

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.



Club Committee

(This is the current Committee. To be updated after AGM on the 20 May.)

Chairperson	Tere L	Ph 981 6431
Treasurer	Diane L	Ph 981 6431
Secretary	Dennis W	Ph 359 1211
Committee	Heather H (Website)	Ph 332 6281
	Dennis W (Newsletter)	Ph 359 1211
	Vesna M	Ph 021 277 2422
	Sally B	Ph 338 1097
	Pat N	Ph 960 7031
Club Captain	Bill T	Ph 354 2277
New members contact	Sandra F	Ph 027 224 0045

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.

From your Chairperson

Hi Trampers

I don't know about you but it doesn't seem like twelve months since the last AGM rolled round and the general impression I get is that many of our members have been living in interesting times, I know I have.

In terms of the club it is a little hard to judge how we are going as with only a couple of weeks to go to AGM we are only showing about 12 paid up members, I

truly hope this is just a reflection of the fact that everyone is busy with their own lives and not the real state of the club's affairs.

We have been getting good numbers for our trips this year so expect it is business as usual. I hope you are all aware that we will be looking at some club rule changes at the AGM and also bringing some new officers on board as others retire so please make the time to attend if you want your say.

Please also remember that for most of our day trips now you need to check in with the leader beforehand so please note those details in the newsletter.

See you at the AGM or out In the hills.

Tere

NEW & IMPORTANT!

REMINDER Day Trip Bookings

The Committee decided recently to give Trip Leaders an option of requesting a notification from members planning to come on day trips.

This permits the Trip Leader to notify intended trampers if the trip is cancelled (generally due to poor weather) or not to make the early morning trip to the meeting place if no-one has indicated they are coming.

The general rule is that the Trip Leader should be notified of your intent to come at least by the day before the trip departs.

ADVANCED TRIP BOOKINGS

Note: **Queens Birthday Weekend** option has now been added to the program.

There was no trip planned in the previous Newsletter.

See details for Queens Birthday and note contact with Wendy is by 20 May.

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Wednesday 23 May at 7.30pm

Club Social Night

Abberley Crescent Hall

AGM & Tramping Tasmania

Our AGM night. Finances and Chairperson's Reports. General business including some clarification proposals relating to the club governance.

Election of committee roles of Chairman, Secretary & Treasurer. (See also Tere's Report on Page 2) Election of Committee.

Followed by pics and story of Vesna's recent tramping trips in Tasmania. Really interesting, not to be missed! Supper to follow.

Sunday 27 May

Banks Peninsula

Montgomery Park - Port Levy Saddle

The plan is to form two groups and leave from either end of the track, meeting half way for lunch (and to swap car keys.)

A beautiful walk above Little River and Port Levy. Exposed and often very windy. Take plenty of water.

Please phone or txt Sally if you are intending to join this trip.

Leaders Heather Ph 332 6281 &

Sally Ph 3381 097 or 021 127 6419

Easy-moderate

Transport \$15

Depart from Cashmere Rd opposite PMH at 8.00am

Saturday 02 – Monday 04 June Queen’s Birthday Weekend	Peninsula Tramping Club Raincliff Sth Canterbury
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As there is no planned Hagley Club trip for Queen’s Birthday but you are invited to join with PTC to celebrate the 60th birthday of some of our members.

A base camp is being held in the scout lodge at Raincliff on the Opihi River.

You can explore the area by foot, bike and car. Walks include nearby Pioneer Park, Raincliff forest reserve, historic Kakahu bush, Mt Nimrod (1525m) with superb views north and west into the Hakataramea.

Please contact Wendy Ph 354 2277 if interested, by the 20 May

Saturday 09 - Sunday 10 June	Cold Stream Hut
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We will drive to the Jollie Brook swing bridge close to Lake Sumner, the tramp up the Jollie Brook to Cold Stream hut. Be prepared for very wet feet. After a night in the hut return the same way.

