



*Tarns on the Green Lake tramp (page 3) : Rose Colhoun*

## ***May Trips & Events***

Ben Rudd's Tree Planting      Outram to Lee Stream  
Routeburn Crossover      Government Track      Port Chalmers  
St Mary Range Crossover      Escarpment Track Maintenance  
( 1-3 June Queens Birthday Port Craig/Waitutu/Hump )

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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
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- Climbing Helmets
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No changes to our membership which stands at 206.

# Trip Reports

Club activities over the past months

## 23-24<sup>th</sup> February : Green Lake

I turned up to a very crowded Lake Monowai campsite on Friday night, met Greg from Roxburgh, and Clelia and Zora from Invercargill and found some decent spots to put our tents. The next morning, I went in search of the rest of the party who had arrived late on Friday night, and found a line of tents perched on the side of a slope. Finally we were ready to go and picked up my sister Sarah from Borland Lodge, who was ready to leave after waiting an hour for us. Carolyn and Jane had stayed behind at Monowai to take the Cuthbert Saddle track into Green Lake, and Greg dropped Chris and Charlotte at the Borland Bivvy to make their way by the other track. The rest of us, a group of 13, gathered at the Borland Saddle to follow the tops route.



There was an immediate uphill slog after a short bush track, but also immediate rewards with views down towards the Grebe valley and mountains to the west. We even spotted Chris and Charlotte making quick work through the clearings on the track below us. Mostly following the western ridge we made steady progress uphill, with one small detour taking us a bit further to the west than we needed to go, but with the result that we discovered some delicious snowberries to snack on. The group continued up and up to the high point of Pt 1476, but the trip notes had advised heading around the peak to the saddle so I sidled across the hill with three others. We reached the saddle before the rest of the group, but as they came down, they all remarked on the amazing 360

degree views from the high point. Oh well, who needs an extra hill anyway?



Below the saddle, out of the wind that was beginning to pick up, we enjoyed a leisurely lunch overlooking Green Lake, with a glimpse of Lake Monowai to the south-east. A tramper who had been following behind us at a distance from Borland Saddle caught up with us at this point and joined our group. As we could see the weather beginning to pack in and in fact counted two or three snowflakes floating down on us, we decided to take a shortcut down to the hut rather than continue following the ridge along to the Monowai track. Dropping off the ridgeline, we had a steepish descent through the snowgrass to where it looked like it would be easier going on the flats behind the hut. Turned out the "flats" were pockmarked with large water-filled holes hidden behind chest-high tussocks, most of us fell into at least 2-3 holes as we slogged our way towards the hut. At more than one point I thought I would never get up again, cast as I was with my pack keeping me stuck to the ground. The group dribbled in to the hut, a few brave souls took a swim in the lake and I waited for the last members of the group to arrive. It seems my sister had misinterpreted the directions to the hut and instead of following the group, took herself on a detour towards the old hut site. As we were about to begin a search party, we spotted her heading along the beach and I was most relieved! We got ourselves settled in, deciding who was going to brave the rain and camp on the beach, and who would luxuriate in the warmth of the hut. Carolyn and Jane arrived just before

dinner time and luckily no one else turned up to share the slightly crowded hut.



The rain set in overnight and was still persisting in the morning, convincing us to wait for a passing shower before we headed out. Ludo, Sarah Chisnall, Clelia and Zora took the track back to Monowai and the rest of us followed the shorter track back to Borland Bivvy. The showers were not too heavy and there was even a bit of sun inbetween. However, there was quite a dusting of snow where we had been on the tops the day before. A quick shuttle to get the van from Borland Saddle, we all piled in and travelled down to Borland Lodge to wait for the Monowai track group. A brief wait it was too, just enough time for everyone to change into their civvy clothes, eat some snacks and huddle in the van out of the rain. Thanks to everyone for joining me in one of my favourite destinations, and major apologies to my dear sister for separation from the group. Rose Colhoun for Rodger Clarkson, Dave Bunn, Tina Anderson, Caitlyn Robertson, Sarah Chisnall, Ludovic Dutoit, Geraldine Kerr, Greg Slui, Chris & Charlotte Handley, Carolyn Taylor, Jane Ward, Ann Ruxton, Clelia Ponteri, Zora Grossenbacher, and Sarah Colhoun. *(Photos by Rose)*

### 13-17<sup>th</sup> March : St James Walkway

Our trip started like no other; with a visit to the haberdashery shop in Oamaru and then onto a saw mill which supplies off cuts of wood for the brass monkey. With no suitable lace to be found, we headed on to the Salvation Army store in Timaru. Two pieces of lace were purchased there but before long it was realised they would not fit the bill of making a headress for Gordon. Sarah quickly came to the rescue offering up her lime green mesh fruit and

veg bag for Gordon to throw over his head as a mosquito net! Work it Gordon, work it!



