



OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB NEWSLETTER 474 SEPTEMBER 2021

Tramp Leaders Workshop for all current and future Tramp Leaders

This workshop is for anyone who wants to help with leading tramps whether experienced or thinking about leading. It is a very practical, down-to-earth course and is designed for those who have never led a tramp before, as well as a good refresher for experienced leaders. If you have never led a tramp before, this will demystify the leader's role and make it very accessible. One of the benefits of getting in to tramp leading is that it increases your own tramp awareness, making you a better, safer trapper. So take the opportunity to upskill.

After attending the workshop your name will be recorded on the Tramp Leaders Register. The names of all "newbies" will be made available to the experienced Tramp Leaders who will mentor the new Tramp Leaders on tramps until they are ready to lead. We ask current Tramp Leaders to encourage new club members to come and learn some valuable skills which will give them a lot of confidence tramping in the outdoors as well as provide ongoing support for the OFTC.

Saturday October 2 from 9.00am – 4.00pm

Riccarton High School staffroom on Vicki Street, off Curletts Road.

Bring OFTC Handbook For Members, Smartphone, compass, pen, paper and lunch
Tea and Coffee will be provided. **Cost \$10 on entry.**

Programme:

Start 9.00am sharp

- 9.00am Welcome and Leading a Day Tramp – Kaye Young
- 9.45am Weather – Gavin Hampton
- 10.15am First Aid – Sue Weller
- 10.30am Morning Tea
- 10.45am Tramp Database
- 11.00am Reading Maps – Stu McHugh
- 11.30am Using a Compass Outside – Stu McHugh
- 12.30pm Lunch
- 1.00pm Beacons – Peter Oliver
- 1.15pm Accidents and Incidents – Peter Moody and Paul Knox
- 1.45pm Leadership in Practice – Paul Knox
- 2.00pm Mentoring Future Leaders – Lawrence Allpress
- 2.15pm Smartphones and GPS – Paul Knox
- 2.45pm Freshmap – Paul Knox
- Finish time 3.30pm to 4pm.

To register: Contact Chrissy on secretary@oftc.org.nz with your cell, email address and usual Grade tramped.

Club Second Hand Gear Sale

Saturday August 28

St Martins Hall
122 Wilsons Road
St Martins

10.30 to 12.30am

vendors to get up at 10am.

If successful, this could be an annual event so your support would be appreciated.

Could members with gear to sell please contact
David Jones
027 288 5845.

Club Night

Tuesday September 7

Knox Church, off Bealey Avenue and Victoria Street

7.30pm

Speaker: Philip Bull

Walking the Camino—
Expectations, Surprises,
Challenges, Memories and
More.

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 AND Terry Stevens at 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
Wednesday trips to Barbro Guard—980 2792 guard.gabk@gmail.com.**

Please note — address all correspondence pertaining to Club business to the Secretary

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CHAIR'S REPORT

Club Captain

At our last committee meeting we farewelled Marcel. His going leaves a huge hole and I look forward to your suggestions for a replacement

In the meantime, if you have an issue that would normally be dealt with by the Club Captain, contact either me or one of the other committee members. This particularly relates to incidents on tramps. The response may be a little slower than you've enjoyed while we had a Club Captain.

Leadership Course

Kaye Young has put together a leadership course for October 2nd. A clubwide email has been sent out, and there are details in this edition of Going Places

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Tramp Planners

We have a new group of people who will form the tramp planning team for Sunday Grade 2. Many thanks to Heather and Alan Robertson, Pip Clark, Helen Rutledge and Garry Roberts for putting up their hands. And a huge "thank you" to the departing team of Sheila Downard, Gaye Morton and Jill Haliburton who between them put in 13 years of work. Without our tramp planners, we wouldn't have a tramp programme. Their work is vital and much appreciated. And if you are nodding in agreement at the last comment, then we need a tramp planner for Wednesday Grade 3/4 to replace Marcel. Whoever volunteers would work with Peter Moody. If you are interested let either me or Peter know.

