) ISRE (NZ) 2400. This Standard also requires I comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review is limited primarily to enquiries of the entity's personnel and analytical review procedures applied to financial data and thus provides less assurance than an audit. I have not performed an audit and, accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion.

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the accompanying financial statements do not give a true and fair view.



17 June 2017

**Hutt Valley Tramping Club Incorporated**  
**Minutes of the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**Held at 8pm Wednesday 27 July 2016 in the Clubrooms,**  
**Birch Street, Lower Hutt**

**Present:** 62 members

**Chair:** Frank Usmar

**1. Apologies:** John Smeith, Ian Milne, Kate Livingston, Emma Dobbie, Shelley Kirk, Chriselda and Murray McMillan, Shirley O'Kane, Matt Craig, Pam and Max Bruce, Jan and Arnold Heine, Paul Haines, Ray Collins, Peter Robbins, Gilbert Stone, Val Erhardt, Nicholas Boyack, Louise Gibson,

**MOVED:** That these apologies be accepted.

Don Millward / Ron Cameron    **Carried**

A minute's silence was held out of respect and in memory of the following deceased members: Matt Bruce, Jill Reilly nee Canham.

**2. Minutes of the 92<sup>nd</sup> AGM** Refer to pages 31 to 38 of the 2015-2016 Annual Report.

**MOVED:** That the minutes of the 92<sup>nd</sup> AGM of 29 July 2015, having been circulated to members, be taken as read.

Dennis Page / Ian Ayson    **Carried**

**CORRECTIONS:** None

**MOVED:** That the minutes of the 92<sup>nd</sup> AGM be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Allan Geeves / Dennis Page    **Carried**

**MATTERS ARISING:** None

**3. Annual Report 2015-2016**

**MOVED:** That the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report, with amendments as circulated to members, be received.

Graham McVerry / Robyn Usmar    **Carried**

**CORRECTIONS & ADDITIONS**

Page 5: Photo Archivist, replace Neil Hickman with Max Bruce

Page 10: Half way down Minister of Conservation

Page 15: Under Social Committee, The annual club picnic

Page 26: Under nature of activities include cycling

Page 18: President's report – Dennis Page made the comment: Wish to emphasise that FMC was not solely a conservation body - though that is an important aspect of part of what they advocate for - but that the majority part of their 'reason for being' is advocacy for tramping and mountaineering outdoor recreation in NZ. That advocacy includes: retention of, or improvement of, access to the conservation estate and other public back-country areas, the sound management of the conservation estate (including commenting on and input into conservation and national park management plans), addition of new areas of land into the conservation estate, preservation and enhancement of the hut and track network, safeguarding the back country from excessive development - including inappropriate tourism ventures in areas of high recreational and conservation value. These comments were not to criticise the comment made in Don's presidential summary but to provide clarification lest the impression was formed that FMC was a conservation body like Forest and Bird. Given FMC is indicating an increase in levies in the near future and that HVTC passes these costs on to its members, I felt it was important that members get the full impression of the large degree of background work that FMC does so that they have the assurance that they are getting value for money for their levy.

**MOVED:** That the 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report, with amendments as circulated to members, be adopted (with changes as noted).

Dennis Page / Pam Smith **Carried**

## **PRESENTATIONS BY AUTHORS**

Ian Ayson: There has been concern about the Ruapehu Lodge maintenance programme, particularly how it would be financed. We maintain the lodge out of surplus funds but these have been down over the last few years. One reason is that they have been used to repay loans. A generous, anonymous donor has given \$12,500 to repay these loans. We would like to express our thanks to the donor.

Frank Usmar: Thanked all those who have supplied their respective reports for the Annual Report and particularly Phaedra who has compiled the information. The Annual Report is growing in size every year, along with complexity, which makes the task challenging.

## **MATTERS ARISING**

John Tristram: How long has it been known that the Ruapehu maintenance has needed to be done? How much is it going to cost? And how is the Ruapehu Committee going to pay for it?

Ian Ayson: The Ruapehu Committee has a maintenance list, and they nibble away at it. This year the Ruapehu Committee has set aside \$5000 for cladding. One other major item of concern is the external block work, which has been known about for the

last five years, but it isn't urgent. The Ruapehu Committee wishes to address it within the next five years.

