

OTMC BULLETIN



Newsletter of the Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club Inc

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Mt Cook area trip : Tasman Glacier Icebergs : Trisha Geraet

August Trips & Events

Manapouri Monument Grahams Bush & Organ Pipes

Snow Skills X-Country Skiing Snowcaving

All over the Peninsula Waikouaiti South Branch OTMC AGM

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Thursday meeting at 3 Young St, South Dunedin Doors open 7:30 for 8pm start, all welcome

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 Joe Bretherton 473 8784

- Ice Axes
- Crampons
- Cookers & Billies
- Packs
- Tent/Flys
- Climbing Helmets
- Avalanche Probes and Transceivers

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Membership Debbie Pettinger, Membership Secretary

This month we welcome Ludovic Dutoit as a new member. Kate Williams has resigned.

As June is the end of the OTMC financial year subscriptions are now overdue. If you have yet to pay please deposit your subscription into the club bank account or hand to me on a Thursday night.

If you are paying via internet banking, please email otmc@ihug.co.nz to let me know which type of membership and any changes to your contact details.

Trip Reports

Club activities over the past months

23-24th June: Winter Kepler - Luxmore Hut (2 day trip)

This trip was divided into two groups; a two-day and a three-day, with Richard leading the two and Rodger the three. (This report will describe mainly the trials and tribulations of the 2-dayers.) We were segregated as we nine 2-dayers piled into the minibus, whilst the 3-dayers had their own luxury transport. We increased our minibus numbers to ten when we picked up Maria in Balclutha.

Both groups came together in Gore when we stopped for evening takeaways and it was from here, when the fog came down, that we minibus passengers realised how fortunate we were to have such an experienced driver as Richard. Whilst we passengers had white knuckles, Richard calmly steered us through the fog-shrouded landscape. Fortunately, the fog cleared by Mossburn and we had a clear run through to Te Anau and the Lakeview Holiday Park, where Lynley from Manapouri had already tucked herself up in her bunk.

After a comfortable night in our bunks, we awoke to a fine Saturday and after breakfast drove to the Control Gates carpark, where we met up with Rose. Both the 2-day and 3-day groups set off together for the hour's flat walk to Brod Bay. Here we had a short re-fuelling stop before the long 2-3 hour climb up to the bushline. It took just a couple of hours to exhaust our fuel supplies so, after traversing below the Bluff, we took another stop to take in enough food and drink to give us the energy to make the final steep climb to the bushline.

As we came out onto the open tussock we were rewarded with great views of the surrounding peaks and then the lake as we

crossed the tussock. A couple of weeks back the volunteer wardens at that time reported that the snow on this section of the track was thigh deep; but our journey was made much easier as the snow was just patchy, with most of the track clear.

On reaching the Luxmore Hut, we first admired the view over the lake before taking off our boots and grabbing a desired bunk. The really fit and keen from both the 2- and 3- day groups soon set off to climb Mt Luxmore, each giving their own Sir Ed's jutting chin impression and muttering "We'll knock the bastard off!" They were followed 20 minutes later by the rapidly moving father and son duo of Richard and Alex, who caught up with the group of Maria, Michaela, Andrew and Rodger. This group was forced to turn back, however, when they climbed out of the leeward side onto the ridge and were hit by a strong, cold wind on the western flank. This section was also covered in snow which forced some back as they considered they were not adequately equipped. Nevertheless, a quartet of climbers prevailed and did reach the summit. Congratulations to Rose, Brenden, Martin and Robert!



Winter Kepler, along the tops : Rodger Clarkson

Three others (Brendan, Sandra and Lynley) went to explore the caves whilst the rest of us kept ourselves warm in the hut by

drinking numerous cups of tea and nibbling cheese and crackers.

During this time numerous other trampers arrived, including about a dozen members of the NZ Alpine Club who were here to celebrate their mid-winter dinner. The other arrivals were small groups of students on their mid-semester break, so with these and our 17 members, there were about 40 of us in the hut. As a result we all soon warmed up, helped by the many candles on the Alpine Club table. As the evening progressed, Richard kept us up to date on the All Blacks v France score, (who won again?) whilst the Alpine Club kept things more celestial by playing Christmas carols. We all slept well that night.

