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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 Vesna M

View through the windows of the Pororari Hut, (Paparoa Track) looking west into the setting sun. See Trip Report page 11.

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

Club Email Address

For general communication: contact@hagleytrampingclub.net.nz

For information about trips, please ring the Trip Leader.

Club Committee

Chairperson	Pat N	Ph 021 167 9338
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 981 6431
	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/>

Bookings for DAY Trips

For day trips, please book at least the Friday before the Sunday of the trip.

If the weather is unsuitable for Sunday, the trip may be changed to Saturday.

Bookings for OVERNIGHT Trips

As a general rule the latest date for booking is the Sunday of the weekend before the trip unless otherwise stated in the booking information. However, there is always quite a bit of organisation required for weekend trips and it is preferable for the Trip Leader that bookings are made earlier than the Sunday prior.

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

General Trip Information

See last two pages of this Newsletter.

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Sunday 10 October	Mt Richardson 1047m
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We drive to Glentui Picnic area where the track starts to Mt Richardson. A moderate to steep climb to the summit. Then along the ridge on the Blowhard Track & returning to cars on the Bypass Track.

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

Leader Sally B 338 1097/021 127 6419 Moderate Transport \$12
Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.00am.

Sunday 17 October	Evans Pass Loop Walk
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Captain Thomas track to Evans Pass, then Scarborough Bluffs Track to Taylors Mistake and Godley Head. From Godley Head back to car park via Crater Rim Walkway.

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

Leader Vesna 021 277 2422 Moderate Transport NA
Meet at Captain Thomas carpark, Sumnervale Drive, Sumner at 9.00am.

Sunday 24 October	No planned trip
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Labour Weekend. No day or overnight trips planned.

Wednesday 27 October 6.45pm	Club Social Night
	Good Thai Restaurant
Good Thai Restaurant 166 Kendall Ave, Burnside	
Please book with Pat N Ph 021 167 9338 by Sunday 24 October	

Saturday 30 to Sunday 31 October	Waikiti Hut
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Waikiti Hut is in behind Lake Brunner. It's a six bunk hut with a 7 hour tramp to get into it. There are kaka and robins in the valley.

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Leaders Bill & Wendy T Ph 3542277
or 022 398 5214

Moderate Plus Transport \$45

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 24 October

Sunday 07 November	Mt Bradley Eye of the Needle
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The Eye of the Needle is a geological feature of the northern end of Mt Bradley accessed from Orton Bradley Park & Tablelands Track. After we leave the track there is some steep climbing and pushing through scrub to reach this feature. Return the same way.

Please book with Dennis by Friday if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Dennis Ph 021 243 9999

Moderate

Transport \$15

Depart from Cashmere Rd opposite Princess Margaret Hosp at 8.30am

Friday 12 to Sunday 14 November Show Weekend	Basins Hut
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From Glenthorne (near Lake Coleridge) we will drive up the 4WD track beside the Harper River then walk up the Avoca River to the hut. On the second day we will do a day walk either further up the Avoca River to Avoca hut or up Basin creek to Basins Hide. On Monday either return the same way or over Gargarus saddle. Bring tents as it is only a six bunk hut –and we could camp further up valley if the weather is nice and the hut is full.

Leader Heather H 021 079 7101
or 332 6281

Easy-Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Heather by Sunday 07 November.

Wednesday 17 November at 7.30pm	Committee Meeting
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Committee Meeting at Bill & Wendy's in Redwood

Sunday 21 November	Saddle Hill, Banks Peninsula
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Saddle Hill overlooks Akaroa Harbour from the western side. The walk starts on the Bossu Rd and returns the same way.

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

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

Depart from outside Halswell School on main road to Akaroa at 9.00am

Wednesday 24 November 7.30pm	Club Social Night
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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.

Saturday 27 to Sunday 28 November	Klondyke Loop
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The Klondyke Valley is in the Victoria Range just north west of Springs Junction.

Starting from Rahu Saddle we will take the Klondyke Spur Track to the tops.

Great camping by the tarns and stunning views. Tent and own stove required.

Leader Pat N Ph 021 167 9338 Moderate Plus Transport \$40

Please book with Pat by Sunday 21 November

Sunday 05 December	Mt Somers Loop – 17km
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Drive to Sharplin Falls carpark and take track to Pinnacles Hut and onto the saddle between Mt Somers and Mt Winterslow. Off-trail from the saddle to the summit of Mt Somers. Then down the marked Mt Somers track back to the Sharplin Falls carpark.

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

Leader Vesna 021 277 2422

Hard

Transport \$30

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 6.00am.

