



## Peninsula Tramping Club (inc)

# FOOTNOTES

Monthly newsletter of PTC. Affiliate of Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ Inc.

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## March 2015

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**New Member Enquiries** Please contact Stan Wilder, 021 255 3880 or [swilder@clear.net.nz](mailto:swilder@clear.net.nz), to request an info-pack. You will also receive three complimentary newsletters

**CORRESPONDENCE**, including changes of address etc. can be sent to the club secretary—see above

**OUR CLUB** consists of people of all ages who tramp for recreation. Regular trips are organised, ranging from 'easy' to 'hard', day trips to long weekends. Various instruction courses run each year to improve members' skills for back-country tramping. In addition to a monthly club meeting, a variety of social events are held.

**CLUB NIGHTS** are held on the **second Tuesday** of each month at the **Baptist Church Hall, 286 Oxford Terrace (corner of Madras Street and Oxford Terrace)** starting promptly at 7.45 pm. Doors open 7.30.

Tue 10 Mar

### Trekking Tana Toraja



The Tana Toraja area of Sulawesi in Indonesia is known for its elaborate funeral ceremonies lasting up to ten days, animal sacrifices and traditional boat-shaped houses. **Maureen Thompson** spent ten days there during last year's funeral season. She explored the area on day-walks and also trekked through mountain-side rice paddies.  
**Supper Duty: Paul Moreham, Guy Mulligan, Graeme Nicholas**

Tue 14 Apr

### Annual General Meeting plus Old Ghost Road Cycleway



The report on the club trip lead by Dan Pryce through the OGR in mid-November last year appeared in the Dec/Jan Footnotes. The track is open but not yet able to be biked continuously from Lyell north to Seddonville. Come and see what the PTC team experienced over five very different days  
**Supper Duty: Gayle O'Halloran, Stuart Payne, Miriam Preston**

# New Venue for Peninsula Tramping Club Nights

PTC club nights are now held at the **Baptist Church Hall at 286 Oxford Terrace**, on the corner of Madras Street and Oxford Terrace, just south of the Avon River and Kilmore Street. The venue allows us to move back to the City Centre and is centrally located with good connection to the one-way streets and ample car-parking.

## AGM AGM AGM AGM AGM —7:30pm Tue 14 April

The 83rd Annual General Meeting of Peninsula Tramping Club will be held at

**Baptist Church Hall, 286 Oxford Terrace**

**Agenda:** Presentation of Exec. Reports Election of officers, executive members and auditor

**General Business:** Nominations for all positions are called for. They may be sent, signed by nominee, proposer and seconder, to **Merv Meredith, Secretary, 322 7239.**

## COMING TRIPS

### Day Trips

Depart from and return to a convenient point on the side of town nearest to the destination. 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.

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| <b>8 Mar</b><br><b>Sun</b><br>■           | <b>ASHLEY GORGE</b><br><b>Kerry Moore 359 5069</b><br>An <b>easy-moderate</b> walk/splash down from Lees Valley's middle bridge to Ashley Gorge picnic ground. This is Canterbury's mini "Grand Canyon". If you haven't walked it before, you will be impressed. If you don't want to walk it, bring an inflated inner tube.<br><b>Start: 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St</b>  | <b>Maps BW22,23,L34</b><br><br><b>Approx cost \$11</b> |
| <b>14-16 Mar</b><br><b>Sat-Mon</b><br>■■■ | <b>ANNETTE PLATEAU</b><br><b>Raymond Ford 351 9496</b><br>A <b>hard</b> trip along the Sealy Range beyond the new Mueller Hut in Mt Cook National Park. Expect some impressive views, including Mt Cook, Hooker Glacier, Mt Sefton with its icefalls and the Mueller Glacier. We intend to camp on the Annette Plateau and climb 2627m Mt Sealy. Descent from the plateau would be via Sebastapol Ridge.<br><b>List closed 28 Feb</b> | <b>Maps BX15,H36</b>                                   |
| <b>14-15 Mar</b><br><b>Sat-Sun</b><br>■■  | <b>MONS SEX MILLIA</b><br><b>Organiser Dan Pryce 379 1976</b><br><b>Moderate-hard</b> tramp off the Lewis Pass highway to this 1800m high point on the Poplars Range. Camping out on the tops, no bugs no people!<br><b>List closes 7 March</b>   | <b>Maps BU23,M32</b>                                   |

