



OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB NEWSLETTER 484 AUGUST 2022



How they used to do it: OFTC members load their vehicle on a trip to American National Parks in August 1991. Read all about it and more of the exploits of older Club members in Clive Morriss's tribute on Pages 9-12.

Club Night

Tuesday August 2
Knox Church Hall
cnr Victoria St/Bealey Ave

Speaker: Adrian Busby
from Search and Rescue
New Zealand.

*Adrian will talk about the role
of Search and Rescue in
N.Z.*

*He will also discuss the
importance of gear and
nutrition in our tramping,
especially in winter
conditions.*

David Jones
027 288 5845



June 29 G2: Ashgrove Tce/CRW/Adventure Park Ramble. *The day started off cold and foggy but tramp leader John Corbett led us up through highways and byways to above the fog and into sun with stunning views all around! Thanks John—a fantastic day full of surprises! Mike Currie*

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

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
Wednesday trips to Vicki Grace—vicki.grace@harcourts.co.nz Ph: 027 201 2231

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

Over Forties Tramping Club, PO Box 6505, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch 8442
Established 1978 Affiliated to the Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ
www.oftc.org.nz

CHAIR'S REPORT

A big *Thank You* and *Congratulations* to the WebTeam on the new website! I think everyone agrees that it is so much more visually appealing, well-structured and a great marketing tool, with separate pages for members and the public. It also responds to the type of device it is running on (computer, tablet, phone), which is a great improvement.

Lawrence Allpress started the project in April 2020 as part of the various goals that he wanted to achieve while Club Chair. The team was Lawrence, Peter Coursey, Peter Oliver, Terry Steven, and Ross Walker. Right at the start there were a few main issues that the team needed to resolve, eg. working out a logical structure, choosing a platform and deciding how to handle the tramp map database.

The team concluded that the WordPress platform was the one that is most widely used and therefore the most likely for future Club members to have expertise with. The WebTeam that does the day-to-day maintenance and support now has four members (Peter Coursey, Ian Fussell, Alan Stow and Mike Currie) who share those tasks and other ones like forwarding club-wide emails. Going forward, the WebTeam will be focusing their efforts on redeveloping and integrating the tramp map database and adding a Calendar of Events to the website.

The website project has very much been an in-house project, with some technical support on WordPress provided by Recon Marketing. The opening video was produced by students at Riccarton High School as a practical project and the school has received a donation for it.

The club is currently looking for a Tramp Planner for Wednesday, Grade 3 tramps, who is knowledgeable about Grade 3 and possibly Grade 4 tramps and the Tramp Map Database. This is a key role, as planning and running tramps is the 'bread and butter' of what we do. Please have a look at the 'job ad' in this newsletter for further details. If this sounds like you, please put up your hand and support the club with this very important task.

You may notice that this issue of *Going Places* is a bit longer than usual. Clive Morriss, one of the Vet trampers, has done a great job collating memories, stories, and some club history which you can see on the last pages. This is a tribute to some of the older, long-term members who over many years have contributed so much to the fabric of the club.

Edith Goesmann

CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTICEBOARD

This is a very cold and snowy winter after recent mild winters. As a result, tramps can be more challenging and demanding and might require additional clothing, equipment and skills. Please be responsible and consider the following points below. If unsure, please always contact the tramp leader before the tramp:

Club Members:

- Be aware of the weather conditions for the area of your tramp. Keep in mind that temperatures drop at higher altitudes, and strong winds require additional warm layers, such as a warm jacket and a parka. Tramping in winter conditions and particularly on snow requires additional skills and stamina and may extend the duration of your tramp.
- Bring plenty of high calorie food to maintain body warmth, as well as give energy to tramp e.g. muesli bars.
- Anyone who feels unwell and wants to go back early must be accompanied by another club member.

Tramp Leaders:

- For all tramps with cold and difficult conditions, the leader should advertise that participants must text/email the leader in advance.
- If required, the leader should advertise "Bring ice axe and crampons and know how to use them".
- It is strongly recommended that a leader should have a Bothy bag for a tramp above the snowline.

A Bothy bag is now available in the beacon bag at each of the service stations.

- All Tramp Leaders should have a working cell phone they can be contacted on.
- Steps to Take in an Emergency
 - If you have cellphone reception:
 - * Call 111 Police – discuss the situation
 - * They may instruct you to activate the beacon
 - * REMAIN within the reception area
 - If no reception:
 - Activate the beacon
 - A helicopter will be sent
 - If needed: Rescue Centre
phone 0508 472 269

Supporting the Service Stations

We are always very grateful that the three petrol stations (Z Belfast, Z Barrington and Mobil Yaldhurst) are willing to play a part and have the beacon bags available for all weekly and some backpacking tramps. They understand the importance of our groups having beacons, and play an important role in this regard. One way to reciprocate their co-operation would be for members to buy petrol and other goods when possible, and just mention thanks for keeping the beacon bags for us.

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

Wednesday	Veterans	Alec Mills	338 5002
	Grade 1		
	Grade 2	Pamela Gibbons	332 7531
		Graeme Brown	383 3732
		Carol Eddington	021 045 3170
		John Corbett	348 3158
	Grade 3	Peter Moody	351 7448
		Peter Glasson	021 324 954
	Grade 4		
Sunday	Grade 1	Judy Eden	027 472 6538
	Grade 2	Heather & Alan Robertson	021 181 6019
		Pip Clark	027 331 1739
		Helen Rutledge & Garry Roberts	021 289 8491
	Grade 3, 4 & 5	Ross Walker	027 558 2126
		Lesley Smith	338 4272
		Alison Downard	357 2089
		Peter Moore	027 773 1670

SUNDAY TRAMPS**AUGUST 6****Adventure Park NQ**

Cost : Nil

Adventure park, walk up, chairlift down

Grade : 1

Depart : Adventure park car park at 9 am

Time : 4 hours

Leader : Val Armstrong 3843391

Halswell Quarry to Bellbird PH22

Cost : Nil

Climb around the quarry rim and up through farmland to Kennedy's Bush Spur track and the Summit Road. Follow the CRW Sign of the Bellbird for lunch. Return to quarry by alternative tracks where possible.

