



*PTC Monthly  
Newsletter*  
**June 2017**

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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.

**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 13 Jun**



**Cycling the Croatian Islands - Lorraine Wilmshurst**

In late May / early June 2016, Lorraine and Malcolm spent a week cycling on the islands off the Dalmatian Coast, near Split. They cycled up and down across these islands, experiencing the countryside, culture, local hospitality, sailing and swimming..

**Supper Duty:** Anne and Grant Hunter

**Tues 11 Jul**



Share your photos with other club members. Bring your collection on a flash drive for showing on the night. The Club will also be collecting and showing photos for the FMC competition but don’t feel that your photos have to live up to that standard

**Supper Duty:** John Haylock and Tim Hines



## 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.

### Bike Trips

The Club has a mountain biking section, Fat Tyre Fanatics, who head out on casual day trips throughout the year. For details in biking trips contact Chris Leaver 322 6445, or [ptc75@clear.net.nz](mailto:ptc75@clear.net.nz).

- 11 Jun Sun.**      **Hogs Back**      **K34 BW21**  
**Sue Piercey 384 9567**  
\* **Easy-moderate** loop to the peak behind Cheeseman's Forest Lodge in the Craigieburn Range. Great views of the range and its beech forests.  
**Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd**      **Approx cost \$15**
- 17-19 Jun**      **Waitaha--Kiwi Flat**      **BW17**  
**Bill Templeton 354 2277**  
\*\*\* We'll take the new track up the north side of the Waitaha to Kiwi Flat Hut. Sunday, Scamper Torrent Hut for lunch Monday, back to cars, **moderate-hard**  
**List closes 10 Jun**
- 18 Jun Sun.**      **Pines Beach Walkway**      **M35 BW24**  
**Keith McQuillan 384 6164**  
\* **Easy** walkway along the coast of Pegasus Bay with views from Banks Peninsula to the Kaikouras.  
**Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St**      **Approx cost \$3**
- 24-25 Jun**      **Lake Daniels**      **L31,M31 BT22,23**  
**Awaiting leader. Call Kerry M 359 5069 if you can help**  
\*\* **Easy** trip to this beautiful lake to the west of Lewis Pass, surrounded by beech-forested hills. The high standard walking track is suitable for children.  
**List closes 17 Jun**
- 24-Jun Saturday**      **Chch 360° Sugarloaf Hills 1**  
\* This **easy** 9km leg of the CHRISTCHURCH 360 TRAIL climbs from Halswell Quarry up through Kennedy's Bush to the Crater Rim Walkway, finishing at the Sign of the Kiwi. This is a joint PTC/community group walk so you will meet a number of keen, non-PTC, day walkers.  
**9.00am at the Halswell Quarry carpark**
- 25 Jun Sun.**      **Og, Gog, Magog**      **L34 BV21**  
**Bruce Cameron 365 8210**  
\* These Ogs come in a row and they all line up so we can knock them off in one **easy-moderate** walk. We'll be looking into the Waimak Rr before it reaches the gorgy section.  
**Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd**      **Approx cost \$17**

