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Club Meetings

Usually held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, from 7.30 pm, CMC Clubrooms, upstairs at Pioneer Leisure Centre, Lyttleton St.

Thursday 16 June – Ruari Mac Farlane – “Summer of Unemployment” Ruari, our 2021 recipient of the CMC Mountaineer of the Year award, will update us on what's been keeping him busy over summer including some new routes in Fiordland and South Westland. Ruari is part of the FMC executive and he'll also give us an update on what has been keeping the FMC busy.



Upcoming Club Trips

18/19 June – Mt Armstrong, Arthur's Pass

15/17 July - CMC Arthur's Pass Mountaineering Weekend

30/31 July – CMC Kennedy Lodge Party

19-21 August – CMC Arrowsmiths Meet

Editor's Note

It's been another busy time for the club since the last CMC news, (6 months!) with the voting in of a new president, Ben Ellis (the name Ben is now a prerequisite for becoming president) and a bumper AGM that included a fantastic book auction led by our very own club secretary Jaz Morris, updates to the club rules and a rise in the costs for the club lodges to name a few of the events that unfolded that evening. We also have the largest committee (in CMC history?) full of enthusiastic club members psyched to deliver the goods for the club. Read on to find out what our members have been up to and a bit about the work going on behind the scenes from stalwart club members, particularly in regards to CMCs backcountry bogs.

Cover: Otira Valley and High Peak of Mt Rolleston (Photo: B Ellis).

Trip Reports and News

Dunny Duties

Ben Ellis

'Is that really the toilet'? I wasn't convinced that someone would go to the effort of preparing an edited video interview about the residual capacity at CMC's St Winifred Hut Toilet. An illustrious photographer hailing from the West Coast had recently visited the hut. My suspicions were put to bed with his frank reply "I want to draw this out, but in the interest of speedy resolution saving future hut users from having to brave the thing, that is indeed the toilet". And to which they sent another link to a recent Instagram post on the toilet, which read:

"Behold the dreaded 'Whare Tutae', aka the gates of hell. Whilst it should be guarded by a dreaded Cerberus, it is rather a carpark for the biggest blowflies mankind has ever known. Well fed obviously. Whilst this little treat was the epitome of a cup runneth over, we are pretty sure even God would not tread here. N95 face coverings were not enough here so it came down to holding your breath. The secondary major concern was having someone else's business touch your bum. Our camp mum fixed that situation by pouring in water to "flatten" the tip of what was no doubt not unlike an enormous iceberg. Unfortunately we suspect that in turn this actually rehydrated the business of a thousand soldiers before us. So again the risk of asphyxiation was very real"



Photos: Left: The toilet relocation team, Right: Paddy inspecting the new toilet hole.

Hamish Sutton, Pattrick Butler (Paddy), Natasha Mealing (Nat) and I planned a last-minute toilet relocation party over the weekend of 30 April. Leaving our respective abodes in Christchurch and Sheffield around 6am on Saturday morning, we rendezvoused at Mayfield to transfer an array of tools and materials to Hamish's modified land cruiser (aka The Beast). Both Hamish and Paddy fill their weekdays as Uber field technicians for NIWA and are accustomed to preparing for unknowns at remote sites field stations in the backcountry. Needless to say, we were in safe hands with their practical expertise and careful planning.

The Beast made short work of the drive to St Winifred Hut. The going was relatively easy until the Forbes River but the final leg, from Mistake Flats to St Winifred's Hut, was noticeably rougher terrain. To myself, a 4WD novice, it was eye opening how effortlessly the beast could rollover the large river boulders. We arrived at St Winifred's Hut around midday Saturday. Mice had clearly been in residence at the hut and had made short work (and a big mess) of packaged food left by previous parties.

On checking the toilet, we were pleasantly surprised to find the smell bearable, blowflies of normal proportions and no sign of Cerberus. Our first attempt to dig new toilet hole ended 1m deep on a large boulder! Attempt two was more successful at a site a further 10m away. After some discussion on the life expectancy of the new toilet hole, consensus was reached that it would last a minimum of 10 years, but this would be subject to the type of customers. After re-securing the guy ropes, a good scrub top to bottom and placement of some landscaping rocks scavenged from the riverbed, the Whare Tutae was closed... for now.



On Sunday our attention turned to the hut. A thorough sweep and clean was given and 5 sacks of rubbish were removed. A hut book entry reported that Hugh Logan's party had also removed a lot of rubbish just two weeks earlier. The Uber technicians, ready with voltmeters and wiring, got one of the lights back into working condition. Firewood was cut, the sagging

kitchen shelves were braced and a new drying rack was constructed.

By mid-afternoon Sunday the drizzle had intensified and we packed up tools and took off home. A big shout out to Paddy, Hamish and Nat for their hard work and to Hamish for navigating his vehicle to and from the hut. 2022 has turned out to be the year of the toilet at the CMC. Recently, Robin Muirson and DOC have done a great job emptying the toilets at Barker and Waimak Falls Huts. Park Morpeth Hut is next on the list - drop us a line if you'd like to assist!

