

# Hagley Tramping Club

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## ***JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER 2021***

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Welcome to the **Hagley Tramping Club** Newsletter & Trip Program

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.

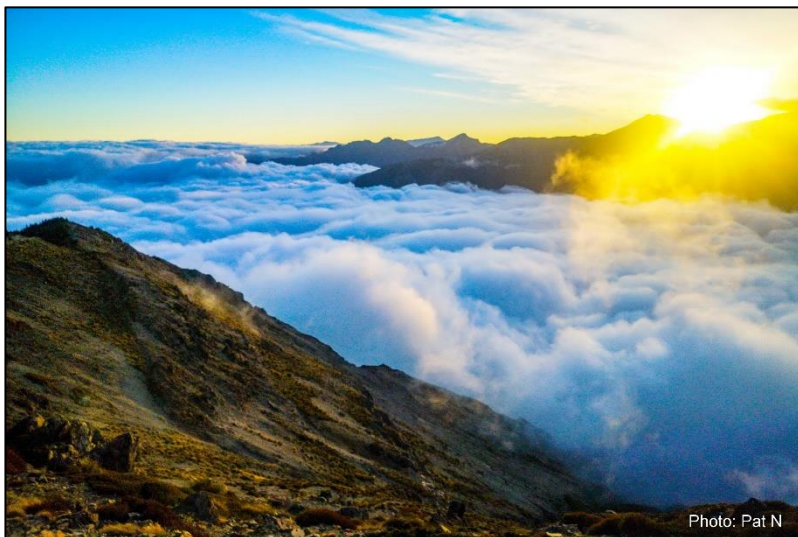


Photo: Pat N

Sunset to the west from the summit of Mt Fyffe, inland from Kaikoura.

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## **Newsletter Contents**

Calendar of Trips & Social Events, Trip Reports

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

## **Club Email Address**

For general communication: [contact@hagleytrampingclub.net.nz](mailto:contact@hagleytrampingclub.net.nz)

For information about trips, please ring the Trip Leader.

## **Club Committee**

Chairperson	Pat N	Ph 981 6431
Treasurer	Claire T	Ph 021 076 2500
Secretary	Dennis W	Ph 021 243 9999
Club Captain	Bill T	Ph 354 2277
Committee	Heather H (Website)	Ph 021 079 7101
	Dennis W (Newsletter)	Ph 021 243 9999
	Carol B	Ph 021 2222 054
	Tere L	Ph 021 167 9338
	Sally B	Ph 338 1097
New members contact	Sally B	Ph 338 1097

The Club Captain is a technical leadership position available to advise anyone on equipment, trips etc. Please contact Bill if you have tramping enquiry.

(For specific tramps, contact the Trip Leader)

Committee Meetings are not “closed.” Any club member is welcome to come along to our meetings.

## **Membership Renewal**

Our Financial Year is from 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022. Membership renewals are due this coming March/April.

Membership cost is single \$30 and family \$35.

Membership renewal forms are at the bottom of our home page:

<http://www.hagleytrampingclub.net.nz/>

## **Chairperson (Tere L) AGM Report**

At the Club AGM held in May, Tere presented this report:

It has been a surprisingly normal year considering the whole Covid situation and we can be thankful that our government, health and border staff have been so successful in protecting us all.

Membership has been steady. We have had a few new faces along who seem keen to join us permanently.

I think all our trip leaders can be justly proud of the high-quality program of trips they are offering, and I would like to thank them all.

We also have a wealth of talent on our committee with all the members and particularly the office holders giving unstintingly of their time to keep up the amazing thing which is the Hagley Tramping Club.

I believe we can confidently look forward to another great year of getting together to wander or to socialise.

Yet again I would like to thank:

Wendy A for auditing the club finances & producing the Financial Reports

Claire as Treasurer for a great job on managing our money

Heather for developing and maintaining our really good website

Dennis for work as Secretary and Newsletter editor

Bill for his role as Club Captain

Carol for looking after the supper for our social meetings.

Wendy Templeton has resigned as New Members contact and Sally B has put herself forward to pick up this task – thank you Sally.

## **Trip Reports**

With some particularly memorable trips over the last three months, Sally and Wendy T have written these up – see Trip Reports after the Trips Program.

