

### Newsletter of the Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club (Inc.) P.O. Box 1120, Dunedin.



The OTMTC meets socially at 3 Young Street  
every Thursday—doors open at 7.30pm,  
programme begins at 8.00pm.

## OTMTC COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 2011-12 OTMTC Committee are open now  
and close with our Secretary (Peter Stevenson) on August 11,  
2011.

To be nominated for the committee you need to be a financial member of the club, and have your nomination proposed and seconded by two other financial members of the club.

Positions to be elected at the AGM are: **PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER, SECRETARY, CHIEF GUIDE** plus **SEVEN COMMITTEE MEMBERS** (from which other roles such as Membership and Day Trips are appointed)

**The AGM is on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at 8.00pm in the clubrooms**

*Nomination forms available from the clubrooms or the club website  
([otmc.co.nz](http://otmc.co.nz))*

### Committee Members 2010/11

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Contributions (limit of 1000 words) are welcome for the August Bulletin, deadline is 14/07/11, publication 28/07/11. You can submit material by email to [debsnz@ihug.co.nz](mailto:debsnz@ihug.co.nz)

The June edition of the Wilderness Magazine included a comprehensive article comparing traditional tramping clubs like the OTMC to newer web based groups. The latter have been termed 'Web 2.0' groups and they operate via the Internet, in that they don't have meetings in person – rather their organisation is done online. While there is an advantage in the flexibility they can have in trip planning, it is concerning to read of people's perceptions of tramping clubs like ours. The one that stood out for me is the perception that you need to be fit to join a club, and that we race between points, often not stopping to contemplate why you are even there. This may have had some truth once, but certainly is not how the OTMC operate at all. Of the hundreds of trips I have enjoyed with the club there has always been time to enjoy the view, take photos and just soak up the environment. Even the longer trips, like the 2010 Five Pass trip, take this into account, with plenty of time to enjoy the environment you have worked so hard to get to. The thing we need to do is try and overcome this perception, and the best way initially will be word of mouth from our members.

The committee have commenced discussing what the on-going strategic direction of the OTMC should be, particularly over the next 12 months. We have had an excellent start to 2011, with both the Open Day and Bushcraft course being successful, although we believe there is a lot of room for refinement as we look at what worked well and what we can improve on. We now have 11 new members directly from Bushcraft 2011 - these members are injecting much needed enthusiasm to the club as a whole. Richard Forbes reports that despite the purge of non-financial members late last year we have now made this number back (and more) in new members. If any member has an interest in where the club is heading, or ideas that will help the club further it's objectives are welcome to join with the discussion – contact any committee member to see what we have come up with so far. It is our intention to be able to present to the AGM in late August our plan for the ensuing 12 months.

It is with great sadness that the OTMC record the death of Lyall Campbell, Life Member of the OTMC. Lyall was a member of the OTC / OTMC for most of her life, joining the club in 1951 as a sixth former. In that year Lyall participated in the first Bushcraft course, which culminated in an Easter trip to the Ahuriri. Lyall was very active in the early 1950's, and although transport was scarce, she spent many weekends in the local Silver Peaks with other members. She married Bruce Campbell (also a Life Member) and spent their honeymoon on the

Olivine Ice Plateau. Later, with a younger family preventing Lyall from participating in trips with the main club, she formed the Family Tramping Group in 1959/60. This enabled Lyall and others in a similar position to continue their links with the OTC, albeit in a different way. Lyall, along with Marie McDonald (another Life Member) ran this group for many years, introducing many young people (including this writer) to the joys of tramping. Lyall moved to Hawea and continued to tramp and XC ski. The club was pleased that Lyall was able to be present at the opening of the new Jubilee Hut in 2007 – Lyall was amongst those who helped build the original hut, which was completed in 1951, and so created an apt connection at the opening of the new hut.

The OTMC has lost a great friend and an important link with our own heritage, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to Lyall's family.

## *Membership*

Membership now is 197 with the passing of Jonette Service.

### People joined during last Month

Andrew Pask

Andrew did the Bushcraft course this year which has so far had a total of 11 new members join the club which is a great result.

I sold 21 Entertainment books to members which raised \$210 for our fundraising efforts well done.

Please remember to donate a gold coin to the donation box on top of the usual \$1 for supper.

