

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

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## August 2016

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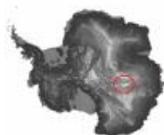
*New Member Enquiries* Please contact Stan Wilder, 260 2340 to request an info-pack. You will also receive three complimentary newsletters

**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 7.30pm

### Tue 9 Aug Volunteering in Antarctica



Last summer, Grant Hunter spent a month at Scott Base, one of two volunteers supported by Antarctica NZ and the NZ Antarctic Society. Mostly sorting storage areas around Base, with plenty of time in the land of the midnight sun to get out and about. Be inspired by Grant's photographs and learn how you might volunteer.

**Supper Duty: Carolyn Catt, John Cook, Wendy Dann**

### Tues 13 Sep Iceland by Rick Bolch



Land of fire and ice, short on trees, but big on waterfalls. Probably New Zealand's northern cousin

**Supper Duty: Jim or Margaret Clark, Penny Coffey, Andrew Tuck**

## COMMITTEE NOTES

- Discussion relating to proposed increase in PTC subs due to ↑ in NZ postage and ↑ in FMC affiliation fees
- Engagement with ECAN/WELRA regarding planned changes to Wilding Pines volunteer days
- Glenfalloch Station Tenure Review submission
- Letter to DOC and FMC editor re. Wangapeka Track Management downgrade (members may be interested in the letter, reproduced in this newsletter)

**Next committee meeting:** 7:30pm Tue 30th August at 6B Petworth Place

## 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.

- 6-7 Aug**      **EAST HAWDON**      **Maps,BV20&1K&L33**  
**Sat-Sun**      **Kerry Moore 359 5069**  
 ■■      **Moderate** trip in Arthurs Pass National Park. We'll head for the East Hawdon Biv, evaluate the snow to decide whether to go along the Savannah Range or climb Mt Valiant  
**List closes 30 July**
- 7 Aug**      **RED HILL**      **Maps,BW20,21K34,35**  
**Sun**      **Keith McQuillan 384 6164**  
 ■      **Moderate** trip to this 1641m peak between Lake Lyndon Road and Porter Heights. Choice of route depending on mood and conditions. Probable snow on the top so an ice axe may be an advantage  
**Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd**      **Approx cost \$15**
- 13 Aug**      **QUAIL ISLAND TREE PLANTING**  
**Saturday**      Spend a satisfying 4 hours planting native trees on the island.  
 Tools and launch ride provided.  
**Book by Thur 11th with Kerry Moore 359 5069**
- 13-14 Aug**      **PUNAKAIKI BASE CAMP**      **Maps BS19,20,K30**  
**Sat-Sun**      **Maureen Thompson 377 2482 or 021 266 5778**  
 ■■      Enjoy the wild west-coast scenery and sub-tropical rainforest at Punakaiki. Arrive Friday night and stay at the cosy character Te Hui House backpacker lodge next to the camp-ground. The beds are made up and it has good facilities. \$29 for dorm bed or \$95 double ensuite. Pot luck dinner Saturday night. Walks are **easy** half-day or full day, such as Cave Creek, Fox River caves etc. The pub is next door and several cafes are handy for coffees. Bring your camera.  
**List closes 5 August**
- 14 Aug**      **MT TORLESSE**      **Maps BW21,L34,35**  
**Sun**      **Raymond Ford 351 9496**  
 ■      Popular **moderate** trip to this almost 2000m peak on the Torlesse Range. Walking up the Kowai River to the hut before the serious climbing begins. Though not tricky it is still a 1100m ascent from the hut. Ice axe and possibly crampons required.  
**Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd**      **Approx cost \$13**

