

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



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

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas and New  
Year from the OTMC.



The OTMC enjoying lunch at Stewart Town  
on Day Trips from Bannockburn



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It seems unbelievable that this is the final Bulletin for 2011 – where has the year gone too?. On the other hand, the OTMC has achieved a lot this year and we end in a very positive mood. The annual report from August has already outlined how well the club is currently doing, with day trips and Thursday meetings in particular proving popular. The open day and Bushcraft course were highlights for 2011, and we are now enjoying the company of some great new members on our trips and meetings. It is amazing how a few new faces and ideas around the club seem to revitalise the whole club. Well done and thank you to everyone who has assisted the committee over the past year.

As we move into 2012 we are forced to consider changes in legislation that will affect to some degree some aspects of the club. The Health and Safety in Employment (Adventure Activities) Regulations 2011 came into effect on November 1. The regulations make it an offence for an adventure activity operator to provide an adventure activity to a participant unless the operator is registered to provide the activity. Registration requires the operator to be audited. David Barnes, on behalf of FMC, has provided information to clubs which indicates that by and large club activity is unaffected. Activities provided by a club to members is unaffected by the legislation. We can continue to provide activities as long as it is only to encourage membership of the club, and is limited to 12 days over a 12 month period. In this case, the open day and associated walk is fine, as they are clearly aimed at encouraging membership. We will need to keep an eye of how many days non-members join us on club trips (both day and weekend / longer trips). The potential problem we have is with bushcraft and snowcraft. These will not be accepted as being provided to encourage membership as these are clearly instruction based. For bushcraft we are proposing to include short term club membership with any course fee (2 months / pro rata) – although this will require an addition to the club constitution. Given the nature of snowcraft instruction, this may become limited to club members only. At this stage I'm not sure where snowcaving would sit – it is a combination of a club trip, with limited instruction provided – again this may become a club member only activity. In the bigger picture, we can see where the DoL are coming from, but unfortunately clubs such as ours appear to be

caught up in the fine print. On the other hand, the change may encourage more trampers to join the club so they can participate in club activities.

The start of 2012 will be a busy time for the club again, with the return of the open day in late February, and bushcraft starting in the middle of March. These are important events for the club as they promote the benefits of the club and contribute to outdoor safety in our area. The format of the open day will be similar to 2011, but with improvements we identified in reviewing the weekend. Bushcraft will also run along the same lines as earlier this year, with 3-4 evening sessions in the clubrooms, a navigation day, a river safety day and finishing with a practical tramp to the Silver Peaks. Both these events require good advertising, and help from members to succeed. We hope we can again rely on the same positive response we had this year from the club to ensure a positive outcome for the whole club.

As we approach the Christmas break, the OTMC Committee wish all members a safe and enjoyable festive break, and hope you can all find time to get out and enjoy our wonderful outdoors. Remember the club runs trips until mid-December, and recommence tramping in the middle of January. The first club night for 2012 is an informal evening on January 12.

**Antony Pettinger**  
**President**

## **Letter to the Editor**

I suspect many club members have never given a lot of thought to just how much work trip leaders, particularly on weekend trips, put in so that we can get away. Of course, in many cases one motivation for leading a trip is so that the trip goes to a destination of the leader's choosing, and even if that's not the case at least the leaders do usually get a weekend in the hills themselves as a result of their efforts. But if we were giving out Oscars for trip leaders, I'd be nominating Gene Dyett for this year's Rail Trail trip. Not only did he run an impeccably organised trip, he and his wife Margaret spent the weekend driving the vans with virtually no biking as a reward. They have my thanks and, I'm sure, those of the other participants.

David Barnes

# Membership

Club membership for 2011/12 stands at 181 plus three members still to renew their subs. A total of 15 members have resigned from the club since subs were due, and six members have joined. In the 2010/11 membership year there were 23 resignations, and Lyall Campbell and Jonette Service sadly passed away.

I would like us to crack 200 members this year, so let's hope for a successful open day and Bushcraft course.

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

## Gear For Hire

The OTMC has a range of gear available for members to hire.

