



OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB NEWSLETTER 479 MARCH 2022



**Grade 2 Waipara Gorge, February 9. What a fantastic tramp today. Thank you Carolyn (Blackford) for your wonderful leadership and thanks Dave (Morgan) for your great knowledge of the fossils. Heather Robertson.**

## Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday 8 March 2022**  
**Knox Church Hall** (not the lounge where we usually meet)  
**cnr Bealey Ave/Victoria Street**  
**7.30 p.m.**

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting to bring them up to date with what has been happening in the Club over the past year. It is an opportunity for you to raise any issues that you feel need discussion. It is also an opportunity for you to nominate Officers and Committee Members of your Club.

## Notices for your diaries

### Bowenvale Valley

This is on "our" plantings that we have been doing for over the last decade with the City Council. An opportunity to put back into the Port Hills something for all the enjoyment that they give us.

**Autumn Maintenance Day – Thursday 31 March. 12.30 till 3.00**  
**Planting Day – Thursday 19 May 12.30 till 3.00**

**Spring Maintenance Day – Thursday 20 October 12.30 till 3.00**  
In all cases we meet at the Bowenvale car park and proceed up to "our" area. You only need to bring yourselves – the Council will supply everything else we require.

Queries: Gavin Hampton 343-1291

**Note the deadline for Newsletter items to the Editor is the 20th of every month for the following month's Newsletter—send to Mavis Airey at [mavis.airey@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mavis.airey@xtra.co.nz) AND Terry Stevens at [terendy2@gmail.com](mailto:terendy2@gmail.com)**

**Trip details by the 15th of every month to Trip Collators: Saturday and Sunday trips to Vicki Steven—421 0060 mob 022 130 4342 [vicki\\_steven2005@yahoo.com.au](mailto:vicki_steven2005@yahoo.com.au)**  
**Wednesday trips to Barbro Guard—980 2792 [guard.gabk@gmail.com](mailto:guard.gabk@gmail.com).**

Please note — address all correspondence pertaining to Club business to the Secretary, in the first instance by email ([secretary@oftc.org.nz](mailto:secretary@oftc.org.nz))

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*Established 1978 Affiliated to the Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ*

## **CHAIR'S REPORT YE 2022**

This is my last report as Chair. Our constitution wisely limits the Chair's term to a maximum of three years which is actually a bit of a relief when you are Chair, and allows new ideas and thinking to come in to play. The last three years have been a privilege and a lot of fun, made easier by the great team who make up the committee, along with the very positive support and encouragement from club members.

The last year has been hampered by ongoing covid developments but the club has continued to grow. Membership has fluctuated over the past three year from a starting number of 400, dropping to a low of 379, and currently sits at 420. So I guess that is progress.

Three recent developments are encouraging:

Grade 4/5. A few years back our grade 4/5 tramps disappeared when our tramp quorum couldn't be reached ( people left, got older etc.). However, a new group has begun to coalesce and is building momentum.

Leaders - more people are putting up their hands to be leaders, fostered by the good work of our past and present club captains, Marcel Robb and Kaye Young. This is a very positive development but we are not "there yet" and the momentum needs to continue. Tramp leading is something we all need to consider. Being a leader makes you a better and safer tramper as it increases your awareness of where you are going, your surroundings, the track and weather conditions, and the state of the people on the tramp.

The average membership age was calculated at 72 three years ago. Today it is closer to 71. Not a big movement, but trending the right way.

Financially the club is in a good space and many thanks are due to the hard work of Peter Oliver ( treasurer) and Bryan Smith (audit control).

Most social events have had to be cancelled or deferred as we operate under the covid regime. Hopefully as the year progresses we will be able to open up again as we learn to live with covid in our midst.

I want to mention the new website. This has not made the hoped (or hyped?) for progress. We have run into a number of technical snags and are now taking a two stage approach. Stage 1 will be a cosmetic tune up giving a website with the same functionality as the present website but with a more up-to-date appearance. A new promotional section will also be added, which will include the promotional video played at the last AGM, which is designed to to communicate our ethos and purpose to someone looking for a tramping club. Stage 2 will add to the functionality of the website, giving better tools for tramp planners and tramp leaders, while making it easier to capture tramp data. It will also make it easier for members to access information about upcoming events (tramps, social, training, workshops etc.)

