

# OTMC Bulletin



Newsletter of the Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club Inc

# 813 April 2020



*From Swampy Summit Circuit daywalk – see trip report on page 4 (photo by Charlotte Handley)*

## ***Upcoming Trips & Events***

Toaroha – Kokatahi Circuit   Scott Creek – Death Valley   Pakituhi Hut & Breast Hill

Rosella Ridge – Goldminers Direct   East Of Flagstaff   Ben Rudd's Tree Planting Day  
Heyward Point Plus   Bullock Track at Roxburgh   Frasers Gully to Flagstaff

**Auction**   Climbing Kilimanjaro   Treading ancient paths in the land of the gods

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# 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 Sharen 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 (some safety items are free).  
See or phone Andrew McConnell 022 089 6537

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

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## President's Comment: Antony Pettinger

With the Covid-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic affecting countless people, events and economies worldwide, it is only right that the OTMC consider our own activities, albeit they pale in comparison to the numerous widespread issues affecting people globally. As I write these words in mid-March the committee are evaluating what the club will do. We certainly see little to no effect on people actually tramping, but it is the communal activities we undertake that require evaluation. The weekly meetings are an obvious risk, but so to is sharing a car or van on a weekend trip, where the average travelling time is 4-5hrs each way. We should also think about the risk of sharing small tents, potentially with strangers.

Our first step is obvious (and hopefully goes without saying) – **if you are unwell please do not attend any club meeting or trip.** The first major trip that may be affected is the combined Bushcraft / OTMC weekend

trip to the East Matukituki at the end of March – we will have made a decision by the time this Bulletin is published, but our concern is to do with the transport and Friday night accommodation for a trip size of 20 (so far, and the trip hasn't closed yet). These are unprecedented times, and I accept that our club priorities are very low in the scheme of things. Please look after yourselves and those around you.

Our 2020 Bushcraft has just finished, and following a slow intake of participants the course turned out well supported with 31 registrations. This appears to be around the optimal number for our current leadership capability to handle, and I can confidently report that the course was very well received by a great group of participants. This was the 47th Bushcraft course the club has run, and over that time we have introduced hundreds (and probably thousands) of people to safe tramping in our unique outdoors environment. It hasn't escaped me that if we run a Bushcraft in 2021 and 2022 then the 50th Bushcraft course will coincide with the club centenary – this has a certain appeal!

The course simply would not be able to go ahead without the support of our club presenters and leaders. I have been lucky to have a small but very dedicated group of members assisting with the 2020 course, and I would like to thank Debbie Pettinger, Wayne Hodgkinson, Andrew McConnell, Richard Forbes, Philip Somerville, Sharon and Joe Bretherton and Sharen Rutherford for your awesome contributions. For the committee members, one week meant being

in the clubrooms for three nights (the rest just two), it felt like we should have just stayed there. Also, I would like to express our appreciation to the participants – we have really enjoyed presenting the course, and trust you got what you wanted out of it. Some from the course have already joined the club, so a very warm welcome to the OTMC!

PO Box 1120 has been a staple of the tramping club for the entire time I have been a member (and no doubt many years before that). With the ongoing decline in posted correspondence we have closed our PO Box from the end of March. Our official mailing address will now be 3 Young Street. Once we attend to a small leak in the foyer roof, we will install a better mailbox. In the meantime, if you notice letters on the floor inside the foyer please place on the front table, where Joe, our Secretary, will pick them up.

Finally, it is with sadness that the OTMC acknowledge the passing of Betty Sime, wife of our late Life Member, Ian Sime in early March. Ian gave so much to the club, Mountain Safety and Ben Rudd's over many years, and it is important we acknowledge the contribution spouses and partners provide that allow OTMC members to contribute over and above what we should expect from them. Betty did this for Ian. The club offers our sincere condolences to Betty's family, and Ian's brother, OTMC member Jim Sime.

Antony Pettinger  
President

## Trip Reports

### Club activities over the past months

#### 6-8<sup>th</sup> February: Mt Somers

Plan B – Rees/Dart trip wasn't possible and a few of us were still keen to get out of town. Emails flew back and forth like a northwester and Plan B was in action. We set off on Thursday morning at 8am in two cars, reaching the important destination of Barkers café

in Geraldine. We had an early lunch and enjoyed ourselves watching Rodger's struggle to finish a doughnut.