Sunday dawned with a southerly blowing and light snow falling. As the forecast was for the southerlies to strengthen and the snow to get heavier, we 2-dayers decided to set off back down the track, straight after breakfast. (The 3-dayers decided to wait and see.)

Each 2-dayer set off as they were ready to go, arranging to meet at Brod Bay for a fuel-up before the final walk to the Control Gates carpark. As we left Luxmore Hut the wind was thankfully on our backs and the snowfall remained light. It did rain, however, when we were on the descent through the bush, but by the time we reached the Control Gates about 1pm the rain had ceased and the sun was breaking through.

After saying goodbye to Rose and fueling up the van this time in Te Anau, we had a most pleasant journey home in fine, sunny weather. This made it much easier for Richard and, thanks to his excellent driving, we could appreciate South Otago's wonderful scenery.

Tony Timperley for the 2-dayers, who were: Richard Forbes (Leader) and son Alex (aged 13), Brendon McNeill, Kathy Woodrow, Chris Pearson, Maria Hamelink, Michaela Day, Sandra Divett, Martin Eriksen, and Rose Colhoun.

7-8th July: Day Trips around Mt Cook staying at Unwin Lodge

There was 100mm of rain forecast for the original weekend so it was an easy decision

to cancel and then reschedule for the following weekend. A few pulled out and a few came on the list, leaving us with 19 on the trip, with England, Switzerland, Vietnam and Denmark all represented.



Relaxing at Unwin Lodge : Rodger Clarkson

Saturday morning we headed up to Red Tarns, with most doing a 'quick' trip up to the ridgeline above the tarns leaving their packs behind. I could see them up there posing for photos and after half an hour I started sending texts 'Time to come down now' but no response. So then I started ringing people only to find that the daypacks around me started ringing. Grrrr. When they came down I hurried them on their way back down (Hope I wasn't too grumpy – herding trampers is like herding cats!). Next stop was Hooker valley and it was unbelievable how many cars were there. We had trouble finding a park for the Van. The lake wasn't frozen over and Trisha, Minh and I took off our shoes and dipped our feet, kind of felt like acupuncture with 1000 pins. A couple of tourists were having a swim amongst the small icebergs in the lake. (Does 'Swimming with Icebergs' have potential as a tourist venture?)

Back to Unwin Lodge where I brewed up 3 litres of mulled wine and then off to the pub, talk about busy, must have been 200+ people in there and a 40 min wait on meals. (This is NZ in the off season?)

My last trip as tripleleader some people slept in til 9:30, so I wasn't going to let that happen again and set an 8am departure time. Shortly after 7am I went into 1 bunkroom with a large pot and wooden spoon. Rather disappointingly everyone was awake, but I had a few bangs anyway on general principal. I went into the next bunkroom and A-Ha! 2 lazy sods were still in bed, so I got ready to bang my pot. Suddenly I was met

with the steely glare of Helen, so I did what any man would do and made a hasty retreat.



Mar and Trisha near Tasman Lake outlet

On the Sunday, we all (apart from the 2 enjoying a sleep in) headed up the Tasman Valley with various people going in different directions. Tina, Wayne and Ludo made it all the way to Ball Hut while the rest of us were content to go part of the way after exploring round the viewpoint and outlet before all the tourists arrived. The icebergs were spectacular at the outlet but a sure sign of a shrinking glacier. It clouded up during the day and a few flakes of snow were falling as we left for home around 3pm with everyone saying they'd had a great trip.

Rodger forfar too many to mention.

1st July: Mapoutahi Pa

My third trip report for the bulletin this month (Lesson – When leading a trip remember to ask someone else to do the trip report)

A number of people turned up at the clubroom and I got them to fill out two SAR forms, one to leave at the clubrooms and one to take with me. Trouble is not everyone knew there were two forms so I had to do a role call and everyone checked off, but I still only had 12 on the forms and there were definitely 13 of us. Role call again and finally got it sorted as there were 2 Peter's but only one on 1 list and someone else was missing from the other list but I'd kind of given up by that stage. (Lesson – keep it simple - 1 trip, 1 form)

Another 2 joined on route to make it 15 but I kept remembering 12 on the list + 2 should be 14. Took me a good hour to figure out

where the extra person came from, but I figured if you're on the plus side it can't be too bad. (Lesson – being an 'A' student doesn't mean you have a clue!)

