

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.



A Tramping Club group on Mt Peel admires the view.

From Your Committee

Chairperson	Tere L	Tel. 981 6431
Club Captain	Mike R	Tel. 337 5944
Secretary	Sandra F	Tel. 354 9521
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Committee Members: Neal S, Michael B, Dianna S		

From the Chairperson

Whose club is it anyway?

At the AGM we had a robust discussion about the future of the club in view of our gradually falling membership. As I said in my address there is a tendency for the club to start to resemble the personalities of the committee members and trip leaders. That is no accident as of course they are the people who attend all the meetings and get to have their say and pick activities which suit their tastes and timetables.

Several members have commented that certain aspects of the programme do not suit their circumstances and these views do get canvassed at committee meetings and trip planning meetings and acted on where possible. The trip leaders however have their own circumstances to be met and they are after all the ones voluntarily giving up weekends and taking responsibility, the overall result is that unless new people get involved changes tend to be a bit forced. I don't want this to sound like a telling off, the club has always welcomed all comers and if your circumstances and skills make your involvement limited that is just the way it is and you are welcome to get whatever you need from your club membership. The club however doesn't belong to a little group of leaders, everyone pays the same subs and everyone theoretically has the same say, always assuming they turn up and say it.

Now I can hear a little voice saying "I thought this was about growing membership?"

It is; the more people who attend meetings and give input, run or propose trips and turn up to support Hagley trips and events the more diverse we become,

and the more diverse our programme is the broader the group of potential members becomes.

This is my appeal **please take ownership of your club**. I get massive value from my sub: support, friendship, new places to go and an atmosphere where I can just be me (warts and all). You too can get more from your club but you have to be here to get it.

Who knows it might be what you give that opens the door for all sorts of new members.

I'm really looking forward to seeing all our members getting out and supporting our trip leaders, especially as we have had enquiries from several potential members in the last few weeks so things are looking up. Come along and help us to make them welcome you might be just the tramping buddy they're looking for.

Happy tramping

Tere

Club Website

Last year our website was hacked twice and lost some functionality. Due to concerns about its ongoing security (and the requirement for a difficult upgrade of the programme behind the website) it was decided to start over with a new site. It is hoped that the new site will be live by the time this newsletter is distributed.

The site is still a work in progress, in particular the "about us" section is incomplete and the photo Gallery has not yet been created. A favourite feature that has been continued from the previous site is the link to a map of each tramp (check out tramping programme). A new feature is an ability to search trip reports – try searching your own name!

Please explore the site and if you find any errors or have any suggestion e-mail them to web@hagleytrampingclub.net.nz

Heather

Advanced Notification: Queen Charlotte Walkway – Show Weekend?

The Club is considering this tramp as option for Show Weekend in November. Refer to end of Trip Program for more information.

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Wednesday 17 June at 7.30 pm

Committee Meeting

Committee Meeting at Tere's

Saturday 20 & Sunday 21 June

**Ces Clark Hut,
Croesus Track, Blackball**

Early morning start and drive through Blackball to the start of the Croesus Track. We climb to the Hut and stay the night, returning the same way. A really nice hut above the bushline with great views.

Serviced Hut – 3 Hut Tickets required.

Leader Tere Ph 981 6431

Moderate

Transport \$50

Please book with Tere by Sunday 14 June

Wednesday 24 June

Restaurant Night Out

A club dine-out at Buddha Stix Restaurant in Riccarton Rd.

Meet for drinks at 6.30pm with dinner planned for 7.00pm.

Single table booking is limited to 20, - don't miss out!

More than 20 would not be seated at the same table.

Plus we are restricted to a set menu:

SET MENU \$30/person.

Combination entrée; Stir Fried Noodles Beef; Chicken Cashew Nut; Massaman Curry Pork; Chicken Pad Thai; Prawn Garlic Hot Plate; Steamed Jasmine Rice. And we can add extra dishes e.g. Vegetarian

Expect a good night out as these nights always are.

Please book with Sandra Ph 354 9521 by Monday 22 June.

Sunday 28 June	Leith Hill Re-visited
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Leith Hill (1384m) s a nice climb behind Castle Hill Village. Round trip with shingle slide to enjoy on the way back. Last time we tried Leith Hill we were thwarted before the summit by stormy weather so this is a re-try.

Leader Dennis Ph 359 1211 Moderate Transport \$20

Please book with Dennis by Friday 26 June as he will meet us at Castlehill Village. Depart Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am.

Sunday 05 July	Rangitata Gorge
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The tramp starts from the Rangitata Diversion Race and gives good views down into the Rangitata Gorge. We will tramp to Brown Saddle for lunch.