Please note : gear deemed to be standard safety/tramping gear is available to any official OTMC trip at no charge. These include Personal Locator Beacons, First Aid kits as well as cooker/billies and tents

ITEM (Thurs-Thurs hire)	MEMBERS (Thurs-Thurs)	Non Members
Tent	\$10 (on non club trip)	\$20
Tent Fly	\$0	\$5
Pack	\$5	\$10
Cooker/Fuel Bottle	\$5 (on non club trip)	\$10
Billies	\$0	\$5
Personal Locator Beacon	\$5 per week on non club trip	\$5 per day used
First Aid Kit	\$0	Not available
Iceaxe	\$5	\$10
Crampons	\$5	\$10
Avalanche Transceiver/Probe	\$5	\$5 per day used
Snow Shovel	\$0	\$5
Climbing Helmet	\$5	Not available
Compass	\$0	\$5
GPS (on loan)	\$0	Not available

To hire gear, see Gene or Sam on club nights or phone  
Gene ph. 455 7465 or Sam ph. 487 6066

# **Bold Beyond Belief - BILL DENZ**

## **New Zealand's Mountain Warrior**

Bill Denz (former OTMC member) was a mountaineer with attitude. He inspired and provoked a generation of Kiwi climbers. Denz pushed the limits beyond what we thought was possible and left a collection of routes in the Aoraki / Mount Cook region and in the Darrans that are seldom repeated

Author, Paul Maxim will be giving a presentation of his new book on 1 February 2012 at the University of Otago Staff Club, by Water of Leith on St David Street. Starting at 7.30pm. \$2 entry.

Mark this date in your calendar now!

# Trip Reports

## **Dansey's Pass—Queens Birthday**

### **Three one day tramps**

Eleven of us gathered at the Dansey's Pass Holiday Park near Duntroon up the Waitaki Valley on the Friday night. The camp beside the Maerewhenua River is a peaceful place close to an extensive historic gold mining area.

On Saturday morning we walked along the Otekaieke bridle track and back. There were no significant hills but lots of small slopes over tussock and scraps of bush. There were no bridges but wildlife consisted of one rabbit with occasional birds, sheep and cattle. We crossed the river 12 times. Even so three of the party managed dry feet all day - one with the aid of some expensive neoprene socks. The walk finished at a quaint, stone musterer's hut from whence the trail petered out.

On the Sunday we took off for the Dome Hills. The whole area consisted of glorious Graeme Stanley landscapes. There were lots of up and the occasional



down. We saw lots of evidence of pigs on the route but found only pig hunters. Fitting for Queen's Birthday we walked close to the Balmoral forest to Balmoral Estate house - a musterer's hut (with its own bar). Various members tried their hand and body at planking.



On Monday we set off just down the road to Earthquakes. The limestone rock formations look as though the place has just had a 7.5 quake but were actually formed by erosion. Plenty of shell fossils were found. We walked up a local hillock for morning tea and had just enough time to take in views of a flock of merino and surrounds before mist came in.

The weekend consisted of great company, interesting walks as well as superb catering. Many thanks to Jane for the excellent organisation.

Monika on behalf of Jane, Bronwyn, Zena, Lucy, Janet, Russell, Doug (for a day) Peter, Sam and Bruce.





## Snowcaving – Old Man Range

20/21 August 2011

After a lot of very silly delays (not the least being the snow made the Waikaia Bush Road undrivable), 15 of us set to digging about six entranceways in perfect conditions at our usual site below the road near the rock shelter. This year we had a great turnout from the OUTC, who we discovered were mainly quite experienced and fit. One of these fine people had a snow probe, so we knew how much depth we had. Not enough for Wayne, however, so his early attempt was abandoned and became the loo.

The entranceways began quite close together, with a view to making a joined-up sociable sleeping bench for at least half the entire crew, but when the ceiling of one intercepted the floor of another, the diggers discovered they had got their levels wrong. Terry carved out a large block for a chock and the cavers became 100% disconnected, with the gaping hole plugged. Three very fine caves were dug. It turned into a lovely night for al fresco dining, which was just as well. Some appetising meals were soon prepared.

Wayne's cave ceiling was smoothed off to a fine polish, so the six in there had a very comfortable night. Terry hadn't quite allowed enough room for him and 2 others on a sleeping bench – when certain of these were sprawlers and wrigglers – but at least they stayed warm. Peter's cave was a bit cramped, and they hadn't sorted the ceiling – must have been that chock – so there was



apparently a drip in there.

