



## June 2026

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### OUR CLUB

Peninsula Tramping Club (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.

### NEW MEMBER ENQUIRIES

Please contact **Derek Gane (Ph. 03 337-8264)** or **Irene Kilgour (Ph. 021-166- 3586)** for information. If you can't reach them, contact any committee member.

## CLUB NIGHTS

Club Nights are held on the **second Tuesday** of the month at **Lancaster Park Community Centre, 40 Stevens St, Waltham** at 7.45pm. Doors open 7.30pm.

**Tue 9 June**



**Mid-winter Christmas with PTC.**

Bring a Christmas-themed plate to share for supper. We will have a photo quiz for the competitive element amongst us. Festive attire encouraged.

**Tues 14 July**



**'New Zealand's KIWI' by Alyse Boaz**

Author, Alyse Boaz will talk about the five species of kiwi, three Tokoeka subspecies and four geographic divisions of the Kiwi-Nui; the likely origins and relatives of the kiwi; what they eat & where they live; their territorial behaviour; threats & what is being done to help our kiwi. Copies of her book will be for sale retail price \$35.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June: Hot Pools and Dinner

Join us for a soak in the hot pools at He Puna Taimoana followed by dinner at Pad Thai (Brighton Mall).

Meet at the pools 5.30pm.

Cost for the pools is \$25 adult / \$20 SuperGold cardholder.

For dinner only meet at the restaurant at 7.30pm



**To book for dinner, contact Evelien by 12<sup>th</sup> June.**

**To book the hot pools, go online to book your own session and let Evelien know you are coming.**

Evelien Baas 027 557 5521

[baasevelien@gmail.com](mailto:baasevelien@gmail.com)

<https://www.hepunataimoana.co.nz/buy-now>

**For the most up-to-date information about Social Events, check the PTC website, the PTC Facebook page and look out for messages from PTC Communicator. Maureen has been organising social events lately, but she welcomes help from others for daytime or evening social events. Contact Maureen Thompson by phone or text 021-266-5778 or [mothompson1212@gmail.com](mailto:mothompson1212@gmail.com)**

## MESSAGES

### Shared Evening meals on tramps.

While it is recognised that the joint meals are a longstanding tradition of the club and that sharing a meal together at the hut is an enjoyable part of our tramps, it has also become more difficult due to differing dietary requirements and can be a disincentive for people to volunteer to lead an overnight tramp. While still encouraging the shared meal the club will introduce a more flexible approach.



New Policy re Joint meals on multi day tramps

- The trip leader chooses whether they (or another tramper) arranges a group meal or instructs everyone to bring their own evening meal.
- Anyone may opt out of a joint meal but they must
  - Advise the leader when booking in for the tramp
  - Bring their own cooker, fuel and billies etc.

NOTES:

- If you like group meals and the leader isn't arranging it you could volunteer to organise and cook one.
- Two or three people could get together to share cookers etc (or a meal).
- Club billies and cookers are still available for use.
- If everyone is bringing freeze dry meals using a single club cooker, gas and a large club billy is an option.

## New Club Meeting Rooms

The new location for our Tuesday meetings is at the brand new CCC **Lancaster Park Community centre** at 40 Stevens St, Waltham. (near the corner of Stevens St and Wilsons Rd).

Too new to be on google Maps, it is next to The Rugby Supporters club. Go up the ramp or steps. The room and entrance are on the playing fields side of the building.  
There is parking on Stevens St and Wilsons rd.



## Annual Subs

If you haven't yet paid, please do so now (details previous newsletter).  
If you no longer wish to remain a member please email [secretary@ptc.nz](mailto:secretary@ptc.nz)

## TRIPS

All proposals for trips, offers to lead, changes to trips or trip schedules must be directed to the trip planner Chris Leaver [newptc75@gmail.com](mailto:newptc75@gmail.com) so the trip can be reviewed, put onto the PTC calendar and advertised. Details of trips are given as accurately as possible at the time of newsletter distribution, but things can change, so please contact the trip leader and check with the PTC website or Facebook page or messages from PTC communicator for the most up-to-date information. We want to offer trips with ranges of difficulty so even if you haven't ventured out in a wee while, please consider leading an "easy" level trip for those members who need a less arduous or slower pace trip.

