



## November 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 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 9 Nov**



#### **Banks Peninsula Volcanology**

Geologist **Sam Hampton** will tell us about the ancient history of our local peninsula. Imagine Christchurch without our excellent nearby harbours and bays and no local hills to ramble on.

**Tuesday 14 Dec**



#### **Club Night Frivolity**

A light-hearted activity to see out the year. Bring something for supper.

## Social Events

### Croquet and BBQ **Wednesday 17 Nov**

Geoff Price and Gwyntha Taylor have kindly invited us to their Croquet Club then to their home for a BBQ. The greens are booked for Wednesday 17 November. The cost is \$5 green fee per person, which includes use of club mallets. John and Eileen Borner have confirmed they are also available to help with instruction. Beginners welcome! What is Croquet? A bit like snooker on grass. A game of skill and strategy, angles, tactics and guile.

Meet at 6pm at United Croquet Club in Hagley Park, next to the tennis club, with access signposted from Riccarton Avenue. There is a carpark next to the clubhouse. Wear flat shoes. After packing up at 7.15pm we will head to Geoff and Gwyntha's home at 1 Le Cascina Lane - a private lane off Brockworth Place south of the mosque, and close to Deans Avenue. Parking is the 4 car parks in the lane, or on Brockworth Place. They have a large house, so no restriction on numbers for dinner. Bring a salad or dessert to share. BYO drinks and meat or vege alternative. BBQs will be provided for you to cook your own meat. If the weather is bad, we'll go to Geoff & Gwyntha's and start the BBQ at 6pm.



Dinner names to Maureen Thompson 021 266 5778 or [mothompson1212@gmail.com](mailto:mothompson1212@gmail.com). If you'd like a map, we can send you one. If you are dead keen to start earlier than 6pm, let Geoff know (027 343 5000).

## NOTES

**Membership:** We welcome **Sonya Donaldson** to the club.

### President's Message

Oh dear, looks like life is going to get complicated again. We have a great programme of trips organised but there is a lot of uncertainty about how things will play out in the coming weeks. I will update you on our PTC Communicator system about club meetings, trips and social events as it becomes clear if they can run, and under what conditions. We are pleased to welcome Dan Pryce onto the committee to fill an obvious gap in the ranks. Dan will be another source of good ideas and inspiration.

Margot and I have been discussing the 90th birthday celebrations coming up next year, but have decided to hold back on advance planning until much closer in. I suspect that as soon as our borders open up for overseas travel next year, there will be a lot of members flying to Europe for overdue family catch-ups. With PTC's birthday being in the middle of June, it may be best to celebrate after the European summer.

Wishing you all good health.

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## TRIPS

7-Nov

### [Peraki Bay](#)

Sun

**Murray Hight 347 4014**

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We visit the site of the first European whaling station in Canterbury on Banks Peninsula.  
Easy-moderate

**Meet 8am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH**

- 13-16 Nov**      [Lockett Range, Seven Lakes circuit](#)  
**Sat-Tue**      **Raymond Ford 022 318 0872 fordrm@snap.net.nz**  
 ●●●●      A moderate trip to the Diamond Lakes of the Lockett Range in NW Nelson. The lakes are Little Sylvester, Sylvester, Lillie, Diamond, Lockett, Ruby and Iron. Some nice viewpoints along the way-- Iron Hill, Mt Benson and Mt Lockett.  
**Book by 7 Nov**
- 14-Nov**      [Hinewai - The Stones](#)  
**Sun**      **Norman Burden 021 0228 9141**  
 ●      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**
- 20-21 Nov**      [Ben More - 13 Mile Bush](#)  
**Sat-Sun**      **Kerry Moore 359 5069**  
 ●●      A moderate climb from Lake Lyndon to 1655m Ben More and over to stay at 13 Mile Bush Hut.  
**Book by 14 Nov**
- 21-Nov**      [Starvation Gully - Coach Stream](#) ~  
**Sun**      **Norman Burden 021 0228 9141**  
 ●      From near Lake Lyndon, an easy-moderate trip on the Trig M route, then on the Coach Stream Track to the hairpin bend below Porters Pass 1251m Trig M is a little diversion.  
**Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd**
- 27-29 Nov**      [Nina – Boscawen - Rough Creek](#)  
**Sat-Mon**      **Merv Meredith 322 7239**  
 ●●●      A moderate circuit up the Nina Rr to Nina Biv then over Boscawen Saddle to Lake Christabel Hut. Day three goes to the highway via Rough Creek.  
**Book by 21 Nov**
- 28-Nov**      [Victoria Park, Sugarloaf, Sign of the Bellbird](#)  
**Sun**      **Wendy Wallace 338 0550**  
 ●      A loop starting at Victoria Park, going via Sugarloaf to the Sign of the Bellbird and back via the Harry Ell track.  
**Meet 8am Victoria Park carpark near the toilets and children's playground area just below the information kiosk.**
- 4-5 Dec**      [Avoca Homestead - Torlesse Range](#)  
**Sat-Sun**      **Honora Renwick 942 8368**  
 ●●      Park on day 1 at the end of Craigieburn Rd and walk the short distance to the old Avoca Homestead. Day 2, climb a vehicle track towards Bold Hill, then onto the main Torlesse ridge, past Otarama Peak, to Back Peak, out via Mt Torlesse or Castle Hill & Foggy Peaks.  
**Book by 28 Nov**
- 4-Dec**      [Woolshed Hill](#)  
**Sat**      **Mary McKeown 358 7717**  
 ●      From near Hawdon Shelter, a moderate up-and-back to 1429m Woolshed Hill. The hill gives great views, including the Three Peaks of Binsar.  
**Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd**