Such was the beautiful morning, calm with sun streaming in the entranceways, nobody felt very inclined to leave. Peter set out to get a few studious types home early while the rest of us went up to play above the site. Well, the cold wind was a bit of a shock, and we couldn't find the rock shelter (the door was hidden by a snow drift, although some of us found the chimney!),

so we decided to go home. The road was mushy mud as usual, and it was an extra long way. But we were all keen types, so it worked out OK.

Thanks to the runholder Ash McGregor, who spotted us on Saturday morning

preparing to set off up the road and kindly gave our packs and several of us a ride up the hill, to the spot where we usually leave the 2WD cars. That saved us considerable time. Thanks also to Stefan, for inspiring a great assortment of OUTC and OSONZAC folk to come along and join our ranks.

So it all turned out extremely well for: Nina Dickerhof, Zach Hellmann, Wayne Hodgkinson, Robert Schadevinkel, Brad Nicholson, Graham Aufricht, Terry Duffield, Danilo Hegg, Gwenn Le Mee, Ripley Dean, Peter George, Polly Camber, Gavin Duthie, Kat Manno and **Richard Pettinger**

## **Routeburn in Winter**

### **20/21 August 2011**

The four of us (Debbie, Antony, Dylan and I, with the other group of 6 to join us the next day) set off at 8.30am on the Friday, ready for a brilliant weekend away on the Routeburn track. After a lunch stop that had a view of Pigeon Island on Lake Wakitipu, we arrived at the start of the Routeburn track.

It was a short two hour walk into Flats Hut, which we all enjoyed. The icicles hanging off the rocks on the side of the track were very impressive, as was the amount of snow on the track. There was about 30cm of snow at Flats Hut, but it was mostly frozen. After a yummy tea and a hot drink or two, we were in bed early. My highlight off Friday night was looking at the stars; they were so bright and pretty.

We were up and away early on Saturday morning as we hoped to reach Lake Harris. We were at Falls Hut by 9.30am, and after a short lolly stop were away through the snow. The snow was over a metre deep in places; though with a frozen base it seemed like we were walking knee-deep in soft, powdery snow. It was a perfect day with clear blue skies, and amazing views of the mountains.

After much hard trekking through snow (luckily some students had been up to Harris Saddle the day before so we were mostly walking in footsteps that had already been made) we reached the lake at around lunch



time. We were lucky enough to walk on the lake, as it was frozen and covered in snow (up to 30cm of it!) Dylan and I loved walking on the lake as it



was a new experience for us.

We ate lunch near the lake, and had a breath-taking view of the ‘winter wonderland’ that we call the mountains. Apart from a few noisy aeroplanes flying around, lunch was nice and peaceful. Soon lunch was finished and we were back on our way down to Falls Hut.

The trip there took back did not take as long as getting to Lake Harris, mainly because it was now all down hill. This meant a quick and easy butt-slide back down part of the way. I really enjoyed sliding down the steep hills, and that along with walking on the frozen lake was definitely the highlights of the weekend for me!



When we reached Falls Hut, we happened to ‘bump into’ the other 6 people on the trip. They had walked in that

morning, and were heading up above the hut for some spectacular views, but not as far as the lake. We enjoyed another quick lolly stop at the hut before beginning the descent back down to our home for the night – Flats Hut. It was an easy trip down, and didn’t take very long. At the ‘big slip’ we got some great views of the Flats covered in snow.

We arrived back at the hut to find that around 20 people from the Hokonui Tramping club were also planning to spend the night there. It was a bit of a squash with 30 people in a 20 bunk hut, but the upside was there was plenty of firewood and coal (everyone carried some in!). It was a fun night of playing cards. We played many different card games, before heading to bed at around 9pm.

The next morning we had breakfast, packed up our gear and were away reasonably early. The walk out was fairly easy, with only a few slippery slopes where the snow had been compacted to ice. Some people said that the amount of snow on the track before Flats Hut was the most they had seen in a long time. We were out at around 11.30am and had lunch at the shelter in the sun, with a view of some spectacular mountains.

All in all it was a good weekend with clear blue skies, breath taking views of the mountains and excellent company. Thanks to everyone who made it such an enjoyable trip and I look forward to tramping with the club again sometime soon.

Jade Pettinger.

