



Peninsula Tramping Club (Inc)

FOOTNOTES

April 2022

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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 12 April

Quiz Night

This will be a test of your team's general knowledge, map-reading and other tramping skills. Take a pen

Tuesday 10 May



Cycling Home from London

After living in the UK for 9 years **Kylie Pfauf-Stephens** decided to head home to New Zealand. But not conventionally. By bicycle. By herself. The journey would take Kylie nearly two years to complete, taking her through 23 countries. She pledged not to take a single plane. After all, Kiwi birds don't fly ...do they?

Social Events

Meander in Milns Social Walk and Dinner

Wed 20 April 2022

Come with us for an evening stroll around some of the more developed and well-lit areas in Halswell. Meet at 6pm at the intersection of **Parklea Avenue and Halswell Road**. Parking is available in Parklea Avenue.

Dinner at **7.15pm** at [Hoi An Vietnamese Restaurant](#), 265 Halswell Road, Halswell

If you are coming to dinner please let Margot know by **Sunday 17 April 2022**

Phone 03 332 7020 or email margot.bowden@gmail.com.

TRIPS

9-10 Apr

[Scotties Biv--Tara Tama](#)

Sat-Sun

Peter Umbers 359 9118

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We cross the Taipo River for this moderate-hard climb to Scotties Biv and 1854m Tara Tama. People wanting an easy trip could stay at Dillon Hut. People wanting a moderate trip could go over Kelly Saddle

Book by 3 April

9-Apr

[Wharfedale Hut](#)

Saturday

Graeme Nicholas 027 504 7726

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We drive into Lees Valley and walk up Townshend River in open country, then a little way into Oxford Forest to the Wharfedale Hut. A flat, easy walk. Returning the same way.

Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St

15-18 Apr

[Hopkins Valley--Boanerges--Huxley](#)

Fri-Mon

Raymond Ford 022 318 0872 fordrm@snap.net.nz

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Situated near the confluence of the Huxley and Hopkins rivers is 2254m Boanerges. An alpine climbing trip via the south-east ridge from Huxley Forks, descending into the vicinity of Brodrick Hut.

Book by 8 April

15-18 Apr

[Hopkins Valley Base](#)

Fri-Mon

Awaiting leader

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Moderate day trips from a tent camp base several hours walk up the Hopkins Valley. Possibilities include exploring the upper Hopkins Valley, climb Dasler Pinnacles, exploring north Huxley Valley or visiting Brodrick Pass or a day trip to Paradise Valley.

Book by 8 April

17-Apr

[Brooklands Mouth, Chch 360 sector](#)

Sun

Helen Harkness 384 2890

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An easy there-and-back following the Waimakariri River from Brooklands to Whites Crossing walking on stop banks behind Stewarts Gully and Kainga and under highway bridges

Meet 9am at Brooklands, not Spencer Park

- 21-Apr**
Thursday **Trip Planning Evening**
Your chance to promote the trips you want to do. If you can't be there send your suggestions to alisonmaccoll@gmail.com
7pm at Merv and Glenda's, 49 Sabys Road
- 23-25 Apr**
Sat-Mon
●●● **Potts Hut--Boundary Creek**
Merv Meredith 322 7239
A moderate trip exploring this part of Hakatere Conservation Park and its old farm huts. The easy-moderate option via the Dogs Range, returns via Mystery Lake, along easier walking tracks. The harder option involves climbing to over 2000m with great views of the surrounding areas.
Book by 15 April
- 24-Apr**
Sun
● **Wild Cattle Hill**
Awaiting leader
A moderate circuit on the east side of Port Levy from sea level to 600m Wild Cattle Hill. Coastal views towards both Port Levy and Pigeon Bay.
Meet 8am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH
- 30 Apr-1 Ma**
Sat-Sun
●● **Mount Tekoa**
Peter Umbers 359 9118
A moderate trip to this 1612m peak in Big Island Hills. Staying at a cosy farm hut
Book by 24 April
- 30-Apr**
Saturday
● **Joyces Stream--Hill 1284**
Graeme Nicholas 027 504 7726
Head into the Torlesse area for a walk up Joyces Stream to reach Hill 1284 inland from Kowai Bush
Meet 8am 20 Yaldhurst Road, near Church Corner
- 7-8 May**
Sat-Sun
●● **Casey Saddle--Binser Saddle**
Kerry Moore 359 5069
An easy moderate circuit up Andrews Stream and down Casey Stream to the new Casey Hut. Day 2 goes down the Poulter River and over Binser Saddle
Book by 1 May
- 8-May**
Sun
● **Mt Enys from Porters Lodge**
Merv Meredith 322 7239
We're using the Porters Ski Road to do some of the climbing onto the main Craigieburn ridge, heading for 2194m Mt Enys via points 1997,1961, 2029, 2040. Take ice axe and crampons.
Meet 8am 20 Yaldhurst Road, near Church Corner
- 14-15 May**
Sat-Sun
●● **Otehake hot pools**
Kevin Hughes 332 6281
Moderate walk from Aickens, up the Taramakau Rr and Pfeifer Creek, past Lake Kaurapataka. There is a short climb to a saddle before dropping to the Otehake Rr. We'll camp at the hot springs further up the Otehake.
Book by 8 May