**Please contact the trip leader if you intend (or are just thinking about) going on a trip. This helps the trip leader with planning and you can be contacted directly if for some reason plans change or the trip is cancelled.**

**6 June**

### Mt Herbert from Port Levy Saddle

**Sat**

**Murray Hight**

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**Easy/ Mod**

Drive to Little River, up Western Valley Road to the Port Levy Saddle. We will be following a well signposted track through farmland to Mt Herbert for lunch and hopefully admire the views, especially back to Lyttelton. Retracing our footsteps back to the cars will be 11.5 km return.  
Cost \$46/car

Meet 8:30am from car park inside gate 2 the old Princess Margaret Hospital site near the corner of Fairview St and Cashmere Road.

Contact Murray by **Thu 4 June**

**Text: 027 555 0059**



**11 July**

**Quail Island by Waka**

**Sat**

**Murray Hight**

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Paddling from Naval Point round Quail Island, with a lunch stop on the South side  
Paddling instructions and life vest included. Bring lunch as we will stop at Quail Island for lunch and some exploring, a change of clothes in case you get wet and \$10.00 pp for waka hire.

Those booked meet 10.45 at Naval Point in Lyttelton (turn right when you exit the tunnel) for 11.00am paddle around Quail Island.

Trip is **FULL**

**027 555 0059 or roslynfarm@gmail.com**

**18 July**

**Kaiapoi to Pines Beach**

**Sat**

**Jaimee Latham**

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Starting at Kaiapoi, Tom Ayers Reserve and following the river on the Pegasus Walkway out to pines beach and looping back to car on Beach Rd. 17 km, 3 hours. Dogs are allowed on this track.

**Easy**

Meet 9am at Tom Ayers Reserve, Kaiapoi

Contact Jaimee by **5pm 17<sup>th</sup> July**

**020 4134 3625**

**25 July**

**Peak Hill, Lake Coleridge**

**Sat**

**Graeme Nicholas**

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Loop trip with expansive views over Lake Coleridge. Coffee at Hororata on the way home. Contact Graeme if you plan to come. Cost \$92/car

**Moderate**

Meet Church Corner 8 am.

Contact Graeme by **24<sup>th</sup> July**

**027 504 7726**

**7 -9 Aug**

**Anti-Crow hut, Arthurs Pass**

**Fri-Sat or**

**Graeme Nicholas**

**Sat-Sun**

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A 2-day trip to the refurbished hut on the true right bank of the Waimakariri in the Sun (hopefully). Fabulous views of the Arthurs Pass peaks with snow. As hut is bookable we will need to confirm numbers and determine a Friday or Saturday night stay so contact Graeme.

**Easy**

Contact Graeme by **1<sup>st</sup> August**

**027 504 7726**

# TRIP REPORTS

Please email **trip reports** and photo's to the editor at [heather@nivek.co.nz](mailto:heather@nivek.co.nz) by the 25th of the month for inclusion in the following month's newsletter. Photos need to be around 640x480 pixels (about 100 to 200 KB). Photos with date and time in the file-name allow them to be placed in the correct order.

## **Edwards Hut**

**2-3 May 2026**

A spell of good weather lured us and many others into the mountains. We set out from Greyneys Shelter at 09:30 and soon crossed a fairly low Bealey River just below where the Mingha flows into it. A big triangle directed us onto a forest track which avoids the lower 1 km of the Edwards River as it cuts a corner. Patches of forest track and river flat led to the East Branch of the Edwards, then it was forest track for the next 3km. The track winds in and out of gullies and rises high enough for the trees to be stunted as they struggle to flourish on rocky patches.

One memorable spot on this leg of the Edwards Track was the waterfall viewpoint.



**KM**

Getting near the hut we knew to look for blue ducks and were rewarded as a pair perched quietly on river boulders. 400m from the hut some of us knew to pick up firewood as there is usually very little at the hut.



*Viewpoint WM*

With our five and various other groups, the hut was nearly full and later a father and daughter team arrived. The girl must have been nine or ten and had found the track fairly taxing. There are lots of places where you need to haul yourself up using tree roots. The dad and daughter brought out a pack of UNO cards, and Wendy joined them for a game. Kerry joined when he saw that the rules weren't too complex and it seemed like fun.



*Arriving at the hut WM*

Chris volunteered to provide dinner. Kerry had suggested a minimal, easy, macaroni and cheese with no trimmings. Chris elevated the meal with special touches and we gobbled it down gratefully. Kerry's standard 3C's&A (custard, coconut, chocolate with apricot) was also successful, with some left over as a topping for muesli in the morning. The evening grew cold, so the fire was stoked with the little wood available; never-mind the people who in future might arrive cold and wet at the hut.

On a frosty Sunday morning, the hut came alive at first light. Keith, Wang and Kerry crossed the Edwards and headed up through scrub towards Williams Saddle. Chris had another cuppa in bed waiting for the sun to catch the superb view of tarns above the hut. A kea visited the hut to say hello.



*Ice on the tarns near the hut. WM*

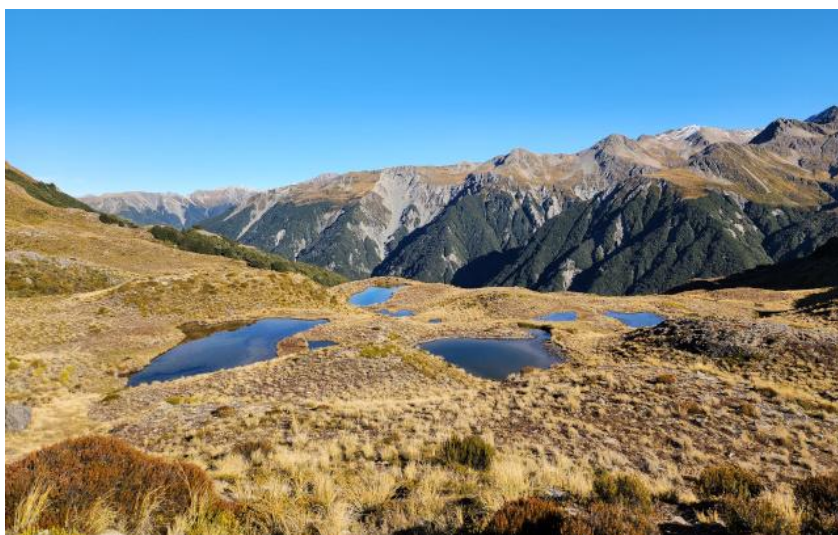


*Tarns CL*

The saddle walkers made the common mistake of staying too long in the stream bed and exited towards a rocky patch, needing to descend to find a good approach to the saddle. The map shows a gentler gradient fairly close to the main stream from the saddle. We entered the forest and found a campsite and easy travel in a NE direction, then the gentle contours vanished and it was the usual hard descent avoiding bluffy bits and dense *phyllocladus alpinus* patches. The map showed a scree running to the river and we reached it, but it wasn't the highway we were hoping for. It was steep and coarse, requiring care not to send rocks onto people below. It got us to the Mingha where we had to cross it a few times before meeting the main track.

Keith hales from Kentucky and the famous derby was about to run. Rather than guess the outcome of the race a track-side commentary was needed. Wanganui Wang was good in the wet and Kerikeri Kerry could handle a rough track. On the day Kentucky Keith showed good speed in the home straight and stayed out front all the way to the finishing post. In the next event, on a different course, the favourites, Cruisy Chris and Willing Wendy dead-heated for first. All contestants boarded the transporter and headed back to greener pastures.

