

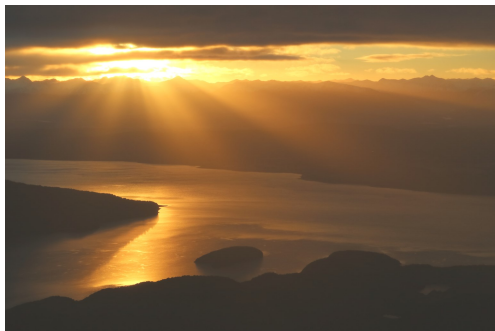
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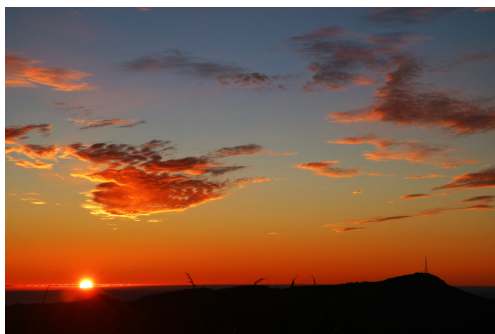
OTMC Photo Competition 2017 - And the Winners are



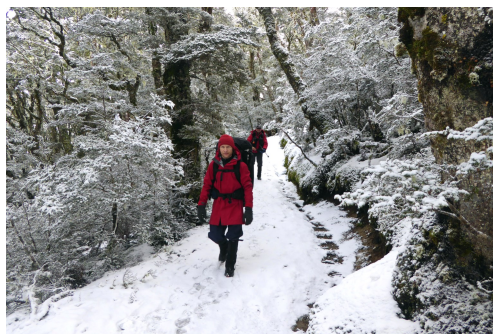
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Rodger Clarkson



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Alex Tupps



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Barry Walker

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August Trips & Events

Snow Caving

Snow Skills

Phil Cox Hut - Arthur's Track

Routeburn

Millennium Track

Silver Peaks

Bethunes Gully/Mt Cargill/Organ Pipes

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Thursday meeting at 3 Young St, South Dunedin

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

President's Report : Richard Forbes

I'm quickly coming to the end of my second term as OTMC President and I feel that the club is in great order and spirit. The club membership is the highest it has been for some time, the club's financial accounts are great and the numbers on club trips are full. We have a great committee organising things behind the scenes, Thursday nights are well patronised with 30-40 people most nights. Without dedicated volunteers organising things there will be no club. This club has lots of robust systems developed over many years to ensure things happen easily and for the safety of participants.

For weekend trips we have trip lists for people to fill in if you are keen to join a trip. After organising a trip of 25 people recently some things need to be reminded. Please fill in all the columns on the official trip list including a search and rescue number (SAR). More often than not this number is left out and so the leader has to ring the person to get the number. The SAR number can be anyone who may be concerned about you such as family member, work mate, flat mate etc

The trip list closes 8 days before the trip leaves which gives the leader time to organise the transport and food party's. Late additions make it tricky to organise, if you can't make it to club night to get your name on the list you can contact the trip leader directly

Once the trip list is closed transport is organised ideally as a group in hired vans or if numbers are low in private cars. If you want to travel independently you need to indicate this on the trip list but you will need to cover your own travel costs. To keep costs low we try to organise full vans and full cars as much as possible. We really want to break even on all trips but factors such as trip numbers, non-members and fuel costs influence the final cost to the club

If you have to pull out of a trip after the trip list has closed you still need to pay as by then the trip has been organised with you going. (empty seats cost the club) All the above are clearly stated at the top of the trip list when you fill it in so please read what you are signing

There are quite a few people coming along on day trips who are non members which is great to see but please remember if you go on more than 10 trips a year you really need to join the club so that we comply to recent government legislation

The weather can play a part in weekend trips and this is not taken lightly. Leaders usually check out a number of weather websites, contacting people living in the area and discussing with other club members for advice. Sometimes it might not be safe to travel on the roads to get there or rivers can be an issue if running higher than normal. I personally see no point in travelling for 5 hours to walk in the rain all weekend. If possible with the leader the trip can be postponed for a later date or an alternative destination selected but this is always not possible. Some people can get grumpy if a trip is cancelled due to weather as they have booked time off work but safety needs to come first. It would not be a good look for the club if a trip goes away with a horrible forecast and something were to happen.

