

OTMC BULLETIN



Newsletter of the Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club Inc

782 June 2017



Jubilee Hut 10-year celebration, complete with birthday cake and candles.

Thanks Antony for organising a good nostalgic trip and Debbie for the cake, they were joined by Helen and Barry, Sharon and Jo, Marie, Tina and Ralph. The 10 bunk hut saw 21 people sharing and 4 in tents, The Sunday day trip saw 6 more OTMC'ers on the track. It was a busy place!

June Trips & Events

Mount Somers

Peninsula Walks

Flagstaff Sunrise

Winter Kepler

Tavora/Pleasant River/Goodwood

Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club, PO Box 1120, Dunedin

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Thursday meeting at 3 Young St, South Dunedin

Doors open 7:30 for 8pm start, all welcome

Committee Report : Helen Jones : Librarian

I originally joined OTMC in the mid 1980's and undertook a Bushcraft course because up till then my experience of tramping had been limited to casual day walks around Dunedin and Central Otago. At this time my work-life was demanding and stressful, so getting away to the mountains and backcountry was my means of de-stressing and revitalising my spirit. The other positive was the social interaction and camaraderie that exists between people with common interests. I learned a lot about the land, the flora and fauna and just general information from the people I have tramped with.

In 1991 I went to live in Melbourne where I spent the next 3 years and while there I was a member of the Maroondah Bushwalking Club. During this time I got to undertake a reasonable amount of tramping. However I sustained a neck injury during a 10-day trip and on my return to NZ I found I was unable to carry a pack without considerable pain so tramping was side-lined and I took up running. While it gave me the exercise I wanted it was hard on my body and I wasn't getting any younger.

Between 2005 and 2009 I lived and worked part-time in England. During this time I travelled extensively through Europe and the Middle East. I spent many days walking around the towns, cities and countryside so although I wasn't tramping as such I was moving around and covering quite considerable distances.

On retirement and still reasonably fit I decided to re-join OTMC in 2015. It was a great decision as I am able to do the thing I enjoy most, walking in the backcountry with people who respect the land and the environment.

As the Librarian I draw your attention to this valuable club resource, there are a range of books on various topics including maps, travel guides, biographies, historical references and general interest. There is an easy method of borrowing. Fill in your Name, the Title and Author of the book and the Date Borrowed in the notebook which can be found on the left-hand side of the library cabinet. Remember to enter the Date Returned when you do.

Finally I wish to say thankyou to Sabine O'Neill-Stevens for the return of my rain-jacket which I left in Jubilee hut last weekend. This gesture exemplifies the camaraderie and friendship that exists within the tramping fraternity. Many thanks Sabine for the foresight in contacting OTMC to track me down and then delivering it to my home.

OTMC Bank Account

The OTMC bank account with ASB is ... **12-3150-0311684-00**

Please include your name and the reason for the payment when using internet banking (which is the preferred option). Non-members must pay for trips when signing the trip list, members should pay before departure.

Vehicle suppliers/drivers will normally not pay the trip fee and will be reimbursed fuel costs later (check with the trip leader or Treasurer Rodger if in doubt).

Gear Hire

OTMC has a large amount of gear available for members to hire. Hire charge \$5 for up to a week, then \$5 per week. See or phone Gene (455 7465) or Sam (0272 864 836).

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We welcome two new members this month.

Robert Van Hale

Jade McLellan

This brings our membership count to 235.

It is with great regret and sadness we inform the club of the passing of OTMC Life Member Bruce Moore on 17th May 2017.

Bruce joined the OTC at the end of 1953 and so has been a member for over 63 years and has made a great contribution to the club during that time. To put that into perspective 1953 was the same year Ed Hillary conquered Mt Everest.

Bruce was instrumental in convincing me (among others) to become President of this club, for which I am very grateful and humble.

Bruce became a life member in 1968 and was our longest serving life member at 49 years.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Bruce's family.