Social Event

On a recent tramp, I discovered I was with a group who had a similar appreciation of some of the more off-the-wall British comedy pioneered by Spike Milligan, Harry Secombe, and Peter Sellers in the Goon show. These shows, like good wine, demand a sympathetic palate, and get better with age. The suggestion was made that maybe the club could organise an evening with a mixture of sound shows and you-tube clips. But to find out how many are interested, I would like to hear from you. If its just a few aficionados, then it could be an evening at my place. If the numbers are greater, we may look at a meal out together at a venue with a lounge room we can hire. But I do need to hear from you. While contacting me will not commit you, I will make an email list of those who respond, and keep them informed as planning progresses. So let me know by early September as I will be targeting September - November for dates. A great evening activity to break the winter blues as we enter spring.

Printer for Name Tags

Many of you have appreciated the pack name tags that were introduced last year. Going forward we will print these for all new members and to that end have purchased a small laser printer that will enable us to print small batches economically.

In the last couple of weeks the news has been full of the deteriorating Covid situation in Australia; the proliferation of out-of-control wildfires through Europe, Asia minor and the USA; the awful, developing situation in Afghanistan. On the latter, I recently watched the movie "First they killed my father", the harrowing story of the takeover of Cambodia by the Khmer Rouge through the eyes of five-year-old Loung Ung (now a human rights activist) and can only imagine the terror of many in Afghanistan facing the inevitable takeover by an oppressive regime. On that happy note... how grateful I am when out walking the dog in the hills for the freedom and beauty we can enjoy.

Lawrence Allpress



Parapet Rock to Castle Hill, July 21 Photo Ian Fussell

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
		Suzanne Fenwick	376 5026
	Grade 1	Howard Harvey	342 9377
			021 136 3043
	Grade 2	Pamela Gibbons	332 7531
		Graeme Brown	383 3732
		Carol Eddington	021 045 3170
	Grade 3	Peter Moody	351 7448
	Grade 3-4		
Sunday	Grade 1	Fiona Butterick	349 3960
			021 234 8622
	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**SEPTEMBER 5****Coronation Res to Lyttelton PHx NQ**

Cost : nil

Coronation Reserve, CRW, Mt Vernon, Witches Hill, The Tors and down into Lyttelton. Bring Gold Card or money and face masks for buses.

Grade : 1

Depart : Major Aitken Dr at 9.00am. Suggest park on Enticott Pl, first left on Major Aitken Dr

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leaders : Joan Hewitson 384 4320 & Val Armstrong 384 3391

McCormacks Bay to Mt Pleasant PHx

Cost : Nil

From McCormacks Bay up valley through Drayton reserve, then up through Britten reserve to Summit Road and Mt Pleasant. Splendid views!

Grade : 2

Depart : McCormacks Bay Road car parking area at eastern end by rugby fields at 9am

Time : 4-5 hours

Leader : Carolina Kol 03 312 7970

Co-leader : TBA

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)

SEPTEMBER 5 CONTINUED

Leith Hill W029A
Cost : \$26.00
Park at the Mt Cloudsley carpark behind Castle Hill Village. Pleasant stroll up Thomas River riverbed, negotiate two waterfalls then a steep climb to a saddle. Easy ridge top walk back to summit. Direct decent down mixed scree to the bush then a diagonal bush bash to gain a MCB track beside Thomas River. Easy walk back to the carpark.

Grade : 3

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am

Time : 5 - 6 hrs

Leader : David Jones

SEPTEMBER 12**Lake Janet to Mt Grey N37 NQ**

Cost : \$14

From Lake Janet picnic area, to Fire Lookout, to Mt Grey summit. Return by alternative track. Super views.

Grade : 1

Depart : Belfast Tavern at 9.00am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leaders : Fiona Butterick 349 3960, 021 234 8622

Sumnervale to Godley Head PH107a

Cost : nil

From Sumnervale, take Captain Thomas Track and onwards via Breezes Col to Godley Head. Return via Taylors Mistake.

Grade : 2

Depart : End of Lower Sumnervale Road at 9.00am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Garry Roberts 349 7875 or 027 349 7865

Co-leader : TBA

SEPTEMBER 12 CONTINUED

Mt Richardson – key swap**N09B**

Cost : \$14.00

One group to follow the blowhard track from Maori reserve road to Mt Richardson summit via Teds Track, returning down the Richardson track. The other group follows the Richardson track from the Glentui picnic area to the summit and then along blowhard and ted track tracks to Maori Reserve. Meet in the middle for lunch and key swap.

