

OTMC BULLETIN



Newsletter of the Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club Inc

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***OTMC 2018 Photo Competition : Overall Winner
Storm Approaching Fohn Lake : Ross Hunt***

October Trips & Events

Unexplored Silver Peaks	Aparima hut, Takitimus
Victory Beach	Cameron Valley, Ashburton Lakes
Pearl Flat - Scott's Biv	Rosella Ridge via Cedar and Direct Spurs

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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

A reminder that if you have not paid your subs, please be aware that they are now overdue. Please pay directly to the club bank account with the reference 'subs' and your name.

We welcome Lynley McArlay as a new member. If you see Lynley on a club trip, please make her feel welcome.

President's Comment : Antony Pettinger

The 95th Annual General Meeting of the OTMC was a positive night for the club, with some useful discussion taking place. A trend that has been observed is that despite overall membership increasing, participation has dropped across both the Thursday meetings and trips. The new committee have created a bullet list of items to discuss over the next few months, and this reduction in numbers, and what to do about it, will form part of this.

The Leaning Lodge report in the Annual Report provided a good overview of the challenges faced by the Leaning Lodge Trust in obtaining a retrospective building consent for the hut. While a partial list of work required to bring elements of the hut up to standard is understood, the Trust is still working on identifying other work that will be required in order for the hut to comply to the building code. Given that there will be significant cost and labour required to complete this project, the AGM has directed the OTMC to hold a General Meeting to decide on what direction the club (as owners of the hut) will take once the full extent is known. Although the committee is empowered to make this decision, it is a decision that the OTMC should make, given the importance. In the meantime, Leaning Lodge is officially closed and cannot be used at any time.

The AGM also endorsed the continuation of the Ben Rudd's Management Trust (BRMT) for two terms of three years, so the current agreement now ends on August 31, 2024. Since the AGM, the BRMT have held their first meeting, and elected David McArthur as Chair. The OTMC Committee wish the Trust well, and look forward to working with you. The recent work day on the property was well attended by both the Trust and the club (and others) – the work undertaken

over the past couple of years is looking really good, with a lot less broom in particular now visible by visitors as they walk through our property on the firebreak track.

A moderately attended trip planning evening has been held to shape up our summer trip programme. The direction we have taken (especially for weekend trips) is that summer provides a lot more opportunities for trips to different places with the extra daylight. Adding in the option of camping, and even some off-track tramping, increases the scope for trips immensely. We have promoted Bushcraft as being the next step after the Great Walks, this can also apply to OTMC trips – by using the experience available within the club we can easily explore a lot more out of the way places. We do, however, need more leaders for all trips – tramping is what we are all here for, but we shouldn't have to rely on the same leaders all the time. The club can offer heaps of assistance with leadership, so please consider giving it a go.

The OTMC is saddened to hear the Life Member Ian Sime has been unwell recently. While not a regular at club recently, Ian has played a big part in the club since joining in the late 1970's. Early retirement in the mid-1980's allowed Ian to increase his tramping activity. This led to the successful mid-week trips in the 1990's, one of which featured at a recent club night. Ian has also had an active role on committee, holding positions of Vice President, Secretary, Outdoors Editor and Membership Secretary over many years. The OTMC send our best wishes to Ian and Betty.

Antony Pettinger
OTMC President

AUCTION

Our August auction raised over \$450 which was donated 50/50 to the **Kea Conservation Trust** and **Project Kereru**.

Many thanks to both the contributors of the goods and the generous purchasers. An evening of great entertainment and laughter was enjoyed by all.

Trip Reports

Club activities over the past months

4-5th August: Manapouri

After many aborted attempts at kayaking on Lake Manapouri, this was my final effort. This time my plans were not thwarted because of the weather, but because it is no longer possible to hire kayaks in Fiordland. So plan B it was. I decided on chartering the local water taxi to take us to the places we wanted to go which turned out to be cheaper, less labour intensive, and probably just as enjoyable as kayaking.