Leaders Claire & Sergey Ph 021 076 2500 Moderate Transport \$30

Please book in with Claire & Sergey by Sunday 03 June.

Sunday 17 June	Sign of Bellbird to Allandale
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A shorter day walk down into Governors Bay for coffee and around the coastal track to Allandale. Return to Governors Bay then a different track and a steep climb to return to the cars at the Sign of the Bellbird.

Please phone or txt Dennis if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Dennis Ph 021 243 9999 Easy-moderate Transport: Gold coin

Depart from Cashmere Road opposite PMH at 8.30am

Wednesday 20 June at 7.30 pm

Committee Meeting

Club Committee Meeting at Bill & Wendy's in Redwood.

Friday 22 – Sunday 24 June

Castle Hill Village Base Camp

Driving up Friday evening, a weekend winter trip staying at Castle Hill Village. Multiple options for day trips from Hogs Back Track to Mt Cloudsley. We are hoping for snow, so bring crampons and ice axes even if they are not needed.

Accommodation limited so be in quick to book the weekend.

Approx. \$25-\$27/night depending on numbers.

Leaders Claire & Sergey Ph 021 076 2500

All

Transport \$25

Please book in with Claire & Sergey by 04 June

Wednesday 27 June at 7.00pm

Club Restaurant Night

Five Star Vietnamese in Fendalton Mall on Clyde Rd.

Please book with Pat N Ph 960 7031 by Monday 25 June.

Sunday 01 July

There is no planned trip for this weekend.

Sunday 08 July	Weka Pass Old Coach Road
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A farm walk along the route of the original Weka Pass road. (Farmer's permission pending) Starting at Weka Pass, we walk across farmland through some interesting limestone formations to the back of Waikari. Return to cars the same way. Please ring Glenda and book for this trip. She will advise where the trampers from Christchurch will meet her.

Please phone Glenda if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Glenda Ph 03 314 3365 Easy Transport \$12
 Depart from at Main North Rd end of Richill St Belfast at 8:30 am.

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 July	Ces Clark Hut, West Coast Mid-Winter Xmas Party
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Ces Clark Hut is on the Croesus Track. The Xmas Party will be on Saturday night. Open your treasure chests of gold and silver as this year we will celebrate a hot midwinter Christmas with a "Gold & Silver" theme.

Bring a secret Santa gift up to \$10 and food for pot-luck Xmas Dinner on Saturday night. Depart early Saturday morning.

Leader Tere Ph 981 6431 Easy-moderate Transport \$60
 Please book with Tere by Sunday 08 July but preferably earlier

Sunday 22 July	Port Hills Short Day Trip
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An opportunity to stretch winter legs with a short walk around the Port Hills. Route will be: Bowenvale, Victoria Park, Cedrics Track, Crater Rim, Mt Vernon and return down Huntsbury to Bowenvale turn off.

Please phone or txt Dennis if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Dennis Ph 021 243 9999 Easy moderate Transport NA
 Depart from Bowenvale car park at 9.00am.

Wednesday 25 July at 7.30pm

Club Social Night

Abberley Crescent Hall

A short general meeting with news and trip reports, followed by entertainment by a Sally's Clarinet Symphonia.

Please come along and support this event to make it worthwhile for these guest musicians. Supper to follow.

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 July

Urquhart's Hut

Urquhart's Hut is a 6 bunk hut of historic significance. This hut is right in the Southern Alps, a 20km walk up the Wilberforce River. Own cookers and tents.

Maps BW19, BW20, BV19

Leaders Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277

Moderate Plus

Transport \$40

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 21 July.

Sunday 05 August

Mt Grey 934m

An oldie but a goodie. We will drive to the Mt Grey DOC campsite and do the circuit trip either up the Red Beech Track (steep ascent) or the Maukatere Track (easier). Lunch at the top and return to the cars.

