

# 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](mailto:hagleytrampingclub@yahoo.co.nz)

For information about trips, please ring the Trip Leader.



## **Club Committee**

The following club members were elected to the Committee at the AGM.

Chairperson	Tere L
Treasurer	Dianne L
Secretary	Dennis W
Committee	Heather H (Website) Dennis W (Newsletter) Vesna M Sally B Pat N

Non-committee positions:

Club Captain	Bill T
New members contact	Sandra F

The Club Captain is a technical leadership position available to advise anyone on equipment, trips etc. If you would like to contact Bill, please approach any Committee Member for his contact details.

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

## **From your Chairperson**

Hi Trampers

Thanks to all who turned out to support our AGM.

It has been an interesting year for the club. Member numbers are about the same, we have lost a few and gained a few. We wish the leavers all the best in their future and welcome the newcomers and hope to meet you all out on the trail this year.

The code share with Avon Tramping Club is a year old and while take up has been limited it has been good. I still believe it is a positive thing for both clubs and I expect more advantage will be taken of the opportunity as time goes on.

I would like to thank Neal for the time he has been on the committee and know he would have continued if his work had allowed. Also, Sandra has stepped down from the committee and as Secretary. She has been an executive member for a long time as Chair and Secretary consecutively and I took the opportunity

to present her with this token of our thanks for her contribution over the years. (Presented with a bowl of variegated flowering Cyclamens & a bottle of French wine). Sandra will continue to be our new members contact. Other office holders Dennis as Editor, Heather as Webmaster, Di as treasurer and Vesna on the committee have made great contributions and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their sterling work. Thanks and Welcome to Pat and Sally for taking on roles on the committee, we look forward to working with them.

I personally have had a tough year with health problems for myself and Di and our ongoing battle with EQC and have had to dig deep for the energy to stand as Chair again.

The increased fee has been collected for the first time and with the savings we have made by moving to the E-newsletter the bank balance is much healthier than of recent years with just a few tardy payers to be corralled, my thanks to all the prompt payers which was a significant majority of the membership. If you are experiencing any difficulties with the new electronic regimes we have adopted please let a committee member know as there are likely to be some unforeseen glitches to iron out, which we can't do if we don't know about them. I am looking forward to Mid Winter Xmas which is always a highlight of the club's year.

Tere

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## *Calendar of Trips and Social Events*

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!! Winter tramping means shorter daylight hours and the possibility of returning in the dark if for any reason the trip gets held up. We advise all trampers to bring a torch on winter trips.

**Wednesday 21 June at 7.30 pm**

**Committee Meeting**

Club Committee meeting at Heather's

**Sunday 25 June**

**Mt Bradley Circuit**

A steady climb to the Packhorse Hut via the Tableland Track from Orton Bradley. Around the South side of the mountain with great views of Kaituna valley. Along a short spur and return down the valley via Mt Herbert Walkway track. Long day you will need to bring a torch. There is an additional charge of \$10 per car for parking at Orton Bradley

Leader Norman B Ph 358 5115

Easy Moderate

Transport \$12

Depart from Cashmere Rd opposite Princess Margret Hospital at 7.30 am.

**Wednesday 28 June**

**No Club Social Event**

Due to the Mid Winter Xmas event there is no social event planned for this Wednesday.

**Sunday 02 July**

**Bealey Spur**

A gentle climb in the Arthur's Pass Range, starting at the end of Cloudesley Rd off the Highway. The walk takes us through beech forest and elevates gently to open tussocks with generous views of the Waimakariri River and Arthur's Pass before reaching a boardwalk and then onto the hut. Return the same way.

Leader Norman B Ph 358 5115

Moderate

Transport \$25

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 7:30 am.

<b>Saturday 08 &amp; Sunday 09 July</b>	<b>Mid Winter Xmas Lake Clearwater Base Camp</b>
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!!NOTE: Booking for this weekend have closed but spare beds are available for any late additions. Please contact Heather if you would like to come.

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.

Leader Heather Ph 332 6281

All Grades

Transport \$30

<b>Sunday 16 July</b>	<b>No planned trip for this weekend</b>
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<b>Sunday 23 July</b>	<b>Weka Pass Old Coach Road</b>
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A mid winter pre-lambing farm walk along the route of the original Weka Pass road. Starting at Weka Pass, we walk across private farmland through some interesting limestone formations to the back of Waikari. Return to cars the same way.