Grade : 2

Depart : Halswell Quarry carpark at 9 am.

Time : 4-5 hours

Leader : Vicki Steven 022 130 4342

Co-leader TBA

Lytelton Circuit PH97

Cost : Nil

From Albion Square up Major Hornbrook track to summit. Take either CRW or Bluffs track to gun emplacements. Proceed to Evans Pass and beyond on CRW. Return same way to join Urumau track back to Lyttelton.

Grade : 3

Depart : Lyttelton Albion Square 9.00 am

Time : 5 hours

Leader : Chrissy McCausland 027 470 7755

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)

AUGUST 6 CONTINUED**Carn Brae W053A**

Cost : \$27

On the Porters ski field road park at the quarry and cross the two wire bridge over the Porter River (save getting wet feet) and proceed over Enys Stream to climb onto Dead Man spur leading to Carn Brae. Drop down to saddle before Mt Enys and return via north branch of Enys Stream. Ice axe and crampons required.

Grade : 4

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 7.30 am

Time : 7 hours

Leader : Ross Walker 027 558 2126. Please contact Ross if you are coming.

AUGUST 14**Rapaki Track**

Cost : Nil

Rapaki track from Hansens Park.

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Meet at Hansens Park at the parking area by toilets at 9.00am.

Time : 4 hrs

Leader : Diana Hudson 355 6114

Lake Janet to Mt Grey N37

Cost : \$18

From Lake Janet picnic area, the track zig zags up to the Fire Lookout for morning tea. A long sidle and some uphill leads us to the summit of Mt Grey summit (934m). Return the same way.

Grade : 2

Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark at 9am.

Time : 4-5 hours

Leader : Selena Chan seachannel@gmail.com or 027 301 5501

Co-leader TBA

AUGUST 14 CONTINUED

Mt Alford SW14

Cost : \$34

A steady climb on well marked DOC track. Initially over farm land but mainly through bush reserve. Return the same way. Great views of Mt Hutt, Mt Somers and Little Mt Peel. Total climb 700m, distance 8km.

Grade : 3

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 8.00 am

Time : 5 hours

Leader : Adrienne McLeod 027 303 3227

Crystal Basin Circuit W116

Cost : \$28

From Porters Lodge accommodation and cafe climb to the carpark and then up the ridge. Follow this ridge to summit at point 1997 then traverse across to point 2029. Follow ridge down in a southeast direction and then head in a southerly direction on a ridge towards a stream and track that leads back to Porters Lodge. Ice axe and crampons required. Will be postponed to the following Sunday if weather unsuitable.

Grade : 4

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 7.30 am

Time : 7 hours

Leader : Neville Palmer 021 550 660. Please contact Neville if you are coming.

AUGUST 21

Godley Head

Cost : Nil

Taylor's Mistake to the gun emplacements.

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Meet at Taylor's Mistake at 9.00 am

Time : 3-4 hrs

Leader : John Winterburn 027 488 3073

Adventure Park and Beyond PHx

Cost : Nil

Walk up the track through the Adventure park to the CRW and onwards along various tracks and back down on the chairlift.

Grade : 2

Depart : Adventure park carpark at 9am.

Time : 5 hours

Leader : Pip Clark 027 331 1739

Co-leader TBA

Pinnacles Hut SW02

Cost : \$35

From Stavelly carpark a steady climb over Duke Knob then following the Bowyers stream on a bush track with a few side streams to cross. Interesting rock formations near the hut.

Grade : 3

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 8.00 am

Time : 5 hours

Leader : Sue Weller 021 194 9550

AUGUST 28

Lyttelton Circuit

Cost : Nil

Various tracks around the area.

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Park on the main road of Simeon Quay at 9.00 am

Time : 3-4 hrs

Leader : Judy Eden 384 4857, 027 472 6538

AUGUST 28 CONTINUED

Ryde Falls from Coopers Creek NW04

Cost : \$19

Picturesque bush and hill walk to the falls for lunch. The bush is a mixture of Black Beech with Rimu, Matai and Kahikatea (red pine, black pine and white pine respectively)

Grade : 2

Depart : Belfast Hotel 9am

Time : 5 hours

Leader : Helen Wood 348 9202, 021 295 9962

Co-leader Helen Rutledge 021 2898 491

Stony Bay BP91

Cost : \$29

From Stony Bay Saddle, walk down the road to Pikimai zig-zag. Descend to join Opatuti track. Continue to bottom of Hinewai reserve and Mokimoki bush. Follow track down to the beach. Return via either Mokimoki gorge or Kawakawa tracks to rejoin Opatuti track. Join Tara track back to start. This is a very sheltered walk.

Grade : 3

Time : 6 hours

Depart : Ashgrove Terrace at 8.00 am

Leader required. Please contact Ross Walker 027 558-2126 if you can lead this trip.

Mt Bealey W071A

Cost : \$46

Take track through the beech forest onto the main ridge leading to Mt Bealey. The unmarked route then follows the tussock covered and rocky ridge to the summit of Mt Bealey (1836). Ice axe and crampons required.

Grade : 4

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark at 7:30 am

Time : 7 hours

Leader : Mark Christensen 027 487 861. Please contact Mark if you are coming.

