



# Going Places



OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB NEWSLETTER 470 MAY 2021



G2 Victoria Park to Bellbird via Ohinetahi Tracks, April 7.  
Photo Russell Ramsden



G1 & 2, Big Ben Saddle, April 14. Photo Gloria Woo-Ju Lee

*You are invited to...*

**Club Night**  
**Tuesday May 4**  
**7.30 p.m.**  
**Knox Church Hall**  
 cnr Bealey Ave / Victoria Street

Executive member **Allan Brent** will talk to us about the activities of the F.M.C and the FMC Forest and Mountain Trust. This is a good opportunity for us to discuss the relevance of FMC to our club and the benefits or otherwise of continued membership.

**Advance Notice**

This year's **Mid Winter Gathering** will be held at the Sumner Surf Life Saving club house on **Wednesday June 23** starting at midday. Further details will be posted in the next edition of Going Places.



G4 March 21, Bealey Spur Power Stream.  
Photo Ian Fussell

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

From our last committee meeting on April 12, there is little to report. Of interest is the fact that we have six new members who joined directly as a result of the Friendship Day and who completed their qualifying tramps in a very short space of time. There are many more prospective members from that day who have yet to complete their qualifying tramps. It was certainly a worthwhile initiative.

We are also experimenting with car stickers. These are circular at 90mm diameter, but have to be cut out by hand (saves mega bucks in cost). If you would like one, let me know.



Last year the issue of whether OFTC should be a full or affiliate member of FMC was raised. There was some discussion at the AGM to help people understand the issues and the pro's and cons of both types of membership. It also emerged that it would be helpful to have FMC come and explain what they see as their role and how effective they think they have been. To that end, **Allan Brent** from FMC will be our speaker at the next **club night on May 4**. This will be your opportunity to understand better what FMC is about, how they decide which causes to champion, and the value of their work. So make sure you mark this important event on your calendar.

And while talking about upcoming events, here is another one for your calendar. Our **mid winter nosh** is scheduled for **Wednesday 23 June**. This is a great time to meet people who regularly tramp in a different grade to you, renew old friendships, and enjoy some great food. Its also a time in which you can meet committee members informally.

Further details for both these events are advertised in this edition of Going Places.

**Lawrence Allpress**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

(as at 20 April)

### New members

Eriko Kamikubo	337 1450 / 027 631 8796	32 Albert Terrace, St Martins, Chch 8022	<a href="mailto:Eriko.kamikubo@gmail.com">Eriko.kamikubo@gmail.com</a>
Moira Parsons	347 4940 / 021 905 925	1/1132 Old West Coast Rd, West Melton 7671	<a href="mailto:parsonsclan@xtra.co.nz">parsonsclan@xtra.co.nz</a>
Dee Johnson	027 708 175	19a Hackthorne Road, Cashmere, Chch 8022	<a href="mailto:Deejay_138@hotmail.com">Deejay_138@hotmail.com</a>
Badia Sabil	358 0919 / 021 024 65115	24 Appleby Crescent, Burnside, Chch 8053	<a href="mailto:Badia1920@yahoo.fr">Badia1920@yahoo.fr</a>
Steve Rosie	322 5678 / 021 223 3933	291 Kennedys Bush Road, Kennedys Bush, Chch 8025	<a href="mailto:rosies@xtra.co.nz">rosies@xtra.co.nz</a>
Jean Soper	321 7772 / 0274 314 487	3 Payne Court, Liffey Springs, Lincoln 7608	<a href="mailto:Jeansoper6@gmail.com">Jeansoper6@gmail.com</a>
Colleen Link	022 647 0022	13 Ledbury Drive, Rolleston 7615	<a href="mailto:collylink@gmail.com">collylink@gmail.com</a>