(Trip Reports are always welcome for the Newsletter – Dennis)

## *Calendar of Trips and Social Events*

<b>Sunday 13 June</b>	<b>Bealey Spur APNP</b>
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A steady gradient climbs up the Bealey Spur for lunch at the historic Bealey Spur Hut. Great views of Arthurs Pass mountains. An option to climb the high point beyond the hut for those fit and keen. Return the same way.

Please book with Carol if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Carol B 021 222 2054                      Easy-Moderate      Transport \$25

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am.

<b>Wednesday 16 June at 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Committee Meeting at Claire's in Hoon Hay.	

<b>Sunday 20 June</b>	<b>Mt Bradley Banks Peninsula</b>
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We drive to Kaituna Valley and climb to the Packhorse Hut. From there we take the zig zag track towards Mt Herbert branching off to the summit of Mt Bradley. Explore the summit & have lunch before returning.

Please book with Tere if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Tere L 981 6431                      Easy-Moderate      Transport \$10

Depart from outside of Halswell School on the Akaroa Rd at 8.30am

**Wednesday 23 June 7.00 pm**

**Club Social Night**

**Timezone Riccarton**

<https://www.timezonegames.com/en-nz/locations/timezone-riccarton>

Come along and have some fun!

Organiser: Carol B Ph 021 222 2054

No requirement to book just let Carol know you are coming in case there is any change of plan.

**Sunday 27 June**

**Pigeon Bay Walkway**

This walkway follows the eastern side of Pigeon bay out to the head of the bay and has spectacular coastal views.

14km return by the same track.

Please book with Dennis if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Dennis W Ph 021 243 9999

Easy

Transport \$18

Depart from outside Halswell School on the Akaroa Rd at 8.30am

**Saturday 03 & Sunday 04 July**

**Casey Hut – Binser Saddle**

A pleasant two day tramp through open mountain beech forest and tussock valleys. Leaving Andrews shelter we will tramp next to the Andrews Stream over Casey Saddle with options for the night at the new Casey Hut or the Trust Poulter Hut and return the next day via Binser Saddle. Quite a long weekend trip.

Leader Pat N Ph 021 167 9338

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Pat by Sunday 27 June.

<b>Sunday 11 July</b>	<b>Red Hill from Porters Ski Field Rd</b>
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Drive to the gate before the Ski Lodge and tramp up the true right of the Porter River to the foot of Coleridge Pass. Then a good climb on the ridge to Red Hill (1641m). Crampons and ice axes may be required. Please check with Vesna when you book.

Please book with Vesna if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Vesna 021 277 2422

Moderate

Transport \$20

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am

<b>Friday 16 to Sunday 18 July</b>	<b>Midwinter Base Camp Glenthorne Station</b>
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Arriving Friday or Saturday for tramping in this lovely area. Hopefully a walk to Fanghill Hut and the next day to Lake Lillian. (Both trips depend on access otherwise other alternatives.)

Pot luck dinner, 1960's dress-up theme and music on Saturday night.

Bookings essential. Accommodation limited to 19. Cost is \$25/person/night.

(As at Newsletter publication date, the road to Glenthorne is closed. Alternative weekend maybe at Little River.)

Leader Carol B Ph 021 222 2054

All

Transport \$30

Please book with Carol by Sunday 11 July but preferably earlier.

<b>Sunday 25 July</b>	<b>Kaituna Valley-Mt Herbert Loop</b>
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At least two cars required: One at the end of Kaituna Valley Rd & the other at the Parkinsons Rd park. Start from Kaituna Valley Rd up the Monument Track South to Little Mt Herbert. Then Mt Herbert-Shelter-Packhorse Hut & Parkinsons Rd.

Please book with Vesna if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Vesna 021 277 2422

Moderate

Transport \$10

Depart from outside Halswell School on the Akaroa Rd at 8.00am

**Wednesday 28 July at 7.30 pm**

**Club Social Night**

**Abberley Park Hall**

A short general meeting then Vesna's will talk about her experiences & show us her pics of the Te Araroa Trail.

Followed by supper.

**Sunday 01 August**

**Washpen Falls**

This fascinating walk starts at the old Washpen Woolshed and takes you through an ancient volcanic canyon which is now a reserve filled with lush native bush and wonderful bird life. This unspoilt area is easily accessed via sympathetically constructed tracks, stairs and board walks. It is a loop track taking approx. 2hrs. A maintenance fee of \$10/person is charged.