We left one vehicle at Sharplin Falls carpark, so we could do a through trip and we set off about 1:30 from the Woolshed Creek Carpark. We had a quick look at Blackburn Mine on the way and put on parkas. We reached



*Rodger, Sharon, Sharen, Joe, and Saskia, on the way up to Mt Somers (photo by Sue Williams)*

Woolshed Creek Hut at about 4pm and had a chat to the hut warden, before continuing on to the Water Caves. Rodger disappeared up the ridge to check out potential campsites. Eventually after some debate, we went down the other side of the ridge and camped by the side of Morgan Stream. It was fairly cold and windy, so we hoped for better in the morning.

There was low foggy cloud on Friday morning, but we're optimists and decided to set off toward the summit of Mt Somers anyway. There was more debate about the best way to go up (there's a theme emerging here). Best way is to head up the 4WD drive track to just past the saddle and straight up. We reached the summit just before lunch and broke through the cloud. There was a thick blanket of cloud below and we didn't get views of the Canterbury Plains until later.

We had good views of D'Archiac and Mt Arrowsmith (yes, more debate about this) and Mt Hutt Skifield. We decided to make a round trip since the cloud was slowly leaving. Headed down westwards through the tussock and a bit of rock-hopping. It was quite hot by the time we reached the Bus-stop at about 4pm and we continued on back past Woolshed Creek Hut to the camp-site.

Sharen modelled her giant parka/fly/tent and we had some high-brow conversation and went to bed as the full moon came up. Just after that some pigs trotted through the camp-site. Then all was quiet until morning. It was back up to the saddle in the morning and past the fabulous rock formations and

bluffs on the way to Pinnacles Hut. The forecast rain began and was very wetting and cold. Our minds began to focus strongly on the café at Geraldine. After the car swap (don't mention car keys in the wrong car, it puts Joe's blood pressure up) we made it back to Geraldine in time for a late lunch/early tea. Rodger didn't feel like a doughnut.

Thanks to Plan B team: Joe and Sharon Bretherton, Rodger Clarkson, Saskia Bronstring, Sharen Rutherford and myself Sue Williams



*Heading down to the bus-stop (photo by Sue Williams)*

## **23<sup>rd</sup> February: Swampy Summit Circuit**

This was one of those great trips which have a meeting time of 9.00 a.m. (Yay). Those in charge of organising the weather had turned on a Dunner Stunner for this walk. We started walking at about 9.30., and headed off down Waitati Valley Road. We then took the Pipeline Track and up Rustlers' Ridge. Then on we went, up the hill to the junction of Rustlers and Burns, where we had morning tea. Here we took a vote on which option to choose. It was unanimously decided that we should make the most of the great weather, and take the Burns

Track across to Swampy Ridge. There we were indeed rewarded with the excellent panoramic views as promised by Anthony Hamel, Tony Timperley, and Jan! Lunch was part way up Swampy Ridge. Jan had brought a visitor (from the US) and having a tourist in our party gave us a great opportunity to appreciate our local environment. From



the 'communications tower' it was all downhill, down the Leith Saddle Track. Scott, Jan's visitor, was very keen to have some data on the distance we had covered. However, his gps/watch was running short of power so he (and Lucy) chose to run down to the cars to see if they could beat the black out. Alas, his watch had blacked out by the time they reached the end point so he had to rely on guesswork! We were all done and dusted by 3.00 p.m.

Thanks to Jan for taking over from Tony and leading a very enjoyable trip. (Written for Jan by Charlotte)

The Troupe – Jan Burch, Scott Erdman (from USA), Leonie and Peter Loeber, Helen Jones, Deb Nicholas, Raewyn and Lawrence Pratley, Sharon Campbell, Kay Ramsay, Jess Thomas, Lucy Jones, and Charlotte Handley.

## **22-23<sup>rd</sup> February: Wye Creek, Remarkables**

We headed up to Arrowtown in two cars and met Rose arriving from Te Anau at exactly the same time as us. We set up our tents on a nice warm evening on Tina's (Rodger's sister) back lawn. In the morning we could see there had been a light fall of snow overnight and we could see the ski-run we would soon be walking up.