After shuttling some cars to Rainbow Reach on Saturday morning, we were ready to troop down to Pearl Harbour and meet our boat. Somehow we managed to temporarily misplace a team member before we even left civilisation, but luckily Manapouri is not a very big place, and has reliable cell-phone coverage. Successfully counting all chickens aboard the boat, we set off across the lake, taking photos of the more impressive side of the Monument which we were about to climb. Our skipper Reg dropped us at the beach in Rawiri Bay and after navigating the small headland, we found the track markers to head up the hill. The "chimney" was successfully climbed by all members and we were rewarded with stunning views of the lake. With all the photo-taking and soaking up the views, we had a quick scramble back

down the hill to catch up with Reg who had been patiently fishing while he waited for our return journey.

Back on the boat, we relaxed and tried not to look at how glossy smooth and kayakable the lake water was as we were ferried across to our next destination, Moturau Hut. The boat was not allowed to land at the hut so Reg dropped us off across the bay at Cosy Nook where we had a 20 minute walk on the Kepler Track to the hut. After lunch,

everyone scattered as we all chose different options for spending our afternoon. Debbie and Jade headed to Shallow Bay Hut, Greg took his camera exploring around the hut, and the rest of us started out towards Rocky Point in the Iris Burn valley. Along the way, I found the point where the track had been re-routed around a flood-prone section of the track and thought I would take the others on a tiki-tour to follow the old track. However, we soon found that the old track had completely fallen into the river and as Trisha

and Sarah were still following behind us, we decided to back track to the hut.

Back at Moturau, Rodger was brave enough for a dip in the lake but although I was



tempted, I couldn't understand how anyone could get past the freezing ice barrier that stopped me at my ankles! I was much happier to watch the sunset instead, then we all worked hard to coax a small campfire to life on the beach. A wonderful ending to a wonderful day.

We had a leisurely breakfast on Sunday morning and made friends with a very inquisitive piwakawaka/fantail flitting around the deck of the hut. Jade and Debbie walked out to Rainbow Reach to make sure Jade would get back in time for the Stewart Island ferry, and the rest of us took a detour to see Shallow Bay Hut. Rodger, Greg and Christine had a wander up to the Waiau river outlet, Sarah tried out the rope swing and Ludo showed off his best stone-skipping skills. Another photo stop at the Kettle Lake wetlands, then back to the cars at Rainbow Reach. A relaxed lunch at Manapouri, then everyone departed in their different directions, homeward bound.

Rose Colhoun for Trisha Geraets, Sarah Chisnall, Debbie Pettinger, Jade Pettinger, Christine Hopkins, Rodger Clarkson, Greg Slui, Ludovic Dutoit and Geraldine Kerr.
(with photos by Rose).

12th August : Greenacres / Highcliff Rd/ BuskinTrack / Highcliff Track / Boulder Beach / Paradise Track / Macandrew Bay

At 9.30am in Macandrew Bay on a fine Sunday morning, nine trudging trampers, bedecked in their thermals, set off up Greenacres Street, causing some concerned yapping amongst the local dogs. However, we soon cleared the suburban housing and wended our way up the gravel road to the track through the pine plantation, on the way giving a Scottish wave to the Highland cattle grazing in a nearby paddock.

Following our 300 metre climb up to Highcliff Road, we intended to have our morning drink and nibbles whilst admiring the view over the harbour; however, a cold nor'east wind put paid to that, so instead we walked the couple of kilometres along the road to the Buskin Track. Whilst this might sound like a trudge, most of it is along a grass

verge and we were rewarded at first by views over the harbour and then over Boulder Beach on the southern coast of the peninsula.

On descending the Buskin Track we looked for a sunny and sheltered spot to have our delayed morning break. It was here that we also realised that we had to find a spot that was free of ongaonga, which was growing in numerous clumps. Whilst we were imbibing in our refreshments, we noticed an unusual cloud formation which began over the Mt Cargill/ Mihiwaka summits, was blown rapidly by the strong nor'easter over the upper harbour, over Mt Charles and then out to sea, forming a long arm of cloud to the east. Yet here we were, in a sheltered spot, sitting under clear skies and admiring the view.