Anyway to the trip – Arches, Mapoutahi Pa, Purakaunui, Stone Ruins, Orokonui, Dead Stoat, Small Horse, Coffee at Blueskin Bay Nursery, done :)

Rodger for ...far too many to mention (including Tiago from Portugal who found us in Lonely Planet, OTMC is world famous!)

8th July: Pipeline/Rustlers/Swampy Summit/ Leith Saddle Tracks

The weather forecast looked gloomy: thick high cloud, strong northerlies, with rain in the afternoon. Nevertheless, 11 of us, clad in our thermals, gathered in the Leith Saddle carpark, not under "thick high cloud" but blue skies with the odd cloud being blown along by a reasonably strong, cool northerly. (They got that right at least!)

Rather than start with the steepish climb up the Leith Saddle Track, Highly Esteemed Leader Tony recommended that we ease our mainly elderly limbs (apologies to our "young" participants) into the first hour of our tramp by going first down Waitati Valley Road a couple of hundred metres, before turning left onto the undulating, but mainly flat, Pipeline Track. At the start of this track, however, Tony's leadership was usurped by "young" Caitlin who set off at a cracking pace, which the "oldies" felt obliged to match. Consequently, we all warmed up very quickly and had shed our thermal layers by the time we reached the start of the Rustlers' Track in record time. (Antony Hamel will have to revise his times for this section!)

We climbed steadily up this muddy ridge before levelling out above the bush where we stopped on a sunny, grassy knoll to have drinks and nibbles whilst admiring the views north. Whilst we were nibbling our quiet meditations were suddenly interrupted by cries of "Exterminate! Exterminate!" Much to our relief, this was not an invasion by Daleks, but Richard who had spotted a wilding pine. Nevertheless, the rest of us quickly climbed up Burns Ridge (the pace again set by Caitlin), crossed the tussock

plateau to where we met the Swampy Ridge gravel road.

Here we paused to admire the view across the Taieri Plain and over to Maungatua. But where was Richard? Whilst we donned our jackets to protect ourselves against the cool wind, we could hear Richard calling "Exterminated! Exterminated!" and then with much relief we saw him coming towards us across the tussock victoriously waving a breadknife, Richard informed us that with this domestic implement he had felled a wilding pine! We all gasped in amazement. (Seriously though, Richard did a great job as by felling this one wilding pine he also felled hundreds of future pines, which would have blighted the tussock landscape. Thanks Richard.)



Crossing the tussock on Swampy : Richard P

We continued our journey striding along Swampy Ridge with the wind luckily behind us. We occasionally met other trampers/walkers/runners/dogs before arriving at the Telecom Tower on Swampy Summit, where



Onward and Upward! Tony points the way ahead for (r to l) Caitlin, Sandra, Tracy, Marina, Ken, Nicolas, Wayne, Sonia. : RP

we had lunch whilst sheltering from the wind on the leeward side of the tower building.

Fully refreshed we set off for the final leg of our tramp, most of which is downhill. Although we had to watch our step (literally) for the first section of the track below the trig point, we were still able to admire the views over Dunedin city and the upper harbour. Once we reached the bush "tunnel" and the fine gravel track, we strode out until we arrived back at our starting point at the Leith Saddle carpark having done a good five hour (with breaks) tramp. Time to go home and have an afternoon nap!

Tony Timperley for: Richard and Tracy Pettinger, Marina Hanger, Ken Taylor, Caitlin Robertson, Sonia Alexanian, Nicolas Pierson, Rob Seeley, Wayne Hodgkinson, Sandra Divett. *Photos by Richard Pettinger*

15th July: Heywood Point – Aramoana – Nah, the Millenium Track -Taieri Mouth

13 keen trampers turned up for the Sunday walk. The morning turned out to be a dark overcast sky, with a slight chance of light rain and medium strength North Easterly winds. The Expected temp was 6 degrees due to wind chill. Peter and Leonie Loeber had kindly stepped in to be trip leaders as unfortunately Carolyn Taylor was sick. It was decided that it would be miserable at Heywood and we would go to the more sheltered Millennium Track instead. This

was keenly accepted as it looked dark, foggy and cold in the direction of Heywood and only 4 of the 13 had completed the Millennium track before.

