

Hagley Tramping Club



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Welcome to the **Hagley Tramping Club** Newsletter.

The **Hagley Tramping Club** was originally established as the Hospital Tramping Club in 1974 with the aim of making the back country experience more accessible to the average person and to foster a respect for the wilderness.

The Club organises a variety of trips to suit all ages and levels of fitness. We encourage prospective new members to experience 2 or 3 trips to see if we suit their style before joining.

Newsletter Contents

Calendar of Trips & Social Events, Trip Reports & Pictures.

For general information about the club and trips, refer last two pages.

Club Email Address

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For information about trips, please ring the Trip Leader.



Club 40th Anniversary Weekend

From Your New (2014 – 2015) Committee

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!Subscriptions are now Overdue!

You will be reminded by a note in this newsletter if you have not currently renewed. Please update your contact details too if they have changed.

Chairperson's Report to the AGM

Welcome to the Club and thank you showing the interest to attend the AGM. First of all I would like to very much thank the Committee for their contribution to keeping the club running this year, At the AGM last year we elected office holders:

Dennis - Chairperson

Sandra – Secretary

Heather – Treasurer

And Committee Members Claire (Website) Mike, Michael, Tere and Bronwyn (Newsletter)

During the year, Claire left the Committee for personal reasons and Bronwyn left to take up a new job in the Guernsey Islands, so the Committee has been short on members for most of this year. Consequently Claire has been managing the website without being on the Committee and I took up Newsletter editor again in addition to Chairperson.

Without the Committee there would be no Hagley Tramping Club, so please can we show our appreciation of their commitment and contribution this year.

The Trip Leaders have earned and deserve our thanks also. Every three to four months Trip Leaders meet and commit to leading trips. We have always been able to present a full program in the Newsletter in spite of limited leaders and unplanned events. In particular I refer to unexpected personal circumstances which have prevented Trip Leaders leading. From a personal point of view making trip commitments up to 15 weeks out has meant that I have had to sacrifice other personal events which turned up in the interim & I'm sure other Trip Leaders occasionally experience the same. Again without Trip Leaders there

would be no Hagley Tramping Club. Please can we show our appreciation for the Trip Leaders.

The 40th Anniversary was a major organisational event for the club this year. Originally we thought it could be organised by a new committee separate to the Club Committee, but in the end it was run by the Club Committee, plus a major contribution by Pauline Croft. Pauline did a great job networking and following up on previous members encouraging them to attend. In the end we had about 30 attendees most of whom were current club members. We had a very enjoyable weekend but didn't get the interest from previous members which we thought we would. Something to remember for the 50th in 2024!! A letter of thanks and small gift has been sent to Pauline.

The Club is all about trips and we do have some great trips. When I look back through the Newsletters and my photo archives – the memories are warm & fuzzy. Not only for where we went and what we did, but for the really enjoyable group of people to be with too. We have to be grateful and relish those everlasting experiences – that's what Club exists for.

There will be changes to Committee this year and I wish the new office holders well. I intend to stay on the Committee but stepping down from the Chairperson position.

Challenges for the new Committee

1. Increasing the membership.

Membership is currently at 25 (counting family memberships as two people) and has been declining over the last few years.

In terms of active members we are a very small club. Another 8-10 active members would be great. The risk (to losing the club altogether) is that if we don't have sufficient members out for trips then we could lose Trip Leaders too.

2. Increasing the number of leaders so we can always offer a trip every weekend.

Dennis W, Chairperson 2011 - 2014

Backcountry Foods

This is your annual opportunity to purchase Backcountry Foods through the club at a discounted cost.

Closing date for orders: Sunday 6 July.

The prices are considerably below shop prices (see enclosed order form).

Please send orders with money to Hagley Tramping Club, PO Box 852, ChCh 8140 to reach the PO Box by Sunday 6 July.

The food will be available for pick up at the Club Social Function on Wednesday 23 July.

Please contact Heather Hughes (see Committee Page 2) if you wish to pay by internet banking. Cheques are to be made out to Hagley Tramping Club not Back Country Foods. The club will cover the delivery cost.

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 June

Packhorse Hut & Mt Bradley

An easy overnighter with 2.5hrs gentle climb & sidle from Gebbies Pass to the Kaituna Saddle. Historic stone hut, 3 hut tickets required. Easy access means opportunity for fancy dress, pot-luck or both. Contact Tere for final details.