Grade : 3

Depart : Belfast Hotel car park at 8.00am

Time : 5 - 6 hrs

Leader : Evelyn Sheridan 027 228 0754

Crystal Basin Circuit**W116**

Cost : \$18.00

From car park by Porters Lodge accommodation, walk up ridge. Follow ridge to summit at point 1997 then traverse across to point 2029. Follow ridge down in a southeast direction and back to cars. About 1200m vertical gain. Ice axe and crampons (and prior experience) essential.

Grade : 5

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 7.30am

Time : 8 hrs

Leader : Ross Walker 027 558 2126

Please contact Ross if you are coming on this trip.

SEPTEMBER 19

Halswell Quarry to Bellbird**PH22 NQ**

Cost : \$2

Up the quarry rim, Kennedy's Bush, alternative tracks to/from the Bellbird (lunch).

Grade: 1

Depart : Cnr of Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 9.00am.

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Sun Kim 022 106 6067

Lake Janet to Mt Grey**N37**

Cost : \$14

From Lake Janet picnic area, take track to Fire Lookout then continue on to Mt Grey summit (934m). Return by alternative track depending on weather and conditions.

Grade : 2

Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark at 9.00am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Selena Chan seachannel@gmail.com or

027 301 5501

Co-Leader: TBA

Bealey Spur**W08**

Cost : \$30.00

Gradual climb through beech forest and open tussock with tarns to restored musterers hut. Option to extend the tramp to point 1545 beyond the hut.

Grade : 3

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am

Time : 6 hrs

Leader : tba

Dry Stream Culvert – Foggy Peak / Mt Plenty**W117**

Cost : \$21.00

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 west ridge. Route subject to change if snow conditions unsuitable. Optional side trip to top of Castle Hill Peak takes around an hour. Ice axe and crampons required.

Grade : 4

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am

Time : 6 - 7 hrs

Leader : Neville Palmer 021 550 660

Please contact Neville if you are coming on this trip.

SEPTEMBER 26

Horotane to Avoca**PH99 NQ**

Cost : nil

Mary Duncan Res, Linda Woods Res, CRW, Rapaki Track, Avoca Valley. Gentle pace with stops.

Grade : 1

Depart : Mary Duncan Res car park, Port Hills Rd, (near/east of Avoca Valley Rd) at 9.00am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Mavis Airey 027 529 3631

Horotane to Avoca**PH99**

Cost : nil

From Mary Duncan Reserve climb to the Linda Woods Reserve (former Tussock Hill Farm, now owned by the Summit Road Society). Up to the Summit Road, along CRW, then down Rapaki Track to re-enter the Linda Woods Reserve and pick up tracks down Avoca Valley. Easy pace with stops.

Grade : 2

Depart : Mary Duncan Reserve car park, Port Hills Rd (near/east of Avoca Valley Rd) at 9.00 am.

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : John Kelly 021 185 9108

Mt Grey**N37**

Cost : \$13.00

From Lake Janet picnic area go to Mt Grey summit at 934m. Then down Red Beech Track to picnic area and return on the Mt Grey track to the bypass track and back to Lake Janet.

Grade : 3

Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark at 8.00am

Time : 6 hrs

Leader : Evelyn Sheridan 027 228 0754

Ben More**W02**

Cost : \$21.00

Leave cars at Acheron stream cutting along the Lake Lyndon road, skirt foot of Rabbit Hill and climb onto Ben More ridge via Rabbit Saddle. Follow broad ridge line above Ben More stream to communication mast. Option to return the same way or traverse to the ridge on the other side of the stream and onto Ben More summit (1665m), before continuing down this ridge to widening valley and cars.

Grade : 4

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am

Time : 7 hrs

Leader : Peter Moore 027 7731670

WEDNESDAY TRAMPS

SEPTEMBER 1

South Hagley Park**NQ**

Cost: Nil

Commencing the walk in the Addington Area and then through South Hagley Park among the daffodils.