It is with great sadness that Gene Dyett has had to resign from the OTMC Committee and club duties due to ill health. Gene has been in the committee for over 7 years and has looked after gear hire, social programme, clubrooms, and Leaning Lodge. Gene has also lead many trips and organised various club activities such as the photo competition and Christmas trips. In the meantime Ralph Harvey will take on gear hire and Debbie Pettinger will assist Tony with the social programme. Thank you Gene, very much for you contribution and we wish you a speedy recovery.

The AGM is coming up in August and there will be some vacancies available. If you want to be involved with the running of the club get in touch and get 2 people to nominate you. We are all volunteers here and it's a rewarding role to have, you get out what you put in. I believe all members need to help out in some sort of capacity.

Richard Forbes

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).

- Ice Axes
- Crampons
- Cookers & Billies
- Packs
- Tents/Flys
- Personal Locator Beacons
- Climbing Helmets
- Avalanche Probes and Transceivers

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Membership Debbie Pettinger, Membership Secretary

We welcome two new members this month

Ash Flintoff and Carolyn Vincent

Thank you to everyone who has paid their subscriptions, you will receive your OTMC and FMC membership cards in the next mailout. If you require your FMC card sooner, please let me know.

For those people still to pay, please make payment to the OTMC bank account (above) with your name and 'subs' as the reference.

Debbie

Trip Reports

Club activities over the past months

Tavora Reserve : 25th June

At almost 9.00am sharp - 18 of us loaded ourselves into four cars and off we went. Happy as Larry, cruising north on the highway no issues whatsoever. Until...

We turned off the highway, just south of Palmerston into Goodwood road. I won't bore the reader with the details but suffice to say, what should have been a simple two minute drive down Goodwood road to the signposted car park, had four cars going in three different directions – do not ask – half an hour later we simultaneously came to our senses and backtracked to the signposted car park. None of us could understand how we all missed it, including three of the drivers who had been there before. At 10.15am, it was finally time to stretch our legs; we walked for 10 minutes to the beach and had morning tea!

We then wandered along the edge of the beach and up onto private farm land with views across the ocean. After a couple of hours of wandering up and over the hills of Matai Farm, we eventually arrived above Pleasant River where we had a pleasant lunch stop, soaking up the sun, overlooking the Estuary.

From here we walked up and over a few more hills, stopping to admire a historic barn on the way, and continued to complete a circuit arriving back at the beach near Bobby's Head.

Our thanks to the owners of Matai Farm

who kindly allowed us to trudge over their private land.

Sharon Bretherton on behalf of - Tony 'what a leader' Timperley, Debbie Nicholer, Mark Stephenson, Alan Thomson, Theresia Holt, Tina Anderson, Alan Hanson, Lucy Jones, Sonia Alderman, Joe Bretherton, Janet Barclay, Leonne Loeber, Peter Loeber, Ken Taylor, Rob Seeley, Linda Miles and Simon Lin.

Takitimu's : 8-9th July

We started traveling from the Club rooms just after 6 and were in Gore before 8 but not before we picked up a tramper along the way. From Gore we went on our way to the Lower Princhester hut in a very careful manner, most of the road looked icy and it was minus 3 most of the way. We crashed at the hut around 10:30 and woke up some hunters who as it turned out were not so lucky hunting deer but more lucky with the beer. We woke up to a crispy morning, still freezing with a nice white frost on the breakfast table and soon we got packing and started just before 9.

It was a good 2 hours grunt up to the saddle. And we were followed by 3 very friendly Kea. There was some snow on the saddle and beyond but not too much. Soon we came out of the forest via the Waterloo burn and followed the track to the Becketts hut junction. We decided to go Right and find ourselves a lunch spot in the sun. We

went over and down bogs, tricky trenches hidden by tall tussock and through wet forest. The track was in most places well marked but I lost the track once or twice (or was it 7 times..) but luckily the tramper behind me got me back in line. All did their time as leader of the group and my hat off for the first timers who's jumping into the



Tavora : Simon Lin

bog or getting wet up to their waist never lost confidence or enthusiasm.



