



*PTC Monthly  
Newsletter*

**October 2016**

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<b>New Member Enquiries</b>	Stan Wilder	260 2340	Contact Stan to request an info-pack. You will also receive three complimentary newsletters
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**Our Club**

The PTC 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.



**Notice of PTC Special General Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October**

A Special General Meeting will be held on **11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm PROMPTLY (prior to Club Night)** to consider the following motion put by our Treasurer, Sue Piercey:

*‘That the subscriptions for our 2017 financial year remain at \$30.00 for electronic membership but be increased from \$35.00 to \$40.00 for hardcopy membership’.*

The Executive Committee recommends and supports the motion. The rationale for this proposal is:- 1. FMC affiliation fee for 2017, due 31st May 2017, is to increase from \$10.00 pp to \$15.00 pp.

2. The proposal to increase ONLY the hardcopy subscription is to recognise our ACTUAL costs of printing and postage, thereby resulting in an accurate balance between the two sub types.
3. Although the \$5.00 increase has been applied to only half our membership, the Executive believes this will still cover our projected costs for 2017.

## Club Nights

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

**Tues 11 Oct**



**David Ellis – 4 generations of New Zealand-made outdoor clothing**

David Ellis - founder and owner of the specialised outdoor clothing brand Earth Sea Sky will talk about his 35 years experience designing and making outdoor clothing and equipment in New Zealand. His grandfather started the Fairydown brand and supplied Sir Edmund Hillary the sleeping bag he used during the first ascent of Mt Everest. His father joined the business and was the engineer that accompanied Hillary on his tractor trip to the South Pole.

"Life's a journey, we provide the clothes"

During the evening David a keen outdoor enthusiast will talk about his unique family heritage, remarkable characters he has meet along the way, interesting places he has visited, some misunderstandings of the importance of efficient layering systems as well as the secret of how Earth Sea Sky survives in a world of exaggerated marketing claims, huge advertising budgets and discounts - A night of entertainment not to be missed!

**Supper Duty: Andrew Duck, Jill Fenner**

**Tues 8 Nov**



**Lambert Glacier and Sierra Range Geoff Spearpoint et al**

Two superb 10-day PTC tramping club trips led by Geoff Spearpoint will be described with the adventure to the Lambert Glacier to the north of the Garden of Allah in 2015 and the traverse of the Sierra Range to the west of Mt Sefton in 2016

**Supper Duty: Wendy Dann, Julie Davis, Jillian**

**Fulcher**

**Tues 13 Dec Christmas celebration with activities**

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## Committee Notes

- ✓ The PTC has adopted one of the five proposed ECAN/WELRA blocks of 'Wilding Pines' for clearance over the next two years. This means that wilding pines days will be organised at the convenience of the club. See map and notes on last page of this newsletter for details. Our's is Block 4.
- ✓ Is your Emergency Personal Information Sheet up to date and in your tramping pack? All members should have received a pink form to record their personal emergency contacts and other information when they joined the club. These were re-issued again a couple of years ago and spare forms are available on club nights. The PTC would like members to carry the form in their personal first aid kit at all times and they are especially important on overnight tramps.
- ✓ FMC advice re. freedom camping and camping at road ends. If there are particular problems with camping at road ends due to either DoC imposed rules or council by-laws please let the PTC executive know. FMC have advised a few ways to get around the Act:
  - Find a suitable patch of private land to camp on. The Act only applies to council land and the public conservation estate.

- Avoid using a tent, your own shelter or sleeping in a vehicle. If you are under the stars or a tree you are not camping under the definition in the Act. (It could still get unpleasant if a council or DoC warden challenges you on this.)
- Be at least 200m from a vehicle track, from the mean low water spring tide line or from a great walk.