Leader Tere 981 6431

Easy-Moderate

Transport \$10

Please book with Tere by Sunday 8 June.

Saturday 21 June

Peninsula Tramping Club

SOCIAL EVENT

Annual Barn Dance

The Peninsula Tramping Club organise an annual Barn Dance to which all tramping clubs are invited. This is a very active night! No time to get cold! Supper – bring a plate, drinks provided. (www.peninsulatrampingclub.org.nz)

Please contact Heather Ph 332 6281 for details and tickets.

Sunday 22 June

Mystery Walk

Obviously it's a mystery so can't say much more than that other than it will start from where we meet.

Leader Michael B Ph 358 3081

Easy

Transport NA

Meet on the road outside Princess Margret Hospital car park at 9.30am.

Wednesday June 25 at 7.30pm

Club Social Night

Corsica & Cycling Southern France

Meet at Dennis's home 7.30pm. All welcome. Ph 359 1211

Dennis has recently returned from Corsica and cycling in the Languedoc region of southern France. A show and tell!

Saturday 28 & Sunday 29 June**Greta Explorer Glenlock Basecamp**

A social & tramping winter trip based at Glenlock (off Motunau Beach Rd.) Various local walking and exploring options to be confirmed closer to the date. Options include Motunau beach walk to explore clay cliffs and giant concretions, Cotswold Farm traverse and Mt Vulcan.

Overnight at Glenlock, bring sleeping bag and sleeping mat. BBQ and pot luck Saturday night.

Option to come for the weekend or just for one day. Transport cost is to & from ChCh to Glenlock, but there may be additional costs for day trip transport.

ChCh Coordinator for shared transport: Claire Ph 339 8713

Leaders Glenda & Lex Ph 03 314 3365 Easy Transport \$20

Please book with Glenda & Lex by Sunday 22 June.

Wednesday 02 July at 7.30pm**Committee Meeting**

Committee Meeting at Tere's.

Sunday 06 July**Victoria Park to Lamars Track**

We will walk up to the Summit Rd, then on to Sugarloaf and Crater Rim walkway, until we stop for lunch at Lamar Track near Mt Vernon. Lots of gentle ups and downs.

Leader Diane Ph 358 4720 Easy Transport: No cost

Meet in Victoria Park car park (near the toilets) at 10.00am.

Sunday 13 July**Red Hill (1641m)**

Red Hill is located halfway between Lake Lyndon and Lake Coleridge.

From the Lyndon Rd we hike along a stream, through a forested gully and up a large open basin to the summit (840m climb). After enjoying the fabulous 360° views from Lake Coleridge to Broken Hill, we continue along the ridge then drop down a spur and then scree to the valley floor. 5-6 hours. Ice axe and crampons may be needed if there is snow. Please phone Heather to find out.

Leader Heather Ph 332 6281 Moderate Transport \$20

Depart Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am

Sunday 20 July

Anti Crow Hut Day Trip

This trip starts from the small carpark near the Waimakariri Road Bridge on the true right of the river. The route follows a good track to Turkey Flat and poles lead to the Anti Crow Hut, where we will have lunch. Return the same way with a stop off on in Springfield for coffee before getting home.

Leader Claire T Ph 339 8713

Easy

Transport \$25

Depart Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.30am

Wednesday 23 July at 7.30pm

DOC Director of Conservation

Andy Roberts is the DOC Director of Conservation for the East Coast South Island. He has been involved in all the major conservation projects over the last 30 years. An excellent speaker and very much in demand. He will present an illustrated talk on East Coast Conservation.

It isn't very often we get a speaker of this calibre.

He deserves a good turn out of members.

Please do come & you are welcome to bring friends/partners.

Abberley Crescent Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.

Saturday 26 & Sunday 27 July

Lake Daniels Mid-Winter Xmas

It's only a short 2 hr-hour walk into Lake Daniels Hut from the Lewis Highway for our mid-winter Christmas party. Bring Christmas dinner food (to share) and drink along to this large warm hut where we will celebrate mid-winter in our traditional style of having a great time! The theme this year is "hippies." Expect incense, mantras and flower power. Best dressed hippy will receive a prize! Please bring a secret Santa gift to the value of \$5 to \$10.

*Over & above transport –be prepared to contribute a little bit extra for car security at the Lewis Pass Motels. Amount will depend on how many cars we take.