### Changed contact details

Stuart and Nicky Colombus	17 Chatsworth Place, Bishopdale, Chch 8051
Peter and Angela Moore	Angela: 021 194 8954
Helen Rutledge	Appt 36, 400 Durham Street North Chch 8013
Neil Helson	03 310 6499 43 Belgrave Drive, Rangiora 7400
Jenny Hoffman	7 Nortons Road, Avonhead, Chch 8042
Lulu Sun	2/248 Harewood Road, Bishopdale, Chch 8053
Robin Mears	3/73 Roydvale Avenue, Burnside, Chch 8053
James Butler	90 Richardson Terrace, Woolston, Chch 8023
Peter Oliver	322 1800 4 Watlings Place, Kennedys Bush, Ch8025

### Resignations (years in OFTC)

Judy Harvey (14)	Deborah Kendall (20)	Noel Finch (30)
Ron Shierlaw (14)	Steve Cameron (17)	Anja Huskens (2)
Brian Johnson (12)	Jean Morgan (20)	Lyn Holland (31)

<b>Membership</b>	Female	241
	Male	163
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>404</b>

**Judy Collin**



**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
		Suzanne Fenwick	376 5026
	<b>Grade 1</b>	Howard Harvey	342 9377
			021 136 3043
	<b>Grade 2</b>	Pamela Gibbons	332 7531
		Graeme Brown	383 3732
	<b>Grade 3</b>	Peter Moody	351 7448
	<b>Grade 3-4</b>	Marcel Robb	03 928 3733
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Grade 1</b>	Fiona Butterick	349 3960
			021 234 8622
	<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	027 773 1670

**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****MAY 2**

**Orton Bradley BP53**  
Cost : \$5 plus \$10 per car  
*To the waterfall, Hunters Valley and Magnificent loop track.*  
Grade : 1 NQ  
Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 9.00am  
Time : 4-5 hrs  
Leader : Bruce Stanton 03 3381909

**Tiromoana Bush Walkway N56**  
Cost : \$12  
*Walk down-hill from the Mt Cass carpark through a pine plantation to the beach. Enjoy spectacular views of Pegasus Bay from the lookout just past the beach turn-off. Continue up the track to the Wetlands/Kate Pond turn-off. Proceed via the Wetlands back to car-park.*  
Grade : 2  
Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark at 9.00 am  
Time : 4-5 hrs  
Leader : Jenny Owens 021 027 04522

**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@extra.co.nz](mailto:salgav@extra.co.nz)

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

**MAY 2 CONTINUED**

**Evans Pass to Ahuriri Bush and vice versa PH96**  
Cost : \$5.00  
*Car shuttle required. One group starts from Evans Pass/ Godley Head intersection and the other from Ahuriri Bush by the cattle stop. Meet in the middle (About Scotts Reserve) for lunch and swap keys. Approx 21.6km. Has some good undulations. Harder from Evans Pass end.*  
Grade : 4  
Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce and Ferniehurst St at 8.00am  
Time : 7 hrs  
Leaders : Chrissy McCausland 027 470 7755  
David Jones 027 288 5845

**MAY 9**

**Kaituna Valley to Packhorse Hut BP06**  
Cost : \$9  
*Steady climb to the hut for lunch. For those who are keen, climb to see the dykes. Return by alternative track.*  
Grade : 1 NQ  
Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce / Ferniehurst Street at 9.00 am  
Time : 4-5 hrs  
Leader : Fiona Butterick 349 3960, 021 234 8622

**Kaituna Valley to Packhorse BP 06**  
Cost : \$9  
*Steady climb to Packhorse Hut for lunch. Optional climb to see the dykes. Wonderful harbour views. Return by alternative track.*  
Grade : 2  
Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce and Ferniehurst Street, 9am  
Time : 4 - 5 hours  
Leader : Helen Wood 03 348 9202, 021 295 9962  
Co-leader : Sheila Downard 027 376 9619

## MAY 9 CONTINUED

**Purau Saddle (Monument) to Kaituna Valley and vice versa**

Cost : \$10

*Car shuttle required. Half the group to follow the Packhorse Hut track from Parkinson Rd, Kaituna Valley to the Packhorse Hut and then around the south face of Mt Bradley to Mt Herbert and onto the Monument and Purau Saddle. The other half will undertake the tramp in the opposite direction. Meet at Mt Herbert shelter for lunch and key swap.*

