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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 14 Sept



The Summit Road Society's Ohinetahi Reserve

Anne Kennedy will get down to the nuts and bolts of how the Ohinetahi Work Party each Tuesday, year-round, maintain and steadily improve the 150 hectare Ohinetahi Reserve above Governors Bay.

To simplify covid precautions there will be **no supper** after the talk.

Be sure to bring your **mask and phone** for QR scanning.

Tuesday 12 Oct



Tassie Travels

PTC member **Dan Pryce** will tell us about walking **Tasmania's Overland Track** from Cradle Mountain through to Lake St Claire over a week in mid-June this year. Cradle Mountain - Lake St Clair National Park is one of Australia's most famous national parks, with its grand glaciated landscape and wonderful flora and fauna.

Social Events

Tuesday 21 Sept



Cracroft Wetlands Stroll plus BYO takeaways

Di Mellish will lead us on a sunset walk in her neighbourhood, then back to her place. Bring your own dinner and drinks. Depart **6pm from 5 Paikea Place, Somerfield.**

Names for dinner to:

Maureen Thompson 021 266 5778, mothompson1212@gmail.com.

We'll limit dinner numbers to 12 people. No need to book if just coming on the walk.

NOTES

President's Notes

I am looking forward to seeing many of you again soon now that we are able to resume tramping and socialising. Let's hope it lasts! It has been a busy few days for Exec getting the programme up and running again, and many thanks to Kerry for getting this publication out at short notice. It is a little later than usual of course, but I hope you enjoy it and are inspired to book on some trips. If you had any brainwaves over lockdown about how we might use Leo's generous bequest, please let us know.

Diane

Whatever Happened to the Korvers? They reply

Since moving to Oamaru in April we have been busy doing the final jobs required to get the new house signed off by the District Council. We have joined the North Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club (NOTMC), but haven't had a chance to go on any outings with them yet, what with winter weather and lockdown. The NOTMC maintain an area of native bush in the Herbert Forest (a privately owned pine plantation) which includes track maintenance and predator control. Keith McQuillan and I are becoming involved with the trapping work and have had a training day on murdering fluffy mammals.

Oamaru has a very active group known as the Wednesday Walkers, organised in much the same way as the Pegasus Trampers—day tramps of around 6-7 hours—although a little more genteel. We go out on most Wednesdays with this group. Several of the members are retired farmers so we have been able to learn a fair bit of local history on these outings.

The Oamaru area does not have the range of DoC estate and public land that we enjoyed in Christchurch. Most of our day-tramps have been on private farmland or in coastal areas, different to what we have been used to but very enjoyable.

Regards,

Geoff and Mary Korver

Deadline for the Oct newsletter: Please send trip reports, notices, etc. to Kerry Moore

moorekj@xtra.co.nz by Sat 2 Oct **Next Committee meeting: Tue, 28 Sept**

TRIPS

Flexible

[Abel Tasman tracks](#)

Names to Alison Maccoll 021 023 233 693 by 30 Sep

Marahau to Totaranui via Inland Track and return, either by water taxi or walk the Coastal Track. 3 or 6 days. Leave Fri pm.

Register your interest early so preferred options can be sorted out.

19-Sept

[Mt Oxford—Ashley Saddle circuit](#)

Sun

Merv Meredith 322 7239

- A moderate walk from Mountain House car park on a good track to this prominent 1364m hill then on to Mt O's brother, 1340m Oxford Hill and down to Ashley Saddle.

Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St

- 25-26 Sept** [Discovery Stream--Sudden Valley](#)
Sat, Sun **Peter Umbers 359 9118**
 ●● A moderate-hard circuit up the Hawdon Rr and Discovery Stream to camp above a waterfall. On day 2 we go along the Polar Range to descend into Sudden Valley and back to the Hawdon.
Book by 19 Sept
- 26-Sept** [Og Gog Magog](#)
Sun **Graeme Nicholas 357 0047**
 ● 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
- 27-Sept** [Mt Arthur--Flora Hut loop](#)
Mon-Fri **Helen Binnie 027 286 6999**
 ●●●● A popular moderate circuit in karst country with rock shelters, an open tussock plateau and tops with superb views, combining to make this an interesting tramp.
Register your interest by mid Sept
- 3-Oct** [Three Peaks of Binsler](#)
Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
 ● Moderate-hard trip in the south-east corner of Arthurs Pass National Park. We go to Binsler Saddle then turn south, up a spur. The route is unmarked through low bush and onto open tops. The three peaks range from 1753m to 1860m with a deep saddle between the low and middle peak. Take ice axe and crampons.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 9-11 Oct** [East Hawdon--Mt Valiant](#)
Sat-Mon **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
 ●●● A moderate trip over 3 days to East Hawdon Biv. From Mt Valiant we can exit along Savannah Range and Woolshed Hill or via Andrews Stream.
Book by 3 Oct
- 10-Oct** [Mt Manson](#)
Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
 ● This moderate trip starts from the Craigieburn Ski Road. The hight gain makes for a steep but short climb to this 1860m peak at the northern end of the Craigieburn Range. Snow may be present, so take an ice-axe.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 16-17 Oct** [Youngman Stream Hut](#)
Sat, Sun **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
 ●● Easy-moderate tramp to Youngman Stream Hut in the upper Ashley. We will exit via Tarn Hut.
Book by 10 Oct
- 17-Oct** [Mt Bruce](#)
Sun **Awaiting leader**
 ● An easy-moderate up-and-back to this prominent 1630m peak. The route uses part of the Lagoon Track. Optional exit down Broad Stream.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd

- 23-26 Oct** [Molesworth](#)
Sat-Tue awaiting leader
 ●●●● About 20km from Jacks Pass is the Historic Acheron Accommodation House where we will camp and explore the area doing mostly easy trips.
www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/parks-and-recreation/places-to-visit/nelson-marlborough/molesworth-brochure.pdf
- 24-Oct** [Christchurch 360 Dunes and Wetlands](#)
Sun Helen Harkness 384 2890
 ● This 16km sector of the CHRISTCHURCH 360 TRAIL will commence at Pages Road and finish at Lower Styx Road.
Meet at 8.30am at the corner of Pages and Wairoa Road, by the Pages Road bridge into New Brighton.
- 30-31 Oct** [Princess Bath](#)
Sat, Sun awaiting leader
 ●● A moderate tramp behind Hanmer, above Lake Tennyson. Camping at this large tarn below Mt Princess.
book by 24 Oct
- 31-Oct** [Red Peak](#)
Sun Awaiting leader
 ● A moderate-hard climb from Kowai Stream of this lesser known 1853m peak in Korowai-Torlesse Park.
Meet 7am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 6-7 Nov** [Pell Stream--Freyburg Range](#)
Sat, Sun Peter Umbers 359 9118
 ●● We use the Lake Daniel track for a short way then head up Pell Stream to the hut. On day two we'll climb to the Freyburg Range and descend the track to Maruia Springs. Moderate-hard.
Book by 31 Oct
- 7-Nov** [Peraki Bay](#)
Sun Awaiting leader
 ● Visit to this site of the first European whaling station in Canterbury on Banks Peninsula. We need permission to access the beach.
Meet 8am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH

TRIP REPORTS

Planting Day **Saturday 7 August 2021**

Our crew got its planting day in before that pesky virus struck again. The weather looked bad, so organiser Ian had us planting in a spot sheltered from the southerly. Pampering us wasn't necessary because the wind dropped and the rain stayed away. By noon it was a warm day. Recent rain had made the soil quite wet so the plants didn't experience too big a shock when put in their holes. With the PTC planters and many others, our tree quota was filled by 2pm, so we had time to wander around the island. Thanks go to Stan for organising the team. 🌱 KM