John Tristram: Is this \$5000 surplus generated by the lodge and not from club funds?

Ian Ayson: Yes, this is what is intended.

John Tristram: How are you going to make \$5000 per year, given that over the past few years the surplus has been less than that?

Mike Priest: This isn't necessarily \$5000 per year for each of the next 10 years as future maintenance costs haven't as yet been fully established. Repaying members' loans has to date been the priority.

Ian Ayson: To date the maintenance has come out of revenue not surplus. This year we have spent \$2000 on maintenance.

#### **4. Annual Accounts**

**MOVED:** That the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 May 2016, as circulated to members, be received.

Pam Smith / Dennis Page **Carried**

Frank: I wish to acknowledge and thank Mike Priest for the work he has put into the accounts for this year and over the last four years as treasurer. Unlike other previous treasurers, Mike does not have an accounting background, which makes the task more demanding. Thank you, Mike.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Mike Priest: Since printing the Annual Report, Ian Hoare has completed a review assurance. This forms part of the annual accounts. Also circulated was the omission of two figures at the top of page 25.

Mike points out that depreciation factored in represents the value of a major capital asset apportioned over its expected lifetime. Thus, in the annual accounts the purchase price of any new capital item is not expensed solely in the year of its purchase but has its cost spread over future years.

Subs and donations do not cover all the expenses that the club incurs. We rely on the extra funds from hiring out the hall and the sales table run by Graeme Lythgoe. Also note that while we have healthy bank balances, if the Fanny Bayliss fund, the Ruapehu working account and the amount set aside for the van replacement are removed, a general operating amount of just under \$9000 remains. We will need to keep a careful watch over our finances.

We have written confirmation from FMC that their membership fees will rise by \$5 per member. This will have to be factored in. A new clubroom lease will be required from 31 March 2017, with a likely rent increase.

Costs for Hills & Valleys printing, and printing and stationery from 2015 to 2016 increased, partly because we pre-purchased envelopes. Printing costs for Hills & Valleys will decrease in 2016/17 because we have gone back to black and white printing.

General and transport sections in the year ahead are steady, and expenses are under control.

A generous donation has allowed Ruapehu Lodge loans to be repaid. This will enable the Ruapehu Committee to proceed with planning maintenance issues.

All in all a good year.

**MOVED:** That the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 May 2016 be adopted.

Mike Priest / Ian Ayson **Carried**

## 5. Election of Officers

Position	Nominated	Proposer	Seconder
<b>General Committee</b>			
President	Frank Usmar	Phaedra Upton	Pam Smith
Vice President	Phaedra Upton	Pat Tristram	Mike Priest
Vice-President Ruapehu	Russell Oliver	John Simes	Ian McIlraith
Secretary	Marina Skinner	Graeme Lythgoe	Patrick Fotheringham
Treasurer			
Trip Coordinator	Nick McBride	Phaedra Upton	Graeme Lythgoe
Transport Officer	Graham White	Graeme Lythgoe	Phaedra Upton
Committee (6)	Graeme Lythgoe	Pat Tristram	Tony Jaegers
	Andrew Robinson	Pat Tristram	Tony Jaegers
	John Smeith	Pat Tristram	Tony Jaegers
	Doc Watson	John Tristram	Murray Presland
	Chris West	Michael Grace	Graeme McVerry
	Debbie	Phaedra Upton	Marina Skinner
	Bainbridge		
<b>Ruapehu Committee</b>			
Secretary	Bruce Miller	Val Erhardt	Kate Livingston
Treasurer	John Simes	Kate Livingston	Val Erhardt
Committee (8)	Ian McIlraith	Alan Geeves	Linda Geeves
	Brendan Quirke	Tony Jaegers	Gen Gage
	Ian Ayson	John Simes	Mike Fackney
	Peter Robbins	Tony Jaegers	Gen Gage
	Alison Newbald	Dennis Page	Russell Oliver
	Sheldon Bruce	Graeme Lyon	Doug Flux
	Kate Brownsword	Doug Flux	Graeme Lyon

### **Social Committee (8)**

Pamela Campbell	Michele Lythgoe	Pam Smith
Liz Davis	Pam Smith	Michele Lythgoe
Pam Smith	Pamela Campbell	Michele Lythgoe
Cathy Priest	Michele Lythgoe	Pam Smith
Julie Lewis	Liz Davis	Pamela Campbell
Doreen	Graeme Lythgoe	Michele Lythgoe
Courtenay		
Hetty Cameron	Pamela Campbell	Cathy Priest
Ron Cameron	Pamela Campbell	Cathy Priest

As the number of nominations did not exceed the number of positions, Frank Usmar declared these positions filled.