Co-ordinator Tere Ph 981 6431

Easy (Overnight)

*Transport \$40

Please book with Tere by Sunday 20 August

Sunday 3 August**Leith Hill (1384m) Explorer**

Leith Hill is just east of Castle Hill Village. From Castle Hill Village will climb the ridge behind The Lodge, through forest and tussocks for lunch. Return via Thomas River. That's the plan but there maybe some variation when we get there!

Leader Dennis W Ph 359 1211 Easy - Moderate Transport \$20
 Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am

Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 August**Tarn Hut & Lillburn Hill**

From Lees valley we follow the Lilburn and Ashley rivers along the valley and then ascend Tent Gully to Tarn Hut (800m climb). This is a cosy small hill top hut beside a tarn (5 bunks). On Sunday we have the easy option to descend via the 4WD track back to the valley floor. We may do this in the reverse order depending on the weather and the leader's inclination.

Leader Heather Ph 332 6281 Moderate Transport \$30
 Please book with Heather by Saturday 2 August

Wednesday 13 August at 7.30pm**Committee Meeting**

Committee Meeting at Sandra's.

Wednesday 13 August:BOOK NOW for Laser Strike on Wednesday 27th**Sunday 17 August****Sumner Gun Emplacements**

We go up the track which is parallel to Evans Pass Rd and make our way to the old gun Emplacements for lunch, leisurely day. Possible return different track (Cpt Thomas Track)

Leader Michael B Ph 358 3081 Easy Transport: No cost
 Meet on Sumnervale Drive off Wakefield Ave (near Van Ash College) at 09:30am

Sunday 24 August**Mt Thomas**

Mt Thomas plan is to ascend by Summit track return by Wooded Gully. About 6 hours round trip. Great all views of the Canterbury Plains from the top. The tracks are sheltered but the summit can be very windy – be prepared!

Leader Tere Ph 981 6431

Easy - Moderate

Transport \$12

Depart from Richill St, Belfast (Main North Rd end) at 8.30am

Wednesday 27 August at 7.30pm**Laser Strike****BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL – TWO WEEKS PRIOR**

Come and have a fun time at Laser Strike. Something different for the Club!

Please book with Tere by Wednesday 13 August

Location: Level 2 Harvey Norman Centre, 250 Moorhouse Ave

Organiser: Tere Ph 981 6431

Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 August**Hurunui Hut**

From Lake Taylor, tramp past Loch Katrine and Lake Sumner on 4WD track to the modern Hurunui Hut (15 bunks). We may have time for a soak in the hot pool, an hour beyond the hut. Return the same way. Map L32

Leaders Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Bill & Wendy by Sunday 3 August.

Sunday 31 August:BOOK NOW for Geraldine and Mt Peel Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 September

!NOTE! The following trip is on Saturday!

Saturday 6 September**Kowai Hut Day Trip**

An easy day trip to nice little hut about 1.5hrs up the Kowai River from just before the start of the climb over Porters Pass. Depending on the weather and the party we might explore a bit further up the valley behind the hut. Return the same way. Bring dry socks because you will get wet feet. There will be time for ice creams at Springfield on the way home.

Leader Neal Ph 343 6980

Easy

Transport \$15

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 9.00am

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 September**Geraldine Base Camp and Mt Peel Round Trip**

Depart Christchurch mid-morning to be in Geraldine for lunch. After lunch we will explore some of the walking tracks & visit the Vintage Car Museum.

Potluck tea Saturday night, please bring something to share. Up early Sunday to drive to Peel Forest to do the Little Mt Peel round trip. We will climb the south ridge and return via the west ridge (Deer Spur Track). There is an option to do Allens Track (Moderate) or *Fern Walk for those who would like an easier option. Accommodation: Rawhiti Backpackers. Cheapest rooms are \$32/night. <http://www.rawhitibackpackers.com/>

Leader Dennis Ph 359 1211

Moderate OR *Easy

Transport \$30

Please book with Dennis by Sunday 31 August.

Sunday 21 September**Mt Guy (1319m) Day Trip**

From Lake Clearwater, tramp around the lake to climb Mt Guy for the magic views of the snow topped mountains. 600m climb. May need ice axe. Please ring Bill & Wendy before the trip to enquire, or bring one anyway.

Maps BX18 & BX19

Leaders Bill & Wendy Ph 354 2277

Moderate

Transport \$30

Depart from Z Service Station in Templeton at 8.00am

Wednesday 24 September at 7.30pm Social night

Photos, converazione & supper.