*Gordon's Fruit and Veg Bag : Tina Anderson*

A couple of stops later and almost 8hrs after departure, we made it to the beginning of The St James Walkway.

The day was cool which was a great way to begin our walk to Cannibal George Hut. Jackets went on to shield us from the gentle spits of rain. We initially walked on board walk before entering lush bush. A stretch of zig zagging up the hill got our bodies warmed up and a wee sheen on the forehead. The hut was reached within the 3 hours sign posted (2hrs 15mins by a speedy Chris!) and sat in the midst of a meadow. With our group of 10 and another of 6, the 20 bunk hut was sure to be toasty warm even without the cosy fire that was lit.

Day 2 began with rain jackets on following the Maria River. There was a mix of beech forest and open meadows leading us to Ada Pass Hut which was reached within the hour. Ada Pass itself, at 1008m was passed without the blink of an eye. More open meadows covered in long grass kept the gaiters wet and may have distracted me from seeing a very large orange marker indicating the entrance into the Bush. After

about ten minutes of following what turned out to be a hunters track, I back tracked to where I had seen a branch lying the track and noted another tramper entering the real track. A sign at Ada Cutlers Hut saying 1km to our destination was greeted with a grin. As was the sight of a number of horses in the field out front of Christopher Hut. The 14 bunk hut was more than full with one person opting to sleep out on the deck and our own Gordon choosing to elope back to the first night's hut to recover some socks he left behind. Did I mention he waited till near dark to make this decision.

Our destination for day 3 was Anne Hut approx 4hrs 15 away according to literature. Our morning stroll included sightings of horses(1 with its hooves in the air), hares and a large number of Canadian geese. The weather was a mix of rain showers, sun displays, more rain and then sun. We travelled down the valley with Ada river as our guide. Ada homestead could be seen in the distance as we tried to avoid deep trenches of water. We scooted around the side of a wee hill to find more meadows down in front. A 4 wheel drive track then lead us to Anne Hut with time to enjoy a bit of sun, have a wash of sorts and try to avoid the very evident population of mosquitoes.



*Anne Hut : Tina Anderson*

Like Christopher Hut, Anne Hut was a popular stop over for Te Araroa trail walkers and a few newbies shared our evening. And as we sat around enjoying the start of our dinner and looking at our watches again, Gordon arrived back.

Not only did he retrieve his socks, he returned a pair of shoes, 2 mugs and some hair clips to their rightful owners. It turned out 40% of our group had left something behind.

Day 4 had an overcast start but the jacket soon came off and the journey continued in a t-shirt. We crossed a footbridge over Anne River and continued to travel over Anne Saddle and into Boyle Valley. A cute hut named Rokeby was tucked up in the Bush to our right and visited by a few. 6 1/2hours later I arrived at Boyle Flat Hut. With at least 16 expected at the hut a number of our group opted to pitch tents and enjoy various treats ranging from the sound of the river to a private oasis in the Bush with its own nature bath.

The final day seems to be a blur. I think I was already thinking about the warm shower I would treat myself too and a long drive home.

What a fantastic track and a lovely group of peeps to share my journey with. In the words of one of these individuals "it was a pleasure sharing the walk with you."

### **31<sup>st</sup> March : Quarantine Island**

This trip was originally going to be a week-end trip, with a day trip on Sunday. But lack of interest caused me to cancel the overnight trip. I planned the Day Trip around the

available ferry times: that allowed five hours on the island which I figured would give time not just for history, geography and walking, but also time to loll around in the sun doing absolutely nothing!

Jane Barclay had kindly offered to lead the Day trip, and she also did some of the transport to Port Chalmers. Better than that, Janet had done some research: she'd printed off a wee map and useful guide to the walk around the Island. Thank-you Janet.