Looping over the Black Range

Clare Logan

Cometh a dark early winter Friday eve, cometh a wander below clear starry skies up the Waimakariri River. My 21st century domestic companion/flatmate Adam Campbell and I drove from Ōtautahi and arrived to a full Anticrow Hut at 10pm, but managed to obtain a spare mattress and top n' tail on the floor reasonably comfortably. The next morning saw us up at dawn to perfect weather, and heading up the icy, slippery boulders of the Anticrow, moving carefully but swiftly.

First views of Mt Gizeh were striking - it looked high and distant, but by late morning we were in the upper basins of the Anticrow - Gizeh above, Damfool near, Mottram Peaks to the north east - considering our next moves. We decided to head up to Gizeh Col, and from there perhaps go up Gizeh or Cow Peak, or just drop straight into the head of the Avoca. Conditions lower down were firm and made for excellent crampon travel. As we ascended further things softened, and Adam gallantly plugged steps. We reached the col and found conditions on the ridge non-conducive to the realisation of our visions of a pleasure-quest up summits. Squeaky-dry unconsolidated snow over rocks rendered boot travel slippery, and crampon travel treacherous, so we decided not to spend time on slow ridge travel to a summit.

Avoca-bound, we happily plunged down mellow snowslopes. Avoca Hut was also busy by our dusk arrival, but we were met with the sweet goon-based hospitality of the CUTC, as well as the lovely Jean and Jo, who generously top and tailed to make room for us to do the same on a free bunk. With another climber on the floor that night the head count was 10, though we were advised the CUTC record is an intimate 17 students.

We set off down the Avoca at first light, the valley still and sparkling with frost. Up Galillee Stream, then a rocky gut led steeply to the crest of a beech spur that took us on up to Jordan Saddle. A brisk wind blew, and we set off down toward Jordan Stream, revelling in fast, fluid movement.

A couple of hours of boulder hopping and splashing back and forth across the stream had us back out on Turkey Flat by early afternoon, just as the clouds that had thickened all morning began to drop a light rain.

Adam is resolved to return, come late spring/summer, to explore the rocky Grade 1 delights and heady heights of the upper Anticrow summits, while I find myself beguiled by the potential for future alpine traverse and loop options along the Black Range. Truly a weekend of soaring pleasures of the local!



Photos: Top Left: The author (Clare) heading up Anticrow Valley, Top Right: Adam on a slippery river crossing

Bottom Left: A snowy Mt Damfool Bottom Right: Heading down to Avoca Hut.

Mt Phillistine to Mt Rolleston Traverse

Ben Ellis

The Mt Philistine to Mt Rolleston traverse is a classic climb in Arthur's Pass. It's a long day out in one of CMC's stomping grounds and a trip that puts one in good stead for longer routes that might be found in areas like Mt Cook.

An at capacity team of eight people signed up for the traverse and we converged at Kennedy Lodge one Friday evening in early April. Mindful of reports from other trips (and my own experiences) on the route, we locked in an early start for Saturday morning - a 3am rise and 4am departure. The conditions couldn't have been better; we were treated to a windless sunny day with no frost - perfect late summer conditions.

Fast work was made of the tracked section to the Otira Valley Footbridge. After a brief stop to fill water bottles, the team continued at good pace up Warnocks Bluffs in the dark. The summit of Mt Philistine was reached by sunrise and we were treated to colourful skies and cloudless views from Mt Cook north to the Paparoa Range.

A further couple of hours of scrambling saw us at the toe of the prominent notch between the Waimakariri and Otira valleys. A small stumble by one of the team was enough to reduce the chatter and we focused into some nice scrambling on red rock interspersed with sections of looser rock. Donning harnesses, we progressed up the ridge and the rope was required by some to negotiate a small exposed step, which was the crux of the climb. Given our large group size, there was a strong need to manage loose rock and this slowed our progress to caterpillar-like movements.

Soon enough we noticed a party of three on another classic climb - the Central Direct route on the Otira Face. After further scrambling, both parties arrived at the High Peak of Mt Rolleston at the same time. The Central Direct party was composed of three CMC members: Eric Skea (our club's trips officer), Scott Sunderland, and Ivan Andrews. Shortly afterwards the gathering expanded to 13 people with two more climbers arriving on the summit after climbing the Otira Slide. Much banter followed and we indulged in peak naming and sunbathing before reluctantly packing up and descending towards Low Peak.

An abseil was called for to descend to the gully between the High and Middle Peaks. We then traversed around Middle Peak following rock ledges on the Otira side. The descent from Low Peak to the Otira Valley

was slowed by loose rock and tired legs. We were back to the car park by dark in time for a party at Kennedy Lodge. Thanks to everyone for making the trip run smoothly. I'm looking forward to our winter trip up Rome Ridge.

Team: David Tyson, Julian Morgan, Charlie Skerrett, Milan Brodina, Alastair McDowell, George Guerin, Ben Ellis.



Photos: Upper: The team, Lower Left: David Crow glacier. Lower Right: Jules scrambling to high peak (Photos: B Ellis).

Mt Guinevere (from Crow Hut)

Tom Hawkins

On Saturday of Queen's Birthday Weekend, a group of six CMCers set off up a very cold and frosty Waimakariri riverbed aiming for the Crow Valley and Mt. Guinevere, a relatively straightforward Grade 2 peak. The valley had seen a lot of rain over the previous week, so we were a bit nervous about the level of the river. While it was running clear and dropping slowly, at least one crossing had us proceeding carefully against quite a pushy, thigh-deep flow. Needless to say, nobody could feel their feet after the first crossing, as the Waimakariri lived up to its name ("cold, rushing water"). An hour of frozen gravel-bashing saw us arrive into the sunshine at the confluence of the Crow River, and after a pleasant amble through the bush, we arrived at Crow Hut where we swapped our cold, wet trail-shoes for warm, dry mountaineering boots.

