



The Official Newsletter of  
**THE OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB INC.**

# Going Places.....



NEWSLETTER 457 March 2020

## Family Fun Day

*Family, friends and prospective members of the OFTC are welcome*

**Sunday March 8, 9am-2pm**

**Diamond Harbour - Stoddart Cottage, 2 Waipapa Ave  
BYO – Lunch, Drink, Plate of dessert finger food to share**

### PROGRAMME

#### Children plus parent/caregiver

Meet Lyttelton at 9.30am to catch the 9.50am Black Cat to Diamond Harbour.  
10.30am Walk Pete's Path with morning tea along the way  
12pm Treasure Hunt  
1pm BBQ and Lunch  
2pm Optional Swim with parent/caregiver supervision

#### Adults and teenagers

9am Meet at the Stoddart Cottage  
9.15 to 12.45pm Walk the Cliff Track around Black Point to Charteris Bay and return via Bayview Road  
1pm BBQ and Lunch  
2pm Optional Historical Tour of the history of Margaret Stoddart and the Cottage for 45 minutes

**To register** contact Kaye on [rbkmyoung@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rbkmyoung@xtra.co.nz) or 021 025 68702 by February 29.

Name of people attending and the age of each child, 12 and under.

**Postponement:** If the weather is inclement check the OFTC website by 7am on Sunday, March 8. Another date will be scheduled later in the year.

## Annual General Meeting

**Tuesday March 10  
7.30 pm**

**Knox Hall, cnr Bealey Ave/Victoria St**

After which there will be a discussion led by chairman Lawrence Allpress on the work of the committee over the last year. This will include some short presentations from committee members on the various projects carried out during this term.

**Cass-Lagoon Saddle-Broad Stream Circuit, January 29. Photo Paul Knox**



**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

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## CHAIR'S REPORT

The news this last week has been very sad with the drowning of two trampers in the Makaroa river and a third missing in Mt Aspiring National Park. No doubt these deaths will be analysed to determine what went wrong, but it appears these were all experienced trampers and not simply ill equipped tourists. It is a salutary reminder that ours is a dangerous playground and that conditions can change very quickly. It is also a reminder that each of us needs to learn best practices and carry a PLB.

One of the issues we talked about at the committee meeting was whether we should raise the subscription. We have a number of projects coming up that will cost. An example is moving toward a content managed website and away from our current code based website. It is difficult to say what this will finally cost as it is a bit like the classic conundrum "how long is a piece of string?" And there is a lot of work that needs to be done to be able to present a sensible budget estimate. But the point is, it is possible the cost will be a substantial drain on our reserves. For a number of years we have run at a loss. This was a deliberate decision and with good reasons. But the effect was to drop our reserves from \$13000 to a little over \$4,400. Our latest financial reports, which you will receive before the AGM, show we have made a surplus in the last year that have restored our reserves to above \$7,400. But the upcoming projects are likely to eat heavily in to this figure. The committee was reluctant to raise the subscriptions, but we did decide to give members the opportunity to give a donation over and above their subscription. These funds would help with the upcoming projects.. As we are not a registered charity these donations do not qualify for a tax rebate. You will notice an extra line in the invoice you will receive for your subscription that will allow you to add a donation.

Pauline Timms has been our welfare officer for the last five years. She has faithfully written cards to members and their families during times of sustained sickness, crisis and death. Pauline has decided it is time to step aside and so we are looking for someone to take up this very important role. If you are interested, contact any on the committee. And a huge thank you to Pauline. She epitomizes all that is good in the volunteer spirit of our club.

**Lawrence Allpress**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### **New member**

Dolly Munday      920 2387      31 Pegasus Main Street, Pegasus, Cant 7612      mundaykevin@gmail.com

### **Resignations**

Dahya Budhia      337 0894      50 Fisher Avenue, Beckenham, Chch 8023      12.5 years

Margaret Yorke      351 5177      132 Brookside Terrace, Bryndwr, Chch 8053      8 years

### **Email and phone number changes**

Sue Weller      420 0960, 021 1949 550

### **Change of address**

David Jones      027 288 5845      5 Bengal Drive, Cashmere, Chch 8022      ballymol@xtra.co.nz  
David no longer has a landline

### **Membership**

Our total membership is now 414, (245 women and 169 men).