Grade : 3

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce and Ferniehurst St at 8.30am

Time : 5-6 hrs

Leaders: Alison Downard 021 133 7252

Kirsten Nissen 021 078 8774

## MAY 16

**Westmorland - Adventure Park BPx**

Cost : Nil

*From PMH to Westmorland, the Adventure Park and thereabouts. Return via the chair lift.*

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce &amp; Ferniehurst St at 9.00 am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Val Armstrong 384 3391 &amp; Joan Hewitson 388

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**Akaroa Heritage Park to Purple Peak BPx**

Cost : \$19

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

Grade : 2

Depart : Corner Ashgrove Tce and Ferniehurst Street at 8.30 am (Note earlier time)

Time : 5 hrs

Leader : Selena Chan 0273015501

or [seachannel@gmail.com](mailto:seachannel@gmail.com)(See <https://www.nfrt.org.nz/reserves/purple-peak-curry-reserve/> for route map :)**Mt Oxford from Coopers Creek NW05**

Cost : \$15

*Gradual climb through dry beech forest, and then more steeply through snow tussock. From the summit of Mt Oxford (1364 metres) there are good views of Oxford Hill, Lees Valley, Mt Richardson and the Puketeraki Range. Return by the same route.*

Grade : 3

Depart : Belfast Hotel car park at 8.00am

Time : 6 hrs

Leader : Evelyn Sheridan 027 228 0754

**Black Hill Range W092**

Cost : \$25

*A steady climb from the hut on Black Hill Station (900m), to Black Hill (2067m) in open country. Views of Aoraki, the Arrowsmith Range and Lake Coleridge.*

Grade : 4 (height gain)

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 7.00am (note early start)

Time : 6 hrs

Leader : Ross Walker 027 558 2126

## MAY 23

**River Walk – Latters Spur PH06**

Grade 1 will be joining Grade 2 for this tramp. Please see Grade 2 information.

**River Walk – Latters Spur PH06**

Cost : Nil

*From PMH, follow Heathcote River track to Holliss Ave Reserve for morning tea, then upwards via tracks and lanes to Latters Spur, Victoria Park and the Kiwi.*

Grades : 1 and 2 combined

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce and Ferniehurst St at 9.00 am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Gaye Morton 332 2284, 027 245 6147

Co-leader : TBA

**Mt Richardson via Teds and Blowhard Tracks N09A**

Cost : \$13

*Starting from Maori Reserve Road end, Mt Richardson via Teds Track and returning via Blowhard Track.*

Grade : 3

Depart : Belfast Hotel car park at 8.00am

Time : 6 hrs

Leader : Ian Fussell 021 027 19869

## MAY 30

**Bowenvale and Beyond PH 49**

Cost : \$ Nil

*From Bowenvale to the CRW. Along various tracks, returning to Bowenvale*

Grade : 1 NQ

Depart : Car park at end of Bowenvale Ave at 9.00am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Mary Brinsdon 366 9119, 027 220 6270

**Bowenvale to Mt Vernon PH49**

Cost : nil

*From Bowenvale up to the CRW, and along various tracks depending on weather. Return to Bowenvale via Eastside tracks. Grade 2 pace, periodic stops.*

Grade : 2

Depart : Carpark at end of Bowenvale Ave at 9.00 am

Time : 5 hrs

Leader : Sheila Downard 337 4201, 027 376 9619

**Mt Alford SW14**

Cost : \$22

*An initial walk through native bush before crossing open paddocks and ascending Mt Alford (1171M). Beautiful views of Canterbury Plains, Mt Hutt, Mt Somers & Little Mt Peel.*