Our goal was to set up camp at the tarn at 1640 m below the Jellicoe Ridge, allowing for a short push to the summit of Mt. Guinevere the next morning. The route from the Hut to the tarn was convoluted and involved a talus/scree bash, scrambling over frozen bedrock, steep sidles on snowy tussock and finally a gentle uphill traverse to the outlet of the tarn. While it was uneventful, route-finding would be tricky in bad weather and it definitely pays to have somebody in the group who has travelled the route beforehand (at least one of the paths through the bluffs is easily missed).



Photos: Left: Stellar skies (Nurrin Ajmal) and Right: the bush bash on the way in (Wako Tanaka).

As it happened, the week's rain had completely soaked the snow-pack, and the subsequent southerly chill had frozen it solid down to 1600 m. This made for nice, firm travel to the tarn. It also meant the tarn was frozen solid, so Byron and George went to work with the ice axes to make a hole for drinking water. Temperatures dropped rapidly around sunset, but our spirits were lifted by the beautiful glow as Avalanche Peak, Phipps

Peak and Mt. Franklin caught the final rays of the sun, and then the Milky Way putting on quite the show after dark. The sunset views were enough to justify the inclusion of Hugh's SLR camera and telephoto lens in his pack, despite the extra weight.

An early night allowed for a decent rest after a solid day of uphill travel, but also for plenty of thoughts about tomorrow's weather, which was set to be less than perfect. High winds were forecast after 10 am, so the plan was to rise early, try to get to the summit before 8.30 am and be off the tops by 9.00. Alas, when the wind started gusting and howling and a quick look at the watch revealed the time to be only 2 am, we began to worry that the morning would be far too windy for any summit fun at all. Fortunately the weather gods favoured us and, for some reason, the wind had died down by 6 am. After coffees and a rather rushed breakfast, we set off with wonderfully light packs, heading towards Mt. Guinevere's NE Ridge and the final approach to the summit. We made excellent progress as the snow conditions were perfect; a solid freeze with 2-3 cm of powder all the way to 2000 m. Gaining the ridge we were greeted by a sunrise to remember, with lenticular clouds glowing ethereally over the full expanse of the sky, and views northward seemingly all the way to the Nelson Lakes. A few steep sections gave us the chance to get some front-pointing practice in and before we knew it we had reached the summit. The wind had returned, so we didn't linger too long; just enough time to savour the views across to Mt. Murchison, Waimakariri Col, over to the Taipo River, Mt. Alexander and the Tasman Sea beyond.



Photos: The final ascent to the summit of Guinevere (Nurrin Ajmal).

The descent was equally swift as the wind was now blowing with some menacing purpose, clouding us in spindrift every few minutes until we got below 1900 m. Arrival at camp coincided with views of Mt. Rolleston's Low Peak being enveloped in clag, so it was clear the predicted front was not far off. We didn't linger on the descent to the hut, keeping crampons on

long enough to get through the treacherous snow-covered tussock and icy bedrock. Our arrival at Crow Hut couldn't have been timed better. Within ten minutes the sideways rain set in and set the tone for the three-hour trudge back to Klondyke Corner.

All in all, it was a fantastic start to the winter mountain season. The snow conditions were perfect, the group was great and in high spirits throughout the trip, and the weather delivered a perfect window to get in, climb something, and get out before the next storm.

Trip organiser: Tom Hawkins

Participants: Byron Harvey, Wako Tanaka, Hugh Baird, George Hedley, Nurrin Ajmal Nurrinuwar

CMC anniversary book 1925-2025 – and a call for writers

Grant Hunter

An editorial panel is inching forward with plans to publish a book about the club to mark the CMC Centenary, now just three years away. It will bring together the club's history through to now and maybe peek into the future, showcase the club for members and the wider outdoor community, and inspire people. We're looking at an engaging and informative narrative style, well-illustrated. Readers will be able to flick through well-defined sections as well as read the whole story, and the book will form a condensed, go-to source of information about the club.

Structurally, we've divided it into six **sections**, each broken down into **chapters**, along these lines:

1. Club culture (e.g., Formation, Membership, Social features / activities, Publications)
2. Climbing and exploration (the dominant section). Chapters structured by climbing eras, along the lines of... Beginnings; 1930s; Post-war into the 1950s; Late 1950s-60s; Late 60s-70s; 1980s-90s; 2000s; 2020s trends.
 - 2a. International climbing
3. Club Huts
4. Supporting mountaineering /Cultivating skills (Instruction, Maps and guidebooks, Mountain radio, Search and rescue
5. Club and climbing futures

We expect to find opportunities for mountain art and creativity.

We're onto a many-volunteer-writer approach, expecting to assign chapters or parts thereof to present or past club members, plus maybe bring in other specialist writers. From **NOW** we'd love to talk to potential researchers and writers. There's a good body of resources in Canterbury Mountaineer, CMC News, minute books, and other sources, not to mention the experiences and recollections of members, some of whom joined the club as long ago as the 1940s.

