

OTMC Bulletin



Newsletter of the Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club Inc # 816 September 2020



From North Taieri Ridge daytrip (photo by Charlotte Handley, see trip report on page 3)

Upcoming Trips & Events

Glenorchy Area Lake Hauroko / South Coast / Port Craig Avon Burn/Top Timaru & Ahuriri

Ben Rudd's work party Three Peaks Books, Steps and Shortcuts Whare Flat area
Soldiers Monument etc. Three More Peaks Jubilee Hut

OTMC Annual Dinner Climbing Mt Kilimanjaro Dunedin Tracks now & then Humboldt
Mountains and Sleepy Hollow BANFF Mountain Film Festival at Regent Theatre
BYO photo night The Tongariro Alpine Crossing

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

Sign up to our email list: <https://lists.otago.ac.nz/listinfo/otmc>

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).

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Membership Debbie Pettinger, Membership Secretary

We welcome Isobel Pearson as a new member and we farewell long time member, Tim Moore who has been a member since 1987.

It is great that half our members have paid their subs and each of you will be getting your FMC membership card in with your next FMC Backcountry magazine. For those still to pay their subs, you will be getting an email reminder from me in the next week. It would be great to be able to post all the FMC membership cards next month.

President's Comment: Antony Pettinger

August is the time we reflect on the year that has been within the club by way of the Annual Report and AGM and look at what may need changing in the year ahead. In June we celebrated 30 years at our Young Street clubrooms, and in doing so it gave me an opportunity to look back at the club in 1990 and ponder on what has changed over the ensuing 30 years.

I believe one of the main reasons our club, and no doubt others, has changed so much is because of the Internet. While it has opened up our access to the world in so ways we couldn't even conceive in 1990, has it been to the detriment of people joining clubs like the OTMC to share knowledge, find tramping companions and learning the basic tramping skills in a safe environment? When I look back to when I joined the club in the 1980's the way you found out about

tramping was through the clubs. There was no DoC, no visitor centres (there were NZFS Ranger Stations in the tramping villages such as Makarora and Owaka), no Facebook or YouTube – information was hard to come by. Now, with the press of few computer keys you can find high quality photos and videos of pretty much anywhere you can think of. You can also find plenty of information, but you soon learn to not read too much into information gleaned from the Internet. High quality maps are just a click away, and you can even complete the Great Walks via Google Streetview!

A critical result of this is the reduction of younger people joining clubs. I suggested at the 2019 AGM that the average members age has gone from the early-20's in the 1980's to the early-50's today and continues to rise. This rise in average age has a knock-on effect to how the club operates, mainly in the tramping area. Our mountaineering days are probably behind us now, with our ascents now progressing as far as trampers peaks, such as Mt Annette or Mt Erebus in summer (if any).

The club has adapted to the change in membership, and rightly so operates the club to match our current membership. Do we, however, need to decide where the club should sit within the tramping spectrum. The easy access to information on the Internet means you do not need a tramping club to take you on one of the Great Walks or other major tracks such as the Rees / Dart. While there is a place for some of these trips on

our tramping programme (often during the winter or shoulder months), should we be looking towards the next step and creating a niche for us in other areas. These are the lesser visited hills and valleys – there may be no huts, and sometimes no tracks, but that doesn't mean they aren't worth visiting. On the contrary, these more remote areas are that much better for the lack of facilities and will often take you to some spectacular areas. We touched on this subject at the 2019 AGM, and I would welcome further discussion on it this year.

I encourage everyone to have a good read through the AGM documentation and come along and join in at the AGM on August 27. Discussion from the floor is always welcomed and provides useful guidance for the incoming committee. Despite a smaller than expected number of nominations for committee roles please don't let this put you off from attending, I can promise you that no one will be forced onto the committee against their wish.

I will finish here with a note of appreciation to our outgoing committee – you are all volunteers who have freely given your own time for the betterment of the OTMC, and on behalf of all members I thank you. Serving on the committee is a good way to put something back into our club, and your contribution has ensured the club remains in a strong position.

Regards

Antony Pettinger
President

Trip Reports

Club activities over the past months

9th February: North Taieri Ridge (Brother Peaks)

The longer daylight hours and an 8am start time of summer trips allow travel further out of town than most day trips. The Taieri Ridge is in the Strath Taieri north east of Middlemarch and runs parallel to the Rock

and Pillar Range but at a lower altitude. Some may have visited "The Crater" and "The Sisters" which are at the south end of the ridge, only fitting then that there is a feature nearby named the Brother Peaks.