**Richard Forbes
OTMC President**

Trip Reports

Club activities over the past months

Tin Range, Stewart Island

Saturday 10th – Tuesday 20th Dec 2016

Wayne Hodgkinson for Phil Somerville & Pam McKelvey

Intro

Down the south end of Stewart Island, the Tin Range was the site of NZ's only Tin Boom (and Bust), and last chance to see Kakapo in the wild before they were rescued from feral cats and relocated. I'd had the plan of a trip down there burning away for some years. Previous trips to Northwest & Southern Circuits had confirmed Stewart Island as a top place for tramping.

The Plan

Allowing ourselves 11 days, we planned to water taxi into as close as we could get to Rakeahua Hut, (dependant on high tide), walk up onto Tin Range allowing 2 days to get to Diprose Bay at the bottom of the Tramway track in Pegasus Inlet. Another 2 days towards area of the Gogs, 1 day playing around there, 2 days back, allow 1 pit day (or weather), 2 days to Rakeahua Hut + 1 day to Freds Camp OR maybe 2 days to Doughboy Bay + 2 days to Freshwater Hut. All very flexible! Most people get to Pegasus Inlet by boat.

I had queried DOC about whether hunters might be present around the Pegasus area, and they agreed it was likely. So we were all equipped with high visibility 'don't shoot me' hats.

Day 1: Saturday 10 Dec 2016

Leaving Dunedin 5:45am, Pam drove us to Bluff in good time to check in for ferry 8:55 all ready for tramping.

Away 9:30 on time, bumpy ferry crossing, me and some others feeding the fish (again). Arrive Oban 10:30, walk to Ruggedy Range base opposite DOC, get driven to Golden Bay (\$8 ea), taxi away 11ish choppy water. After a bumpy ride on Paterson Inlet we were dropped off about 2 ½ km past Fred's camp after some careful

manoeuvring around rocks.

Walking by 12:15, arrived Rakeahua Hut 4:30pm, mostly fine, 2 or 3 showers, some mud, track reasonably dry in most places. Observant Pam saw 3 dead rats on track – DOC poisoning? In pit by 7:30.

Day 2: Sun 11 Dec

After some overnight rain we got away about 7 in light overcast. 40 min to start of the Table Hill route. Leaving the Southern Circuit track we were pleasantly surprised by the reasonably clear route up through bush and scrub, and open ground. After 2 ¼ hrs we came to a substantial clearing at a creek that I had figured might be a good campsite for night 1 if we had got closer to Rakeahua Hut from the water taxi. Wet ground. We had a good snack – the creek gave me a funny feeling it was running the wrong way (silly me). Everything seems as it should be on the map now! A well marked route leads off downstream to the right, back into some scrub before following another creek up to the left (just like the map!). Passing an old hut site we continued up through scrub tight in places. Eventually onto open ground, where we were fortunate to see 3 dotterel, and onto Table Hill at 716m about 1:30. In the open between the scrub and Table Hill the route is well marked by poles. By now it was cloudy with showers and wind.



We continued down into a saddle and up onto Blaikies Hill. Coming off Blaikies Hill (the route avoids the actual top), we got

ourselves misplaced, first to the left, then the right, the route definitely more vague. Occasional markers in the form of cairns or individual rocks or sticks are stuck into the ground on end, and are more scarce

Eventually found it again. We followed beyond where I thought we would drop to the campsite - up over another knob, until a vague route leading down to the right was found, which became clearer in a creekbed and lead directly to the 'Twin Pools' campsite near the Kopeka River. Arriving about 6:30. 11 ½ hour day. Wet and windy.