While we've structured the book at a macro level to ensure we cover the main aspects of the club in a coherent fashion, we appreciate writers may bring their own aspirations and ideas, and we're happy to discuss these with you.

Grant Hunter, Hugh Logan, Rachel Smith

It's not quite Alexander Mackenzie, but.....CMC Trapline

Hamish Reid

Our native species are a part of our natural whakapapa.

They are our family, our equals, our ancestors.

We have a binding responsibility to them the same way we do our own whanau.

When they are flourishing alongside us, our bonds will be strengthened.

People young and old will feel a sense of wonder and connection.

To succeed, we need to unite.

We all have a role to play.

People. Nature. Together we flourish.

Tuia te Taiao.

The weaving together of people and nature - a sentiment that I'm sure rings true to most if not all members of the CMC. These words are taken from the *tohu* of Predator Free NZ 2050. (I had to look up some of these words, as I'll put my hand up and say that although I arrived on these shores some 30 years ago, my Maori lexicon is small, but growing.) *Tohu* is a symbol or a sign, but can also be to point out, to show, to guide or to instruct.

Predator Free NZ 2050 is a big bold idea. While there are quite a few doubters out there, there is a growing awareness that something needs to be done on a very large scale throughout NZ in order to reverse the decline in the fortunes of some of our native taonga. To that end a diverse range of volunteers, groups, companies and government departments are working together throughout the country on pest eradication, research and ecosystem restoration. In Mount Cook National Park the main players are

Te Manahuna Aoraki (temanahunaoraki.org), Dept of Conservation, and Predator Free Aoraki. PF Aoraki is a group of Mount Cook village residents who have been volunteering as trappers, long before it became politically fashionable. (To be fair there are a lot of others involved so check out the Te Manahuna Aoraki website to get a fairly good oversight as to what is going on and who is involved).

At the start of 2021 the CMC was invited by Predator Free Aoraki to adopt a trapping line in Mount Cook National Park. The long association between the CMC and MCNP and, I think, the aligned vision, meant that it was an easy decision to accept the invite. CMC were allocated the Sealy Tarns trap line and have subsequently extended our involvement to carry on and maintain the Sealy Ridge line. This extended line follows the general line of the path up to and beyond the Mueller Hut, starting at 800m elevation and finishing around 1850m. In total we look after 38 traps (out of a total of just over 700 in the Tasman River Extension project). From the start of our involvement in January 2021 to end of April 2022, the traps in these lines have accounted for 13 stoats and 1 ferret. 4 of these have been found at the 1800m contour and have been large well fed mature males. 3 were caught in one trap mid-line on consecutive visits and appeared to be litter mates based on size. Over the same period the project has removed a total of 335 stoats, 361 hedgehogs, 46 ferrets, 34 weasels, 28 feral cats and a small number of other pest species. (862 kills in total) Interestingly only 6 rats have been caught, and only 2 within the national park.

So what do we do? Our small group of CMC volunteers undertake to check, rebait (with fresh rabbit, eggs and mayonnaise!) and reset the traps of our line on a regular basis. Initially it was imagined that this would be ad hoc as and when people were down at Wyn Irwin, but we now work on a slightly flexible roster to try and visit the lines every month throughout the year. Through summer the bait goes off in the heat, and the stoats are more active so we try and check the line every two weeks. While the DOC sign suggests four hours to Mueller Hut, a round trip can be anywhere from 5 hours up and down to 7 hours depending on the number of people encountered on the way. Children especially are fascinated by the trapping.

Are we making a difference? Yes, most definitely. Without the volunteers checking the lines, 335 stoats would have continued their natural lives killing our native species. Ferrets, weasels and cats as well. We have had trips when nothing was caught - and it's hard to know if that is because nothing is there to catch, or our targets are too wily and wary. (I suspect the latter.)

Can we see the difference? That is a hard question to answer, but I like to think that the burrow of three Kea chicks that fledged close to our line might have been helped by our efforts. Or the outstanding green jewelled gecko that I saw sunning itself at 1400m just below the Sealy Tarns was there because stoat numbers were low enough for it to survive. Or the Kārearea chooses to hunt high around Sealy Ridge because there are enough birds up high to make the effort worthwhile. Time will tell whether we are right. Probably in our lifetime, definitely in the lifetime of my daughters (which in all likelihood will be your lifetime). That thought alone makes it worthwhile trying.

So what can you as a CMC member do to help? Educate yourself first and foremost. It's easy to dismiss the aims of Predator Free NZ 2050 as fantasy; as unachievable; as a waste of time and money. Take the time to think what is important to you. Something about the outdoors attracted you to the CMC in the first place. Think how diminished that outdoor experience would be in the absence of native flora and fauna. No birdsong in the bush. Rabbits and possums eating their way through our native flora. If nothing more, develop an informed opinion. Discuss these topics with your family, friends and colleagues. If you have time, seek out local initiatives, and put in some volunteer hours. Planting trees, removing weeds, local predator control - every little counts.

And if you think you might like to help with our lines at Aoraki-Mount Cook, get in touch. Drop me (Hamish Reid) a note at trapping@cmc.net.nz and I'll be in contact.