And many apologies to any of you that turned up at the clubrooms on the Sunday morning. With three cruise ships due in port, that meant that I'd had to book ferry space well in advance!

So 14 of us left Dunedin on sunny morning, only to find that the Blueskin Blanket had descended at the harbour entrance, so it was cold and misty as we awaited the ferry.

The ferry only took 5 minutes to get to

Quarantine Island. We assembled at the end of the jetty there, and Antony Hamel told us some of the brief history of Quarantine Island. Armed with maps we set out. There were the buildings to look at – there's been a lot of work done since I was last there; and a walk around the Island was delightful – and it was even warm on the far side of the hill, well sheltered from the north-easterly! I was impressed by the amount of regeneration of native bush, which Antony told us was in part re-planted by Ken Mason – a past OTMC member. The geo-cachers among us found all their wee hidden caches as we all circumnavigated the island in groups of 3 or 4.

We had lunch at the Married Quarters – warm and dry. As we ate, Antony read gruesome extracts from the book about Q Island. But it was only 12:30 and the return

ferry wasn't due until 3:30pm! We couldn't loll around in the sun 'cause although we could see sun in Dunedin and Portobello, it wasn't shining on Quarantine Island! So we



Receiving instructions from the Island Warden :  
Antony Hamel

## A Visitor Comment

Thank you very much for your welcome to me at the recent OTMC club night meeting on Thursday 11 April.

I felt very welcomed by you and other club members and certainly enjoyed your clubnight, the presentation and looking around your interesting club rooms.

The following article from The Tararua Trampler of March 2016 may be of interest to the gentleman (your esteemed Editor) who spoke that night and displayed a tramping boot he had repaired by wiring it up:

*'Pon my sole! I've just been reading Peter Barber's comments in his report in the February Trampler on the importance of good boot soles. It got me thinking about the poor quality of some glues used by manufacturers - I suspect they know nothing about the hard and soggy conditions we tramp in. Several times in the past I've had a problem with the soles falling off. Sheena and I both had Scarpa boots – the soles came off – still lots of rubber on the Vibrams – the tramping shop said we must have been using Dubbin. Well, we had, but not on the soles! They refused to return them to the importers for refund or repair. The cobblers' repairs – we tried twice - were a waste of money - the soles still came off. I've finally fixed the problem. This is the commercial bit: I now use Gorilla Glue polyurethane Premium Wood Glue. It's about \$16 for a red 250 gm tube and it's magic. Sticks anything to anything, it's waterproof and a gap filler. You'll need to wear disposable gloves, otherwise it's on your hands for at least four days. The only way to remove it from your person is coarse sandpaper or probably caustic soda (kids, don't try this at home!) Squirt thinly into the gap between boot and sole, clamp the two together, and tomorrow your boots will be better than ever. I'm still using the Scarpas – great boots, even in the wet. Holdfast, the makers, are not paying me any royalties.....yet! Stuart Hudson*

Thank you also for the ride back to my accommodation - I enjoyed the rest of my stay in Dunedin.

PS if you or any of your members are in Wellington on a Tuesday evening please feel welcome to join us at a TTC clubnight.

kind regards, Alan Wright

rang Port-to-Port ferries and they managed to fit us all in on a couple of their routine trips. Thus the Day Tramp had become a 3hour Island visit, but in spite of that, I think most folk enjoyed themselves!



*Orokonui Fenceline : Richard Pettinger*

My thanks to my companions of that day: Janet Barclay, George & Carole Evans, Sandy Webb & Rintoul, Sonia Alexanian,, Laurence Prattley, Doug Malcolm, Tony Lough &?, Lucy Jones, Antony Hamel, Charmian Green (from UK visiting Dunedin).. Jane Cloete.