- 15-May** [Mt Lance via Tommys Cabin](#)
Sun **Graeme Paltridge 384 3592**
● An easy-moderate walk to this 778m hill inland from Hawarden
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 21-22 May** [Fox Peak](#)
Sat-Sun **Awaiting leader**
●● This 2330m peak is in the Fox Peak ski area, with expansive views all around.
Book by 15 May
- 22-May** [Mt Bruce, Pudding Hill](#)
Sun **Awaiting leader**
● A moderate walk onto Pudding Hill Range with the ambitious people heading for 1820m Mt Bruce, SW of Mt Hutt
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 28-29 May** [Pinnacles Hut](#)
Sat-Sun **Awaiting leader**
●● This popular hut is on the Mt Somers walkway near the Pinnacles rock-climbing area. It is accessed by a pleasant bush walk in the foothills. The hut must be booked, so you need to give the leader plenty of notice if you wish to go.
Book early by 15 May
- 29-May** [Governors Bay circuit](#)
Sun **Wendy Wallace 338 0550**
● An easy exploration above Governors Bay
Meet 9am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH. Hackthorne Rd end
- 4-6 Jun** [Walker Pass—Tarn Col—Edwards](#)
Sat-Mon **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
●●● 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, an attractive alpine tarn and views of what's left of Falling Mountain. Staying at Hawdon and Edwards Huts.
Book by 29 May
- 5-Jun** [Ghost Creek](#)
Sun **Awaiting leader**
● This creek is accessed from the Porter River bridge area just past Lake Lyndon. It drains Castle Hill peak.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 11-12 Jun** [Edwards Hut--Williams Saddle](#)
Sat-Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
●● A moderate round-trip to Edwards Hut then crossing the 1327m Williams Saddle and returning via the Mingha River. Blue ducks are often seen in the Edwards River.
Book by 5 June

11-Jun

Pigeon Bay Walkway

Saturday

Graeme Nicholas 027 504 7726

- This easy track follows the eastern side of Pigeon Bay on Banks Peninsula and rewards trampers with spectacular views of the coast. About 7 km one way.
Meet 9am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH. Hackthorne Rd end

TRIP REPORTS

Mount Guinevere 7 - 8 January 2022

Helicopters often bring welcome news in the mountains as they respond to incidents; but not this time. Raymond brought his trip to Mt Guinevere in Arthurs Pass forward a day to fit the weather forecast as his party of three had the flexibility to leave earlier. Laurayne had not been out much with the PTC since starting her family and this was her first overnight PTC trip since leading Mt Longfellow a few years back. Despite this it was Gary lagging in the usual hot gravel bash up the Waimakariri River. The turn-off into the Crow River bought a welcome relief with bush travel and shade and we arrived at the Crow Hut for an early lunch.

The route that Raymond chose climbs the first scree fan past the hut, initially through scrub and boulders and then more steeply on looser rock hugging the true right side of the gully. Helmets were donned as a precaution. The series of gullies narrowed and always threatened to end in cliffs but each time a terrace appeared to the left allowing escape onto a broader ridge before the start of another gully. We finally reached the upper basin and the wider views of Mt Bealey, Avalanche Peak and Mt Rolleston. Larger scree boulders heralded the location of the surprisingly large tarn nestled under the approaches to the peak itself. Level scree fans above the tarn provided excellent camping areas that could accommodate far larger numbers than our two small tents and we settled in for the first of a series of brews and then dinner.