*People - Nature
Together We Flourish
Tuia te Taiao*

*Alexander Mackenzie was a Scottish fur trader with the North West Company who completed the first crossing of North America (north of Mexico) in 1793.
(ISBN 13: 9781570613081 First Crossing: Alexander Mackenzie, His Expedition Across North America, and the Opening of the Continent by Derek Hayes Sasquatch Press 2002)

You can also head to <https://cmc.net.nz/traping-line-sealey-tarns/> for more information.

Alpine Scrapbook

Grant Hunter

We've just about completed 'pasting in' and scanning this massive scrapbook, for which we can thank our illustrious CMC doyen, Will Kennedy. (Now we can add '...Scrapbook' to, '...Lodge, '...Lecture', '...Slide collection' '...Mountain' and maybe more after his name.) Dubbed 'The Will Kennedy/Andy Anderson Alpine Scrapbook, 1925-52', this tome of 380 large format pages (between A3 and A2) includes newspaper and weekly news clippings of all sorts, central and southern South Island centric, but wider as well - alpine ascents (including firsts), transalpines, hut building, scenic southern South Island and alpine pictorials, accidents and tragedies, air crashes, Himalayan climbs/explorations, and more. You could say CMC is at the core of this collection. Further detail in the next *Canterbury Mountaineer*, and the full content will become available digitally soon. Meantime, look out for some edgy selections on CMC Facebook.



Photo: 1933 was a full year in the NZ mountains, and the scrapbook caught much of the action.

Obituary

Gordon Habgood (1948 – 2020)

Gordon Habgood passed away during lockdown at Anthony Wilding, Halswell home, aged 72 on the 14th April 2020. Gordon was raised in the Lincoln district, and attended both Lincoln Primary, and later the High School between 1961 & 1965. He had a short stint of driving for his uncle's trucking business in Lincoln & Banks Peninsula, before enlisting as a young officer in the RNZAF.

Prior to this he, and Brian Bodger, had climbed Mt Cook twice between 1966 & 1967. Initially from the Ball Hut, then across the Tasman, and up the Haast Ridge, onto the Linda glacier. The next climb saw them fly into Plateau Hut, and up Zurbriggen Ridge. They almost accomplished a third ascent, again via the Linda, but were forced back near the top by bad weather. Gordon & Rod Helm had met up with Brian Bodger at Carrington Hut, a year or so earlier, and from then on became a regular trio. Many Arthur's Pass peaks were climbed, and if not on the mountain tops the trio were tramping extensively.

With Gordon assigned to VIP aircraft, and a long flying career attached to Surveillance, based mostly at Ohakea, or Whenuapai, South Island trips became limited to annual tramps at Christmas. Some of those were crossing the Copland Pass in 1984, into Dusky Sound in '89, and over the Whitcombe Pass with his nephew & Rod in December 1991. George Sound was followed in '95, and a further Three Pass trip in Feb 2001. At almost the same time the trio climbed Tapuenuku, and five years later an adventurous sojourn up the Perth. In the intervening years many tramping trips were undertaken whenever time permitted. Gordon became president of the CMC, and he partook in many of its hut maintenance work parties – I recall Mt Cook, Kennedy & Park Morpeth amongst them. He also led many of the now disbanded 'veterans' trips.

"Habbie" as he was known in the Air Force, attained the rank of Squadron Leader, and will be remembered for his many civic duties, his association with the local RSA, officiating at annual ANZAC services, and his years of JP service in the Lincoln community. Having known Gordon for over 50 years, I remember him for his commitment, reliability, and absolute love for the mountains.

(Written by Rod Helm 5/7/2020)

General Notices

Club book auction

Grant Hunter

To say the book auction held in conjunction with the club AGM last week was a success understates things. Twenty lots and a few maps raised a tad over \$1000, at least twice our most optimistic reckoning. Thanks so much for a (largely but not solely) younger generation who appreciate these books, and entered the competitive spirit of the night. We'll take this as an affirmation for plans for the club centenary celebrations in 2025 too. We also thank the main donors of books: the families of the late Laurie Osborne and Murray Rowden. Derek Brown and Colin Monteith also kindly donated books. (If you are feeling FOMO as they say, for you, we can do this again.)

Full set of *Canterbury Mountaineer*

Grant Hunter

We'll soon offer a full and very tidy set of *Canterbury Mountaineer* (1932-now), kindly donated to the club by long term Life Member Bill Beaven (Bill joined the club 1946), complete with letter of authentication. We reckon someone will pay over \$1000 for this, and we'll offer it on a public platform such as Trademe soon. But, we'd like it to go to a CMC member, so let us know if you are interested. (We may have at least one other full set, so don't hold back if you are interested.)

Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ 2022 – South Pole

Applications are now open for the expedition of a lifetime - to celebrate 150 years since the birth of legendary polar explorer Roald Amundsen, Antarctic Heritage Trust is looking for three Inspiring Explorers™ ideally aged under 35 to join a guided Kiwi-Norwegian expedition team on the expedition of a lifetime.

Led by the vastly experienced Norwegian polar guide Bengt Rotmo (Ousland Expeditions), and Antarctic Heritage Trust Executive Director Nigel Watson, the team will traverse close to 1000km from the Ronne Ice Shelf to the South Pole, a route inspired by Reinhold Messner and Arved Fuchs' 1989 Antarctic crossing.