Saturday 11 December	Club XMAS “Punk vs Disco” Party
<p>The Club Christmas party is at Tere & Di’s home in Hornby.</p> <p>23 Kathleen Crescent, back section on right of brown garage doors.</p> <p>Starting about 5.30pm and dinner about 6.30 – 7.00pm.</p> <p>BYO drinks and Xmas food to share.</p> <p>Partners very welcome & bring a Secret Santa gift (Up to \$10)</p> <p>Dress up theme “Punk vs Disco”</p> <p>Please advise Tere L Ph 021 140 1104 or 981 6431 if you intend to come.</p>	

Monday 27 to Thursday 30 December	Lake Christabel Hut
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On Monday pm drive to the Boyle River Lodge (cost to be advised) to stay the night then early departure for Palmers Rd and the Lake Christabel track. Approx 7 hr tramp. Stay a couple of nights in the hut and return the same way. Exploring options on the hut day to be decided on the day.

Leader Dennis W Ph 021 243 9999

Moderate

Transport \$45

Please book with Dennis by Sunday 12 December.

Saturday 15 to Sunday 16 January	Lewis Tops
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From the summit of Lewis Pass, climb the track that goes onto the tops and tarns. Explore the ridge, possibly as far as Brass Monkey Biv and return the same way. Bring tent and stove.

Leader Bronwyn M Ph 022 506 2442

Moderate

Transport \$35

Please book with Bronwyn by Sunday 09 January

Sunday 23 January	Anticrow Hut Day Trip
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A flat walk along a bush track on the true right of the Waimakariri river then across the shingle fan of Turkey flats to this pleasant hut for lunch.

Please book with Heather by Friday if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Heather H 021 079 7101

Easy-Moderate

Transport \$25

or 332 6281

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am

Wednesday 26 January about 6.00pm	Club Picnic and Games Night Abberley Park
<p>Our traditional New Year picnic at Abberley Park.</p> <p>Bring your picnic with one dish to share and an outdoor game.</p> <p>Then work off the calories with outdoor games.</p> <p>No booking required just come.</p> <p>We can use the hall if wet.</p> <p>Picnic on east boundary of the park (closest to Springfield Rd)</p>	

Sunday 30 January	Ashburton River Cycle Trip
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The Ashburton River cycle trail from SH1 Bridge to Hakatere for lunch by the sea and return. Round trip is 38km. We may be able to share a bike racks, please advise Dennis if you want to do that. An alternative trail will be arranged if the weather is wet prior to the Sunday.

Please book with Dennis by Friday if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Dennis W Ph 021 243 9999

NA

Transport \$15

Depart from outside Cookie Time main south road at 9.00am.

Saturday 05 Monday 07 February	Cass-Lagoon Saddle
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Starting at Cass, we tramp into the Hamilton Hut for one night. Next day up the Harper River to stay or camp at Lagoon Saddle Hut. Out to Cora Lynn and home on the Monday. Car shuttle required before the trip starts.

As this is Waitangi Weekend, expect the huts to be full. Bring sleeping mat for the hut floor or preferably a tent.

Leader Sally B 338 1097 or 021 127 6419

Moderate

Transport \$25

Please book with Sally by Sunday 30 January.

Wednesday 09 February at 7.00pm	Trip Planning Meeting
Trip Planning Meeting at Pat's in Avonhead.	

Sunday 13 February	Pinchgut 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 the Pinchgut Hut. Return the same way unless it's a lovely day then bring along a change of clothes and we follow the Whare Stream back to the main track.

Please book with Claire by Friday if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Claire T Ph 021 076 2500

Easy

Transport \$15

Depart from Richill St in Belfast at 8.00am.

Sunday 20 February	Woolshed Creek & Bus Stop
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Drive to Woolshed Creek car park and tramp over the ridges to Woolshed Creek Hut for lunch. Leaving the hut we cross the river and climb to the track that goes around Mt Somers (passing the Bus Stop), then down the Rhyolite Track to return to the cars.

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

Leader Sally B 338 1097 or 021 127 6419

Moderate

Transport \$30

Depart from the Z Station on main south Rd Templeton at 8.00am.

Wednesday 23 February at 7.30pm	Social Meeting
Detail to be advised in the February 2022 Newsletter.	

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 February	Carlyle Hut
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Carlyle Hut is near the Hope River in the Lewis Pass. We will head up Carlyle Stream through the beech forest. There is a possibility of seeing yellow crowned parakeets and robins. It's a 4 hour tramp to the hut which has 8 bunks. Return the same way.