WEDNESDAY TRAMPS

AUGUST 3

The Groynes NQ

Cost: Nil

Grade: 1

Walking on familiar tracks in the Groynes Reserve

Depart: 9.30am Turn right at roundabout in the Groynes, park near the dog area

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Alec Mills 338 5002

Mt Evans from Port Levy

Travel cost/distance \$15/86km.

A steady climb from the farm homestead to Mt Evans 703m initially on farm tracks, then on steeper tussock to the top.

The decent follows the ridge to point 500 and continues along the ridge to the boundary fence. Follow fence line back to the farmhouse.

Grade: 3 at 2 pace

Time: 5-6 hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St 8.30am

Leader: Chris Evans 027 303 0838, Leader to call the farm owner Richard Barnett a couple of days before tramp 03 392 4690.

AUGUST 3 CONTINUED

Mt Alford (SW14)

Cost: \$34

Description: A steady climb on well-marked DOC track. Initially over farmland but mainly through bush reserve. Return same route. Great views Mt Hutt, Mt Somers, and Little Mt Peel. Total climb 700m, distance 8km.

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel 8am

Duration: 4-5 hours

Leader: Denise Cumberpatch 027 340 3299

AUGUST 10

Broomfield – Yaldhurst NQ

Cost: Nil

Grade: 1

Easy walk around new subdivision with interesting French connections and attractive landscaping

Depart: 9.30am from lane behind McDonalds, 473a Yaldhurst Rd

Leader: Jan Leitch 3849018

Westmoreland Wander

Cost: Nil

Various paths, steps and reserves in Westmoreland with expansive views over the city. Worsley Spur to Sign of the Kiwi and back to PMH by a different route.

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce /Ferniehurst St at 8.30am

Leader: Sandra Knox 021 027 91380

Heathcote Valley-Greenwood Park-McCormicks Bay (New Tramp)

Cost: Nil

Climb through Scotts Valley Reserve to the Summit Rd. Along CRW to Greenwood Park then loop around Richmond Hill to Clifton Hill and back to Greenwood Park. Down Mt Pleasant Rd and Drayton Reserve then loop around Estuary and Heathcote River and ponds back to cars.

Grade: 3

Depart: Bridle Path Rd, by the school and big eucalyptus trees just past Rollin St at 8am

Duration: 5 hours

Leader: Elspeth Jeet (03) 384 1331

AUGUST 17

Bottle Lake Forest NQ

Cost: Nil

Grade: 1

Walking on various tracks in the forest

Depart: 9.30am Bottle Lake Forest car park off Waitakiri Drive

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Dallas Ford 339 2308

Mt Grey from Lake Janet

Travel cost/distance: \$18/108km

From Lake Janet picnic area take track to fire lookout, then continue up around 400m to Mt Grey summit at 934m. Option of alternate track to return to Lake Janet.

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Belfast Hotel carpark at 8.30am

Leader: Ken Francis. 027 325 1280 you can call 03 310 7612 to confirm if gate is unlocked.

Co Leader: Sandra Knox 021 027 91380

Mt Whitnow Station Circuit (N06)

Cost: \$34

Mt Whitnow, approx. 15kms and 5hrs tramping on farm tracks with about 850m vertical climb. Circuit done anti-clockwise; Seldom Inn hut is about halfway.

Also suitable for G2 wishing to try G3.

Grade: 3

Depart: Belfast Tavern car park 8am

Duration: 6 hours

Leader: Jenny Hoffman 021 230 7577

AUGUST 17 CONTINUED

Ben More – Lake Lyndon (W002)

Cost: \$27

Leave cars at Acheron stream cutting along Lake Lyndon Rd. Head SE across paddocks, skirt foot of Rabbit Hill, climb onto Ben More ridge via Rabbit Saddle. Follow broad ridge line above Ben More stream, turn at communication mast, follow new ridge on other side of stream to summit 1665m. Continue down ridge, drop off down scree slope near end of ridge and above widening stream valley. 800m climb, 15km. Crampons and ice axes to be carried – trampers need to be experienced in their use. Contact leader prior to trip.

Grade: 4

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel at 7.30am

Duration: 7 hours

Leader: Graeme Kerr 027 433 9055

AUGUST 24

Waimakariri Braids – Whites Crossing NQ

Cost: Nil

Grade: 1

From car park walk Dickeys Road to Templars Island Track (part of 3960 trail) to Whites Crossing. Return along the track following the Otukaikino Stream.

Depart: 9.30am Belfast Hotel

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Howard Harvey 342 9377 or 021 136 3043

Lyttelton/Evans Pass/Mt Pleasant PH111

Cost: Nil

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Albion Square Lyttelton at 8.30am.

Leader: Carole Bentley 021 332 469

Co Leader: Jenny Lee 027 413 1624.

Mt Oxford from View Hill (NW02)

Cost: \$25

Description: Start from View Hill (400m) along the level Wharfedale track through bush then steady climb to open top (1367m). Well graded track for most of the way. Return the same way. 9km.

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel at 8am.

Duration: 6.5 hrs

Leader: David Jones 027 288 584

AUGUST 31

Bishopdale to Papanui NQ

Cost: Nil bring gold card for return option by bus

Grade: 1

Parks, tunnel, historic grave and morning tea birthday cake for two trampers' 90th birthday

Depart: 9.30am Leacroft St near Murmont St

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: David Eddy 359 7443

Ryde Falls from Coopers Creek.

Travel cost/distance: \$18/110km

Picturesque bush and hill walk to falls; can be extended with a portion of Wharfedale Track enroute to falls for lunch. Bush predominately Black Beech with native clematis in spring.

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Belfast Hotel carpark 8.30am.

Leader: Annes Quinn & McKeever 027 415 1340

Knowles Top (NW11)

Cost: \$19

Initially a steepish climb, then easy grade through bush and open tussock tops. Short car shuttle required.