- 15 Mar Sun** **PREBBLE HILL and CAVE STREAM** **Maps BW21,K34**  
**Chris Leaver 322 6445**  
 ■ This **easy** trip goes over and under some of the more interesting limestone formations in the Castle Hill basin. From the Cave Stream car park we head down Broken River before climbing 902m Prebble Hill. On our return we traverse the underground Cave Stream. Bring a torch and a change of clothes, you will get wet!  
**Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd** **Approx cost \$16**
- 21-22 Mar Sat-Sun** **MINGHA - DECEPTION** **Maps BV20,K33**  
**Kevin Hughes 332 6281**  
 ■■ **Moderate**, classic crossing of the main divide from near Otira following the **Coast to Coast** trail, up the Deception River, over 1070m Goat Pass and down the Mingha to Arthur's Pass. Following the greats: Gurney, Murray, Ussher but we'll take time to smell the mountain flowers. Camping out or staying at Goat Pass Hut.  
**List closes 14 Mar**
- 22 Mar Sun** **DRY ACHERON STREAM TO BIG BEN** **Maps BW20,21,K35**  
**Leader to be advised**  
 ■ **Moderate** trip up 1416m Big Ben peak in the south of the Korowai/Torlesse Tussockland Park. Travelling up the Dry Acheron Stream easement. Views include Lake Coleridge basin and the Rakaia River.  
**Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd** **Approx cost \$16**
- 28 -29 Mar Sat-Sun** **WOOLSHED HILL - EAST HAWDON** **Maps BV20,21,K33,L33**  
**Murray Hight 347 4014**  
 ■■ **Moderate** tramp in Arthur's Pass National Park starting from Hawdon shelter, following the bush track to Woolshed Hill and camping out. An option Sunday may be to travel along the Savannah Range and drop into Casey Stream and walk out to Andrews shelter.  
**List closes 21 March**
- 28 Mar Sat** **KAITUNA CHALLENGE** **Maps BQ27,M36**  
**Merv Meredith 322 7239**  
 ■ Our annual not-too-serious classic bike-walk-run bike event, is on again this year. The format stays the same. We have team, individual men's and individual women's categories. Participants cycle along the Summit Road starting from the Sign of the Kiwi, down to Gebbies Pass and around on the flat to Kaituna Valley. Dropping their bikes, they tramp/walk up to Packhorse Hut then run/jog/walk the downhill leg back to Gebbies Pass where their bike is miraculously waiting for them, to leap on and dash off downhill to Teddington and then continue on, in and out of the bays between there and Governors Bay.  
 The finish line is at the Governors Bay Hotel, where entrants are greeted by a cheering mob of PTC supporters. Once everyone is there, the day concludes with lunch and presentation of the prestigious trophy. Entry fee to this popular event is a mere \$4 to cover costs. Typical event time is 3 to 4 hours, with starting times staggered from **8.30am** onward so that contestants hopefully finish together. If you haven't been in one of these before, now is your chance. You don't have to be a gun biker, or runner, or even a runner at all. Supporters on the day very welcome, plus helpers with transport, etc would be appreciated.  
 To enter, or for more details, call **Merv Meredith 322 7239**  
**Entries close Wed 25th March**
- 29 Mar Sun** **WOOLSHED HILL** **Maps BV21,K33**  
**Dan Pryce 384 7065**  
 ■ **Easy-moderate** climb through beech forest to open tops above Hawdon Shelter in Arthur's Pass NP and maybe a brief wander along the tops of the Savannah Range. We might meet Murray's party on their way out.  
**Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd**