Maps BX19 & BY19

Leaders Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277 Moderate Transport \$30

Depart Z Service Station on Main South Rd, Templeton at 7.00am

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 July	Mid-Winter Xmas Weekend & Dress Up Hawdon Hut, APNP
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Depart Saturday morning for the Hawdon River shelter where will leave the cars. Approx 3 hrs tramp to the Hawdon Hut. Mid-winter Xmas function! Bring Xmas accessories and potluck for Saturday night. Secret Santa present up to \$10.

Dress-up theme: Boudoir and Bling. Don't miss this weekend!

Coordinator Tere L Ph 981 6431 Moderate Transport \$25

Please book with Tere by Sunday 5 July

Sunday 19 July	Wharfedale Track to Saddle & Back
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This will be a nice winter trip up to the saddle of the Wharfedale Track, in the Oxford forest. It may be muddy so please bring a change of clothing and footwear for the car journey home. We will however be stopping in Oxford for our coffee break at the end.

Leader Sandra F Ph 354 9521 Easy-Moderate Transport \$15

Depart Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.30am

Wednesday 22 July

Club Social Night – School Games!

Abberley Cres Hall at 7.30pm.

Our usual club meeting followed by a school indoor games night but no bull rush! Bring games you enjoyed at school: Knuckle bones, elastics, skipping rope, hula hoop. In fact there will be a prize for the best gent & lady hula hoop performer. Fun night, followed by supper, all welcome.

Sunday 26 July

Mt Bradley, Banks Peninsula

“Eye of the Needle” From Orton Bradley Park we take the Tablelands Track to below Mt Bradley then the contour track that runs south to the Packhorse Hut. From below the bluffs of Mt Bradley look impenetrable, but Mike has a little known route through the Eye of the Needle and onto the summit. Return to cars options to be decided on the day.

Leader Mike R Ph 337 5944

Moderate

Transport \$15

Depart from opposite Princess Margaret Hospital at 8.00am

Saturday 01 & Sunday 02 August

Macauley Hut, Lake Tekapo

We are planning on leaving on Friday afternoon (if we have a two cars there may be an earlier and later leaving option), stay Friday night at the Lake Tekapo Backpackers price approximately \$35 a night, option here to go to the hot pools or ice skate if you wish. Next morning drive to beginning of the track where we leave cars and take a 5 hours tramp to the hut following 4x4 track and the river. This hut is maintained by the Mackenzie Alpine Trust and the local Community and can be used by means of donation. If you wish you can donate items to further improve the hut for the benefit everyone:

<<http://nz-outdoor.blogspot.co.nz/p/macaulay-hut.html>>

Leaders Sergey Ph 021 169 5367 &

Claire Ph 021 076 2500

Moderate

Transport \$60

Please book with Sergey & Claire by Sunday 19 July, as we need to book the Friday night accommodation.

!NOTE This booking date is TWO weeks before the trip!

Wednesday 12 August at 7.30 pm

Committee Meeting

Committee Meeting at Heather's.

Sunday 09 August

Mt Grey/Maukatere (934m)

A wonderful winter leg stretch with some glorious views as reward. Starting at the Grey picnic area off Okuku Rd, 15 km east of Amberley we climb steadily through native bush and some pine forest to tussock slopes and wonderful views (2-3 hours up). Lunch at the top, then we follow the Red Beech track downhill (3-4 hours) back to the picnic area. Downhill there may be some steeper parts and we ford the Grey river en route.

Leader Glenda Ph 03 314 3365

Moderate

Transport \$15

Please book with Glenda by Thursday 6 August as she will meet us in Amberley. Depart from Richill St Belfast (SH1 end) at 7.30am

Sunday 16 August

Rat Hill, Upper Rakaia River

Passing up through the Redcliffe Scenic reserve (400m climb) we then head across the flat valley towards Tribulation Hut but turn off up on to Rat Hill (550m climb) for views of Lake Coleridge and the Black Hill range.

Leader Heather Ph 332 6281

Moderate

Transport \$25

Depart 8.00am from opposite the Z Station on Main Sth Rd, Templeton

Sunday 23 August

Heathcote – Lyttelton Circuit

A good day walk up the Bridle Path and down Stan Helms Track into Lyttelton. Morning tea in Lyttelton before climbing the Chalmers Hill Track on the far side of Lyttelton to the Crater Rim track. Visit gun emplacements and return to cars via Mt Pleasant Bluffs, Crater Rim and Bridle Path.