Please book with Carol if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Carol B Ph 021 222 2054

Easy

Transport \$15

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 9.00am.

**Sunday 08 August**

**Mt Pukanui 1145m**

Mt Pukanui is inland from Mayfield. We will cross farmland on an easement. The conservation land has no tracks to access Moorhouse Range and Mt Pukanui so we cross through tussocky grassland. There should be good views down to Rangitata Gorge. Map BX19

Please book with Bill & Wendy if you intend joining this trip.

Leaders Bill & Wendy T 354 2277

Moderate

Transport \$25

Depart from Z Station in Templeton at 7.30am

<b>Saturday 14 - Sunday 15 August</b>	<b>Jollie Brook Hut Lake Sumner Forest Park</b>
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Saturday morning we drive to Lake Sumner about 2hrs. Then 3hrs to Gabriel Hut for lunch and 1.5hrs to Jollie Brook Hut (7 bunks) for the night. Tents maybe required.

Leader Pat N Ph 021 167 9338                      Easy-Moderate    Transport \$30  
Please book with Pat by Sunday 08 August.

<b>Wednesday 18 August at 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Committee Meeting at Heather’s in Halswell.	

<b>Saturday 21 &amp; Sunday 22 August</b>	<b>Quail Island Ecological Restoration</b>
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Saturday morning we will take the ferry to Quail Is prepared to stay the night in the Otamahua Hut. **Individual hut bookings required. If you are intending to join this trip and stay overnight BOOK NOW.**

On Saturday there is already a full complement of planters organised so we may not be planting, but either hiking or other restoration tasks. We will be planting on Sunday. The other option is to come on Sunday morning for the day only.

Please book with Sally if you intend to join this trip.  
Leader Sally B 338 1097 or 021 127 6419    All                      Transport \$7  
Please book the hut ASAP & advise Sally you are coming.

<b>Wednesday 25 August 6.45pm</b>	<b>Club Social Night Good Thai Restaurant</b>
Good Thai Restaurant 166 Kendall Ave, Burnside	
Please book with Pat N Ph 021 167 9338 by Sunday 22 August	



<b>Sunday 29 August</b>	<b>Cockayne Alley &amp; Cuckoo Creek Tracks</b>
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These tracks are accessed off the Mt Cheeseman Ski Rd. A loop trip with some easy ascents/descents mostly through beech forest.

Please book with Heather if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Heather H 021 079 7101  
or 332 6281

Easy-Moderate Transport \$25

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.30am

<b>Saturday 04 &amp; Sunday 05 September</b>	<b>Townsend Hut, APNP</b>
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Townsend Hut is a 12km walk up the Taramakau River. Then a 700m, steep climb up to the hut. The hut has 4 bunks. Return the same way. Bring own tents, cookers etc.

Maps BU20 & BU 21

Leaders Bill & Wendy T Ph 354 2277

Moderate-hard Transport \$35

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 29 August

**\*\*NOTE the following trip on Saturday\*\***

<b>**Saturday 11 September</b>	<b>Port Hills String Theory</b>
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From Victoria Park: Eastside Bush Track, Bowenvale Track, Hidden Valley Track, Corkscrew 4WD track, Huntsbury Track, Waterfall Track, Gorge Track, Mt Vernon Farm Track, Dry Ridge Track, Murette Taylor Track, Rapaki Valley Track, Rapaki Track, Crater Rim Walkway, Cedrics Track and Latters Spur Track.

Remember to bring sunscreen & water.

Please book with Tere if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Tere L Ph 021 140 1104  
or 981 6431

Moderate Transport NA

Meet at Victoria Park at 9.30am.

**Sunday 19 September**

**Tenahaun Track Rangitata Gorge**

Track starts in the north bank of the Rangitata River at the Rangitata Diversion Intake. It follows up the river through the gorge and ends at the flats. Returns same way. Interesting day trip.

Please book with Dennis if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Dennis W Ph 021 243 9999      Easy-Moderate      Transport \$25  
Depart from Z station Templeton at 8.00am.