# TripList

## CHIEF GUIDE COMMENT

**3/4 December**

**Lake Roxburgh (Doctors Point) [All]**

**Debbie Pettinger ph. 473 7924**

This trip is the end of year social trip for the club, with an easy walk to a place many people don't go to. Doctors Point is located about 9km downstream from Graveyard Gully (Alexandra) on the true left of Lake Roxburgh. The track passes through old gold mining areas in distinctive Central Otago terrain. The area can be hot, and has no drinkable water (despite the vast volume in the lake – drink from here if you are game!). We plan to have boat support, so additional water can be taken to Doctor's Point. Being a social trip we will have a BBQ at Doctor's Point and camp under the trees.

The trip will leave Dunedin on Saturday morning, and we should be walking before lunch. As a boat will be used to carry some gear there will be a modest charge for this.

**10/11 December**

**Head of Duncan Stream/Boundary Stream [All]**

**Antony Pettinger ph. 473 7924**

The middle section of the Ben Ohau Range, accessed from the Mt. Cook highway, offers some great valleys that get better the further you head up them. This trip will head up Boundary Stream, and provide options to head to the tarns in the upper section of Duncan Stream. The most recent overnight trip to the area reached the large tarn at 1335m – with the additional daylight (and hopefully warmer temps) we should be able to camp in the upper basins, amongst some spectacular alpine scenery. If the snow level allows, a traverse below the skyline ridge at the 1800m contour could provide a nice afternoon trip (or early Sunday morning). The last two times the club has been to this area we have traversed over Ben Dhu and then the steep descent to the car park. In fine weather this 1600m peak (hill) provides excellent views to Aora-

ki / Mt. Cook, as well as over Lake Pukaki towards the Two Thumb range. A good trip suitable for all grades – come and join us for our last weekend trip for 2011.

Trip list closes December 1.

**14/15 January 2012**  
**Mt Cook in Summer [All]**  
**Gene Dyett ph. 455 7465**

Aoraki / Mt. Cook has an obvious winter attraction for visitors, but for trampers summer offers many more options, especially to get to higher elevations. The most popular overnight trip in the area is to Mueller Hut on the Sealy Range. This is for good reason, as the environment and views from here are spectacular. There are places to camp, giving additional time to head up towards Mt. Ollivier. Another very worthwhile trip is the Mt. Cook range, the dividing ridge between the Hooker and Tasman. A fairly good track leads through the lower scrub to the rock and scree heading towards Mt. Wakefield. For an overnight trip the tarn just over 1km south of Wakefield could be the destination, although there are a couple of murky tarns lower down, sitting high above the Tasman Valley that provide a great campsite.

The other options for this weekend is to stay at the DoC camping ground and do day trips. These trips are popular in summer, but if you can tolerate the crowds you visit the Hooker, Mueller and Tasman terminal lakes as well as walks up the Tasman to the Ball Glacier, or perhaps the Red Tarn / Sebastopol.

This trip is early in the year (as a trial), so you will need to sign the trip list in December, or contact Gene before January 5.

**21/22 January**  
**Timaru River/Breast Hill Area [All]**  
**Richard Forbes ph. 453 1327**

The club has regularly visited Timaru River, but there are now additional options with the opening earlier this year of the Breast Hill Track. The Breast Hill track provides a two-day round trip over Breast Hill and return via Timaru River. There are two huts, Pakituhi Hut and Stodys Hut. Stodys Hut is in the right place for an overnight stop in either direction.

The more traditional options are also available from Timaru River. Summer is the best time of year to splash up the many river-crossings in Timaru River from the carpark to Deer Spur Creek. From here there is relatively easy (but uphill) access to both Corner and Dingle Peaks. Both peaks provide great views towards the head of Lake Hawea and the Hunter Valley, as well as towards the peaks of Mt. Aspiring NP. There is a good camping spot high up the ridge between the two peaks that is an ideal place to base yourself from.

Trip list closes January 12 (first club night for 2012)

**4/7 February (4 Day Trip)**  
**West Matukituki-Cascade Saddle-Rees Valley [M-F]**  
**(OTMC Members Only)**

**Antony Pettinger ph. 473 7924**

There is already a lot of interest in this trip, and for good reason. Cascade Saddle has become a sought after destination (although the right conditions are required). This trip is a 4-day trip, requiring Feb 7 off work (Feb 6, Waitangi Day is the Monday). Ideally this trip will be a crossover, with one van load heading to either end (Rees Valley or West Matukituki) and swap at the other end. At this time of year the trip is within the capabilities of most trampers with some experience behind them, although alpine skills may be required on Cascade Saddle. If the weather is fine the actual tramping time would be three days allowing to camp near Rees Saddle and Cascade Saddle. The fourth day can be used to either explore the area around Cascade Saddle, or from the Rees Saddle travel up to the head of the Snowy (and even over to the head of Pine Creek).