Head-count 15, including Godley and Adderley



Our 12 planters were: Merv, Peter, Lois, John, KyungSang, John, Stan, Sue, Wendy (Stan's daughter), Mike, Gary and Kerry (behind the camera)

Mt Horrible Sunday 15 August 2021

We met on this frosty morning and drove west, surprised to note that inland, a breeze had kept the land frost-free. We parked at the Mt White turn-off and ten headed up the hillside in a mixture of tussock and scrubby manuka with the occasional matagouri to tangle with. Lisa, Kathrin and Stuart went the extra distance to claim Corner Knob, then joined the rest of us as we went down to a minor saddle before the steady climb up a spur. We briefly got onto a Transpower service track, then chose the line of least resistance to the top. The height of Mt Horrible is as easy as 1-2-3-4 to remember. On top, the cold wind made people

want to eat a quick lunch and head down, so Kerry had a very quick lunch after taking time on the way up to saw though a multi-branched douglas fir. Back on the service track, we chose to follow it back to the main road, though it meant wet feet at a stream-crossing near the road for many of us. John was at the road, well ahead of the bunch, so was able to take the drivers 1.3 km back to the cars. In spite of the peak's name, this circuit made a good day out and believe it or not, Canterbury has four more Mt Horribles for us to visit. Horrible people were: **Wendy McCaughan, KyungSang Lee, Shiping Wang, Kathrin Mueller, Stuart Payne, Peter Umbers, Rich & Lisa Ainley, John Robinson, Kerry Moore** 🌲 KM



Looking into the Hawdon River where it meets the Waimakariri



The view from the top towards Purple Hill and Og Gog and Magog. Traces of snow remain up high

Bonus Planting Days

11 and 12 Sept 2021

Much of August's Quail Island planting season was wiped out by another lockdown, so planting was carried over to September. Chairman of the Quail/Otamahua Restoration Trust, Ian McLennan called on Stan Wilder to assemble a planting team from PTC and 25 answered the call—twelve for the Saturday and thirteen for the Sunday. Both teams planted on the south-side of the island in sunny weather. Gale force nor-westers causing damage inland on the Sunday didn't reach the city or Lyttelton. Plants get cardboard wind-shields supported by two bamboo canes. A small square of felted dag-wool acts as a mulch and weed suppressor. The Saturday team planted 400 and the Sunday people 430 on their longer day. A great effort.

Saturday People

Merv
Mary
Kyung Sang
Stan
Wendy
Keith H
Grant
Anne
Gary
Calum
Pat
Kerry



Sunday People

Sue P
Sue B
Mike
Rhonda
Tim
Stan
Stuart
Derek
John C
Peter U
Merv
Jeff Chandler
Bruce Marks
Mike Ryan

We get a "how-to" refresher for this sloping site



The clay soil in this patch was getting dry so will need regular watering (or rain) to get the plants started
The other hazard is deer that have wandered onto the island