**Judy Collin**



Gorge Track, January 22. Photo Mike Currie



**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 2</b>	Lyn Foulds	355 6348
		Pamela Gibbons	332 7531
		Graeme Brown	383 3732
	<b>Grade 3</b>	Peter Moody	351 7448
	<b>Grade 3 &amp; 4</b>	Marcel Robb	03 928 3733

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Grade 2</b>	Sheila Downard	337 4201
		Gaye Morton	332 2284
		Jill Halliburton	337 4973
	<b>Grade 3, 4 &amp; 5</b>	Ross Walker	027 558 2126
		Lesley Smith	338 4272
		Alison Downard	357 2089
		Peter Moore	348 0765

**A leader has the responsibility and right to refuse anybody they consider for any reason may not be able to cope with the conditions.**

**SUNDAY TRAMPS****MARCH 1****Bridle Path to Cass Bay PH61**

Cost : nil

*At an easy pace up and down the Bridle Path into Lyttelton, then along the lovely Coastal path through Corsair and Cass Bays to Pony Point. Return by bus from Lyttelton (bring your Gold Card or bus fare) or walk back over the Bridle Path.*

Grade : 2<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

Depart : Bridle Path carpark at 9 am<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

Time : 4-5 hours<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

Leader : Norah Gerrity 027 938 0456<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> Co-leader: Sheila Downard 337 4201 or 027 376 9619

**Mt Alford****SW14**

Cost : \$24

*A steady climb on well marked DOC track. Initially over farm land 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 car park at 8.00am

Time : 5 hours

Leader : A leader is required for this trip. Please contact Peter Moore on 027 773 1670 if you can lead.

**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 (332 3050 or 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))

Please send mileage details etc to [marcel.robb@gmail.com](mailto:marcel.robb@gmail.com).

**MARCH 8****Family day at Diamond Harbour**

See "Going Places" for details

Time : 9 am to 2 pm

To Register: Contact Kaye Young on [rbkmyoung@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rbkmyoung@xtra.co.nz) or 021 025 68702 by 29 February.

**No Grade 3/4 trip planned as it is Family Fun Day.**

**MARCH 15****Mt Richardson NO9**

Cost : \$13

*Invigorating climb through pleasant beech forest to Mt Richardson (1047m). Return via Blowhard and Bypass track. Good views across Lees Valley to Puketeraki Range.*

Grade : 2+

Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark at 8.30am Note earlier start time

Time : 6 hrs<sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

Leader : Jill Halliburton 337 4973; 021 0226 7556

**Gebbies Pass to Monument Crossover BP48A**

Cost : \$8

*Key swap required. Suggest stronger trampers start from Gebbies Pass end as there is a steady uphill climb around the back of Mt Bradley and over Mt Herbert. Lunch at Mt Herbert shelter.*

Grade : 3

Depart : Cnr of Ashgrove Tce and Ferniehurst St 8:00am

Time : 6 - 7 hours

Leaders : Chrissy McCausland 027 470 7755. A co-leader is required for this trip. Please contact Chrissy if you can help.







MARCH 22

**Ryde Falls NW04**

Cost : \$13

*Picturesque bush and hill walk to the falls for lunch. The bush is a mixture of black beech with rimu, matai and kahikatea.*

Grade : 2

Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark at 9.00am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Jenny Owens 942 2320 or 021 027 045

**Porters Pass to Castle Hill Peak W49**

Cost: \$14

**From the top of Porters Pass up over Foggy Peak and along to Castle Hill Peak. Return the same way. Total climb 1150m.**

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 7.30am.

Grade : 4

Time : 7 - 8 hours

Leader : Ross Walker 027 558-2126

MARCH 29

**Gibraltar Estate PH89**

Cost : \$4

**Walk over farm track to the Summit Road, then on to Coopers Knob. Return via Omaha Bush and a different farm track.**

Grade : 2

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 9 am

Time : 5+ hrs

Leader : Pamela Gibbons 332 7531 or 022 678 0398

**Sudden Valley W52**

Cost : \$28

*From the Hawdon Shelter cross the Hawdon River and follow the Sudden Valley stream, crossing as necessary. Take the Devil's Staircase out of the stream and continue up the very pleasant valley to the biv. Return the same way.*