Grade: 3

Depart: Belfast Tavern at 8.30am

Duration: 5 hours

Leader: Tim Slack 027 505 5746

Backpacking and Basecamps 2022

Dates	Venue	Nights	Grade	Leader
31 Jul-Mon 1 Aug	Tribulation Hut, Hakatere	1	Easy	Gerald Edmunds 3426331/02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
4 hour tramp to an old musterers' hut. (6 bunks; free). 190 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sat 13-Sun 14 Aug	Magdalen Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Easy	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
4 hour mostly flat tramp.(5 bunks; \$5 per night). 318 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 21-Mon 22 Aug	Casey Hut, Poulter Valley, Arthurs Pass	1	Moderate	Denise Cumberpatch 3832661/0273403299 dryrot@xtra.co.nz
6 – 8 hour tramp. (12 bunks; \$15 per night). 230 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 4-Wed 7 Sep	Top Hope Hut, Lake Sumner	3	Moderate	Denise Cumberpatch 3832661/0273403299 dryrot@xtra.co.nz
Day 1: 8 hour tramp to Hope Kiwi Lodge. (20 bunks; \$15 per night). Day 2: 3 hour tramp to Top Hope Hut (6 bunks; free) with time to explore the upper Hope Valley and try the hot springs. Days 3 and 4 are the reverse of the first two. 216 kms return.				
Sat 10-Sun 11 Sep	Boyle Flat Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Easy	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
5 hour mostly flat tramp. (14 bunks; \$15 per night). 318 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 18-Mon 19 Sep	Hawdon Hut, Arthurs Pass	1	Easy/Mod	Peter Coursey 3324833/0210343183 pkcoursey@gmail.com
4 hour tramp involving three river crossings. (20 bunks; \$15 per night). 230 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sat 15-Sun 16 Oct	Nina Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Easy	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
3 hour mostly flat tramp in a valley with a lot of bird life. (10 bunks; \$5 per night). 350 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 16-Tue 18 Oct	Ahuriri Valley	3	Moderate	Peter Moody 3517448/0212572031 Pmoody007@gmail.com
A maximum of 6 people, some of whom will have to sleep in tents. A tramp involving river crossings. 700 kms travel by vehicle.				
Mon 17-Wed 19 Oct	Woolshed Creek Hut, Mt Somers	2	Easy/Mod	Jill Halliburton 374973/02102267556 jillhb@globe.net.nz
3-4 hour tramp to a bookable hut (\$15 per night). Day 2: side tramps in the area. 228 kms travel by vehicle. Trip list is full – a wait list is available.				
Mon 31 Oct-Thu 3 Nov	Paparoa Track, West Coast	3	Mod	David Jones 0272885845 ballymol@xtra.co.nz
4 day tramp involving about 20 hours of tramping. Hut fees: \$45 per night.				
Sat 12 -Wed 16 Nov	Old Ghost Road, Buller	4	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 3426331/02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
The trip list is full but a wait list is available. We will probably return to Christchurch on Thursday 17 November.				
Sat 19-Sun 20 Nov	Woolshed Creek Hut, Mt Somers	1	Easy	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
3-4 hour tramp to a bookable hut (\$20 per night). 228 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 20-Fri 25 Nov	Golden Bay base camp	6	Easy/Mod	Sue Weller 0211949550 suzmweller@hotmail.com
Sun 27-Wed 30 Nov	McKenzie Hut, Lake Sumner	3	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 3426331/02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
Day 1: 5-6 hour tramp to Hurunui Hut (15 bunks; \$5 per night). Day 2: 5 hour tramp involving river crossings to McKenzie Hut (6 bunks; free) which has a natural hot pool nearby. Days 3 and 4: reverse of the first two. 232 kms travel.				
Sun 4 -Mon 5 Dec	Nina Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Easy	Jenny Hoffman 0212307577 jennybarbarah@gmail.com
3 hour mostly flat tramp in a valley with a lot of bird life. (10 bunks; \$5 per night). 350 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sat 10-Sun 11 Dec	Jolliebrook Hut, Lake Sumner	1	Easy	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
4 hour tramp. (7 bunks; \$5 per night). 216 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sat 10-Thur 15 Dec	John Tait Hut, Nelson Lakes	3	Moderate	Jill Halliburton 374973/02102267556 jillhb@globe.net.nz
Day 1, drive to St Arnaud, stay overnight; day 2 to John Tait Hut, 5-8 hours walk, day 3 day walk to Cupola Hut and basin 5+hours; day 4 day walk to Upper Travers Hut or Travers Saddle 6-9 hours; day 5 back to Lakehead Hut, 4.5 hours, day 6 walk out and drive home. Annual Hut Passes no longer accepted. THE TRIP LIST IS FULL – A WAIT LIST IS AVAILABLE.				

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.

Gerald Edmunds Tel: 342 6331 or agedmunds@outlook.com
Base Camp and Backpacking Co-ordinator

Tramp Planner required Wednesday, Grade 3 tramps

To work alongside Peter Moody and Peter Glasson

Looking for an enthusiastic Tramp Leader who is knowledgeable about Grade 3 tramps and the Tramp Map Database.

He/she would work from home, be able to meet monthly, if required, and have a few hours to spare each month. Being able to organise Grade 4 tramps, too, would be an advantage.

A job description is available on request.

