



Peninsula Tramping Club (Inc)

FOOTNOTES

July 2021

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New Member Enquiries: Contact **Stan Wilder, 260 2340**, to request an info-pack. You will also receive three complimentary newsletters.

Our Club

The PTC caters for people of all ages who tramp for recreation. We run trips regularly, ranging from 'easy' to 'hard', day trips to long weekends. In addition to the monthly club meeting, a variety of social events are also held every month.

Club Nights

Club Nights are held on the **second Tuesday** of the month at **Oxford Terrace Baptist Church Hall, 286 Oxford Terrace (corner of Madras St. and Oxford Terrace)** at 7.45 pm. Doors open 7.30pm

Tuesday 13 July



The Lonely Islands

Long-standing member and former PTC president, **Terry Thomsen** has written a book called **The Lonely Islands** which has just been released by New Holland Publishers. Terry will talk about the book which covers the origins and evolution of New Zealand's native animals and plants. Along with the big picture stuff, he will also discuss topics of local interest including fossil discoveries and the development of our alpine flora. If all goes to plan Terry will have copies of the book which will be available to members at a discount

Tuesday 10 Aug



Glaciation

Dr Heather Purdie from the University of Canterbury will talk about the current state of New Zealand glaciers with a focus on the implications of the current rapid glacial recession on recreation and tourism.

Social Events

Wednesday

21 July



Cashmere Mid-Winter Walk and Potluck Dinner

Come and celebrate Matariki stars from Cashmere Hill. Walk at 6pm to a good viewing position, followed by a **Pot Luck Dinner at 7pm**. Meet at 5 Patchett Place (please park on Hackthorne Road and walk down) **at 6pm**. Let Margot know if you are coming to dinner by **Sunday 18 July**.

Contact: margot.bowden@gmail.com or phone 03 332 7020

NOTES

President's Notes

Leo Manders, who passed away last year after a period of illness, left a generous bequest of \$10,000 to Peninsula Tramping Club. This was recently deposited into our bank account. To Leo, PTC was like family. Many of you who tramped with him over the years will be touched by his generosity. If you have any suggestions about ways to make use of these extra funds, please email secretary Merv with your ideas. Before his passing Leo made it clear to close friends that he did not want to tag the money for any particular purpose. Thank-you Leo, we remember you again with love and gratitude as we accept your gift.

I also wish to acknowledge the work that Grant Hunter and Kerry Moore did a few weeks ago in the aftermath of the big rainstorm. In Grant's words they *"did an honest day near Dunsandel, clearing debris off several hundred metres of fencing. The landowner seemed very pleased and it was actually quite pleasant work."* Well done guys.

Quail/Otamahua Planting Day Saturday 7 Aug

We're helping to re-forest the island. Numbers limited to fifteen for this worthwhile outing. Spades provided. Take gardening gloves and the usual things you'd take on a day trip. Meet at 9am on the Diamond Harbour jetty. Boat leaves the island at 3:30.

Email Stan Wilder, sswilder54@gmail.com phone 260 2340



Metservice Update

Raymond Ford reports that the Metservice weather forecaster has made a few changes to their mountain weather forecasting. Details [here](#)

Deadline for the August newsletter: Please send items for the newsletter, e.g. trip reports, notices, etc. to Kerry Moore moorekj@xtra.co.nz by Sunday 1 August

Next Committee meeting: Tuesday, 27 July

TRIPS

Day Trips

Depart from and return to a convenient point on the side of town nearest to the destination. Our website www.ptc.nz has maps of these meeting places. Non-members are asked to phone the trip leader in advance. If you doubt your suitability for a day-trip, or if the weather is turning bad, contact the trip leader beforehand. A phone inquiry does not oblige you to go on the trip.

Weekend Trips

May leave on a Friday night (usually for base camps) or Saturday morning. Please book with the trip leader by the closing date. Be certain you want to go on the trip when booking, as it is not fair on the leader to withdraw after the closing date (good excuses excepted). Numbers on some weekend trips are limited, so book promptly.

Bike Trips

The Club has a mountain biking section, **'Fat Tyre Fanatics'**, that heads out on casual day-trips throughout the year. For details about club biking trips, contact **Chris Leaver 03 322 6445**, or newptc75@gmail.com.