Leader Dennis Ph 359 1211

Easy-Moderate

NA

Meet at Bridle Path Track, Gondola side at 9.00am

Wednesday 26 August 7.30pm

Coffee Culture Social Night

Meet your tramping friends and bring your family to Coffee Culture , 10 Rotheram St, Riccarton.

Share an evening of stories and laughter.....!

Organiser: Sandra Ph 354 9521

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 August

Lake Daniell Overnighter

Depart 8.00am at a predesignated point by the Trip Leader. We will make our way to the hut and settle in, with a view to walking around the lake during the afternoon. Please bring a treat to share with your tramping buddies.

I'm planning to arrange for the cars to be left at the Lewis Pass Motels overnight for a fee of \$5 per car.

Leader Sandra F Ph 354 9521

Easy-Moderate

Transport \$40

Please book with Sandra no later than Sunday 23 August

!Note! Following trip is on Saturday, as Fathers Day is on Sunday 6th!

Saturday 05 September

Doubtful Hut Day Trip

A really nice day trip into the Doubtful River valley and hut off the Lewis Pass highway. We can cross the Boyle River on what was once a farm bridge so we do not have to wade the river to get there. Return to cars the same way.

Leader Neal Ph 343 6980

Easy

Transport \$30

Depart Richill St Belfast at 7.00 am

Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 September

Boyle Flat Hut Weekend

Drive to the Boyle River settlement where we leave the cars. Approx 6 hour tramp up the Boyle River to a warm spacious hut. Flat going mostly through forest. Stay the night and return home the next day.

Leader Dennis Ph 359 1211

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Dennis by Sunday 06 September

Sunday 20 September

Manuka Hut

A flat walk along part of the Te Araroa trail to Manuka hut (1.5 hours) and on towards Seagull Lake. We can return the same way or (if we have 2 cars for a shuttle and wish to opt for a slightly longer walk) we can continue on to Double hut and out to Lake Heron.

Leader Heather Ph 332 6281

Easy

Transport \$25

Depart 8.00am from opposite the Z Station on Main Sth Rd, Templeton

Wednesday 23 September

Club Social Night "Tale of a Seaport"

Abberley Cres Hall at 7.30pm.

Our usual club meeting followed by the 2004 documentary DVD on the history of Port Chalmers titled "Tale of a Seaport" Nine chapters covering the history of shipping, war, civic, gold rush etc. This documentary was produced and directed by one of our own club members and has sold in volume to raise funds for the Port Chalmers Historical Society Museum.

DVD run time 60 mins. Followed by supper. All welcome.

!Note! Daylight Savings starts Sunday morning!

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 September

Tarn Hut

Tarn Hut is in the Puketeraki Forest at the back of Lees Valley. Tarn Hut is a four bunk basic hut. On Sunday we will go over Lilburn Hill for all round great views and down to Youngman Stream Hut. The track from here crosses the Ashley River few times to return the cars.

Maps BV22 & BV23

Leader Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 20 September.

Wednesday 30 September at 7.30 pm Committee Meeting

Committee Meeting at Dianna's.

Sunday 04 October	Bike Trip Brooklands
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We will bike up the coastal track to Spencer Park then onto Brooklands to explore. Return via Lower Styx Rd and Bottle Lake Forest. Bring a good morning tea but not lunch. The tracks are more suited to mountain bikes than road bikes.

Leader Dennis Ph 359 1211 Grade:NA Transport: NA

Meet with bikes at Broadpark Rd car park (near Waimairi Beach) at 8.30am

Sunday 11 October	Mt Somers (1688m)
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We will drive to the north end (Staveley) of the Mt Somers track (South Face) which climbs steadily to the junction with the Summit Track. Great all round views from the summit. Return to cars the same way.

Leader Mike Ph 337 5944 Moderate Transport \$25

Depart Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 7.30am

Wednesday 14 October at 7.00 pm	Trip Planning Meeting
Trip Planning Meeting at Dennis's .	

!Note! Following trip is on Saturday!

Saturday 17 October	Brooklands Spit
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A pleasant walk over the dunes to the Waimakariri River with the Brooklands Lagoon on one side and the sea on the other. Return to Spencer Park either on the same track or on the beach.

Leader Tere Ph 981 6431 Easy Transport NA

Meet Heyders Rd opposite the entrance to Spencer Holiday Park at 9.00am

Saturday 24 to Monday 26 October Labour Weekend	Edwards Hut (APNP)
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Early Saturday morning we drive to the car park on the Bealey River, cross the Bealey and up the Edwards to the Edwards Hut. Day trip Sunday to explore the upper Edwards and possibly onto Amber col. Return to cars down the Edwards on Monday.

Leader Neal Ph 343 6980

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Neal by Sunday 18 October.