- 20-21 Aug** **MAGDALEN HUT** **Maps BU23,M32**  
**Sat-Sun** **Tim Hines 021 930 186**  
 ■■ Easy side trip off the southern end of the St James Walkway to this small, unusual hut. Mistletoe can be seen growing near the hut. Mixture of beech forest and the open flats of the Boyle river.  
**List closes 13 August**
- 20 Aug** **MANUKA HUT FROM STOUR RIVER** **Maps BX19,K36**  
**Saturday** **Geoff Korver 355 3905**  
 🚲 Easy-moderate biking trip up the Stour River to Manuka Hut.  
**Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd** **Approx cost \$21**
- 21 Aug** **CAPTAIN THOMAS - GODLEY ROAD** **Maps BX24,M36**  
**Sun** **Colin Wilmshurst 383 2471**  
 ■ An easy, popular walkway, taking in coastal views and old military buildings. Starting up the Captain Thomas Track behind Sumner to Evans Pass, before continuing along the ridge to Godley Head and returning to Sumner through Taylors Mistake.  
**Start: 9am Clock Tower, Sumner**
- 27-28 Aug** **BROKEN RIVER HUT** **Maps BW21,K34,L34**  
**Sat-Sun** **Kerry Moore 359 5069**  
 ■■ An easy moderate trip in Castle Hill Basin starting from Flock Hill Station and taking Winding Creek route to Broken River Hut.  
**List closes 20 August**
- 28 Aug** **PUDDING HILL RANGE** **Maps BX20,K35,K36**  
**Sun** **Ruth Barratt 335 0010**  
 ■ Moderate trip From Awa Awa Reserve, cross Pudding Hill Stream and head up the ridge towards 1829m Mount Bruce near Mt Hutt. Return the same way from whichever high point we reach.  
**Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd** **Approx cost \$16**
- 3-5 Sep** **THREE MILE STREAM—MCMILLAN STREAM** **Maps BU22,23,L32,M32**  
**Sat-Mon** **Peter Umbers 359 9118**  
 ■■■ Easy-moderate tramp in Lake Sumner Forest Park. Driving to Lake Mason then walking to Lake Sumner to connect with this circuit.  
**List closes 27 August**
- 4 Sep** **MTS AITKEN - O'MALLEY** **Maps BV20,K33**  
**Sun** **Gary Huish 332 7020**  
 ■ This trip, traversing the range between two of the peaks in Arthur's Pass, makes an excellent moderate round-trip. Take ice axe and crampons  
**Start: 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd** **Approx cost \$25**
- 10-11 Sep** **MT TECHNICAL-WATERFALL CREEK** **Maps BT23,M31**  
**Sat-Sun** **Keith McQuillan 384 6164**  
 ■■ Moderate-hard Lewis Pass tops trip. Starting from the Lewis Pass west car park. Expect lots of tarns and commanding views.  
**List closes 3 September**
- 11 Sep** **MT BRUCE** **Maps BV20,K34**  
**Sun** **Kevin Hughes 332 6281**  
 ■ Moderate tramp over 1630m Mt Bruce at the northern end of the Craigieburns. The route initially follows the track towards Lagoon Saddle, before heading up steep mixed scree and tussock slopes to the summit. There is a steepish scree slope down to the saddle at the head of Broad Stream, which can then be followed out. Great panoramic views from the top.  
**Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd** **Approx cost \$21**