MMMM cheese n crackers : Joe Bretherton

The track took us to an empty hut in over 8,5 hours, got the fire going in no time with everybody collecting firewood and we prepared for a well deserved rest. Dinner was served. I will not mention any names or they will give this trampers money to be in their future food group, but the “cheese & crackers” on the menu consisted of: crackers with a very nice kumara and chick-pea dip with roasted sunflower seeds, with a choice of Feta, cream cheese or Blue cheese, topped with roasted home made medium rare cooked slices of venison and topped with a crisp fresh bunch of red radish micro greens..... well have I ever this was the cherry on the proverbial perfect tramping day :-) This has earned a 5star plus magic rating on the tramping food scale. Very tasty and a perfect start of a tramping dinner. we all agreed to skip the soup course and had a very very plain pasta dish (not sure who cooked that stuff..), next followed with a home made

chocolate brownie, delicious. We all got to our bunks before 8 as we all were dead tired.

The next Day we all woke up to a crisp morning and had our breakfast and packing done in little over an hour. A quick group photo and off we went into the valley and on our way to Becketts hut. I was amazed how keen our tramping group were, following me straight through stone cold rivers, ankle deep bogs past and an accidentally woken up Bull. The weather was cloudy at first with the sun trying to peak through. We got to Becketts hut in good time. After leaving Becketts hut we bumped into 3 runners with rifles, going about on an exercise for a day. Soon we were walking on top of what is normally a spongy soaking wet boggy landscape now turned into a crisp hard walking surface. But still we had the occasional encounter with over ankle deep bogs and lots of wet chest deep tussock. I think i had a close up look at one of them. After some river crossings we sat down for lunch not far from the Becketts hut junction. We set off for the final push with one of our young trampers leading the pack. Via the Waterloo burn, over the Princhester saddle down via the Bog burn we finally came back to our van and we could change into some dry clothes. A well deserved Turkish dinner in Gore and home to the club rooms around 8:20pm.

Peter Boeckhout for Joe and Sharon Bretherton, Melissa Trainor, Chris Cowie, Michaela Day, Andrew McConnell.



Aparima Hut : Joe Bretherton

Heyward Point : Sunday 8th July

This was my very first experience with the OTMC. It was a bright and frosty morning, with temperatures near single figures. 13 people met at the club rooms in South Dunedin. Various walkers offer lifts for those who do not have transport. Gordon our leader for the tramp took myself Niklas Becker, (no relation to Boris) Ken Taylor, and Michael. Other members had transport and some went straight to the meeting point in Aramoana.

The group started the ascent around 930 am. This first part of the walk was a good steady incline, we stopped at intervals to catch our breathe and look at the stunning views over the Harbour, where we saw the Spirit of Singapore sail off and the Laust Maersk sail into the harbour. Further up towards the peak we looked down upon Aramoana Reserve which was once the proposed site of New Zealand's second largest aluminium smelter. Along Heywards Point, at the peak, we gazed down at many groups of seals lying on rocks and cliff tops. During the tramp the weather got warm and most of us were able to shed excess clothing. We sat at the top of Heywards point to have lunch and continued our descent via Te Ngaru Quarry. The highest point reached was 235 meters. It was a wonderful day, Gordon is extremely knowledgeable about the history of the area.



Sonia Alexanian

MUST DO! MUST DO IT AGAIN!

Cycling on a Saturday : 8th July

Organising this trip seemed fairly easy at first – just count heads of likely starters and then let the “Wheels On Water” people know the numbers. But the numbers fluctuated from 8-13!

The weather early in the day looked horrid – I was down at the market at 8am and it was cold, windy and raining!

But the skies began to clear and eventually 8 cyclists from the tramping club (some were very fit indeed) started at the clubrooms in South Dunedin at 10am. Cold but dry.

Then my next problems began – how to access the cycle tracks from the clubrooms to the Stadium. Two people knew the way, but the trouble was that they both knew different ways! I lost the others completely but managed to get to the harbour cycle track and luckily the others did too, 'cause we all met up OK at St Leonards.