Leader Pat N Ph 021 167 9338

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Pat by Sunday 20 February

Trip Report

Paparoa Track (almost) Report

Well it all happened at 9.30 am on 16 June. On-line mayhem as 14 likely Hagley trampers competed with the rest of the world to book our preferred dates to walk the Paparoa Track. Success for some and not others, as the Moonlight hut (in the middle) was all booked out by likely cyclists. So messages flurried between us as a change of date was proposed. Some got the message and some didn't, so consequently we ended up with two groups, Team A and Team B with our respective leaders/organisers Sally (for the maxi group) and Heather (for the mini group).

So, hut beds secured, plans were laid to rest for a couple of months, until planning became a reality.

Team A departed Christchurch on the Thursday planning to spend 3 nights and 4 days returning from Ces Clark hut back up over the tops via the Croesus track to emerge at Barrytown, rather than going down to the true track end (or beginning) at Blackball. This made car shuffling a lot easier. Weather forecast??? a typical West Coast weather bomb to arrive just as they were due to emerge on the tops. And so it happened. They enjoyed a lovely walk up the Pororari River to the hut and a fabulous sunset, only to find that DOC had closed the track for the next day due to high winds and that nasty weather bomb. Disappointment abounded, but there was nothing for it except to don rain jackets and head back down the hill to Punakaiki and the cosy Beach backpackers to dry out.

The only compensation was to meet up with Team B when they arrived from Christchurch, having driven through the gale force winds, lightening and torrential rain en route to Punakaiki. It surely was some weather bomb, not a great day for tramping, but it certainly made the Pancake Rock blowholes blow. Spectacularly.

So a lovely social afternoon/evening together with some eating out at the local pub and others eating in.

Sunday dawned with the weather clearing as Team A regrouped to head sadly back to Chch, and Team B waited for the rain to clear before heading off up the track. Team B had morphed into an amalgam of clubs since Heather had injured herself and another Hagley person had pulled out. With only 4 trampers, we had representatives from Hagley, Peninsular, and Amberley Mountain Goats. A great mix. What a beautiful walk it was up to the Pororari Hut. And what a treat to have it all to ourselves due to the track closure, and to have fine weather all the way up.

Monday and we were sidling along a spectacular gorge to the ridge top. En route we couldn't help but wonder at the expertise of the track builders to navigate the mountainous terrain and build a track of such a standard and gradient to accommodate cyclist and walkers. Saying that, I wouldn't have wanted to bike it. Reaching the emergency shelter at the start of the ridge walk we were warned by on coming walkers of the freezing cold wind, so over lunch, we rugged up for a windy cold walk. 5 minutes later we were stripping the layers off, the wind had dropped! Luck was surely on our side. We had time to enjoy the spectacular views, both inland and out across the coast. And what a spectacle the escarpment was in itself.

Part way along we were puzzled by solar panels on the trackside and helicopter activity down the valley. Eventually it dawned on us that it was most likely associated with construction of the Pike River Memorial track. However we saw no sign of where it would join up with the Paparoa track.

After some very dense bush walking it was a pleasure to emerge onto tops travel and see the hut in the distance. In spite of the fine weather, there were definite but tiny snow flakes in the air as we approached the Moonlight hut, but not enough to jacket up, or wet us. Just high altitude flurries. After the serenity of the previous night, it was a full hut at Moonlight, with associate busyness and a scramble to find a vacant bunk. Fed, rested and watered, we were well entertained by Inee teaching us 2 handed patience, a game to be remembered.

The larger proportion of cyclists were up at the crack of dawn to head off on their longer day down to Punakaiki. All the cyclists we met were courteous and friendly, stopping for a chat. We seemed to be walking the track in the reverse direction to most others.

And so it was still a way through stunted forest and along the tops before we met the Croesus track junction. It was a bit frosty on the southern side until we headed over a saddle and down into the bush. No nicely formed and graded track for this section. However, we managed, down, down, down, through goblin forest then beech forest, then nikau. From 1,200 m plus to sea level. No wonder my thigh muscles were burning. It was a pleasure to reach the benched track for the last section.

Then there was a joyous re-union with Heather who had walked part way up to meet us.

On to our prebooked accommodation at Koru Lodge near Barrytown, and a well deserved home brew beer and hot shower followed by a soak in the hot spa pool. Ah, such luxury. Alas the Barrytown pub wasn't open on Tuesdays so it was back to Punakaiki for a meal and to pick up Inee's car.

So a wonderful trip, great weather, great company. Thank you Kevin, Linda and Inee of the B Team.

And, hey, it was raining again for our drive home.

So a message to the A Team, try again. It's worth it.

Glenda F

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 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

	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	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

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.

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

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.

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