The next section of the Buskin was the muddiest, followed by our pioneering a new route up the lower slopes of the Highcliff hill. We missed the junction where the Highcliff track joins Buskin, but after passing the small wooden building (but not before having a discussion as to whether or not it had been a toilet) lower down at the edge of the macrocarpa trees, we espied some marker poles high above on the slopes. To reach these, however, meant forging our way through high tussock, across a swamp and up through flowering gorse. When we reached the first marker pole, we looked back along the track and saw where we should have come. Ah well, when we return, no gorse, swamp or high tussock!

We were now able to wend our way up a clearly marked Highcliff track to above the sheer, white cliffs. From an off-track marker



*A gentle section of the track just below
Highcliff summit : Leonie Loeber*

we were able to get excellent views of the cliffs, over the length of Boulder Beach (our next destination) and southwest to St.Clair. On our ascent, we noticed that work had been done on the track and the previous vertical track was now crossed by zig-zags, making the descent somewhat easier on the knees. At various points of this descent, Lucy and Tony revived a discussion as to whether they were on a zig or a zag. On emerging from under some large overhanging macrocarpa branches at the Buskin Track junction, we realised why we had missed it previously: these branches obscured the Highcliff Track and the markers further along it.

We continued along the Buskin which descends relatively gently across paddocks to the Inglis Hut (which operates as a remote bed and breakfast) then continued on behind sand dunes to the base of the Paradise Track. Before we tackled this climb, however, we walked through to Boulder Beach for a fuel-up lunch. The beach was just the place for peace and relaxation and to contemplate why, in the words of Fred Dagg, "We don't know how lucky we are". There was a sad note, though: a recently dead small seal pup lying among the boulders.

The Paradise Track is a 320 metre uphill slog and it is best just to get it over and done with - which we did! We then recovered by ambling back along the High-cliff road grass verge and having an easy descent back down Greenacres to Macandrew Bay, again to the canine accompaniment of the yapping local dogs. Little did they realise that we had climbed around 800-900 metres (and descended the same). As long-time OTMC member David

Barnes has observed, when tramping on the peninsula you can do more climbing than if you were ascending Maungatua. Still, it was all worth it, with perfect weather and coastal scenery.

Tony Timperley for: Lucy, Leonie, Peter, Ken, John, Mark, Shiobhan and partner.

25-26th August : Snow Caving, Old Man Range, Kopuwai Conservation Area

Saturday 25th

Our two car loads of people convened at two separate Roxburgh cafés, before reconvening at one of them for Richard's briefing on our mission for the weekend. Only three of us out of eight were snow caving newbies. It was slightly embarrassing to admit that in spite of being a thoroughly seasoned trumper, I had never been snow caving before. There was less than normal snow cover for the time of year as we headed up Waikaia Bush Rd, using the high clearance 4WD to shuttle packs and persons further up the hill to around the 1100m contour. A shortish walk followed to a likely looking spot, where Wayne checked out the depth of a snow bank with an avalanche probe. It was declared to be suitable, was sheltered from the cold westerly and well placed in terms of morning and evening sun. Also our 4WD was out of sight – it wouldn't have felt right snow caving with our vehicle in full view.

Richard was keen to try a new cave design, with a single entrance branching into two separate sleeping platforms. Wayne was a little dubious, but happy to give it a try. Next

the serious work of excavating a snow cave for eight trampers began. Initially there was only space for one person at the "coal face", creating a common entrance for the dual cave. Next was digging upwards, followed by starting on the left and right caves, with the floors at a higher level than the ceiling of the entrance, to retain warmth. When the cave spaces became large



Looking north to the Pacific : Leonie Loeber



enough, two people dug in each. This meant frantic relay snow removal for the person responsible for clearing out the connecting space in the entrance, and for the person after that who deposited snow down the hill (or at the side as a wind shelter). Work was completed in roughly 3.5 hours, including taking turns at lunch.