With temperatures ranging from -25°C to -40°C, the team will experience all types of weather and reach elevations of 2,800m skiing for up to 10 hours per day for over 40 days, each pulling a 60-80kg sled.

Organised by Antarctic Logistics and Expeditions (ALE) and Ousland Expeditions (OE), the expedition will run from early November 2022 to early January 2023.

We are looking for applicants who embody an explorer mindset, demonstrating curiosity, resilience, leadership, innovation, and team work, with the skills, fitness, and determination to be part of a successful team expedition.

Find out more, view the full eligibility criteria, and apply now at nzaht.org

<https://nzaht.org/encourage/inspiring-explorers-expedition-2022-south-pole-lp/>

Applications close midnight NZST 13 June 2022. (Apologies for late notice on this one but possibly there might be some negotiation on the deadline)

CMC Thursday Climbing/ Tech Tips

CMC climbing nights are on Thursday nights at the YMCA during winter from 5 pm. Between 7.30 and 8pm we will go over a rope skills upstairs each week. All are welcome! Talk to Ajmal or Alida with any questions.

Club Lapel Badges

NUMBERS NOW LIMITED – THE COMMITTEE IS SNAPPING THEM UP



We have available lapel badges featuring the club ice axe / rope / kea logo. Designed by noted Canterbury alpinist / artist the late Austin Deans, and cast in sterling silver, they are more a piece of jewellery than your usual badge. \$45 ea. Available from g.hunternz@gmail.com or at club nights.

CMC lapel badge - \$45 (Coin not included. Price including coin \$45.20).

Call for Canterbury Mountaineer 2018-2022 Articles

Whether you've completed a great climb or been on a good old transalpine mission, whether your pack weighed 2 kg or 20 kg, we want your stories! This is your annual journal and will only be published if you contribute!

If you think you have something you'd like to see published in the *Canterbury Mountaineer*, send it to publications@cmc.net.nz. We're particularly keen to record first ascents by CMC folk, but all contributions will be greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact the editor if you have any questions about what to submit. Deadline for articles is end of June.



Photo: Scrambling to high peak of Mt Rolleston (Photo: B Ellis).

Trips Register

These trips are known to have been completed since the publication of the last newsletter by CMC members (and their associates).

Add your trips using the easy form at <https://www.cmc.net.nz/climb-log>

Date	Peak	Route	Party Members	Notes
05/06/2022	The Devils Rampart	From Deviskin Saddle	Jason Bartlett, Nick Moyle	
04/06/2022	Mt Potts	South Ridge, descent to Potts Hut	Lorraine Johns	
04/06/2022	Mt Philistine	Bluffs	Guy McKinnon	
04/06/2022	Avalanche Peak	via Rome Ridge	Scott Sutherland	
29/05/2022	Mt Cloudsley	Long Spur	Guy McKinnon	
22/05/2022	Mt Binser	Binser Saddle	Chris Tipper, Guy McKinnon	
12/05/2022	Mt Oxford	Pre-work paragliding descent	Eric Skea & Lorraine Johns	
07/05/2022	Dome, Arthur's Pass	W ridge via Pt 1484	Noel Walker, Kayleigh Gilkes, Nick Edwards, Eric Skea	
06/05/2022	Steepface Hill	Paragliding descents	James Gibson, Tobias Joechle-Rings & Lorraine Johns	
04/05/2022	Mt Watson	From Roa Coal Mine	Guy McKinnon	
30/04/2022	Aicken-Blimit-Temple-Phipps Traverse	Aicken-Blimit-Temple-Phipps Traverse (anticlockwise)	Rasool Porhemmat	
30/04/2022	Steeple Pk	Weta Prowl	Tom Perwick, Wako Tanaka, George Wietzke	
30/04/2022	The Thumbs	High Thumb via north buttress, low thumb via south ridge (descent to east)	Eric Skea, Elliott O'Brien & Lorraine Johns	
29/04/2022	Mt Wakefield	Guideless Buttress - to top of route with paragliding descents	Elliott O'Brien & Lorraine Johns	
27/04/2022	Mt Ruera	From Turnbull Pass	James Thornton & Nina Dickerhof	
26/04/2022	Mt Franklin	North face	James Thornton & Nina Dickerhof	
25/04/2022	Mt Eggeling	Bone Spur	James Thornton & Nina Dickerhof	
19/04/2022	Mt. Valiant	From East Hawdon Bivvy	Tom Hawkins & Sam Leary	
18/04/2022	Mt Hopeless	Ascent via South West Ridge, descent via Hopeless Creek Route	Julia Valigore, Scott Sutherland	
17/04/2022	Mt Cupola	North Face	Scott Sutherland	

