



Peninsula Tramping Club (Inc)

FOOTNOTES

July 2022



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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 7.45pm. Doors open 7.30pm.	
Tuesday 12 July 	Three Capes Track Dan Pryce, Lee and two friends walked Tasmania's equivalent of our Milford Track. The walk of four days, three nights, covers 48km of Tasmania's rugged and spectacular dolomite coastline.
Tuesday 9 Aug 	The Ngāi Tahu digital atlas Takerei Norton will talk about this ambitious database, compiled by Ngāi Tahu over the past 10 years. It shows 1200 traditional Māori place names, the traditional travel routes, and original Māori reserves. The project makes this traditional knowledge accessible at www.kahurumanu.co.nz

Social Events

He Puna Taimoana, New Brighton Hot Seawater Pools And dinner at Pad Thai Restaurant, New Brighton

Wed 20 July 5.30pm session He Puna Taimoana : New Brighton Hot Pools

Come along and join a PTC group to soak and relax in the salt-water pools at 195 Marine Parade. Cost is \$11 for a gold card holder (peak time) or \$15 (peak time) for an adult Christchurch resident.

PLEASE BOOK AND PAY FOR OWN TICKET at <https://www.hepunataimoana.co.nz/book-now>

Dinner will be at the **Pad Thai Restaurant, 59 Brighton Mall at 7pm**. Please let Margot know if you are coming to dinner by **Sunday 17 July**: 03 332 7020, margot.bowden@gmail.com

For the menu see: <https://www.facebook.com/PhadThaiNewBrighton>.

The Rolleston-->New Brighton or Hillmorton-->Southshore bus will get you there.

Heathcote River loop then Magic Masala

Wednesday 17 August

This circular walk along the Heathcote River takes us through Risingholme and Hansen Parks. Depart from **Magic Masala Indian** restaurant at **6 pm**, getting back to the restaurant at 7pm. Good footpaths but torches might be handy. The restaurant is at **132A Opawa Rd**, on the corner of Hawford Rd. Parking on Hawford Rd.

Reasonable prices. Book for the meal by **7pm Sunday 14 August** with

Maureen Thompson 021 266 5778, mothompson1212@gmail.com

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PTC Communicator ptc1932@gmail.com

Some members have been missing communicator messages only to find them later in their spam folder, so if you think you are missing out on messages, check your spam folder. Putting **PTC Communicator** and the email address in your address book usually helps tell the ISP the address is kosher.

If using Gmail, check Settings/Filters and blocked addresses to see that PTC Communicator is not in the list of blocked addresses. If it is, you'll need to unblock it to receive future Communicator notices.

TRIPS

10 Jul [Okuti Valley--Montgomery Park Reserve](#)

Sun **Graeme Nicholas 027 504 7726**

- An easy-moderate walk from Okuti Valley over to Hilltop, then into Montgomery Park Reserve with views across Banks Peninsula.

Meet 8am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH, Fairview Street end

16-17 Jul [Youngman Stream Hut--Lilburne Hill](#)

Sat-Sun **Kerry Moore 359 5069**

- Easy-moderate tramp to Youngman Stream Hut in Lees Valley. We will exit via Lilburne Hill and the charming little Tarn Hut.

Book by 10 July

17 Jul [Red Hill](#)

Sun **Diane Mellish 027 413 6468**

- Moderate trip to this 1641m peak between Lake Lyndon Road and Porter Heights. Probable snow on top so an ice axe may be helpful.

Meet 8 am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd

- 23-27 Jul [Welcome Flat Hot Pools](#)
 Sat-Wed Names to Diane Mellish mellishdiane@gmail.com
 ●●●●● A moderate 7hr, 18km walk to this popular large hut beside the famous hot pools in Westland. You need to book this hut. Cost \$20 per night. Backcountry Hut passes are good at this time of year.
Book by 10 July
- 24 Jul [Waipara Wine Trail](#)
 Sun Diane Dixon 358 4459
 ● A pleasant walk around the vineyards of Waipara with opportunities to visit tasting rooms and enjoy the local hospitality.
Meet 9am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 30-31 Jul [Arthur's Pass Base](#)
 Sat-Sun Merv Meredith 322 7239
 ●● Enjoy home comforts staying in the village. With good numbers we will have cheap accommodation for Friday and Saturday night. A 'potluck' dinner on Saturday night is always sociable after a hot shower at the end of a satisfying day's tramp. The area has a great range of trips. For the energetic: Avalanche Peak, Mt Aitken or a number of others. More relaxed walks are Otira Valley and Bealey Chasm. The weekend could be a chance to brush up your snow skills. All welcome. **Departure time from Chch on Friday afternoon or evening** is flexible. Take ice-axe and crampons for above the bush-line walks.
List has closed but we have room for one more. Talk to Merv.
- 31 Jul [Bealey Spur](#)
 Sun Dan Pryce 027 384 7065
 ● A walk up a spur above the Waimakariri River with beautiful views of many peaks in the national park. Could be quite snowy around the hut and above.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- Aug xx [Ice Lake](#)
 Raymond Ford 022 318 0872 fordrm@snap.net.nz
 ●●●●● A fairly rugged walk to Butler Hut then to Top Butler and Ice Lake.
Book by mid July
- 8-9 Aug [Nina Valley](#)
 Mon-Tue Dan Pryce 027 384 7065
 ●● An easy, flat walk in beautiful Nina Valley forest to this modern hut.
Book by 31 July
- 7 Aug [Christchurch 360 sector](#)
 Sun Awaiting leader
 ● **Leader's choice of:** Godley Cliffs, Estuary Marshes, Dunes Wetlands, Brooklands Mouth, Waimakariri Braids, Avonhead Gardens, Opawaho Divide or Sugarloaf Hills.