As we are planning on taking 1 van to each end, so numbers will be limited to either 10 or 12 from each end. As we will have the vans for 4 days there will be an extra charge for the vans of around \$20 per person. The trip list is in the clubrooms now – this trip will close on January 26.

# DAYTRIPS

**27 November**

## **Obscure Approaches to Jubilee Hut [F]**

**David Barnes ph. 454 4492**

I think a lot of people know that I'm a Silver Peaks nut. Yet there's still a few corners of the range that I haven't poked my nose into. This trip is a chance for me to fill in a couple of blanks on my map. The snag is that I've been everywhere easy and everywhere that's tracked. We're going to start at Hightop and head along Rocky Ridge to just past Hermit Ridge before heading left onto a ridge that finishes just upstream from the old Jubilee Hut site. I'm picking this as finishing steeply. Then we'll go to the new hut, and then straight up Raboh Ridge. (That's an acronym for Ridge At Back Of Hut). This looks like a bit of a scramble, and we will probably give it a miss if conditions are wet (and take the soft (!) option - the Devil's Staircase). Then we'll head past the Painted Forest, checking on the current state of Dark Horse Hut, before sanity is restored as we regain the main track. My best guess is that this will take 8 or 9 hours.

**4 December**

## **Taieri Ridge [M]**

**Gordon Tocher ph. 472 7440**

Some of you may have walked over the hills known as The Sisters at the southern end of the Taieri Ridge en route to The Crater. This trip will be at the other end of the Ridge to a vantage point known as The Brothers (716 m). The views are extensive and include Naseby, The Kakanui as well as a very, very big hole in the ground called Macraes Mine. The locality is known as Moonlight although hopefully we will not see any of that. The terrain is open tussock and grasslands with plenty of rock tors.

There will be a short 200m ascent, the majority of the trip will follow the ridgeline. We will overlook a long forgotten town which had a population of thousands and find out how Butter and Egg Road gained it's name. This point is the beginning of both the Shag and Waikouaiti Rivers. The landowner has a flock of free range chooks, if you want eggs bring cartons (subject to availability). **Bring plenty of water.** The length of the walk can be readily adjusted to suit party needs, we should be back in Dunedin by 3 or 4 p.m., earlier if required.

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Leader: Gordon Tocher 472 7440 or (021) 677 818 - If you live in the Mosgiel or Waitati areas it may make sense to pick you up on the way, eliminating the need to go to the clubrooms first. Phone me to arrange this. Carpool cost \$15

## **11 December**

### **The Essential Silver Peaks [F]**

**David Barnes ph. 454 4492**

This trip ticks off a lot of the key points in the Silver Peaks in one fairly long day. We'll do a car shuffle so that we can have a through trip. The plan is to follow DoC's marked route from Hightop past the Green Hut site and climb to Pulpit Rock (mandatory detour for anyone who hasn't been there before). From there, it's across to Silver Peak and down the Devil's Staircase. Bring a pruning saw or secateurs and we'll spend just a few minutes clearing wilding conifers before carrying on to Jubilee Hut. Then we'll regain much of the height we've lost as we climb to ABC Cave and the Gap. After that, it's a romp down Yellow Ridge and a final twenty minute stagger up the Tunnels Track. Or we might do it all in the other direction. Should take about 8 hours.

## **18 December**

### **Tomahawk Area [M]**

**Jill McAliece ph. 454 4211**

Meet at the clubrooms ready to depart for 9am, we will drive over to Tomahawk Lagoon and shall walk along Tomahawk beach, up over the hill and along Smails Beach, follow the wee track at the end and join on to Karetai Road, a gradual uphill with great coastal views we turn inland then back to coast towards Boulder Beach and find a nice spot for lunch. Then we will go up Paradise

Road and join back to the main road before walking along to the Soldiers Memorial by Centre Rd then follow the track back down to the Lagoon. Those that want can stay for cuppa and scones at our house before going home. Walk will be about 5-6 hours.