With our night's accommodation sorted, we went for a stroll further up the hill, marvelling at the snow sculptures created by the wind. We continued to about 1 km



past Pt 1333, from where we had a view of the crest of the range ahead of us. With complete snow cover up here, it was hard to figure out where the 4WD road went and my GPS was used to help with that. Back at the snow cave we had chocolate and spicy Indian snacks, while beginning to prepare for dinner. Cooking platforms in the snow bank were created in seconds with a few deft moves with the shovels. We enjoyed our main courses while watching the rise of a near full moon as the sun's rays faded into night. After consuming second helpings, our group agreed to postpone dessert until the café stop on the way home. Everyone seemed to restrict their fluid intake in the hope of avoiding a loo stop in the middle of



the night (with the slight risk of a dehydration headache the next morning). Not too far into the night we retired to our sleeping quarters and were very happy with the amount of space inside. There was some discussion about the merits of modern inflatable sleeping mats versus old style carrymats (and maybe a convert or two). An experiment was conducted to check how well electronics performed from within the cave. Conclusion: the GPS and cellphone would not function, however I managed inwards and outwards texts using an Iridium satellite communicator. Chat continued for a while from the warmth of our sleeping bags, with Wayne and I eventually boring the two young guys to sleep with our talk of huts, tracks and mountains. So effectively does the snow absorb sound, that we could barely hear the other four next door through our connecting communications tunnel. The candle was blown out at 21:30.

Sunday 26th

Wayne was first out in the morning, steadily followed by others, once it had been confirmed that the sun was starting to strike the entrance area. After a while we were all milling around outside, eating breakfast and boiling billys. It was a glorious sunny and mild morning, so no-one was in a rush. Then we spent a good hour or more playing on the snow slope above the cave. Michael and Nicholas had their first lessons in self-arresting with an ice axe. Eventually we packed up and headed down to look at the bivvy rock. This had been elaborately improved from its natural state with the addition of a door, windows, wood burner and bunks. From here it wasn't too far down the road to the 4WD. I drove the packs, Tracy and Paul down to where Richard's car was waiting. We three changed clothes and had some lunch, while the other five sauntered down the hill.

There was a café stop in Roxburgh again, in sunny 18C conditions, where Richard chaired a debrief and we shared the cake/ dessert that Nicholas had brought to celebrate his birthday the following day. The drive back was uneventful and everyone would have been home by about 16:30. A big thanks goes to our leader Richard, and to the equally experienced Wayne, for continuing the tradition of imparting valuable

snow caving skills. For those of us who wander around mountains in all seasons, this knowledge could one day prove to be a life-saver. And I can put behind me the shame of never having done snow caving before!

Richard (leader), Tracy & Rosa Pettinger, Wayne Hodgkinson, Paul Cunliffe, Michael Stuart, Nicolas Pierson & Tim Russell (scribe and photos)

1st Sept : Ben Rudd's Work Day

18 people arrived on Saturday to a foggy start at the Bull Ring and loaded up with loppers and saws we headed up to the property. We had clocked up 94 hours by the end of the day!



Richard, Dave, Kathy, Rodger : Sue Williams

There were a variety of jobs tackled: the old skid site right by the track got a thorough make-over, Antony sorted out at least six pines above the fire break track, Paul, Sam and Richard got rid of a big pine we could see from the top. Graeme and Paul from Forest & Bird Wilding Tree Group disappeared and weren't seen again until the end of the day! They took care of some pussy-willow, alders and barberry below the shelter. They have pin-pointed other trees that need to be taken out in future. Significant progress was made on a loop track going past the beech trees.

There was cake, there was beer and it was very good sitting in the sun at the end of a day well spent. A Big Thank You to everyone and I think everyone had fun as well as making a big difference.

David McArthur , Jim Sime, Rodger Clarkson, Antony Pettinger, Debbie

Pettinger, Jim Western, Sandra Divett, Graeme Loh, Paul Smale, Kathy Woodrow, Richard Pettinger, Tracy Pettinger, Leonie Loeber, Nicolas Pierson, Paul Cunliffe, Alan Thomson, Ralph Harvey, Sam Patrick and myself, Sue Williams



Jim Sime hard at work : Sue Williams

2nd Sept : Ben Rudd's Appreciation Day

A small select group visited the property on Sunday to take a good look around and take stock of our property. Not all were members: Nicolas takes his knowledge of land that isn't his back to France with him

Four set off and were joined later by Kathy who had a pretty good idea where we would be going.