- 5-Dec  
Sun  
● [Turtons Saddle - Point 1805 circuit](#)  
**Merv Meredith 322 7239**  
This moderate section of the Te Araroa Trail goes from the Rakaia Rr up Glenrock Stream to the saddle then up a nice spur to Point 1805. Descending another spur will make a nice circuit. Curiously there are three 1805m points within 2km on the map.  
**Meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd**
- 11-13 Dec  
Sat-Mon  
●●● [Cameron River - South Branch Ashburton Rr](#)  
**Diane Mellish 027 413 6468 mellishdiane@gmail.com**  
Moderate trip at the foot of the Arrowsmiths. Possible climb to 2401m Pito Peak or walk up to Ashburton Glacier.  
**Book by 5 Dec**
- 11-Dec  
Sat  
● [Akaroa Walks](#)  
**Maureen Thompson**  
A selection of short walks near Akaroa such as the Garden of Tane, Newtons Waterfall and L'Aube Hill Reserve.  
**Meet 8am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH**
- 19-Dec  
Sun  
[End-of-year Picnic](#)  
Details in next month's Footnotes.
- 22-27 Dec  
Wed-Mon  
●●●●● [Christmas Base](#)  
This will run only if we have an offer from a club member to organise it.
- 29 Dec-3 Jan  
Wed-Tue  
●●●●● [Matukituki Base](#)  
**Diane Mellish 027 413 6468 mellishdiane@gmail.com**  
A few hours easy valley walk up a 4-wheel drive track to camp in the vicinity of the big Alpine Club Hut. Options include Rob Roy Glacier, Cascade Saddle, Liverpool Hut, French Ridge Hut, Shovel Flat and the Upper West Matukituki Valley.  
**Names to Diane by club-night, Tue 14 Dec**  
If you decide to go without booking you will need to take your own tent and be fully independent.
- 8-9 Jan  
Sat-Sun  
●● [Travers Peak](#)  
**Kerry Moore 359 5969**  
A moderate climb in the Lewis Pass area, up Foleys Track to 1724m Travers Peak. Plenty of options for places to stay. While we're 170km from Chch we could climb Mt Norma on the second day.  
**book by 4 Jan**
- 8-9 Jan  
Sat-Sun  
●● [Boyle Flat Hut](#)  
**Deb Rhode 021 166 5307**  
An easy-moderate, mostly flat tramp to Boyle Flat Hut on the St James walkway.  
**book by 2 Jan**

9-Jan

[Ryde Falls](#)

Sun

Graeme Nicholas 357 0047

- Easy walk through mixed podocarp forest to these pretty falls which come down in three tiers amid a mixture of bush. Starting from Coopers Creek car park.

**Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St**

**TRIP REPORTS**

**Mt Manson      Sunday 10 October 2021**

In the past we could drive to the gate halfway up the Craigieburn ski road and only had to walk up the road from there to the ford and sharp bend. This time the ski club had the locked barrier arm at the bottom car park, so walking from there at 9.30am+ on a pleasant morning, it took 35 minutes up the road to the ford and sharp bend. We were headed for the second of the two streams which branch near point 986m. There is a marked route from the old ice-skating pond, but we took the lower route I had used before, dropping gently east from the bend, crossing the first stream to sidle around into the second.

It is then a matter of following upstream, sometimes marked, crossing from TR to TL, beyond the last tree-clad spur, up to the foot of the scree that we would take up to the saddle north-west of Mt Manson. Arriving there at 11.40am for an early lunch while still beside the stream was preferable to a later lunch up on the saddle. Kerry and Diane did not arrive at the lunch spot and it transpired they had stopped 200m back, then we could see them climbing directly out by the trees, getting a height gain on us while we dined. Climbing steeply up the scree after lunch was ok but more difficult once in the light, soft snow. Without spotting Kerry and Diane, we reached the saddle at 1.40pm and turned east up the mostly snow-free main ridge to 1859m Mt Manson.