Wednesday 28 October	Restaurant Night Out
<p>A club dine-out at Khmer Heir Noodle House, 8 Portman St, Woolston. Great food & very reasonably priced. Please book with Tere Ph 981 6431 by Monday 26 October.</p>	

Wednesday 04 November at 7.30 pm	Committee Meeting
<p>Committee Meeting at Sandra's</p>	

Advanced Notification: Queen Charlotte Walkway – Show Weekend?

Show Day Friday 13th November.

We would need to take a few days either side of Show Weekend to travel to Picton, tramp the Walkway (70km) as Freedom walkers and return home.

We are gauging if there is enough members interested and available to make this a viable Tramping Club trip.

Coordinators: Vesna & Dennis.

If you are considering at all, please register your interest with Vesna Ph 942 6955

Trip Reports

Greta Valley Ridge Tramp

Twelve trusting walkers headed to Great Valley to walk up a “mystery” farmland ridge. On arrival at “Glenlock”, the destination was both visible and explained. It turned out to be Centre Hill (558m) via an “almost” circuit route. Centre Hill was crowned by a 90m wind measurement tower, controlled by Meridian as research for a potential future wind farm along this ridge. Resource consent has been granted but nothing further has happened yet. We traversed two farm properties to get there with grateful thanks to the land owners of Cotswold and Glen Gynk for permission to cross their land. Farm tracks certainly made for easier route finding and numerous gate and fence negotiations. Gemma lost count as to how many. The sheep were somewhat skitterish due to the current drought in North Canterbury, but posed no problem. Outstanding views from the summit looking out to sea and Motunau Island as well as up the coast to the Kaikoura Ranges. Mount Fyfe was one identifiable landmark in the distance. With an imminent southerly front approaching, we had an early lunch in the lee of the hill and headed back down an alternative farm track for a leisurely cuppa at Glenlock. The weather front arrived with vengeance half an hour after departure, perfectly timed after a wonderful day out. It delivered a smattering of snow onto our ridge and alas, only a few minimal mm of rain to the parched landscape. The North Canterbury drought continues. Thank you one and all.

Glenda F

Big Mt Peel

Mike was unable to lead this trip so there was me, Serg, Vesna and Neal. The only one who had been up Little Mt Peel was Vesna, so she helped us find the start of the track and we were off. It was a bit of a climb (understatement!!) especially with our big packs but it was a perfect morning for walk. There were a few other day trippers on the track including one young man who we met as we were having our second stop (only 40 minutes in) and was coming back from the top! He had started out at 6.30am in the dark and was just using this little round trip as a bit of exercise! The track was easy to follow and there were stunning views in all directions. I loved seeing the little shelter from afar, on the top of the ridge it looked soooooo small (really we were just still soooooo far away!) We got to shelter about 2.30pm and by this time the weather had started to pack-in so it was good timing and any others at the hut were just finishing lunch and beginning to head down again which meant we had the little place to

ourselves. With the sun gone it got colder but Sergey and I went out for a short stroll along the ridge where we had the pleasure of being caught in a very small snow fall, this and the cold wind cut our stroll short and we went back to the shelter to enjoy a rest and good book with the other two. The shelter had benches along each side wall, so Vesna and Neal used these as beds and Serg and I slept under the table on the floor, it was perfectly comfortable and we had a good night. On Sunday we packed up any gear we did not need and left it under the benches and took only light packs for the day. We climbed and clambered over and around the ridges until we could see the Trig of Big Mt Peel, needless to say there were plenty of high points that Vesna (operator of the trusted GPS) reminded us were NOT on Mt Peel. Who knew there was a Little, Middle and Big Mt Peel???!?! Neal turned back early and did not end up joining us at the top of Mt Peel with our very loud 'whoo Hoo' screams. The wind at this time had come up and was cold and cutting so we admired the view and took our photos then headed back to the shelter along the rocky tops. We met back up with Neal along the return track and we were back to the shelter early afternoon for a well-deserved hot drink and a snack. We re-packed our packs and headed back to the cars. The trip down was quicker but not easier, it was steep which was hard on the knees and some of the steps we climbed up were just as big going down, it was a relief on the legs when the track evened out just for a short time.

We loved – great trip!! And felt really proud to make it to the top with awesome company.

Claire



Three trampers at the entrance to Sawcut Gorge



Sawcut Gorge





Centre Hill, Greta Valley





Harper Pass



Mt Peel



Mystery Lake





Reefton Base Camp





Quail Island



Hinewai



Allandale



Hinewai



Picnic



Cycle Trip

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 Edgware 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 \$25 single or \$30 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.