No formally organised activity for this night.

Just come along and catch up with fellow members.

With supper as usual

Abberley Crescent Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.

Sunday 28 September

The Gap, Torlesse Range

The Gap is a prominent notch in the Torlesse Range. Access is via Kowai River to the Kowai Hut then the norwest branch of the river for about an hour before leaving the stream to start a reasonably hard untracked climb to The Gap. Great views over Canterbury and the north over the Broken River basin. Approx 7hr trip. Ice axes maybe required. Ring Mike before the trip or take one anyway.

Leader Mike R Ph 337 5944

Moderate - Hard Transport \$15

Depart from Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 7.30am.

Wednesday 01 October at 7.30pm

Committee Meeting

Committee Meeting at Neal's

Sunday 05 October

Diamond Harbour to Purau Bay

We will walk the coastal track the then head back toward Purau Bay for lunch. Suitable refreshments while waiting for the return ferry.

Ferries don't wait for late trampers so please be on time.

The Metro card is valid for the ferry too.

Leader Diane Ph 358 4720

Easy

Ferry: \$12.40 return

Meet at Diamond Harbour ferry terminal in Lyttelton at 9.45am

Wednesday 08 October at 7.00pm

Trip Planning Meeting

Committee Meeting at Dennis's.

Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 October

Magdelan Hut

Magdelan Hut a 6 bunk hut approx 3 hrs tramp up the Boyle River from the Boyle Lodge in the Lewis Pass. One hut ticket (or Annual Hut Pass) required. We will tramp in and stay the night, return the same way on Sunday. Sleeping mat or tent may be necessary if our group is larger than six and there may well be other stayers too. Bring togs as we may call into the Hanmer Hot Pools on the way home.

Leader Tere Ph 981 6431

Easy-Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Tere by Sunday 5 October.

Sunday 19 October**Ellesmere Bike Ride**

Ride bikers ride!! Dennis will lead an easy back roads bike trip probably to Coes Ford via Greenpark and return.

Fine weather trip only. If in doubt, ring Dennis.

Leader Dennis Ph 359 1211

Easy biking

No cost

Meet Tai Tapu School with your bike at 9.30am.

Wednesday 22 October at 6.30pm**Joyful Restaurant Social Night**

Bring your family and friends for an evening at the Joyful Restaurant.

102 Riccarton Road, parking at the rear of the building.

Meeting up at 6.30pm.

Please consider that a set menu may be chosen (approx \$ 32.00 per person).

Book with Sandra by Monday 20th October.

Saturday 25 to Monday 27 October**Robinson River & Lake Christabel****Labour Weekend****Hut & Rough Creek**

One of the great tramps in the Lewis Pass area.

Starting at the south end of Palmers Road and coming out on the Lewis Highway.

A long trip with some hard climbs.

There may be additional cost for the car shuffle – to be advised.

Mike R Ph 337 5944

Moderate - Hard

Transport \$50

Please book with Mike by Sunday 19th October

!!THIS IS AN ADVANCED NOTIFICATION!!

Friday 14 to Sunday 16 November**Lake Sumner Forest Park Round Trip****Show Weekend**

Lake Sumner circuit. Starts at Sisters car park goes past Gabriel hut, around the lake, over the Kiwi saddle and down to Hope-kiwi hut. Then over to 3 Mile Stream hut, then over Mcmillan saddle back to top of lake Sumner walk out to Loch Katrine.

Leader Neal Ph 343 6980

Moderate

Transport \$30

Please book with Neal by Sunday 9 November.

Trip Reports

40th Anniversary Celebrations Boyle River Lodge

We arrived Friday night to find the decorations were well underway thanks to the early arrivals. It was a very convivial evening spent chatting, decorating and looking at photos and memorabilia.

The next morning the weather was fine and sunny as we headed off on the various tramps. One group with Tere to the Magdalene Hut, another with Kevin and I to climb Mt Faust while others opted for a relaxing morning, perhaps later joining Mike (and later arrivals) on an afternoon walk to Sylvia Falls.