We managed to squeeze in to two vehicles and after a quick re positioning leaving one car in Hay Road (recording the presence of



Photo by Charlotte Handley

an appropriately named farming family) we proceeded up Taieri Ridge Rd to a reasonably intact pioneer's stone cottage for a photo opportunity before gaining the ridge and traversing it across farmland.

The ridge gives good views of the area as far as the Kakanui and has plenty of interesting rock formations to climb over. There is no shortage of rocks, some are even adapted for use as fence posts. The wind was of the "hold on to your hat" variety, which required finding shelter in the lee of one rock formation for our snack stop.

We managed to disturb quite a few Hares and Rabbits lurking in the tussocks on our walk, fortunately none were as feisty as the Rabbit in Monty Python's Holy Grail Film and showed us their cottontails as they bounded for safety.

We hardly saw any sign of people anywhere near the ridge, it is hard to believe there was a tent town of about 12,000 people nearby after gold was found at nearby Nenthorn in 1888.

Regular day trippers from a few years ago may remember Janet Barclay bringing her young son, Russell along. My recollection of Russell is of a cheerful 8 year old with a daypack almost as big as him. I started to feel rather old when Janet told us that he has completed his electrical apprenticeship and has recently bought a house.

A leisurely lunch was taken just below the northernmost Brother Peak (715m), again to avoid the wind.

As we descended towards the car left at Redwood homestead we had the choice of many gullies carved in to the eastern side of

the ridge. The chosen gully proved interesting with a few inconvenient Spaniards attempting to impale us. The neatly trimmed grass verge at the homestead afforded a sunny spot for a nap while the other vehicle was retrieved.

An ice cream at Middlemarch capped off a good summers day in the countryside.

Gordon Tocher for Janet Barclay, Charlotte & Chris Handley, Deb Nicholas, Lucy Jones, Doug Malcolm, Jovan Andric, Lawrence Prattley and a visitor from Germany Gwendolin Krent

21st June: Flagstaff Sunrise

To Go or not to Go – that was the question!

The shortest day for 2020 was on Sunday 21st June – so a trip was arranged to see the sunrise from the top of Flagstaff. I warned folk in an email that the weather isn't always kind, and that apart from the likely cold temperatures and icy roads, then cloud might prevent a really good view of the sunrise. Saturday evening I checked the forecast and it suggested that the high clouds were going to be thick and that the official OTMC trip was likely to be called off.

Sunday, 6.30am: a quick peak outside my door showed one or two patches of thinner cloud but no actually visible stars, and accordingly I sent another email saying that the official trip was off but that folk were welcome to take their chances and do their own sunrise trip.

7am – I looked outside again and – stars everywhere! Had I made the wrong decision to cancel? I found a jacket and my boots, grabbed a muesli bar and headed out to the Bullring. No ice on the road and I got there by 7.10 but no other cars. 7.15 – a family and their dogs arrived (not OTMC) so I thought I'd go up too. En route the cloud lifted and by the time I reached the plane table at the top I could see Mosgiel lights and a lot of the coast southwards. Oh dear, I'd told everyone not to come! But I'd made it up there by 7.40am, so maybe some people were following. Two hill-runners passed by

and an OTMC interested party – had read about us ‘on line’ – arrived.

Alas, the hoped for cloud clearance never came and by 8am the top of Flagstaff was clagged in again. It was cold and damp so I went back to the car and back home: the answer to the question ‘to go or not to go’ was definitely to stay at home and appreciate the sun when it came out later in the day!

Jane Cloete

26th July: Greenacres/Highcliff Rd/Buskin Track/Highcliff Summit/Boulder Beach/Paradise Track and return.

It was exactly a year ago when I (Tony) led a tramp over this area of the peninsula. The weather then was fine and warm and the forecast for this day was the same. Also the number of participants was the same – 15. The only difference for this year's participants was that we were going to start from MacAndrew Bay, which meant an extra climb up Greenacres and this with the return descent added and extra 90 minutes on last year's tramp. But they were tough and it was going to be a great day, so it would all be worth it!