- 3-6 Apr** **WHITCOMBE PASS - MATHIAS PASS** **Maps BV18,BW18,J34**  
**Fri-Mon** **Kerry Moore 359 5069**  
**■■■■** **Moderate-hard** trip from Glenfalloch Station in the upper Rakaia River, over Whitcombe Pass, Frew Saddle, Mathias Pass to the North Mathias River.  
**Easter** **List closes Sat 21 Mar**
- 3-6 Apr** **HARMAN PASS - TAIPO RIVER** **Maps BU20,BV20,K33,K34**  
**Fri-Mon** **Leader to be advised**  
**■■■■** **Moderate** tramp on the west side of APNP. Up the Waimak over Harman Pass, down Mary Creek to Julia Hut then down the turbulent Taipo River. We can exit on the other side of Jacksons or via Kelly Range and Carroll Hut  
**Easter** **List closes 25 March**
- 3-6 Apr** **CROMWELL BASE** **Maps CC12,F41**  
**Fri-Mon** **Glenda & Merv Meredith 322 7239**  
**■■■■** **Easy through to moderate-hard.** Returning to the Cromwell Top 10, we have booked accommodation for 12 -14 max. from Thurs night. Lots of choices for day trips, eg, Bendigo, Carrick, Cairmuir, etc and in a thriving vineyard area of course. Makes for a very sociable long weekend. Budget \$195 for accommodation and transport.  
**Easter** Be in early to book a place so we can finalise booking  
**List closes 18 March**
- 5 Apr** **MT BRUCE** **Maps BV20,K34**  
**Sun** **Leader to be advised**  
**■** **Moderate** tramp over 1630m Mt Bruce at the northern end of the Craigieburns. The route initially follows the track towards Lagoon Saddle, before turning off and climbing scree and tussock slopes to the summit. A scree slope leads down to the saddle at the head of Broad Stream, which can then be followed out. Great panoramic views from the top.  
**Easter** **Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd** **Approx cost \$22**  
**Sunday**
- Sat 11 Apr** **WILDING PINES—SEE NOTES**
- 11-12 Apr** **HURUNUI HUT** **Maps BU22,L32,L33**  
**Sat-Sun** **Leader to be advised**  
**■■** **Easy-moderate** overnight trip to this comfortable hut to the west of Lake Sumner. Start from the Lake Taylor road. The Hurunui hot springs are just an hour's walk from the hut.  
**List closes 2 April**
- 12 Apr** **GOAT HILL** **Maps BV20,K33**  
**Sun** **Leader to be advised**  
**■** **Easy-medium** trip in Otira area. Track heads off from the landfill up the ridge near Barrack Creek. Expect splendid views  
**Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd** **Approx cost \$25**
- 18-19 Apr** **REEFTON BASE CAMP** **Maps BS21,BT21,L30**  
**Sat-Sun** **Leader to be advised**  
**■■** Base camp in this popular area with a variety of walks amongst mining relics or some serious tramping.  
**List closes 11April**
- 19 Apr** **MAUKURATAWHAI** **Maps BT24,25,N31**  
**Sun** **Leader to be advised**  
**■** Over Jacks Pass behind Hanmer, this moderate tramp climbs to this 1615 m summit. Possible round trip.  
**Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd** **Approx cost \$21**