- 1-2 Jul**      **Hawdon mid-winter Base**      **K33 BV21**  
**Keith McQuillan 384 6164**  
**\*\***      Staying at cosy Kidson Lodge in the Hawdon Valley and doing a range of trips. Going Fri from 4pm so we have a full day on Saturday. Festive mid-winter food and fun  
**List closes 24 Jun**
- 1-July**      **Pigeon Bay Walkway**      **N36 BX25**  
**Sat.**      **Liz Stephenson 027 633 2038**  
**\***      An **easy**, mostly flat walk alongside Pigeon Bay to the impressive heads  
**8am PMH, Hackthorne Rd end, over the rd by the rr**
- 8-9 Jul**      **Youngman Stream Hut--Lilburne Hill**      **M34 BV22**  
**Gary Huish 332 7020**  
**\*\***      **Easy-moderate** tramp to Youngman Stream Hut in the upper Ashley. We will exit via Lilburne Hill and Tarn Hut  
**List closes 1 July**
- 9-Jul**      **Mt White**      **L33,L34 BV21**  
**Sun.**      **Merv Meredith 322 7239**  
**\***      We drive in from Mt White bridge to Mt White Station for a **moderate** climb up open spurs to this 1741m peak. Take ice axe and crampons in case of snow  
**Meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd**      **Approx cost \$25**
- 15-16 Jul**      **North Opuha - Spurs Hut**      **J38 BV21**  
**Calum McIntosh 376 6133**  
**\*\***      **Moderate** tramp to the North Opuha River hut with a climb to Point 2001 in the Ben McCloud Range.  
**List closes 8 July**
- 16-Jul**      **East Enders Track**      **N36,M36 BX24**  
**Sun.**      **Helen Harkness 384 2890**  
**\***      An **easy** exploration of both sides of the Summit Road round Greenwood Park visiting Windsor Castle, Jollies Bush and Mt. Pleasant.  
**Meet 9am Barnett Park**
- 22-25 Jul**      **Kepler Track**      **C43 CD07,08**  
**Peter Umbers 359 9118**  
**\*\*\*\***      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). Traverse the ridgelines of the Kepler Mountains, drop down to beautiful Lake Manapouri, before heading back through peaceful beech forest.  
**List closes 8 July**
- 22-23 Jul**      **Hope-Kiwi Lodge**      **L32, M32 BU22,23**  
**Pauline Hill 357 8136**  
**\*\***      **Easy-moderate** tramp in Lake Sumner Forest Park, overnighing in Hope Kiwi Lodge. Good track all the way through beech forest and river terraces  
**List Closes 15 July**
- 22 Jul**      **Ryde Falls**      **L34 BW22**  
**Sat.**      **Mary McKeown 358 7717**  
**\***      **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.  
**Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St**      **Approx cost \$10**
- 29-30 Jul**      **Crow Hut**      **K34 BV20**  
**Raymond Ford 351 9496**  
**\*\***      **Easy-moderate** tramp to a comfortable hut (with woodfire) in a clearing between forested slopes and the Waimakariri River in Arthur's Pass National Park. **List closes 22 July**



27 Aug

**Maukuratawhai**

N31 BT24,25

Sun

**Merv Meredith 322 7239**

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Over Jacks Pass behind Hanmer, this **moderate** tramp climbs to the 1615m summit

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

**Approx cost \$23**

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### Tues 20 June **Cashmere Capers**



Meet at Gary and Margot's house, 5 Patchett Place, Cashmere Hills, at 6pm for an exploration of places you may not have seen (or recognise again). Bring a head torch for the walk. Followed by a potluck dinner at 7.15pm. Please let Margot know if you are coming by Sunday, 18 June. Contact: Margot Bowden 332 7020 or [margot.bowden@gmail.com](mailto:margot.bowden@gmail.com).

### Tues 18 July **City Lights**



See the regeneration progress followed by dinner. Follow the extent of the city's reconstruction at night. We will walk the well light city streets for a different view of downtown. Meet at 6pm at the corner of Armagh and Manchester Streets (Margaret Mahy Playground). Dinner is at Mumbaiwala, Indian Street Kitchen, BNZ Centre, 120 Hereford, Christchurch Central at 7.15pm. Meals from \$13-\$27. Restaurant is licensed. Please let Margot Bowden know if you are coming to dinner by Sunday 16 July. Phone 332 7020 or [margot.bowden@gmail.com](mailto:margot.bowden@gmail.com)

## NOTES

**Membership:** There were no new members or no resignations for last month

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

**Next Committee Meeting:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### **Trip Photos:**

The Club maintains a gallery of photographs on its website. Keeping this up to date allows people to see what recent trips the Club has undertaken. Can trip leaders send or nominate someone to send some photographs from each trip to Kevin Hughes, [ptc@nivek.co.nz](mailto:ptc@nivek.co.nz), so we can keep this record current?

### **PTC - FMC Photo Competitions 2017**

Again this year, we are planning a full PTC competition to choose entries for the FMC Photo Competition moved to a different time slot for 2017 and closes on 15th September. Entries to the PTC competition are open NOW, so please have a look at your recent piccies, load some on a memory stick and pass to Brian Smith or ask Brian how best to submit. Closing date for entries to the PTC competition is 30th June 2017.

Full details of the PTC and FMC Photo Competition, including categories, formats, etc. shall be circulated again on Communicator.