**Next committee meeting:** 7:30pm Tue 25<sup>th</sup> October

## Forthcoming 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.

**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**      **QUAIL ISLAND**      **M36**    **BX24**  
**Sunday**    **Mary Korver 3553905**

- 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- Cost \$30 for Ferry rides bridge**

**15-17 Oct**    **LAKE MORGAN**      **BU21**  
**Kerry Moore 359 5069**

- \*\*\* A **moderate-hard** trip in the Lake Brunner area going up the Haupiri Rr and climbing above the bushline to Lake Morgan Hut. Day two takes us past beautiful Lake Morgan and on to Cone Creek Hut. The last day sees us back near Gloriavale Community via the Haupiri Rr **List closes 8 Oct**

**16-Oct**      **TE OKA RESERVE TRACK**      **N37**    **BY24**  
**Sun**      **Bruce Cameron**      **365 8210**

- \* From Bossu Road an **easy** descent through this 903 hectare reserve to splendid Te Oka Bay on

the south coast of Banks Peninsula

**Start: 8am Halswell School 437 Halswell Rd**

**Approx cost \$8**

- 22-24 Oct FREEHOLD CREEK – DUMBELL H38 BZ14**  
 Lab wknd Merv Meredith 322 7239
- \*\*\* Moderate three-day tramp on to very nice tops near the Ohau skifield. Plenty of alpine tarns to camp beside. Grand views of the main divide.  
**List closes 15 Oct**
- 22-24 Oct BARKER HUT K33,K34 BV20**  
 Lab Wknd Gary Huish 332 7020
- \*\*\* Hard trip at the head of the Waimakiriri River. Walk into Carrington on Friday night and early start and continue to Barker Hut on Saturday. The intention is to climb Mt Harper or Mt Speight early Saturday and walk out late on Sunday. Ice axe and crampons
- List closes 15 Oct 22-24 Oct KELLYS CK - HUNTS SADDLE - KELLY RANGE K33 BV20**  
 Kevin Hughes 332 6281
- \*\*\* A moderate-hard circuit starting high. A short day to Carroll Hut then a longer day along the Kelly Range to Hunts Saddle and on to Hunts Creek Hut. On Sunday out along the Kelly Stream track. See trip notes that Kevin circulated.  
**List closes 15 Oct**
- 29-30 Oct KELLY RANGE – TAIPO K33 BV20**  
 Kerry Moore 359 5069
- \*\* From near Otira, a steepish forest climb to Carroll Hut, just above the bush-line then on to a poled route over the tops. Staying at Dillon Hut on the Taipo River.  
**List closes 22 Oct**
- 30-Oct GOLLA PEAK M33 BV23**  
 Sun Christine Leaver 322 6445
- \* Moderate trip on rolling farmland up the spur beside Pig Gully to 1285m Golla peak. We'll be looking down on a point where the Waipara River heads NE and the Okuku heads SW  
**Start: 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St Approx cost \$14**
- 4-7 Nov MT TAPUAE-O-UENNUKU O29,30 BS27**  
 Milan Brisnik 03 313 2955
- \*\*\*\* NZ's highest summit north of Mt Cook NP is in the Inland Kaikoura Range, and happens to be a tramper's peak, for those competent with ice axe and crampons. We'd like to approach it from the Clarence River side rather than from the Hodder. We are allowing 4 days in case of weather.  
**List closes 22 Oct**
- 5-Nov GLENROCK STREAM - TURTONS SADDLE K35 BW19,20**  
 Saturday Angela Grigg 03-318-1988
- \* A moderate tramp on part of Te Araroa trail east of Double Hill Station and Godley Peak. From

the saddle we climb 600m to point 1805m with views across to Petticoat Lane and Godley Peak.

**Start: 7:30am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd**

**Approx cost \$16**

**11-13 Nov LAKE CLEARWATER BASE**

**J36 BX18**

**Show Wkd Geoff & Mary Korver 355 3905**

\*\*\* Base camping at this site with plenty of options--Harper, Guy, Sunday, Potts, or just lazing around.

**List closes 1 Nov**

**11-13 Nov PENNY PASS M33 BV21 Show Merv Meredith 322 7239 wknd**

\*\*\* **Moderate-hard** tramp in APNP. Starting over Casey Saddle, we'll head up the Poulter River,

past remote Lake Minchin, skirt Minchin Pass cross Penny Pass and exit down Thompson Stream.