Finally, I want to thank the committee, especially Peter Coursey who works hard on the web team and on the web development team, and who is stepping down from the committee. Also for all those who do many of the "hidden" jobs like tramp planners, tramp leaders, the web team, Paul Knox for DOC Liaison, Peter Moody as Health and Safety Officer, David Jones as Social Coordinator, Mavis Airey for publishing Going Places, Jean Fryer and her team who put on suppers for us, those like Barbro Guard who reformat the tramp programme for Going Places, Cathie Graves and her team who handle the distribution of Going Places and Backcountry - the list goes on and I am sure there are others who deserve to be mentioned.

**Lawrence Allpress**

## **CLUB CAPTAIN'S AGM REPORT 2022**

Another year has gone by dealing with Covid and 2022 doesn't look to be any better! As one epidemiologist said, "the only thing that is certain for 2022 is that there will be a whole lot of uncertainty!" In spite of that, we can continue to tramp under the Red Light setting of the Covid-19 Protection Framework. In the year to 31 December 2021, 71 tramps were cancelled due to Covid and the weather and 33 tramps for the 2020 year. Let us hope we do not have so many cancellations this year.

Up until August 2021 Marcel Robb was our Club Captain and he is sorely missed. Not only his columns in Going Places with his sense of humour and advice but all of his wisdom from years of tramping, which meant great oversight of the club day to day operations. He tells us Te Anau is not far away and I look forward to attending a Basecamp there next year. Marcel organised an Outdoor First Aid course in May 2021 and a Snow Craft course in July 2021. River Safety and Navigation were done at the end of 2020. With Omicron looming just around the corner I will endeavour to hold some courses in the latter half of the year particularly the outdoor ones. Paul Knox also plans to lead a Compass and Navigation course and we will have a better idea, later on, whether it will be possible to run courses this year.

In October, I ran a Tramp leaders workshop for 60 people, including the presenters, and this was well received. All the newbies, who attended, plan to become leaders at some stage and some have already come on board. Thank you to everyone who helped and attended this course. Chris Clark's help was invaluable and the printed information provided will be put together in a pamphlet. The thinking is that this can then be used to run an evening course, which is much simpler to run, to bring on board other club members who are interested in becoming Tramp Leaders. Also, from this workshop a Leader's Register was set up to keep a record of who attended the Workshop, who are all our Tramp Leaders and Planners are and to track how many tramps that people lead. This year I will organise an evening for Tramp Leaders and Planners to recognise the work they do as volunteers for the club.

Marcel Robb instigated a *Club Captain's Noticeboard* in the monthly newsletter as a means of communicating specific information to members. This I will continue to do. We now have a membership of 418 members and with new people regularly coming into the club, messages on health, safety and Covid-19 need to continue to be conveyed to new and current members. Part of my role is to also follow up on accidents and incidents within the Club, provide monthly reports to the committee and in *Going Places*, and give guidance and advice as required.

**Kaye Young**

**DAY TRIP PROGRAMME**

The tramps are listed in order of difficulty, with the easiest first, then moderate, then harder.  
If you are unsure of a tramp please check with the tramp leader.

**NQ** means that this tramp is not a qualifying tramp for prospective new members.  
All other day tramps grade 2 and above are qualifying tramps.  
Travel costs for trips are calculated at three passengers per car.

**Please note:** It is club policy that these day tramps and the tramping programmes detailed in the newsletter are for members only.

Also **times given are indicative only** and do not include car travel to and from the tramp.