Request for a nomination for Treasurer from the floor.

Treasurer nomination: Jim Cousins

Pat Tristram / Graeme McVerry

There being no other nominations, Jim Cousins is appointed Treasurer

Request for a nomination from the floor for the vacant position on the Ruapehu Committee.

No nominations so the position was left vacant and it is left to the Ruapehu Committee to second someone if needed.

## **6. Proposed amendments to the HVTC constitution**

### **Proposed Motion 1**

That the Constitution be amended as follows.

8.1.1 The General Committee shall be composed of the ~~eight~~ seven named officers of the President, ~~three~~ two Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Trip Co-ordinator and the Transport Officer, and up to six General Committee members.

Moved: M. Priest

Seconded: F Usmar

Mike read the explanation from the Annual Report.  
No further questions or discussion.

**Motion carried**

## Proposed Motion 2

With the aim of achieving a subscription structure based on sharing the costs more equally among all members, that:

- a) the proposed review of membership subscriptions for 2016/17 adopt the approach that all members pay an individual flat subscription rate, set for each of the membership status categories (general/veteran/senior veteran) and
- b) to assist achieving more equal subscription rates, it is recommended the General Committee move to levying additional payment for extra services to members, commensurate with costs. For example, circulating communications electronically as provided for in para. 2(5) of the Constitution and charging an annual cost where a member wishes to continue to receive printed copies.

Proposer: Julia Forsyth

Seconder: Pamela Campbell

Julia Forsyth: A similar motion was proposed last year. It would be fairer to distribute the cost of running the club more fairly across the membership. Having a membership based on single vs couples is not fair or fit for purpose.

At present: Single \$64 compared with partnered member \$40.50 each.

The proposers wish the General Committee to distribute the costs on a more individual basis. They do support the life member and veteran memberships as they presently exist.

The club is moving toward more electronic distribution of publications. The FMC subscription is paid on a per person basis.

Sandra Pearce: Concerned that the club could lose a few members. She supported the motion but suggested that in some cases one half of a couple isn't particularly active, so that couple may go to an individual membership, and we would lose the other member.

Pamela Campbell: The counter argument to this is that we have about 70 single members, and some of these might leave if the rates aren't made fairer. For two people - \$61 vs one person - \$54. And couples can share the petrol to get to club meetings.

Doug Flux: Encouraged the single membership fee. Keeping the membership fee low for young, single members might encourage younger people to join.

Ron Cameron: Human rights should be taken into account. No other club he belongs to has a married couple rate.

Ian Ayson: More inclined to agree with Sandra. The subscriptions in this club are so low that they should be going up anyway.

Julia Forsyth: Totally agreed that the fee structure is low, but this motion is about sharing the cost of what we currently pay.

Murray Presland: Fully in favour of the proposal. The fee structure was set in the 1990s. It is time the General Committee came up with a modernised fee structure. It was asked to do this last year, but it didn't. It should start from "what do the subscriptions have to do?" and build up from there.

Mike Priest: The General Committee didn't change the fee structure this past year because it had an indication of FMC fees being raised but didn't know by how much, so decided to wait until it knew the new rate.

Frank Usmar: Subscriptions are reviewed each year, as required by the Club Financial Procedures, and they were reviewed last year.

Dennis Page: Should the motion be 2016/17 or 2017/18?

**MOVED:** That the motion be amended to read ... 2017/18 rather than 2016/17  
Pam Smith / Jackie West **Carried**

Pat Tristram: Agreed with the proposal but wondered if increases in subscriptions should go up more often by smaller amounts so that a large increase is not a shock to people's budgets.

Ray Hyndman: Agrees with Pat that it's better to put subs up by smaller amounts.

Marina Skinner: Supports the motions, and now that it has been pointed out she feels hard done by with the current fee structure.

Frank Usmar: How do people feel about receiving communications electronically?

Doc Watson: He doesn't mind paying extra to have a hard copy.

Doug Flux: In today's environment it is good not to print out extra paper.