Three car loads made their way to the Henley end for the start of the 16km return track. The track was a little muddy but provided great shelter from the wind. In under an hour we arrived to brilliant sunshine at the picnic tables at John Bull's Gully where we had morning tea. Then onto some great views of the Taieri Mouth, where after a

collective decision the group decided to complete the whole track and have lunch at the Taieri Mouth end of the track. Lunch was a quick affair as we were keen to move out of the cold wind. The return was great, through the same beautiful forest and the weather was kind all day without any rain.

A great tramping day was had by all.

Many thanks to Peter and Leonie Loeber for leading this trip.

Michael Firmin for Peter and Leonie Loeber, Lucy Jones, Brendan Penwaren, Karla Scholtisseh, Emma Whalley, Sophie Laursen, Inger Line Berdol, Ken Taylor, John Tolmie, Miasche Sandvdd, David Firmin

BEN RUDD'S MANAGEMENT TRUST

Nominations are being called for Trust members. The majority of the existing Trust members have indicated a willingness to continue, with some taking the opportunity to retire and make way for new members.

If you have an interest in serving as a Trust member to help manage our Club's unique property, then please talk to a Committee member.

Ben Rudd's Property is wholly owned by OTMC, managed by the Trust, and has a QEII Open Space Covenant to protect the property for future generations.

The purpose of the Trust is to promote the historical, environmental, recreational and educational role of Ben Rudd's property within the context of the Flagstaff area.

OTMC Committee Nominations

It's that time of year again, with the AGM on August 30th we are now calling for nominations for your club's committee. This is a chance for you have to a say in your club's activities and progress into 2019 and beyond. Vacancies do exist as some existing members have indicated they will not stand again, so here is your chance to put something back into your club and have a say in its future.

You need to be an OTMC financial member, pretty obviously.

All you need to do is fill in a nomination form (you can nominate yourself) and have two other club members sign as seconders to your nomination - it couldn't be easier so no excuses.

In the event we have more nominations than committee positions there will be a vote.

So give it a go! No buts No excuses No procrastinating

And / or similarly consider the Ben Rudd's Management Trust too (see above).

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 (non-members pay \$13 more than the members fee shown below). 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).

4-5th August : Manapouri / Monument and Moturau Hut (M) \$50+ Rose Colhoun 021 151 3791 rosec20@hotmail.com

Boat trip on Lake Manapouri and climbing the Monument.. I still have a few places available on this trip (maximum 10 people). There is a cost of \$38 per person for the boat charter (more if we don't have 10 people). There is also a cost of \$20 per person for accommodation in Manapouri on Friday night and a \$15 hut ticket or annual hut pass for Moturau hut on Saturday night. These costs are in addition to the club trip fees. Get in touch asap if you would like to join us.

11-12th August: Snow Skills (I) \$20+\$10 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 required when walking in snow. Your ice axe is your basic survival tool, enabling you to 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.

We will be staying at Big Hut in the Rock and Pillar Range.

We plan to leave the clubrooms **8:00am** on Saturday 11th, and should be back before 5pm on Sunday.

Cost will be \$20 paid to the treasurer + \$10 hut fees. Please sign the Trip List, before it closes on Thurs 2nd August.

18-19th August: X-Country Skiing - Pisa Range (M) \$100+ pass & hire Chris Pearson 455 4673

Leaving Dunedin the Friday evening, we will be basing ourselves at the Lakeview Holiday Park in Wanaka \$50 pp (2 nights) and do two day trips up to the ski field. The cost of a ski field pass is \$45 per day. They have boot and ski hire for \$35 per day, or Snowshoes can be hired for \$45 which includes field use. Transport cost \$50.

25-26th August: Snowcaving (I) \$30 Richard Pettinger 03 487 9488 027 950 4517

Emergency survival skills learnt in a fun and safe way, for the horrid future event when you are caught out and have only snow to make shelter in. You can survive in relative comfort, even be warm. This traditional OTMC trip is a bucket list must for many people. Some prominent New Zealanders have done this trip with me. So join the happy throng under water on the Old Man Range. The trip leaves the Clubrooms at

7 AM Saturday morning.

Ben Rudd's, the OTMC's and Ben's stories:

Why the apostrophe matters. (It's not pedantry)

I have been called pedantic about the apostrophe in Ben's home's name, yet I am proud of anyone who attempts grammatical correctness. My mother was determined to have me use Queen's English if at all possible. The apostrophe, however, in the property's name is not a matter of pedantry but is a matter of affection.