185 Canterbury DoC Huts and Bivs you may not have been to

A-Frame Hut	Ahuriri Base Hut	Andersons Hut	Anne Hut
Ant Stream Bivvy	Ant Stream Hut	Anti-Crow Hut	Avoca Homestead
Avoca Hut	Back Basins Hide	Baikie Hut	Ball Hut
Barker Hut	Barron Saddle Hut	Basins Hut	Bealey Hut
Bealey Spur Hut	Benmore Hut	Black Hill Hut	Bobs Camp Bivvy
Boundary Creek Hut	Boyle Flat Hut	Brass Monkey Bivvy	Brodrick Hut
Broken River Hut	Bull Creek Hut	Cameron Hut	Camerons Hut
Camp Stream Hut	Candlesticks Bivvy	Canyon Creek Bivvy	Carlyle Hut
Carneys Bivvy No. 1	Carneys Bivvy No. 2	Caroline Creek Bivvy	Carrington Hut
Casey Hut	Cass Saddle Hut	Christopher (Ada) Cullers Hut	Christopher Hut
Cold Stream Hut	Comyns Hut	Cookies Hut	Copland Shelter
Crooked Spur Hut	Crow Hut	Cullers Hut	Curtis Memorial Hut
Dasler Biv	Devils Den Bivvy	Dodger Hut	Dog Kennel Bivvy
Double Hut	Doubtful Hut	Doubtless Hut	Eade Memorial Hut
East Hawdon Bivvy	Edwards Hut	Elcho Hut	Empress Hut
Erceg Hut	Esk Bivvy	Evangeline Bivvy	Evans Hut
Forbes Bivvy	Gabriel Hut	Glenrae Bivvy	Glenrae Hut
Goat Pass Hut	Godley Hut	Green Point Hut	Grough Hut
Growler Hut	Hagens Hut	Hamilton Hut	Harper Pass Bivvy
Hawdon Hut	Hideaway Hut	Hooker Hut	Hope Halfway Hut
Hope Kiwi Lodge	Hurunui Hut	Hurunui No. 3 Hut	Huxley Forks Hut
Jervois Hut	Jollie Hut	Jolliebrook Hut	Kelman Hut
Kennedy Memorial Hut	Kiwi Hut	Lagoon Saddle A Frame Hut	Lagoon Saddle Hut
Lake Guyon Hut	Lake Man Bivvy	Lauper Biv	Lawrence Bivvy
Lawrence Hut	Liebig Hut	Lochinvar Hut	Lower Salmon Creek Bivvy
Lucretia Hut	Lyell Hut	Macaulay Hut	Mackenzie Bivvy (East branch)
Mackenzie Hut	Magdalen Hut	Maitland Hut	Manuka Hut
Mathias Hut	McCoy Hut	Middle Gorge Hut	Minchin Bivvy
Mingha Bivvy	Mistake Flat Hut	Moa Stream Hut	Monument Hut
Mueller Hut	Murphys Bivvy	Nina Hut	North Esk Hut (dilapidated)
Old Basins Hut	Onslow Hut	Otamahua Hut	Otamatapaio Hut
Packhorse Hut	Park Morpeth Hut	Pearson Hut	Pinchgut Hut
Pinnacles Hut	Plateau Hut	Pool Hut	Potts Hut
Poulter Bivvy	Poulter Hut	Puketeraki Bivvy	Ranger Bivvy
Reardon Hut	Red Hut	Red Stag Hut	Reischek Hut
Rod Donald Hut	Rokeyby Hut	Royal Hut	Scotties Hut
Sefton Bivouac	Shamrock Hut	Snowy Gorge Hut	South Huxley Bivvy
South Opuha Hut	South Temple Hut	Spurs Hut	St Jacobs Hut
St Winifreds Hut	Stanley Vale Hut	Steyning Hut	Stone Hut
Stony Stream Bivvy	Sudden Valley Bivvy	Tarn Hut	Tasman Saddle Hut
Three Mile Stream Hut	Top Hope Hut	Top Hut, Ahuriri	Top Hut, Hakatere S. Branch
Townsend Hut	Tribulation Hut	Trust/Poulter Hut	Turnbull Bivvy
Tutu Hut	Unknown Stream Hut	Upper Deception Hut	Upper Nina Bivvy
Upper S. Branch Hurunui Hut	Urquharts Hut	Veil Biv	Waiau Hut
Waimakariri Falls Hut	Watchdog Hut	Weka Burnet Bivvy	West Harper Hut
West Mathias Bivvy	Wharfedale Hut	Woolshed Creek Hut	Worsley Bivvy
Youngman Stream Hut			

Why isn't Banfield or Ribbonwood Hut in the list? The answer is that there is a vast number of club and farm huts in the high country that aren't administered by DoC. Here's an anomaly: Park Morpeth is there, though it's a CMC hut.

Go to <https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-stay/stay-in-a-hut/> for a nationwide DoC hut listing with photos of each hut or biv.