At the top of the 300m Greenacres climb we recovered by having our morning drinks and nibbles whilst admiring the beautiful view over the harbour and to the hills opposite. We then had a 2km road walk which was compensated by first by harbour views on the right over to the city and then, when we had past the Paradise Track entrance/exit, by views to the left over the Buskin Farm area down the hills to Boulder Beach. As we descended the Buskin Track we continued to admire the views north whilst also avoiding stinging nettles and negotiating a very muddy section.

On reaching the junction between the Buskin and Highcliff tracks we swung right under a copse of macrocarpa, following a marked but rough track to the start of the 250m climb to the summit of Highcliff. Last year a zig-zag track had been cleared, but this year the cleared track just went straight

up for the first 100m. Elderly leader Tony was determined to take the easier gradients of the zig-zag even though he had to push his way through long grass and scrub. The others decided wisely to go straight up the cleared section.

At the summit our group settled down for drinks and nibbles whilst enjoying the extensive coastal views both north and south. The climb had been worth it for both the views and for building up an appetite! We were also able to see the route we had to take to Boulder Beach, which included a return descent to the Buskin Track junction. Once we reached this, it was a leisurely stroll to Boulder Beach, past the junction with the Paradise Track, over a stile, before pushing our way through shrubs to reach the beach.

Even though we had had refreshments less than an hour earlier, we were all ready for more drinks and nibbles on the beach, so we made ourselves comfortable whilst we watched the waves come crashing in and the antics of the seagulls. Before we all began nodding off for an afternoon nap, Leader Tony reluctantly gave the call that in two minutes we would be heading back to the base of the Paradise Track.

In his book “Dunedin Tracks and Trails”, Antony Hamel says “This [track] is an honest 300m climb ...”. Most of us would call it a 300m “slog” or “grunt” back up to Highcliff Road, which proves the old trampers' saying, “What goes down, must go back up.” Once we had all regrouped at the layby at the top of Paradise, we had another leisurely stroll back to Greenacres whilst again admiring the harbour views as we ambled down to MacAndrew Bay.

The descent was uneventful until just before we came onto the sealed road when some of us heard a loud noise which sounded like someone who had had curried porridge for breakfast was passing wind. We looked at each other with an embarrassed “It wasn't me!” look. Then we heard the sound again and saw that it came from a rather pitiful looking tethered sheep with its head stuck through a wire fence. We were glad to note

that its strange sounding bleat came from its mouth and not from the other orifice!

On reaching our cars all participants agreed that we had enjoyed this energetic six hour tramp, with 700m of climbing, done in perfect weather and beautiful scenery.

Tony Timperley for, and with thanks to: Tina Anderson, Trevor Barlow, Clare Noakes, Lawrence Prattley, Sharon Compton, Hazel McLaren-Swift, Lucy Jones, Dave Bunn, Ralph Harvey, Saskia Bronstring, Glenn Penny, Janet Barclay, Tom Wager, Emily Gee.



Enjoying lunch and the view from the summit of Highcliff (photo by Saskia Bronstring)

9th August: Bus, Grahams Bush, Mount Cargill, Bethunes Gully, Bus

This tramping trip was prepared in the old manner of using local buses. This enabled us to start in Sawyers Bay and finish in Normanby without having the jiggerypokery of moving cars around.

At the moment the bus fleet are in the process of being made into contactless payment since this strangely weird Covid-19 year of 2020, so there were no fares being charged until 1st September, when this process will be complete, which made the bus trips free today.

There were 14 of us who caught the bus out to Port Chalmers from Bus Hub B. Otherwise there would have been only 2 passengers. The bus sure would be quiet after we chatters got off at Sawyers Bay to walk up

the road to the Grahams Bush track. It was a beautiful, sunny, day.

The track was a little muddy, but not too bad. There was lots of banter and the occasional bird to be heard. We walked up by the stream which bubbled gently. Lily kept us all entertained by asking us all if we had a certain letter of the alphabet in our name, until she got to Z, where she got stuck.

Our group stopped for a little drink before we came to the road, where we stood in the sunshine and limbered up our muscles for the next part of the ascent of Mount Cargill. After that next steep section was over we stopped in the sunshine, at noon, for morning tea, or as it came to be called, first lunch. Soon after, we spotted a familiar face walking towards us: Rodger. He had started from Bethunes Gully and came over to meet us and take us back ☺. It wasn't long before we reached the Organ Pipes, where there was no-one to be seen, so we had a scramble over the rocks and took some more amazing photos.

