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Club Meetings

Usually held on the 3rd Thursday of the month, from 7.15 pm, CMC Clubrooms, upstairs at Pioneer Leisure Centre, Lyttleton St.

Please note – There is no club meeting this month.

Thursday 17 February – Aotearoa Climbing Access Trust (ACAT) - Sam and Anna will talk about the Trust and how we aim to achieve the mission of sustainable climbing access together.

Thursday 17 March – ‘What you got up to over the Sumer’ collection of talks from CMC

Upcoming Club Trips

22/23 January – Cloudy Peak

19/20 February - CMC Three Passes Marathon

*Cover:
Malaspina at
sunset
(Photo: A
McDowell).*

Editor's Note

It's been a while since the last CMC News, so this is a bumper edition including a variety of trips from across the past year. There's been some amazing club work going on with the build of the new Lyell Hut (the CMCs first new hut in over 50 years!) and some epic trips such as Al's impressive 3000m enchainment achievement. I'm sure you're all getting out there and enjoying the sunshine but there's always time to read your favourite publication so read on!

Trip Reports and News

The editor's apologies to Nick for missing this one in the club junk box for the winter newsletter!

CMC Trip Mt Haszard - June 2021

Nick Moyle

The original plan was Tantalus in the Two Thumb Range. A closed road to Lilybank and high rivers forced a change of location to Mt Haszard. The weather was overcast and forecast to clear. After a less than friendly welcome from the matron at Godley Peaks Station we set off for Middle Gorge Hut via the Mistake River. A few deer were spooked en route but it was an easy walk in. Eric cranked up the coal stove and the afternoon was spent telling tall tales, eating and reading Rod n Rifle magazines.

The next morning we got away by 6.30am and headed up the east ridge. It was straight forward walking with the crampons put on for the last stretch. The views came and went but we summited and were back at the hut just after 11am. A brew, feed and clean up and then the three hour wander out. Back at the car we visited the homestead to thank them for access. Once again, the matron showed that customer service wasn't going to be her choice of career when leaving the farm. It didn't matter though. We got to a summit on a weekend of average weather and enjoyed a new location for all of us.



Photos: Left: The team ascending the East Ridge. Right: Steep descent.

Enchaining New Zealand's 3000 m Peaks

Alistair McDowell

Overseas the concept of an 'enchainment' has been popular. In 2015, Ueli Steck completed a 62-day enchainment of the 82x 4000m peaks of the European Alps, traveling between mountain ranges by bike, descending from some summits by paraglider. More recently, Nims Purja's Netflix documentary "14 Peaks" about his fast enchainment of the Himalayan 8000ers has again brought the idea to public consciousness. So why not apply this style to the mountains of New Zealand?

New Zealand has 24 named peaks above 3000 metres, and among these are some of our most classical & inspiring mountains: Aoraki/Mt Cook, Tititea/Mt Aspiring, Tasman, Sefton and more.

It was Penny Webster who gave me the idea for a 3000m peaks enchainment. As soon as I looked at the map, a route connecting the dots began to take form in my mind. I teamed up with Hamish Fleming, a Queenstown-based adventurer, and together we set our minds to the challenge.

What allured us to this adventure was much more than ticking off summits. It was the transalpine nature of the journey we were creating, and the sense of commitment that comes from moving entirely under your own steam through wild places. We were to experience magical moments, like gazing up at the huge bulk of La Perouse from the isolated Strauchon Valley and falling off the edge of the map into the Times Glacier, Elie De Beaumont looming above. And through it all, journeying with a great partner to share in both the struggles and the triumphs. This is what kiwi adventure is all about.

It was also about the people you meet on the journey. Spending three days stormbound in Empress Hut with some local legends was a real highlight. In between, total isolation and disconnection from the outside world.

Emerging from the Ball Road after climbing the first 23 peaks was a special moment, a moment we had visualised for months, and now we were here. The cross-country bike ride to Aspiring gave us time to reflect on what we'd experience over the last 4 weeks.



Photos: Top Left: Crossing the Copland River, Top Right: Tasman (second day of Hicks-Haast traverse, after climbing up the ice arete from Silberhorn)

Middle left: The pair at the start of Copland Track. Middle Right: Hamish.

Bottom: Magellan (out and back along the ridge from Clarke Saddle to bag this peak).