Nothing new in that journey.

The new bit began as we went around to Back Beach to the Boat Ramp and were met by John with his “Wheels on Water” – a



Trip Leader Gordon Tocher : Sonia Alexanian

water taxi service between Port Chalmers and Portobello!

We managed to get all 8 bikes and all 8 riders onto the boat. The sun was now out and it was really pretty most interesting as we went around Goat Island and Quarantine Islands to get across the harbour to Portobello.

Off loaded people and bikes - \$8 each which we thought very reasonable – and on to the Penguin Cafe for a snack and coffee.



Harbour Cycle Taxi : Maria Hamelink

After lunch, two went on to the Heads, two went back along the High Road past Lanarch Castle to get home, and I went with the remainder on the easy way home – along Portobello Rd by the harbour. There is much more cycle track than there used to be! The whole trip is perhaps 35-40km.

Anyway, I thought it was one of the best day rides ever!

WE MUST DO IT AGAIN!

My* thanks to my companion cyclists on the day: Ralph Harvey, Nathan McCauley, Greg Collins, Maria Hamelink, Mark Stephenson, Miki Nomura, and Jo Skinner. *Jane Cloete

ps if you want to do this ride yourself sometime contact John for his water taxi service:

Wheels On Water
027 681 4778
viv.johnmcl@gmail.com

OTMC 93rd Annual General Meeting

Thursday August 24th 2017 at 8:00 pm in the clubrooms.

Please come along to learn more about the running of your club (you will not be press-ganged into joining the committee but volunteers are most welcome).

OTMC Committee Nominations

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

OTMC Annual Dinner / Pizza Night

It's time for our annual Pizza at Filadelfio's at the Gardens Corner

Saturday 2nd September from 6:00pm

Set Menu \$20 / head

We will need some idea of numbers, so please let Wayne know (473 0950) or sign the sheet at the clubrooms.



Winter Kepler : 24-25 June 2017

On Friday night the Tramping Club went to Te Anau to do the winter Kepler. On the way we stopped at Gore to grab some tea. When we got to Te Anau, we stayed at the Lakeview Holiday Park. In the morning we started to get our gear on. We walked for an hour until we got to Brod Bay where we stopped for a wee snack. Then we started walking up the mountain. We walked until we got to the bluffs. Then we got to Luxmore Hut. We put our sleeping bag out, took off our wet clothes, changed into new ones and had lunch. After lunch we went to the caves. We walked down the caves looking at all the stalactites and stalagmites. It was my second time in the caves and I went much further than I had gone before. Then we came to a small crawl space. We started crawling but thought we would get too muddy. So we turned around and started heading back to the hut. Once we were out of the caves it started to rain.

The warden was there with her three children. At dinnertime the warden asked for our hut tickets. I didn't have to pay because I was under 18. For tea we had mashed potatoes, lamb and peas. My Dad and I made a starter which was crackers

and dip. For dessert we had ginger cake. After tea I listened to the rugby – it was the night of the first Lions test against the All Blacks. We started to do a jigsaw puzzle but then we got bored. Then I started to play a game of cards. After that I went to bed.

The next day I went down to grab some breakfast. Then we started packing up, brushing our teeth and cleaning our dishes – and the hut. There were 32 people in the hut. Once we were all packed up we noticed that it had snowed overnight. We left the hut around 10:00 am and got back to the van around 12 noon. Then we drove back to Dunedin.

Thank you to Dad for the driving and the food, and for taking me tramping.

Alex Forbes (12 years) for Richard Forbes, Rodger Clarkson, Chris Booker, Gloria Qi, Chris Cowie, Michael Stott, Alex Tups, Gail Mitchell, Ralph Harvey, Maria Hamelink, Chris Pearson, Kathy Woodrow, Helen Jones, Barry Walker, Tomas Sobek, Nic Cogan, Mandie Lungley, Lynley McArlay, Jan Hodges, Geraldine Keer, Nathan McCauley, Steven Waghorn, Miki Nomura and Andrew McConnell.