Then at the next sunny, grassy, out of the wind spot, we had second lunch, which was much the same as first lunch, except longer. Richard spotted a lone pine tree as tall as a person, so he went over and killed it with his trusty spoon. It is now withering in the frosty night air.....

At the junction to the top of Mount Cargill we were able to leave our day packs with 3 willing volunteers, who stayed behind to look after them, while the rest of us walked to the summit. Personally, I have never been to the actual top before, for reasons that I know not why. So, this was my first time of leaving the plane table and the other industrial paraphernalia up there, and being on the very top rock on the highest point, with Richard and Steve.

The way down to Bethunes Gully was punctuated by bush stops to fertilise the trees. I am sure they appreciate the goodness that we put back into the soil.

At the bus stop at Normanby, we had a few minutes to wait for the bus to leave. The bus driver was nowhere to be seen, so most of us just hung around for the chat. It's a

shame there is no dairy for an ice cream stop. Meanwhile, Richard had disappeared, to check out the Normanby Tavern, "to look for the bus driver," he later said... But the owner is an old friend and gave Richard a very quick, very nice beer, and there the bus driver was found imbibing a tomato juice in his afternoon break. Richard told the driver that there were 13 people waiting for the bus. The driver looked him up and down and said "utter rubbish. I betcha a million dollars that there are not 13 people waiting for my bus". They emerged together and the driver did a head count and was right!!! Another

lady had joined the queue. Ross had left us by then, and the naughty driver counted Richard: 14. It was a laugh.

It was another chatty fun ride to the hub where they all thanked me and dispersed to our various buses, cars or homes. It was for me to thank them for another lovely OTMC day trip.

Tracy Pettinger for: Lucy Jones, Alexandra Dempster, Pam Bardsley, Andrew McConnell, Lily McConnell, Jenny and Steve Mottershead, Sue Williams, Ross Davies, Jan Burch, Maree MacRae, Mark Stephenson, Rodger Clarkson and Richard Pettinger.

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.

12-13th September: Glenorchy Area (All) \$55 Wayne Hodgkinson 473 0950

My main focus for this trip is to visit a scheelite mine, and a bunch of old huts (there are 5 if you want them all) in the Buckler Burn / Mt Judah area. It is mostly on tracks, but going up to 1400m iceaxes will be required – so it might be good for recent 'Snow Skills' people. The huts are small, so tents might be required. Lots of scope for staying in a range of huts or bivvies in the area. Beautiful views anticipated.

We plan to leave the clubrooms 6:00pm on Friday 11th, and will be back on Sunday evening. I intend camping Friday night at the 12 Mile campsite (\$15).

Check out the DOC website for specifics, a range of trips of varying lengths are available. Google 'McIntosh Loop Track' and 'Mt Judah Track'. Some possibilities:-

M/F: Mount McIntosh Loop with mods: Head up Mt Judah Track South of the Buckler

Burn via the Glenorchy Scheelite Battery, and a side trip to the Mt Judah Scheelite Mine. Down to the burn and a steep climb gets us to the 5 bunk McIntyre Hut. About 6 hrs.

Fit people might chose to continue to McIntosh Hut (a basic bivvy) which might be sunnier in the morning. Sunday could be a day trip to Mt McIntosh Bivvy followed by a 4 hr descent to the road.

OR Instead of dropping to the burn, continue on to Bonnie Jean or Heather Jock Hut (3 bunks) - or camp nearby (6hrs or so). Sunday nosing around and retracing our steps via the historic Jean Hut.

The trip could easily be shortened, (by dropping bits off), or done in reverse.

E: Some might choose to stay at the Glenorchy camp, and do day trips in the area.

Cost will be \$55 paid to the treasurer + hut fees. Please sign the Trip List, or contact Wayne at wphodgkinson@xtra.co.nz before it closes on Thurs 3rd August.