Firstly, we felt very lucky to climb all these peaks and see these wild places. The weather always seemed to work in our favour. Long immersive trips allow you to witness the mountain environment in all its

moods - you watch the storms roll in and out and you gain a better appreciation of the changing conditions. The harshness of these storms also teaches patience as you wait for your short opportunity to dash up to that high summit.

During the month we hunkered down for four major storms, each lasting 2-3 days. Normally in November and December it's expected to see some precipitation come down as snowfall, especially at the high-altitude huts around 2400m. This month, due to warmer temperatures, almost all the precipitation came down as rain, sometimes as much as 400mm in 3 days. This was the starkest sign to us in how climate change is affecting the alpine environment. These torrents of rain wash out the glaciers, instead of adding to the snowpack. It shows how just a few degrees difference in temperature can have a huge impact on our fragile glaciers.

The goal to climb the 24 peaks created great motivation for us, but we also felt a tension between our determination to succeed, and not wanting to let that ambition push us to take unacceptable risks. The deeper you go, the more peaks you climb, the more you have invested, the harder it is to turn back. You want to succeed, but you also want to survive. This is a common dilemma for the mountaineer, one that becomes accentuated in longer expeditions.

This trip once again proved to us that you can have amazing expedition-style adventures right here in New Zealand. The process of finding the right partner, planning the logistics and food drops, acquiring the best equipment, training the body and the mind, and finally plunging yourself into the deep unknown to execute your plan is why mountaineering is such a satisfying activity. Focussing on enjoying this process, and not just succeeding on the end goal is so important. That said, its quite nice when you do succeed 😊.

Lyell Hut Build – Labour Day Working Bee

Rose Pearson

After two years of regular updates from Robin about the latest progress on the Lyell hut rebuild the rest of the club committee were eager to lend a hand - and we were in luck as there were plenty of little 'low skill' tasks remaining. Ben, our newly minted president, proposed a walking-in walk-out trip fittingly chosen to coincide with labour day.

Soon the trip was up on the website and it seems the general club membership had also been hankering to contribute. Before long there were twenty odd signups - perhaps lured by Ben's promise of a 4WD convoy right to the hut doors. As the trip drew nearer, the messaging

changed somewhat. There was talk of 4WD's taking us part way, and then early in the week of the trip a slight change again to walking and/or cycling from Heron Station. Only 16km in total we were assured.

I was part of the advanced work party, along with Nelson and Jaz, who had self-tasked taking two sporks and a set of chop sticks in early via the Bracken snow field. We felt these could be used to help dig the new long drop. We arrived at 8:45pm on the walk in day to an empty hut, and set about arranging our potluck offerings for the next day - a tin of sardines from Reischek, and well that's it.

A short while later, Phil (our oldest helper at 70) and Volker arrived having walked in from Glenfalloch. They mentioned they had seen the others beginning the climb from the top of Meins knob. Soon we saw head torches and near 11pm Ben, Ruari, Anne, Tasman, Andy and Hugh had arrived - happily unloading the loppers, shovels and other equipment they had carried in. There was much exclamation as to how short the 16km had felt and what a great idea this had been.

The next day we began by dividing up into groups to tackle the tasks Robin had allocated to us: paint the hut interior (Jaz and a revolving cast), dig a new long drop (Andy + Ruari and various helpers), construct a wood shed (Tasman and Phil), pave outside the hut (Volker + Nelson and various helpers), and clear the track over Meins knob (new entries Natalie and Julia).

Around midday unable to find some tools, Ben rang into Chch via the mountain radio. After 15 minutes watching Ben try to explain we were at Lyell hut and trying to contact Robin in his Irish brogue, Jaz took over only to discover we were talking to longtime club member Ian, who had us sorted out in no time.

The hours ticked by, dinner came and went, before eventually we had done all we could - all that remained was to paint the windowsills, clad the wood shed (need roofing nails), and securely overtop the previous long-drop hole - although this was sadly too late to avoid an unfortunate incident followed rapidly by a wash in the river.

Labour day itself was spent walking the 30 odd km (thanks Ben) back to Lake Heron and our waiting cars satisfied in a job well done.



Photos: Upper: The working bee crew in front of the new Lyell Hut, Lower Left: digging the new long drop. Lower Right: Painting the inside of Lyell Hut (Photos: R Pearson).

Harpers Rock Biv

Rachel Smith

A classic transalpine Douglas-Karangarua loop via Harper's Rock Biv and The Gladiator in November/December 2021. Party: Ivan Andrews, Patrick Hayes, David Sik, Hamish Edwards and Rachel Smith.