Luxmore bound : Tomas Sobek

(Lots more photos on Facebook and the web-site)

OTMC Photo Competition 2017 - More Winners

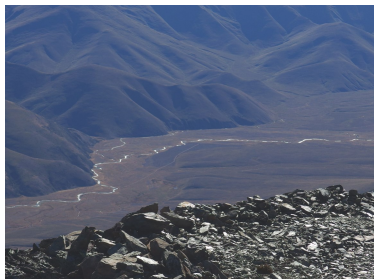


Native Flora and Fauna
Tomas Sobek



Historic
Tomas Sobek

Second place (and also entering the FMC National Competition) ...



ABN : Sue Williams



ABW : Rodger Clarkson



BBN : Alex Tupps



BBW : Antony Pettinger



NFF : Mark Stepenson



Historic: Ron Keen

August 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.*

Sat 6th August : Phil Cox Hut
(M) \$5 Antony Hamel 453 5240

Sat 13th August : Taieri Millennium Track
(E) \$8 Leonie Loeber 477 4895

The plan is to walk from the Henley end to Taieri Mouth for lunch and return. We will cross a few creeks, expect some mud and great views towards the Taieri Mouth end of the track.

Sun 20th August : Bethunes Gully to
Mt Cargill & Organ Pipes
(E) \$5 Sharen Rutherford 027 229 1961

Mid winter blues? Need some exercise? Then come and join me for a walk that will have you home and back onto a warm couch by mid afternoon. We wont be out to break any speed records but we will have good conversation and good company and a hot cuppa at the top of Mount Cargill – remember to bring your flask.

Meet at the clubroom at 9am. We will then travel to Bethunes Gully (end of Norwood Street in North East Valley) where we will park. Anyone wanting to meet us there, plan to be at the carpark by 9.15am.

The plan is to head up Bethunes Gully and onto the Mount Cargill track. We will walk up to Mount Cargill and take a break there before then heading across to the Organ Pipes and then back the way we came.

I am expecting the track to be wet and muddy so good footwear and gaiters will be a must. The walk will be 4-5 hours.

Sat 27th August : TBA (E/M) \$5
Sophie Carty / Alan Thompson 455 7878

Sat 2nd Sept : Ben Rudd's Work Day
(E) \$5 Tracy Pettinger 03 487 9488

There will be cake. There will be beer. There will be work to do on keeping gorse and broom in check within the tussock grassland on our lovely Flagstaff land. Always good fun :)

August 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.*

5-6th August : Snowcaving
(I) \$30 Richard Pettinger 03 487 9488

The snowcaving trip is especially arranged for all those who are venturing into alpine parts, and who feel they should be prepared for a survival emergency by knowing how to dig themselves shelter in snow. We leave Saturday morning at **7AM** for the hills behind Roxburgh. If things don't thaw, there should be enough snow.

12-13th August : Snow Skills (I) \$20 +hut
Basic Ice axe & Crampons
Wayne Hodgkinson 473 0950

The main purpose of this course is to enable more of our members to have the skills and confidence to venture into country that may have snow conditions.

Winter is an ideal time to brush up on your use of ice axe and crampons, and the skills 10

required when walking in snow. Your ice axe is your basic survival tool, enabling you cut steps, cross steeper slopes, and most importantly to avoid or arrest a fall and avoid sliding to oblivion in many snow conditions. Crampons with the skills to use them enable you to walk safely in hard or frozen snow. This course is aimed at club members who have some tramping experience, but little to no experience in tramping on snow. It can also be used as a refresher for basic skills like self arresting.

Leaving the clubrooms 8:00am on Saturday, should be back before 5pm on Sunday.

**19-20th Aug: Silver Peaks Gorse Pruning
@ The Gap, + Compass & Navigation
(M) \$8 Peter Boeckhout 021 023 62535**

We leave the club rooms Saturday at **8am** sharp and park at the Mountain Rd carpark, we walk into Jubilee hut. After lunch we head out to the Gap to do some gardening.

Bring your loper, saw etc. Make sure it is wrapped properly so nobody gets hurt except the gorse.

If there are enough gardeners to split the group we maybe could do some gorse clearing at the bottom of devils staircase. It shouldn't take more than a couple of hours to get some nice results.