Depart: Cnr Kipling/Ruskin Sts (off Selwyn St) at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Valda Woods, 359 2250

Sandy Bay/Bellbird Loop

Cost: \$3

From Sandy Bay we walk up to Faulkners Track, along to Watlings Bush then follow CRW to Bellbird. Return via O'Farrells Track, Ngāi Track and Head of the Harbour Walkway.

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Ashgrove Tce / Ferniehurst St, 8.30am

Co-Leaders: Ken Francis, 3489878 / 0273251280

POSTPONED

SEPTEMBER 1 CONTINUED

Parapet Rock to Flock Hill W31

Cost: \$25

From car park SH73 near Parapet Rock, cross road and follow M-B track to Bridge Hill. Descend past huts and out to B-H ski access road. Take upper Lyndon Saddle track to base Helicopter Hill, continue on Craigieburn Ski Road, cross and near gate enter another M-B track to Flock Hill carpark via Coal Pit Spur. Excellent sheltered bush walk with views of surrounding peaks. Ideal winter tramp. Short car shuttle required. Suitable for fitter Grade 2 walkers (Map BW21 Springfield)

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel at 8.00am

Time: 5+ hours

Leader: Elspeth Jeet, 384 1331

Co-Leader: Appointed on the day

SEPTEMBER 8

Rail Trail Tramps NQ

Cost: \$6

A flat interesting walk on the Rail Trail commencing at Sea-bridge Rd, about 10km.

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

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Dallas Ford, 339 2308

Avoca Valley Catchment and Resoration NQ

Walking a Clockwise Circuit.

Cost: Nil

From Duncan Reserve there is an initial steepish climb (at a gentle pace) to the Summit Road Society's Linda Woods Reserve. We then walk farm tracks to just below the Summit Road and proceed down the true left to see the start of a major restoration project by the Society. 45,000 plants and trees over the next 3years!

Grade: 1

Depart: Mary Duncan Reserve Car Park, off Port Hills

Road, at 9am

Time: 3-4hours

Leader: Howard Harvey 033429377 0211363043.

Captain Thomas Track and Beyond PH15

Cost: Nil

From Sumner Surf Club walk to Evans Pass via Captain Thomas Track then Chalmers and Major Hornbrook tracks to Mt Pleasant and return to Sumner via Zig Zag.

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Sumner Surf Club, 8.30am

Leader: Vicki Samson, 027 4766 963

Bobs Bivi N61A

Cost: \$12

From the Mt Thomas track's carpark follow forestry roads to gain Ridge Track which is ascended to ridge top, bear west. From pt 953 where a track branches off to Pinchgut Hut maintain ridge westward to finally exit bush. Short "find your route" decent to Bob's Bivi. Return same route. Tramp uses well-formed tracks. (Map BW23 Cust)

Grade: 4

Depart: Belfast Hotel 8.00am

Time: 8 hours

Leader: Paul Knox 339 2997 or 027 208 5070

Co-Leader: Jenny Hoffman

SEPTEMBER 15

Bottle Lake Forest Walk NQ

Cost: Nil

A flat walk on various tracks in the forest.

Depart: Bottle Lake Forest car park, off Waitikiri Dr at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Maree Bothwell, 382 5123 / 021 042 1655

Tiromoana walkway/Ella Peak N56A

Cost: \$14

Walk down to the beach for morning tea then up to Ella Peak for spectacular views of Pegasus Bay, then return through wetlands area.

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Belfast Hotel carpark, 8.30am

Leader: Bruce Rolls, 3473142, 027 4180 571

Co-Leader: Heather Robertson, 021 1816 019

Mt Lyndon + to pt 1494 W005

Cost: \$20

Park at A frame shelter at Lake Lyndon besides SH 73. To avoid doing a walk back around the lake later can position a car at the SDA Lodge. Short walk initially from cars to climb up steep ridge besides fence line and then to Mt Lyndon. Proceed WSW across broad summit to point 1390 and then another short steep rise to point 1494 then drop to point 1244 and to stream below. Return via saddle to the SDA Lodge at south end of lake. (Map BW21 Springfield)