First, we followed the track a trustee's spouse(!) had put in, from the Firebreak through the tussock to the shelter. Leaving our packs we visited the rhododendron dell and Douglas seat and rediscovered the

circuit track. There are a number of new rhodie seedlings coming away from at least one adult tree. The Trust agreement with QEII includes our obligation to stop their spread. Bamboo appears to be spreading. We weren't here today to do any work so ignored these and only clobbered one or two of the Douglas firs.

Back up at the shelter for lunch we chatted about a number of issues and everyone made worthy contributions. We noted how the Mercier and Campbell families had both chosen this spot to remember loved ones and how it would have been very important to them that the land would remain in secure, sympathetic hands for their memorials.

We appreciated the condition of the property as a result of a number of working bees, and explored the new track Jim Sime had encouraged us to commence yesterday. At the skidsite, a stray bottle of ale was discovered and emptied, then it was over to the walkway and home. We noted how the Flagstaff Scenic Reserve is looking very clear of gorse and broom (at least to the west of the walkway) and decided it would be acceptable to see the view blocked by natural progress to woody species. If only that could happen without the broom and gorse phase!

It was a really good chance to appreciate what we have here.

Richard Pettinger for Lucy Jones, Paul Cunliffe, Nicolas Pierson and Kathy Woodrow.

Trip mentoring

Now is the time if you are thinking of leading a trip to volunteer as the next trip card is being planned. Otherwise you will need to wait another 6 months for the next trip card to lead a trip.

A quick glance at the trip cards show that on the whole it is the same core group of leaders. As a new initiative I am willing to be a mentor to prospective trip leaders to guide you through the process of what it is all about. I have lead over 30 weekend trips with the OTMC during the last 10 years so as you can guess I know what I'm talking about. If need be I can co-lead a trip with you if I'm available. This club needs new leaders and we all have our favourite and special places we love to visit. So give me a call to see how I can help

Richard Forbes

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October 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).

13-14th October : Aparima hut, Takitimus (Was to be Dore Pass Clinton hut)

(M) \$50 Peter Boeckhout 021 0236 2535

Well, I was hoping on a very mild winter but it did not listen to Wayne and the weather did not listen to me. At this moment there is still a huge amount of snow on Dore pass and I am not really a keen mountaineer so I will relocate this planned weekend to another place namely: The Takitimu's Aparima hut.

We drive to Lower Princhester hut which is a 3,5 hour drive and camp or stay at the hut (6 bunk)for the night. This is part of Waterloo Station.

Saturday we will climb the Princhester saddle track steadily along the Bog Burn and over to the Waterloo Burn. Then we enter the valley and follow what is part of the Te Araroa trail.

The marked route generally follows the true right of the Waterloo Burn flowing in the very distance. The 17 km track is a very diverse walk, from muddy steep Beech forest tracks, to open tussock, over a huge spongy wetland and open valley floor with clear views of surrounding mountains; (paradise for nature lovers). We'll take a good 8 hrs to reach the Aparima hut. Which has a burner and 12 bunks, more bunks in the old hut. Next day we walk out surrounded by the Takatimu Mountains, via the Waterloo Burn Valley towards Becketts hut crossing rivers, 4-wd tracks, over wetlands close to the river and over the Waterloo burn & Princhester saddle back to the carpark. 6,5hrs.

Trip sign up closes on 04 October.

27-28th October : Pearl Flat, Scott's Biv.

(M) \$50 Peter Boeckhout 021 0236 2535

We drive to raspberry creek carpark and walk to Aspiring hut for the night (2hrs).

Saturday we start early and make our way crossing several bridges via Shovel flat to Pearl flat and set up camp. (1,5hr) After our morning tea the plan is to find (bush bash) the "other" Scott's Biv namely Oats Biv. We aim for the humongous boulder with that cairn on top which you can see if you stand at the old bridge site. 2 km from our camp site, we'll walk up the second stream on the true left side along the upper west matukituki track.

