

# Hagley Tramping Club

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***JANUARY, FEBRUARY 2019***

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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.



"With steely  
determination the  
summer trampler  
heads for the hills"

## Club Committee

Chairperson	*****	
Treasurer	Claire T	Ph 0210762500
Secretary	Dennis W	Ph 021 243 9999
Committee	Heather H (Website)	Ph 332 6281
	Dennis W (Newsletter)	Ph 021 243 9999
	Sally B	Ph 338 1097
	Pat N	Ph 021 167 9338
	Tere L	Ph 981 6431
Club Captain	Bill T	Ph 354 2277
New members contact	Sandra F	Ph 027 224 0045

\*\*\*\*\* No Chairperson was elected at the AGM.

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.

### Advanced Trip Bookings

There are no overnight trips coming up requiring bookings in excess of the standard one week before departure.

#### \*What’s coming up soon....

\*Club Restaurant night Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October.

See date for booking and location.



\*XMAS function Sunday 09 December.

Something different this year!

See date for details and note that RSVP is required.



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

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**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**

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**

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.

<b>Sunday 14 October</b>	<b>Hogs Back Track</b>
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Access via Castle Hill Village.

A bit of climbing for a start then a really nice track across tussocks and beech forest to Broken River ski field Rd.

(Note in the previous Newsletter this was Purple Hill. Now changed to Hogs Back Track)

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

Leader Vesna 021 277 2422

Easy Moderate

Transport \$20

Depart from Yaldhurst Tavern car park at 8.00am

<b>Saturday 20 to Monday 22 October Labour Weekend</b>	<b>Currently no planned trip for Labour Weekend. See website for any update.</b>
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<b>Wednesday 24 October at 6.30 pm</b>	<b>Buddha Stix Restaurant</b>
Restaurant night at Buddha Stix 74 Riccarton Rd.	
Please book with Claire by Friday 19 October. Ph 0210762500	

<b>Sunday 28 October</b>	<b>Little River Rail Trail Bike Ride</b>
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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

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

<b>Saturday 3 &amp; Sunday 4 Nov</b>	<b>Tarn Hut</b>
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Tarn Hut is in the headwaters of the Ashley River on the west side of Lees Valley. Weather permitting the plan is a round trip via Youngman Stream Hut.

Leader Pat N Ph 021 167 9338                              Moderate                      Transport \$35  
 Please book with Pat by Sunday 28 October

<b>Sunday 11 Nov.</b>	<b>Vulcan (Mt) 412m</b>
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Mt Vulcan via Motunau mystery route. Come prepared for very dry weather (bring water), beach walking, seascapes, farmland traverses, cliff top negotiation and magnificent coastal panoramas. If we are lucky, post walk refreshments at Glenlock!

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

Leader Glenda Ph 03 314 3365                              Easy Moderate                      Transport \$20  
 Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.00am.

<b>Friday 16 - Sunday 18 (Show Weekend)</b>	
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Apology: The planned trip for Show Weekend was cancelled the day before this Newsletter was published. However, there may be an alternative trip another Trip Leader would lead. If so, the website will be updated and all members notified by email.


<b>Wednesday 21 November at 7.30 pm      Committee Meeting</b>
Club Committee Meeting at Pat's in Burnside.

<b>Sunday 25 November</b>	<b>Rakaia Walkway &amp; Terrace Downs</b>
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An easy walk up the Rakaia Gorge from the inland road bridge. We will hike to the far end of the walkway and then to Terrace Downs via cross country route. Bring some \$ to buy a drink so we can enjoy our lunch on their patio!

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

Leader Dennis 021 243 9999                      Easy                      Transport \$20  
 Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.30am.

<b>Wednesday 28 November at 7.30pm</b>	<b>Club Social Night Abberley Crescent Hall</b>
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Traditional end of year fun games night and supper.  
 A general meeting round up of recent and future trips. Then games to follow before supper. Bring your group games and puzzles!

<b>Sunday 02 December</b>	<b>Mt Bealey APNP 1836m</b>
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The track to Mt Bealey starts at the eastern end of Arthurs Pass Village. Track starts from a small carpark halfway up the Mt Bealey Road. A tramping track zig-zags through the beech forest onto the main ridge leading to Mt Bealey. The unmarked route then follows a tussock covered and rocky ridge to the summit of the low peak of Mt Bealey. Great views particularly up the Waimakariri River to the Shaler Range.

Return the same way.

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

Leader Vesna Ph 021 277 2422                      Moderate                      Transport \$30  
 Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 7.00am

**Sunday 09 December BBQ Lunch****Club XMAS Dress-Up Party****RSVP required.**

The Club Christmas party is at Glenda and Lex's home just off the Motunau Beach Road.

Starting about 11.30am and lunch about 1.00pm.