Also please mingle and chat to any newbies to the clubrooms, remember what it was like the first time you came along and remember we have something in common and that tramping.

**Richard Forbes**  
**Membership Secretary**

## **OTMC Discounts.**

Macpac have just agreed to give OTMC club members a 20% discount on all non sale items.

R&R and Bivouac Outdoor give us 15% discount on all non sale items.

All you do is show your OTMC membership card, these discounts are another good reason to be a member of the OTMC.

## *Obituary—Jonette Service*

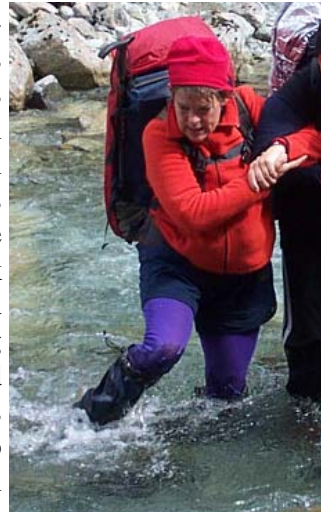
I met Jonette through the tramping club.

When we arrived back at the club rooms after one of the trips Jonette said to me, ‘Zena, the next time you plan a trip please remember me’, this I did which was the start of many exciting trips.

There were many trips we did, too numerous to write about. Sometimes I would ring a farmer and ask permission to cross their land, some offered us their musterer’s huts, the owners of Kyeburn Station gave us the key to stay in the old Kokonga Railway Station which was transported to their land and used as a hut - it still had the ticket and stationmaster’s office.

We stayed in many huts and bivvies, most of them were the old forest service 4 and 6 bunk huts - these were the ones we liked the most. Quite often we would be the only ones in them.

On Stewart Island we stayed in the old extended biv at Doughboy Bay sleeping on beds made out of fishing nets, to a more spacious hut where Jonette slept on a bed and I slept on a four seater couch at the old Avoca Station in the then newly opened Torlesse Tussocklands Park. The Broken River was in flood and we crossed this old dilapidated rickety old stock bridge that had collapsed at the far end and climbed down it as if it were a ladder hanging on to whatever we could. The reason we ended up there was due to bad weather at Arthurs Pass. Talking about the weather we set off to Casey Hut, the weather being overcast when we started, then Huey threw everything at us



just over the saddle we crossed three streams which were rising rapidly, after crossing the last one Jonette turn to me and said “I am not crossing another stream” I knew she meant it - I quietly said ‘I think this is the last one’. We did not have a dry stitch on us when we arrived at Casey Hut and surprised the four D.O.C. Field workers who told us they did not expect anyone to be tramping in the conditions. Jonette just said “we are used to Fiordland”.

About 10.30pm at Granity Hut I said to Jonette I hear voices, there is some-one coming shortly after two males arrived carrying a very bright lantern,

they were cavers - one a Doctor from Motueka who a few years later had to be rescued from a cave in that area.

A lady on a farm near Aitkins very kindly let us leave Jonette's car on their property and gave us directions to use their 4WD track to cross the Otira River to the Taramakau River the start of the Arthurs – Lewis Pass track. We knew transport was going to be a problem at the other end as there was only one bus on a Sunday going to Christchurch late in the afternoon. When we got to the Hope-Kiwi Hut we decided we would go to Greymouth, not Christchurch, as we were not suitably dressed for a city. We got to the end of the track tied ourselves up and started hitch hiking. After 10 minutes we got a ride to Reefton from an engineer who told us he quite often picked trampers up he was going to Murchison. After walking a little way out of Reefton we decided to try our luck again unfortunately lady luck was not with us and decided to call it quits at 5.00pm when this car pulls up on the opposite side of the road a voice yells out "I thought it was you two" the voice belonged to Nigel Boydell who was an ex O.T.M.C. member, Nigel insisted we stay with him and his partner at their place for the night.

I am not a good trumper in the heat and after one trip at the back of Murchison we eventually arrived in Nelson. Jonette spied a little street stall that was selling sun hats she went up it, took a hat off one of the hooks put it on my head and said WEAR IT. I never carried a sun hat, they always seemed to be too hot and preferred not to wear one. The next trip to Lake Angelus I WORE the hat - I still take it with me.