**CANCELLATIONS**

**Go to the OFTC  
website home page -  
Cancellation Notices.**

**TRAMP PLANNERS**

Note — Please forward your draft list to the Club Captain by the 20th of each month

**Saturday**

|                  |                           |                                |              |
|------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>Veterans</b>           | Alec Mills                     | 338 5002     |
|                  | <b>Grade 1</b>            |                                |              |
|                  | <b>Grade 2</b>            | Pamela Gibbons                 | 332 7531     |
|                  |                           | Graeme Brown                   | 383 3732     |
|                  |                           | Carol Eddington                | 021 045 3170 |
|                  | <b>Grade 3</b>            | Peter Moody                    | 351 7448     |
|                  |                           | Peter Glasson                  | 021 324 954  |
|                  | <b>Grade 4</b>            |                                |              |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>Grade 1</b>            | Judy Eden                      | 027 472 6538 |
|                  | <b>Grade 2</b>            | Heather & Alan Robertson       | 021 181 6019 |
|                  |                           | Pip Clark                      | 027 331 1739 |
|                  |                           | Helen Rutledge & Garry Roberts | 021 289 8491 |
|                  | <b>Grade 3, 4 &amp; 5</b> | Ross Walker                    | 027 558 2126 |
|                  |                           | Lesley Smith                   | 338 4272     |
|                  |                           | Alison Downard                 | 357 2089     |
|                  |                           | Peter Moore                    | 027 773 1670 |

**SUNDAY TRAMPS****MARCH 6**

**Waipara Gorge N15**  
Cost : \$15  
*River walk, wet feet, bring poles. Return along escarpment. Interesting rock formations. Bring togs if hot.*  
Grade : 1 NQ  
Depart : Belfast Tavern 09:00am  
Time : 4 hours  
Leader : Judy Eden 0274726538

**Balmacaan Saddle**  
Cost : \$39  
*From Lake Camp Village end, walk around the edge of Lake Camp to Balmacaan river in Hakatere Conservation Park. There is a gentle climb up the river to the bottom of the saddle. A half hour steep burst gets you to the top where you get spectacular views south and south west over the Sinclair Range, Mesopotamia and the braided channels of the Upper Rangitata River. Return the same way.*  
Grade : 2  
Depart : Yaldhurst car park at 8am. Note earlier time.  
Time : 5 hours  
Leader : Helen Wood 021 295 9962  
Co-leader : Jill Halliburton 021 022 67556

**Trig M/ Rabbit Hill W003B**  
Cost : \$23.00  
*Join route up to Trig M from SH73, then onto Rabbit Hill and down the same way*  
Grade : 3  
Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am  
Time : 5-6 hours  
Leader : Alison Ford 021 077 6932

**Reminders to Tramp Leaders****TO CANCEL A DAY TRAMP**

Go to OFTC website and log in. Click on *Members* section, then click on *Cancellations* on the left hand side list. Type your message into the dialog box then click save. **CANCELLATIONS MUST BE DONE 1½ HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE.**

Any changes to your trip or equipment requirements should be placed 12 hours in advance. Leaders are no longer required to go to the start meeting place provided this has been notified earlier

**LOCATOR BEACONS**

Collect and carry these. **Please note** — they are collected from the Z Service Stations at Belfast or Barrington and Mobil at Yaldhurst. For any private use of these beacons please contact Peter Oliver to arrange (027 438 5082).

**AT THE END OF THE TRAMP**

Please send the number of participants to:  
Sally Timms [salgav@xtra.co.nz](mailto:salgav@xtra.co.nz))

**MARCH 6 CONTINUED****Bealey Spur Power Stream W103**

Cost : \$34.00

*Up Bealey Spur track to tarns then head off into the bush above Power Stream. Drop down steep bank to join a good scree run to the stream and a gem of a waterfall, then follow Power Stream and Bruce Stream out to the road. Several deep river crossings.*

Grade : 4

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 7.30am (Note early start)

Time : 5 - 6 hrs

Leader: Neville Palmer 021 550 660

This trip will be limited to 8 trampers. Please contact Neville if you intend to come on this trip.

