



December-January 2021-22

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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 Dec



Club Night Crafty Chaos

Reveal your hidden talents. Teams collaborate to create crafty items. Win a prize. Take home an original masterpiece. No artistic ability required. **Vaccine certificates** are required. Bring a plate of **festive finger food** to share. Fruit punch will be provided.

Tuesday 8 Feb

We're working on it.

Social Events

Social walk and BBQ

Tuesday 11 January

Come and join us for the first social walk of 2022. Mary Jane and Brian will show us around the local parks in Burnside, followed by a BBQ at the Bonsell's house. Meet, 6pm at 289 Avonhead Road for the walk. BBQ will be at 7pm. Bring a salad or dessert to share. BYO drinks and meat or vege alternative. BBQs will be provided for you to cook your own meat.

Dinner names to Mary Jane at bonsell@xtra.co.nz by **Sunday 9 January**.

NOTES

Membership: We welcome **Myles McCauley** and **Lissa Toscano** to the club.

Margaret Palleson RIP – 27 November 2021

Margaret's husband Reg was PTC President from 1964 to 1970 and a life member. On Reg's passing in 2005 PTC were happy to continue mailing Footnotes to Margaret so she could continue following club activities. Their son Peter informs us that Margaret actually met their dad in the 1950's on a PTC trip to Mt Oxford and things developed from there. Peter, as a child accompanied them on many a tramp around Canterbury. Merv Meredith

President's Message

The long, hot summer is fast approaching and I wish you all safe tramping and fun adventures in the hills. Maybe just read through those emergency procedure documents we circulated a few months ago once again, before you head for the hills, and tuck a copy in your first-aid kit if you have not done so already. I'm happy to resend if you have lost track of them.

Remember to send exec any further suggestions for the use of Leo's bequest and any more ideas about creating a lasting legacy for Brian. Also, please be thinking ahead to our AGM in March and who you might nominate for exec. I will be standing down from the president's office, having given 4 years of service, so we are looking for the next president.

Have a wonderful Christmas, a happy, healthy New Year and I hope to see many of you soon at our Christmas frivolity night.

Diane



TRIPS

11-13 Dec [Cameron River--South Branch Ashburton](#)

Sat-Mon **Diane Mellish 027 413 6468 mellishdiane@gmail.com**

●●● Moderate trip at the foot of the Arrowsmiths. Possible climb to 2401m Pito Peak or walk up to Ashburton Glacier
Book by 5 Dec

11-Dec [Akaroa Walks](#)

Sat **Maureen Thompson 021 266 5778**

● A selection of short walks near Akaroa such as the Garden of Tane, Newtons Waterfall and L'Aube Hill Reserve
Meet 9am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH

19-Dec [Port Levy Saddle Bike Ride](#)

Sun Call Chris Leaver, 322 6445, for details of this ride, preceding the end of year picnic



- 19-Dec** [End-of-year Picnic](#)
Sun **Dan Pryce 027 384 7065, Kerry Moore 359 5069**
● There is lots to do in the Diamond Harbour area. Go early for a look-around then meet for lunch at the Stoddart Point Reserve. Someone will be there to claim a spot at 11am. After lunch you can try downhill petanque, under-arm bowling, tug of war and other small-park games. If going on the ferry, be sure to take your vax pass.
- 29Dec-3Jan** [Matukituki Base](#)
Wed-Tue **Diane Mellish 027 413 6468 mellishdiane@gmail.com**
●●●●●● A few hours easy valley walk up a 4-wheel drive track to camp in the vicinity of the big Alpine Club hut. Options include Rob Roy Glacier, Cascade Saddle, Liverpool Hut, French Ridge Hut, Shovel Flat and the upper West Matukituki Valley.
Book by club night 14 Dec.
- 8-9 Jan** [Boyle Flat Hut](#)
Sat-Sun **Deb Rhode 021 166 5307**
●● An easy-moderate, mostly flat tramp to Boyle Flat Hut on the St James walkway
Book by 2 Jan
- 9-Jan** [Ryde Falls](#)
Sun **Graeme Nicholas 357 0047**
● 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 car park.
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 8-9 Jan** [Mt Guinevere](#)
Sat-Sun **Raymond Ford 022 318 0872 fordrm@snap.net.nz**
●● Climbing above Crow Hut to camp beside a tarn below the ridge. This 2042m peak in the Jellicoe Range not far from Mt Rolleston. Mt G requires snow skills.
Book by 2 Jan
- 15-16 Jan** [Travers Peak](#)
Sat-Sun **Kerry Moore 359 5969**
●● A moderate climb up Foleys Track to 1724m Travers Peak near Lewis Pass.
Book by 9 Jan
- 16-Jan** [Tiromoana Bush](#)
Sun **John Robinson 027 633 1476**
● Easy coastal trip east of Waipara, through bush and wetlands to a remote beach. Great views to Pegasus Bay and Banks Peninsula. Nice walk and pleasant day out.
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 22-23 Jan** [Fowler Pass--Lake Guyon](#)
Sat-Sun **Dan Pryce 027 384 7065 and Kerry Moore 359 5069**
●● Moderate tramp north of Hanmer Springs between the Clarence and Waiau rivers. Staying at or near Lk G Hut. Round-trip crossing the St James Range via Fowler Pass and the 4WD track over Maling Pass.
Book by 16 Jan