Contact Lawrence on navpress@navpress.co.nz before August 16

or Kaye on rbkmyoung@xtra.co.nz after August 16

Backpacking and Basecamps 2023

Dates	Venue	Nights	Grade	Leader
Sat 21-Sun 22 Jan	Pinnacles Hut, Mt Somers	1	Easy	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
3 hour tramp to a bookable 19 bunk hut. (19 bunks; \$20 per night). 204 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Tue 24 – Wed 25 Jan	Manson-Nicholls Hut, Lake Daniels, Lewis Pass	1	Easy	Jill Halliburton 3374973/02102267556 jillhb@globe.net.nz
3 hour tramp to a bookable hut (\$15 per night). 384 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Mon 8 – Sat 11 Feb	Scott Creek, Death Valley, Kay Creek Hut, Mid Caples Hut. Glenorchy, Otago	3	Moderate	Maree Richards 0210364648 mareegonebush@playful.com
Involves tenting and huts.				
Sun 12-Mon 13 Feb	Youngman Stream Hut – Tarn Hut circuit, Lees Valley	1	Moderate	Denise Cumberpatch 3832661/0273403299 dryrot@xtra.co.nz
Day 1: 5 hour tramp to Youngman Stream Hut (6 bunks; \$5 per night). Day 2: 5 hour tramp via Tarn Hut. 160 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sat-Sun 19 Feb	Hawdon Hut, Arthurs Pass	1	Easy/Mod	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
4 hour tramp involving three river crossings. (20 bunks; \$15 per night). 230 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 26 Feb – Thurs 2 Mar	Carrington Hut – Waimakariri Falls Hut – Barker Hut, Arthurs Pass	4	Mod	Kaye Young 3296187/02102568702 rbkmyoung@xtra.co.nz
Day 1: 6 hour tramp involving river crossings to Carrington Hut (36 bunks, \$15 per night). Nights 2 and 3 at Waimakariri Falls Hut (6 bunk, donations) and Barker Hut (10 bunks, donations). Night 4 at Carrington Hut. Day 5 to vehicles. 254 kms travel by vehicle.				
Sat 11-Sun 12 Mar	Ada Pass Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Easy/Mod	Dean Stewart 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
5 hour tramp. (14 bunks; \$15 per night). 380 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Fri 10-Sat 18 Mar	Te Anau base camp	7	Grades 2, 3 & 4	Marcel Robb Marcel.robb@gmail.com
Sun 26-Tue 28 Mar	Cookies Hut, Hakatere	2	Easy/Mod	Edith Goesmann 3837924/021801718 edithgoesmann@gmail.com
5 hour tramp involving river crossings to an ex-musterers' hut (6 bunks; free). Day 2 exploring the area around the hut. 190 kms.				
Fri 31 Mar-Sat 1 Apr	Boundary Creek Hut, Hakatere	1	Easy/Mod	Gerald Edmunds 3426331/02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
A 5 hour tramp to an ex-musterers' hut (8 bunks; free). 250 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 16-Tue 18 Apr	Kirwans Hut – Montgomerie Hut circuit	2	Moderate	Edith Goesmann 3837924/021801718 edithgoesmann@gmail.com
Day 1: 6 hour tramp to Kirwans Hut (12 Bunks, \$15 per night). day 2: 4 hours to Montgomerie hut (6 bunks, \$5 per night). Day 3: 4hour tramp to the vehicles. 500 kms return travel by vehicle.				
Sun 30 Apr-Mon 1 May	Crow Hut, Arthurs Pass	1	Easy/Mod	Kaye Young 3296187/02102568702 rbkmyoung@xtra.co.nz
4 hour tramp involving river crossings. (10 bunks; \$5 per night). 254 kms return travel by vehicle.				



Great day for our club's mid-winter nosh! Cool at the start with a heavy frost, however, it did warm up and there was little or no wind for the walks with Alison Ford leading the G3's and Chris Clark taking the G2's on walks designed to get us back at Sumner Lifesaving Clubhouse by noon. Jan Leitch and her team of Sandra, Cathie and Joan had hot soup and finger food that people had supplied at the ready for the hungry trampers...and non-trampers. Well done team and all contributors-a great repast. Thanks to David Jones for his organisation. A very enjoyable and sociable occasion. More photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/3phQW7kJLGybTxt49>. Paul Knox

Membership Report

20 July 2022

New members:

Deborah Clarke: 021 263 8788

Resignations (years in OFTC)

Dorothy Aitken-Edwards (12)

Passed away (years in OFTC)

Sally Oxenbridge (Life member) (42)

Membership:

Total = 407 (Female – 248; Male – 159)

Judy Collin

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.

Your OFTC Committee

Chair: Edith Goesmann 021 801718
chair@oftc.org.nz

Vice-Chair: Alison Downard 021 133 7252
alisondownard@gmail.com

Club Captain: Kaye Young 03 329 6187
rbkmyoung@xtra.co.nz

Secretary: Jenny Hoffman (Committee matters)
021 230 7577 jennybarbarah@gmail.com
Chris Clark (General Club matters)
027 487 9221 secretary@oftc.org.nz

Treasurer: Peter Oliver 027 438 5082
peter@hackthorne.co.nz

Membership: Judy Collin 021150 7954
membership@oftc.org.nz

Editor: Mavis Airey 0275 293 631
mavis.airey@xtra.co.nz

Committee:

Graeme Brown 383 3732
graemebrown1@xtra.co.nz
Ross Walker 027 558-2126
rwchch@gmail.com
Lawrence Allpress 348 3791
navpress@navpress.co.nz

Ex Officio

Health & Safety Officer: Peter Moody 351 7448
pmoody007@gmail.com

Social Co-ordinator: David Jones 027 288 5845
ballymol@xtra.co.nz

Welfare: Liaison Team (see June 2020 Going Places)
DOC liaison: Paul Knox 03 3392997
knoxps@gmail.com

Webteam Co-ordinator: Peter Coursey 03 332 4833
pkcoursey@gmail.com

Beacon co-ordinator: Peter Oliver 027 438 5082
peter@hackthorne.co.nz

Deputy Club Captain: Ian Fussell 03 385 0856
fussei@xtra.co.nz

Weather: Gavin Hampton 03 343 1291, Peter Moore 027 773 1670, Kaye Young 03 329 6187