- 17-18 Sep**     **AVALANCHE PEAK - CROW HUT**     **K33    BV20**  
**Sat-Sun**     **Carolyn Catt 332 9472**  
 ■ ■     A classic **moderate** trip ascending Avalanche Peak from Arthurs Pass then following the ridge towards Mt Rolleston before dropping down a scree slope to Crow Hut. Sunday, walk out to Klondyke Corner  
**List closes 10 Sept**
- 17-20 Sep**     **CROSS COUNTRY SKIING**     **F40,41 CB12**  
 ■ ■ ■ ■     **To be confirmed**  
 Cross country skiing originated in Scandinavia thousands of years ago. It's the great-great-grandfather of all ski sports. If you are an intermediate down-hill skier with moderate tramping fitness you will enjoy cross country skiing.  
**List Closes 7 Sept**
- 18 Sep**     **KOWAI RIVER - THE GAP**     **L35    BW21**  
**Sun**     **Chris Leaver 32264445**  
 ■     **Moderate** climb from the Kowhai River to this distinctive feature on the Torlesse range. Views of the plains and Castle Hill Basin.  
**Start: 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd**
- 24-25 Sep**     **ROUGH CREEK - LAKE CHRISTABEL**     **L31 M31    BT22**  
**Sat-Sun**     **Kerry Moore 359 5069**  
 ■ ■     **Moderate** trip starting up Rough Creek from Lewis Pass with good views of Lake C from the saddle on the way to the hut. On day 2 we loop around towards The Grand Duchess onto a ridge and back onto the Rough Creek track.  
**List closes 17 Sept**
- 25-Sep**     **PEAK 1912 - CASS SADDLE**     **K34    BV21**  
**Sun**     **Merv Meredith     322 7239**  
 ■     **Moderate-hard** trip in the Craigieburns. Starting up the Cass River to Long Valley Stream, then up Peak 1912, descending to the Cass Valley track.  
**Meet 0730 Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd**     **Approx cost \$20**
- 1-2 Oct**     **BOULDER COL, RAKAIA**     **J35    BW18,19**  
**Sat-Sun**     **Merv Meredith     322 7239**  
 ■ ■     On Saturday we will wander up the south side of the Rakaia to a campsite near Thompsons Hut. Sunday will be the business end of this trip with a **moderate-hard** day tramp up to this 2000m col promising magnificent Arrowsmith Range views. Jagged Creek takes us to Banfield Hut, then back down the Rakaia River to the cars.  
<http://www.topomap.co.nz/NZTopoMap/nz30571/Boulder-Col/Canterbury>  
**List closes 24 Sept**
- 1 Oct**     **HARRY ELL—MITCHELLS—GILPINS—LATTERS SPUR**     **BX24**  
**Saturday**     **Margot Bowden 332 7020**  
 ■     An **easy** walk from Takahe to Kiwi, doing both tracks on the harbour side of Sugarloaf then down Latters Spur to the Takahe.  
**Meet 9.00am Sign of the Takahe, Hackthorne Road**
- 8-9 Oct**     **DUFFY CREEK**     **L31    BT22**  
**Sat-Sun**     **Merv Meredith     322 7239**  
 ■ ■     A shorter **moderate** hike about 12km past Springs Junction and not far past Lake Stream. A track leads up the valley, but the upper section is untracked through open forest, meaning some bush bashing. As elsewhere in the Victoria Range, campsites near small tarns on the ridge aren't hard to find. Sunday offers a dramatic return via the open eastern ridge, with an easy descent through the bush back to the highway. **List closes 1 Oct**

9 Oct  
Sunday

**QUAIL ISLAND**  
Mary Korver 3553905

M36 BX24

An easy tramp around Quail Island with some stunning cliff top views and interesting history. A chance to look at all those plants you have put in over the years. Launch returns 3.30pm  
Meet at 10.05 on north side of Lyttelton rail over-bridge Cost \$30 for Ferry rides

## SOCIAL EVENTS

Thur 4 Aug

**Botanic D'Lights**

**Dinner at the Pegasus Arms**



Meet at the Museum entrance at 6.10 pm. We will explore an illuminated pathway which turns the Botanic Gardens and conservatories into a glittering winter wonderland. All to the beat of exciting soundscapes and special performances. Gold coin donation. If you get there early there are plenty of hot drinks and tasty street food from a range of food trucks on site. Please bring a torch. We will then walk to the Pegasus Arms for dinner at 7.15 pm. The walk is suitable for children. Names for dinner to Maureen Thompson by **Sunday 31 July**. 021 266 5778, 377 2482 [mothompson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mothompson@xtra.co.nz).