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17/04/2022	Mt Trent	North ridge	James Thornton & Nina Dickerhof	
15/04/2022	Mt Temple	Central Buttress	Wako Tanaka, George Wietzke	
15/04/2022	Mt Mackenzie	SW ridge	James Thornton & Nina Dickerhof	
09/04/2022	Mt Philistine/Mt Rolleston	Philistine Rolleston Traverse	David Tyson , Julian Morgan, Charlie Skerrett, Milan Brodina, Alastair McDowell, George Guerin, Ben Ellis (Club Trip)	
09/04/2022	Mt Rolleston	Otira Face, Central Direct	Eric Skea, Ivan Andrews, Scott Sutherland	
03/04/2022	Mt Oates (Low Pk)	West Ridge	Luke Whitehead	
02/04/2022	Mt Aspiring	NW Ridge	Lateef A, Oliver D, Marijn W	
02/04/2022	Mt Franklin	SW Ridge from Goat Pass, descent via Good Luck Creek	Luke Whitehead	
27/03/2022	Mt Aspiring / Tititea	NW Ridge	Luke Whitehead, Chris Dewhurst	
27/03/2022	Mt Northumberland	SW Ridge	Jason Bartlett, Nick Moyle	
27/03/2022	Mt Aicken	Aicken Blimit traverse	Guy McKinnon	
27/03/2022	Blimit	Aicken Blimit traverse	Guy McKinnon	
26/03/2022	Mt Aspiring	NW Ridge	Tom Perwick, George Wietzke, Bill Feasey	
26/03/2022	Mt Moltke	From Alex Knob	Jo Stillwell, David Norton, James Thornton, Nina Dickerhof	
26/03/2022	Mt Philistine	Warnocks Bluff	Ursula Jewell, Shayne Crimp	
20/03/2022	Mt Temple	Central Buttress, traverse to Phipps	Lateef A, Matteo S	
19/03/2022	Mt Philistine, Mt Rolleston	Philistine - Rolleston Traverse	Owen Daniell, Luke Whitehead	
14/03/2022	Phipps Peak	Phipps-Temple Traverse	Luke Whitehead, Lucas Larraman, Liv Martin, Lewis MacDonald	

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13/03/2022	Steeple Peak	Weta Prowl	Lateef A, Oliver D	
13/03/2022	Mt Temple	Central Buttress	Chris Tipper, Guy McKinnon	
05/03/2022	Mt Wakefield	S Ridge Tramp	Lateef A, Anthony B	
05/03/2022	Mt Avoca	From Burnett Stream	Ryan Nicol	
05/03/2022	Mt Oates	I may be some time	Nick Edwards, Kayleigh Gilkes, Eric Skea	
05/03/2022	Mt Speight	SE Ridge	Tom Perwick, George Wietzke	
27/02/2022	Mt Rolleston	Phillistine-Rolleston Traverse	Lateef A	
26/02/2022	The Grand Duchess	SW Ridge	Guy McKinnon	
25/02/2022	Mt Boscawen	Robinson Saddle	Guy McKinnon	
20/02/2022	Blimit	Aicken - Blimit traverse	Scott Sutherland, Tara Aubrey	
17/02/2022	Mt Brewster	SW Face	Lateef A, Charles W	
17/02/2022	Mt Oates	SW Spur	Tom Perwick, George Wietzke	
07/02/2022	Great Unknown	Redfield Stream	James Thornton & Nina Dickerhof	
06/02/2022	Double Cone, Single Cone	Remarkables GT	Roi Gapuzan, Eric Skea	
05/02/2022	Mt Phipps - Mt Cassidy	Ridge Traverse	Tom Perwick, George Wietzke	
23/01/2022	Mt Onslow	Cloudy Stream (tramp to named summit)	Eric Skea	
22/01/2022	Rankin Peak	North East Ridge	Ryan Nicol	
16/01/2022	Mt Earnslaw/Pikirakatahi - East Peak	Wright Col	Nia Weinzwieg, Roi Gapuzan, Eric Skea	
15/01/2022	Glacier Dome	Volta Glacier/Waiatoto	Matai Wells and Andrew Wells	
15/01/2022	Blimit Cassidy Traverse	Ascent Temple Col descent Bills Basin to tarn	Graeme Jacobs and Oliver Jacobs	
14/01/2022	Malcolm Peak	West ridge	Rob Frost, Scott Sutherland	
13/01/2022	Newton Peak	From Garden of Allah	Scott Sutherland, Rob Frost	
12/01/2022	Mt Farrar	From Angel Col	Rob Frost, Scott Sutherland	

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12/01/2022	Mt Kensington	From Iceland Col	Scott Sutherland, Rob Frost	
11/01/2022	Avalanche Peak, Lyell Peak Mount Bealey	Ascent Avalanche Peak descent first Bealey slide rough creek	Graeme Jacobs and Oliver Jacobs	

CMC Information

About the CMC News

The CMC News is the official journal of the Canterbury Mountaineering Club: PO Box 2415, Christchurch 8140

It is published three-four times per year by editor Ed Cromwell.

All feedback welcome – email publications@cmc.net.nz

Meetings

CMC Club nights: normally held third Thursday every month in the Clubroom upstairs at Pioneer Sports Stadium, Lyttelton Street, Spreydon. Varied programme of speakers, including club members, overseas climbers and exponents of other adventure sports. Start time 7.30pm for socialising, 7.45pm lecture. Beer and other drinks are usually available for the donation of a gold coin.

Facebook Page The CMC has its own Facebook page. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/92021219861/> to see photos and information about the club. This information tends to be more timely than the newsletter...

Website

The CMC website was overhauled in 2020 and now features a streamlined online payment system linked to the membership database, new and improved layout, and an easy to

use trip log. Keep an eye on www.cmc.net.nz for updates.