*The climb began at the far end of this big scree*

From the top, our circuit was along the spur to the south, which eventually curves around to provide an exit down to the stream via one of the scree fingers into the bush. While dropping down the spur, none of the basins to the west seemed likely routes for Kerry and Diane to have cut the corner, so we assumed that they must have circled back the way they had come and would be ahead of us.

Returning downstream we took the higher marked route that eventually drops down to the ice-skating pond. The track into it emerges at the upper end of the sharp bend. Back there at 4.15pm and still no Kerry and Diane, we continued back down the road to the car park at 5pm. Still no Kerry and Diane, so the concern level was rising. A ski club member gave us the gate key so we could drive up the road to look for the stragglers. As it turned out, no problem. Kerry and Diane had eventually sidled to our scree basin where Kerry followed us up to Manson, as reported by a ski club member. Kerry and Diane had then returned down to the stream in our footsteps. So, we were all reunited down at the car park after 6pm.

We were: **Rich Ainley, Ian Beale, Keith Hoard, Danny Lee, Kyung Sang Lee, Myles McCauley, Diane Mellish, Merv Meredith (leader), Kerry Moore and Wang. 🏔️MM**

**Postscript:** Diane's text to Merv's phone confirmed their route. Shame it wasn't turned on. The lost barrier arm padlock key. That's another story altogether.



*On the 1700m saddle looking towards Mt Manson*

## **Mt Bruce                  Saturday 16-October 2021**

Ten, in two cars, parked at the end of Cora Lynn Road and headed up the forest track that leads to Lagoon Saddle. Emerging from the forest to tussock-land at 1100m, we stopped for a break and surveyed the vast landscape. We were seeing a big stretch of the Waimakariri Valley, up the Bealey Valley, Hawdon Valley and snowy peaks of Arthurs Pass National Park.

Passing a few douglas fir trees along the way, we headed up a spur to connect to the prominent ridge that leads to Mt Bruce. The impressive snowy mountains to the west were a perfect backdrop as we ate lunch. We tried to gauge the snow conditions for a south-facing exit to Broad Stream. Caution prevailed and only the

four with ice-axes went that way down. Most went back, as for the upward leg. The four found the snow was uniform and ideal for a rapid decent. Good scree got them to a branch of Broad Stream. Soon they were on a well-marked track, then alongside the stream. Evidence of serious flooding in months past was plentiful and made track-finding a little harder. Thinking they would be holding up the others, they kept up a brisk pace. On reaching the main road they were surprised that the cars weren't waiting at the bridge, so walked along SH73 and then up Cora Lynn Road to join the others. We were: **Chris Leaver, Graham Townsend, Mary McKeown, Calum and Pat McIntosh, John Robinson, Kyung Sang Lee, Doug Woods, Bett Koch and Kerry Moore** 🏔️ KM



*Near the top of Mt Bruce*

### **Christchurch 360, Dunes and Wetlands      Sunday 24 Oct 2021**

Mike and Sue had kindly placed a car at Spencer Park and were back at Wairoa Street in the company of nine others for this 16km, flat walk. Last time Helen led this trip it was Dunes-Wetlands. This time it was to be Wetlands-Dunes. Being spring the red zone was very green and a bit wet under-foot in places. The Donnell Park playground was an ideal stop for morning tea. Travis Wetland Nature Heritage Park was a delight at this time of year and Sue's insider knowledge was a bonus. A tangle of eels came into the shallows at a viewing point, expecting to be fed but we didn't have anything to give them. I was carrying a plastic bag which three pukekos mis-read. They ran towards me but "sorry pooks, no food". We saw swans with their signets and masses of wildfowl, while a hawk circled, watching for birds or struggling trampers to prey on.

Bottle Lake Plantation was a total change of scene. We had lunch on a high mound in the restored Bexley Landfill, blissfully unaware of the lead, cadmium, americium 241 from smoke alarms and compostables stewing beneath us. Near Spencer Park we caught glimpses of the mighty ocean, then we were in sandy pine

forest before joining the masses in the picnic ground. Mike needed two trips and Sue one trip, to take our many drivers back to Pages Road. We were: **Helen Harkness (leader and guide) Diane Mellish, Wendy Wallace, Mike Bourke, Sue Britain, Lissa Toscano, Kyung Sang Lee, Joy Schroeder, Sonya Donaldson, Stuart Payne, Kerry Moore** 🏠 KM



*Don't wear open-toed sandals here!*