**MARCH 13****Taylor's Mistake/Godley Heads PH02**

Cost : Nil

*Drive to Taylor's Mistake (car pool). Walk to Godley Head, and return various tracks.*

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Sumner Clock Tower 9am

Time : 3 to 4 hours

Leader : Val Armstrong. 3843391 0272205229

**Scarborough/Godley Head PH02**

Cost : Nil

*Walk to Godley Head via Flowers Track and Taylor's Mistake, enjoying great views. Return by alternative route.*

Grade : 2

Depart : Sumner Clock Tower

Time : 9am

Leader : Garry Roberts 03 349 7875

## MARCH 13 CONTINUED

**Evans Pass to Ahuriri Bush via CRW PH96**

Cost : \$6.00

*Evans Pass to Ahuriri Bush and vice versa along the full length of the Crater Rim Walkway – a cross over tramp with key swap midway. One group starts at Evans Pass/ Godley Head intersection. The other group starts at Ahuriri Bush. Has some steep sections, more climbing from Evans Pass end - approximately 900m. Mostly exposed, with some intermittent bush sections. Great views over both sides of the hills. Groups meet for lunch midway (about Scott Bush Reserve). Distance approximately 22kms / 7 hrs*

Grade : 4 (due to length)

Depart : Ashgrove Terrace at 8.00am

Time : 7 hrs

Leaders : Chrissy McCausland 027 470 7755 and Peter Moore 027 773 1670

**Woolshed Hill and Hawdon River W050**

Cost : \$32

*Moderate climb from Hawdon shelter to summit (1431). Travel along ridge and descend ridge through bush to Hawdon River.*

Grade : 4 Time : 6 hours

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 8:00am

Leader : Ross Walker 027 558 2126

## MARCH 20

**Lyttleton to Pony Point. PH 61**

Cost : nil

*Coastal path through Corsair, Cass Bays to Pony Point Hill and return same way*

Grade : 1 NQ.

Depart : Norwich Quay Lyttleton 9:30 am, NOTE LATER TIME.

Time : 3 hrs

Leader : Judy Eden 0274726538

**Bridle Path to Pony Point PH 61**

Cost : nil (bring gold card or bus money)

*At an easy pace, up and down the Bridle Path into Lyttelton, along the lovely coastal path through Corsair & Cass Bays to Pony Point. Return over the hill or by bus from Lyttelton.*

Grade : 2

Depart : Gondola car park at 9 am.

Time : 5 hrs

Leader : Pip Clark 027 331 1739 Co-leader Garry Roberts 027 349 7865

**Broken Hill****W072**

Cost : \$21

*This route will get you onto the ridge from the main highway, parking in the cleared area besides the road about 1km past Parapet Rock. Walk across open ground until access the 4WD track. Follow route clockwise direction. When you come down off the final ridge towards the stream pick a route through bush that brings you onto 4WD track after crossing the stream. Avoid wilding pines by staying in the bush.*

Grade : 3

Depart : Yaldurst Hotel car park at 8.00am

Time : 6+ hrs

Leader : Mark Christensen 027 487 861

## MARCH 27

**Orton Bradley BP 53**

Cost : \$5 plus \$10 a car

Various Tracks

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove/Ferniehurst 9am

Time : 3 to 4 hrs

Leader : Liz Searle 0210586860

## MARCH 27 CONTINUED

**Orton Bradley to the lookout BP 53**

Cost : \$5 plus \$10 a car

*Head up Hunters Gully to lookout & back through Magnificent Gully.*

Grade : 2

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove/Ferniehurst

Time : 9am.

Leader : Carolina Kol 03 3137970

**Mt Grey (from picnic area at Grey River)****N35**

Cost : \$15

*Steady climb up Red Beech Track through native bush to trig (934m) then walk along the tops and return same or alternative route. All round great views – Kaikoura to Banks Peninsula*

Grade : 3

Depart : Belfast Hotel Carpark at 8:00am

Time : 6 hrs

Leader : Sue Weller 021 194 9550

## WEDNESDAY TRAMPS

**For Grade 1 tramps, check the OFTC website.**

## MARCH 2

**McLeans Island Recreation Area****NQ**

Cost: Nil

*Following tracks in the forest and other interesting areas in the park.*

Depart: McLeans Island Recreation car park at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Dallas Ford, 339 2308

**O21K – new tramp**

Cost: Nil

*From The Groynes we walk over Isaac Farm Track, which more or less follows the Otukaikino Stream to the Waimakarri River, then along Stop banks, through Templars Island Trail to Whites Crossing, then back to The Groynes. A flat walk but it is 21 kilometers long.*

Grade: 2

Time: 6 hours

Depart: 8.30am, The Groynes. From Groynes main entrance take 1st left turn and follow this road to the end where there is plenty of parking.