G4 Castle Hill Peak via Foggy Peak from Porters Pass, Saturday July 16. Successfully dodged the gale force nor-westers forecast for Sunday. Ross Walker



Learning snow skills at Broken River with Anna Keeling on July 9. They had a great day and were sheltered with no wind! Kaye Young

Book Recommendations

'The Boys in the Boat'. Novel by Daniel James Brown. Nine Americans and their epic quest for gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics. (Donna Stapleton)

'Dear Edward'. Novel by Ann Napolitano. Edward 'Eddie' Adler is the lone survivor of a plane crash that takes the lives of 191 passengers. A story of hope and inspiration. (Donna Stapleton)

Tribute to the older Members of the OFTC

by Clive Morriss

The reason for writing this is because there have been many of our original and early club members who have recently resigned, and some are still tramping with the Vets group. Because they are older our younger members will not know them and what mischief they got up to during the early years. When Valda and Bruce Hodges formed the club in 1978 tramping for forty year olds was not usual. The new club wanted trampers not walkers as members and that was why there was the requirement to do the overnighter and learn the bush craft rules and safety precautions. I understand Valda was a very hard taskmaster for this.

I've only been a member for 18 years and many of the members have become friends over the years. I've made contact with some members I've tramped with so I apologise to others I haven't contacted who could add their experiences to this story. I have found the companionship is the wonderful thing about the Tramping Club and this has often been mentioned. I've tried to set out the many interesting activities those early members got up to in their younger years that certainly added to the building strength of the club. I'm told that the early trampers had a more adventurous time. They had to sort out many of their own tracks and trails, as well as their destinations and timetables with the best suitable accommodation for their overseas trips. It was only later that commercial people caught on to this growing potential.

Valda Hodges. (Also profiled in the July issue of Going Places) When younger she and Bruce travelled and tramped locally. They used to go gold panning on the West Coast. With Vida Lucock, a Mountain Safety instructor, and others they talked about starting a Tramping Club for the older trampers. An advert was put in the Press with a meeting arranged at the Deerstalkers Clubrooms on Lincoln Road. The club was enthusiastically formed in 1978 and it wasn't long before a limit of 200 members had to be set. Valda has always been a wonderful organiser with base camps and later their overseas trips. I remember the Michael Palin TV programs to exotic places around the globe, Valda & Bruce had been there before him.

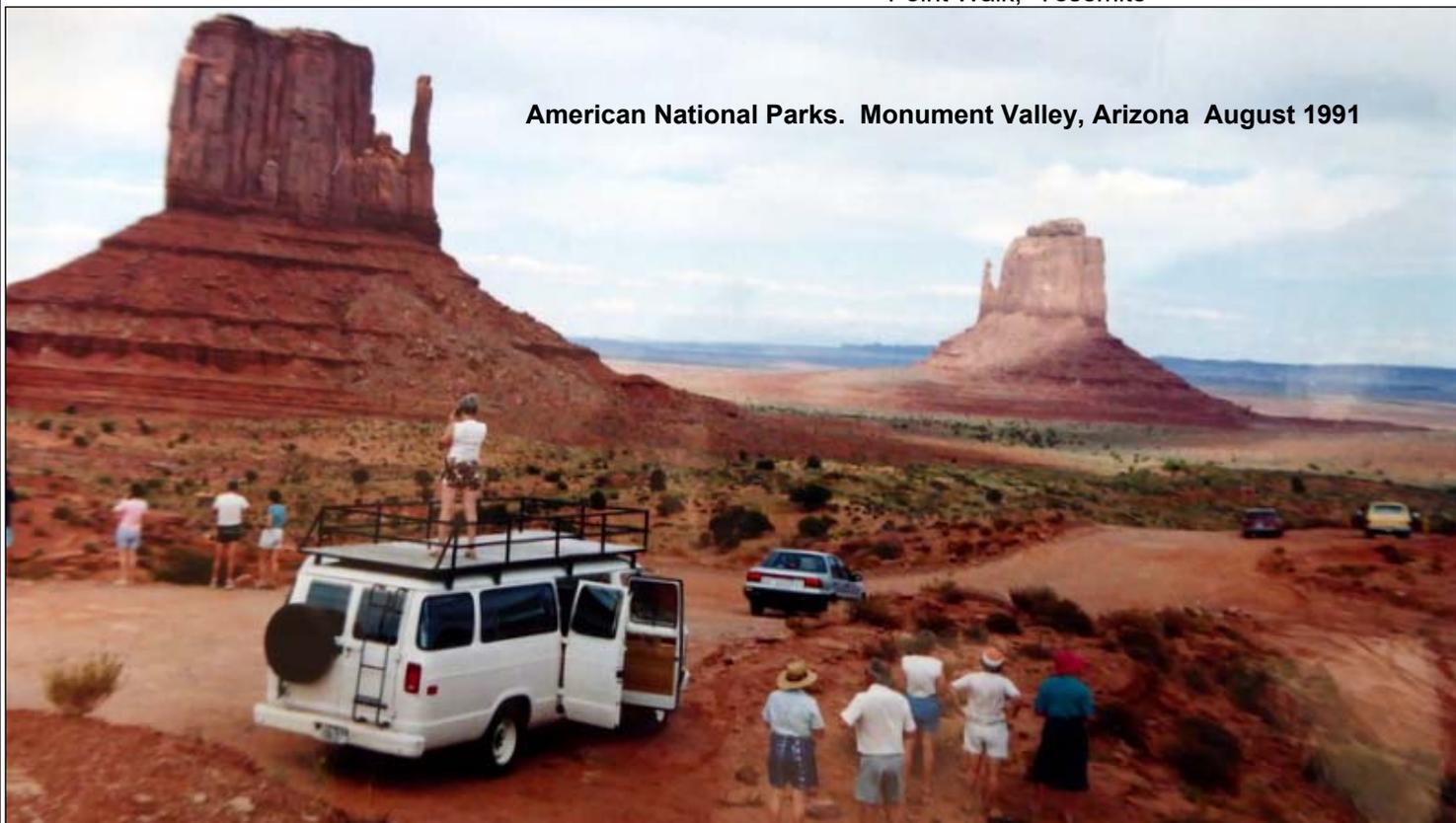
Win and Don Malcolm (original first day members.) Resigned after 39 years. Don (decd) was a very regular leader and also President 1984-87. There was always a trip planned in January to the Okuku River area when the wild cherries were ripe for the picking. He was a keen wine maker.