We all squashed into two cars and headed up the ski-field road, after we paid the \$10 road toll. We put on more layers in the car-park and set off up the learners slope and then Curvy Basin (following the main chair-lift). Soon we were at the saddle and dropped down into the basin beyond. We went across and had a look into the Doolan Valley. We could see several tarns below us and picked out the most sheltered camp-site near the head of Wye Creek. Unfortunately a couple of the party took tumbles, with one hard bang on the head. We decided to stop for lunch and assess the situation. The other party decided to head out again to be on the safe side. Now we were down to 5.

We continued on and set up the tents and then 4 of us decided to go across the basin



*Heading over the pass above the skifield  
(photo by Sue Williams)*

and climb up to the saddle. There was quite a bit of cloud, but it cleared now and then. Andrew and I decided to continue on up to the top of Point 2046. It took quite a while as the top was a jumble of great big rocks, some of them wobblers.

Back at camp, we didn't spend time relaxing in the biting gusty wind, we had dinner and then off to bed. Thank you to Andrew who brought a big fly which broke the wind a bit. I spent the night trying to keep warm and finally morning came.

In the morning, once the sun came up it was much more pleasant and we all went up to have closer look at Double Cone (you can see this one from the road below). Andrew, Chris and I kept on to the saddle (another big jumble of rocks). We did eventually get a glimpse of Lake Wakatipu, but we would have had to sidle much further round to get more of a view.

We headed out via the pass above Lake Alta after lunch. By now the sun was quite warm and we had a break by the lake. Not warm



*Our campsite (photo by Sue Williams)*

enough for swimming though. Back down to the car-park, good bye to Rose and we headed off to Dunedin.

The basin has many beautiful tarns and lots of interesting country to explore, so thanks to Rodger for organising a great trip. The rest of the crew: Chris Handley, Andrew McConnell, Lynley McArley, Mandie Lungley, Carolin Field, Jan Hodges, Rose Colhoun and myself – Sue Williams.

Special thanks to Tina (Rodger's sister) for her lawn and bathroom!!

## 1<sup>st</sup> March: Doctors Point – Mopanui Circuit

The weather was perfect, but with Bushcraft Navigation going on at Flagstaff, it wasn't surprising that only a select group gathered at the clubrooms eager for Tracy's walk to Mopanui. We jumped into the Pettinger's car, picking Lucy up on the way. The first hint of the type of outing we would have came when we stopped at Waitati to explore the Sunday market. Honey, jam and garlic joined us; the garlic coming for the entire walk!



*Richard and Tracy standing by their Orokonui fence post, number 551*



*Tracy, Lucy and Jan, Mopanui summit (photo by Richard Pettinger)*

Despite some initial doubt at the clubrooms, parking the car at the end of White Road was straightforward. It was then gently up through a delightful track, breaking out to farmland and the little-used Mopanui Road. Brief stops to examine fungi, to say hi to another small group and then the hunt for pole number 551 on the Orokonui Ecosanctuary fence. Photos taken, and more up, to the summit of Mopanui. What a treat! The start of the track from Mopanui Road is not sign-posted, but easily found, thanks to our leader's knowledge. The views rival the best from Flagstaff or Harbour Cone. Our morning tea (early lunch?) break there was definitely the highlight of the trip for me.

For Richard the highlight might have been the Orokonui Ecosanctuary coffee that followed soon afterwards. A (lunch?) cheese sandwich, date scone and ginger crunch were consumed in the luxury of such a nice café before we headed down the western side of the perimeter fence. Believe it or not, we were soon stopping again – this time for our real lunch! Tracy supplemented the bird-song with a recording she had made of the dawn chorus on the Hauraki Gulf's Tiritiri Matangi Island. - Possibly alarming the locals over the fence. Every entertainment supplied on this trip.

We continued our leisurely walk around the Lagoon and began the march along the road to return to the car. By the time we reached the railway crossing four of us thought it would be a great idea for Richard to run back to the car. He was willing, so while he

sweated his way up White's Road, we sat in the shade and waited a surprisingly short time for our transport to pick us up.



*Lucy and a large fungal object (photo by Richard Pettinger)*

The treats weren't over. Gourmet ice-creams beckoned at Waitati. By now, no one was surprised to find that our Mt Cargill Road route home included a detour to the Careys Bay pub! Our thanks to our leader Tracy for a most enjoyable "tramp" with all the delightful extras. "There's altogether far too much walking on some of these tramps," said Tracy.