Grade : 3

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am

Time : 6 hours

Leader : Peter Moore 027 773 1670



Up the Zig Zag and around the Trigs, February 5. Photo Mike Currie

## WEDNESDAY TRAMPS

MARCH 4

**Mt Pleasant and beyond****NQ**

Cost: \$1.50

*A 40 minute gradual climb up Mt Pleasant. For flat walkers a 5 minute gentle climb to the top from Broadleaf Lane. Wonderful views, old war bunkers to explore. Brian will assist with transport as required.*

Grade: 1

Depart: Mt Pleasant Yacht Club at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leaders: Valda and Brian Woods, 358 8250

**Hogsback**

Cost: \$23

*From Castle Hill village car park to Cheeseman and return the same way, encompassing a nice mix of tussock grassland and beech forest on moderate terrain, with great views, shelter and a good track.*

Grade: 2

Depart: Yaldhurst at 8.30 am

Time: 5 hours

Leader: Joanna Orwin, 358 4109

Co Leader: elect on the day

**Mt Noble****N70**

Cost: \$24.00

*West from Harwarden. Off Virginia Road, park cars near woolshed and tramp in a clockwise direction following farm track to top of ridge. Options are to or stay on the ridge or keep following farm track to its high point and then climb up onto ridge. Lunch on Mt Noble which hosts some interesting electronic gear the history of which can be found on the website of the North Canterbury Amateur Radio Club Inc (Map BV23 Virginia)*

Depart: Belfast Hotel Carpark 8.00am

Grade: 3

Time: 5 – 6 Hours

Leader: Russell Hignett, 355 5670 or 027 343 6846

Co-leader: Appointed on the day

MARCH 11

**Raspberry Cafe to Otahuna Lodge & beyond NQ**

Cost: \$4

*This is a new tramp. Approximately 7 to 9 kms long. A very pleasant walk with interesting options.*

Depart: Cnr of Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Clive Morriss, 358 2753

Co Leader: Alec Mills, 338 5002

**Sandy Bay/CRW/Governors Bay****PH101**

Cost: \$3

*From Sandy Bay walk up Falkners Track to Hoon Hay Reserve. Then along to Watlings Bush and Titoki Track to Governors Bay fire station. Walk along the road to Church Lane along to the water. Return to Sandy Bay along the Head of the Harbour track.*

Grade: 2

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 8.30am

Time: 4-5 hours approx.

Leader: Pamela Gibbons, 332 7531 / 022 678 0398

Co- Leader: elect on day





## MARCH 11 CONTINUED

**CRW - Evans Pass to Sign of the Bellbird -Shortened version of PH96**

Cost: \$5

*A Key Swap Tramp . Two parties, one starting at each end. Car shuttle therefore required. Follow Crater Rim Walkway along its full length meeting in middle for lunch & to swap keys. Approx 17.4km. Has some good undulations. Harder from Evans Pass end. (Map BX24 Christchurch)*

Grade: 3

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 8.30am

Leader: Two Leaders required for this tramp to proceed.

## MARCH 18

**Westlake to Hillmorton****NQ**

Cost: Nil

*Walking on paths and byways in the Westlake area.*

Depart: Car park at Westlake off Westlake Dr at 9-30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leaders: Valda and Brian Woods, 358 8250

**Hoon Hay Reserve to Coopers Knob**

Cost: \$2

*From Hoon Hay Reserve along CRW via Trig V past Bell bird to Coopers Knob. Return via different tracks. Great views*

Grade: 1

Time: 4 hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Terrace / Ferniehurst St 9.00am

Leader: Howard Harvey, 3429377 / 0211363043

**Crater Rim Walkway**

Cost: \$5

*Meet at Charlesworth Reserve, car pool to the Kiwi. Walk to Evans Pass and down to catch the bus back to cars. Drivers whose cars are on the summit Rd will then be ferried back to their vehicles. The \$5 cost will be shared equally between all drivers. Bring your gold cards.*

Grade: 2

Depart: Charlesworth Reserve at 8.30 am

Time: 5 hours

Leader: Graeme Brown, 383 3732

Co-Leader: elect on day

**Mt Herbert (+ Mt Bradley) From Gebbies Pass BP48**

Cost: \$5

*Route (tracks taken) will be decided on the day. (Map BX 24 Christchurch)*

Grade: 3

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 8am

Time: 6 hours

Leader: Paul Knox 339 2997 or 027 208 5070

## MARCH 25

**Hansen Park to Rapaki Track****NQ**

Cost: Nil

*Walking from Hansen Park to Rapaki Track.*

Depart: Hansen Park car park at 9-30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Eileen Mc Grade, 942 7380