- 25-27 Apr** **MT BREWSTER** **Maps BT23,M29,N29**  
**Fri-Sun** **Raymond Ford 351 9496**  
 ■■■ A medium-hard climb of 2515m Mt Brewster. We're having another shot at this peak after weather forced postponements previously. Alpine experience essential  
**Anzac** **List closes 11April**  
**wknd**
- 25-28 Apr** **TARAMAKAU RIVER - HARPER PASS - LEWIS PASS** **Maps BU20-23,K33,L33**  
**Fri-Sun** **Leader to be advised**  
 ■■■ **Moderate.** Classic crossing of the main divide from Aickens, up the Taramakau, over the 960m pass, to Lake Sumner Forest Park, down the Hurunui and Hope valleys, to Windy Point on the Lewis Pass Highway. Good huts and an opportunity for a dip in the Hurunui hot pools  
**Anzac** **List closes 11 April**  
**wknd**
- 25-27 Apr** **UPPER MAKARORA BASE CAMP** **Maps BZ13,F38,F39,G38,G39**  
**Fri-Sun** **Kevin Hughes 332 6281**  
 ■■■ Kevin will plan trips in the Haast Pass area depending on who signs on. Take a look on <http://www.topomap.co.nz/> to get an idea of the impressive terrain.  
**Anzac** **List closes 11 April**  
**wknd**
- 26 Apr** **RYDE FALLS** **Maps BW22,L34**  
**Sun** **Leader to be advised**  
 ■ **Easy** walk to these pretty falls which come down in three tiers amid a mixture of bush. Starting from Coopers Creek. Possibility of wasps this time of year though generally wasp numbers seem to be low  
**Start: 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St** **Approx cost \$9**
- 2-3 May** **BRASS MONKEY BIV** **Maps BT23,M31**  
**Sat-Sun** **Kerry Moore 359 5069**  
 ■■ A classic, **moderate-hard**, Lewis Pass tops trip to this bivvy situated just off the main divide. Starting from the Lewis Pass west car park. The tops give commanding views into Maruia Valley and the high peaks that contain The Grand Duchess.  
**List closes 24 April**
- 3 May** **PORT LEVY WALKWAY** **Maps BX25,N36**  
**Sun** **Leader to be advised**  
 ■ **Easy-moderate** walk on the east side of Port Levy.  
**8am PM Hospital, Hackthorne Rd end, across the road by the river.** **Approx cost \$7**
- 9-17 May** **KEPLER TRACK** **Maps CD07,08,C43**  
**Dan Pryce 379 1976**  
 ■■■■■ The **moderate** Kepler Track is an alpine adventure with stunning panoramas. It takes you from the shore of Lake Te Anau to spend a night high above the clouds at Luxmore Hut (1085m). The track crosses the ridgelines of the Kepler Mountains  
 ■■■■■ **List closes 12 April**
- 9-10 May** **MAGDALEN HUT – MARTHA – ROKEBY** **Maps BT23,24,M31,32**  
**Sat-Sun** **Leader to be advised**  
 ■■ **Moderate-hard** trip with Friday night travel to Magdalen Hut. Climb Martha (1409m) and continue along the ridge, then drop to Rokeby Hut  
**List closes 2 May**
- 10 May** **MT GUY** **Maps BX19,J36**  
**Sun** **Chris Leaver 322 6445**  
 ■ **An easy-moderate** trip overlooking Lake Clearwater. Suitable for families.  
**Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd** **Approx cost \$23**

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**Sat 7 March**

**6:00 pm**



### **Pot Luck/Barbecue**

Most PTC members will remember Barry Kershaw and Jan Millar who went back to Aussie to live around 10 years ago. They initiated the **PTC Friendly Fat Tyre Fanatics** cycling group (along with Rick Bolch) and the Kaituna Challenge cycling/running race. Barry was knocked off his bike last year and had some awful injuries.

He is now back on the bike and they are cycling the South Island starting through Molesworth to arrive in Christchurch in time for this event.

They would like to invite all PTC and "OLD" friends to this pot-luck/barbecue at Chris Leaver and Graham Townsend's home: **11 Watlings Place, Halswell 322 6445**

Please rsvp to [ptc75@clear.net.nz](mailto:ptc75@clear.net.nz) with POT-LUCK on the subject line.

Please bring a dish to share or meat/veg to barbecue and your own drinks.

Everyone welcome.

**Sun 8 Mar**

**9am**



### **Little River Rail Trail Bike ride**

With Jan and Barry, meet 9am at Motukarara Rail Trail car park and cycle to lunch at the Little River cafe/store.

Please rsvp [ptc75@clear.net.nz](mailto:ptc75@clear.net.nz) with BIKE RIDE in subject line so we can advise you of an alternative if the weather is bad. All welcome.

**Tues 17 Mar**



### **Horseshoe Lake Walk Plus Dinner At The Palms**

We will be exploring this red zone area near Shirley and finding some walkway remnants near the waterway. Wear sturdy shoes and perhaps bring a change of footwear. Meet around the intersection of New Brighton Road and Kingsford St by 6 pm. After the walk we will eat at Cocopelli outside The Palms. Good range of salads, pizza, pasta, platters – see [cocopelli.co.nz](http://cocopelli.co.nz) for more detail. Please phone Sue Britain on 388 2329 or e-mail [suebritain@gmail.com](mailto:suebritain@gmail.com) by Sun 15 March to book for the meal.