The summer evening stretched on, spent discussing routes to the top for the morning and potential trips to the surrounding peaks. It was just starting to get dark and we were preparing for bed when we heard the first hint of something untoward; the sound of a helicopter in a National Park. It flew along the ridge, made a low pass across the basin and then turned to land. We thought it was dropping someone off but there was only the pilot in the small two-seater. He turned the machine off before coming over and asking for Laurayne. He had been sent by the police to pick her up as her husband, Nigel, had been critically injured in a freak accident that morning. He had few details of what had happened but at least knew that her boys were not involved. She hurriedly packed and was whisked away to the landing site in Hagley Park opposite Christchurch Hospital. Raymond and Gary spent a restless night before packing up the tents and heading down at first light.

The good news is that Nigel is getting better although it will be a long road to full recovery. We were impressed at the efforts the police had made to locate and return Laurayne to Christchurch. Raymond had prepared and distributed the standard trip plan. The police had contacted Laurayne's friend, now located in Wellington, who had been tramping with Merv and provided his details. He contacted Maureen, as one of the PLB contacts, who emailed the plan to the police. The details of our route and intended camping spot enabled them to send the helicopter. We often think that emergencies will only happen to the people in the mountains. This time it worked the other way and the accident was back home.

Trampers: Laurayne, Raymond Ford and Gary Huish. 🏔️ GH

Allandale – Governors Bay 23 January 2022

The wind-swept slopes towards Scenery Nook were not going to be a pleasant place to be with the forecast southerly winds. We needed a sheltered alternative with possible escape points if the weather turned out to be even worse than forecast. Mountain bike tracks have been established in Living Springs and were unlikely to be heavily used in the conditions and they would provide a connection to the Ohinetahi track system that was mostly in bush through to Governors Bay.

It was a welcome surprise to see so many eager trampers at Princess Margaret and Pat meet us at Allandale, so we were eleven. There were a few false starts as the track had been recently worked on, the grass had grown and it was hard to see exactly where we were heading through thick cloud. At least that was the leader's excuse. We eventually reached the Ohinetahi boundary after some diversions including one around a very large (and placid?) bull that definitely had right-of-way. There were some dramatic views of rock

outcrops back the way we had come, underneath Cass Peak but the cloud was getting moister by the minute and the shelter of Sign of the Bellbird for morning tea encouraged everyone to keep moving.

Partial weather improvement allowed some views down towards Lyttelton as we headed along the Crater Rim Walkway and down Bush Road Track. There was not much enthusiasm for continuing onto Faulkners Track so it was down Titoki Track into Governors Bay. No one wanted to stop for lunch so we had an early finish around the bay.

The official photograph turned out to be a misty blur so the accompanying photo was taken as Sue returned to harvest the blackberries at the start of the Ohinetahi Reserve. It was good to get out and get some fresh air, although less moisture would have been better.

Trampers: **Sue Britain, Mike Bourke, Margot Bowden, Sha, Arju, Kyung Sang Lee, Pat McIntosh, John Robinson, Shi Ping Wang, Sandra White and Gary Huish.** 🏠 GH



Thesis Peak, Indiretissima

29-30 January 2022

Merv had this on the program and talked of an attractive campsite and pleasant travel along ridgelines. We were sold. Eventually conditions were ripe for the picking. The proposed route showed a deviation to bag two minor summits en route. That was the way they'd gone last time, so I accepted that these things will happen on club trips.

We drove to the road-end up the Harper Valley, though not as far as some of us would have preferred but Merv explained it was club policy not to oil the farmer's palm with 4WD track charges. Considering the track was probably financed by subsidies back in the day, this would make it more galling.

We set off on a hot morning which had me dousing my head, then rushing to catch up. Others were carrying their own water supply so didn't need to stop. We crossed the Avoca a little way up from where it joins the Harper and bee-lined for Centre Creek, stopping for lunch shortly before reaching the creek.

It was accessed via an overgrown 4WD track. The others had gone ahead but Frank waited for me at the turn-off. We scratched our way through matagouri and other low scrub to reach Centre Creek and met up with the rest of the team. Centre Creek was not fast travel, with a choice between beech forest regen or tutu-clad banks hiding boulders. We rested at an idyllic little clearing then carried on, passing hunters' campsites that looked ideal.