Merv M

### **Queen's Service Medal for Geoff Spearpoint**

Congratulations to one of our members, Geoff Spearpoint, who was awarded the **Queen's Service Medal** for services to outdoor recreation in this year's Queen's Birthday Honours List.



## TRIP REPORTS

### Deception – Mingha 4-5 March 2017

The car off-loaded three people and four packs and drove back to Arthurs Pass village to park at DoC HQ. There it stayed for the two days waiting patiently for people to return. Kerry walked down to the shop and nabbed a ride from a tourist couple who'd been staying at the backpackers so he could start his walk over Morrison footbridge and hopefully catch up to Vesna, Jane and Graeme. They had set off at 10am and had instructions to stop and wait at 11am. Walking along the newly cut bush track beside the river, in sunny weather, Kerry caught up at 11:05. The track is very well marked to assist the coast-to-coast runners. We were overtaken by two pairs of runners and met three guys who'd stayed at Upper Deception Hut. A 1pm lunch sustained us till we reached the Upper Deception Hut. Our goal, Goat Pass Hut was 2km on, and 300m higher. It's a wonder that people can run over such lumpy terrain without doing themselves damage.

We were happy to see some nice rata flowers. Usually you only see it on a hillside but we got a close-up view of a young tree in full-bloom, right on the track. The afternoon clouded over and a hint of drizzle showed as we reached a half-full Goat Pass Hut after an eight-hour hike. The veranda at its western end is enclosed against the wind that blows up the valley—ideal when taking off wet boots. Dinner was an easy one-pot macaroni with fish then an easier-still butterscotch inst pud on crumbled gingernuts.



Sunday dawned clear and breezy and we made a leisurely 9:30 start with Vesna leading the way and still managing to stay in front while taking photos of sunshine through the mists. Low manuka on river flats gave us shelter from the wind at lunch-time. Kerry made a direct line for the road while the others skirted road works and headed to Greyneys Shelter. Hitching wasn't successful until a campervan driven by an English tourist stopped. He said, "nobody hitches in the UK, its too dangerous". Soon all four trampers were back in the trusty Mazda headed for home. Our walk out took about five hours so we arrived home late afternoon. We were: **Vesna Mojsilovic, Jane Smith, Graeme Hunter and Kerry Moore.** 🏠 KM



On the Goat Pass board-walk

## Rod Donald Hut – 13-14 May 2017

4 of us set off from Kaituna Valley with the signpost saying 6-7 hours to the Hut.

We climbed up from the valley and had a short break at the newly refurbished Pack Horse Hut, which is now an online booking hut. We continued on climbing on a rather slippery track, but arrived safely at the Mt Herbert Shelter for a 1 pm sunny lunch stop. After travelling across the top of Mt Herbert, with a cold, keen wind blowing, we reached the Rod Donald Hut around 4.30pm – about 6 hours tramping.

This hut is a very pleasant 9 bunker, situated above the Western Valley Road, with a wonderful view towards Little River. The hut has been totally upgraded and also required online booking. We amicably shared the hut with a family of 3.

The next day we woke to a frosty morning, but undeterred we headed on and down towards Pettigrews Rd, where we were to liaise with our car shuffling team.

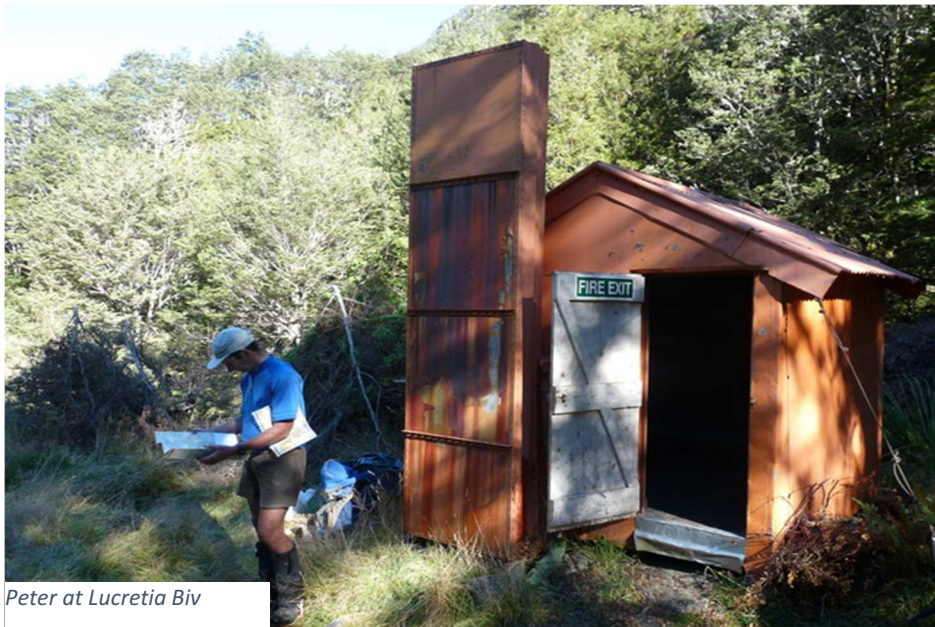
All in all a very pleasant weekend with great company.

We were: Keith McQuillan, Geoff Korver, Mary McKeown, Gavin Chalk, with Tim, Andrea and Mary Korver as the shuffle team. KM

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## Nina - Lucretia - Brass Monkey - Lewis Tops 22-23 April 2017

Four signed on for this trip but on the day Merv and Kerry were waiting by Merv's car for a no-show who'd cancelled at the last minute but the message didn't get through on time. When Kerry checked his answering machine there was the message so we drove the short distance to Peter's place and parked Merv's car in favour of Peter's smaller machine. We'd planned to start walking at 0930 but it was more like 1000 when we set off up the Nina. At the bridge we stayed on the true left rather than crossing to the Nina Hut track. An hour on, we came to a little marker telling us we were at Lucretia Stream and the biv was another two hours. For a less-travelled route the track is pretty good and above the biv quite useable with permalat markers. The standard bright orange biv has a fire-place so is called a hut on the topo-50 map.



Peter at Lucretia Biv

Its in a pleasant clearing and would be a nice place to stay. Above the biv/hut we lost the track briefly a few times when going through patches of ferns. At the head of the valley where the beech forest appeared to cease the track leads up through forest at a steep angle eventually getting above the tree-line and emerges only one and a half "squares" from the biv. A climb to nearly 1600m and then a 300m drop down a spur to the biv and we were happy trampers. The biv had one guest already--an agreeable young man--Tom from Auckland. Kerry set to cooking while Peter and Merv pitched the

olympus tent. Dinner was macaroni with cream cheese and fish, then true-to-form, custard on gingernuts.

The night was milder than we expected so Merv's winter sleeping bag was overkill. We chose to take the Lewis tops route out to the road. Looking down towards Maruia Springs a valley fog persisted as we walked past many tarns in fine weather. Mt Technical beckoned but will have to wait for another day. The track through forest sidles parallel to the highway for quite a way and emerges opposite the Cannibal Gorge car park. With the car back at the Nina, Peter had to hitch a ride and an obliging Chch TC member gave him a ride

in their campervan. We were motoring by 4pm so were able to catch a late afternoon tea/coffee at Culverden where Merv dazzled (or baffled) Peter with PTC trip expense arithmetic. It did get a bit complex with Kerry providing the food and paying for petrol at Amberley. A great trip ably led by **Peter Umbers** with **Merv Meredith** and **Kerry Moore** along for the adventure. **KM**



Brass Monkey Biv just visible by the double tarn

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### **Chch 360: Dunes - Wetlands 21 May 2017**

Possible rain in the morning didn't eventuate but the cold SW wind persisted as four set out from Spencer Park to begin the Dunes, Wetlands section of the Christchurch 360° Trail. The two drivers were taking a car to the Pages Road end of the track then returning to catch the others. We were soon in the vast Bottle Lake plantation with its array of tracks. The 360 Trail logo appears in places to guide the walker. Helen had done the track before so was a valuable guide. Often she would take us in directions that were far from intuitive. At the end two of our six had to find a sunny spot out of the wind and wait for the Spencerville car to be retrieved but all were home by 3pm. The route goes through forest, suburban streets, the Travis Wetlands and the green grass of the red zone; a good day out. We were: **Irene Kilgour, Helen Harkness, Wendy Templeton, Ainslie Talbot, Derek Gane and Kerry Moore** \*\* **KM**