- 23-Jan** [Lucas Peak--Scenery Nook](#)
Sun **Gary Huish 332 7020**
● Easy-moderate tramp over peninsula farmland, via 380m Lucas Peak to Timutimu Head, the western head of Akaroa Harbour. Then on to a natural tidal seal swimming pool at Scenery Nook. Impressive red volcanic sea cliffs are an added attraction
Meet 8am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH
- 29-30 Jan** [Centre Creek--Thesis Peak](#)
Sat-Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
●● Walking from the locked gate in the Harper, up the Te Araroa Trail and around the Avoca to Centre Creek, with easy travel up the creek, to camp in a bush area at 1200m. On Day 2 we continue up the creek to the large tarn in the head, the plan is to sidle up the scree slopes to 1972m then follow around the ridge to Thesis Peak. A little south of the peak, a fine scree basin, made in heaven provides, for a high-speed decent out to the Avoca, south of Basins Hut. It is then a flat, pleasant walk out, skirting Mt Fitzwilliam to the west.
Book by 23 Jan
- 30-Jan** [Mt Noble](#)
Sun **Dan Pryce 027 384 7065**
● A trip into the foothills off the Lake Sumner Road. An easy-moderate circuit with views of Virginia Peak and the Three Deans.
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 5-13 Feb** [Alpine Trip](#)
Sat-Sun **Geoff Spearpoint 027 318 4727**
●●●●●●●● Paringa - Otoko area, possibly a climb of Mt Hooker
Trip is now fully booked
- 5-7 Feb** [Lake Angelus--Sunset Saddle](#)
Sat-Mon **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
●●● 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.
Book by 23 Jan. Lake Angelus Hut needs to be booked
- 6-Feb** [Little Mt Peel](#)
Sun **Names to Diane Mellish 337 5530**
● Easy-moderate to moderate ascent of this 1300m landmark in South Canterbury, passing through podocarp forest and sub-alpine scrub. Quite a long climb, but it's a good track. Those wanting an easier day may want to go only part of the way up, or explore the bush tracks in the area.
We'll prearrange transport in case some want to camp there
- 12-13 Feb** [Zampa Tops](#)
Sat-Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
●● Moderate hike near Cannibal Gorge in the Lewis Pass area. We'll stay at Ada Pass Hut Saturday night and get an early start Sunday to go along Zampa tops via the big tarn and 1710m Zampa
Book by 20 Feb

- 12-Feb** [Ashley River Splash](#)
Saturday **Bruce Cameron 022 188 5905**
● This is the classic splash down-stream along the Ashley from Middle Bridge out to the domain. It's an easy-moderate, fun trip on a fine day. Be sure to take a full change of clothes for afterwards.
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 13-Feb** [Nikau Palm Gully](#)
Sun **Awaiting leader**
● This bush-clad gully is quite a dramatic spot, and the plentiful nikau palms here are notable for being the southern-most limit of this species in New Zealand. This is an easy tramp towards the eastern heads of Akaroa Harbour.
Meet 8am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH
- 19-20 Feb** [Kokatahi--Booboo Hut--Mt Reeves](#)
Sat-Sun **Awaiting leader**
●● We head inland from Hokitika for this moderate-hard trip to Mt Reeves
Book by 13 Feb
- 26-27 Feb** [Lower Deception](#)
Sat-Sun **Diane Mellish 027 413 6468 mellishdiane@gmail.com**
●● A trip suitable for families or those starting out tramping/camping in the Lower Deception valley in Arthurs Pass National Park
book by 20 Feb
- 26Fe-01Ma** [Mt Titiroa](#)
Sat-Tues **Raymond Ford 022 318 0872 fordrm@snap.net.nz**
●●●● A prominent light-coloured granite 1715m peak near Lake Manapouri, with great views of Fiordland mountains and lakes. A moderate-hard trip from Lake Manpouri, climbing up the north ridge of Mt Titiroa, camping on the mountain. Either, returning the same way to Lake Manapouri or crossing over to the Borland Valley
Book by 13 Feb
- 27-Feb** [Double Hut](#)
Sun **Diane Dixon 359 9170**
● Starting at Lake Heron and near the Te Araroa trail, we'll go to Double Hut for lunch
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 5-6 Mar** [Carroll Hut](#)
Sat-Sun **Awaiting leader**
●● An easy-moderate trip for the naturalists. Enjoy Westland forest, summer flowers above the bushline and see fault scarps near Carroll Hut
Book by 27 Feb
- 6-Mar** [Mt Alexander](#)
Sun **Awaiting leader**
● Easy-moderate wander in open, rolling North Canterbury farm country, to this 750m lookout near Scargill.
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St