Our last tramp was the Kirwins Track. While I was trying to get the fire going Jonette sat and read out loud the history of the area, she wanted to go and see the trucks with the ore still in them hanging from the wires that were suspended across the gully. We had been told about them when we met three elderly trampers on the Mt. Arthur track who were on their way to the Ellis Basin Hut. The following day after coming off the track Jonette said she did not want to do any more tramping said she was feeling tired. When she was having treatment on her good week and feeling well enough she would sometimes drive herself to Wanaka where I would meet her and go for several short walks. Last October I was able to take her along with Yvonne Greer to the locked gate in the Ahuriri Valley, it was a beautiful spring day with the snow glistening on the mountains.

These are just a few of the things that we did together on our trips, Jonette was great company I will certainly miss her.

**Zena Webb**

# HOW SHOULD DOC MANAGE OUR CONSERVATION LANDS IN OTAGO?

DoC are in the process of developing a new ten year management plan for Otago's conservation lands. This includes issues such as where vehicles and mountain bikes can go (in conservation areas), what places and species should DoC be focussing on and how heritage sites should be managed. This Conservation Management Strategy is important to all trampers and users of the conservation lands – this is your land, so have a think about how you would like to see it managed. The plan is in the early stage, and I expect the OTMC to complete a submission in time. It is possible that we may be able to get DoC to come to one of our meetings and discuss the strategy. In the meantime, a good person to talk to would be David Barnes, who looks after

## OTMC Auction 4 August

The OTMC Annual Auction is coming up on 4 August and now is the time to look out anything you'd like to donate.



Almost any tramping gear in reasonable condition will sell including clothing, books on climbing or tramping, guide books, etc. Last year we also sold items of food, baking, home brew wines and beer, anything.

Most of us have tramping gear we no longer need or maybe never even used. Now is the time to have a clear out.

All proceeds from the auction will go towards the new gear bought recently for gear hire.

# Trip Reports

## **Hopkins-Huxley 5-7 February 2011**

This trip was made in place of the planned North Routeburn /Rockburn 3 Passes tramp, which was cancelled due to predicted gales and heavy rain in the Mt. Aspiring NP area.

The trip to the Ohau area was made in private cars on Friday evening, followed by a night tramp along the 4x4 road to Monument Hut. This moon-lit amble would give the party a full day to get to the Huxley Forks Hut and then decide on further activities.

The next mornings weather was overcast and all were on the move by 8.30ish, the going was easy enough, although it could have been easier if we'd taken the low water route rather than hightailing it along the high water route!

By late morning the temperature had risen and it was with some relief that the Forks Huts were sighted so we knew that a break for lunch wasn't far off. The trek up the creek divided Huxley valley seemed to take an age, but at least at this point most of the creeks were dry and those that weren't were crossed with boots hardly wet.

Once 'refueling' at the Forks Huts was complete it was decided to carry on to Broderick Hut in the hopes that if the weather held on the Sunday AM an attempt could be made to get to the top of Broderick Pass so as to get some views down the Landsborough and incidentally tick another box in the 'Passes Knocked Off' book.

The track wound upward through native bush and along the bank of the North Branch of the Huxley and it wasn't long before the glacier on the slopes of Mt. Mackenzie was sighted.

Getting to the Hut would take a bit longer, the addition of a side trip up a dry creek bed and then through some dense bush to get back on track didn't help mat-



ters, but I'm told that navigational embarrassment of this sort is character building so my lips are sealed as to who was leading at the time.

Finally Broderick Hut was reached and it's fair to say we all knew we'd had a good days tramping. I for one was more than ready for my bunk once our meal was out of the way.

That night the weather finally broke with intermittent heavy rain and by Sunday AM it hadn't let up much.

The pass was well fogged in, so there was no rush to get out of sleeping bags. But eventually we were all up and even though a trip up to the top of the pass was out of the question we thought a trip to at least the approach of the pass would be worth it to get a better view of the track up to the tops.

A heavy drizzle set in, but we trudged on to a narrow snow/ice field in one of the gullies running down the slope of Mt. Strauchon, that was riven with holes cut by rain and melt water running down the hill. One of these holes was large enough for 7 of us to stand upright in. Sadly there were no takers for the inaugural Ice Hole Sleeping Mat Riding Challenge. Ah well, maybe next year.



After happy snappies were taken, we trekked back across the scrub to get to the hut, due to our late start it was now time for a quick lunch followed by the downhill trip to Forks Hut, the Huxley and creeks were already higher than the day before and it didn't look as if it was going to clear anytime soon.