- Aug xx** **Basic Snowcraft**
Raymond Ford - fordrm@snap.net.nz or 022 318 0872
- An introduction to travelling on snow, probably in the Craigieburn Basin. We will cover route-finding on snow slopes, how to walk on snow, when to use crampons, and how to self-arrest using an ice axe. We will confirm the date for the course closer to the time. You will need to take a climbing helmet, crampons, and ice axe. The club is able to supply ice-axes and climbing helmets if needed, but not crampons.
Limited numbers so please book for this day-course by 1 Aug
- 13 -14 Aug** **[Hanmer Base](#)**
Sat-Sun **Merv Meredith**
 ●● A good variety of hills to climb or easy valley walks to do.
Book by 7 Aug
- 14 Aug** **[Ogg Gog and Magog](#)**
Sun **Chris Leaver 322 6445**
 • 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 Waimakariri Rr above its gorgy section.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 20-21 Aug** **[Kaikoura Base](#)**
Sat-Sun **Names to Diane Mellish mellishdiane@gmail.com**
 ●● Keen people will do a moderate climb of Mt Fyffe while others can do more relaxed local walks such as the Kaikoura Peninsula.
Book by 14 Aug
- 20 Aug** **[Mt Storm](#)**
Saturday **Kerry Moore 359 5069**
 • A moderate climb of this 1254m peak from near Mt Pember homestead. A choice of spurs means we can make a circuit of it.
Meet 8am Placemakers, 319 Cranford St
- 27-28 Aug** **[Pinchgut Hut](#)**
Sat-Sun **Awaiting leader**
 ●● An easy-moderate there-and-back walk with only a little climbing. Pinchgut Hut has a wood stove.
Book by 21 Aug
- 28 Aug** **[Mt Oakden](#)**
Sun **Merv Meredith 322 7239**
 • Yet another way to view Lake Coleridge on this moderate climb of 1633m Mt Oakden.
Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd
- 4 Sep** **[Akaroa Skyline Circuit](#)**
Sun **Mike Bourke 332 7097**
 • An easy-moderate stroll from the top of Stony Bay Road, along part of the Skyline Circuit, overlooking Akaroa and some of the SE bays of Banks Peninsula, as far as Flea Bay Road. Return via Brasenose and Flag Peaks - covering 9km over about 4 hours.
Meet 8 am Cashmere Rd, opp PMH near Fairview Street

10-12 Sep [Te Ao Whekere](#)

Sat-Mon **Kerry Moore 359 5069**

●●● We camp in upper Happy Valley Stream, north of Kaikoura for this moderate-hard climb to 2590m Te Ao Whekere.

Book by 4 Sep

11 Sep [Ghost Stream - Mt Plenty](#)

Sun **Awaiting leader**

● A moderate climb of this 1459m hill in the Torlesse Range, starting at the Porter River bridge.

Meet 8am Church Corner, 20 Yaldhurst Rd

TRIP REPORTS

Edwards River—Tarn Col—Hawdon River

Queen's Birthday Weekend 4 – 6 June 2022

Early in the week we had a car-load set to go and we planned to work in with Hagley TC to assist with transport. Things went awry when one of our people caught the virus and another felt unwell. Also, rain was forecast for the middle day so the Hagley people cancelled. The trip was resurrected when club member Malcolm and his friend Chris decided to go, and called Kerry.

The three of us planted Kerry's \$60 bike near the Hawdon Shelter and parked at Greyneys Shelter on a fine, frosty Saturday morning. A minute later a car rolled up and the driver came over to chat. It was Barry Wybrow, with friend Michelle. Suddenly there were five in our team. Crossing the Mingha wasn't too painful because it was quick, unlike the wide Clarence crossing needed to go up Maukuratawhai. The Edwards River flats were well cemented by frost in this shaded valley. Boots got another dunking at the East Edwards, then we were heading up a quite eroded forest track, high above the river. The big Edwards waterfall is always worth a photo-stop. Back alongside the river, near the hut we stopped to look for blue ducks but they were in hiding. The well-shaded Edwards Hut was quite well used when we arrived, mid-afternoon, though four were runners who had come all the way from Hawdon Shelter. They moved on to Greyneys to be replaced later by six of their tramping friends. Another group of three, Peter, a lone tramper and our five meant the hut was quite full.