- 12-13 Mar** [Hunts Creek Hut--Mt Barron](#)
Sat-Sun **Doug Forster 337 5453**
 ●● We walk up the Kellys Creek Track, over Hunt Saddle to stay at Hunts Creek Hut then a moderate-hard exit over Mt Barron on Sunday
Book by 6 March
- 13-Mar** [Bus Stop--Mt Somers Hut](#)
Sun **Norman Burden 021 0228 9141**
 ● From Woolshed Creek carpark, we'll take the Rhyolite track to the Bus Stop, descend to Woolshed Creek Hut and return by the Coal Mine track.
Meet 8am 20 Yaldhurst Road, Church Corner
- 19-20 Mar** [Casey Tarn](#)
Sat-Sun **Chris Leaver 322 6445**
 ●● Parking at Ryton Station for this moderate climb onto the Birdwood Range to camp high at Casey Tarn. Exiting via Triangle Creek, Avoca River and Gargarus Saddle.
Book by 13 March
- 20-Mar** [Takamatua--Le Bons Bay Track](#)
Sun **Diane Dixon 359 9170**
 ● An easy-moderate tramp from near highway 75 to Ellangowan Reserve on the Old Le Bons Track
Meet 8am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH
- 26-30 Mar** [Lake Jeanette--Wangapeka Saddle](#)
Sat-Tue **Names to Raymond Ford 022 318 0872 fordrm@snap.net.nz**
 ●●●●● A moderate, multi-day trip in the Matiri Valley, Thousand Acres Plateau, Wangapeka area
Book by 20 March
- 26-27 Mar** [Walker Pass - Tarn Col - Edwards](#)
Sat-Sun **Kevin Hughes 332 6281**
 ●● One of the classic Arthur's Pass NP tramps. This moderate trip takes in the Hawdon and Edwards valleys, a couple of attractive alpine passes, a beautiful alpine tarn and views of what's left of Falling Mountain. Needs a Fri afternoon start from Chch.
Book by 20 March
- 2-3 Apr** [Green Hill--Castle Hill](#)
Sat-Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
 ●● From Andrews Shelter we go via Casey Saddle to camp at the tarns near 1391m below Castle Hill. A day trip from there along the tops gets us to Castle Hill and Green Hill then back to the tarns to pack up and return to Andrews shelter. Moderate
book by 27 March
- 3-Apr** [Kaituna Valley--Mt Herbert](#)
Sun **Awaiting leader**
 ● A moderate circuit started at the top end of Kaituna Valley climbing to the Te Ara Pataka Track, to Herbert Peak, the shelter, Packhorse Hut and down the track to Kaituna Valley.
Meet 8am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH

TRIP REPORTS

Peraki Bay Sunday 7th November 2021

With Kerry stepping in as leader, eleven of us got to see a jewel of a spot among the southern bays of Banks Peninsula - Peraki Bay - which is on a private farm. We parked at the farm buildings, headed down to the water and briefly stopped to look at the memorial to the first European whaling station established in Canterbury.



The big billy.



As we climbed up to a farm track towards the heads on the east side of the bay, we passed some seals and watched their young frolic and race around in the water. After morning tea, we followed the ridge all the way back up to Bossu Road, the highest point of the day. There were many wild goats everywhere on this ridge as well as four curious white horses which eyed us suspiciously as we ate lunch halfway up.



We had sunshine and a strong northerly all day with only a bit of low cloud at the top. The farm breeds horses and as we walked back down the farm road to our cars we saw some beautiful animals, especially several magnificent draught horses which looked like Clydesdales. We were: **Bill and Wendy Templeton, Kerry Moore, Dan Pryce, Stuart Payne, John Robinson, Sonya Donaldson, Janice Butcher, Kyung Sang Lee, Peter Umbers and Ruth Barratt.** 🌲 RB

Hinewai – The Stones

Sunday 14 Nov 2021

Seven, in two cars drove down Long Bay Road and parked at the lower Hinewai car-park. We walked the more direct but steeper route to the Stones, stopping near the Lisburn Track junction for a cuppa, then in gorse and broom country we walked into the mist near the Stones and had to be content admiring the yellow flowers because we certainly couldn't see far.

After an early lunch at the Stones we headed down to get on the Lisburn Track and on to the Murderers Track. An eerie mist penetrated the tall forest as we headed into Murderers Gully. Spring growth on the grassy clearings wet the socks of those of us without good gaiters. Some of the bigger trees were labelled which helps people learn to identify the many species in the reserve.

A little rain was predicted and sure enough, coats were on, mid-afternoon. We completed our 11km clockwise circuit via Broom, South and Valley tracks and arrived back at the cars in cloudy, fine weather.

We were: **Norman Burden (leader) Kerry Moore, Dan Pryce, Kyung Sang Lee, Diane Mellish, Carolyn Blackford and Lissa Toscano.** 🏔️ NB



It's unusual to see beech trees on Banks Peninsula

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL