

Hagley Tramping Club

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Welcome to the **Hagley Tramping Club** Newsletter.

The **Hagley Tramping Club** was originally established as the Hospital Tramping Club in 1974 with the aim of making the back country experience more accessible to the average person and to foster a respect for the wilderness.

The Club organises a variety of trips to suit all ages and levels of fitness. We encourage prospective new members to experience 2 or 3 trips to see if we suit their style before joining.

Newsletter Contents

Calendar of Trips & Social Events, Trip Reports & Pictures.

For general information about the club and trips, refer last two pages.

Club Email Address

For general communication: hagleytrampingclub@yahoo.co.nz

For information about trips, please ring the Trip Leader.



From your Chairperson

Happy new Year Trampers!

As usual the club has been a bit quiet over the holiday period but we had good numbers for my last trip in December and Sandra got a good number to Anticrow a couple of weeks back. Lots of fun was also had at the Christmas party in December.

It was good to get together this week for the trip planning meeting and we managed to put together an interesting program. Be sure to put the Mid-winter Xmas weekend on your calendar now so you don't book anything else by mistake.

One thing that did become obvious however is that many of the longstanding stalwarts for trip leading, committee and office holders have been having life changes that are affecting their ability to continue volunteering their time. Please everyone think very carefully about what you can offer the club at the upcoming AGM. In particular, we need to find someone who can take over the editor's role, otherwise after this edition the newsletter will become a basic trip list as Dennis can no longer fit it in amongst his work and family commitments; having now hung on to the job for 2 years beyond his wishes it is about time we honoured his massive commitment over many years and got some keen new hands and minds involved.

I have also been having health issues which mean my future role is uncertain and I'm not the only one. While none of us begrudges the time, we give to the club the old adage "many hands make light work" is still very true.

Please remember that the new membership rates take effect from 1 April, these being \$30 Individual and \$35 Family. Membership renewal notifications will be sent out by email during March.

Hope I get to see you out on the track soon.

Happy trails

Tere

[Note from Newsletter Editor: I enjoy doing the Newsletter when I have time, but there are times when I really don't have time. (Other than taking annual leave which I have done several times.) If someone could step up and fill in occasionally, I would very much appreciate that. Dennis]

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 February

Bull Creek Hut

Bull Creek Hut is up the East Branch of the Poulter River. From the Poulter River bridge (Mt White Station) we will tramp up the Poulter through the McArthur Gorge to the hut, with shallow wading in parts. Bring cookers, tents etc. Map BV21

Leader Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277

Moderate Plus

Transport \$35

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 19 February

Wednesday 01 March at 7.30 pm

Committee Meeting

Club Committee meeting at Tere's.

Sunday 5 March

Pinnacles Hut

A day trip to Pinnacles Hut behind Mt Somers. We drive to the Stavelly end of the Mt Somers Walkway and tramp into the first hut for lunch. Return the same way. A nice forest trip with interesting rock formations to see from the hut.

Leader Norman Burden Ph 358 5115

Moderate

Transport \$25

Depart from Cookie Time on Main South Rd Templeton at 8.00am.

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 March

Cold Stream Hut.

Lake Sumner Forest Park

We will drive to Jollybrook Swing Bridge near Lake Sumner. Walk to Cold Stream Hut for the night and return the same way. Wet boots on this trip as some 30 river crossings – well a shallow creek really!

A beautiful valley to enjoy. Cancelled if bad weather, especially nor-west rain.

Leaders Claire & Sergey 021 0762500

Easy overnight

Transport \$30

Please book with Claire and Sergey by Sunday 5 March

Sunday 19 March	Greta Valley Mystery Farm Trip
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A day trip with Glenda in the region of Greta Valley. Glenda is able to arrange permissions onto farms which otherwise restrict public access.

Her trips are always interesting – come and enjoy a good day out.

If you are coming on this trip, please ring Glenda and she will advise where to meet her in the Greta Valley.

Leader Glenda Ph 03 314 3365

Easy

Transport \$15

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.30am.

Wednesday 22 March at 7.30 pm	Club Social Night
	Abberley Crescent Hall
<p>A quick club meeting followed by a talk by Claire and Carol with awesome pictures of their recent tramping in Nepal. All welcome.</p> <p>Followed by supper.</p>	

Sunday 26 March	Pinch Gut Hut Day Trip
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We will drive to Fox Creek, leave the cars and cross the Okuku River to follow the track to Pinchgut Hut. Return the same way unless it's a lovely day then bring a change of clothes and we follow Whare or Gorge Stream back to the main track.

Leaders Mike and Claire Ph 337 5944

Moderate

Transport \$15

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.00am.