Like many trips, this one began with much faff. After a day of collecting various people and bits of forgotten gear, we set off for Fox. Tipping rain

and flooded roads made for an exciting drive, and I was relieved when my car made it to Fox in one piece.

The next day we set out in fine weather with a leisurely walk into Cassel Flat Hut followed by a lovely afternoon in the sun at the flats.

On day two the trip began in earnest. We crossed the Karangarua cableway and then wandered up Regina creek to one of the wobbliest three-wire bridges I have ever been on, which was anchored to a tree. From here, the track climbed steeply to Conical Hill Saddle, and we all felt the weight of a week's worth of food on our backs. Bedrock slab with thinly glued trees made for a couple of exciting sections.

From Conical Hill saddle we traversed across an interesting tussock slope with intermittent slabby sections, before descending to Horace Walker hut. The hut is situated on lovely grassy flats which are enclosed by massive imposing bluffs to the South, and the snowy Sierra range to the North - a truly stunning location.



Photos: Left: Cassel Flat Hut, Right: Patrick enjoying the climb to Conical Hill Saddle (Photos: D Sik).

The next day to get to Harper's rock biv was the most challenging. Most of Douglas lake is easily traversable, but the final few hundred metres required a steep sidle on moraine/scree above bluffs. This took us a long time to negotiate.

We arrived at Harper's rock biv by mid-afternoon and enjoyed a swim and early dinner. The biv is located amongst tussock on the edge of a flat stoney plain, next to a bubbling creek. It is named after A P Harper, NZAC founder, who explored the upper Douglas in the 1890's. The biv has since

been a curiosity and shelter for keen transalpinists, though receiving relatively few visits on account of its remoteness.

In the evening we attempted to ascend Douglas saddle. We made the error of not consulting the route guide or sufficiently respecting the complexity of the bluffed slabby terrain in the area. In the end, our attempted route proved impassable, and we returned tail between our legs to Harpers rock biv for the night.



Photos: Upper Left: Tussock traverse to Horace Walker Hut, Upper Right: Rachel negotiating boulders along the side of the Douglas lake, Lower Left: Harpers Rock biv, Lower Right: The flat Harper's Rock biv is situated on, viewed from the slopes of Douglas Saddle. (Photos: D Sik).

Day four was the finest day of the trip. We got up early and climbed Douglas saddle on the correct route this time. From the saddle we followed easy snow slopes to the summit of The Gladiator, rewarding us with stunning views of the Sierra Range, Mt Sefton, and the upper Landsborough.

Our afternoon was more challenging, descending to Karangarua saddle via Mt Howitt in the clag. We took our time to find a good route, our only real challenge being a small band of 2-3m high bluffs which some

abseiled off, and more daring members jumped! We eventually reached the flatter tussocky slopes of Karangarua saddle and were grateful to be below the clouds again.

Having succeeded at our crossing to the Karangarua catchment we felt much more relaxed, and enjoyed a pleasant wander down to Christmas Flat Hut. 'Christmas Dinner' never tasted so good. Indeed, Ivan's home-dehy meals were a highlight of the trip.

We began the next day in a similarly relaxed fashion with a big sleep-in followed by hash browns at Christmas flat. However, with three days of heavy rain forecast we were wary of being trapped behind flooded side streams. We ended up walking out in a day, our fourth 10+ hour day in a row. However, we still found time for a couple of swim stops along the way and dinner at Cassel Flat Hut. We arrived at the car in the middle of the night to a flat battery...typical! (Thankfully it started easily)

It was a whirlwind trip - we completed most of it in just four days rather than the intended week. However, we still enjoyed many lovely moments of swimming in the streams, playing cards, and delicious meals. We got to see some remote and stunning West Coast country, without even getting out our raincoats - can't beat that!



Photos: Left: Looking down towards Horace Walker hut from the Gladiator-Howitt ridge, Right: Wandering out the Karangarua (Photos: D Sik)

The Gardens of E...lizabeth (and the Great Unknown)

Alida Van Vugt

Inspired by a team from the CMC who had gone the year before I also wanted to see the beauty of the gardens myself. Luke, Fin, Will and I – a haphazardly collated team of various skill sets were up for the challenge. We originally eyed up the traverse of the gardens starting from the Perth River, across the Great Unknown, through the gardens, and out the Lambert Tops Route. BUT – the Gorge Track Bridge is out for at least

another year. After putting out some feelers with locals and DOC we decided not to try crossing Lambert River due to November snow melt, instead settling for in and out via the Perth. We set off on our journey knowing we had a beautiful weather window for the first half of our projected 9 days, but the last half was likely to be iffy.