Leader: Pamela Gibbons, 022 678 0398 / 332 7531

**Mt Somers South Face****SW11**

Cost \$29

*This is a cross over tramp with key swap. One group from Staveley (Sharplin Falls) car park taking the south route over Hookey Knob and other group from Woolshed Creek carpark (Jig road), taking the route up Rhyolite ridge to join south track. There is a sharp elevation gain of approximately 700m from each end, although the climb from Sharplin Falls end is more sustained. The track traverses varied terrain with great views of the South Face and the Canterbury Plains. There is a DOC shelter (Acland Shelter) about midway. Total tramp distance approx 13kms.*

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8 am

Duration: 6+ hours

Leader: REQUIRED

**Mt Winterslow****W067**

Cost \$30

*From Sharplin Falls take track to Duke's Knob then cut thru' bush, reaching open ridge after 2 hrs. Then steady 400m climb to summit. Back similar route. Crampons and ice axe essential in snow conditions.*

Grade: 4

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8 am

Duration: 7+ hours

Co-Leader: Graeme Kerr, 027 433 9055

Co-Leader: Sharyn Foster, 021 038 4279

## MARCH 9

**Rakaia Ramble** **NQ**

Cost: \$10

*Walking in town area and river tracks.*

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Clive Morriss, 358 2753

**Old Coach Road, Porters Pass Area** **WO04**

Cost: \$20

*Terrain, open tussock tops. Leave cars at foot of Porters Pass. Enter DOC land at the U bend on road. Climb Old Coach Track until reaching Porters Pass Road. Head south here across slope to adjacent fence line then climb, initially steeply, following fence. Track soon opens out. Follow ridges around head of stream track junction to return to cars. A very pleasant walk offering good views.*

Grade: 2 Time: 5 hours

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel, 8.30

Leader: Bruce Rolls, 347 3142 / 027 418 0571

**Sudden Valley** **WO52**

Cost: \$32

*From Hawdon Shelter cross the Hawdon River and follow Sudden Valley stream up, crossing it at various points to the Bivouac at head of valley. Return same way. If streams are up you will have a problem crossing at one point where it cuts in against the bank. The trip in/out to biv is approx 6-7 hours depending on the party.*

Grade: 3 Duration: 6+ hours

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark, 8am

Leader: REQUIRED

## MARCH 16

**Takahe to the Kiwi and beyond** **NQ**

Cost: Nil

*Following various tracks to the Kiwi and return on different tracks.*

Depart: Takahe Dr (Opp the Takahe) at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Helen Chan, 351 9888 / 021 750 085

**Sumnervale/Evans Pass/Godley Head/Taylor's Mistake Loop** **PH107**

Cost: Nil

*From horse paddock at Sumnervale take Captain Thomas Track to Evans Pass then along harbourside track to Breeze Col and beyond. Around and down to Taylor's Mistake, back up the steps and across the paddocks to Scarborough bluffs track then down to the cars.*

Grade: 2 Time: 5 hours

Depart: Sumnervale Drive at 8.30am

Leaders: Ken Francis, 348 9878 / 027 325 1280, and Ann McKeever, 027 733 2850

**Gebbies Pass to Mt Herbert** **BP48**

Cost: \$6

*This route stops at Mt Herbert Shelter about 1km from the top. Return around north side of Mt Bradley for variety and to avoid gorse on south side. Note that tramp leaves from Kaituna Valley, not Gebbies Pass.*