Next day we leave early and walk out via ABC cave and Yellow ridge where we head into the "unknown" and out via Rocky ridge relying only on compass and map (NO GPS).

For all the less adventurous trampers either walk further along Yellow ridge out or back out the same way via Devils staircase. We will have lunch on top of the "Rock with a view", gaze at Jubilee hut on your left and Philip Cox hut on your right, and walk out along Rocky ridge with the Devils Staircase on our right. Trip closes 10th Aug.

**26-27th August : Winter Routeburn
(M) \$45 + hut Rodger Clarkson 473 6053**

The Winter Routeburn has always been a fun social trip catering from easy (just go the hut and relax) to adventurous (wade through deep snow to get to higher altitudes). I'd like to do the McKenzie Hut side, however with the avalanche paths

being more prevalent on that side it will be more likely that we end up on the Falls Hut side. The plan will be to drive to Routeburn Shelter (or the Divide) on Friday night and walk about 1.5 hrs to Flats hut (or Howden Hut). On Saturday morning we'll walk to Falls Hut (or McKenzie Hut) and have Saturday afternoon free to explore and play in the snow - Hopefully some of us will be able to get to Lake Harris as this is always spectacular when covered with ice and snow – last year the snow was about a meter deep near the lake but we made it! Wolfgang has a long tradition of leading this trip as a social occasion so I'd like to try and continue the tradition by having a onesie theme again (and I will do my best to have a quiz). Trip fare should end up \$45 for members/ \$58 non members. (May reduce with good numbers).

Labour Weekend – October 21-23

Maria Hamelink is organising to do the best bits of the Alps2Ocean cycle trail. Contact Maria on 021 135 0141

If biking isn't your thing, how about spending the weekend tramping based at Lake Clearwater? That's about 30km beyond Mt Somers.

I'll be leading long-ish day tramps; the Loebers are planning a trip up to one of many huts in the area.

But: We'd like an extra leader to organise something for the F or FE groups! Would you be on for that? Contact Jane Cloete on 467-2328, or by e-mail.

Also: Lake Clearwater camp is for tents only (or motorhomes!).

If you want to use the cabins at Mt Somers motorcamp: I'd like a rough indication of numbers at least a fortnight beforehand (to book the cabins). Be aware that from the MS motorcamp it is 30km to Lake Clearwater, mostly on a gravel road.

AGM

Thursday 24th August
8 pm @ Clubrooms



August 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*

3rd August: BYO – As this is the first BYO for six weeks we expect plenty of photos from the Winter Kepler and Takitimu week-end trips, plus from the Peninsula, Flagstaff Sunrise, Tavora/Pleasant Estuary/Goodwood, Trotters Gorge, Round the Harbour Cycling, Heyward Point, Greenacres/Buskin/ Paradise Tracks, Clutha Mouth, and Sandfly Bay/Sandymount. Wow – we are very active! Show how active we are by showing us all your photos.

10 August: Mountain Mules and String Singlets

John and Robyn Armstrong present an illustrated talk on Climbing and Tramping with the OTC in the 1960's including trips to Tapuaenuku, Port Craig, Mt Dreadful, Takatimu and the Grave Talbot Pass.

17th August: Beverly Beggs Observatory – As trampers we have all experienced the awe-inspiring star-filled sky on a crisp, clear night in the hills. But what are we seeing? On a guaranteed crisp, clear Dunedin night

OTMC member Peter Loeber, who is also a member of the Dunedin Astronomical Society, and his fellow astronomers will reveal the wonders of the visible universe to us. **(Note: We will meet at the observatory, not at the clubrooms.)**

24th August: Our 94th AGM – make this another full house at the clubrooms. We need to know your views on how the club is run, etc. You will also have the opportunity to vote on any motions put forward. OTMC also needs you to actively participate in running the club by putting yourself forward to serve on the committee. See you there!

31st August: BYO - As there are five Thursdays this month we are having another BYO. Also there will have been four week-end trips, three with a winter snow theme: Snow-caving, Snow Skills, and Winter Routeburn. It is also very likely that the Silver Peaks tramp could include snow – so lots of snowy photos! Also, let's not forget the day tramps.

August 2017

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