

# Hagley Tramping Club

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OCTOBER 2022***

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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.



Club trampers on Woolshed Hill summit APNP.

## **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	Tere L	Ph 021 140 1104 or 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
	Pat N	Ph 021 167 9338
	Sally B	Ph 338 1097
	Bronwyn M	Ph 022 506 2442
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 & Trip Planning Meetings are not “closed.” Any club member is welcome to come along to our meetings.

## **HTC Chairperson’s Report to AGM 2022 (Pat Nolan)**

Good evening all,

It has been another great year with plenty of wonderful trips, photos, memories made and a few new friendships too.

Covid has not affected us as much as it did last year and we have a stable number of Members with a few new faces on the odd trip.

Getting new members should still be A priority for the club.

A very big thank you to all the Trip Leaders. Without your efforts we would have to stay home on the weekends and mow the lawns!

I would like to thank Claire for keeping the financials and membership information in good order.

Heather for keeping on top of the website as this is an important part of informing potential new members about the club.

Thanks to Dennis for the newsletter and the book work that keeps our club running so well and keeping everyone informed by email and for reminders on club socials and committee meetings.

Thanks to the committee members for the support of all things Hagley.

And special thanks to Wendy A for auditing our books again this year which is very much appreciated.

Please show your appreciation to these people who keep our Club running.

### **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.

### **General Trip & Membership Information**

See last two pages of this Newsletter.

### **Shared Transport Costs**

Due to the substantial increase in fuel costs, we have had to increase the cost for passengers travelling in shared cars.

There is also a cost adjustment applied if the trip involves a car shuttle.

The driver has the discretion to reduce the cost. This would happen if the trip was to a changed destination with less travelling time OR may happen if the driver has a full car.

### **Trip Reports**

Korowai-Torlesse (Thanks to Sally)

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

## ***Calendar of Trips and Social Events***

<b>Sunday June 19</b>	<b>Cuckoo Creek Cockayne Alley tracks</b>
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A mix of open and forested terrain following Craigieburns MTB tracks while they are closed to bikers for the winter. From the Cheeseman road we'll climb 400m up the Cockayne Alley track and after a short walk along the road, return via the Cuckoo creek and Dracophyllum tracks.

Leader Heather H 021 079 7101 or  
332 6281

Easy-moderate    Transport \$25

Please book with Heather by the Friday before Sunday

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am.

<b>Wednesday 22 June 7.15pm</b>	<b>Club Social Night Movie Night at Sally's</b>
Sally is hosting a movie night at her home. Please contact Sally B 338 1097 or 021 127 6419 for her address.	

<b>Friday 24 to Sunday June 26 Matariki Weekend</b>	<b>Ballarat Biv, Hokitika</b>
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Come spend the weekend at Hokitika on Claire and Sergey's property.

Early start on Friday morning (3 hour drive) to start walking the Goldsborough Track at 11am (4 hour walk). Then to Claire & Sergey's for an outdoor open fire BBQ, Drinks and evening of fun and games.

Saturday drive to Lake Kaniere where we have a couple of options including Mt Tuhua, Lake Kaniere Walkway, Kaniere Water Race, Arahura River Cesspools Walk then into Hokitika for Pub meal.

Sunday drive home with short walks through Arthurs Pass.

The accommodation at the Property is limited and very basic. Cabin built for two that will sleep up to 10 and a separate Biv that sleeps two. There is NO POWER and a longdrop loo, so this is very much like a Basic DOC Hut.

There is an option to arrange your own accommodation in Hokitika and spend the days and evenings with the group.

Remember this is the West Coast and a winter trip, it could be wet or very wet and daylight hours are shorter.

Please let Claire know if you are interested in coming over this weekend as soon as possible as space is limited.

There is no cost for Accommodation at the property.

Leader Claire T Ph 021 076 2500

All

Transport \$65

Please book with Claire NOW.

**Wednesday 29 June at 7.30pm**

**Committee Meeting**

Committee Meeting at Bronwyn's in Bishopdale.

**Sunday July 03**

**Coal Hill 1617m**

Coal Hill is inland from Mt Peel. There should be great views with plenty of snow. If the snow is too icy, we will turn back.

Bring ice axe or walking pole. Map BY-19.

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

Leaders Bill & Wendy T Ph 3542277 or  
022 398 5214

Moderate-Hard

Transport \$35

Depart from Z Station Templeton at 7.00am.

<b>Sunday 10 July</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 Sally if you intend to join this trip.

Leader Sally B 338 1097 or 021 127 6419      Easy-Moderate      Transport \$25

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am.

<b>Sunday July 17</b>	<b>Akaroa Round Trip</b>
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A round trip from the tracks on the north side of Akaroa, along the skyline ridge and return down the south side.

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

Leader Dennis W Ph 021 243 9999      Moderate      Transport \$25

Depart from SH75 outside Halswell School at 7.30am.

<b>Sunday July 24</b>	<b>Port Hills Loop 21km</b>
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A full day starting from Halswell Quarry via Kennedys Bush – Sign of the Kiwi-Governors Bay side. Sidle back to Summit Rd and return to Halswell Quarry.