!!Please book with Glenda by Saturday at the latest if you going on this trip. Glenda will advise where we will meet up with her.

Leader Glenda Ph 03 314 3365

Easy

Transport \$12

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8:30 am.

<b>Wednesday 26 July at 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Club Social Night Abberley Crescent Hall</b>
<p>A short club meeting to be followed by a fun social night. A demonstration of some sort (Morris Dancers mooted) is being organised by Tere. Further details will be emailed out and loaded to website when confirmed.</p> <p>Followed by supper. All Welcome.</p>	

<b>Saturday 29 - Sunday 30 July</b>	<b>Moa Stream Hut</b>
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Moa Stream Hut is a four bunk hut up Moa Stream, off the Wilberforce River. This is a big river valley right in the Southern Alps. Own cookers and tents will be required. Maps BW20 & BW19

Leader Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277                      Moderate                      Transport \$35  
Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 23 July

<b>Sunday 06 August</b>	<b>Stony Bay Peak Akaroa</b>
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A longish round day trip from the township to Stony Bay peak overlooking Akaroa and return. Stony Bay Peak is 806m so it's a good climb from sea level but worth is for the views.

Leader Dennis Ph 359 1211                      Easy Moderate                      Transport \$25  
Depart from main road outside Halswell School at 8:00 am.

<b>Sunday 13 August</b>	<b>Mt Lyndon (1489m) Circuit</b>
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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 it's North East slopes. Great views from the top. From the top we can return either the same way or down the east South ridge and low saddle behind the lodge and return along the lake to the cars.

Leader Vesna Ph 942 6955                      Moderate                      Transport \$15  
Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8:00 am.

<b>Wednesday 16 August at 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Club Committee meeting at Sally's home in Hillmorton. (Ph 3381097)	

<b>Sunday 20 August</b>	<b>Hogs Back Traverse</b>
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Starting from Castle Hill Village we will follow the Hogs Back track up (only 200m) onto Hogs back then drop down to the Cheeseman Rd. From here we follow the Dracophyllum flat track across to the Broken river Rd. To get to the Craigieburn Rd we can either climb over Lyndon saddle (another 200m) or follow the road plus the Sidle 73 MTB track. If not enough cars for a shuttle it will be a Hogs Back return trip instead of the traverse.

Leader Heather Ph 332 6281                      Easy Moderate              Transport \$20  
 Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8:00 am.

<b>Wednesday 23 August at *7.10 pm</b>	<b>Laserstrike!! Harvey Norman Centre</b>
<p>A great game for all ages! Get fit for Spring.          We did this as a club several years ago and everyone had a good time.          For more information Google "Laserstrike Christchurch"          We have a booking for tentative 10 people but that could be more.          Cost is \$19.50 per person for two games of 15 minutes each.          Please book with Dennis Ph 359 1211 by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August.          *You must be there no later than 7.10pm.</p>	

<b>Saturday 26 - Monday 28 August</b>	<b>Elizabeth Hut</b>
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Saturday early start to drive to Gloriavale Christian Community on the coast. Tramp is up the Haupiri River in West Coast tramping conditions. Sunday plan to tramp over Trent Saddle to the top Trent Hut and back to Elizabeth Hut for a day tramp. Monday back to cars down the Haupiri River, will stop at Haupiri Hot pool. Own cookers and tents will be required. Map BU21

Leader Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277                      Moderate Plus              Transport \$50  
 Please book with Bill and Wendy by Sunday 20th August

<b>Sunday 03 September</b>	<b>Ohinetahi Bush</b>
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A day trip from the Sign of the Bellbird to Teddington. We will stop for coffee in Governors Bay and lunch in Teddington. Return via different tracks to Sign of the Bellbird. Downhill in the morning then a good climb in the afternoon.

Leader Dennis Ph 359 1211                      Easy Moderate      Transport \$3

Depart from Cashmere Rd opposite Princess Margaret Hospital at 8.30 am.