There are several other day trips you can explore if bush bashing is not for you, like French ridge to French hut or Waterloo hut. Both nice and steep but very much worth the effort for the views.

We return to Pearl flat to finish the day.

Next day we'll walk out to Raspberry creek 3 to 4 hrs.



*Highly Commended : Debbie Pettinger
OTMC 2018 Photo Competition*

**3-4th November : North Otago
(E/M) \$30+ Jane Cloete 467-2328**

Note departure 8am sharp from the clubrooms

Two one-day tramps.

Saturday – Herbert Forest – 5+ hours.

Sunday – Trotters Gorge

Overnight:

If good weather forecast? - tents at Trotters Gorge DoC camping area (\$8).

If rainy weather forecast? - Cabins at Hampden motorcamp (?a bit under \$30).

SO bring your tents and sleeping bags, but we might just be in a cabin at night!

Sign-up: by Thursday 25th October



*Highly Commended : Tomas Sobek
OTMC 2018 Photo Competition*

October 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

**7th October : Unexplored Silverpeaks
(M) \$6 Richard Pettinger 487 9488
or 027 950 4517**

For those who like something new, you are invited to take the leader to a spot in the Silver Peaks he hasn't been to before (and neither have you).

This trip is highly likely to involve some off-track intimate acquaintance with our local vegetation at its finest.

**14th October : Victory Beach
(E) \$8 Alan Thomson 455 7878**

Why is it called Victory Beach? When did the Victory run aground? How much did the ship wreck fetch when it was sold, what was the value of it's cargo?. Find out by coming on this easy walk past an interesting rock formation called the Pyramids, then onto and along Victory Beach. The return is along the north side of the estuary and back along the road to our cars. Leaving the club rooms at 9am and taking 30 - 40 minutes to drive to the starting point, the day should take around 5 hours.

**21st October : St Clair Cliffs to
Tunnel Beach
*Cancelled: replacement to be advised***

**28th October : Rosella Ridge via
Cedar Spur & Direct Spur
(M) \$8 Tomas Sobek 03 777 3047**

Daywalks in Silver Peaks are a classic. Though there is a number of tracks missing from the official topo map and we are going to explore a good number of them. Some are not even on Antony's enhanced map that you can download from OTMC website. We start with Gold Miners Track and the brand new River Track to get us quickly to the start of Rosella Ridge near Cats Teeth Creek. Then up along Rosella Ridge Track all the way to Cedar Spur. Down Cedar Spur and from there we shall branch onto Direct Spur. From there it becomes a mystery trip since I haven't walked Direct Spur yet. It seems to be leading somewhere towards Possum Hut. Assuming we get to Possum Hut we can finish the circuit in couple of ways depending on time and enthusiasm of the group.

October 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*

4th October : Antony Pettinger

OTMC History

Now that we are within five years of the OTC/OTMC Centenary (tentatively planned for Labour Weekend, 2023), it is a good time to have a look back at how the club started way back in August 1923 and notable events since then. Drawing on material from our archives, this presentation looks at the trips that were run over the years and other key activities. The accompanying photos will show the changing trends in tramping transport and attire.

similar to the Te Araroa Trail but for cyclists. Come along for the ride with Ian who completed the TA in March this year.

18 October, Joe + Sharon Bretherton: Tramping and Pack Rafting the Wilkin River

Joe & Sharon will talk about a 5 day trip that they did last Christmas ALL the way up the Wilkin Valley to its three alpine lakes.

On the return trip they chose to do a wee bit of Packrafting to speed things up a bit!

11th October : Ian Craven

Cycling the TA

Tour Aotearoa is one of the world's great bikepacking trips. It stretches 3000km from Cape Reinga to Bluff and follows a combination of cycle trails, tracks and paths

25 October: TBA

1 November: Richard Forbes: Ten years tramping with the OTMC

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					Pearl Flat with Peter Boeckhout 021 023 62535	
29	30	31	1 Nov Richard F			