- Sun** **[Cockayne Alley - Cuckoo Creek](#)**
11 July **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
● An easy-moderate circuit from Texas flat that wanders either side of the Cheeseman Ski Road
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- Sat,Sun** **[Hamilton Hut](#)**
17-18 July **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
●● A pleasant, flat, easy-moderate walk up the Harper River from the Coleridge area to this comfortable hut. We will see the impressive Harper Rr pinnacles along the way
Book by 11 July
- Sun** **[Mt Cheeseman- Mt Izard](#)**
18 July **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
● Moderate-hard snow trip to two 2000m peaks in the Craigieburns. Starting at Texas Flat. Ice axe and possibly crampons required.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- Sat,Sun** **[Hope-Kiwi Hut](#)**
24-25 July **Alison Maccoll 021 0232 3693**
●● Easy-moderate tramp in Lake Sumner Forest Park, overnighing in Hope Kiwi Lodge. Good track all the way, through beech forest and river terraces
Book by 18 July
- Sun** **[Currys Track- Stony Bay Peak - Purple Peak Circuit](#)**
25 July **Sue Piercey 384 9567**
● An easy-moderate trip over Browntop Saddle via Currys Track, around the back of Purple Peak, up and around Stony Bay Peak and back down the Purple Peak track.
8am Cashmere Rd opp PMH near Hackthorne \$
- Sat,Sun** **[Kumara Junction Base](#)**
31-1 Aug **Diane Mellish 337 5530**
●● Lots of easy and moderate walks in this area which has an interesting gold-mining history.
Book by 11 July \$
- Sun** **[Maukuratawhai Circuit](#)**
1 Aug **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
● On the Clarence River side of Jacks Pass behind Hanmer, this moderate tramp climbs to the 1615m summit that's easier to climb than pronounce
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St \$
- Sat-Mon** **[Avalanche Peak - Crow Hut](#)**
7-9 Aug **John Cook 384 1710**
●●● A popular crossing from AP to the Crow River via 1833m Avalanche Peak. A middle day lets us explore the Crow Valley
Book by 1 Aug \$
- Saturday** **[Quail Island planting](#)**
7 Aug **Stan Wilder 260 2340**
● A short day of planting. Tools and transport provided. Take garden gloves if you have them. Meet on the Lyttelton-Diamond Harbour jetty at 9am. Launch leaves Quail at 3.30pm
Names to Stan by Thursday 5th Aug \$

- Sun** [Stour River to Manuka Hut](#)
8 Aug **Diane Dixon 359 9170**
• An easy, fairly flat tramp in the Mt Somers area. Going from the Stour River Bridge in the direction of Manuka Hut, not far from the Woolshed Creek area.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd \$
- Sat,Sun** [Carlyle Hut](#)
14-15 Aug **Awaiting leader**
•• Easy-moderate tramp up Carlyle Stream to this unusual hut on Glenhope Station, below the Poplars Range
Book by 8 Aug \$
- Saturday** [Sugarloaf](#)
14 Aug **Awaiting leader**
• A moderate day in the Cass area including a climb up 1410m Sugarloaf
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd \$
- Sun-Wed** [Ice Lake](#)
15-18 Aug **Raymond Ford 022 318 0872**
•••• A fairly rugged, moderate walk to Butler Hut then to Top Butler Hut and Ice Lake
Book by 8 Aug \$
- Saturday** [Doctors Hills](#)
21 Aug **Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905**
• So-named because a local doctor used to wander there, this easy trip inland from Waikari gives views of Pyramid Valley and Moa Swamp
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St \$
- Sun** [Mt Manson](#)
22 Aug **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
• This moderate trip starts from the Craieburn ski road. Starting high makes for a steep but short climb to this 1860m peak at the northern end of the Craieburn Range. Snow likely, so take an ice-axe.
Meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd \$
- Sat,Sun** [Rough Creek--Lake Christabel](#)
28-29 Aug **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
•• Moderate trip up Rough Creek near Lewis Pass to Lake Christabel Hut.
Book by 22Aug \$
- Sun** [Christchurch 360 Dunes and Wetlands](#)
29 Aug **Helen Harkness 384 2890**
• This 16km sector of the CHRISTCHURCH 360 TRAIL will commence at Pages Road and finish at Lower Styx Road.
Meet at 8.30am at the corner of Pages and Wairoa Road, by **Approx Cost \$3**
the Pages Road bridge into New Brighton.
- Sat,Sun** [Youngman Stream Hut](#)
4-5 Sep **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
•• Easy-moderate tramp to Youngman Stream Hut in the upper Ashley River. exit via Lillburn Hill.
Book by 29 Aug \$