Grade: 3 Duration: 5 hours

Depart: Car park opposite PMH, 8am

Leader: Denise Cumberpatch, 027 340 3299 Co-Leader: REQUIRED

**Mt Cockayne** **WO85**

Cost: \$20

*From end of road by locked gate at Tim's Stream follow Cheeseman Ski field Rd to spur west of road & climb over point 1722M to range. Traverse to Mt Cockayne (1874M) & descend via ski field back to road. Gate to Cheeseman access road, off SH 73, is unlocked. Car access clear to Tim's Stream. Park at Texas flat, walk up road & pick a route through bush to point 1265. Continue up ridge to Mt Cockayne. Good scree run down.*

Grade: 4 Duration: 6 hours

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park 8am

Co-Leaders: Graeme Kerr 027 433 9055, Sharyn Foster 021 038 4279

## MARCH 23

**Hoon Hay Reserve to Bellbird** **NQ**

Cost: \$2

*Undulating walk along Crater Rim. Hills taken slowly.*

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Mary Brinsdon, 366 9119

**Akaroa Heritage Park to Purple Peak** **BP39**

Cost: \$26

*From Heritage Park, walk up Curry Track towards Hinewai and then to Taraterehu (Stoney Peak) 806m. Return via Purple Peak and Woodhills track back to Heritage Park. Poles and gaiters will be useful as track up to Taraterehu is narrow and sometimes slightly overgrown.*

Grade: 2 Time: 5 hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce / Ferniehurst St at 8.30 am

Leader: Vicki Steven, 421 0060 / 022 130 4342

<https://www.nftr.org.nz/reserves/purple-Stoney-Peak>**Mt Richardson (in reverse)** **SW07**

Cost: \$15

*Invigorating climb through pleasant beech forest. Variations of route using Blowhard, Bypass, Ted's Track & side ridge to Summit Mt. Richardson (1047m). Return via Richardson Track.**Good views across Lees Valley to Puketuraki range. Alternative can be done in reverse & departing from Maori Reserve.*

Grade: 3 Duration: 5+ hours

Depart: Belfast Hotel car park 8.30 am.

Leader: Kaye Young, 021 025 68702

## MARCH 30

**Cashmere to Hillmorton** **NQ**

Cost: Nil

*Walking on paths and byways from Cashmere to Hillmorton.*

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Valda Woods, 358 8250

**Diamond Harbour** **BP35**

Cost: \$7

*From Black Rock Point take the cliff walk to Diamond Harbour and on to Purau. Proceed from Purau via paper roads and tracks to the Primary School and from there to Charteris Bay yacht club and back to cars.*

Grade: 2 Time: 5 hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce /Ferniehurst St at 8.30 am

Leader: John Corbett, 348 3158 / 021 040 9024

**Kaituna Valley Road to Mt Fitzgerald (extension of BP30)**

Cost: \$12

*This is an extension of tramp BP30. Park at the end of Kaituna Valley Road. Steep climb to Te Ara Pataka Walkway. Then rolling tops along mostly open country to Waipuna Saddle and on to Mt Fitzgerald (713m). Great views of the Peninsula on all sides in good weather. Return the same way. Most of the route is on the Te Ara Pataka Walkway. Approximately 22 kms.*

Grade: 3 Duration: 6 hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce &amp; Ferniehurst St. 8am

Leader: Edith Goesmann 021 801 718

## Club equipment

**The following Club equipment is available for members to borrow:****Emergency tent:** John Hayman 335 0984 (This tent may be useful for backpacking trips)**Books:** Ian Fussell 385 0856**Emergency Shelters** (4-6 person Bothy Bags). The Club has three, held by Lawrence Allpress (348 3791), Ian Fussell (385 0856) and Gavin Hampton (343 1291).

Excellent for groups.

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTICEBOARD

At the AGM in March Lawrence Allpress steps down as Chair as his three year term has finished. Lawrence will be really missed as he has always been totally dedicated and committed to the job. At the May 2019 committee meeting, shortly after he started in the role, we discussed all the strategic and operational issues facing the club. This became the work plan for the year and set the tone for the next three years. He brought a structured and pragmatic approach to committee meetings and looked into everything the club did. We owe him an enormous thank you. Fortunately Lawrence stays on the committee so we will not be losing his expertise and he will continue to oversee the updating of our website.