**6<sup>th</sup> April : Mopanui Ridgeline track and Orokonui Lagoon Walk**

With daylight saving gone, an 8.00am start is a bit of a gloomy ordeal but three of us made it to the clubhouse anyway. The day started to appear quite nice as we drove over the Leith Saddle and the morning light on the Silver Peaks gave nice layers of hills. After parking a car at the Black Bridge board-walk we drove up White road and started up the unformed road. Soon we entered the lovely piece of regenerating bush on Liz Sumpter's property. After this we walked up an open track, with developing views back up the coast and over the Silver Peaks, and then up Mopanui Rd. beside the heritage listed dry stone wall and a 10min scramble up the lovely bush track to the summit of Mopanui and its 360 views including the Peninsular. Coffee at the Ecosanctuary beckoned and I clean forgot to check out the great native flax collection nearby based around a koru spiral. But we returned to it after a leisurely

café coffee on the top of the hill we just walked up – quite European feeling. After walking down beside the ecosanctuary fence we had a brief lunch stop and chose the estuary side of the Orokonui Lagoon Walk through the new plantings – leaving the bush walk side for another day. And we got back to Dunedin around 3pm. In all, a nice walk on a nice day with nice views, good coffee and good company

John Kaiser with Richard and Tracy Pettinger.



*Mopanui – with coffee in sight. : John Kaiser*

**14<sup>th</sup> April : Silver Stream Area**

With daylight savings now behind us it was a 9am start for today's walk. The attraction for me was the Steve Aimes track, having last walked it about 4 years ago I was impressed by the large number of Lancewoods growing under the Kanuka and wanted to see what had changed. Five walkers were ready to go from the club rooms and we were joined by a 6th at the start. Superbly lead by Tony Timperly and ably assisted by Ash we headed up the Racemans Track to the North Coal Track and scrambled up to our lunch spot at the top. Stunning views on the way up, you could say it's a wilderness on Dunedin's back doorstep. Debbie handed out some Easter Eggs adding to the yummy array of food. A gentle walk down Steve Aimes and back along the Racemans completed the walk. Special thanks to Tony, Ash, Debbie, Lucy and Sonia for a great walk. 15km was the approximate distance covered.

Russell Knowles

# May 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).*

### **11-12<sup>th</sup> May : Routeburn Crossover (M/F) \$60 Rodger Clarkson 473 6053**

Just a quick update on this trip which officially closes on 2nd May.

I currently have 26 people who want to come. As the 12 seater vans have been booked out we could only get 10 seater vans. My intention would be to ask for volunteers to take a car to each end to cater for this. If you would like to add your name to the list let me know sooner rather than later, but I can't guarantee any newcomers a spot - if numbers warrant (ie 33+ people) I potentially could ask for 2 cars to go to each end.

### **25 - 26<sup>th</sup> May : St Mary Range (M/F) Alex Tups Ph.473 0950**

This trip will be crossing the St Mary/Hawkdun Range. Starting from Homehills Road in the Maniototo and climbing 800m to the top of the Hawkdun Range, then following along the tops to stay at the Ida Railway Hut. The next day we will walk out to Otematata. A reasonable level of fitness is required as the distances are quite long. The tops of the range provide magnificent views from the Remarkables, Mt Aspiring to Aoraki Mt Cook.

### **1-3<sup>rd</sup> June (Queens Birthday : Port Craig/ Waitutu/Hump with Wayne Hodgkinson** Details to come, should be a good one!

## **Introduction to OTC / OTMC History**

I'm sure you all know the OTMC will be celebrating our first 100 years in 2023. While this is still over four years away, I'm sure that time will come around quickly enough. We have been collecting and collating archival material related to the club since the 90th Anniversary (and before), and from this month we will be sharing our story with a wider audience, including regular contributions in the Bulletin.

Obviously a major focus for a tramping club is our tramping trips, so an important aspect of the Centenary will be '100 Trips for 100 Years', where we will attempt to rerun 100 of our favourite and historically significant trips in the 12 months leading up to the Centenary. While we plan to collate the background to all the trips in some form of document (not sure what this will look like yet), we will also include some of this information in the Bulletin and our online platforms.

Now is also a good time to look back to a period in the club's history – for now we will start by going back 30 years – this seems to be a good balance between being relevant to those members who still remain, as well as being different enough to the current club activity.

An ongoing series of articles will also focus on the entire history of the club, right back to the formation meeting held in Dunedin in August 1923.

Where possible, we will also use material from our slide and photo archive. We are fortunate to be able to look after some significant archives from past trips and era's and we will feature these where we can.

To understand where we have come from is as important of knowing where we are heading, I do hope members enjoy learning a bit more about our own history and what a significant contribution the OTC and OTMC have made to many people's lives.