It was mid afternoon by the time we got back to the Forks and it was with some relief that packs were shed and thoughts turned to a good meal and some well deserved rest.

It was just as well there were enough beds available as that night there was a terrific storm with plenty of thunder and lightning to go with the high winds and rain. The area around the huts was certainly well waterlogged the next morning. The waterfalls from the tops were also in full spate and as we still had to cross the creeks running into the Huxley this didn't bode well.

We set off for the tramp back to Monument Hut in good time, gazing in trepidation at the Huxley which was in full flow with water to both banks, most of



the gravel beds well covered and lots of flood borne trees and debris floating past or hung up in shallower waters.

After crossing several smaller creeks we came to one that was being fed by a huge waterfall from the tops, various river crossing theories came into play with several of us heading upstream while others headed closer to the creeks confluence with the Huxley. The ones at the bottom found a good crossing point hopping from gravel bed to gravel bed. A creek that had taken a few minutes to cross on the way up to the Forks now took at least a half hour.

Soon enough we came to another raging torrent that a day and a half before had been a trickle. Fist sized rocks were being thrown out of the water as they hit submerged rocks, so this time we waited it out and after another half hour the water level and its speed had dropped enough for a crossing to be made. Proof indeed that a wait is often the best option when faced with a potentially dangerous crossing.

Once the side creeks were passed we could resume a faster pace and were soon on the flats heading towards the wire bridge via the High Water track as even from a distance the Huxley could be seen raging around the bend at the start of the more usual route to the bridge.

Once the bridge was crossed we plodded on across the flats towards Monument Hut and a lunch break.

At the hut we had a stroke of luck as an employee of Ohau Lodge was there for a look see at the river and offered to drive our packs out and leave them with the cars at the road end.

The trek along the 4x4 track was therefore a bit faster, there was plenty of evidence of how high the river had risen with debris strewn along fences and through the scrub on both sides of the track.

Once back at the cars we dashed off to Ohau Lodge to put a tab on the bar for 'Red' for his big help with the packs then it was back to Duffers.

Overall a good long weekend away with some wet and wild creek crossings thrown in.

Ian Woodford for Brent, Darryl, Gordon, Polly Richard, Ross and Tomas.



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## Earnslaw Burn

### 26/27 January 2011

Eleven set off for Earnslaw Burn with good weather forecast. After the obligatory visit to the pie van in Alexandra we bedded down at the road head about 11pm. The morning was warm and slightly overcast, but we opted to keep our feet dry by crossing the road bridge before picking up the track on the other side of the burn. On entering the trees a short climb soon had us pausing to shed layers, during which we were entertained by group of fantails and a bell-bird. The track was for the most part easy, but a number of fallen trees necessitated some clambering or crawling in places. With the exception of a short section across a grassy paddock, the whole morning was in forest.

By the time a couple of us broke out into a clearing with a first glimpse of snow on the mountains at the head of the valley, the sun was out and we gratefully dried our shirts and socks while waiting for the rest of the group, who had stopped for lunch in the forest, to close



up. As they did so, we were overtaken by another group of four lightly-laden trampers heading for the rock bivvy. By early afternoon we had passed the bivvy and the last of the trees and entered the open valley beyond the river gorge in warm and sunny conditions.

As promised the views were dramatic, accompanied occasionally by the thunder of falling ice on the glacier. The gnomes' furniture which Gene remembered from an earlier trip has been dismembered.

After choosing a campsite, most of the group went on up the valley to get a closer look at the glacier and one of the several helicopters which had been flying overhead during the morning, before returning to eat. After dinner, whisky and cigar were served. Later Darryl's wish for a performance from the Swedish beach volleyball team was granted. Unfortunately for Darryl, he had failed to specify that it was the *women's* Swedish beach volleyball team he wanted to see, but the topless press-ups, crunches and star-jumps they performed before their evening dip in

the river drew appreciative comments from the female members of the group. We learned afterwards, when they joined us to roast their sausages over the fire, that they were in fact a part-Finnish, part-Swedish team. There were other trampers also in the valley, around 25 in all by someone's count (including the four in the bivvy and the OTMC group).