Day 3: Monday 12th Dec

Rain, occasional sun, then showers. Had Pam's dinner from last night for brekky. We got away about 10:30am during a sunny bit. Crossed the Kopeka and headed up a reasonable route. Saw a kiwi about noon, near saddle before Mt Allen. We had gone too far down off the saddle after our first climb from our camp. Doubled back until we found a cairn marking the route sidling from the saddle. Eventually reached the tarn east of Mt Allen about an hour later. From this area on (southwards) there are good views of knobby landscape mostly to south and east. Showers on and off, route mostly on



ridge top or western side. It is very worthwhile spending time searching out route markers, and doubling back when necessary, especially to locate entry points into scrub. Messy scrub on west side of Granite Knob, where we lost the route. Beautiful views at times. Point 637 about 3:40 a great spot, 360 degree views all round – Pegasus Inlet, Gogs, western peaks, Doughboy Bay, all way round to the eastern knobs and coastline. Good cell reception. Followed route down, eventually heading down a stream marked with cairns

to a nice campsite arriving around 7pm. Hard tiring 8 hr day.

Day 4: Tuesday 13th Dec

Nice campsite, pretty level, reasonable shelter from wind, floor of branches to keep above the wet ground, and a fireplace. Away 8:45 went past the main 'Dam' campsite, and after 20 minutes arrived at the dam itself, had a bit of a look around and we were on the Tramline! Very pleasant travel for a change. Some interesting features along the way – Dug out areas to side of track – hut sites? Very prominent carved wood sign indicates start of Surveyors Track – we headed down through nice bush. Steeper travel, looked like the track had been recently cleared. Past pieces of corrugated iron marking an old hutsite. Arrived at the bottom before noon to find a DOC sign, lots of features presumably the hotel site (brick chimney base), very good campsites. 2 small narrow inlets. Had a good lunch, left a food stash sealed in 3 x 2L icecream containers hanging from a branch, then headed off towards Albion Inlet about 1:30. Started low down but obliged to go higher through bush, then down to a creek / inlet with a red marker on a tree. Back up into the bush, and eventually down to Pegasus Creek – around 2 hours = slow going. After crossing Pegasus Creek we had some fun in the bush and creekbeds, working on our bush navigation skills with map & compass. Eventually we headed up a spur to TL of creek draining into Pegasus Creek, and onto a bush saddle north of a scrubby top (we had decided to avoid the scrub!). Down a prominent spur to Albion Creek upstream of the inlet, but still tidal - about 8:30 – late, slow travel. We spent some time hunting around for a campsite, getting dark and steep bush. We found 3 individual 1 person spots quite separate in the bush, 2 in bivvy bags me in fly wrapped around a tree. Straight to bed, snacks. Left my sleeping bag in the pack to keep it dry. Me in all my clothing, Tararua biscuit and olive oil for dinner.

Day 5: Wednesday 14th Dec

Rain overnight, some heavy. We decided to head back. Late start, brekky and away 11am. We got back up to the saddle in good time apart from losing ¾ hour while we backtracked to find the camera I had dropped – it



was near where I had noticed it missing where I had taken off my parka. From the saddle we had some muddy navigation, the GPS was handy to locate our actual position. Lost my map, but still had an A4 printout. We went round the head of the creek we came up yesterday to edge of scrub, then down NE to gut, then part way down this to the Pegasus Creek tributary where it bends to north, then struck out east to a low bush saddle and continued down to Pegasus Creek, arriving 6:30, 5 hrs from Albion. We clambered down the true right to the falls for a looksee. Pretty cool. Remains of a concrete dam above the falls. Crossed at same place as yesterday, and headed up onto point 86 then headed SE to inlet – beach at low tide. Up a starter trail which petered out, but we continued on to a ‘top’ then headed south downwards to intersect the Surveyors Track and back to our old campsite. 1 ½ hours this time from Pegasus Creek – easier to climb high. Today was mostly fine, and warm at times.

Day 6: Thurs 15th Dec

We declared a Pit Day. Probably overdue. Pam’s sleeping bag had got wet the



previous night at Albion Creek (leak in bivvy bag).