**List closes 5 Nov**

**11-13 Nov LAKE ANGELUS - HOPELESS CREEK**

**M29,N29 BS24**

**Show Kerry Moore 359 5069 wknd**

\*\*\* **Moderate** tramp to this alpine gem in Nelson Lakes National Park, staying in the large hut then on to remote Hopeless Creek Hut via Sunset Saddle. Route is steep and rocky in places.

**List closes 5 Nov**

**11-13 Nov GLORIANA AND FAERIE QUEENE**

**M31 BT23**

**Show wkd Raymond Ford 351 9496**

\*\*\* Taking the Camera Gully route to the big tarn below Gloriana and on to Faerie Queene. Ssome

may want to settle for the easier Gloriana. **Moderate-hard List closes 5 Nov**

**13-Nov MT BRADLEY FROM ORTON BRADLEY**

**M36 BX24**

**Sun Evelien Baas 358 5521**

\* **Easy-moderate** climb to this flat-topped 855m peak through bluffs via the old "eye of the needle" route if possible, otherwise we'll find a way onto the plateau from the NW side. The eye of the needle route was damaged by earthquakes.

**8am PM Hospital, Hackthorne Rd end, across the road by the Approx cost \$6 river**

**19-20 Nov CARLYLE HUT, GLENHOPE STATION**

**M32 BU23**

**Awaiting leader. Call Kerry Moore 359 5069 if you can help**

\*\* Cross the Hope River Bridge and park on the edge of Glenhope Station then walk the flat **easymoderate** track up Carlyle Stream to this unusual hut in the valley below the Poplars Range.

**List closes 12 Nov**

**20 Nov MT MISERY**

**Maps BV20 K34,**

**Sun Merv Meredith 322 7239**

■ **Moderate** tramp over 1765m Mt Misery at the end of the Black Range above Cass. Don't be put off by the name. Great panoramic views from the top including Mt Horrible.

**Start: 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd**

**Approx cost \$19**

**26-28 Nov MT ADAMS**

**Maps BW17 I34,35,**





This year from Dec 26 2016 to 2 Jan 2017 the club will be running a traditional base camp like Dennis Kemp used to run. This year Leo Manders will be running this at Onamulutu at the base of Richmond Forest Park. I will be present for the whole duration in my campervan. If you want to spend Christmas day here let me know and will organise a Christmas dinner. Please contact me Leo Manders 356 1731, 027442 6080, leomanders@paradise.net.nz if you have any questions. No need to book just turn up. (see September Footnotes for more details)

## Social Events

**Tues 18 Oct    The Streaker - Comedy Court Theatre**    Featuring Phil Vaughan

By Gregory Cooper    Directed by Mark Hadlow

7.30pm Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016



**Thur 24 Nov    Mt Vernon Farm track loop followed by dinner at Protocol**

Meet at 6.00 pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at the Mt Vernon Valley track car park. (Go to the far end of



Hillsborough Terrace and turn left after Heybridge Lane down a narrow lane to the car park). We will do a loop walk up the Farm track with good views over the city. Back to the cars at 7.15 pm and drive to Protocol at 2 Colombo St for dinner at

7.30 pm. Mains \$27 – \$36, Pizzas \$21, smaller dishes \$14 – \$18.

No need to book for the walk but please book for the restaurant by Friday 18 November.

Maureen Thompson 377 2482, 021 2665778, [mothompson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:mothompson@xtra.co.nz)

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## Notes

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

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

## Trip Reports

**Magdelan Hut, Lewis Pass - 20th & 21st August**

Magdelan hut is a small 6 bunk hut so we limited the group to one car load. The four of us left around 8.20 and arrived at the Boyle outdoor centre a couple of hours later. We chose to leave the car in the outdoor centre for safety and searched around for the caretakers to pay our fee. Eventually they surfaced and we were

surprised at the abuse and insults from the male caretaker as we approached. Luckily his partner was much more hospitable and treated us to a cuppa and biscuits. We learnt that there was somebody living in the hut on a semi permanent basis but no others planning to go to Magdalen. It was no guarantee as others could have parked in the main car park or be coming in from the opposite direction. Keith had retained the club gear from his previous trip so we had a tent just incase.