In the morning eight of the group were up early under clear skies to tackle the route out via the ridge dividing the Earnslaw from the Rees valley, leaving three to walk out later through the forest. The route to ridge leads up along the side river which enters Earnslaw Burn just south of the bivvy. The river has been deeply gouged, however, and within fifty metres we had re-entered the forest and followed animal trails to emerge above the bushline somewhat further south than planned. We still had some way to go over tussock before finally gaining the ridge at about 1450m, having climbed about 650m in just over two hours. We were rewarded with views up the Rees, south over Wakatipu and across Mount Alfred to the start of the Routeburn. Although it had begun to cloud over, the sun broke through occasionally and there was little wind. Two hours' easy walking along the ridge and a little boulder-hopping brought us to lunch below the bluffs across from Muddy Spur on the other side of the Rees. At this point the group effectively divided again - the first group stayed below the ridge, following the contour at about 1200m before returning to the ridge just before the final descent, while the second group stayed on the ridge somewhat longer. The descent to the marked track is a full 700m over lumpy tussock, hard on the knees and would be difficult in wet weather (as the last OTMC trip to take this route apparently discovered). It ends with a narrow belt of bracken and matagouri just above the track. Here the some of the ridge party met up with those who had followed the track out. We emerged to cool our feet in the river just over seven hours after leaving the campsite. The leaping Scandinavians further impressed us all by taking only two hours and forty minutes to exit the valley by the lower route. Icecreams in Frankton and chips in Alexandra rounded off an excellent weekend's tramping - many thanks to Richard for leading the trip and to Gene for expert advice on the ridge route.

Will Sweetman for Brent, Clorinda, Darryl, Gene, Hamish, Peter, Polly, Richard, Susan and Wayne

# TripList

## CHIEF GUIDE COMMENT

**16/17 July – Winter Routeburn (Lake McKenzie) (ALL)**

**Theme - Pyjama Party**

**Wolfgang Gerber ph.453 11 55 or 021 112 44 23**

We'll be walking in to Lake Howden Hut (1 hour) on Friday night and if the conditions are good a side trip up to Key Summit as there will be a full moon. On Saturday morning the walk to Lake McKenzie Hut will take between 3~4 hours at the most. Along the way the scenery will be wonderful, including views of the Hollyford Valley, the massive Earland Falls and of course the "Orchard". There will be lots of photo opportunities for all, so make sure you keep your camera somewhere warm as the cold weather will reduce the life of your battery.

Once at Lake McKenzie Hut there are many areas to go exploring, from visiting Split Rock and the upper basin, up the zig zag for a great view of the Tasman Sea, the Darren Mountains and of course the McKenzie Basin. On my last trip to the area a party made it all the way to Harris Saddle and back to the Hut (a fitness essential only trip). Ocean Peak is there for the very fit ones (Snow and climbing skills essential).

My Annual Quiz will be held about 8pm with yummy prizes and the theme is to dress as you would to go to bed. The mind will boggle. This trip is for everyone, from winter climbing to people who just want a cruisy trip.

I'll take latecomers if there are spare seats only

Trip list closes July 7

## **August 6-7: OTMC Snowcaving Trip (Old Man Range) (I)**

**Richard Pettinger ph. 487-9488**

This trip depends somewhat on the availability of snow. But the idea is we spend the weekend learning the skill to survive, as comfortably as possible, in snow terrain, using our wits and the nearest suitable material: the snow! Last year's trip was interesting. Previous years' trips have been blessed with better snow. If you are intending to venture into snow country, you really need to sign up to come and learn this potentially life-saving skill. If there's still no (or insufficient) snow, we could go tramping somewhere in the Roxburgh or Alexandra area. This is a private car trip, leaving early on Saturday morning, getting home mid-afternoon on Sunday. The OTMC Snowcaving trip is an experience you will not regret. Or forget.

## **August 12-13: OTMC Snowcraft (Basic Ice Axe and Crampons) (I)**

**Ralph Harvey ph. 453-4330**

This is another trip that is dependant on suitable snow conditions. The aim of the weekend is to teach basic skills to enable people to travel over moderate snow slopes safely, or alternatively provide an initial overview of snow skills as a first step to more advanced climbing.

Ideally the weekend will be held at the Remarkables - this has the benefit of easy access to the snow, as well as good accommodation available at the bottom of the hill.