Tues 20 Sept

**Dumpling-making lesson and Chinese Banquet**



Master-chef Yvette will show us how to make dumplings and will provide a selection of takeaways for a Chinese banquet. Meet at Tim Hines's place at 6.15 pm at 73 Parklands Drive, Huntsbury. Park at the top of the very steep drive. We hope to start feasting at about 7.15 pm. Bring \$20 for the meal and your own drinks. Booking to Maureen Thompson by Friday 16 September. Phone 377 2482 or 021 266 5778 or [mothompson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mothompson@xtra.co.nz)

Tues 18 Oct

**The Streaker - Comedy**

**Court Theatre**

By Gregory Cooper Directed by Mark Hadlow Featuring Phil Vaughan  
7.30pm Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016



We have booked the best seats in the Court Theatre, Bernard St, Addington. Book your seat, \$51 discount price by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, with Brian Smith Ph 355 9945, 027 740 3035, or [brian21x@xtra.co.nz](mailto:brian21x@xtra.co.nz)  
Ron Hewlett's lost his job, his mortgage is overdue and his family's on the brink of revolt. So when a Christchurch radio station offers a million dollars to anyone willing to streak naked at the Super Rugby final, Ron's got nothing left to lose – except his pants. How far will Ron go for his family? And how far will he get?  
Sprint to see this brand new un-bare-ably funny comedy from the writer of MAMIL. Contains mature language and themes. May contain nudity.

## NOTES

**Membership:** Our membership is stable with no resignations or new members to report this month

**Deadline for the Sept newsletter:** 30<sup>th</sup> August - send items for the newsletter to Ruth Barratt [rannalong@gmail.com](mailto:rannalong@gmail.com)

**Congratulations** to Jillian Fulcher for her win with the photo 'Green with envy' in the FMC photo competition. Her photo is on page 39 of the June FMC bulletin sent to members recently and on the last page of this newsletter

## COMMITTEE CORRESPONDENCE

The following letter was sent to the FMC Bulletin editor in response to the decision of DOC to downgrade the Wangapeka Track from a 'track' to a 'route'

18th July 2016

### WANGAPEKA TRACK MAINTENANCE DOWNGRADE

As I imagine most clubs did, PTC received advice in June from DoC Westport that the management of the Wangapeka west of Stone Hut, had been changed from a "track" to a "route". The courtesy on DoC's part was appreciated, but as it's been many years since I personally was last along any part of the Wangapeka, the news was a bit of a shock. The Wangapeka after all, is one of our classics, isn't it?

In the past, it seems, it provided a relatively easy east – west multiday crossover that the average trumper, or casual trumper for that matter, could comfortably complete. Yes, it does involve some transport organising if you are not doing a vehicle swop, but isn't that part of the trip experience? And as many trampers and tourist have done, it can be bracketed with the Heaphy.

Yes. I have read the odd report of storm damage, but that's what we expect from time to time in our high country. It may mean that a particular track section, or even bridge, may be closed for some time, but eventually it is restored to as good or better than before.

So what has happened? It appears that routine maintenance has become increasingly difficult for DoC to fund from an increasingly constrained budget. The situation is familiar. I well remember the early 1990's following the start of the fourth National Government and Ruth Richardson's widespread spending cuts. Track maintenance on the West Coast all but ceased on other than the high use tourist tracks. Within eighteen months the hut book entries dried to a dribble, if any, as numerous tracks changed from easily navigated moderate-hard, to difficult if possible at all.

Depressingly, over recent years we seem to be steadily heading back to the same cart-before-the-horse situation, i.e., if storm damage and routine track clearance is not undertaken, the track status falls and so does usage.

I was impressed to read of Nelson Tramping Club's Queen's Birthday weekend crossover on the Wangapeka. Undertaken to show the Buller mayor just how daft the suggestion of building a tourist road right through the Wangapeka is, their trip illustrated in detail the effects of 'changed management classification'

And on the subject of a Tapawera to Karamea road. Isn't this silly proposal one of the reasons that the Wangapeka should be maintained to 'tramping track' standard? So that numbers using the track rebuild and consequently the value in every respect of the track, to our country.