I want to describe to those who may not feel this, that the man and his home had a fundamental connection to the birth of the OTC. Though he was never a member, his spirit, determination, self-reliance and tenacity, and later friendship and cooperation with the fledgling OTC, inspired many members. I could tell, from many a chat with my respected mentors, including Bruce Campbell, that Ben was revered deeply. Not only that, his home, which nobody probably knew quite the extent of until his property was surveyed by Ron Keen or some earlier surveyor, was seen as instrumental in keeping Flagstaff and the ridge along to Swampy available for trampers and anyone else who didn't need it roading. (Today it is still effectively the old bullock track.)

When the land came up for sale following Ben's death it was purchased and gifted in trust to the OTC with the objective that it be retained to prevent roading of that handy part of Dunedin's skyline.

It was as if Ben had inadvertently put in place an arrangement that ultimately entrusted this Club with a noble mission. Whatever members thought, this became their adopted vision (many of whom were later awarded life membership) to hold on to, to look after his house site, his garden and his entire land. Some wished to beautify areas with flowering rhododendrons, and others dreamt of a wealthy OTC and endeavoured to some

extent to make revenue off suitable areas. These dreams were passed down to new members (including me and countless other youngsters) to pursue the revenue from the conifer plantations, build a vandal-proof shelter and control in a timely fashion the local infestations of broom and gorse. We took on that duty and felt their sense of attachment. We were freehold owners, after all.

This work was of course quite a chore, but all of the effort paid off. Most of the broom-infested land is now, 4 – 5 decades on, in proud native trees. As for the pines, after pruning, they brought in some useful money for the Club. We who believed in retaining the visions and dream had fun, and a few drinks afterwards were part of the tradition, and that made it seem much less of a chore. Ben Rudd's was a place to enjoy working together for the Club's benefit. A spirit of camaraderie, self-reliance and determination grew from our collective efforts. The OTMC entered a very strong phase (I don't know what came first).

So, what has this got to do with the apostrophe? This is Ben Rudd's. It is not Ben we are managing (he's dead); nor is it a memorial to him that we have here. It is not a statue or something new built for his memory that he never owned. He was a hermit. There was only one of him. There were never two Ben Rudds. It is his singular spirit, his self-reliance, his tenacity that we who feel his presence, treasure and continue to celebrate. Above all it is his home we are entrusted with, not "him land" or the land of more Bens than one. It is Ben Rudd's because it was his home, his property and every former member and existing oldtimer and life member who ever talked about it to me and my colleagues called it Ben Rudd's. The apostrophe stands for more than a tweak of ink, or pedantic nicety, it gives meaning to our enduring relationship with a remarkable man from the days of the Club's conception.

Richard Pettinger



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

**5th August: Graham's Bush and
Organ Pipes (E) \$5
Tomas Sobek 03 777 3047**

We will drive to Sawyer's Bay and park near the start of the track. It's reasonably sheltered so we can go in almost any weather. The climb is supposedly 380 vertical metres, and it goes through different areas of vegetation. When we reach Mount Cargill Road we cross and continue on the other side another 120 vertical metres up to Organ Pipes. Provided there is enough enthusiasm we could even continue further towards Mount Cargill itself. On the way back we backtrack the same way down to cars, losing all those vertical metres again, but the good feeling will remain. Disregarding the altitude gains, this should be a fairly easy walk for a short and lazy winter day.

**12th August: Greenacres/Highcliff/
Buskins/Boulder Beach/Paradise
Tracks [M] \$5
Tony Timperley 473-7257**

Starting at MacAndrew Bay, we climb up Greenacres to Highcliff Rd. We walk along here to the Buskin Track, which we descend to Boulder Beach. This descent could be muddy. (Note: Depending on the conditions and how we feel, we could do a diversion up to Highcliff for extensive coastal views.) After lunching at Boulder Beach (if we haven't already done so at Highcliff) we walk to the Paradise Track which we climb up to Highcliff Rd and return to MacAndrew Bay. Leave from OTMC clubrooms at 9am.