Saturday & Sunday 01 & 02 April	Mt Norma, Lewis Pass
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Drive to Palmer Lodge and tramp up Easy Spur to tent by the tarn below Mt Norma. Climb Mt Norma (1722m) on Sunday morning and home the same way. Bring tents, cookers etc. Maps BT23 & BU23.

Leaders Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277

Moderate Plus

Transport \$30

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 26 March

Sunday 09 April	Mt Bruce Craigieburn Forest Park
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Starting from the Cora Lynn car park we take the track towards Lagoon Saddle but branch off to climb Mt Bruce. A great shingle slide on the south side of Mt Bruce drops us into Broad Stream where there is a good track back to the cars.

Leader Vesna Ph 942 6955 Moderate Transport \$25

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am.

Friday 14 April to Monday 17 April Easter	At the time of publication there is no planned trip for Easter.
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See website for any updates.

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 April	Comyns Hut Hakatere Conservation Park
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Comyns Hut is an old musterer's refuge now incorporated into Hakatere Conservation Park in the Rakaia River catchment. The hut, along with some others nearby, is also now part of the Te Araroa Trail.

About 5 hours each way on 4wd track.

We will need to take tents if a large group.

Leader Dennis Ph 359 1211 Moderate Transport \$25

Please book with Dennis by Sunday 16 April

Wednesday 26 April at pm	Club Restaurant Night
!!Note early bookings required, week before!!	
Enjoy a dinner with fellow trampers at The Cuban Restaurant, 236 St Asaph St. http://www.thecuban.co.nz/	
Something to suit for everyone!	
Please book with Heather Ph 332 6281 by Thursday 20 April.	
(Final numbers required by Sunday)	

Sunday 30 April	Mt Lyndon (1489m) Circuit
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Mt Lyndon is adjacent to Lake Lyndon.

It is easily accessible from the West Coast Rd with a good climb up its North East slopes. Great views from the top.

From the top we can return either the way we came or down the easy south ridge and low saddle behind the lodge and return along the lake to the cars

Leader Vesna Ph 942 6955 Moderate Transport \$20
 Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am.

Wednesday 03 May at 7.30 pm	Committee Meeting
Club Committee meeting at Vesna's.	

Sunday 07 May	Mt Cloudsley (2107m)
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From Castle Hill Village, we climb through beech forest and up Long Spur to the summit of Mt Cloudsley. Long hard climb of 1300m.

Return by the same route.

Leaders Claire & Sergey Ph 021 0762500 Moderate Plus Transport \$20
 Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 7.00am

Sunday 14 May	Mt Thomas (1023m)
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A day trip to Mt Thomas.

The plan is a round trip up Ridge Track to Summit Track and return via Wooded Gully. Great views of the Canterbury Plains from the summit and Wooded Gully is always a nice forest walk.

Leader Norman B Ph 358 5115 Easy Moderate Transport \$15
 Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.30am

Sunday 21 May	Mt Winterslow (1700m)
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Drive to Sharplin Falls. We will tramp through the bush and follow easy tops to the summit of Mt Winterslow. Return the same way.

This will be long day and may need ice axe and crampons. Please contact Bill & Wendy if you are wondering whether ice axe and crampons will be needed.

Map BX20

Leaders Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277 Moderate Plus Transport \$25

Depart from Cookie Time on Main South Rd Templeton at 7.00am.

Wednesday 24 May at 7.30 pm	AGM & Akido Demo Abberley Crescent Hall
<p>Our AGM night. The committee roles of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor are all elected on the night. While members currently hold these roles any paid member of the club can put their name forward to take one on. Please consider whether you have the time and skills needed to put yourself forward.</p> <p>Followed by an Akido demo by Pat, one of our own members.</p> <p>Aikido is a subtle, sophisticated & dynamic martial art from Japan which allows you to utilize and develop all of your powers to strengthen both mind & body. This will be an interesting learning opportunity for everyone. Please come along and give Pat a good turnout of members.</p> <p>All welcome. Followed by supper.</p>	

Sunday 28 May	Tribulation Hut
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Tribulation Hut is on the Redcliffe Stream which flows in the upper reaches of the Rakaia River.

The track to the hut is 3.5 hours (10km) and passes through the Redcliffe Scenic reserve, across a flat valley and around the base of Rat hill.

We will have lunch at the hut and return the same way.

Leader Heather Ph 332 6281 Moderate Transport \$25

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 7.30am.

Saturday 3 to Monday 5 June Queen's Birthday Weekend	At the time of publication there is no planned trip for this weekend.
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See website for any updates.

Sunday 11 June	Purau Waterfall via Mt Herbert Track
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We will start our tramp on farmland at 100 Purau Port Levy Road by following a track up the valley. We then branch off and climb to the ridgeline and join the Mt Herbert Walkway. We stay on the Walkway until we again branch off and join up with a track that takes us down to the waterfall and on via the farm to our cars.