**26-27th September: Lake Hauroko /
South Coast / Port Craig
(All) \$55 + hut fees (F = \$5, E-M + \$15)
Sarah Chisnall 027 327 0327**

Lake Hauroko lurks down in the south, tucked away behind Tuatapere, and is the deepest lake in New Zealand at 462m. Hauroko means The Sloughing of the Wind, which along with local water taxi Te Namu (sandfly), hints at the nature of this stunning area. Everyone will travel down together on Friday evening and stay at Thicket Burn DOC campsite (Free) overnight in tents.

FIT (F) group: An early-ish drop-off at Lake Hauroko to set off from the boat launching carpark area. We follow the shoreline south to the far end of South Beach, over a small headland and continue along to the end of a secluded beach. Just inland from here is the last opportunity to fill up with water (a pretty grimy trickle of water so ideal to carry enough from start) before climbing up onto a ridgeline which we follow for ~7kms heading south. Then descend directly down a spur to pop out among the Ongaonga at Teal Bay Hut (DOC 12 bunks, \$5) at southern end of Lake Hauroko. This is a perfect spot for a swim after 8-10 hours (18km) of reasonably demanding travel over shoreline pebbles and relentless ups and downs traversing the ridge.

Sunday is another early start to knock off 17km (10hrs) of what DOC describes as 'difficult' tramping, heading up and over to connect with the South Coast track via the Old Hump route. From Teal Bay we follow the shoreline to the Lake Poteriteri route junction, then climb steadily up onto the sub-alpine tops which can be difficult travel. Then back into the forest descending to the coast, joining an old logging road passing through privately owned Māori land (with public access courtesy of owners) for ~5km to reach Track Burn on the Hump Ridge Track. It is then straight forward travel out to Rarakau Carpark to reunite with the E-M group and vehicles.

Easy-Medium (E-M) Group: After depositing the FIT group at Lake Hauroko, travel to Rarakau carpark at the start of the South

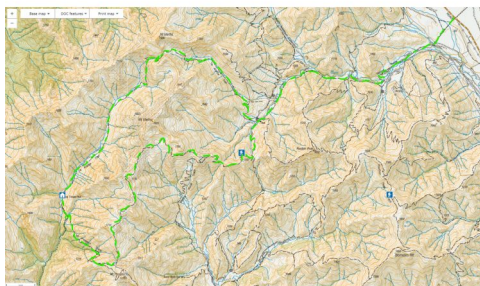
Coast Track (Hump Ridge Track). This is an opportunity to enjoy the day meandering 17km (~7hrs) along the coast track as it traverses a variety of beautiful coastal landscapes to Port Craig School Hut for the night (DOC 20 bunks, \$15). Hector's dolphins are often seen in this area and there are interpretive panels and a short walk telling the story of the timber milling history of this area. A lovely spot to relax and unwind, or to explore a bit further along the track towards the viaducts if you haven't walked enough. Feeling refreshed and inspired, Sunday will entail a pleasant return hike back out to Rarakau carpark to reunite with the FIT group and all travel back together to Dunedin.

Please clearly indicate which group you are signing up for and if you are willing to 'lead' the E-M group i.e. make sure everyone returns preferably alive and on time. If signing up for the FIT group, please ensure you are capable of 2 long days over demanding terrain with considerable climbing.

**10-11th October: Avon Burn/Top
Timaru & Ahuriri Valley
(All) \$55 + hut fees (\$5)
Sarah Chisnall 027 327 0327**

After a recent experience of the delights offered by the Ahuriri and Dingleburn valleys, this trip aims to traverse a different part of the area I haven't set foot in yet. The general plan is to travel up Friday night, grab some kai in Oamaru and camp at the Ahuriri Bridge DOC campsite (free) just a few kms out of Omarama. Saturday morning we will continue to Birchwood Road to access the Ahuriri Valley and split off into various groups.

FIT (F) group: Starting from Avon Burn carpark (11.5km along Birchwood Rd) we will follow the Melina Ridge track along the Avon Burn before continuing along the Te Araroa trail to pass over Mt Martha Saddle (1680m) and descend to the head of the Timaru Valley to Top Timaru hut (6 bunks \$5) for the night. Being small and on the TA it may be advisable to take tents or at least a sleeping mat. Sunday we will continue up valley a



Proposed FIT group route

short distance and take the Mt Prospect Track up onto the tops, traversing the ridgeline around 1700m for a reasonable distance before connecting back onto the Melina Ridge track and retracing out foot-steps back along the Avon Burn to the car-park. Expect upwards of 22km and 8hrs+ of reasonably demanding walking (ups and downs) both days....and reasonably early starts.