- Sun [Hinewai](#)
- 5 Sep **Norman Burden 021 0228 9141, normanrichardburden@hotmail.co.nz**
- This easy-moderate trip visits a 980ha botanical reserve occupying most of Otanerito Valley in south-east Banks Peninsula. The area has over 12km of tracks and is privately managed for the protection and restoration of native vegetation and wildlife
- Meet 8am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH** \$
- Sun [Foggy Peak, Castle Hill Peak](#)
- 5 Sep **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
- A popular pilgrimage to 1741m Foggy Peak and on to 1998m Castle Hill Peak if you feel energetic. EM, M if you go up CHP.
- Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd** \$

TRIP REPORTS

Cloudy Hill – Mt Lyndon – Mon 14 June 2021

Yes, Monday. On the usual Sunday gale nor-westers were forecast, and looking further ahead the weather didn't look too flash. But there was a bit of a window on the Monday so I fired out an email. 7.45am Monday, Markus and I met at the Russley Rd corner and moved on to Springfield to team up with Helen and Tania from Ashburton. It was overcast in town with ground-mist across the plains, but the high-country forecast was good, with nor-west winds maybe up to 40km/h forecast, so, no surprise when the mist disappeared near Sheffield.

After the big rain the first point to check was the Coleridge Road turnoff at Lake Lyndon. Yes, the gossip was right. The turnoff had a road barrier and the ford of the little creek was well scoured out. So, moving on, the next thought was the Porters Road. The scheduled trip was for Red Hill via Porters Road, Porter River, Coleridge Pass and up the spur to the hill. A week previously the ski club website had said a contractor was working on restoring the road to the lodge and hoped to finish by the end of the week. But the website had not been updated all week and there was nothing helpful at the gate on SH73. So, we assumed the road was a no-go and opted for plan B.

Parking half a km up the ski road at the first bend, we set out at 9.15am in a pleasant, light nor-wester up to the west of 917m and up the ridge, SW to 1014m. On the ridge our four were halted by a curious falcon, happy to sit on its rocky perch and wonder who we were; great to see in the Porters area.

On 1442m Cloudy Hill by 10.45am, we dropped around the broad ridge, then up to 1345m. From there we sidled the face of 1456m to drop to the big saddle at 1250m and start the trudge in bare scree up to Mt Lyndon at 1489m. With the 40kph nor-wester on top we looked for shelter to the south-east edge and settled down in a cosy hollow for lunch at 12.30pm.

Continuing down the broad slopes, south-west of the top, we crossed 1390m, climbed up beside the gully to approach the sharp dog-leg containing point 1494m. Before the northern bend, we turned north and headed down a long way, to a major confluence in the Porter River, arriving there at 2.30pm. Tania and Helen hadn't been looking forward to battling downstream in tall tussock, but we soon found ourselves on an easy, clear MTB track, so could cruise down to the Porters Road by 3pm.

The road situation was obvious. That section of road below the river bridge had been well washed out and all the contractor's heavy gear was there. The grader driver was working, but nobody else,



Photo by Markus

so the job should be finished by Christmas. Porters Ski Field are planning to open on the 25th June, but they will need a whole lot of snow before then. Once past the road-works we still had a few kilometres to trudge down the road in calm, nor-west conditions, to arrive at our vehicle at 4pm, after a snowless but enjoyable round-trip.