Grade : 3

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am

Time : 5 hrs

Leader : Peter Moore 027 773 1670

## WEDNESDAY TRAMPS

MAY 5

**Travis Swamp****NQ**

Cost: Nil

*Walking on tracks around the Swamp & surrounding area.*

Depart: Travis Swamp car park off Beaches Rd at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Maree Bothwell, 382 5123

**Sumner Clock Tower/Taylor's Mistake/Godley Head Loop****PH02**

Cost: Nil

*Classic walk from Sumner to Taylor's Mistake then on round Godley Head. Leader's choice of route. Excellent tracks and wonderful views.*

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Sumner Clock Tower at 8.30am

Leader: Jenny Lee, 027 413 1624

**Stony Bay****New**

Cost \$20.00

*From Stony Bay Saddle, walk down the road to the Pikimai zigzag. Descend to join the Opatuti track and continue to the bottom of Hinewai reserve. Just past there turn left and enter Mokimoki bush. Follow the track down to the sea. Return via upper Mokimoki bush track and Opatuti track to the Tara track and the start.*

Depart: Ashgrove Reserve 8.00am (Cnr Ashgrove Tce &amp; Ferniehurst St)

Grade: 3

Time: 5+ hours

Leader: Elspeth Jeet, 384 1331

Co-Leader: Appointed on the day

MAY 12

**Addington Raceway to Agricultural Park****NQ**

Cost: Nil

*Flat walk through streets and Reserves to Agricultural Park.*

Depart: Wrights Rd, near overbridge and entrance to Addington Raceway at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Valda Woods, 358 8250

**Camp Bay Adderley Head****BP02**

Combined Grade 1 and 2 tramp.

Cost: \$8 transport plus \$5 a head

*Enjoy Panoramic views of Lyttelton Harbour and Port Levy. This walk has been unavailable to the club for a number of years but the farm has recently changed hands and the owner is allowing us on the property for a track maintenance fee of \$5 pp. (Previously \$25) Please have a \$5 note available when you sign in at the meeting point.**This to be separate from the transport cost.. Route details will depend on the number of participants. Both groups will walk the same track at the start. Grade 1 will then follow a ridge track to the Headland and return the same way at a gentle pace.**Grade 2 will descend 250m to Little Port Cooper then climb 200m to the Headland.*

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce / Ferniehurst St at 8.30am

Leader: Howard Harvey 3429377, 021 136 3043.

Grade 2 Leader TBA.

MAY 12 CONTINUED

**Dry Stream Circumnavigation****W117**

Cost: \$19.00

*From SH73 Dry Stream culvert climb towards Foggy Peak via Pt 1190M then north to Pt 1842M, down to Mt Plenty and back to SH73 on Mt Plenty's SW ridge. Route subject to change if snow conditions unsuitable. Optional side trip to the top of Castle Hill Peak takes around an hour. Ice axe and crampons required when the conditions dictate. Alan will post conditions the evening prior to tramp. If snow present, contact Alan if you intend to partake.*

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel 7.30am

Grade: 4

Time: 6-7 hours

Leader: Alan Stow, 021 078 6038

Co-leader: Appointed on the day

MAY 19

**Rolleston Urban flat walk****NQ**

Cost: \$4

*New to the Club, my Hometown of Rolleston for over 10 years. Starts at Brookside Park. We head toward the Town Center to Parekura Park, past the under construction Library and Health Hub, and towards the newly built Sports Building at Foster Park. There is an extension for some to go to Far-ridingon.*

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Ruha Goodwill, 347 2612 / 021 0888 5258

**Halswell Quarry to the Bellbird****PH22**

Cost: Nil

*Leader's choice of a route round the Halswell Quarry up to Kennedys Bush Track then on to Orongamai bush and lunch at the Bellbird.*