<b>Sunday 10 September</b>	<b>Crater Rim Walkway</b>
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The Crater Rim Walkway extends along the curve of the Port Hills between Coopers Knob in the south and Evans Pass in the northeast, roughly following the course of the Summit Road. Also part of the walkway is the track leading from the hill suburb of Cashmere onto the summit ridge at the Sign of the Kiwi.

Leader Sally Ph 338 1097                      Easy                      Transport \$5

Please book in with Sally by Sunday 3 September so she can co-ordinate transport and departure points.

<b>Wednesday 13 September at 7.00pm</b>	<b>Trip Planning Meeting</b>
Trip and social event planning meeting at Vesna's in Hornby. (Ph 942 6955)	

<b>Sunday 17 September</b>	<b>Mt Richardson (1047m)</b>
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Drive to the Glentui Picnic Area and take the Richardson Track onto the Blowhard track and then down the bypass track giving us a round trip back to the cars. Trip will take approximately 5 hours.

Leader Claire Ph 021 076 2500                      Easy Moderate      Transport \$15

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8:00 am.



<b>Wednesday 19 - Sunday 24 September</b>	<b>St James Walkway</b>
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A classic five day tramp in the Lewis Pass. Glenda's husband Lex will be helping us with transport.

Depart either Tuesday 19th or Wednesday 20th, returning either the following Saturday or Sunday. (Final option to be confirmed)

There may also be a day Sunday tramp to Magdalen Flats to meet up with round trip party. Please contact Dennis.

Leaders Dennis Ph 359 1211 &  
Glenda Ph 03 314 3365

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Dennis by Sunday 10th September.

<b>Wednesday 27 September at 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Club Social Night</b> <b>Abberley Crescent Hall</b>
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A quick club meeting followed by a talk from Vesna on her recent walk of the Larapinta trail in Northern Territories. If you have never heard of the Larapinta Trail – come along and find out! Followed by supper.

<b>Sunday 01 October</b>	<b>Kaiapoi Island - Waimak Walkway</b>
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This track is a long flat walk under trees and along stop banks. Starting this walk from the Kaiapoi Island park entrance, Parish Lane-Raven Quay corner in Kaiapoi we will walk until lunch then return. Coffee in Kaiapoi to finish.

Leader Tere Ph 981 6431

Easy

Transport N/C

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 9:00 am.

<b>Saturday 07 - Sunday 08 October</b>	<b>Carlyle hut</b>
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A relatively short 7km walk across farmland and through bush into Carlyle hut (basic 8 bunks) in Lewis Pass. This should allow us time to explore further up the valley either Sat afternoon or Sunday morning

Leader Heather Ph 332 6281

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Heather by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

<b>Sunday 15 October</b>	<b>Kaituna Valley round trip</b>
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This is a circuit trip as a car shuffle will be required, leaving one car at Parkinsons Road and the other at the start of our tramp at the far end of Kaituna Valley Road. We will make our way up the valley and follow the Te Ara Pataka Walkway to Mt Herbert and the South side of Mt Bradley to the Packhorse Hut and then down the valley to Parkinsons Road.

(There may be a change of route if this trip is affected by closed tracks due to lambing. Please contact Norman)

Leader Norman B Ph 358 5115                      Easy Moderate              Transport \$10  
Depart from main road outside Halswell School at 8:00 am.

<b>Wednesday 18 October at 7.30 pm</b>	<b>Committee Meeting</b>
Club Committee meeting at Pat's home in Avonhead. (Ph 960 7031)	

<b>Saturday 21 - Monday 23 October</b>	<b>At time of publication there is no confirmed trip for Labour weekend</b>
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A proposed trip - the Old Ghost Road on the West Coast - is being looked at. Please contact Sally 338 1097 by 1<sup>st</sup> October if you are interested.

<b>Wednesday 25 October at 7.00pm</b>	<b>Club Restaurant Night</b>
	<b>Madam Kwong's</b>
Restaurant night at Madam Kwong's 155 Blenheim Rd behind Caltex. Please book with Dennis by Friday 20 October. Ph 359 1211	

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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 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***

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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	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***

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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. The club owns two which have been purchased with funding from the Christchurch City Council.

### ***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: Sandra 027 224 0045; Dennis 03 359 1211; Neal 03 343 6980

### ***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/>