**Wed 15 Apr**

### **Le Sud Court Theatre Comedy**

NZ History's funniest "What If"

By Dave Armstrong—The Motor Camp, Kings of the Gym

Director Ross Gumbley

Featuring Mark Hadlow

We have booked the best seats in the Court Theatre, Bernard Street, Addington.

**Book your seat, \$42 discount price by Monday 23 March,**

with Brian Smith 355 9945, 027 740 3035, [brian21x@xtra.co.nz](mailto:brian21x@xtra.co.nz)

The Conservative Government of North Zealand (Le Nord) limp, pimp and pawn their way through negotiations with their nearest neighbour, French-controlled Le Sud (South Zealand), in an attempt to stop their country falling deeper into recession.

Another hilariously topical comedy with more grudges than a Bledisloe Cup Match

## NOTES

**Membership**—Resignation: After some 50 years in PTC **Bayne Hunter** has finally given in to all the signals his body has been sending and resigned. Thanks for the memories, Bayne. When he started with PTC:

- Club nights were hosted at members' homes
- You could park your bike in the store on the Manchester, Gloucester corner
- Days Motors were our contracted bus provider
- And engagement notices appeared regularly in the newsletter. Haven't times changed!

**Deadline for the April newsletter Sat 4 April**

**Next committee meeting 7:30pm Tue 31 March at Kerry's**

## WILDING TREES 2015—ECAN 'No Green Needles' days

Support the annual outings organised so local tramping clubs can assist with the eradication of wilding trees in the Canterbury high country. The days are always good fun and let us go places we don't normally get to as well as giving a sense of achievement and helping Club funds significantly.

The second outing is **Sat 11 April**. For more info, phone or email **Merv Meredith, 322 7239**

## TRIP REPORTS

### Zampa Tops—Jan 24&25 2015

With two fine, warm days forecast we chose to do the St James section to Ada Hut first. That way we could climb to the tops in the cool of the day. We took a bike, parked the car at Deer Valley camping ground and Merv biked back to the Lewis end of Saint James Walkway. We were walking by 11am and yes, it was hot. Cannibal Gorge Hut was deserted when we stopped there as was Ada Hut when we arrived mid-afternoon. Noisy flies buzzed in the hut but sandflies were almost absent. The stream flowing by the hut was at very low flow. John kindly shared cheese and crackers as a pre-dinner snack then Kerry's unambitious macaroni cheese was the main. An attempted jelly for dessert failed though it had gelled by the following morning.

After walking a few hundred meters towards Ada Pass we were climbing by 7am on what would prove to be another warm day. The forest was sparse enough that we could walk a reasonably straight course. At a swampy clearing we picked up a useful deer track and an hour after leaving the hut, arrived suddenly at the tussock tops. We still had almost 400m to climb to reach the Spenser Range ridge. We gazed about on this brilliantly clear day, taking in views of Gloriana and Faerie Queene, Mt Technical and Grand Duchess. 1710m Zampa was reached via points 1681, 1692, 1687 and 1662 with a bit of downside between them. Zampa Tarn was looking rather drained and some sun-facing slopes were seriously scorched. Rather than sidle we took the more rugged route into the un-named stream that leads into the Maruia River's right branch. We were happy to reach the shade of the first trees we came to for lunch. Going down the broad gravelly part of the stream was hot and windless. We climbed up to the bridge 1.5km from the car-park and were then back on the St James WW. Out at the road the trusty bicycle emerged from the bushes and the energetic Merv raced it back to the car and soon appeared to drive us home.

We were: **Merv Meredith, John Allen and Kerry Moore** 🏔️ KM



Looking down on  
Cannibal Gorge  
Hut, at the far  
end of the flat



Zampa Tarn with Gloriana and Faerie Queene in behind. Henry River below.