Merv Meredith, Peninsula TC, Christchurch

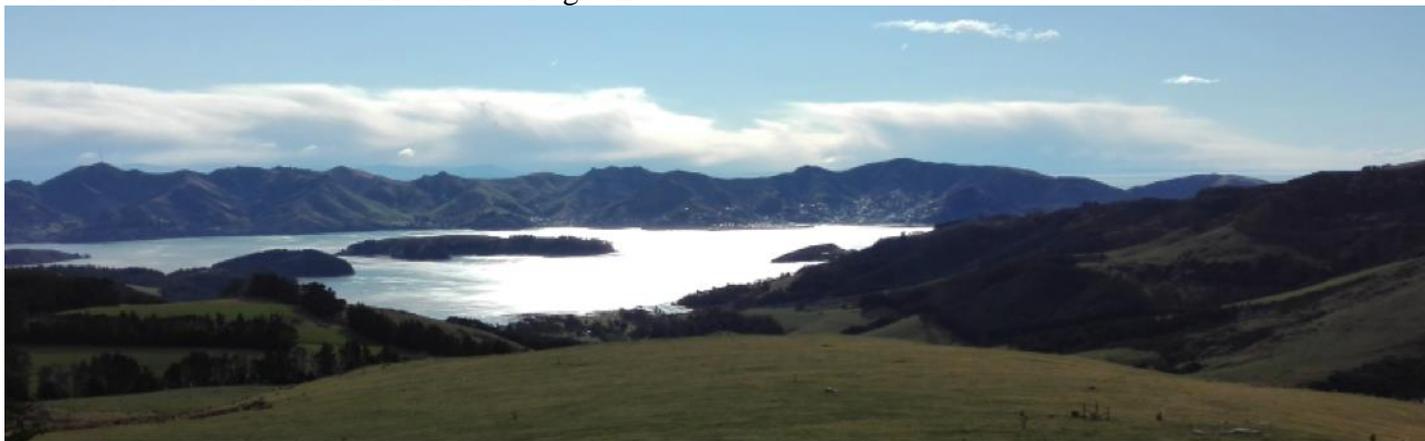
## TRIP REPORTS

### Gebbies - Packhorse – Orton Bradley — Sun 24 July 2016

Predicted rain and gusty NWers for the Paterson Hill environs made us switch to the Peninsula. Six of us parked at Gebbies Pass and set off in cool, sunny conditions. The initial part of the track was a bit slushy then we were on a carpet of pine needles. A logged area has pushed the track out onto grassland, then we were back in dense, dark forest. About a kilometre from Packhorse Hut the track exits the forest and leads to the impressive, remarkable even, Remarkable Dykes. The NWER had us hanging onto our hats so we were pleased to escape the wind and join other people in the hut for an early lunch. We saw quite a few people, even a dog, going in various directions during the day. Soon the area will close for a few months to let the woollies have their lambies in peace.



The wind discouraged Helen and Jill from going onwards alongside Mt Bradley on the harbour-side track. This worked well and allowed four to go on and for Helen to drive a car to Orton-Bradley Park after returning to Gebbies. The on-going group had a second lunch in the lea of pines in the upper part of O-B Park and it took us another hour to walk out to the road where Helen was waiting. This is a good winter walk, helped by having the grand old stone hut as a warm lunch spot. The start-point is at 160m and Packhorse Hut at 450m making for a gentle climb and you get to see the harbour from a range of angles. We were trying to recall some titles that North Korean leaders were given.



Our Great, Wise, Esteemed, Peerless leader was **Graeme Paltridge**, accompanied loyally by **Helen Harkness**, **Penny Coffey**, **Jill Fenner**, **Norman Burdon** and **Kerry Moore** 🏠 KM

**FMC Below Bushline - Winner - 'Green with Envy' - Jillian Fulcher**