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Halswell Quarry at 8.30am

Leader: Yvonne Cargill, 3582129 / 021 027 76741

**Mt Pukanui (Mid Canterbury, Hinds River drainage) - New**

Cost: \$29.00

*From Montalto, take Hinds Gorge Rd and Chapmans Rd to the car park. Follow the shingle road for about 10 minutes, until it splits and bends off to the right. Marker posts lead the way around the hillside to meet the Hinds River South Branch. The hillsides here are covered in snow tussock, matagouri, and a sprinkle of cabbage trees. Shortly, the track meets a gate at the edge of the conservation area. Go through the gate and continue onto the second marker post, from there go up the ridge and then onto an old vehicle track cutting across it. Take this track up to the spur and follow the old fence line on the west side up the spur to Point 1153. Head east towards Mt Pukanui following the old fence line on the south side The walking is relatively clear and easy close by the fence. Return the same way. (Thanks Marcel for sussing the tramp and to Kaye & Elspeth for doing the recce)*

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel 7.00am

Grade: 3

Time: 6 hours

Leader: Kaye Young

Co-Leader: Appointed on the day

MAY 26

**Avon Otakara Riverside****NQ**

Cost: Bring Gold Card for bus trip back

*NOTE: Face marks mandatory on Public Transport.**We will commence our walk opposite Avonside Dr alongside the Avon River. Continue to Locksley Ave Past Kerr's Reach to New Brighton Rd. There we will catch a bus back to the cars. About 7km walk.*

Depart: London St near Bealey Ave at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Clive Morriss, 358 2753

**Cuckoo Creek / Cockayne Alley Loop****W139**

Cost: \$20

*From Texas Flat follow the Dracophyllum Flat track through to Cuckoo Creek. Ascend this track to the ski field road and continue up the road to Middle car park. Take the Cockayne Alley track and follow it as it sidles across the hillside then descends through tussock and bush to re-join the Dracophyllum Flat track. Fantastic views on a fine day.*

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel at 8.30am

Leader: Chris Evans, 3611186 / 027 303 0838

**Mt Richardson (In Reverse)****N09**

Cost: \$13.00

*From Glentui Picnic area and carpark, walk the Bypass Track to the summit ridge, bear west and walk Blowhard Track to the summit. Descend Mt Richardson Track back to the carpark. Enjoyable loop both in and out of the bush, good option if the weather inclement.*

Depart: Belfast Hotel 8.30am

Grade: 3

Time: 5-6 hours

Leader: Jenny Hoffman 021 230 7577

Co-Leader: Appointed on the day

## Basic Snow Skills Course

**When:** 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021 (11<sup>th</sup> July for Advanced component)**Facilitator:** Anna Keeling IMFGA Guide[www.annakeelingguiding.co.nz](http://www.annakeelingguiding.co.nz)**Where:** Mt Cheeseman ski field area.**Cost:** One guide with 6 people is \$920 including GST. So \$150.30 per person per day.

Fewer attending will cost more per person!

**Covering:** Basic snow craft skills including, but not limited to, self-arrest, use of crampons, use of ice axe, ascending / descending steeper slopes etc.**Comment:** An essential, if you wish to partake on winter tramps that involve travel in snow.**Note:** An add-on to this course is also available at additional cost. It will focus on avalanche awareness and training. Accommodation for the intervening night can be provided at Forest Lodge Cheeseman area<https://www.forestlodge.info/>**Marcel Robb, Club Captain**

## CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTICEBOARD

### Beacons

As part of the Club's Health & Safety plan, and they are in the rules, we provide Personal Locator Beacons for use on club tramps. Last year additional beacons were purchased so that there are ample to meet club tramp requirements at any time. A reminder to leaders that when it is necessary (read Handbook, Rules, page 13 rules 14 & 15) to take a beacon with you then make sure that one of the Club's beacons are uplifted and taken. Many of us additionally take our own beacon on club tramps.

When there is an event on a tramp necessitating the activation of the beacon, in the first instance, the beacon to be activated must be the club beacon. Peter Oliver as beacon co-ordinator provides a monthly listing of when and where beacons are in the field. This list is provided to three responders, who if contacted by SAR will be able to quickly verify that we do have a trip in progress in the area of activation. If personal beacons are activated in place of the clubs, then no such confirmation is available. I am aware that even if cell phone contact is made with SAR, they do ask that the beacon be activated, it is this signal that the helicopter will home in on.