This first day was beautiful and the saying you can't beat the West Coast on a good day resonated through the hot sticky heat. We took our time swimming in the river, sunbathing on rocks, meandering, bird watching and enjoying the oddly sandfly free environment we were in. Time slipped away and we realised we'd best get a move on to get to Scone Hut at a decent hour. Now boys I love you – but we did truly make an absolute faff of this walk. After a rolled ankle debacle, weight was redistributed, and two team members got a head start while two of us were a touch behind sorting the new weight into our packs. While ahead, the boys accidentally found themselves on a flood track. They followed this for quite some time prior to pulling off the seemingly impossible with what I hope will be the first and last rappel on the track between Nolans and Scone in history to escape the flood track and return to us down below.

Finally reacquainted with the two of us bewildered as to what became of the other half of our team, we realised one of the intrepid flood track explorers had lost their mountaineering boot tied to his bag. For those unsure, we can confirm it is still best practice to minimize the amount of stuff that is tied onto the outside of your pack and if it is, tie it on really well. A two-hour loop detour back over the flood track, back up the famous rappel spot and over the riverbed on hunt for this shoe left us in poor spirits, was this trip over for Mr boots before it even began? Then, on the rocks, Luke spotted it first, the boot, so close to where we had dropped our bags to begin the search! Argh. Phew. While Will kissed his lost boot we decided we'd best have dinner on the track, and carried on into the night. Rolling into Scone Hut at a very indecent hour, how on earth we had almost been defeated by the first easy walk-in day was beyond us. In our packs we had two trad racks with the hope that perhaps we could get on some rock in the gardens. Given the walk in and looming weather forecast we made the call to leave our racks behind at Scone and proceed with one rope. New group goal – let's just try get there! We stumbled upon a ZIP trap line up the ridge and WOW what a difference having a nice track made.

We grunted up some serious vert, again our rookie mistakes here to provide all of you with a laugh or learn opportunity. Always fill up your water at the last stream. Having had the luxury of being next to rivers until this point and thinking that on the West Coast you'd surely come across

another stream, we chugged with little water up the hill. It was very dry for the West Coast. Will tried his luck drinking some droplets squeezed from moss in a true man vs wild esc “I’m going to die of dehydration on the West Coast!” way. Meanwhile Luke and Fin powered ahead to a small stream at the snow line and came back saving the day with water for all. Rehydrated, we continued up over the ridge through beautifully slushy snow patches and grasses. Bum sliding on the downhill to Elizabeth Stream offered great entertainment ripping the first pair of my pants for the trip. The others joined in the sliding fun too until ... Fins phone was gone out of his open pocket (so... zip pockets are great). Fin powered back up the golden grasses hunting, we all reluctantly followed. By sheer luck, the phone was found and with a hoorah we were back on course. Enjoying our stunning campsite with surrounding mountains on lush grasses with alpine flora and rivers, Elizabeth Stream was something else. Avalanches from the days heat were stripping the mountains to the rock in the valley above us. We crawled into bed and set alarms for an alpine start.

Wake up. Pack up. Luke instructed us “Don’t lose anything today”, we laughed and set up the ridge following his headtorch as he powered ahead despite having severely blistered feet. As the first signs of light rose we were cramponing in beautiful conditions. A moment was spent on a rock to drink in the sunrise. Adverse Glacier did not seem overly crevassed and was tiny. However, with our limited experience and small irregularities that could be seen on the surface I decided we should rope up, good practice for us anyway. The summit of the Great Unknown was nothing but spectacular and the views were beautiful. We had early lunch and gazed out over the Gardens of Eden ready to head their direction... then I got out the InReach.



Photos: Left: Heading up the ridge above Elizabeth Stream, Right: Dinner at camp in Elizabeth Stream. (Photos: L Whitehead)

“Rain radar looks like Japanese flag, red all over, you should try be at Nolan’s by Wednesday”. A storm coming in, what to do? We discussed continuing on into the Gardens of Eden: where we would camp that night, how we would get down in a hurry if things got spicy, how did we feel about the unknown route finding of coming down Adverse Creek, what would the side rivers be like crossing in heavy rain? Finally, I drooled at the gardens one last time and reluctantly suggested turning around. It hurt to suggest we gave up on the gardens, but the team saw the logic and agreed.