Then it was time to find our campsite but not before Merv refuelled with a bit of magnesium for cramps. We carried on and located several flat spots on mossy areas close to the junction of the stream with the 33m waterfall and the eastern tributary. Wind was minimal so we had a pleasant evening and early bedtime for a wake-up call of 6.30am.

In the morning we headed north, passing the area where Merv and co. had camped on their trip 20 years before. We crossed the stream and I deviated to travel with more breeze up the fringe of scree in low scrub, while others followed Frank up through tussock. Both routes took the same amount of time. Then we snacked at a big rock and waited for stragglers to join us.

We rounded an attractive spur and lingered downstream of the 18m waterfall for drinks and to replenish water bottles. The party then travelled to view the turquoise-hued tarn in the upper basin (200m north of point 1625) though Frank waited for us at the edge of the tussock as he didn't see the point of going for a look at a tarn we could see in the upcoming ascent. There were copious flat areas in the tussock for anyone wanting to camp further up the valley e.g. for climbing Packard Peak.

We discussed routes from the tarn to the summit ridge and decided a direct ascent to the enticing flat ridgeline north-east of point 1972 would be the go, so we angled across scree to successive leads of tussock, rounded a corner, sidling into the final tussock lead and gained the ridge, then soon after, our first summit.

We continued down the chossy ridge to a saddle, then pondered on the best way from there to follow the ridgeline. The way looked nasty and precipitous with foreshortening but proved to be a doddle with hands in pockets. At point 2021, we stopped for lunch, then dropped down and scrambled up finally to our objective of Thesis Peak. From here I was eyeballing a direct route to the valley floor. There was a bit of discussion on the best way. The ridgeline to a scree purporting to be good going looked nasty. It might be possible to drop down the western spur a little and then descend to this scree heading down to the Avoca, south of the peak

but the scree leading NW looked as though it ran all the way to the valley floor. Merv's recollections were a little hazy, so we choose the more northern option.

Initially it was good going with runs of finer argillite but we had to deviate where there was a chokepoint with possible bluffs. Most folks dropped down directly while Frank and I briefly explored to our right onto a small unpleasant spur, then dropped down to re-join the main scree with the others. At the 1500m contour the scree became larger chunks, so I moseyed over to the true right where I could see clayey terrain with small beech trees growing on it.

This was faster, more pleasant travel. We waited to regroup in tussocks and then headed down to the attractive park-like, more open beech forest, pushed through that and emerged on the flanks where a yazoo stream formed, where we could slake our thirst. It was now 4pm and we had 20km of mainly 4WD track to plod along. At 4km an hour it would take us 5 hours but people were saying we'll be out before it gets dark. Unfortunately two of us had work the next morning. One of them was me.

We trudged down and crossed Basins Creek but avoided going up to the hut where the 4WD track continues down-valley. Frank goaded us to take a shortcut though the matagouri but no one was keen so he turned and led us down the creek to the main river. However, I left the main valley to see how far away the 4WD track was and indeed it was 200m west of where we were. Everyone but Frank had followed my deviation so Frank got ahead and we didn't see him until we reached the road-end.

The route march continued down to the Avoca/Harper junction and south of Corner Creek we began heading towards a vegetated bluff where the 4WD track and Te Araroa trail run. We got on to the trail then lost it until I recognised where the track had crumbled away from a fence-line, though others had spotted the markers well before that. Down the Harper Valley we continued, gaining a 4WD track in the dusk but leaving our head torches unlit to assist in peripheral visibility.

Frank's torches lit up our destination. I put my headtorch on to give him some indication of how far away we were and at 10pm we arrived at the car for a drive home that had us in bed around 1am with no dinner. The emails were appreciative of the trip but there were a few blisters among the stoic. I still have no idea why Sven Brabyn et al. chose to climb Thesis Peak indiretissima on that trip and why we had to replicate this on ours.

We were: **Merv Meredith, Peter Umbers, Sue Piercey, Helen Binnie, Frank King and Honora Renwick.** 🏔️ HR

Centre Creek – Thesis Peak (according to Merv)

29-30 January 2022

This two-day round-trip was a repeat of a trip the club did in early April 2000. I had tried to schedule a repeat since but the weather didn't cooperate. This time there was no doubt about the weather, except for a possible nor-wester.