John Tristram: If half a couple does decide not to be a member, they will have to pay non-member's rates on trips.

### **Amended motion put to the vote and carried**

Frank Usmar: This is quite an involved task and depends on costs arising. FMC fees, postage and printing costs are increasing, and we may need to go to an internet cloud accounting package, which will likely be a cost. A sub-committee is needed to work on fairer subscriptions, and he called on the proposers to join the sub-committee.

The proposers said they would be happy to be involved with a sub-committee.

## 7. General Business

Ray Hyndman: Is still opposed to dogs on trips, despite the new policy (page 35). Last year the motion to ban them was put to the AGM but it was lost. A new motion on this topic was not accepted. The dog policy was reviewed and published in Hills & Valleys earlier this year.

Frank Usmar expressed his appreciation to all those who volunteer in the club, especially those on the three committees, to all trip leaders and others who contribute to keeping the club going.

He expressed appreciation and a big thank you to specific people in the club:

- Mike Priest – for six years on the General Committee, including four as treasurer, who is standing down.
- Don Herron – for being a Vice-President, and President for most of this year.
- Ian Ayson – for being Vice-President of the Ruapehu Committee, now standing down from that position.
- John Simes – for standing in for Ian Ayson and for his long service on the Ruapehu Committee.
- Graeme Lythgoe – as Vice-President and filling in for him when he was away, plus the sales table and financing the extra projects from those funds.
- Andrew Robinson – as Trip Coordinator – stepping down.
- Louise Gibson – for auditing and more recently conducting Assurance Reviews on the club accounts.
- Ian Hoare – for conducting the recent Assurance Review at very short notice.
- Doreen Courtenay – for providing the baking for supper tonight, and for processing the sending out of Hills & Valleys and other documentation. She has kept on doing this after a very serious leg injury and only being able to get around on crutches, which shows outstanding dedication.
- Mike Fackney – stepping down from the Ruapehu Committee.
- Robyn Usmar – for six years on the social committee – stepping down

Pat Tristram also thanked Bruce Miller as Hills & Valleys editor for over 10 years and secretary of the Ruapehu Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.08pm.

Chairperson: .....

Date:.....

**Hutt Valley Tramping Club Incorporated**  
**Minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting**  
**Held at 8pm Wednesday 5 April 2017 in the Clubrooms,**  
**Birch Street, Lower Hutt**

**Present:** 53 members

**Chair:** Frank Usmar (president)

**Apologies:** Ian Ayson, Michael Grace, Valerie Hart, Murray McMillan, Shirley O’Kane, Dennis Page, Chris West.

**Moved:** That these apologies be accepted.

Pam Smith / Mike Priest

**Carried**

**Background**

Frank Usmar outlined to the meeting the following motion carried at the 2016 HVTC AGM:

With the aim of achieving a subscription structure based on sharing the costs more equally among all members, that:

- a) the proposed review of membership subscriptions for 2017/18\* adopt the approach that all members pay an individual flat subscription rate, set for each of the membership status categories (general/veteran/senior veteran) and
- b) to assist achieving more equal subscription rates, it is recommended the General Committee move to levying additional payment for extra services to members, commensurate with costs. For example, circulating communications electronically as provided for in para. 2(5) of the Constitution and charging an annual cost where a member wishes to continue to receive printed copies.

The General Committee appointed a sub-committee to recommend a membership subscription structure based on sharing costs more equally among members of the HVTC. Terms of reference required the sub-committee to pick up the resolution passed at the 2016 AGM, take current costs into account, provide justification for the recommendations being made on subscriptions, and make recommendations on how changes would be put into place for the 2017 subscription year.

The sub-committee was led by Kate Livingston, with members Pamela Campbell, Murray Presland and Jim Cousins. They produced a detailed 23-page report. A summary of this report was printed in Hills & Valleys, displayed on the clubroom notice board, and made available upon request.

\* This was mistakenly presented as 2016/17 at the meeting.

The EGM considered two motions from the General Committee:

### **Motion 1:**

**THAT** the Hutt Valley Tramping Club (Inc) endorses as club policy the revised membership and subscription structure as proposed by the subscriptions sub-committee and adopted by the General Committee. These changes will take effect from 1 June 2017.