Grade 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel 8.30am

Time: 5+ hours

Leader: Peter Oliver, 322 1800 or 027 438 5082

Co-Leader: Sue Weller

Castle Hill Peak (via Foggy Peak) W137

Cost: \$18

Starting from Porters Pass, steady climb to Foggy Peak on probably some snow, then good travel along undulating ridge to Castle Hill Peak. Ice axes and crampons essential in winter when snow present. Very exposed in windy conditions. Note, participants must be proficient in using ice axe and crampons. Phone the leader to enlist your participation beforehand. (Map BW21 Springfield)

Grade: 5

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel 8am

Time: 6/7 hours

Leader: Alan Stow, 021 078 6038

Co-Leader: Appointed on the day

SEPTEMBER 22

Allandale to Sandy Bay NQ

Cost: \$6

Walking from Allandale to Governors Bay and possibly Sandy Bay. Hills taken slowly.

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Suzanne Fenwick, 376 5026

Mt Thomas N10

Cost: \$13

573m climb up Wooded Gully Track to Mt Thomas summit (1023m). Return down West Spur (Track 2). Pleasant tramp through a range of native bush, beech forest and pine plantation. This will be at a Grade 2 pace.

Grade: 2

Depart: Belfast Hotel Carpark at 8.30

Time: 5 -6 hours

Leader: Dave Morgan, 3134783 / 027 4495 011

SEPTEMBER 22 CONTINUED

Mt Oxford from Coopers Creek**NW05**

Cost: \$15

From the carpark follow well defined track, climbing 1000m, to summit. After initial gentle climb, is a direct 700m ascent to summit for a well-deserved spell and lunch. Great views and fitness builder. Return same way. (Map BW22 Oxford)

Grade: 3

Depart: Belfast Hotel 8am

Time: 6 Hours

Leader: Ian Fussell, 385 856 / 021 027 19869

SEPTEMBER 29

Co-Leader: Kaye Young

Otukaikino Walk Sawyers Arms Road**NQ**

Cost: Nil

Walking on various tracks from Sawyers Arms Reserve, past lakes, to Clearwater Resort then Groynes and return.

Depart: Car park at the end of Sawyers Arms Rd at 9.30am

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Mary Brinsdon, 366 9119

Adventure Park and beyond

Cost: Nil

Walk the Uphill track through the Adventure Park then on to Hoon Hay Reserve. From there we will drop into Ohinetahi Reserve, down Faulkners Track to South Boundary then along Bush Road. Up Bush Road to CRW return to the Adventure Park for a chairlift ride down.

Grade: 2

Time: 5 hours

Depart: Adventure Park Gate at 8.30am

Leader: Ann McKeever, 027 7332 850

Ben More (Clockwise)**W002**

Cost: \$21

Leave cars before Acheron stream cutting on the Lake Lyndon road. Head SE across paddocks, skirt the foot of Rabbit Hill and climb onto ridge via Rabbit Saddle to pt 1327. Climb broad easy travel ridge line to pt 1660 then bear SW at the communication mast and follow new ridge on the other side of the stream to summit Ben More 1655m. Continue descending this broad ridge and drop off steeply down scree valley near the end of ridge, just before pt 1465, descending to broad gravel stream flats. (Map BW21 Springfield)

Grade: 4

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel 7.30am

Time: 7 hours

Leader: Gavin Hampton, 343 1291

MEMBERSHIP REPORT**AUGUST 20, 2021****New members:**

Helen Savage, 1/607 Hoskyns Road, West Melton, Cant 7675; 022 623 4968;

savosupover@yahoo.co.nz

Liz Francis, 17 Flower Street, Bryndwr, Chch 8053; 021 266 1912; liz@spatialdesign.co.nz

June Meadowcroft, 29 Henley Green, Northwood, Chch 8051; 021 296 4945;

junemeadowcroft@xtra.co.nz

Susie Messent, 2/237 Barrington Street, Spreydon, Chch 8024; 021 027 04761;

sumessent@gmail.com

Toni Adams, 5/88 Peverel Street, Riccarton, Chch 8041; 0274 491 549;

toni@snap.net.nz

Clark Pollitt, 46a Blake Street, New Brighton, Chch 8061; 021 034 4054; clarkipo44@gmail.com

Returning member:

Susan Kinley, 47 Gladson Avenue, Sockburn, Chch 4042; 021 2115917;

susanvkinley66@gmail.com

Updated contact details:

Stuart and Nicky Columbus, 22 Wheatsheaf Lane, Heathcote Valley, Chch 8022

Warwick Scadden, 53 Garreg Road, Bryndwr, Chch 8052; no landline

Passing: (years in OFTC)

Yvonne Curtis – our condolences to Mike Currie on the passing of his partner, Yvonne, an OFTC member for 8 years. (See article on Page 8).