## MARCH 25 CONTINUED

**Mt Fitzgerald/Mt Sinclair****BP81A**

Cost: \$12

*From Port Levy Saddle to Mt Fitzgerald and Mt Sinclair along the Summit Rd walkway track. Moderate climb, medium pace. Good all round views, mountain totara, tussock and spectacular century old tree stumps.*

Grade: 2

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St 8.30am

Time: 5 hours

Leader: Jill Halliburton, 337 4973 / 021 0226 7556

Co- Leader: elect on day

**East Hawdon Bivvy****W062**

Cost: \$30

*Turn off SH73 and cross over the Mt White Bridge. Park at Hawdon Shelter carpark (560m). Walk up Hawdon Riverbed for about an hour then NE into East Hawdon Stream Valley. Lunch at the bivvy (1060m) after a 5.6km walk in over a mix of track and stream bed. Steady walk from the shelter. An opportunity to visit the headwaters of a beautiful remote valley. A reasonable length in then out trip. (Map BV21 Cass)*

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel 7.00am

Grade: 4

Time: 7+ hours

Leader: Ian Fussell 385 0856 or 021 027 19869

Co-leader: Paul Knox 339 2997 or 027 208 5070



**Little Mount Peel, February 12.  
Photo Russell Ramsden.**







## Black Hill Hut Trip

Kaye Young, Gerald Edmonds, Peter Coursey, Steve Cameron, David Jones and Chrissy McCausland set out for an overnight to Black Hill Hut on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. Weather perfect!

A morning tea stop was organised in the little bit of shade that could be found amongst some manuka bushes. However, it was not long before the group started to doubt the leader's wisdom in selecting this spot as we were quickly surrounded by curious, or possibly hungry, honey bees. Unfortunately, a bee became stuck in the sleeve of one group member resulting in some quick movements and a moment or two of panic. The first aiders quickly came into action with knife to remove sting and plenty of medication! No further bee incidents following this.

The rest of the walk to the hut was uneventful – completing the 9km walk on the flat before the walk uphill through beech and some regenerating totora to the hut.

The 6 bed hut appeared newly renovated and in good nick. A charming and pleasant place to stay.

A late afternoon walk of a further 30mins up to the top of Black Hill was rewarded by stunning views across to Purple Peak, Broken Hill, the Torlesse range and out across the plains towards Springfield and Sheffield. Well worth the effort.

Easy walk back the following day. Time to hut 5.5 hours. Time to return 4 hours

**Chrissy McCausland**



Templemans Farm, January 29. Photo Russell Ramsden





## Backpacking and Basecamps 2020

Month	Venue	Nights	Grade	Leader
March 1–8	Mount Richmond Alpine Route.	7 Huts	Mod to Hard	Alison Mckeachie 03 3392356 / 022 0178123 Evelyn Sheridan 033830891 / 027 2280754
March 15-21	<b>Base Camp</b> , Twizel Basin and Surrounds. Day trips various grade 3-4 level	6	Mod to Hard	Marcel Robb 03 928 3733 marcel.robb@gmail.com
March 30-April 3	<b>Basecamp</b> Kaikoura. Tramping for all grades, depending on participants. Biking option, kyaking option(hire or bring your own), snorkling, maybe even swimming. Please register interest, early so as I can book accommodation.	4	All	Judy Eden 0274726538. 3844857, <a href="mailto:edenjudith@xtra.co.nz">edenjudith@xtra.co.nz</a>
April 5-7	Edwards Hut, Arthurs Pass. From Greyney's Flat shelter we will follow the Edwards River for 4 – 5 hours (DOC time) to Edwards hut (16 Bunks). On Monday we will explore the Tarn Col, Falling Mountain and Tarahuna Pass area. Return to vehicles via Edwards River on Tuesday. Co-leaders: Chrissy McCausland and Kaye Young.	2	3	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
May 17-18	Top Hut, Hakatere. From the Hakatere-Heron Road follow a 4WD track to Boundary Creek Hut. Then follow the South Ashburton River to Top Hut (10 bunks). 6 – 7 hours.	1	4	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
June 7 – 9	Youngman Stream Hut – Tarn Hut, Lees Valley. From the upper Lees Valley Road follow the Ashley and then the Lilburne Rivers with some high sidles to the six bunk Youngman Stream Hut (5 to 6 hours). On Monday tramp three hours to Tarn Hut via Lilburne Hill (1405m) and explore the area. On Tuesday return to the road (4 hours).	2	3	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
July 19-20	Hunts Creek Hut, AP. Follow Kelly Creek to Hunt Saddle in the Kelly Range. From there side into Hunts Creek and the four bunk hut. A six hour tramp with mud on the saddle.	1	3	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
August 16-17	Tribulation Hut, Hakatere	1	3	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
September 13-14	Hawdon Hut, AP	1	2	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
October 18-19	Basin Hut, Avoca River	1	3	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
November 22-23	Cookies Hut via Pudding Hill Range and Mt Bruce, Hakatere	1	4	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
December 13-15	Waimakariri Falls Hut, AP	2	3	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com