Jan Burch for Lucy Jones, Sharon Campbell, Tracy and Richard Pettinger

## **1<sup>st</sup> March: Navigation day on Flagstaff**

Here is glimpse into happy faces of Wayne Hodgkinson, Crystal, Brett, and Fiona Morrison who had just found the last marker set by Antony on the navigation worksheet. Wayne was the leader and Crystal, Brett, and Fiona participants in the 2020 Bushcraft Course.



*Navigation Day on Flagstaff (photo by Crystal)*

## **8<sup>th</sup> March: Mount Charles on the Peninsula, 408m**

Meeting at the clubrooms at 8am we had a grand turnout of 17 people with one to pick up on the way and 3 more meeting us at the start of the walk.

We travelled out to Portobello in 5 cars meeting at the service station. We then travelled along Allans Beach road and onto Cape Saunders road crossing from Hoopers Inlet to Papanui Inlet. There is an old homestead site at the start of the route so we had a look around there before heading up the mountain.



*Climbing Mt Charles (photo by Saskia Bronstring)*

We had a nice climb on an old 4WD track trying to avoid dead rabbits, rabbit holes and thistle. We got some lovely views part way up overlooking the Pyramids, Victory Beach and Quoin cliff. The day was warm and overcast but the cloud thickened the higher we went. By the time we reached the summit the cloud was very thick with a cool wind and alas, no view. So disappointing as I know it is spectacular on a clear day. We all had a rest and a snack out of the wind and waited to see if the skies would clear but no luck.

We travelled back around a beautiful patch of native bush and walked back the way we came. The views returned as we descended below the cloud.

It was a lovely easy walk catering for all fitness levels and everyone seemed to enjoy the morning out.





*Hoopers Inlet and Otago Peninsula from Mt Charles (photo by Saskia Bronstring)*

We arrived back at the cars around lunch-time so many of the group did an extra side trip to Allans Beach for lunch. We had a

lovely wander around the beach spotting many seals on the sand and camouflaged among the rocks. A friendly DOC ranger visited us and included us in a quick survey.

Thank you to everyone joining me on this trip and thanks to the landowner for allowing us onto their property.

Special thanks to Sharen Rutherford for helping me recce the trip and coordinating cars.

Saskia Bronstring on behalf Chris and Charlotte Handley, Emily Gee, Hazel McLaren-Swift, Laurence Prattley, Leone and Peter Loeber, Jane Bruce, Spen Walker, Joe and Sharon Bretherton, Rodger Clarkson, Tony Timperly, Sharen Rutherford, Doug Malcolm, and Janet Barclay.

## Upcoming Weekends

### Club Trip List for the month or so (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).*

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

**10-14<sup>th</sup> April: Toaroha – Kokatahi Circuit (Easter 5 day trip)  
(F – potential for M trip) \$90  
Sarah Chisnall 027 327 0327**

Having been high on Sarah's list of places to explore for many years, this trip promises to cover some interesting and challenging terrain in an area a bit further than usually accessible for weekend club trips. Route descriptions indicate high potential for some good old fashion bush bashing and navigating some sections of untracked terrain, and some longer days (expect 8hrs +) so this is definitely a Fit rated trip. However, the rewards include striking valley travel, an alpine saddle crossing, river crossing, small canyons, boulder hopping, the allure of a natural hot spring (if it does in fact exist) and



*Pinnacle Biv (photo from internet)*

visiting some more remote, smaller back country huts.

The initial plan is to begin travelling northwards on Thursday evening (TBC) and continue to the road end via Hokitika on Friday morning (7-8hrs drive from Dunedin), followed by a 3-4 hr walk into Cedar Flats hut. There is apparently a natural hot spring



about 1km up the valley from the hut decent enough to soak in, so arriving in time to explore this is an advantage. Saturday is up to Adventure Biv and over Zit Saddle to Top Kokatahi Hut. Sunday is past Crawford Junction Hut and onto Boo Boo Hut. Monday offers the possibility of a day trip up to explore Pinnacle Biv as a side trip and returning to Boo Boo for a second night (so nice light pack for the day). Tuesday will require an early start to walk out to the road end and travel back to Dunedin.