Medium (M) Group: Continuing further along Birchwood Road past the Ahuriri Conservation Park boundary, I would suggest starting off from Birchwood Picnic area (unless we have appropriate 4wd vehicles to navigate the road further). It is an easy 5km wander down the 4wd track to the start of

the Dingleburn Track (and only a short detour further if you want to check out Ahuriri Base Hut). From here is a pleasant climb up a well-defined route onto the tops (1400m) and well worth the effort. There should be ample time to wander along the tops for a bit before the steep descent down into the Dingleburn valley to Top Dingle Hut (6 bunks, \$5) for the night. Sunday is a return to the tops to enjoy once again and back down to the Ahuriri and out to the cars. Advisable to carry a tent or sleeping mat as hut may be busy.

Easy (E) Group: Starting point same as M group, wander 5km down to Ahuriri Base Hut with options to continue up the Ahuriri valley further to Shamrock Hut (extra 4km, 2hrs) or even Hagens Hut (extra 6km, 2.5hrs) for the night. Retrace footsteps enjoying the different views back to the cars on Sunday. All huts range from 2 to 6 bunks and (\$5) so advisable to carry a tent or sleeping mat.

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Upcoming Day Trips & Events

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

5th September: Ben Rudd's work party, Sue Williams 021 712 606

Half day work party to check the new trees and do some weeding and gorse control. Back up day is on the 6th if weather is bad.

5th September: OTMC Annual Dinner Wayne Hodgkinson 03 473 0950

Filadelfio's at the Gardens from 6:30 pm, set menu \$20 / head.

6th September: Three Peaks – Mt Holmes, Buttars Peak, Mt Cargill (M) \$5 Mark Stephenson 027 6151870

We will leave the clubrooms at the 9am.

Drive to Sawyers Bay and start the walk by taking the Graham's Bush track, then cross Mt Cargill Road and carry on up the track to the Organ Pipes.

The idea is to climb to the top to admire the view from Mt Holmes summit. There may be

a way from there to join the track to Butters Peak. I have yet to find it...

Alternative is to take the normal track, then scale Butters, over the top and directly on and up to Mt Cargill.

Some clambering may be required but easier options are available. Spectacular views along the way, Inshallah.

Return via Bethunes Gully where we will have left a car.



*Otago Peninsula from Mt Cargill lookout
(photo by Tomas Sobek)*

13th September: Books, Steps and Shortcuts

(E) \$2 Sue Galloway 021 2699633

A foray through the urban hills of North Dunedin finding Lilliput Libraries, and using some of the steps and shortcuts in the area. We will orienteer around these little free libraries, so bring your pack with some books you are happy to give away, and/or for picking up the odd good book. And bring your compass if you would like to do some practise on the way. Expect to take about 3 hours and we can stop at a cafe for coffee at the end for those who would like to compare our book haul. We will meet at clubrooms at the usual time, but closer to the date I can let you know the North Dunedin start/finish point so you can meet there if it's more convenient.

20th September: Whare Flat area (M) \$6 Saskia Bronstring 027 2667703

The Silver Stream Water Race was 29 km of winding open-race, pipes and tunnels developed for additional water supply to Dunedin in the 1880s. I find this area an interesting place to explore as it is an important part of Dunedin History.

I thought we could first do a climb up Chalkies to Powder Hill trig and the Lime formations. Then a nice wander up the Silver Stream and then back along the Tunnels track.

The track can be quite muddy so you will need suitable footwear. Walking time probably 4-5 hours depending on the group.

27th Sept: Soldiers Monument etc. (E) \$4 Jane Cloete 03 467 2328

Meet at the clubrooms at 9am (or at the Tomahawk Lagoon carpark at 9.15am) so that we'll be on our feet and walking by 9.30am at the latest. There's a steepish climb up - wee pause at the monument; about 30 mins road walk; then farm or DoC tracks - lunch with a view, if the weather is kind. Back to the carpark by 2.30pm-ish

4th October: Three More Peaks (Mt Kettle / Mihiwaka / Mt Cutten) (E/M) \$2 Charlotte Handley 022 621 6578

We will be leaving from the horsetrough in Mt Cargill Road. Walking up to Mt Kettle by the northern route, down by the eastern route, across to Mihiwaka and back, down a section of Cedar Farm Road, around the reservoir, on to Mt Cutten (taking in the tribute to Len Lye sculpture) with a possible side trip to Mt Martin, and back to the cars.