### 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 that 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](mailto:agedmunds@outlook.com) Base Camp and Backpacking Co-ordinator

## Reminder: Maintenance Day Bowenvale

Just a reminder that the next maintenance day for the plantings in Bowenvale with the City Council is coming up.

**When: 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020**

**Where: Meet at the car park at the end of Bowenvale Avenue at 12.30 pm**

**What to Bring: Yourself – all equipment needed including gloves is provided by the City Council**

This is the regular maintenance on the block of land that we have been planting with the City Council for over 10 years. It will be all done by 3pm.

Questions: Gavin Hampton 343 1291





## Grading & Pace

My role, as Club Captain, is to ensure that all members enjoy the tramp they embark on and that they return home safely. "All members enjoy". One of the reasons we embarked on a refresh of the clubs tramp grading system last year was to help eliminate the "no surprises" element from tramps. What we all need to take on board is the fact that "fast trampers need to enjoy their day's outing as much as the slow trampers". Personally, I have no issue with slowing my pace to the level of others. However, what members need to understand is the following: "To ensure that each enjoy with safety the tramp they embark on, each must accept and be individually responsible for them being of a sufficient level of fitness and competence to complete that particular tramp." Remember, it is the tramp which is graded, not the trampler!

So, if you normally tramp Grade 3 tramps and decide to go out on a grade 4 tramp, you must be aware that the pace will be a faster and the stops less frequent! Your voiced negatives only spoil the experience for all. But for those usually walking grade 4 or 5 tramps partaking of a grade 3 tramp, be aware that you are on a lower graded tramp and "must" adjust you pace "way" down.

Now all, reread the applicable segment in Going Places 451 August 2019 Page 1. Before a tramp, if in doubt, phone the trip leader!

To recap – here are the new grade definitions as shown in the August 2019 newsletter.

Grade 1 – up to four hours, easy pace, on tracks, undulation terrain.

Grade 2 – 4-5 hours, moderate pace, primarily on tracks, will include hill work.

Grade 3 – 5-6 hours, moderate steady pace, maybe off track, less than 1000m of vertical gain.

Grade 4 – 6-8 hours, steady pace, mostly off track, more than 1000m of vertical gain, may or may not have some technical issues i.e. rock ridges or scree.

Grade 5 – 8+ hours, steady/fast pace, off track, significant vertical gain and technical difficulty i.e. exposed ridges, and route finding. Very good fitness level and tramping skills required. Contact the leader before tramp if you have not tramped this grade before .

### Your OFTC Committee

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<b>Welfare:</b>	<b>Pending</b>	

**Note :** especially for grades 3,4 and 5, winter weather conditions i.e. snow/ice will result in tramps being regraded to reflect these conditions.

**Marcel Robb, Club Captain**



**Happy Vets on a jaunt up Mulgan's Track, Sumner, February 5. Photo Clive Morriss**

### 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 and tapes:** Ian Fussell 385 0856

**Emergency Shelters** (4-6 person Bothy Bags). The Club has three, held by Ian Fussell 385 0856, Marcel Robb (03 928 3733 or 022 012 5008) and Gavin Hampton (343 1291).