Norma Powell (original member). Resigned after 44 years. Is still in touch with many of the older trampers, including Meg Anderson who is close to celebrating her 101st. birthday. Norma worked at Ann Cunningham Travel and was instrumental in getting them to organise the American National Parks and other tours which were mostly supported by OFTC club members. This is how I became involved with the OFTC. They advertised a tour and I rung up. There had been a cancellation and within three weeks Eileen and I were on our way with the group to Ameri-



Eileen and Von after completing the Glacier Point Walk, Yosemite

American National Parks. Monument Valley, Arizona August 1991



ca. This was August 1991. Von Mackwell was our leader for a wonderful experience. Thirteen of us plus the American driver in a Dodge Ram vehicle with all our gear strapped on top. We slept in pup tents and organised teams for the cooking, cleaning etc. We only slept in hotels for five nights.

Marie Woods: Joined the club in 1993. She remembers the two tramps and the overnigher to become a member. Valda and Alf Barwell were planning the first of many New Year Base camps. Cooking group leaders had to plan their menu with members of their team. Transport arrangements made etc. That base camp at Bannockburn was so successful there was one every following New Year. These

base camps didn't suit couples with family commitments. The organisers found many lodges, school halls and disused workers' accommodation dotted over the South Island for the New Year period. After a few years Valda decreed that the 'singalongs' had had their day and Marie and fellow trampers had to prepare an item for New Year's Eve otherwise they weren't invited. Some did drop out, but the rest spent the year preparing an item, perhaps a lip sync performance or making costumes. Marie has photos and scrap books from these Base camps and the performers. The talent and performances were very special. A later New Year's base camp organised by Beverly at Gore was interesting. They were in a Christian venue and no alcohol could be consumed on the premises. It was a very wet night and close to midnight they were instructed to don raincoats, take a torch and walk down the long drive to the gate where Mavis Airey and John Kelly were waiting to pour a wee dram of the local Hokonui hooch that had been distilled in the district since gold mining days. After singing Old Lang Syne and hugs all around they followed the line of balloons back to the hall. Tramping on the hills was aided by Thelma McNiven's tramping poles, which she imported into the country. Many of the trampers joined the Vets group of the club for less arduous day tramps or took up cycling the new trails around the country. Marie says that joining the OFT club was the best decision she has ever made, and those friendships have been long lasting. She is right behind the mooted idea of Christchurch becoming a 'National Park City'. Marie talked about Thelma McNiven and her heroic cycle ride on an old bike from Greymouth to Sumner. This later was to morph into our Whispering Wheels cycle group.

Heather Spence. Resigned after 33 years. Having a Vets section in the Club was hotly debated before acceptance. Heather then organised the Vet tramps for many years. She was also involved with several smaller invited member group trips including the seaside opera at Sydney, Cairns, Norfolk Island, Tasmania and tramping in Western Australia. One exciting local trip was to Ward in 2016. The party was nicely setup in an older double storied farm house. At midnight the evening of arrival, they were tossed out of beds by a very strong earthquake. Furniture and broken crockery with food supplies was strewn all about. Kevin the farmer warned them of a tsunami, so they were all evacuated to the top of the hill until the morning. Phone communication was cut off and the main road closed for several days before the group was allowed to head back to Christchurch via Murchison.

Lois Watson. Resigned after 16 years. When she worked in Auckland before she became a member, through her sister in Rangiora she came down to join a group led by OFTC member Pat Morris to South America. Pat had had a Grand Father working there and she had learnt to speak Spanish. We think there was also a second trip. Later Lois came to Christchurch and joined the Club. After the 2011 earthquake she moved to Rangiora. She explored the local area for suitable tracks for the Vets and organised and led many tramps around Rangiora and Oxford. Lois was also a good participator in



At Nervous Knob, Broken River December 2008. Remembrance Peter Wardell



John & Colleen Herzog with Alf Barwell manage the cooking at a New Year Base Camp.

the entertainment groups at Base Camps, particularly Valda's New Year's parties.

John and Colleen (Bone) Herzog. Colleen joined the Club in 1984, John joined in 1991. Both had lost their partners and they remarried. Colleen's overnigher was to Lake Daniells. There were trips to the West Coast. John is from America and for 14 years or more they have avoided winter in New Zealand and also America. The last two years with Covid has upset that. Earlier It didn't stop John and Colleen from taking a couple of tours of OFTC members around John's own country. With his university background John organised and hosted American students for tramping around Banks Peninsula and elsewhere in this country. During the early days of the base camp days Colleen was well known for her lip sync days impersonating Dolly Pardon and other characters.

Fay Jackson. Originally tramped from a young age with the Hutt Valley Tramping Club. She joined the OFTC in 1983. 20 years Fay was the Membership Officer for our Club. A big job. Fay has seen the club change over her many years as a member, particularly for our older member beginnings. From its infancy when it was an adventure to plan destinations, new routes, travel, and accommodation. Entertainment was provided by the members of the group. Now commercialisation has stepped in, and most trips can be planned by cell phone and Google. We have locator beacons, our cell phones, rescue helicopter and usually handy accommodation. An example is a pre-helicopter rescue in 1948 of Ruth Adams when she was hurt near the summit of Mt La Perouse. She was stretchered out hand over hand through rough country with a path having to be cut through the West Coast bush. The rescue took 6 days.