### Courses

I am pleased with the response I have had for both the First Aid and Snow Craft courses. If I am able to gain further interest in the Snow Craft course, then we may be able to utilise two instructors. As it stands we are oversubscribed, but please, do add your name, tramping in the snow and in icy conditions can give quite a buzz, believe it or not, making some trips easier than when completed without snow and ice. Additionally, a Leaders Workshop is being thought about, probable timing will be August / September. Watch this space.

### Club Night May 4

Our speaker is an FMC representative, will be great value so do come along. As advocates for the outdoor pursuits, they do much excellent work.

### Advertising of Additional Backpacking Tramps

Just a reminder that apart from being a requirement it is a simple courtesy that members first contact Gerald Edmond, our backpacking coordinator, advising Gerald of your intention to run a trip additional to those within the already planned framework. Approval to proceed will likely be given in most, if not all, cases. So that you may refresh your memories please refer to Going Places May 2020 edition. Page 3 sets out our policy under the heading "Advertising of Backpacking & Day Tramps Outside of the Normal Planning Framework".

### Pace on Tramps

And finally, a little something to think about. If you decide to join a lower graded tramp than is the norm for you, then do realise that the pace will be slower. Do not then, get out in front and tramp at your normal faster pace. That is bad form! If you should find the slower pace a twiddle your thumbs event, I would question, why did you join the tramp in the first place? But do be positive, you might even offer to be TEC, or perhaps, get to fully enjoy and see the surrounds you are passing through.

**Marcel Robb**



## Backpacking and Basecamps 2021-22

Dates	Venue	Nights	Grade	Leader
Sat 1 – Thurs 6 May 2021	Old Ghost Road, West Coast <i>There is a wait list for this tramp</i>	5	Moderate	Paul Knox 339 2997 knoxps@gmail.com
Sat 8 – Sun 9 May	Double Hut, Hakatere	1	Easy	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sun 16 – Tues 18 May 2021	Basins Hut, Avoca River, Hakatere <i>Includes a day trip to Back Basin Hide</i>	2	4	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sun 23 – Tue 25 May	Lake Daniels	2	Moderate	Russell Ramsden 3228856 / 0272246660 <a href="mailto:russramnz@gmail.com">russramnz@gmail.com</a>
Sun 30 – Mon 31 May 2021	Manuka Hut, Hakatere	1	Easy	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 / 02108270228 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sat 12 – Sun 13 Jun 2021 <i>Note altered dates</i>	Ces Clark Hut, West Coast	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 21 – Fri 25 Jun 2021	St James Walkway	4	Moderate	Jill Halliburton 02102267556 jillhb@globe.net.nz
Sat 3 – Sun 4 July 2021	Magdalen Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 9 Aug – Fri 13 Aug 2021	Basecamp at Gentle Annie, Seddonville	4	Moderate	Jill Halliburton 3374973 / 02102267556 <a href="mailto:jillhb@globe.net.nz">jillhb@globe.net.nz</a> OR Vicki Steven 4210060 / 0221304342 Vicki_steven2005@yahoo.com.au
Sat 14 – Sun 15 August 2021	Boyle Flats Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 24 – Fri 28 Aug 2021	Old Ghost Road	4	Moderate	Ian Fussell 3850856 / 02102719869 fussel@xtra.co.nz
Sat 11 – Sun 12 Sep 2021	Hawdon Hut, Arthurs Pass NP	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sat 16 – Sun 17 Oct 2021	Lake Daniels	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Tue 19 – Sat 23 Oct 2021	North West Circuit, Stewart Island	4	Moderate	Natasja Steenkamp 021 237 1934 tasjasteen@gmail.com
Sun 7 – Mon 8 Nov 2021	Casey Hut	2	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sat 13 – Sun 14 Nov 2021	Nina Hut	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 22 – Wed 24 Nov 2021	Mueller Hut, Aoraki	2	Moderate	Natasja Steenkamp 021 237 1934 tasjasteen@gmail.com
Sun 5 – Tue 7 Dec 2021	Waimakariri Falls, Arthurs Pass NP	2	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sat 11 – Sun 12 Dec 2021	Woolshed Creek, Hakatere	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sat 22 – Sun 23 Jan 2022	Jollie Brook Hut	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sun 30 Jan – Wed 2 Feb 2022	Hope Kiwi Hut – Top Hope Hut – Nelson Tops	3	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Mon 14 – Fri 18 Feb 2022	Travers – Sabine Circuit, Nelson Lakes			Natasja Steenkamp 021 237 1934 tasjasteen@gmail.com
Sat 19 – Sun 20 Feb 2022	Ada Pass Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 28 Feb – Fri 4 Mar 2022	Welcome Flat Hut – Douglas Rock Hut, Westland	4	Moderate	Ian Fussell 3850856 / 02102719869 fussel@xtra.co.nz
Sun 6 – Tues 8 Mar 2022	Kirwans Hut – Montgomerie Hut circuit, Reefton	2	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sun 13 – Fri 18 Mar 2022	Basecamp – <i>location yet to be decided</i>	5	Moderate	Marcel Robb 039283733/0220125008 marcel.robb@gmail.com
Sat 19 – Sun 20 Mar 2022	Pinnacles Hut, Mt Somers	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 28 Mar – Fri 1 Apr 2022	Granity Pass Hut/Mount Owen, Westland	4	Moderate	Ian Fussell 850856 / 02102719869 fussel@xtra.co.nz
Mon 11 – Thurs 14 Apr 2022	Huxley Hut – Broderick Hut	3	Moderate	Ian Fussell 3850856 / 02102719869 fussel@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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David, Alison, Wayne and Deirdre at 'Deirdre falls', North Face of Mt Somers Walkway, April 18. Photo Michelle Vaughan.