This "serviced" hut has a meagre wood supply. The wheelbarrow helps people gather damp wood from beech forest 150m away. Barry tried to coax the fire into life. Kerry offered a little scrap of candle wax which coincided with real flames, so our team made much of this tiny contribution. Encouraged, Kerry offered a piece of split log which Barry took with mock, effusive humility. Soon, the hut was warmed to a comfortable 8C, and with our cookers, probably got to 8.5C. The six that was crossing paths with the runners arrived late-afternoon. Our threesome had teriyaki beef dehy, extended with rice and lentils for main and banana bread for dessert. Barry and Michelle had something more lavish.

Sunday dawned with a pink, then grey sky and a light breeze. To get most of the Tarn Col leg done before the rain arrived, Malcolm got us up at 6am, so we were away at first light, up the broad, frosty Edwards River. We were up to operating temperature by the time we made the first of our four crossings. The last crossing was where the river swung to our right as it drains the Amber Col area. The track crossing Taruahuna Pass is quite well defined when you consider the coarseness of the rubble from Falling Mountain. We started climbing up the dry stream-bed towards the col on nice steps but the way got steeper with minimal vegetation, so walking poles were helpful. Sidling a little to a minor spur certainly made it easier. Chris went a different way and wasn't enthused by that path when he reached the col. Soon we were past the tarn that defines Tarn Col and heading into a branch of the Otehake River. The stream drops fairly steeply, making for a reasonably rugged path with many stream crossings needed. Where another branch joins, flowing north from Amber Col, we stopped for lunch at noon, just as spots of rain arrived. With coats on, and a short lunch, we were then

walking south, then east, alongside Otehake's East Branch, towards Walker Pass. The big tarn 200m past the pass was full. The track crosses Twin Falls Stream in places then heads up some bare rock to connect with a forest track. Light rain and some wind gusts made us pleased to be under trees on this steep, rocky track. The falls 50m away weren't a major attraction as we focussed on getting to the hut.

Arriving at 2.30, we found the Hawdon Hut had a fair patronage but we were able to get a top bunk. There was a family of four, and the fifteen crossing from the Edwards. With big trees around it, this hut has a good wood supply, so was a lot warmer than Edwards Hut. Chris was our cook and provided a very tasty pesto pasta dish. Malcolm topped it off with a chocolate slice for dessert. Peter, the solo tramper cooked steak for afternoon tea and then something equally delicious for dinner, then relaxed with a 400ml can of beer and a gin and tonic.

Rain persisted all night but the Hawdon didn't seem flooded when viewed from the hut, so we set off down-river at about 9am. Crossing Discovery Stream was no problem and the main river wasn't high enough to wet our shorts. The rain stopped soon after we left the hut and we arrived at Hawdon Shelter in sunshine, surprised to see a group with a fire going in the shelter and another outside in a brazier. The shelter was in the shade so we chose a nice sunny spot to get changed as we watched cars arriving for the big lunch at the shelter. One car arrived with a trailer-load of pine logs for the fire as though they planned an extended stay. A group of burly young men told us they were a Methven rugby team.

Peter got cellular reception part-way down the Hawdon, so was able to call his wife to tell her where to collect him. This worked well for us as our drivers got a ride 20km back to Greyneys to retrieve their cars. The \$60 bicycle was not needed but again stood tall on Malcolm's car. With all five of our group taking photos, we were able to share a wealth of memories of a great Queen's Birthday weekend trip. We were: **Malcolm Gollan, Chris Hyslop, Barry Wybrow, Michelle L, and Kerry Moore 🏔️ KM**



Red sky in the morning, tramper's warning



Approaching Taruahuna Pass



On Taruahuna Pass with Tarn Col at centre



Approaching Walker Pass

Gondola Base – Duncan Reserve – Tors – Bridle Path Sunday 21 June

Local resident, Ian Beale steered us onto this circuit when it was obvious the Purple Hill climb was not a goer. We parked as if going up the Bridle Path but instead contoured above Horotane Valley and Duncan Park and started climbing at a big power pylon to get to the Crater Rim Walkway. Drizzle around Lyttelton Harbour made us scurry along to the top of the Bridle Path where we elected to go down to our starting point and so be gone by lunchtime. Thanks go to Ian for his guidance on this chilly day. We were: **Ian Beale, Eileen Mackie, KyungSang Lee, Kathy Ramsay, Shi Ping Wang and Kerry Moore.** 🏔️ KM