We thought we had timed it well to be back in Springfield in time for a coffee. But, gosh, it was a Monday and both the cafes had closed. No problem. Back through the ground mist to home, we were: **Helen Biddle, Tania Dalzell, Markus Kaufmann & Merv Meredith (leader).** 🏔️ MM



Starting up Mt Lyndon from the saddle. Photo by Merv



Looking into Porter River Valley. Photo by Markus

Governors Bay Shoreline Walk and beyond

Sunday 27 June 2021

On a fine but misty morning seven of us set off at the unreasonably early hour of 8am for an easy stroll around the upper harbour. Hank was extremely excited at the chance of riding in my all-electric vehicle and plied me with questions about the technology all the way over the hill. On the way home later, he was astonished at the acceleration response uphill. I had visited the Governors Bay website and printed a brochure with lots of interesting history, so we decided to do the historical part of the meander along the road first, while the sun climbed to warm the day and clear the views. St Cuthberts church and graveyard, the old school, Ohinetahi homestead, the jetty, the hotel and William Gray's cottage have rich histories which are well worth investigating. We were particularly entertained by the idea of young honeymooners catching the ferry from Lyttelton to wander in "The Pleasure Gardens" around the hotel. We enjoyed a leisurely morning tea on the beach at Allandale, then most of us wandered the shoreline track, back to lunch at the café, while Kerry and Kyung Sang headed uphill to the crater rim. Although the mist was persistent, there were beautiful atmospheric light effects on the water and volcanic caverns and cliffs to engage our attention along the water's edge. It was a short but extremely enjoyable outing. A few minutes after driving out of the village we rose up through the mist to bright sunshine. We were: **Pauline Watson, Kathie de Lore, Hank Boer, Diane Dixon, Diane Mellish, Kerry Moore, Kyung Sang Lee.** 🏔️ DM

The Longer Return

We arrived at Allandale Domain in bright sunshine, yet the mist was still shrouding most of the harbour. Taking photos towards the sun is hard enough but we had the reflection off the mud-flats as well. After our morning cuppa on the giant picnic table, Kyung Sang and I set off to take the long way back to the car. Bamfords Road was devoid of traffic as we walked past delightful rural scenery and some nice-looking roadside apples that were well out of reach. Near the Living Springs buildings we hoped to pick up O'Farrells Track to take us into Ohinetahi Reserve. I like to think we did get on the right track but it wasn't signposted. At a gate we took the decision to climb up a spur, hoping it would prove to lead to Cass Ridge Track. It wasn't and led to a crag near point 505 which needed care to skirt, through flax, forest and even some gorse. Once on the Crater Rim it was plain-sailing to the Bellbird, then Ellas Track and Totara Log Track. Rob, a local resident and his German Shepherd guided us down a shortcut to Clem Paterson Lane which led us onto Ernest Adams Drive, past the fire station and to the main road. We were back to the car at 3:30 for a slow ride over the hill, past major road-works and home. This excellent circuit needs a little refining to get on-track from Bamfords Road. 🏔️ KM



Kyung Sang above Living Springs Valley



Charteris to Diamond Harbour Saturday 3 July 2021

We had permission to walk on Flock Hill but when Bruce rang to confirm he was dissuaded from going. The severe frost deterred most of the membership, so our three elected to go local. We parked on the Black Rock Road above Hayes Bay and headed off on this section of the Head to Head walkway. The deck of a boatshed at Church Bay made for a good morning tea stop. We stopped to chat to two locals that were clearing a monster jumble of banana passion fruit vine so they could plant natives. Scores of plastic barrels with 2 litre cut-off milk bottles are dotted along the track so in dry periods anyone can water the little trees that have been planted. At Diamond Harbour we walked far enough along Stoddart Point Reserve to see into Purau Bay and to the heads. A well-placed bench seat gave us a good view of Ripapa Fort. We found a track that led to the café which all three of us avoided. The track that leads up the long spur to Herbert Peak got us to Bayview Road leading back to Charteris Bay and gave great long-distance views of the harbour. Back on the main road we back-tracked to the car and took the road down to the Charteris Bay Yacht Club which seemed to be no help but the exit road led to a walking track to the Hayes Bay beach. Then we were briefly on the track we started on that led to the car. This was a good walk on a clear, sunny day.

We were: **Bruce Cameron, Mary McKeown and Kerry Moore** 🏃 KM



Big Bird