**Moved:** Frank Usmar

**Seconded:** Jim Cousins

### **Discussion**

Jim Cousins: The sub-committee has built a forthcoming \$5 per member increase in Federated Mountain Club fees into the new membership structure.

Kate Livingston: The new subscription structure provides the rationale for changing the fees.

Murray Presland: The sub-committee had two objectives: All members are treated in the same way; and the costs of publishing and distributing membership material are separated from other club costs and are charged to members who choose to receive material in paper form.

Doug Flux: Most young members are likely to be single.

Ray Hyndman: What is the cost of printing and postage per member? Total for all materials: \$28.50.

Ron Cameron: Any indication of whether subscriptions will stay the same? Frank answered that the General Committee sets the subscriptions, and is looking at costs vs income. In the 2017-18 year, subscriptions might have to be raised. Subscriptions are not linked to the CPI but to balance the club's costs and income.

Jim Cousins: The General Committee will probably have to increase subscriptions in future years. The club van is the only profitable area of operation. Funds are not being allocated for hall maintenance. About \$3000 a year should probably be set aside for this.

Mike Priest: A subscription increase in the future is more than likely. Other tramping clubs might have low subscriptions but they don't own the same assets as HVTC.

**The motion was carried.**

### **Motion 2:**

**THAT** to implement the new revised membership and subscription structure, the following amendments to the Club constitution are made:

**A.** Clauses 4.3.2.1 and 4.3.2.2 of the HVTC Constitution are replaced with the following clauses:

**Veteran Member**  
4.3.2.1 A Veteran Member shall be any person who has been a member of the Club for more than 21 years.

**Senior Veteran Member**  
4.3.2.2 A Senior Veteran Member shall be any person who has been a member of the Club for more than 50 years.

*Note: This change confers status as a Veteran Member or Senior Veteran Member on an individual member. It removes the extension of this status to the individual's partner/spouse.*

*It is not intended that there be any change to the Veteran or Senior Veteran status presently held by the partner/spouse of a current Veteran or Senior Veteran Member.*

**B.** A clause 4.3.4 is added to the HVTC Constitution:

**Student Member**  
4.3.4 A Student Member shall be any person who is in attendance at a secondary or tertiary institute of education.

*Note: This change tidies the definition of Student Member that was adopted at the AGM in 2015.*

**C.** Clause 6.1.1.2 of the HVTC Constitution is replaced with the following clause:

6.1.1.2 The annual subscription shall be fixed for:  
Members.  
Veteran Members.  
Senior Veteran Members.  
Absentee Members.  
Student Members in attendance at a tertiary institute.  
The annual subscription for Student Members in attendance at a secondary institute shall be zero.

*Note: This change removes the obligation to set subscriptions for Married Couple and Partner Members.*

**D.** Clause 6.1.5.2 of the HVTC Constitution is deleted.

*Note: This change confers the status and privileges of a Life Member on the elected individual. It removes the extension of the privileges to the individual's partner.*

*It is not intended that there be any change to the privileges presently held by the partner/spouse of a Life Member.*

**Moved:** Phaedra Upton

**Seconded:** Murray Presland

## **Discussion**

Ray Hyndman: Is the zero subscription for student members studying full-time or part-time? Kate Livingston answered that it refers to secondary students only. The rationale is to encourage young people to join the club.

Alan Geeves: Concerned that the privileges of a life member will not be extended to his/her partner when partners often enable life members to make a significant contribution to the club.

John Tristram: Uncomfortable with the removal of clause 6.1.5.2 because extension of life member privileges to partners acknowledges the cost to a relationship of a life member's contribution to the club.

Murray Presland: Removal of the clause is for consistency, and to uniformly reflect the status or contribution of individual members.

Ron Cameron: Supported no change to privileges held by the partners of current life members.

John Simes: He and his partner would prefer that the privileges of his life membership were not extended to his partner.

**The motion was carried.**

## **General discussion**

Pat Tristram asked for annual reports to be printed for members. Marina Skinner responded that thought is being given to presenting the annual report in a different format in future.

## **Conclusion**

Frank Usmar recorded his appreciation to the subscriptions sub-committee, led by Kate Livingston, and members Murray Presland, Pamela Campbell, and Jim Cousins. They put a huge effort into this task in research and producing a very detailed a report.

The meeting showed appreciation for the sub-committee's efforts.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.