By late afternoon everyone (25 members past and present) was assembled and enjoying a few pre-dinner drinks and nibbles, chatting about the days tramping and remembering the tramps of days past. After the usual fabulous spread I've come to expect at club pot luck dinners, we had a few short speeches about the club - as it is now and some reminiscences of the earlier years of the club and of the members from yesteryear. Following this the anniversary cake was cut by our longest serving member (Bill Nossiter) and our newest member Faye Borens. After the all important desserts, our compere Tere ran a fun quiz based on the 1970's - it's surprising what you do and don't remember. The party continued till about midnight with some hitting the dance floor.

The next morning was a hive of activity with people tidying up and cleaning. Some left early and others of us headed back to the waterfall Mike had taken others to the day before. With this experience it was a straight route there and well worth a visit though the water was way too cold for swimming. We had people exploring routes up above the waterfall on either side, others clambering over rocks for a better view. Back at the lodge we made an excellent lunch of the previous night's leftovers before cleaning up and heading away happy with a most successful and enjoyable weekend.

Mt Faust

On a bright sunny morning Mike, Wendy, Vesna, Fay, Kevin and I headed up Mt Faust. Mike was joining us to the viewpoint although no one seemed sure which one that was, since the best view always seemed to be just a bit further on. The track continued through forest, the sometimes steep sections never lasting too long before the gradient gentled out again, until we stopped for a break at a well used campsite (complete with water tank) at the bushline.

It was nice to be out in the sun as we headed up the gentle tussocky slopes, enjoying a great view down into the Magdalene valley. After about 200m we reached a bowl with several picturesque tarns and from here followed the ridge

along to point 1633. We stopped here for lunch and, while Fay decided that this was far enough for her, the rest of us headed onwards. It looked a bit of a distance and somewhat gnarly but turned out to be a quite good route and we reached the summit in good time. The all round views are well worth the climb especially on such a nice day.

The downhill trip was relatively quick and we began to wonder if we would get back before Tere's group (we didn't). I suspect we were spurred on by the thought of the hot showers, cold beers and the evenings socialising awaiting us back at the lodge.

Cass Lagoon trip Queens Birthday weekend

At 7am Saturday Vesna, Fay, Sheryl (new member) Mike and Neal (trip leader) in 2 cars headed West for Cass, where, after the car shuffle we headed up river on frozen ground and ice-greasy stones. Several cold wet river crossings later we left the river and climbed up the sidling track heading for the Cass hut. Lunched in the sun an hour from the hut and checked out the avalanche damage across the valley where trees had been blown over by the wind generated by avalanches. Packs on, water bottles topped up and off to the hut where the cold kept our rest short. Trip leader's gas tank ran low at this point so I led over the pass to keep the pace down! Views from the pass were breathtaking. Huge snow-clad massifs all around us. Lots of photos and breath catchers for leader. Then the down bit. Lots of down. Steep and slippery down, sore knees and aching legs down. Leader got slower and slower so the girls took off and Mike and me took our time- arriving at the Hamilton hut 15 minutes after them. The log burner was alight and the hut was cheerful and nearly full of trampers from the Rangiora club and 2 hunters. More walkers arrived after dark until the hut was full.

Sunday Mike and the girls took off down the Harper to check out The Pinnacles while leader had a rest day. Perfect cold crisp weather so I chopped some firewood, chatted with the Keas then went for a 3 hour walk down the Harper hoping to meet the others. I couldn't find them so returned to the hut and lit the fire.

Lots of fun catching up when they finally turned up right on dusk with more trampers arriving late in the day again. Monday we were up and fed early and away by 8am into another perfect clear crisp morning. Over the Hamilton on the new swing bridge we walked through a white frozen landscape on the sheltered side of the valley. The route out and over the Lagoon Saddle makes for a long cold day with several river crossings and sub-zero temperatures. But beautiful to behold with hoar frost and mini stalactites of ice in creek beds here and there

sparkling the reflection of our soggy boots. We found a sunny spot beside the Lagoon Saddle Bivouac for a leisurely lunch break before the last haul up to and over the saddle.

Again, the views over the alps and the Waimakariri were breathtaking and cameras were soon clicking away capturing the wonder of the vista we crazy people never tire of. Then the long and not very interesting sidle north east around Mt Bruce into the pine plantation and down the wide easy track to Cora Lynn and Sheryl's little Mazda. We managed to squeeze all 5 of us into her car and drove off, heater roaring, back to Cass and the other car. A quick transfer and photos and off to the Springfield garage for coffee and nibbles. The weather was perfect albeit cold, the company better, and the mountains as implacable, as testing and as beautiful as ever.

Neal.