**The Vaccine Mandate remains in place.** However as Covid 19 continues to spread carpooling will become riskier. Continue to wear masks when carpooling but it is up to each individual to do what you feel you need to do to stay safe. If members want to travel in their own car to the start of the tramp then let the Tramp Leader know at the meeting point. If members do not want to visit a café but are carpooling and can't just go home, then bring an extra drink and snack for after the tramp and before the drive home.

Now for some more mundane stuff! It has been a few months since the Club Captain has put out reminders about club etiquette and other matters.

**Junctions:** Road junctions in the city, track junctions in the bush or a road junction on the way to the start of a tramp, are all good places to lose some members of your party. So unless you deliberately want to throw someone off your tail make sure the person following behind you can see in which direction you turn, at a junction. Junctions, however, are a great place for Tramp Leaders to get the people in front of the group to stop and wait. If the Tramp Leader doesn't plan to lead from the front then they should use a predetermined track junction as a means to manage the group by getting everyone to regroup at that point. Having said all that, it is incumbent on each club member to **not** play the game of "Follow the Leader" when out doing a day tramp. Look at the map on the website the day before, print off a copy and make yourself aware of where you are going and how to get to the starting point of the track.

**Walking poles:** we do have a walking pole etiquette when using these! If you don't want to find yourself in the position of apologising to the person behind you for poking them in their nether region, then please keep the tips of your poles in front of you and in sight!

**Providing "a Ride" for tramps:** we ask that everyone takes their turn and provides their car to transport members to the start of a tramp. It is not much to ask!

**Trip leaders for Overnighters:** Every month in *Going Places* is the Backpacking and Base camps 2022 Schedule put together by our wonderful volunteer Gerald Edmunds. We are always looking out for club members to run an overnighter so if you haven't put your hand up before, please consider doing so. Select a trip that you want to do yourself, you know something about it and feel comfortable doing it, e.g. there are no river crossings! The main thing is that you feel comfortable leading the trip. This is a wonderful way to develop confidence about being out in the bush.

**NZ Tramp Intentions Form:** If you do want to do an overnighter with a few of your friends from the club or suddenly find yourself in the position of finishing off the organisation of a trip please do not forget to download the NZ Tramp Intentions Form from the website under Forms in the Members section. When the Trip Leader has filled in the form, email it to the Backpacking Coordinator – Gerald Edmunds. He will forward it to the three responders in the club, who will be contacted if the Rescue Coordination Centre should get in touch because the Club Beacon has been set off. These people are myself, Peter Oliver and Ian Fussell.

*Kaye Young*

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT 20 February 2022

**New members:**

Christine Styles: 027 6600 637;  
Mary Davies: 021 118 2347

**Resignation:**

Heather Spence (33 years in OFTC)  
027 337 1690

**Membership:**

Total = 419  
(Female: 254; Male: 165)

*Judy Collin*



Grade 3 Mount Herbert loop (replacement for cancelled Broken Hill) February 2. As luck would have it, the Orton Bradley café was open. Howard Anderson