If you are coming on this trip please ring Pauline by Saturday 7.00pm (or earlier) to advise if you are coming on this trip. Pauline will meet us at the Purau waterfront carpark.

Leader Pauline Ph 329 4414 Easy Moderate Transport \$15
Depart from Cashmere Rd. opposite Princess Margaret Hospital at 8am.

Wednesday 14 June at 7.30 pm	Trip Planning Meeting
Trip Planning meeting at Dennis's	

Sunday 18 June	Flagpole (897m)
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Flagpole is in the Lady Barker Range in the upper reaches of the Selwyn River. It is on private land, permission required to access.

A steady 2.5 hr climb on a 4wd track to the summit for lunch and return the same way. Great views especially if there has been some snow.

Leader Dennis Ph 359 1211 Moderate Transport \$15
Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am.

Wednesday 21 June at 7.30 pm	Committee Meeting
Club Committee meeting at Heather's	

Sunday 25 June	See next Newsletter
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Wednesday 28 June	No Club Social Event
Due to the Mid Winter Xmas event the following weekend, there is no social event planned for this Wednesday.	

Saturday 01 & Sunday 02 July	Mid Winter Xmas Lake Clearwater Base Camp
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!!NOTE: Booking much earlier than our usual lead-time required for this trip!!
 Dig out your Hawaiian Shirts, sarongs and Leis as this year we will celebrate a hot midwinter Christmas with a Pacific Island theme.

Bring a secret Santa gift up to \$10 and food for pot-luck Xmas Dinner on Saturday night.

Please book early so Bach accommodation can be secured and notify Heather of your interest by the May meeting (AGM 24 May) with final numbers required by mid-June.

Watch the website for further details.

Leave Friday night. Tramping options for every level in this area

Leader Heather Ph 332 6281 All Grades Transport \$30

Please notify Heather of interest by Wednesday 24 May with final numbers required by mid-June.

Meeting dates & locations

Our general meetings are generally held on the 4th Wednesday of every month. As this may vary, please check program for confirmation and venue location. Abberley Crescent Hall is the venue for most of our general meetings. Abberley Crescent continues west from Edgeware Rd after it crosses Springfield Rd.

Trip Gradings

	Description
EASY	A day tramp for almost anyone who can walk 5-6 hrs. Possibly some short gentle slopes, but generally on a track or flat riverbed.
MODERATE	Longer tramp of up to 7hrs, requiring a reasonable level of fitness. Usually involving some uphill sections and generally on a track.
MODERATE PLUS	A long tramp of up to 8 hrs requiring good level of fitness. More difficult terrain, varying gradients including steep slopes. *Ice axe & crampons may be required
HARD	A challenging trip requiring excellent fitness and experience. 8-10+hrs tramping on high passes and untracked routes. *Ice axe & crampons may be required.

*If these items are required, it will be stated in the Trip Description.

The Trip Leader is responsible for the safety and well-being of everyone on the trip. Therefore, the Trip Leader has the right to refuse to take anyone, who, in his or her opinion, is not equipped, or fit for the trip in any way.

Checklist for a Day Trip

Essential	Essential (Cont)	Optional
Day pack	Warm hat	Walking pole
*Parka (Essential)	Gloves	Camera
*Warm clothes (wool or polyprop)		Binoculars
Strong walking shoes or boots	Seasonal	
Food & drink	Sun glasses	
Sun screen	Sun hat	

*Due to changeable and often unpredictable nature of the weather in Canterbury, a good waterproof parka and warm clothing must be carried for all trips.

Overnight Trips

If you are planning to go on an overnight trip, please contact Trip Leader for information about food and equipment requirements.

About our trips

Typical numbers on our trips are 4 – 10 people. For safety reasons, the minimum of people on a Club trip is four. However if there are fewer than four, the trip can still go ahead but becomes a private and not an official Club trip.

As a safety precaution, a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) is carried on all trips. The club owns two which have been purchased with funding from the Christchurch City Council.

Delayed Trip Returns

Return delays can be caused by for example, track closures (requiring a change in route), weather (affecting routes & rivers) and travel conditions (road closures & breakdowns). Consequently return times are always a bit uncertain.

If you have concerns about a delayed return please contact one of the following Club members: Sandra 03 354 9521; Dennis 03 359 1211; Neal 03 343 6980

Club Membership

Our annual membership subscription is \$30 single or \$35 family. Our financial year commences 1 April. We encourage prospective new members to experience 2 or 3 trips to see if we suit their style before joining.

Membership Forms are available as a download form at the bottom of our website Home page. <http://www.hagleytrampingclub.net.nz/>