The weather was clear but a little chilly as we set off on the relatively easy tramp into the hut. There was snow on the peaks but only the occasional patch on the ground. The track is easy to follow as it's the St James walkway.



The weekend trip was the first overnight trip for a potential new member, Andrea, so Keith, Norman and myself agreed that a detailed evaluation of the new member would be required. The usual criteria would be considered such as willingness to carry other people's gear, tea making, breakfast in bed, free snacks and nibbles etc, etc. Keith will be submitting a full report to the committee.

The track was relatively flat so we made good progress and eventually caught up with a large mixed scout group. We shared the lunch spot on a grassy flat near the river but did not linger too long due to the cold. Fortunately the scouts were off to the much bigger Boyle flat hut.

Keith led the way and followed the "new" yellow triangles instead of the traditional orange. These led us onto the river flats and a minor detour back up the bank to the walking track. There is a shorter route to the hut if you cut across the Boyle river but, as its winter and we were in no hurry, we carried on to the swing bridge and back along the opposite bank to the hut.



We arrived at the hut to find a rifle and other hunting equipment around plus a couple of horses tethered near the hut. These belonged to Sean, who was working on the tracks. The DOC area manager was also staying and had bought his wife, daughter and dog to the hut for their first overnight stay. With 4 of us we were



already seven people. We decided to put up the tent but then Sean volunteered to go to his tent as "it was not his home" and he would have plenty more nights there. So we all had a bunk. We dropped our gear and went off looking for the old huts which Keith had visited with a four wheel drive club many years ago. No luck, we could not find them but when we got back the new loo had a large concrete patio...which turned out to be the base of the old hut. The tent came in useful as another couple of trampers arrived.

Marion unfortunately had to back out from the trip but had prepared a sumptuous meal for us. Keith added a special touch to the rice when he accidentally poured Normans port into the pot! After the meal we spent the evening chatting with Sean and the doc ranger. We were advised to organise a trip to the newly renovated Stanley Vale hut. Put that on the list Kerry.

Sean leads an interesting life and told us he has spent about 3 months around the area marking out horse riding tracks...the yellow triangles. He restocked his supplies by riding the horses into Hanmer which allowed him to carry a decent load.

A full hut, a hot dinner and a fully stocked woodburner transformed the hut into the Magdalen sauna for the night....very warm!! The doc ranger disappeared to sleep outside because it was way too hot.

The next morning we considered a round trip along the St James to Boyle Flat hut but the promise of a full roast lunch

at Boyle lodge was too appealing so we had a steady walk back to the lodge. We arrived back at the lodge to more insults from one caretaker but made up by a nice cup of tea and biscuits from the other. No roast lunch!!

Our group was: Tim Hines, Keith McQuillon, Norman Burdon and Andrea Goebel. With special assistance from the 'caretakers' Nick and Marg.

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## **Captain Thomas-Godley Road, 21st August 2016**

Our party of 7 set off from the clock tower at Sumner at a favourable hour. After a short road bash to join the Captain Thomas Track we were soon gaining height and into a bit of bush, banter and bird song. We eventually joined Evans Pass Road and then joined the Crater Rim walkway which rewarded us with spectacular views across Lyttelton Harbour and the busy port.

After we spent a bit of time watching a cargo vessel coming into port and this year spring lambs jumping around, we headed along the Crater Rim walkway onto Godley Head. It was a short but restful lunch break just above the WW11 coastal defence battery gun emplacements and then onto Taylors Mistake beach past Boulder Bay.





After a quick stop at the beach to admire the surfers, we headed over Taylors Mistake Road to the top of Scarborough Hill via a bit of road bashing, and then down through Nicholson Park. We ended a pleasant days walking at the Christchurch 360 Trail sign at Scarborough Park.