## Backpacking and Basecamps 2022

| Dates                       | Venue   | Nights | Grade    | Leader   |
|-----------------------------|---|--------|----------|--|
| Mon 28 Feb – Fri 4 Mar 2022 | Welcome Flat Hut – Douglas Rock Hut, Westland<br><i>3 nights on the track and 2 nights at Fox</i> | 5      | Moderate | Ian Fussell<br>3850856 / 02102719869<br>fussej@xtra.co.nz    |
| Sun 6 – Tues 8 Mar 2022     | Kirwans Hut – Montgomerie Hut circuit, Reefton  | 2      | Moderate | Garry Roberts<br>3497875/0273497865<br>garrymarie@xtra.co.nz |
| Wed 9 – Thurs 10 March 2022 | Packhorse Hut   | 1      | 2        | Chris Clark<br>0274879221<br>kiwisonbikes@xtra.co.nz         |
| Mon 7 – Fri 11 March 2022   | Travers – Sabine Circuit, Nelson Lakes<br><i>Waiting list available</i>                           | 4      |          | David Jones<br>0272885845<br>ballymol@xtra.co.nz             |
| Sun 13 – Fri 18 Mar 2022    | Basecamp – Twizel and surrounds   | 5      | 4 & 5    | Marcel Robb<br>039283733/0220125008<br>marcel.robb@gmail.com |
| Sat 19 – Sun 20 Mar 2022    | Pinnacles Hut, Mt Somers  | 1      | Moderate | Dean Stewart<br>960 3558 / 0273646877<br>Stewy989@gmail.com  |
| Mon 28 Mar – Fri 1 Apr 2022 | Granity Pass Hut/Mount Owen, Westland   | 4      | Moderate | Ian Fussell<br>3850856 / 02102719869<br>fussej@xtra.co.nz    |
| Mon 11 – Thurs 14 Apr 2022  | Huxley Hut – Broderick Hut  | 3      | Moderate | Ian Fussell<br>3850856 / 02102719869<br>fussej@xtra.co.nz    |
| Sat 2 – Sun 3 Apr 2022      | Hawdon Hut  | 1      | Moderate | Dean Stewart<br>960 3558 / 0273646877<br>Stewy989@gmail.com  |
| Wed 27 – Sat 30 April       | Old Ghost Road<br><i>This tramp is full</i>   |        |          | Garry Roberts<br>3497875/0273497865<br>garrymarie@xtra.co.nz |
| Fri 20 – Sun 22 May         | Base camp at Middle Rock Farm Rakaia Valley<br><i>The list of campers is full</i>                 | 2      | Moderate | Garry Roberts<br>3497875/0273497865<br>garrymarie@xtra.co.nz |

### Backpacking Tramps Confirmation System

Due to members withdrawing from backpacking tramps at late stages the committee decided the following conditions will apply:

- That a deposit of \$25 be paid to the leader no later than 6 weeks prior to departure if advertised more than 3 months ahead, otherwise at time of booking.
- The deposit will be non-refundable except in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the leader.
- Although the confirmation date will be advertised the actual tramp date will remain sufficiently flexible to allow changes to be made on account of the weather etc.

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**38 Grade 2 & 3 trampers headed via Hollis Ave, Victoria Park and Sign of the Kiwi to a rocky outcrop overlooking Lyttelton Harbour, February 16. Photo Cathie Graves**



## Waimakariri Ramble —January 30—February 2, 2022

Grabbing a fine weather window, a group of four OFTC members (Paul Knox, Ngaire Rigby, Marion Coxon and Gavin Hampton) headed up the Waimakariri from Bealey on 30th Jan, in hot, beautifully fine weather.

The plan was to walk into the Carrington hut, spend two nights there, do a day trip to the Waimak Falls hut, then a night in the Crow hut, and out. The Carrington hut was not busy, but extremely hot, not to mention being very noisy at night (its a Lockwood) as the timber shrinks as it cools.

The Waimak Falls hut is in a superb location and well worth the trip in. Even saw a couple of Blue Ducks!

The weather was obviously pre-frontal so a check on the forecast was made with DoC on the Tuesday morning. It was dire, with heavy rain expected from the evening for four days (they got that right) so we modified our plan, rather than have to contend with rapidly rising rivers/streams and walked to the Crow Hut for lunch and, rather than overnighing there, headed back and across to the Anti Crow hut which was fortunately empty. Made a long day, in hot conditions but an excellent tramp. The rain arrived overnight but wasn't too heavy, but did require raincoats. (Carrington got nearly 150mm the day we walked out.)

So, a very nice trip, of about 60kms, with great company and with many games of Quiddler played! This route is within the capabilities of many club members and the only real issue are the river levels—and sandflies!

**Paul Knox**



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Grade 2 Wharfedale Track, February 20.  
Photo Philippa Clark