## **15 January 2012**

### **Big Hut (Rock and Pillars) [F]**

**Fieke Neuman ph. 473 7535**

A great opportunity to check out the Rock and Pillar ranges near Middelmarsh. We meet at the Clubrooms at 9am, drive for about one and a quarter hours to Middelmarsh, and, after parking the cars, climb the eastern face of the range. The ascent is fairly steep and will take about 3 hours but the view is definitely worthwhile. Big hut is a historic private hut built in 1946 by the Otago Ski Club. The trust currently administering the hut suggests a gold coin donation for day use. For more information check out [www.middelmarsh.co.nz/big\\_hut](http://www.middelmarsh.co.nz/big_hut). The surrounding area is quite fantastic with big schist



tors amidst fell fields, low hebe scrub and small tarns. Looking west you see more flat-backed ranges arranged in rows like frozen waves. The return to the cars will be the same route in reverse but much quicker.

## 22 January

### Powder Ridge/Long Ridge [M]

**Tomas Sobek ph. 487 7896**

This is considered a classic all day trip, about 7 hours of walking. We will start in Silver Stream Valley. After a couple of kilometres we will turn uphill onto Powder Ridge and continue until we reach peak 586 metres. We should enjoy some good views of the Silver Peaks from there. Then we will drop onto Long Ridge 4WD track and follow it for quite a while. Last time I went there, part of the road was a bit overgrown. Then a bit more track and forestry roads will take us to Powder Hill, Chalkies, and from there down and back to the car park. This trip is not recommended to those allergic to Spaniard, as we are likely to come across some fine specimens

## 29 January

### Taioma– Outram Glen (Tramp & Pack float)

**Wayne Hodgkinson ph. 473 0950**

A tramp with a difference, **for experienced trampers only with some experience of river crossing**. The main plan is dependant on a low flow in the Taieri River of **5 cumecs**, (can be checked at <http://water.orc.govt.nz/WaterInfo/Site.aspx?s=Outram>) which enables us to combine river side tramping and scrambling, with wading and “pack floating” through deeper areas. Although graded “M”, you should be prepared for some bush bashing / boulder hopping. This is one trip where we will set out deliberately to get wet rather than hoping to avoid it, so you need to be wearing fast drying thermals, with all your gear secure in waterproof bags in your pack, also including floatation. Dry bags would be ideal.

Assuming the required flow, we will leave the clubrooms at 9:00am and drive through Mosgiel to our final destination at Outram Glen where we will leave a car. We then crowd into the remaining cars and drive up Taioma Road to Mullocky Gulley near the Taieri Railway. Here we will start walking down to the Wild Earth Adventures launch site, near where we cross the river and start heading downstream. Keeping mostly on the true right, we will cross the river and wade / pack float as necessary to find our way down to Lee Stream, and the formed track to Outram Glen. It should take about 6 hours.

**If the river is too high**, we will do the start of the trip to the Wild Earth Adventures launch ramp, return to the cars, then drive down to Outram Glen and complete the finish end as far as Lee Stream, which should be a relatively easy walk – allow a total of 5 hours in this case. Phone me on the Saturday to confirm.

Carpool \$10 to drivers please.

## 5 February

### No day trip Waitangi Weekend

# Thursday Night Programme

## **1 December**

**Jenny & Adrian Chamberlain—cycle from Portugal to Poland.** Jenny & Adrian spent five months cycling from Lisbon in Portugal to Krakow in Poland.

## **8 December**

**Peter & Leonie Loeber's African trips - 1973 and 2011.**

Peter & Leonie visited Botswana, the Okarongo Delta, Zambia and the Victoria Falls. It will be interesting to see and learn of what changes have taken place over 38 years.

## **15 December**

### **End of Year BBQ at Woodhaugh**

Join the OTMC for an end of year BBQ at Woodhaugh. Bring your own food to cook on the BBQ from 6.30pm. Partners and children most welcome.

## **12 January**

### **First night back for 2012**

An informal night to start the new year. Come along to sign up for a trip and meet up after the Christmas/New Year break.

## **19 January**

### **BYO Photos**

Bring photos of any trips you have done over Christmas/New Year to share.

## **26 January**

### **Evening Walk**

We'll meet at the clubrooms at 7.00pm to car pool.

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 to-nytimps@xtra.co.nz) or Ian Woodford (phone 455 5900 ) email ijwoody@clear.net.nz

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