We had last night’s dinner for lunch at 1pm. Sunny and warm, then rain, sun, hail, strong gusting westerly. We got a great fire set up, drying gear and ourselves. At low tide found very good mussels and some rock oysters, put them in the wood embers and they came out with an absolutely delicious smokey flavour. Earlier Phil and me scouted



for a route to Diprose Bay getting muddled somewhat when we came across a great track – which turned out to be the Surveyors Track! Just beyond the water supply creek we explored the area of the cat trapping camps (from 1990’s Kakapo recovery). (Phil’s photo).

Day 7: Fri 16th Dec

Heard a grunty roar during the night – thought it must be a deer – umm but don’t they usually have their ‘roar’ around Easter? Later Pam says ‘what’s that?’ I must’ve been asleep. Then Phil says something about a sea lion standing over him. All I heard was something big crashing through the bush towards the water!

We had 2 main meals yesterday, plus lotsa mussels & oysters!

Early morning wet, some heavy rain. We got up about 10:30, occasional showers. Away noonish via the water supply and cat camps, up along spur to east for about ½

hour, then down SE to creek outlet into Diprose Bay after 1 ¼ hr. Not much there. Found an old coracle frame near the inlet. Very limited camping, only in dugout areas to side of Tramway, none at bottom. Walking up the Tramway was very pleasant, even in the rain and cold. Occasional evidence of wooden sleepers, and rails. Rain showers all day. Passed the track junction to Surveyors Track. We got a bit confused when tramline petered out at a cairn, then Pam remembered there was a dogleg off the tramline (up hill) – should have followed the first set of cairns (I thought they lead up to the ridge tops for access to the old mine shaft at Point 504m. I would have liked to visit the mine shaft but we felt we didn't have the time (and it was raining).

Very happy to arrive at dam, and a few minutes later the main campsite about 6:30 – wet but sheltered. We pitched the fly over some branches on the wet ground, and were all in pits by 9pm. Weather cold, wet & windy.

Day 8: Sat 17th Dec

Rain overnight. Morning showers and low cloud obscuring the tops. It would be nice to see where we are going today. Clearing? Less rain / drizzle, so got away just before noon. Up valley and climb onto ridge. Phil checked phone reception from Pt 637 and contacted water taxi people for a pickup on the 20th from Fred's Camp. They preferred to hear from us closer to the pickup!

Weather clearish & windy. Great views again at times. Retracing our steps we this time climbed onto Granite Knob (easy). Found the proper route through scrub to west of knob, and entry point we missed on



the way in. Marked it with a new stick. We got to the tarn east of Mt Allen, and after a scout around Pam found a reasonable camp site at the south end (much better than the north end). Everywhere was wet, so we laid down brushwood to try and keep us a bit dryer. Phil had an uncontrollable urge to camp on the island so set himself up over there. Overnight gales with rain showers, Phil joined us around midnight after almost ending up in the drink. Had to get up occasionally to re-anchor the fly. Pam had had a neurotic habit of searching for rocks every campsite on this trip – turned out to be a really good thing.

Day 9: Sunday 18th Dec

Today we were hoping to climb Mt Allen. Very windy all day, rain sometimes very heavy. Afternoon provided some brief sunny bits to dry various parts. Then more wind & rain. Pit day. Couldn't see Mt Allen anyway.

Day 10: Monday 19th Dec

Very windy, occasional rain. Pit day? Occasionally had to retie the fly. Decided we would try to get away if it starts to clear and camp wherever we get to – hopefully in bush on the way down from Table Hill, even a rough one just to pass the night.