There is a long option to start at the Quarry or a shorter option to meet Vesna at the Sign of the Bellbird.

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

Leader Vesna 021 277 2422      Moderate      NA

EITHER depart from Halswell Quarry at 8.00am.

OR depart from Sign of the Bellbird at 9.30am.

**Wednesday 27 July 7.30pm**

**No planned social event.**

**Saturday July 30 – Sunday 31**

**Mid-winter Xmas Party  
Cannibal Gorge Hut, Lewis Pass**

Brighten up your winter with a trip to Cannibal Gorge Hut in the Lewis Pass. This year's fancy dress theme is "colours of the rainbow". Dress in bright colours – no black, white, grey or beige allowed!

Only a 3 hour tramp to make it easier to bring in our usual shared Christmas dinner. 20 bunk serviced hut (1 serviced or 3 standard hut tickets).

Leader Heather H 021 079 7101 or  
332 6281

Easy-Moderate    Transport \$40

Please book with Heather by Sunday 24 July.

**Sunday August 07**

**Port Hills Circuit**

Heading to Sumner via the Coastal Pathway we will take a series of tracks to the high point at Mt Pleasant. Return via Barnett Park.

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

Leader Wendy T Ph 3542277 or 022 398  
5214

Easy Moderate    NA

Depart from Barnett Park 200A Main Road, Redcliffs at 9.00am

**Wednesday 10 August at 7.30pm**

**Committee Meeting**

Committee Meeting at Bill & Wendy's in Redwood.

<b>Sunday August 14</b>	<b>Mt Evans Banks Peninsula</b>
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We drive to Purau Port Levy saddle & leave the cars. Then north along the ridge to Mt Evans. Nice open ridge but a bit of a rock scramble to the summit. Return the same way.

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

Leader Dennis W Ph 021 243 9999                      Easy Moderate      Transport \$20

Depart from opposite Princess Margaret Hospital at 8.30am.

<b>Saturday 20 &amp; Sunday August 21</b>	<b>Black Hill Hut, Oxford Forest</b>
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Black Hill Hut is 6 bunks one ticket hut (\$5). Tents required as there maybe other trampers staying. We are leaving from View Hill & taking Wharfedale Track to the Fosters Ridge Track turn-off for the long climb to the hut at 1200m. Great views from Black Hill a short distance beyond the hut.

Leader Pat N Ph 021 167 9338                      Moderate                      Transport \$15

Please book with Pat by Sunday 14 August.

<b>Wednesday 24 August 6.30pm</b>	<b>Club Social Night</b>
	<b>Restaurant Night</b>
Meet up with fellow trampers for an evening restaurant night out.	
Venue to be determined but likely to be in Riccarton Rd.	
Please book with Dennis 021 243 9999 by Friday 19 August.	

<b>Sunday August 28</b>	<b>Mt Thomas</b>
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From the Wooded Gully picnic area we will climb through the forest to the saddle then across open tops to the Mt Thomas summit. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy a walk in the snow. Likely return the same way though other options are available if time allows.

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

Leader Heather H 021 079 7101 or 332 6281      Moderate      Transport \$15

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.00am

<b>Sunday September 04</b>	<b>Bottle Lake Cycling Trip</b>
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We will start from Larnach St/Broad Park & bike part way up the coastal track before diverting to the north bound mountain bike track to Spencer Park. From Spencer Park we will probably cycle up to Brooklands via Lower Styx Rd. Return to Spencer Park the same way then the south bound track back to the cars. The MTB tracks twist & turn through trees and there are a lot of ups and downs but we won't be on the more technical tracks. Suitable for MTB & hybrid bikes only.

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

Leader Dennis W Ph 021 243 9999      Cycling Fit      NA

Depart from Larnach St/Broad Park at 9.30am.

<b>Saturday 10 &amp; Sunday September 11</b>	<b>Otehake Hot Pools, APNP</b>
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This trip may depart Friday 09 for an early start on Saturday. To be advised.

We'll leave the cars at the Aikens car park, cross the Otira River, around Lake Kaurapataka and into the Otehake River to camp near the hot springs. No huts here, tents required. This trip is dependent on the state of the Otira River for crossing.

Leader Tere L Ph 021 140 1104 or 981 6431      Moderate      Transport \$45

Please book with Tere by Sunday September 04

<b>Sunday September 18</b>	<b>Packhorse Hut</b>
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An easy climb from Kaituna Valley to the Packhorse Hut. Further options to be determined on the day.

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

Leader Claire T Ph 021 076 2500

Easy

Transport \$10

Depart from SH75 outside Halswell School at 8.30am.

<b>Sunday September 25</b>	<b>Taylors Mistake</b>
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From Sumner we hike round to Taylors Mistake and onto Godley Head. Crater Rim track to Evans Pass and Scarborough Bluffs and return to Sumner.