Membership:

Total = 409 (Female - 246; Male - 163)

Judy Collin**Mixed Grade Halswell to Bellbird, July 25. Photo Ian Fussell**

Backpacking and Basecamps 2021-22

Dates	Venue	Nights	Grade	Leader
Sat 11 – Sun 12 Sep 2021	Hawdon Hut, Arthurs Pass NP	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558/ 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sat 30 – Sun 31 Oct 2021	Lake Daniels	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558/ 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sun 7 – Mon 8 Nov 2021	Casey Hut	1	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sat 13 – Sun 14 Nov 2021	Nina Hut	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558/ 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 22 – Tues 23 Nov 2021	Mueller Hut, Aoraki	1	Moderate	Natasja Steenkamp 021 237 1934 tasjasteen@gmail.com
Mon 28 Nov – Sun 5 Dec 2021	North West Circuit, Stewart Island <i>This trip is full, there is a waiting list available</i>	4	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/ 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Tue 14 – Sat 18 Dec 2021	Arthur's Pass basecamp	4	Moderate	Sue Weller 021 194 9550 suzmweller@hotmail.com
Sat 22 – Sun 23 Jan 2022	Jollie Brook Hut	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558/ 0273646877 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 <i>Waiting list available</i>			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/ 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 28 Feb – Fri 4 Mar 2022	Welcome Flat Hut – Douglas Rock Hut, Westland <i>3 nights on the track and 2 nights at Fox</i>	5	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 – Twizel and surrounds	5	4 & 5	Marcel Robb 039283733/0220125008 marcel.robb@gmail.com
Sat 19 – Sun 20 Mar 2022	Pinnacles Hut, Mt Somers	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558/ 0273646877 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 28 Mar – Fri 1 Apr 2022	Granity Pass Hut/Mount Owen, Westland	4	Moderate	Ian Fussell 3850856 / 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.

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

Meg Anderson is 100

A former club member, Meg Anderson, has just celebrated her 100th birthday and received her birthday card from the Queen. Meg lives in Merivale Retirement Village. She joined the OFTC in 1984 and resigned after 30 active years in 2014. Meg did overnight trips, base camps, overseas trips and later was a regular veteran day walker. She says joining the club was one of the best things she did in her life as it took her to interesting places and she did adventurous things with club members. She is still active and in good health and no doubt regular walking over the years has contributed to this. She is an example to us all.

Fay Jackson

Clive Morriss adds: I can remember when I was leading a tramp below Bridge Street, New Brighton and we were in a Children's Play area and there was a very lengthy flying fox. Next moment I was horrified to see Meg taking off on it at speed and I visualized her in a broken heap at the end. She hit the tyre at the end legs flying in the air and she was laughing with enjoyment.



Grade 2, August 11: Sandra Knox led a group of 33 on a tramp up Mt Grey on a superb late winter's day, following recent snow. Unfortunately, the lower road gate was padlocked shut, because of ice on the road presumably so we had to walk an extra 2 kms each way to/from Lake Janet, which meant we had a nice 6 hour tramp—Paul Knox

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Yvonne Curtis

Yvonne had fond memories of her days with the Over Forties. She joined about 9 years ago, starting with the veterans and working up to Grade 3 until she started struggling with various physical ailments meaning that she was unable to keep up to the level she wished to be.

I remember her telling me that just after she joined and was walking with the veterans, in her enthusiasm she had rushed to open a gate before the others arrived, and someone commented: "that girl, she just won't do what she's told!"

That comment captured well Yvonne's strong personality and spirit.

Unfortunately it was not enough to overcome an 8-month long battle with inflammatory breast cancer. She passed peacefully in her sleep last Thursday night (August 5), after a day surrounded by friends and family.

Mike Curry