Enjoyed a great trip with the Club?

Why not write up a Trip Report so others can enjoy reading about it? Please email to the club at: hagleytrampingclub@yahoo.co.nz

Good Trip Photos needed too! Email us your best photos with a note on locations.



Boyle River Lodge Weekend

Club 40th Anniversary



**Bill & Fay cut the cake.
The longest and newest
members respectively!**





**40th Anniversary
Evening
& Daytrips**





Cass Saddle—Lagoon Saddle, Craigieburn Forest Park



West Coast, Punakaiki



Peak Hill, Lake Coleridge



Meeting dates & locations

Our general meetings are generally held on the 4th Wednesday of every month. As this may vary, please check program for confirmation and venue location. Abberley Crescent Hall is the venue for most of our general meetings. Abberley Crescent continues west from Edgeware Rd after it crosses Springfield Rd.

Trip Gradings

Grade	Description
EASY	A day tramp for almost anyone who can walk 5-6 hrs. Possibly some short gentle slopes, but generally on a track or flat riverbed.
MODERATE	Longer tramp of up to 7hrs, requiring a reasonable level of fitness. Usually involving some uphill sections and generally on a track.
MODERATE PLUS	A long tramp of up to 8 hrs requiring good level of fitness. More difficult terrain, varying gradients including steep slopes. *Ice axe & crampons may be required
HARD	A challenging trip requiring excellent fitness and experience. 8-10+hrs tramping on high passes and untracked routes. *Ice axe & crampons may be required.

*If these items are required, it will be stated in the Trip Description.

The Trip Leader is responsible for the safety and well-being of everyone on the trip. Therefore the Trip Leader has the right to refuse to take anyone, who, in his or her opinion, is not equipped, or fit for the trip in any way.

Checklist for a Day Trip

Essential	Essential (Cont)	Optional
Day pack	Warm hat	Walking pole
*Parka (Essential)	Gloves	Camera
*Warm clothes (wool or polyprop)		Binoculars
Strong walking shoes or boots	Seasonal	
Food & drink	Sun glasses	
Sun screen	Sun hat	

*Due to changeable and often unpredictable nature of the weather in Canterbury, a good waterproof parka and warm clothing must be carried for all trips.

Overnight Trips

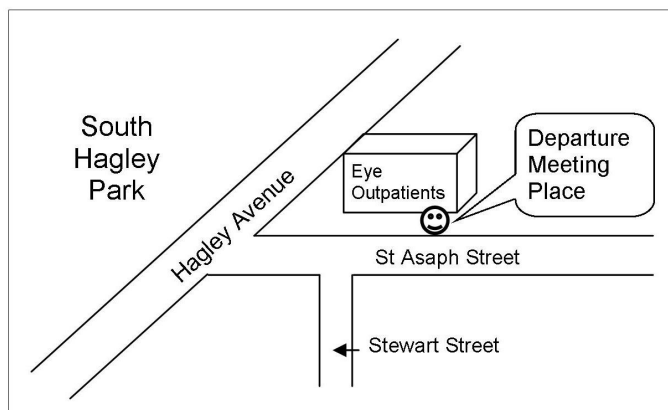
If you are planning to go on an overnight trip, please contact Trip Leader for information about food and equipment requirements.

St Asaph St Departure Point

As departure points can differ by trip, always check the Trip Schedule for correct departure location.

This map shows the location of the St Asaph Street departure place, outside the Christchurch Hospital Eye Department. Please arrive at the meeting place at least 5 minutes before the departure time.

Car pooling is organised when the group meets.



About our trips

Typical numbers on our trips are 4 – 10 people. For safety reasons, the minimum of people on a Club trip is four. However if there are fewer than four, the trip can still go ahead but becomes a private and not an official Club trip.

As a safety precaution, a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) is carried on all trips. The club owns two which have been purchased with funding from the Christchurch City Council.

Delayed Trip Returns

Return delays can be caused by for example, track closures (requiring a change in route), weather (affecting routes & rivers) and travel conditions (road closures & breakdowns). Consequently return times are always a bit uncertain.

If you have concerns about a delayed return please contact one of the following Club members: Sandra 03 354 9521; Dennis 03 359 1211; Neal 03 343 6980

Club Membership

Our annual membership subscription is \$25 single or \$30 family. Our financial year commences 1 April. We encourage prospective new members to experience 2 or 3 trips to see if we suit their style before joining.