Back in 2000 we went up Centre Creek to camp at about 1150m, then on day two, continued up and around to visit the big tarn below Packard Peak. We sidled left up the big scree to gain the range at point 1972m, along the range to Thesis for lunch and then down the fine scree just south of Thesis to the Avoca. It's interesting to note how different the times were for people who were 22 years younger in 2000.

Saturday

There were six of us, so the five from Christchurch met Helen at the top of the Zig Zag Rd and travelled on in convoy. Walking from the Glenthorne locked gate at 10am on what is now part of the Te Araroa Trail, we skirted outside the farm fences, closer to the river. Once in the Avoca and having crossed to the true left, we stopped for lunch, still some distance short of Centre Creek. Starting up the creek at 1.45pm was pleasant, although hot and often saw us floundering through tall ground cover. By 6pm we'd reached a good spot that offered three good tent sites, easy access to the stream and a nice kitchen spot. So, flies were pitched and we were all set up for a lovely evening.

Sunday

Up early on another near perfect day, we were away by 8am, climbing easily to the east of the stream, right up to the big tarn below 2066m Packard Peak by 9.30am, for a look. Then came a big sidle up the large rock and scree face, taking us up to point 1972m on the range at 11am. Travel south, along the range has its ups and downs—down to 1900m then up to 2021m for lunch at 12.15pm. Then a dip and up again to 2042m Thesis at 1.45pm

Now it gets embarrassing. I was looking forward to the high-speed scree run down, that starts a little south of Thesis. All I had to do was look on the map to remind me but inexplicably I took off down the scree almost

directly from Thesis. It wasn't too far down when the scree run became a walk and it was obvious what I had done. Too late! And what a disappointment. We could only plod on down, reaching the Avoca about 4.30pm. The lapse probably added an hour to the day.

It was then a long walk back down the river. A drink-stop at 7pm beside a Centre Creek run-out was very welcome. Frank had taken off and got back to the vehicles before dark. We continued back around the loop as it got darker. When we got to a farm gate in the dark, it was too tempting to climb it and take the straight route directly back to the locked gate, at 10.05pm.

Sorry about missing out on the 'hour glass' scree run people. That scree will have to stay a great memory for me. We were: **Helen Binnie, Honora Renwick. Frank King, Merv Meredith (leader), Sue Piercey and Peter Umbers.** 🏔️ MM.



Mount Titiroa 26 February - 1 March 2022

Three of us left Liz's place in her car at 7:30am, after she'd finished breakfast. Linda met us at Cromwell after driving down from Hawea. We had lunch a few kilometres south of Frankton. At Te Anau Camp, we met the other PTC members, who'd kindly offered to place our car at the Borland Road for us. From Manapouri, we took a small shuttle boat to the Hope Arm track, Linda and Raymond walked straight to the Hope Arm Hut while Liz and Peter went off to bag the Back Valley Hut, before joining the others for dinner. There were a lot of people camping by the lake, including a stag party, so there was plenty of room for us in the hut.

Away by 7:20am, we followed a good track up and over to Garnock Burn. Then we climbed directly up through steep, open bush, picking our way through small rock bluffs to point 785. It was fairly straightforward travel along the ridge to the bush-line, followed by a short climb up to point 1125. In a light breeze we had lunch, on the tops, with great views. There were no markers but plenty of foot-trails, and we reached the top before 3pm. We took in the spectacular views as the four of us sat on the Summit Rock.

From the summit we sidled around to the west side of point 1677. There are numerous rock slabs and small bluffs on the ridge route to point 1534, so instead we decided to follow an easy route down a scree to the saddle directly below point 1677, and sidled round to the basin of a small stream draining into the North Branch of the Borland Burn. The basin, which lies below point 1537, had reasonable tent sites and water. In the morning we followed the 1100m contour around to the small spur off point 1159, overlooking the Borland Burn. After 150m of bush-bashing through mixed scrub and forest, the forest opened up, and we made a quick descent to the North Borland Burn. Then, it was a 1½ km walk to the no-frills North Borland Hut. The forest track, well clear of the burn, took us to the Borland Burn South Branch bridge, where we spent our last night at the well-used campsite. The big rock bivvy with its sleeping platforms, just below the Middle Branch of the Borland Burn, was worth a look.