There seemed to be a change in the wind, then it provided us with fierce gusts one of which blew the fly away – so we decided to get outa here! Retrieved the fly, extracting it from the tangled broken branches that had been its attachment points, packed while keeping stuff out of the wind's clutches, had a snack and were away quickish around

11am. As we rounded the ridge past the tarn Pam was blown off her feet and bruised her knee. We sidled along to the saddle and down to our old campsite at 'Twin Pools' – it looked wet, slightly sheltered, and not inviting. Continuing upwards we had a very windy walk along the tops in rain, hail, and cloud. Poor visibility, frequent slowmo moments searching for markers, including pulling on twigs to see if they were rooted down (and therefore NOT a route marker), and pulling out maps and compass, occasional GPS. Fingers becoming cumbersome lumps in cold and wet with the usual trouble getting gloves back on. Eventually onto Table Hill again, and down to bush route and very relieved to get to Southern Circuit Track. We continued in heightened spirits to arrive at Rakeahua Hut around 10:15pm, still light enough to not need torches. Very happy to have hut to ourselves again – so with 2 bunks each we spread stuff everywhere to dry. Lots of wet gear, including insides of packs. We felt we had done well today – 10 ½ hours - route-finding was improving!

Day 11: Tuesday 20th Dec

Phil left around 7:30 to contact Water Taxi from Fred's Camp – hoping for pickup mid day today. Pam & me a more relaxed start, with the party gear. Away 8am, no hurry. Arrived happily at Fred's Camp 6 hours later, nice day – fine weather with some cloud over tops, some breezes.

Water taxi arrived 20 minutes later! Dropping a woman off for the Southern Circuit and took us away. Furhuna had kindly arranged a 3:30 booking for us on the ferry with an anticipated front coming through later. We had a good crossing to Bluff, dropped in on my parents in Invercargill for a coffee, and were home by 9pm.

Reflections

A long, hard trip made harder by the somewhat unfavourable weather. Pam & Phil are great with this sort of stuff! Mind blowing weird knobby granite landscape.

We were helped by DOC's recent clearing of the route from Rakeahua Track to Table Hill (for Dotterel protection), and at the other end (Surveyors and Tramline Tracks – for boat people and historic reasons).

Very important to locate route markers on the tops, especially in poor visibility and finding entry points into scrub, or for drops off the ridge. Once you get used to them, if you haven't seen one for a while retrace your steps and have a good look. There might of course be some missing!

Bush navigation is different to what we are familiar with. You can't just follow a spur or creek, they go all over the place. Have a good look at the topomap. Broad saddles and tops can be confusing.

Not relying on a bigger tent was very handy for bush camps in Albion Creek.

Long daylight hours a boon (mid summer compared with autumn) – meant we could start late depending on weather and still get in a good day's work.

Hmmmm, I'd still like a peek in that mineshaft sometime, and maybe the Gogs?

Rakeahua Hut book revealed that over the past 12 months we were the 5th party to head onto the Tin Range, totalling 8 people including us. We were the biggest group, with 3 of the other parties consisting of 1 person, including Brando Yelavich (Wildboy) on 28th Nov.



Text and photos all supplied by Wayne Hodgkinson



OTMC and FMC Photo Competitions.

We are encouraging members to enter our own club photo competition and then for the winners to enter the nationwide FMC competition.

IMPORTANT DATES ...

29th June: Closing date for OTMC entries. Photographer Allan Cox will be the judge of the OTMC competition.

20th July: Allan will show and discuss the merits of the winners of our OTMC photo winners, which will then go on to the FMC competition.

Rules (to align with FMC):

- Photo's taken in NZ from 1st January 2015 onwards can be entered (and all Historic ones).
- Apart from cropping, adjustments for exposure, white balance, contrast & levels and the stitching of panoramas, no digital manipulation is allowed (including removal or insertion of features not in the original image).
- Image files must be in .jpg or .tif format with a minimum of 1Mb and named ...
 Category OtagoTMC Your-Name Your-photo-caption
 (spaces between, eg BBW OtagoTMC John Smith Through the Forest)

Gene would prefer to receive a USB Stick (Flash Drive) with your photos on it, correctly labelled as above. If you must email, you should try to maintain the highest resolution you can, attaching the correctly labelled photo files, one only each email to m.gdyett@xtra.co.nz with a subject of OTMC Photo Competition.

Approx 6 maximum photos per category please.