The main skill taught is how to use (and carry) and ice axe correctly, as well as learning how to arrest any type of fall that may occur. The fitting and use of crampons will be covered, but we really need the right kind of snow to do this effectively.

As with all instructional weekends, OTMC members will have priority, and numbers may be limited due to instructor availability.

# DAYTRIPS

**3 July**

**Outram Glen to Lee Stream (E)**

**Jill McAliece ph.454-4211**

An easy walk on a winter's day. Leaving the clubrooms soon after 9:00am we will drive to Outram Glen. The walk starts at the picnic area, and takes us up a track along the true right of the Taieri River. There are a couple of gentle climbs to get around some small bluffs, followed by the chance of a dip for those silly enough to want a swim. After an hour or so we make Lee Stream, which if it is low enough might be worth crossing to get to climb up a spur to obtain a view. Return the same way. Should only be up to 3 hours. Please bring \$8 for the drivers.

**10 July**

**Anchors and Cows—Near Port Chalmers [E]**

**Gordon Tocher ph. 472 7440**

We set off from a very large landlocked anchor. There will be a short forest walk to a house which has no connection to the electrical grid and generates its own power through solar and wind energy. The planned settlement of Reynoldstown did not come to much but will give us an interesting midpoint to our walk. We should see cows with bells around their necks, and depending on availability we may even be able to purchase their organic milk. The trip should take 3 1/2 to 4 hours concluding at a historic torpedo boat launching site on Otago Harbour. A vehicle transfer will be needed, so it would help if anyone bringing a car lets me know in advance.

Bring your own water and expect mud.

Leader: Gordon Tocher 472 7440 or (021) 677 818 - If you live in the Port Chalmers/ Waitati area it may make sense to travel direct to the start point without going to the clubrooms first. Phone for instructions.

Carpool cost \$5

**17 July**  
**No day trip**

**24 July**  
**Pipeline/Swampy Summit [M]**  
**Wayne Hodgkinson ph. 473 0950**

Again, meet at the clubrooms, carpooling and away around 9:00am. Drive to Leith Saddle at the top of the North Motorway, and get the boots on. After a short walk down Waitati Valley Road we turn left up a grassy track leading us to an old pipeline. A good track follows the pipeline to a derelict hut where it becomes more interesting. We eventually head up Rustler's Ridge, after which we have a choice of routes depending on the weather. We will plan to cut around Burns Track to Swampy Ridge, climb up a good track onto Swampy itself, and cruise past various navigation structures. We will then head down Leith Saddle Track back to the cars. Should take about 4 hours. Great views, and brilliant sunshine guaranteed. \$6 for drivers please. Bring a parka

**31 July**  
**Sandfly Bay [E/Family]**  
**Richard Forbes ph. 453 1327**

Leaving the clubrooms at 9 am and carpool to Highcliff Rd and turn off down Seal Point Rd. Sandfly Bay is named after the enormous sand dunes and not after black biting insects. We walk (or run) down the steep dunes onto the beach where we may encounter NZ sea lions that look like logs and are not afraid of humans. A walk along to the far end of the beach where we may see a yellow eyed penguin. If it is a nice day and time allows after a steep climb back up the dunes we may drive further along Highcliff Rd and down Sandymount Rd to visit the Chasm and Lovers Leap which are impressive rock cliffs reminding us of Dunedin's volcanic past. This trip is suitable for children.

# Thursday Night Programme

## 7 July

Giselle Walker - : Mud bears and teenagers, my holidays in the Arctic. Giselle tells us of " Science and youth development as ways of seeing the World "

## 14 July

Lesley Judd tells us about Skinks. Lesley works for Doc's Otago Skink conservation programme at Macrae's Flat. She will explain to us the techniques being used, to ensure a healthy population for Otago's unique skinks.

## 21 July

Bruce McKinlay - Ten days in the Ross Sea. Bruce is a DoC rep on Heritage Cruises, he tells us of his duties and experiences.

## 28 July

BYO - Wolfies world famous in NZ Routeburn trip, and Richards trip to Aspiring Hut, or any other photos you want to show us.

Any ideas, and contact names in particular, are welcome for the Thursday evening activities. If you can help please contact Tony Timperley (phone 473 7257, email [tonytimps@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tonytimps@xtra.co.nz)) or Ralph Harvey (phone 453 4330, email [ralphh@ihug.co.nz](mailto:ralphh@ihug.co.nz))

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