**\*\*Wednesday 22 September 7.30pm**

**Club Social Night**

**\*\*Pending confirmation. Likely to be cancelled due to Paparoa Track trip.**

**Abberley Park Hall**

A short general meeting followed by a Paper Darts competition and supper.

If you would like to know more about the competition contact Tere L Ph 021 140 1104 or 981 6431, otherwise just come along on the night.

**Wednesday 22 – Sunday 26 September**

**Paparoa Track**

**\*\*Hut bookings open Wednesday 16 June at 9.30am. Cost is \$45/hut\*\***

**\*\*If you are coming on the trip you will need to do your own hut bookings\*\***

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Drive Christchurch to Punakaiki or Barrytown & stay the night.

Thursday 23 Tramp Punakaiki to Pororari Hut

Friday 24 Pororari Hut to Moonlight Tops Hut

Saturday 25 Moonlight Tops Hut to Ces Clark Hut

Sunday 26 Ces Clark Hut to Barrytown & return to Christchurch.

A car shuttle is to be arranged between Punakaiki and Barrytown.

Tentative proposal is to stay at Punakaiki Beach Camp in shared accommodation.

Sally will arrange when numbers confirmed.

Leader Sally B 338 1097 or 021 127 6419      Moderate      Transport \$60

Please book with Sally if you intend to join this trip.

<b>Sunday 03 October</b>	<b>Peak Hill, Lake Coleridge</b>
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A good climb above Lake Coleridge with great views of the lake and alps. Could be a bit of snow on top at this time of year.

Please book with Bronwyn if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Bronwyn M Ph 022 506 2442                      Moderate                      Transport \$30

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am

<b>Wednesday 06 October at 7.00pm</b>	<b>Trip Planning Meeting</b>
Committee Meeting at Vesna's in Wigram.	

<b>Sunday 10 October</b>	<b>Korowai Torlesse Tussocklands/Old Coach Rd</b>
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Trip starts at the car park off the hairpin this side of Porters Pass. Climbing to Trig M via Coach Stream Route and return via Old Coach Rd.

Please book with Sally if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Sally B 338 1097/021 127 6419                      Easy Moderate                      Transport \$15

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car part at 8.00am.

<b>Sunday 17 October</b>	<b>Evans Pass Loop Walk</b>
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From Evans Pass we will take Scarborough Bluffs Track to Taylors Mistake, then Godley Head. From Godley Head back to Evans Pass via Crater Rim Walkway.

Please book with Vesna if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Vesna 021 277 2422                      Moderate                      Transport NA

Meet at Evans Pass carpark at 9.00am.

# ***Trip Reports***

## **Camp Saddle**

Five of us and four-legged Tilly left the city on a mild, somewhat cloudy day. Our destination was the turn off the main road towards the Craigieburn Visitor Centre and Broken River Skifield.

We set off from Mistletoe Flat through bush on an easy track which climbed up to a saddle where trails turned off up to Helicopter Hill or a Luge Track for mountain bikes downhill. Our trail went onwards towards the Craigieburn ski area and our chosen route to Camp Saddle. We got lovely views as we walked up the valley. The path was generally good though there were some narrow stretches across steep shingle slides.

After a break for morning tea we soon came to an open area where we left the path and began a steep and somewhat tricky climb up to Camp Saddle. The loose stones made it hard at times to not slip backwards though there were plenty of grasses and shrubs to cling on to.

The views from the stony saddle top were wonderful, open and far reaching. It was too early for lunch so we carried on. Our route now took us up on to and along a ridge. This was easy enough to follow but some careful footwork was needed at times over sharp outcrops and slippery descents. We followed the ridge right along to the far end where it started to descend steeply into bush.

Before we left the ridge we enjoyed lunch on the rocky terrain with a rare patch of scrubby vegetation to sit on. A gorgeous picnic spot! And now the highspot of the trip (from Claire's point of view !)...a long and delightful shingle run down the steep slope back to the bushline. The fine and thick shingle made it comfortable underfoot and no concern about falling.

Great fun!

Sally

## **ANZAC Weekend, April 24 – 26**

### **Lake Heron Base Camp.**

In spite of a somewhat dubious weather forecast ten of us took the risk and headed down to Lake Heron where Heather had booked us into the Shearers'

Shed at Clent Hills Station. It may sound a bit basic but proved to be great accommodation, very comfortable, warm and well equipped.