Categories: ABN Above Bushline (no human element)
 ABW Above Bushline (with human element)
 BBN Below Bushline (no human element)
 BBW Below Bushline (with human element)
 HIS Historic (older photos with historic significance)
 NFF Native Flora and Fauna

(FMC: "The definition of what is a "Human Element" is flexible but the general intention is: Where the photo contains anything other than as a very minor feature: people, a hut, a track sign/marker, bridge, ice axe and anything else that has been introduced by humans into the environment then we would define that as having "a Human element". But if a photo has what could be called a Human Element but that element is very small, inconsequential and not a feature in the photo then you could count it as "No Human Element").

Trip Reports continued ...

Nichols Creek to Ben Rudd's Shelter: 8th April

Rodger lead 4 keen trampers (including one lovely lady who was visiting from Andorra) to the start of the Nichols Creek track in the Leith Valley. The walk to the falls is approx. 15 minutes and is an easy walk through beautiful bush surroundings. It is also home to Dunedin's glow worms which are best viewed after dusk.

After walking the actual track for a bit, we decided to continue the hike to the waterfall via the creek. Travelling up the canyon via the creek was impressive especially after all the recent rain.

After approaching the foot of the waterfall (The Nichols Creek waterfall is 5m high) we then headed up the hill that connects with the Switchback mountain bike track. We carried on up to the start of the Moon track which is where the track started to become quite boggy, muddy and rather slippery.

We then continued towards the Pineapple track via the Peppertree track. Once we reached the Pineapple track we decided we would continue heading towards the Ben Rudd Shelter, where we would stop for lunch.

Whilst the start of the Ben Rudd track is marked by a rock cairn, it was commented that a sign should be erected to let others know about the Ben Rudd Shelter.

We followed the track to the Shelter and then stopped to have lunch enjoying the warm sunny day that Dunedin had embraced us with.

After lunch we returned back along the track to the rock cairn only to then notice a nice wooden sign marked with "Shelter" had been erected. Woodland Fairies perhaps do exist!

On the return trip home, we opted to walk back via the Davies track via the tussocks, gorse and flax. The start of the Davies track was initially hard to find....but we eventually found it.

The clear sunny day allowed for impressive panoramic views of the city, the harbour and the beaches of St Clair and St Kilda. The track was just as muddy but we continued our descent slipping and sliding the rest of the way down to the start of the Pineapple track and then back along the road to the car.

Overall it was a very enjoyable day out with great company. A big thank you to our pack leader Rodger. Geraldine Kerr

June Day Walks

Club Saturday & Sunday Trip List for the month (day tramps and events)

*Unless otherwise stated day trips leave from the club rooms on Saturday/Sunday at 9am
If the weather is in doubt give the trip leader a phone call to check.*

**Sun 11th June: Big Rock, Little Rock,
Ben Rudd and Bush Bashing**
(E/M) \$5 Jan Burch 027 455 4559
(re-scheduled from 28 May)

Getting to know your property has never been more fun. We'll visit Big Rock, Little Rock and Ben Rudd's Hut via three conventional tracks, but we'll also test our navigational skills with a series of compass-

or GPS-guided legs reminiscent of Bushcraft Navigation Days. This trip is rated E/M because although the day will be short, the bush-bashing part of the day will be anything but Easy!

Bring gaiters, willingness to feel a little lost and unlimited confidence in your leader. (Small stones work better than breadcrumbs according to Hansel and Gretel)

Sun 18th June: Sunrise from Flagstaff
(E) \$5 Jane Cloete 467 2328

Meet at the clubrooms at 6.55am for a 7am-sharp departure OR go to the Bullring off Taieri Road – need to start walking up by 7.15-7.20am. If you go to the Bullring, don't hang about waiting for the main group, just start walking! Take a torch, though you'll be surprised at how much light there is at that time. Sunrise is at about 8.10am from the summit, but the best colours are up to 30 minutes before that.