Please phone or txt Claire if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Claire Ph 021 076 2500

Moderate

Transport \$10

Depart from Main North Rd end of Richill St Belfast at 8.00am

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 August	Lake Daniell
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A lovely three hour forest walk to a nice hut on the shores of Lake Daniell in the Lewis Pass Scenic Reserve. Ideal tramp for first time overnight trampers.

We will depart Christchurch Saturday morning for a night in the hut and return home on Sunday.

Leader Tere Ph 981 6431

Easy-Moderate

Transport \$40

Please book with Tere by Sunday 05 August

Wednesday 15 August at 7.30 pm	Committee Meeting
Club Committee Meeting at Tere's in Woolston.	

Sunday 19 August	Double Hut Hakatere Conservation Park
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A day trip into historic Double Hut near Lake Heron.

A six hour round trip. Flat going across tussocks.

Please phone or txt Dennis if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Dennis W Ph 021 243 9999

Easy Moderate

Transport \$30

Depart from Z Station in Templeton at 7.30am

Wednesday 22 August at 6.50 pm

Club Social Night

Escape Room

Escape Room, Unit 2/25 Churchill St, ChCh

Can you interpret the clues and solve the puzzles?

We have booked two rooms: Indiana Jungle and Mysterious Cabin. Max people per room is 6. Another room can be booked if we have more people and a room is available.

Cost per person is \$22 and it takes about an hour.

Please book with Heather Ph 332 6281 by Wednesday 15 August.

Sunday 26 August

Cutty Grass Hut

A day walk starting from the Mt Alford track, then heading up the valley of the North Branch of the Ashburton River to this small hut. The tramp requires permission and will be substituted if required (likely Mt Richardson).

Please phone or txt Heather if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Heather Ph 332 6281

Moderate

Transport \$25

Depart from at Yaldhurst Tavern car park at 7.30am

**Sunday 02 September
(Father's Day)**

No club trip planned for this date.

Sunday 09 September

Woolshed Hill 1429m

A good forest and ridge climb to a tussock covered peak adjacent to the Hawdon Shelter in APNP. Great views from the top.

Please phone or text Vesna if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Vesna Ph 021 277 2422

Moderate

Transport \$30

Depart from Yaldhurst Tavern car park at 8.00 am

Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 September	Hamilton Hut and Cass-Lagoon Saddle
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A classic tramp in the Craigieburn Forest park. Second day is a long tramp. Starting at Cass and finishing at the Cora Lynn Rd. Planning to do a car shuffle so we have a car at each end.

Leaders Claire Ph 021 076 2500 & Moderate Transport \$35
Dennis Ph 021 243 9999

Please book with Claire by Sunday 09 September

Wednesday 19 September at 7.00 pm	Trip Planning
Trip Planning at Heathers in Milton St.(Or new home to be advised)	

Sunday 23 September	Mt Richardson 1047m
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A round trip from the Glentui Picnic area to Mt Richardson, Blowhard Track and return via Bypass Track

Please phone Heather if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Heather Ph 332 6281 Easy Moderate Transport \$15
Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.30am

Wednesday 26 September at 7.30pm	Club Social Night
	Abberley Crescent Hall
	Tramping Pics
Dennis will continue the picture show started at the Social Night in March of the best of tramping club pics taken in the last five years. Reminisce and enjoy! Supper to follow.	

Sunday 30 September (Daylight Saving Starts)	Manuka Hut Hakatere Conservation Park
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Drive to the Hakatere Conservation park, for an easy 1 1/2 hour walk via Lake Emily to the hut, with time to explore around the area.

Please phone Pat if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Pat N Ph 021 167 9338 Easy Moderate Transport \$30

Depart from Z Station in Templeton at 7.30am

Saturday 06 & Sunday 07 October	Hunts Creek Hut
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Hunts Creek Hut is a 4 bunk hut reached via Kellys Creek and over Hunt Saddle. Kiwi can be heard calling at night fall from this hut. Tents and cookers required.

Map BV20

Leaders Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277 Moderate Transport \$40

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 30 September

Wednesday 10 October at 7.30 pm	Committee Meeting
Club Committee Meeting at Dennis's in Bishopdale.	