Big thanks to Colin Wilmshurst for leading. Report and photos by Jillian Fulcher

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### **Mist Opportunity. Kowai Stream, Sunday 18 Sept 2016**

Three cars carried 13 people to the big pines. We were hoping to walk up to The Gap via Kowai Stream. A rare addition to the team was Paul and Susan Bingham with 12 year old son Oliver who's already a veteran of many trips.



After a brief stop at the newly enlarged and refurbished Kowai Hut we took the true-left route up-river. At a branch of the stream we



started a gentle climb then guided by Paul we left the stream and climbed steeply up a spur.

At about 1200m mist enshrouded us so reluctantly we turned back, less than a km from our quest. All were back at the cars by 4pm on what was by then a grey day.

### **Rough Creek – Lake Christabel—24-25 Sept 2016**

Mid-week weather predictions were encouraging but as Saturday approached the picture turned gloomy. Six of us needed an old Holden with bench seats but had to use two cars. After leaving one car at Maruia Springs and the other at Rough Creek, we were walking by 10:30. The flat terrain soon tilts upwards and big red beech give way to smaller trees. After two crossings of Rough Creek the track heads up through dracophylum trees and astelias to the tussocklands.



Above Rough Creek. Photo by David Ramm

We followed the poled route for a way then detoured to the head of the valley with soft snow covering about a third of the land. Crossing a low pass in drizzle we looked down on patchy snow which we tried to skirt as much as possible. Someone's water bottle went down a snow-slope and was irretrievable. Another bottle slid 50m but we collected it. At the forest margin Kerry looked for a direct way down to the lakeside but quickly retreated. We sidled in low scrub for nearly a kilometre before we could find a tolerable slope to descend.

At this point we were running short of daylight and we were well above the lake. Descending in forest by torch-light Norman fell forward hitting his head on a rock. The only option was to stop and crudely pitch our spectrum fly on the hill-side. A large red beech stopped us sliding downhill as we huddled for a long drizzly night. Our guest trumper from Dunedin, Sharen showed an excellent "bed-side" manner, sitting with the patient while wearing her warm coat and used her sleeping bag to keep Norman warm.

It was clear that Norman couldn't walk down to the lake so at first light we activated the PLB. The rescue chopper arrived in 40min then had difficulty zeroing in on us. Diane and Kerry walked down to Lake C where the copter pilot told us they'd found our people and a medic was tending to Norman. We learned that the PLB signal was indicating that our camp was down at lake level not 400m up. Diane and Kerry walked 30 minutes to Lake C Hut. Jane and Sharen were winched up and taken to the hut, then Norman and Graeme. Then we were told five of us would be taken to the car at the main road in two five minute trips. Norman would go to Greymouth Hospital for observation. The thrill-seekers amongst us were thrilled. Jane who'd taken a little whack to her chin as she was winched up through the trees, wasn't as enthusiastic. With our nine-hour hike on a poled route and down Rough Creek by-passed, we five were home by mid-afternoon. Norman's daughter collected him that evening from Greymouth.



The view from Lake Christabel Hut

The story doesn't end there. In the scramble to get on the chopper Kerry left a jacket with wallet in the hut. Worried that someone else would get to it he returned, escorted by club member David Ramm. They reclaimed the lost property on the Tue and spent two nights at the hut. With lots of photo stops and taking the poled route both ways they took nine hours for each leg in mostly fine weather. South-facing slopes on the poled route had deep, soft snow—much more than in the basin at the head of Rough Creek. Norman reports that he is recovering well and wishes to thank those who helped him through the incident.

We were: **Diane Melish, Graeme Hunter, Norman Burdon, Jane Smith, Sharen French and Kerry Moore** 🏔️ KM **David Ramm** was property reclamation assistant



Climbing to the low pass in Rough Creek Basin

### Wilding Pines Blocks - the PTC has adopted Block 4