As usual, this trip is weather dependent - being a circuit loop we have flexibility to change plans more easily if needed - and will require good group decision making along the way. Camping gear will also need to be carried as all but Cedar Flats hut (12 bunks) offer between 2 and 6 bunks.

Limited numbers will apply for circuit, but there could also be potential for a M rated trip to spend the time exploring each of the Toaroa (in to Cedar Flats and potentially day trip up to Adventure Biv) and Kokatahi Valleys (in to Boo Boo Hut) without the long day up and over the saddle sections – this is dependent on someone willing to take responsibility to lead that group.

**25-27<sup>th</sup> April: Scott Creek – Death Valley (ANZAC Weekend)**  
**(M/F) \$65 Sue Williams 021 712 606**

The plan is to drive to Glenorchy, then up the Dart Valley and camp Friday night at the Sylvan Campsite. In the morning we will go back down the road a short distance to Scott Creek. It's quite steep up hill for the morning to Scott Basin. Then we keep following the main stream upward, passing by point 1552, great views of Earnslaw and the Dart Valley from here. Some more climbing then descend down into Death Valley. We can camp at the big tarn at the head of the valley. The next day head down valley to Kay Creek Hut and perhaps stay there or in Scott Basin. We'll retrace our route and head out via Scott Creek.



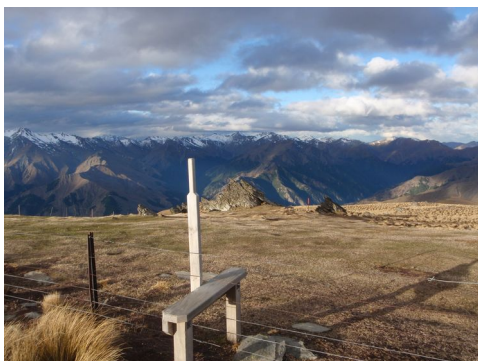
*Lake Hawea from Breast Hill summit  
(photo by Rose Colhoun)*

**9-10<sup>th</sup> May: Pakituhi Hut & Breast Hill**  
**(M) \$55 Rose Colhoun 021 151 3791**

This is an easy/moderate trip - estimated time from the road end to the hut is only 3-4 hours, but the second part of the climb is reasonably exposed. Option to continue up to the summit of Breast Hill where there are fantastic views of Lake Hawea, and further afield towards Stodys Hut and Little Breast Hill (which is actually higher than Breast Hill!). Hut sleeps 8 and is on the Te Araroa trail, so probably a good idea for at least some of the party to bring tents. We'll camp at the Albert Town camping ground on Friday night.

Here's a link to the DoC page:

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/otago/places/hawea-conservation-park/things-to-do/breast-hill-track/>



*On the way to Breast Hill  
(photo by Rose Colhoun)*

# Upcoming Day Walks

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

*Unless otherwise stated day trips leave from the club rooms on Saturday/Sunday at 8am for Summer tripcard and 9am for Winter tripcard (i.e. starting from May)*

*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> April: Rosella Ridge – Goldminers Direct (Silver Peaks)** **(M) \$8 Antony Pettinger 03 473 7924**

The final Saturday day trip on the summer trip programme is a moderately graded round trip in the Silver Peaks. We'll park at the standard starting point on Semple Road and head for the former Green Hut Site. From here it is a steady climb further along Green Ridge, passing under Green Hill. Nearer Pulpit Rock we will branch off to Rosella Ridge. Rosella Ridge heads down to the South Waikouaiti River – we will intercept the newish 'River Track' here, and follow this to the Goldminers Direct track. Arthur Blondell in particular has been tweaking the original alignment of his track, it will be interesting to see the improvements. The Goldminers Direct track now starts / finishes right at the Semple Road carpark. Bring plenty of water, and plan for a 6-7 hour tramp.

### **5<sup>th</sup> April: East Of Flagstaff (9 AM)** **(E) \$5 Chris Handley 021 024 27749**

Meet at the clubrooms about ten to nine ready for a **9 am start**. We will car pool to Booth Road where we can meet those who want to come but live to the north of the city.

This will be an easy introduction to day trips for those who have just finished Bushcraft 2020. We will do a figure of eight on the eastern flanks of Flagstaff, using lesser known and informal tracks. Boots are not necessary but wear at least sturdy shoes and be prepared for the odd muddy patch. Expect to be out for 4 to 5 hours including stops for tea and lunch.