**19th August: South Branch of the
Waikouaiti (M) \$15
Arthur Blondell 477 4987**

TBA

**26th August: Mt Cargill (E) \$5
Sharen Rutherford 027 229 1961**

The scheduled trip is Mt Cargill but I may have something else in mind if the weather is good.

Will still be an Easy/Medium trip and more to follow so at this stage calling it a late August surprise. More to follow at the later date.

**1st Sept: Ben Rudd's Working Bee
Sue Williams 021 712 606**

Join us for a few hours of weeding and tidying of your property in preparation for the Appreciation Day tomorrow. Give Sue a call to see what you should prepare for and what tools you might take along.

**2nd Sept: Ben Rudd's Appreciation Day
Richard Pettinger 03 487 9488
027 950 4517**

Come and see what it's all about. Visit all points of interest, walk all the tracks, find untracked wild places, see all the views, check out all the structures. Have a picnic lunch where Ben's hut stood. This is the OTMC's own playground. You may glimpse the affection the Club holds for Ben and his land: the land that is forever Ben Rudd's. Meet at Clubrooms at 9, Bullring at 9.30

OTMC Photo Competition

It's the time of year that we encourage all club members to look back over their tramping photos from the past year of tramping and pick their best ones to enter into the OTMC photo competition.



Members can enter up to 10 photos and all **MUST** be taken within New Zealand.

Cropping is allowed, along with adjustments for exposure, contrast, etc however removal or insertion of features is not allowed.

Please put your photos on a named USB and hand to Debbie at a club night on or before 9 August. The winners will be announced on 23 August.

Winning photos in the OTMC competition will be entered into the FMC photo competition in September.



Rock and Pillar from SH87 : Antony Pettinger

OTMC Auction

Time for a clean out of your excess tramping gear – the OTMC Auction is on 16 August and we **NEED** donations of items to sell.



If you've upgraded your tramping gear, bought something you have never used or just need to get rid of some tramping items bring them along to the club rooms (or give a committee member a ring). All items will be auctioned off on 16 August.

This is also a good night to pick up something new to add to the tramping cupboard so be sure to book the 16 August into your calendar.

Proceeds from the auction will go $\frac{1}{2}$ to the Kea Conservation Trust and $\frac{1}{2}$ Project Kereru.



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*

2nd August – Gorse eradication on

Quarantine Island

Doc scientist Jillian Hetherington began a trial research project on gorse management on quarantine island last September.

Her focus is on gorse eradication without the use of poisons. She is also evaluating whether her poison-free approach might also be, long term, the least labour intensive way of dealing with gorse.

9th August – Glen Riley:

Sinclair Wetlands

16th August – OTMC Auction

The night you have all been waiting for! Bring along a few dollars and be prepared to restock your tramping cupboard with some new (used) tramping gear. There will definitely be some bargains so don't miss this night.

23rd August – OTMC photo competition

winners

Tonight will be the unveiling of the winners of the OTMC photo competition. The winners along with all the entries will be shown for each of the categories. The winning photos from the OTMC competition will be entered into the FMC photo competition.

30th August – Annual General Meeting

It's that time of the year when a new committee is elected and time to hear how the previous year has gone.

6th September –

Professor Mark Schallenburg

Didymo like algae in Otago Rivers

August 2018

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2 Quarantine Is with Jilian Hetherington	3	4	5 Graham's Bush / Organ Pipes with Tomas Sobek 03 777 3047
					Manapouri Monument with Rose Colhoun 021 151 3791	
5	7	8	9 Glen Riley Sinclair Wetlands	10	11	12 Peninsula tracks with Tony Timperley 473 7257
Cmtte			<i>Final Photos Entry</i>		Snow Skills with Wayne Hodgkinson 473 0950	
13	14	15	16 AUCTION	17	18	19 South Waikouaiti with Arthur Blondell 477 4987
20	21	22	23 PHOTO Competition Winners	24	25	26 Mt Cargill or alternative with Sharen Rutherford 027 229 1961
					Snowcaving with Richard Pettinger 487 9488	
27	28	29	30 AGM	31		