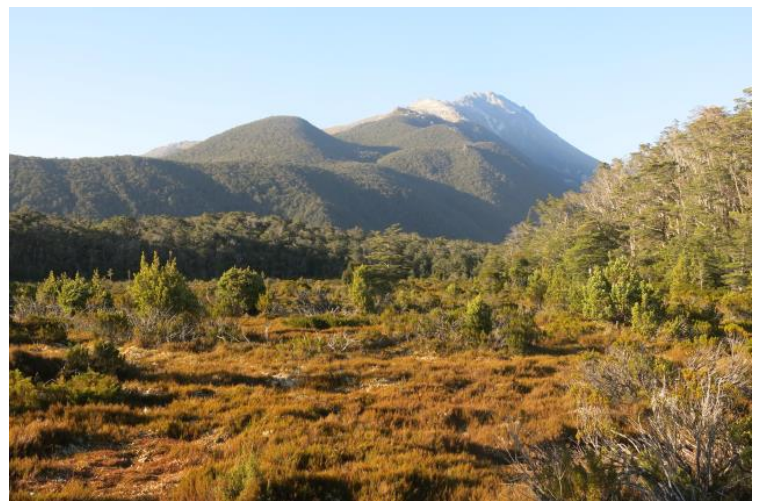
White boulders and sand near point 1306 on the Titiroa ridge, above Lake Manapouri

Our early start in the dark was dampened by rain which arrived as we were eating breakfast. At the Borland Road, Calum, with our car, was there to meet us. We stopped at Te Anau to visit Fiordland Packs, then Mossburn to refuel the body, took Linda to her car at Cromwell, and then drove all the way home. Many thanks to Callum for the logistical support.

We were: **Linda Lilburne, Liz Wightwick, Raymond Ford** (leader) and **Peter Umbers.** 🌲 PU



Looking up North Borland River



- ▲ Mt Titiroa
- ◀ Our basin campsite

Mount Alexander Sunday 6 March 2022

The best part of our trip to Mount Alexander was meeting Andy Fox of Foxdown farm. The genial Andy not only gave us permission to access his farm—not so easily obtained nowadays—he also provided a route map and gave us a potted history of what was once his great grandfather's land.

Charles Dillworth Fox established Foxdown in 1877 as a sheep and beef farm. The farm, which ranges across 2000 hectares of erosion-prone Waipara hill country, was originally part of the much larger Glenmark Station.

Our group of eight had a head-start to our 748m high-point because we began our walk 200 metres above sea level. We followed an easy up and down 4WD track, which begins and ends in a pine plantation near the farm buildings and car park.

We passed many empty paddocks, which, on Andy's map, have colourful names: Wags, Adam's Camp, Shark's Tooth, and Old Dip. The walk meanders gradually uphill and is mostly through tussock and matagouri with remnants of prickly shield and other ferns. The forecast temperature of 28°C was easily reached by late morning. However, the wind was worse than the heat and played havoc with our hats.

The Culverden Valley started to open up near our halfway mark; from our wilderness perspective it looked immaculate. Beyond the valley lies the Inland Kaikouras and the vast sweep of Pegasus Bay. Stopping often to enjoy the views, one gets a sense of our place in the world.

Just past Foxdown Hut, built for self-catering holidays, the road forks unexpectedly. After a brief conflag, we decided to follow the higher road, which took us almost to the summit. 748m Mt Alexander is approached along a fence that isn't worth the name. We ditched our packs beside it and Graeme helped us across. The communications tower and buildings around the summit are large and unsightly. The wind made standing difficult and Neil, an airline pilot, gave a comic demonstration on how to take off. We clung to the trig point long enough for a few photos, before enjoying lunch in the lee of the hill.



Kathy with the monster mushroom



The return journey was not all downhill, but by this time we've got our second wind. We were disappointed not to see the Foxdown falcons (karearea). However, Kathy and others found mushrooms the size of dinner plates. Kathy reckons the old ones have more flavour, but they're all good sauteed with garlic and butter.

We began walking about 10.15am and finished at 4.30pm—too early for Waikari's End of the Line Cafe on the drive there, and too late for Fossil Point Café, Greta Valley (Andy's recommendation) on the way back, we vowed to plan it better next time. We happily donated \$5 each to the local church restoration fund.

On the trip were: **Graeme Nicholas (trip leader), Lissa Toscano, Dan Pryce, Di Mellish, Kathy and Neil Ramsay, Sha and Hilaire Campbell.** 🏔️ HC



Five of our team of seven