Bring a snack or a hot drink if you want. And a camera. Return to the cars by 8.35-8.40, though you could go on and do a longer tramp around to Ben Rudd's, or up to Swampy if you wish.

Cancelled if rain or thick cloud – phone Jane by 6.30am. Also check the e-mail list from OTMC because if it is looking doubtful, then there'll be a circular email. Phone with any queries.

**Sun 25 June: Tavora Reserve,
Pleasant River, Goodwood**
(M) \$8 Tony Timperley, 473-7257

Starting at the Tavora Reserve, on the coast from Goodwood, this tramp we will traverse coastal cliffs, rolling farmland and walk along a river estuary. Along our way we will have magnificent coastal views both north and south. Hopefully, we should also see seals, sea-birds and sheep.

June Weekends

Club Trip List for the month (weekend overnight tramps and events)

You must pre-register on the Trip List at the club rooms (or contact the leader direct) before the closing date (normally two weeks before the trip start). Members must pay before departure, non-members upon registering. Vehicle providers may be exempt from the fee (check with the leader). Trip organisational details will follow by email.

*You are responsible for your gear and medical / first-aid needs (also see Gear Hire).
(E)asy, (M)edium, (F)itness required.*

3-5th June: Queen's Birthday
Mount Somers (M) \$50
Peter Boechhout 021 023 62535

Enjoy the Mt Somers area for 3 days, please see the May Bulletin.

24-25th June:
Winter Kepler/Luxmore Hut
(All) \$45+ Richard Forbes 453 1327

Winter is a great time to visit the Great Walks as the track and huts are deserted. It is normally about 4-5 hour 800m vertical climb on a great well graded track to Luxmore Hut from the Control Gates with great views of Lake Te Anau and the surrounding mountains.

An afternoon trip can be made to Mt Luxmore for even more views or a visit to nearby Luxmore caves. Travel back will all be down hill back the way we came.

For fitter parties, and if snow conditions on the tops allow, it is feasible to do the whole track continuing on to Iris Burn Hut for Saturday night and down the Iris Burn valley on Sunday to Lake Manapouri and Rainbow Reach or even to the control gates where we started (60km in total).

An easier flatter trip can also be done to Moturau Hut at the other end of the track and return back the same way. Check out the DOC website for more details on the track.

We will be staying in camping ground cabins in Te Anau for Friday night which is about \$27 each. Hut fees apply for the great walk huts (\$15) which are winter rates with no running water, no flush toilets and no gas supplied. You will need to get your own hut tickets, note there has been a hut warden in residence the last few years.

Trip list closes 15th June.

June Thursday Meetings

Thursday Club Social Meetings at the Club Rooms 3 Young Street, South Dunedin

Members, non-members, visitors, all are welcome to these social events.

Doors open at 7:30 for an 8 pm start

1st June: BYO – Photos from Jubilee Hut 10th Anniversary (plus day tramp?), Kea Basin (or its bad weather alternative?), Rosella Ridge and Big/Little Rocks day trips. Also, as Allan Cox gave us tips on “the art of photography” the previous week, you may have some special photos to show us.

8th June: To be announced.

15th June: Chris Tipper combines his love for being outdoors and exploring by travelling amongst the Southern Alps. Chris has climbed Mt Cook, tramped in the Olivines and wishes to climb other prominent peaks in the Cook region.

22nd June: Peter and Leonie’s travels in Italy – Part 2. This Thursday they will show and describe for us the historic buildings, art and other outstanding features of Florence, Tuscany and Rome.

29th June: For two-and-a-half months (from end of Dec to mid March) Becky Cameron tramped the **Te Araroa Trail** as a “sobo”. Becky’s presentation will be unique as she will illustrate it mainly with drawings which she did during her ambulatory journey.

June 2017

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					Winter Kepler with Richard 453 1327	
26	27	28	29 Becky * Cameron Te Araroa	30	* NB. 29 June is last night for entries in the Photo Competition	2nd <u>July</u> Trotters Gorge with Jill 454 4211