Membership Fees

Membership is open to all. Members receive the CMC News which gives details of Club activities and other news from the climbing scene, as well as the biannual Mountaineer.

You can join the CMC online. Subscriptions are fixed at the CMC AGM in May each year. Subscription now runs for a year from the date of joining (it is no longer a fixed 1 June to 31 May period). Current subscription rates are:

- Ordinary Member: \$75
- Student: \$55
- Long Service: (35+ years continuous): Free
- Family: \$120

Once you have forwarded your membership application to the Club, you will receive an acknowledgement email.

Payments to the CMC

The CMC loves to receive money so we can continue to arrange great Club nights, keep the huts in good shape, help publish guidebooks and support other worthy mountaineering causes. That's why our online payment system has been overhauled recently.

But, if you're paying by direct deposit, we'd love it even more if,

when you make a payment, please remember to put in all the necessary details which will help us identify who it comes from and what it's for.

If there is further detail you'd like to pass on, just email treasurer@cmc.net.nz with the date and amount of the payment and what it was for. Thanks!

Membership Payment

Please remember to put your name and membership ID on any direct debit / bank deposit payments to the club.

CMC Huts

The Club owns several huts in Canterbury, which provide a good base for mountain activities. These are available either free of charge or at reduced rates for members. Prices:

- Kennedy Lodge (Arthurs Pass) and Wyn Irwin (Aoraki / Mt Cook) fees: \$15 (members) / \$30 (non-members);
- Cameron Hut, Barker Hut, Park Morpeth Hut, St Winifred Hut, Lyell Hut and Waimakariri Falls Hut fees: free (members) / \$10 (non-members);
- Eric Biv and Banfield Hut fees: free (members) / \$5 (non-members).

A map of our hut locations is on the website.

Hut Access

Wyn Irwin and Kennedy Lodge have combination locks fitted. The combinations are changed regularly. The current codes for each hut will be provided following payment for the hut on the CMC website.

Note: A hut register is kept by key code access holders to track hut usage. Please pay any hut fees promptly. CMC members get first priority in all club huts; therefore the CMC does not take bookings but can let you know the availability for use of their huts.

The Founders Trust

The Founders Trust was set up by Deryck Morse to help maintain the CMC backcountry huts. The trustees are aiming to increase the capital in the Founders Trust to ensure there are sufficient funds to maintain our backcountry huts into the future. If you are interested in making a donation to the Founders Trust, please contact Maureen McCloy mike.maureen@outlook.co.nz.

CMC Club Trips Policy

An important part of the CMC is volunteer-organised trips.

Many members will have had their first alpine experiences on club trips, and many will also have organised trips, helping others enjoy our alpine environment.

If you're thinking of joining or organising a trip, here are some guidelines on what to expect.

Responsibilities of a Trip Organiser:

Trips should be fun for everyone. They are not hard to organise and can be very rewarding. Choose a mountain, peak, hill, traverse, route, crag, or whatever and get out there and meet some keen club members!

You cannot be responsible for the safety of every member of the group, but you should aim to help trip participants make their own informed decisions about the proposed trip both before and during the trip.

Choose a realistic goal for the time available and give prospective group members an idea of the amount of effort required to achieve the stated goal. Set a group size limit based on your experience, the goal, time available and group fitness and experience. Let the group know what skills and equipment are needed when they sign up so that everyone is prepared.

Provide the trip Participants with a copy of the CMC waiver form and have them understand, sign and return it to you in advance of the trip.

Organise travel arrangements at the earliest opportunity and let everyone know how much they should expect to pay for transport costs (petrol, wear and tear). Prepare and leave trip intentions with at least one responsible individual. Intentions should include a latest return time / date

that would trigger a search initiated by the responsible individual(s) and involving the relevant authorities (Police, SAR, etc).

If someone on the trip voices their concern about a situation, it is up to you (with the help of the group) to find a solution, where possible. This might sometimes involve everyone turning around.

Responsibilities of a Trip Participant

Remember that CMC Club trips are voluntary activities. Mountaineering involves risk and cannot be regarded as absolutely safe. Indeed, hazard and risk are part of the challenge of mountaineering. You are responsible for managing your own safety. The CMC is not responsible for your safety. If you are uncomfortable with any situation, it is up to you to let your Trip Organiser, or other members of your group (if the trip has split objectives), know straight away.

Be prepared to drive or pay transport costs (petrol, wear and tear) as determined by the Trip Organiser. Make sure you are as fit and healthy as possible. Make sure you have a clear idea of the trip's goals and what will be required of you to achieve those goals.

Obtain a relevant map and know where you are going, the type of terrain, the gear you will need and the knowledge of how to use it.

Get in contact with the Trip Organiser as soon as you are confident that you want to go on the trip and be honest to your Trip Organiser about your level of experience. Accept that the Trip Organiser might not accept you on the trip if they think you are not experienced enough, or they might wish to discuss with you further. Read, understand and return the signed copy of the CMC waiver form to the Trip Organiser.

If you discover that you cannot go on the trip, then let the Trip Organiser know as soon as possible so that another person can take your place.

Change of Address

If you change your address please be sure to let the Club know. Contact Sooji Clarkson by email: membership@cmc.net.nz Otherwise, send your details to:

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