Sunday 14 October	Purple Hill 1680m
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Access is just off SH74 at the end of Lake Pearson.

Start and finish at the public camping area beside the lake.

Start following the shore of the lake away from the boggy area towards the north slopes of the hill. Once we get there we will commence the climb (free style) straight up or zig and zag.

The climb is steady and steepens towards the ridgeline for 360' views

The same way back unless someone wishes to go down steep shingle slope and around the lake edge.

Please phone or txt Vesna if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Vesna 021 277 2422

Moderate

Transport \$30

Depart from Yaldhurst Tavern car park at 8.00am

Saturday 20 to Monday 22 October Labour Weekend	Currently no planned trip for Labour Weekend. See website for any update or next Newsletter.
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Wednesday 24 October at 7.30pm	Club Social Night Abberley Crescent Hall
Event to be planned into the next Newsletter.	
Supper to follow.	

Sunday 28 October	Little River Rail Trail Bike Ride
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Cycle from Motukarara to Little River and return. About 43km

Flat cycle trail but can be exposed to the wind. (Very unlikely to get a tail wind both ways!)

Please phone or txt Sally if you are intending to join this trip.

Leader Sally Ph 338 1097 or 021 127 6419 NA Transport NA

Depart from the Main Rd outside Halswell School at 8.30am.

Trip Reports

Easter – Carrington Hut

Leaders: Claire & Sergey; Team: Pat, Glenda, Dianna & Dennis

A really great Easter tramp – let me tell more.

Six of us headed up the Waimak Good Friday and soon passed a group having lunch also on their way to Carrington. We had our lunch at the Anticrow River and decided it was pretty good idea to break into a couple of teams. A fast team to secure six bunks and a not-so-fast team to take their time. It worked! We got bunks in the same room and as it happened the not-so-fast team wasn't very far behind the fast team anyway.

Entrée that night (courtesy of Claire & Sergey) was a real cheese fondue with chunks of bread dipped in the nice hot sauce. I ate so much didn't really need any tea after that.

That night the hut was packed, including people camped up in the porch and camping under the trees. Next morning the rain and strong wind had set in as forecast – a NW front. The hut was mostly emptied by parties heading to Barkers, Park Morpeth and Julia Hut. Late morning Claire & Sergey went for a walk to discover the conditions were pretty atrocious out in the open. We were a bit concerned about the safety of one of the family parties. Claire had anticipated a hut day and had carried in a 500 piece jigsaw of elephants in

savannah grass. Took us all day working in shifts, but it was very enjoyable.

Snacking, drinking coffee and doing a jigsaw, not a worry in the world!

That night a big alpine party arrived and left in torch light about 4.30am the next day for Barker Hut and Mt Murchison ascent. (Turned back about 200m from the summit). And two guys arrived about 1.00am having taken 10 hours from the car park including crossing the Waimak in the dark.

Next day dawned glorious. Claire, Sergey and Pat got away early for a round trip to Barker Hut and Glenda, Dianna & I left for Waimak Falls Hut round trip. Our trip was fantastic. One of the best day trips I've been on in recent times. Big river, big mountains, magnificent alpine valley. Really interesting negotiating our way to the hut (the track disappeared in places), with a 1 hour climb before the hut set in an alpine basin. Just before the hut is the 80m high Waimak Falls into a deep ravine. We had a boil up in the sun admiring the main divide ridge to the NE.

Next day was good again as we packed up and tramped out, stopping at Springfield for afternoon tea.

Personally, I was really maxed out up to Easter so this trip was more than what the Dr could have ordered to refresh, recharge and rejuvenate.

Thanks a lot Claire & Sergey, just loved it!!

Dennis



Cheese fondue



Heading to Waimak Falls Hut



Ready to tramp out

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 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 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 027 224 0045; Dennis 03 359 1211; Tere 021 140 1104

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.

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