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## Club Captain's Column

A couple of rambles for you all in this edition.

In April 2010 I had the pleasure of tenting just past the Serpentine Creek road bridge on the Rainbow Road. From here, the road climbs to Island Saddle. On the Wairau side is Island Gully. From the carpark at the head of the gully easy walking offers the adventurous spirit the rewards of climbing Mt Balaclava, then a stroll along the tops to Mt Tarndale, once back at the car, a cool ale in one's hand, you will have completed a 15km stroll gaining a bit over 1230m. From Mt Tarndale, the views east include three lakes with names Sedgemere, Fish, Island and Bowscale Tarn, oddly, the latter being the largest of them all. Various other small tarns dot the landscape, all visible well below our lofty perch. I still can picture the scene.

Back at camp, to bed late evening, I made my usual very early morning venture into the great unknown and was treated to a breathtakingly visual extravaganza. No moon, yet it was quite light. Above, an absolutely glorious panorama of stars, a sight I had never before, or since, seen repeated in such clarity and scope, horizon to horizon. I returned to my sleeping bag, I trust for the better, at having been so specially treated.

With parka on, I was pleased to be leaving a very chilly McKinnon Pass. The evening before we had made the easy stroll up to the Pass from Mintaro Hut to enjoy the early evening vistas under a clear blue sky, what a difference twelve hours in the mountains can make. The track, the Milford Track, makes its descent to side under the western face of Mt Balloon. Always having been a fan of the Dracophyllum plant family, in all of its guises, there, right beside the track, presented to view, for those with eyes to see and pace to enjoy, Dracophyllum Fiordense, endemic to these wonderful southern lands (Dracophyllum is a genus of plants belonging to the family Ericaceae). I photographed, hoping the grey skies above would allow the colours to be portrayed. Since, I have had an art work commissioned of the plant in the photo, in oil pencil, my memories are prompted daily, this work hangs in pride of place in our lounge.



Dracophyllum Fiordense

It is so rewarding to be able to enjoy happy memories.

**Marcel Robb**

## 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). Excellent for groups.