We were: Wendy McCaughan, Chris Leaver, Wang, Keith Hoard and Kerry Moore. 🏃 KM



*View from Williams Saddle. Wang*

## Cholmondeley Work Party

**11 May 2026**

It was five enthusiastic members who met at PMH for the trip over the hill.

The weather was very cold first thing, but warmed up as the day progressed.

After a short meeting with some staff members, we were given tools and a quick tour of the complex. Being on four hectares, does take a lot of work.

Four of us concentrated on the vege garden, due to the Sun being focussed on this area, plus the view down the harbour was epic.

After eight full wheelbarrows of weeds and cuttings our job was done.

It was very heart-warming to help an organisation that provides support and help to children who come to stay for 3 nights every 8-9 weeks.

Thank You Murray, Chris, John, Kerry and Grant 🙏 MH

A big thankyou to Murray who obtained a \$500 donation of tools for Cholmondeley from Mitre10, Sydenham.



*Photo's*  
MH



## Brooklands lagoon

**16th May 2026**

On Saturday we all met at Spencer Park, jumped in Evelin's car with her dog and drove to Whites crossing. We started our walk at 9.15am with the weather being a bit overcast. We mainly followed the Waimakariri river and the 360 signs which were a bit hit and miss. The views looking back to the port hills were nice. We encountered some escaping dogs off one property which was a bit scary. The day warmed up which was good and we got to the Adrenaline forest end by 12 Noon. Everyone went home except myself and Evelien because Adam picked us up and dropped Evelien back to her car.

Attendees were Jaimee, Evelien, Sammy and Colin 🇳🇿 JL



*Pictures by JL*



## Cookies hut

**16-17 May 2026**

We arrived at the track start (directly across the Rakaia from Lake Coleridge Village) to find a cool, cloudy but windless day. Happily the one area of clear blue sky was up the valley where we were headed. The track was more varied than I had remembered with a few sections of easy river travel and a few parts where the track has been diverted around some slips. The 400m climb to the saddle was very gentle with only a 100m section that was a bit more steadily uphill.

We enjoyed lunch in the sunshine with great views across the valley.

The next section to Tribulation hut was all in open country and we covered the ground more quickly.



*River Travel KH*



After a pleasant break at the hut we headed on to Cookies hut. There was a track down into the river bed but the sign seemed to indicate an equally distinct track up behind the hut. We decided to take the high ground (maybe influenced by the sunny tops as opposed to the now shaded river bed). It started well and the first gully was easy to bypass but at the second one it became apparent that, due to Matagouri filled gullies, this was probably not going to be a good route. We dropped down into the gully and back to the riverbed where we found the travel much easier. We did have to cross the river a half dozen times but it was only a little over ankle deep.

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KH

We arrived at the 6 bunk hut to find we had it to ourselves. It is a nice enough hut but not a warm one. With only matagouri around us there was little wood to be gathered so we elected not to light the fire and to leave the small amount of wood for people arriving in the rain. After dinner, dessert and a game of monopoly cards we opted for our sleeping bags to keep warm. The night was chilly and there was frost on the windows in the morning (and some socks and boot laces were frozen solid) so we had a later start than intended. The sun was just reaching the hut as we left it and though the first few river crossings were not pleasant the sun quickly warmed us so that by the time we reached tribulation hut an hour later we were warm enough to remove long johns and several layers.



*Tribulation Hut* HH

We had lunch at the same place as the day before and when we took a higher track at one point it worked out well affording nice views and easy travel. After a pleasant walk out we were back at the car at about 3pm.

Trampers were Heather and Kevin Hughes, Chris Leaver and Graeme Nicholas. 🏠 HH



*Lunch Stop* HH

## NOTES

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