Norman & Enid Hardie. Norman joined our club in 1988 and Enid in 1992. Norman took part in the rescue noted above. Even though he had climbed K2 only a short time after Hillary climbed Everest, Norman did his overnigher as per Club rules.

Marion Macbeth. With Jocelyn Halliday and Norma Powell she was one of the first members of the Club and is now 96 years old. Her husband, Norman joined later. They were good friends with Norman and Enid Hardie and had many private tramping holidays together. About 1995 they all went tramping in Nepal. Marion has always been our bird watcher on tramps.

Eileen McGrade. Joined the Club in 1979 and still tramping regularly with the Vets. With early teaching and later part time bank job & family commitments Eileen wasn't able to take part in many Base camps. She was still able to be Club President 1981-83 and Club Captain 1997. She organised weekend training camps with Valda Woods for members at the Blue Skies Scout camp at Kaiapoi.

Gary Swarbrick & Judy Miles. Gary tramped with the Christchurch Tramping Club from 1962. After meeting Judy who had joined the OFTC in 1985 he joined in 1990. They were both enthusiastic and personally travelled to countless countries around the world and particularly enjoyed becoming involved with the different cultures. They even met up with Valda and Bruce Hodges and between them hired a van with driver to tour Mongolia. They set up their tents beside the Mongolian yurts and ate with them and tried to learn their language. They took a tramping group to South Africa, and this included the Kruger Wildlife Park. Gary was invited to join Thelma McNiven's small cycling group which included Eileen McGrade, Spencer Hale, Len Hutton and others. This led to Gary and Judy and some other Club members to head off overseas with their cycles.

Valda & Brian Woods. Coming back to New Zealand, Brian took up his position at the University in Christchurch. They joined the OFTC in 1986. Valda was very involved with training of members re bushcraft, weather awareness, first aid and safety. These weekend courses were held at the Blue Skies Scout camp at Kaiapoi. Eileen McGrade also helped. Valda & Brian went to many overnigher camps and did their part of the entertaining at the New Year Base camps.



Rail Trail cyclists

Rosemary Harper. Joined the Club in 1987. With her husband, Maurice they had farmed at Lees Valley before coming to Christchurch. Regrettably her husband passed away. With her many friends in North Canterbury, she was able to organise base camps with accommodation in shearing sheds and farm quarters for Club members. Rosemary was always a starter for other base camps and to dress up for Valda's New Year functions. She also went on a couple of Colleen and John Herzog's trips to America.

Pauline Timms. I've copied Pauline's response in full: Clive has been encouraging many ancient trampers into writing memoirs of their days with the OFTC. I only hope our efforts won't end up in someone's 'yellow bin.' I joined the Club in 1982, aged 50 years and reluctantly resigned this year aged 90 years. I had heard of the OFTC from its inception, but work and family commitments prevented me from going on the Sunday tramps. However, I was told that Wednesdays had become an option and I never looked back. An aunt had given me some money to buy a 'nice pair of shoes' but I bought some black tramping boots and broke them in on the muddy tracks of Rakiura. I was working part time as a nurse at Public Hospital and could usually arrange the duties to suit. My first tramp was to Godley Head with Fred Skully. The others in the group are now deceased. My husband was a WW2 Vet and always gave my boots a good 'spit and polish'. Over the years I have done most of the Great Walks in the South Island and many others. My first Backpacking Adventure was the Abel Tasman track with my brother in law's Mountain Mule pack. I immediately acquired much better gear. Laurel Downs organised two North Island trips or NITs as my son called them. There was one trip to the National Parks of America lead by Von Mackwell and another to the Pacific Northwest with John and Colleen Herzog. There were Annual Visits to Albert Town with Don and Win Malcolm. The New Year Base Camp trips when we had to put on 'Entertainment'. My own version was Vera Lynn which was only rivalled by Colleen Herzog's Dolly Parton. There were also the many unofficial trips with Heather Spence. The Open-Air Opera in Sydney, Tasmania, Cairns and Norfolk Island. We also had unofficial trips with the Herzog's to Queenstown. Over the years we have been to wonderful places, met Professors, Doctors, Mountaineers, Nurses, Teachers, Train Drivers, Bus Drivers, Architects, Botanists, Saints and Sinners. I was Welfare Officer for many years and arranged the Vets tramps for a while as well as leading some. Also helped with the distribution of the Club Newsletter. Many of us have said it has been the best club we have ever joined. More supportive and caring at times of tragedy than many other groups. So go forth, go well and keep it up with much love and best wishes.

Clive Morriss. I was still working when Eileen and I joined the OFTC group to visit the American National Parks in 1991. I joined the club in 2004 at the ripe old age of 72. I enjoyed the required overnighter at Jollibrook, Lake Sumner. My tramping day has always been a Wednesday. Because of my other commitments I have only been to a few Club nights but have been able to join some great base camps. I've enjoyed leading a couple of Base camps to Mt. Cook and taken a few OFTC members with me on the Milford Track. I was able to do the tramp planning for the 'middle group' over four years and this included the first footing of Middle Rock and Peak Hill tramps. I'm still able to get out on Wednesday with the Vets, even though I've slowed down a lot and climbing hills is only a dream. Joining the Over Forties Tramping Club has been the best decision I could have made. The comradeship and friendships made over the years has been and still are important to me. It's wonderful to see the present members of the Club so active with their many Backpacking and Base Camps planned for the year. Good luck to you all and happy tramping!



Clive's group at Mt. Cook, December 2015