Antony Pettinger

## Charlie Weaver

This year's Routeburn Crossover trip in early May marks the first anniversary of the death of Charlie Weaver on the very same trip in May 2018. It was acknowledged at the time that Charlie's fellow trampers at the time will be affected by this tragedy for a long time, and again we offer the support and compassion of the entire OTMC to those who were with Charlie on that night.

Even with the passing of the ensuing months, it is easy to recall the excitement Charlie had for his return to the Routeburn Track. He had visited the area in the 1970's, and now, with retirement looming, he was looking to reconnect with our natural landscapes.

Any of us who have shouldered a pack in the stillness of a dark night will easily picture those first few steps of what is always a magical walk into Routeburn Flats. That last minute check that you have all your gear, the adjusting of straps and boots, the gentle walk down to the bridge, the sound but no sight of a mountain river underneath, the silence of the bush, the anticipation of the magical walk ahead.

For all of this to be tragically shattered just

minutes later is unthinkable, that so many people's lives can be changed in an instant is beyond imagination. To know that Charlie didn't suffer is a blessing.



The loss of Charlie has created a life-long bond between his companions at the time, and the OTMC are forever thankful for the true professionalism and compassion shown to those affected, both from those who were there, from the club, and from the wider tramping community.

I am extremely proud of the way the OTMC responded to this terrible occasion, sadly it is something we have had to deal with two times before. The OTMC has achieved so much over the decades, but it always comes back to the people – it is our people who make our club what it is, and it always will be so.

We will never forget Charlie. That we lost him when we were only getting to know him was cruel, but we do truly appreciate the times we were able to spend with him during the early part of last year.

As the OTMC return to the Routeburn this year and head off into the darkness of the night, we know the brightest star shining will be Charlie.

Antony Pettinger

# May 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.*

*The trip fee is paid directly to the vehicle provider(s).*

*(E)asy, (M)edium, (F)itness required*

**4<sup>th</sup> May : Tree Planting at Ben Rudd's  
(backup Sunday 5th if weather bad)  
\$5 Sue Williams 021 712 606**

**5<sup>th</sup> May (8am) : Outram to Lee Stream  
(M) \$8 Richard Pettinger 487 9488 or  
027 950 4517**

An easy wander with a few short ups and downs. This trip is ideal for the beginner trumper. We park at Outram Glen and tramp up the true right side to the Lee Stream confluence. We can talk about river crossing on this trip. Bring drinking water.

**12<sup>th</sup> May : Around Port Chalmers  
(E/M) \$4 Debbie Guthrie 022 020 3545**

The weather might be getting chilly but this walk will soon warm you up. Short sharp hill tracks to splendid viewing points and areas of interest and some flat easy sections as well. Fabulous views of harbour and beyond. We will be able to stop for a rest, cuppa and photographs as it suits us on the day. Expected time 3-4 hours after which you can visit one of the local cafes and, for those who would like to, we can visit the museum which opens from 1pm and has a wide range of interesting exhibits.

**19<sup>th</sup> May : Government Track  
(M) \$8 Jan Burch 027 455 4559**

Government track is one of the few surviving examples of a formed dray road - made in the 1860s to give access to the goldfields. Leaving from Waipori Falls Road, its easy gradient means a gentle but steady climb of about 500m to our lunch spot. From the end of the Government Track we'll take logging roads back to the cars; steeper, but downhill, with amazing views of the Taieri plains. Leaving clubrooms at 9am.

**26<sup>th</sup> May : Escarpment Track Clearing  
(M) \$5 Tony Timperley 473 7257**

The Escarpment Track was developed by OTMC, but, like all bush tracks, it needs periodic clearance and maintenance, especially the section between Sullivan's Bridle Track and Pigeon Rock, where we will need to cut back thick ferns and other vegetation. Pigeon Rock itself is covered in gorse. To carry out this rewarding task we will need loppers, secateurs, hedge clippers, pruning saws and wear thick gardening gloves.

We will walk onto the Escarpment Track via Cowan Rd and Sullivan's Bridle Track.