Note: Includes places with serious mud, and some scrambles where one has to pull oneself up steep rocky slopes.

11th October: Jubilee Hut 472 7646 / (M/F) \$8 Rob Seeley 027 454 5319

A good stretch of the legs in springtime. To add to the interest I thought we could go via the Painted Forest on the outward leg and descend on the hut from point 700. Antony's guide shows a faint track here. Lunch at the hut then back the usual way.

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.

It's great to have the OTMC back to having meetings in the club rooms on Thursday nights. There are some great talks already booked and more in the pipeline. If you or someone you know does something outdoor related or has been to some interesting place, please contact either Debbie debbie.pettinger@gmail.com or Richard forbespotter@hotmail.com We'd love to hear from you.

3rd September: Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, Bruce Bernisconi

Bruce was lucky enough to see the sun rise on New Years Day 2020 from the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak. Bruce is keen to share his experience and will tell of sharing this amazing experience with close friends.

10th September: Dunedin Tracks now and then, Antony Hamel

Antony Hamel has been exploring and re-photographing the tracks and trails after 15 years of his popular Dunedin walking guide Dunedin Tracks and Trails.

17th September: Humboldt Mountains and Sleepy Hollow, Phil Sommerville & Brendan Penwarden

In March an OTMC party spent three days tramping in the Humboldt Mountains. Phil and Brendan will share photos from the trip and tell us of what it was like to emerge from the mountains and straight into lockdown.

24th September: No club meeting

BANFF Mountain Film Festival at Regent Theatre - The NZ Alpine Club have rescheduled their annual BANFF Mountain Film Festival and members are encouraged to purchase tickets \$15pp and enjoy a number

of outdoor related short films at the Regent Theatre

1st October: BYO photo night

It's been a while since our last BYO photo night and this is your opportunity to bring along photos from a recent tramping trip to share. Please remember, no more than 10 photos per person.

8th October: The Tongariro Alpine Crossing, Sharen Rutherford



The Tongariro Alpine Crossing is located in Tongariro National Park, New Zealand's oldest national park and a dual World Heritage Site.

The unique features of

this volcanic landscape provide some amazing views and make for a great day walk. Some consider this among the top ten single-day treks in the world if you read some of the literature available on the internet.

I completed this day trek during Queens Birthday Weekend in 2017 with a small group of friends. This is a popular walk and

even in the middle of winter there were a few hundred people on the track. Come and join me as I share this experience.

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	1	2	3 Climbing Mt Kilimanjaro, Bruce Bernisconi	4	5 Ben Rudd's work party Sue Williams 021 712 606	6 Three Peaks, Mark Stephenson 027 615 1870
					OTMC Annual Dinner 6:30pm at Filadelfio's	Ben Rudd's work party backup day in case of bad weather
7	8	9	10 Dunedin Tracks now & then, Antony Hamel	11	12	13 Books, Steps and Shortcuts Sue Galloway 021 269 9633
					Glenorchy Area Wayne Hodgkinson 03 473 0950	
14	15	16	17 Humboldt Mountains and Sleepy Hollow, Phil Sommerville & Brendan Penwarden	18	19	20 Whare Flat area, Saskia Bronstring 027 266 7703
21	22	23	24 No club meeting, BANFF Mountain Film Festival at Regent Theatre	25	26	27 Soldiers Monument etc. Jane Cloete 03 467 2328
					Lake Hauroko / South Coast / Port Craig Sarah Chisnall 027 327 0327	
28	29	30	1 BYO photo night	2	3	4 Three More Peaks Charlotte Handley, 022 6216578
5	6	7	8 The Tongariro Alpine Crossing, Sharen Rutherford	9	10	11 Jubilee Hut, Rob Seeley 472 7646 / 027 454 5319
					Avon Burn/Top Timaru & Ahuriri Valley Sarah Chisnall 027 327 0327	

Note from the editor

I will be taking a break from the committee, so please look up who the new bulletin editor is after our club AGM. There is a couple of trip reports that didn't make it into this issue due to space restrictions. I am going to forward them to the new editor once known.