Leader Vesna 021 277 2422

Moderate

NA

Depart from Sumner Clock Tower at 9.00am

<b>Wednesday 28 September 7.30pm</b>	<b>Club Social Night</b> <b>Abberley Park Hall</b>
<p>General meeting followed by “Show &amp; Tell” and supper.</p> <p>Remember Show &amp; Tell from school? Bring something of special interest/a good story related to it and share with everybody else. Tramping related item or otherwise anything else.</p>	

<b>Sunday October 02</b>	<b>Mt Somers 1688m</b>
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Plan is to go up from Jig Rd carpark towards the Bus stop on the Rhyolite Track then turn off up the back ridge to the summit and return the same way.

Potentially snow. If it's too icy we will turn back.

Leader Tere L Ph 021 140 1104 or 981 6431      Moderate      Transport \$30

Depart from Z Station Templeton at 8.00am

<b>Wednesday 05 October at 7.00pm</b>	<b>Trip Planning Meeting</b>
Trip Planning Meeting at Dennis's in Bishopdale.	

<b>Saturday 08 - Monday October 10</b>	<b>Yeats Ridge Hut, West Coast</b>
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Yeats Ridge Hut is up the Toaroa River inland from Hokitika. (2.5 hrs beyond Cedar Flats) It is a 7hr tramp to this 4 bunk hut. If the weather permits we should tramp to the Crystal Biv and return to Cedar Flats on Sunday. Walk out and drive home Monday. Bring own tents, cookers etc. Map BV19

Leader Bill T Ph 354 2277      Moderate-Hard      Transport \$70

Please book with Bill by Sunday October 02.

<b>Sunday October 16</b>	<b>Coringa Ridge, Motunau</b>
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Coringa Ridge is an interesting limestone ridge climb just inland from Motunau Beach. We will meet Glenda at her home just off Motunau Beach Rd and return to her place for afternoon tea.

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

Leader Glenda F Ph 03 314 3365      Easy      Transport \$20

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.30am

**Wednesday 19 October at 7.30pm**

**Committee Meeting**

Committee Meeting at Claire's in Hillmorton.

**Saturday 22 October – Monday 24  
Labour Weekend**

**No planned trip for this weekend.**

**Wednesday 26 October 7.30pm**

**Club Social Night  
Bill & Wendy's**

General meeting followed by a table tennis and supper.

Bill & Wendy will set-up table tennis in their garage – who has the best hand  
& eye co-ordination?

**Saturday 29 & Sunday October 30**

**Griffin Creek, West Coast**

Griffin Creek is on the west side of the Main Divide. Starting from the Harrington Road bridge it is a steep climb to the bushline then a steep descent down a side ridge to the basin below. Then walk/boulder-hop up Griffin Creek crossing 7 times. Griffin Hut (4-5 hours) has 4 bunks and an outdoor bath. There are mountain cedars round the hut, attractive rockpools, and we may see who in the creek. Possibility of making a round trip via Rocky Creek. Bring stove and tent. Moderate-Hard depending on track conditions.

Leader Bronwyn M Ph 022 506 2442

Hard

Transport \$45

Please book with Bronwyn by Sunday 23 October

# ***Trip Reports***

## **Korowai/Torlesse Tussocklands Park**

March 13th

4th attempt...after rain, wind and lambing stymied earlier plans to undertake this walk!

This time the weather forecast was reasonable so five of us set off from the small car park at the bottom of Porter's Pass. The grassy track initially followed the Old Coach Road but soon deviated off and began to climb up another path. It was easy and open though steep. After an hour we stopped for morning tea at a collection of huge rocks where we could enjoy the views back down into the valley. And then a variable climb up towards the top of the valley, sometimes flat, at times even downhill before rising again. A small patch of bush provided a pleasant change from snowgrass and the views were always wonderful.

We reached the junction where we turned left to go higher and would come back to on our descent. The initial cloudy sky had cleared sufficiently to afford gorgeous sunny views of Lake Lyndon far below and the road westwards.

It took another 30 minutes to climb up ( and sometimes down ) the slippery shingle track to the top of our walk at Trig M. At this point the track, while it does carry on to Rabbit Hill, is no longer marked. But we stopped here. We were now back into foggy cloud with a cool wind so we dropped down a little to one side out of the easterly to enjoy a rest and our lunch. The views down to Lake Lyndon and across to Mt. Lyndon were mostly obscured by clouds but every so often they would clear a little and we could briefly enjoy the marvellous sight.

The return trip was largely downhill with occasional short uphill stretches. At the previously mentioned junction we carried on along instead of retracing our footsteps back down. It was flat or downhill until we branched off from the main track (that leads down to Starvation Gully and the road over Porter's Pass) and went up a little to join a path that ran along a fence line.

We followed this path along the easy tops until we started a very steep and slippery descent to where it joined the Old Coach Road. This is very close to the busy Porter's Pass road but quickly descends away from it, back down into the

valley we had started from, back to the carpark. A pleasant grassy path with our initial track several hours earlier easily seen on the hill across the valley.

Sally B

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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.

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## ***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-HARD	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.

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## ***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.

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