Had the weather proved really inclement we would have been quite happy spending time indoors with jigsaws and books but in fact, apart from very strong winds every day, it was mostly very sunny.

On Saturday we walked to Double hut, an easy mainly flat tramp across open grassy country with views of the lake and the surrounding hills. In fact we were climbing very slowly and gently but only noticed this on the return trip. That night we enjoyed our first communal meal which was delicious with the great variety of dishes provided by us all !

On Sunday a trip up the Cameron Valley was proposed, with the idea of leaving the valley half way along to climb up to The Pyramid and then back along a ridge. We drove to the far end of the lake and a bit beyond until we reached the car park at the start of the track. Stormy skies looked threatening at the far end of the valley but we set off anyway, well prepared for wet weather. The track was a little ill defined but easy enough to follow if not so easy on the feet. After a while the rain started and some members of the group chose to turn around and retrace their steps. The rest of us decided to carry on a little further and after a while the rain stopped and the sun shone! So we bit the bullet and began the climb up the side of the valley.

And then the rain set in again, seemingly determined to carry on. So we made the hard decision to go back down to the main track and head back to the cars. Needless to say, the rain stopped as we walked back and the sun soon blazed down !! Too late, but no matter.

Another wonderful meal and cheerful chatter in the warm communal room passed the evening hours. Plans for the next day were vague but maybe a trip to Lake Emily ?

Monday was still very windy but very sunny. After packing up we did indeed choose to walk to Lake Emily. The track was like the first day, open grassy flats with wonderful far reaching views of hills and higher mountains. We reached the lake after less than an hour so, after a bit of discussion, we elected to carry on to Manuka hut which appeared to be not too far off. It was a lovely walk with more varied scenery and took us on a small section of the Te Araroa trail. We reached

the corrugated hut around lunch time and settled down to enjoy our snack in warm sunshine.

And then we retraced our steps back to the cars where we bid one another farewell before returning to the city.

A very successful and enjoyable weekend. Very many thanks to Heather for organising it.

Sally

### **Mt Fyffe, Kaikoura. 22 -23 May 2021**

Pat collected Bronwyn on his way through and we left Redwood by 8.00a.m stopping at the Little Paris bakery in Amberley for some tasty treats. Ludstone Road was not well sign posted but we soon found the Hinau carpark.

A dozen cars were already parked so I thought our chances of a bunk were low. However despite being overtaken at lunch just short of the hut we were the first to claim beds as the group of five youthful people planned to pitch their tents at the summit.

We spent a leisurely time having a brew and chatting before setting off mid afternoon to stretch our legs and continue on up. Bronwyn and I turned back after about 40 min whilst Pat continued on to the top gaining views of the setting sun.

The hut had a vibrant atmosphere as daywalkers called in and 4 others settled in, leaving one of the 8 bunks free.

Although fresh the green needles on the pine burnt relatively well taking the chill off the hut.

Sunday morning I woke extra early and waited until 5.30 to get breakfast and the billy boiling.

It was exciting leaving the hut in the dark with the twinkling town of Kaikoura below and our head torches illuminating the frozen tussocks. We carried only what we needed for the climb from 1100m to Mt Fyffe at 1605m.

Bronwyn and I walk at a similar pace so Pat was able to charge on ahead. The changing hues in the sky were beautiful. We arrived at the top within an hour and a half, well before the sun rose above the blanket of cloud. Pat got the billy

going and there were plenty of photos being taken of the gorgeous sunrise and some with our new found friends from Canada.

Enjoyed some time alone as we made our way down the track for a leisurely pack up.

With time on our side we drove out to the peninsula which was unusually deserted of seals. Sat and soaked up the sun over lunch in a cafe before arriving back in Christchurch all the better for the weekend away.

Thanks Pat for your safe driving and willingness to take your vehicle and both you and Bronwyn for such good company.

Wendy Templeton

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## ***Meeting dates & locations***

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

## ***Trip Gradings***

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	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***

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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	Sunglasses	
Sunscreen	Sun hat	

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

### ***Overnight Trips***

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

### ***About our trips***

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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.

### ***Delayed Trip Returns***

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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: Bill 354 2277, Dennis 021 243 9999; Tere 981 6431

### ***Club Membership***

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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.

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