### **18<sup>th</sup> April: Ben Rudd's Tree Planting Day, (E) \$5 Sue Williams 021 712 606**

9am at the Bull-ring, we'll walk up to Ben Rudd's (about 20 minutes up the hill)

Bring: a spade or shovel if you have one, warm clothes, lunch or snacks, drinks (there's no water handy). We will hopefully have transport for the trees and tools, and note that the Trust has gloves and loppers.

We have over 100 young beech trees to plant, the holes have been pre-dug. Hopefully we'll be finished at around lunch-time and those who want to can have lunch at the shelter.

If the weather is bad, we'll postpone to Sunday 19 April. Ring Sue if you have any questions.

### **26<sup>th</sup> April: Heyward Point Plus** **(M) \$5 Gordon Tocher 021 677 818**

This trip varies from the standard DOC track by the inclusion of local farmland. Our exact route is dependent on weather. Assemble at the clubrooms at 8am, bring water plenty of warm, windproof clothing and a camera or binoculars.

See stunning views of the Coastline and Otago Harbour, plus maybe the curvature of the earth, sharks swimming off the beach, the Te Ngaru quarry and a collapsed sea cave.

Approximate trip time 5 hours. Carpool cost \$5. There is the option of after trip visits to the Aramoana Salt Marsh Boardwalk or the Gordon Johnston Arboretum.

Leader: Gordon Tocher 477 8944 or 021 677 818 - Anyone bringing a car please advise to

assist transport planning. Phone for directions if you wish to meet at Aramoana without going to the clubrooms first.

**3<sup>rd</sup> May: Bullock Track at Roxburgh**  
**(8 AM departure)**  
**(M) \$30 Jane Cloete 03 467 2328**

The autumn colours should be good by the time we get to early May.

Meet at 7.50am at the clubrooms because we'll be leaving very promptly at 8am!

Drive to Roxburgh – toilet stop in the town? – then drive on to the start of the Bullock track. Take at least one car up to Coal Creek and leave it there, for the car shuffle.

Aim to start walking by 9.45-10.00am. A steep uphill pull for about 2hrs (lunch at the

top), along the ridge and down for the rest of the way. About 14-15km in total. Then use the Coal Creek car to go and collect the others.

Drive home. Ice Cream at Lawrence? Back in Dunedin by 5pm, or perhaps a bit earlier. Phone Jane if you have any questions.

**10<sup>th</sup> May: Frasers Gully to Flagstaff**  
**(M) \$4 Sue Williams 021 712 606**

We leave the club rooms at 9am.

I like the idea of walking from near my place Frasers Gully to the top of Flagstaff with maybe 1km of street walking. Beautiful bush, followed by great views of the city and you'll even see some classic cars.

## 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.*

From Richard and Debbie: Please give us tips for social program / help us organise upcoming evenings.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Auction

Now is the time to be bringing your unwanted gear into the clubrooms for the Auction on 2 April.

If you've upgraded your tramping gear, bought something you have never used or just need to get rid of some tramping items to make room for more, bring your no longer needed items along to the club rooms (or give a committee member a ring). We need lots of gear for the auctioned so take this opportunity to clean out your garage or tramping cupboard.

All donated items will be auctioned on 2 April so be sure to bring along plenty of \$\$ on this night, as this will be a good chance for you to pick up something useful.

### 9<sup>th</sup> April: Easter

*No club night.*



### 16<sup>th</sup> April: Climbing Kilimanjaro, Bruce Bernasconi

Bruce watched the sunrise on new years day from the top of the tallest peak in Africa, Mount Kilimanjaro. Bruce will attempt to share his excitement of climbing Mount Kilimanjaro with us.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Treading ancient paths in the land of the gods, Phil Sommerville

FMC travel trip Greece and Crete.

April / May 2020						
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### Club postal address change

Please note that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 the club postal address will be “3 Young Street” instead of the PO box. The latter will be closed.

### Note from the editor

Please email your contributions for May issue to [info@tomassobekphotography.co.nz](mailto:info@tomassobekphotography.co.nz) by *Friday 17 April*. Though I appreciate earlier delivery, so that I can start piecing it together without rushing. If you include a photo or two, please note appropriate captions (names of people pictured, names of land features, etc.) and also name of the photographer.