BYO drinks and Xmas food to share.

Partners very welcome & bring a Secret Santa gift (\$5-\$10).

Dress up theme this year is "Country & Eastern"

Please RSVP with Glenda Ph 03 314 3365 by Wednesday 05 December.

**Thursday 27 – Monday 31 December****Mackenzie Hut****Lake Sumner Forest Park**

Drive to Lake Taylor where we leave the cars. Tramp through to first night at Hurunui Hut. Next two nights at Mackenzie Hut with a day trip into the tarn & tops north of the hut. Return the same way with another night in Hurunui Hut. There are other alternatives in this area so the trip plan is not locked down but open to suggestion.

Leaders Dennis Ph 021 243 9999 & Tere

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Dennis by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**Sunday 13 January****Blowhard Track & Garry River**

Start up the Blowhard Track then down Hunters Track to the Garry River. Follow the river back to the cars. There should be pools to swim in!

Expect a long day about 8 hours tramping.

*Please phone or Bill & Wendy if you are intending to join this trip.*

Leader Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277

Moderate Plus

Transport \$15

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 8.00am.

<b>Saturday 19 &amp; Sunday 20 January</b>	<b>Lees Creek Hut</b>
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Lees Creek Hut is a 4 bunk hut and is reached on a gentle walking track taking 4hrs. It's a long drive over Jacks Pass from Hanmer Springs then up the Clarence River Rd. Tents and cookers required. Map BS25

*Please phone or Bill if you are intending to join this trip.*

Leader Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277                      Moderate                      Transport \$60

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 13 January

<b>Wednesday 23 January at 6.00pm</b>	<b>Club Picnic and Games Night Abberley Park</b>
<p>Our traditional New Year picnic at Abberley Park.          Bring your picnic with one dish to share.          Then work off the calories with outdoor games.          No bookings just come.          Picnic on east boundary of the park (closest to Springfield Rd)</p>	

<b>Wednesday 30 January at 7.00 pm</b>	<b>Trip Planning</b>
<p>Note 7.00pm start.          Trip Planning Meeting at Sally's in Hillmorton.</p>	



<b>Sunday 27 January</b>	<b>Pudding Hill</b>
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From the Awa Awa Rata reserve at the base of Mt Hutt we will climb through beech forest and tussocks to Scott's saddle on the Mt Hutt ski field road then descend steeply to Pudding Hill stream. After lunch we cross the stream a few times then follow the river bank till we meet Adler track which leads us back to the cars.

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

Leader Heather Ph 332 6281 or 021 0797 101      Moderate      Transport \$15  
 Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am

<b>Sunday 03 February</b>	<b>Hinewai Reserve Banks Peninsula</b>
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From the carpark to Otanerito Bay via Kereru Track for lunch and return via Valley Track. Really lovely bushwalking and good exercise as we drop about 500m to sea level and back up again.

*Please phone Tere if you are intending to join this trip.*

Leader Tere Ph 981 6431      Easy Moderate      Transport \$25  
 Depart from the main road outside Halswell School at 8.30am

<b>Sunday 10 February</b>	<b>Little Mt Herbert (913m) from Kaituna Valley</b>
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A good climb from the far end Kaituna Valley onto the ridge. Along the ridge to Little Mt Herbert. Return the same way. Great coastal views!

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

Leader Dennis Ph 021 243 9999      Easy Moderate      Transport \$10  
 Depart from main road outside Halswell School at 9.00am

**Wednesday 13 February at 7.30 pm**

**Committee Meeting**

Committee Meeting at Tere's in Christchurch somewhere! (TBA).

**Sunday 17 February**

**Waipara Gorge**

Impressive limestone cliffs, fossils, fascinating concretions, historic geology – it's got it all. Join me for wet feet (and more) wander through the Waipara Gorge. Be prepared to get wet.

(Dennis comment: I remember this as a great day out more than 20 years ago. Since then we have not had a Trip Leader who knew the access and route.)

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

Leader Glenda Ph 03 314 3365

Easy

Transport \$15

Depart from Richill St Belfast at 9.00am

**Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 February**

**Sudden Valley Explorer, APNP**

An overnigher up Sudden Valley with tents. Moderate grade with a lot of river crossings. Plan is to find a camp site beyond the biv and explore the upper valley. (This trip is classified as an "Explorer" as Tere has not previously been beyond the Barrier Falls)

*Please phone or Tere if you are intending to join this trip.*

Leader Tere Ph 981 6431

Moderate

Transport \$25

Please book with Tere by Sunday 17 February

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## ***Trip Reports***

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No Trip Reports for this Newsletter.

Any reports about your recent club trips would be very welcome!

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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 Edgeware 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	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. 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 021 243 9999; Tere 021 140 1104

### ***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/>