*Packrafting the Hollyford / Pike,  
Joe Bretherton shows and tells  
at our Thursday night club  
social evening 9th May*

## President's Comment : Antony Pettinger

Daylight saving time has now come to an end, and with it so has the majority of the Summer Trip Programme. We feel we have offered an interesting programme, but we have been thwarted somewhat by weather and low numbers. A recent highlight has been the successful mid-week to the St James Walkway. This is the first time we have run a trip here as far as I can tell (the 1986/87 Lewis Pass to Nelson Lakes Xmas trip went as far as Ada Pass before veering off to the Matakaitaki). It sounds like the weather could have been better, but the trip was very successful. My thanks to David Bunn for suggesting and running the trip – based on this we think there will be interest in further mid-week trips, keep an eye out for these.

We are aware that trip numbers appear to be down, and are committed to engaging with members to make sure we are running trips that suit the current ability and interests within the club, whilst avoiding repetition year on year. Having a spare weekend between the weekend trips means we can have a plan-B if need be. This was put to good use for the recent Aoraki / Mt Cook trip, and is part of the planning for the winter programme.

For the past couple of months your committee have started focussing on their vision for the club. The club is running OK at the moment, but we have tended to just focus on the day to day stuff. This initiative is about looking at all areas of the club, and whether we need to make any changes to better reflect who we are today. The discussion around the start time of the weekly meetings was part of this, and the committee have decided by a very narrow

margin to retain the 8pm start time for the meetings.

We have also trialled starting the summer day trips at 8am – this trial has now come to an end and the winter trips will revert back to 9am. The committee are very keen to receive feedback on what the start time should be. Options could include 8am for the summer programme, and 9am for the winter programme – please let a committee member know your thoughts.

We have compiled a list of ideas to discuss, and allocated owners and priorities to this. This has provided a firm structure that we can now work towards over the next few months. An interesting topic I have added to the list (but not yet discussed with the committee) is where do we think the club will be in say five years' time? How will the impact of an aging membership and the increasing number of trips organised informally via online means affect club activity? The Centenary is an obvious focus / goal for the club, but what happens after that? This is not doom and gloom, it is more about positioning ourselves in the best position for the future, and do we need to do anything now. I know it sounds like strategic plan, but we are not at that stage yet, I am just kicking around some ideas.

It is great to now have a list of items we can proactively discuss, and it may lead to some discussions we can bring to the August AGM. If anyone is interested in seeing what we are discussing, please let me know – we are happy to share this, and always happy to receive feedback!

Antony Pettinger  
President

# May 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*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> May : BYO Photos

Bring your selected photos on a USB drive to show and tell.

## 9<sup>th</sup> May : Packrafting & Hiking the Hollyford-Pike Circuit

Last Christmas we chose to hike & packraft the Hollyford-Pike Circuit . . . rather than wait under a Christmas tree to see who turned up!

Come along to the clubrooms on May 9<sup>th</sup> to hear more about this 6 day epic & why it's considered such a unique trip amongst packrafters.

See you there! - Joe Bretherton

## 16<sup>th</sup> May : Leaning Lodge

A new solution for Leaning Lodge which will have our hut compliance approved and back in use – come see and hear what's planned for your hut.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> May : TBA

## 30<sup>th</sup> May : Dunedin author

and conservationist Neville Peat will talk at the May 30 meeting about the hazards climate change will bring to our coasts.

He will focus in particular on what this will mean for Otago coasts.

This topic is the subject of Neville's most recently published book. He will bring some copies to the meeting for those wanting to buy one.

## 6<sup>th</sup> June : “Into the Unknown”

Philip Somerville fulfils his long-term wish to visit Lake Unknown. His tramp took him there via Sugarloaf Pass and the Rock Burn and Theatre Flat, and then the circuitous way back by the Park Glacier, Park Pass, Lake Nerine, North Col, along the Serpentine Range and through the Valley of the Trolls to the Routeburn.

# May 2019

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					Routeburn Crossover with Rodger Clarkson 473 6053	
13	14	15	16 Leaning Lodge Solution	17	18	19 Government Track with Jan Burch 027 455 4559
20	21	22	23 TBA	24	25	26 Escarpment Track with Tony Timperley 473 7257
					St Mary Range Xover with Alex Tups 021 173 0848	
27	28	29	30 Neville Peat	31		
					June 1-3 (Queen's B'day) Port Craig/Waitutu/Hump	