We descended all the way back down to Elizabeth Stream. Most of those irregularities in Adverse Glacier had not changed later in the day but some had started to form sizeable glide cracks, we skirted past with unease. The trip back down was long, it started with enthusiasm, more bum sliding, rock wren watching, and the achievement of ripping off the crotch of my second and last pair of pants. Fin and Will powered down and were found swimming in the river like victors. I swear I saw Luke take a nap while waiting for me to eat a gel I embarrassingly required to get me the last 10 minutes of our journey down.

Back at Elizabeth Stream, we decided the gardens of Elizabeth was a much better garden than the Gardens of Eden anyway. For one, it actually had plants. After a well-deserved sleep in, two days were spent slogging out, admiring the amount of birdlife in the area, and laughing at ourselves. The trip was concluded with a greeting from the previously missing sandflies, as well as a great beer and a feed at Hari Hari pub. We highly recommend the gardens of Elizabeth Stream to anybody considering going, golden hour in the alpine tundra will forever be cemented in my mind. Thanks to the team for humoring me with a great adventure.



15 *Photos: Left: Heading up the ridge to the Great Unknown, Right: The Gardens of Eden (Photos: L Whitehead).*

Support the Arthurs Pass Visitor Centre and it's Historical Records Grant Hunter

Following the 2011 earthquakes, the Arthur's Pass Visitor's Centre was identified as a high-risk building. Some work was done to isolate the highest risk sections of it, but then a policy change in 2019 led to the whole building being firmly shut to all - DoC staff, visitors, local residents and volunteers. (A temporary centre operates across the road.)

A wide range of documents and items about the National Park (the first in NZ) and the village are locked away in the building, inaccessible, unprotected, and for sure deteriorating. They include historical correspondence, maps, displays, written records, photos, hut books and paintings. Museum exhibits range from preserved birds to a portrait of Arthur Dudley Dobson. There's bound to be unique material relating to the CMC in there.

Local residents have been building momentum to have DoC, firstly (and most urgent), enable access to the trapped archival items and collections, so they can be safeguarded and eventually made available for research and display. Secondly, commit to restoring the building back to its former glory and use (they judge it still fit for purpose, and it has been deemed repairable at a lower cost than a rebuild).

The building was designed by noted architect Paul Pascoe (club member John's brother) and CMC hut guru Stan Muirson was contracted to build it. With the National Park Board having advertised for funds in 'Canterbury Mountaineer' in 1958, for sure members would have donated to the cause. The centre opened in 1959.

Our club's intertwined association with the park stretches over nearly 100 years – the CMC formed around its Arthur's Pass roots several years before the national park fired up. With the club's role in building and funding the centre, not to mention building and looking after over 20 remote huts in and around the national park (currently 11 standing and in club care), the club has a strong interest in this.

So, how can we help? As a club, the committee will consider developing a view to go to Minister of Conservation. Individual interested members have various options. Facebook users can connect with the Save Park HQ page (<https://www.facebook.com/saveparkhq>). Others can write to the Minister (k.allan@ministers.govt.nz), and/or offer to help with tasks such as sorting

collections in due course. You can buy a fundraiser tee-shirt from saveparkhq, or donate directly to the cause. We'd love to hear from any of our vets who recall contributing or otherwise interacting with this major project of the day.



Photos: Water enroute to the new Lyell Hut (Photo: Unknown)

General Notices

Club Trapping Line

Make your new years resolution a trip to Aoraki to check the club trapping line this year! If you're out adventuring right now, why not stop by for a trip up the stepmaster to Sealy tarns with some yummy rabbit in your pack on your way home?!!

For those that need some extra motivation, there have been kea nesting nearby so checking the traps and rebaiting them regularly is making a real difference! Take a look at the club website here for more info:

<https://cmc.net.nz/traping-line-sealey-tarns/>

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 2019-2021 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.

As of September 2021 the editor is grateful to have received a small number of contributions (less than half a dozen). Unfortunately, this is far from the critical mass necessary to put together a *Mountaineer*, and without more material this journal can't be published. Let those fingers do the typing!



Photo: Aspiring NW Ridge (Photo: A McDowell).

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 / Place	Route	Personnel
09/01/2022	Single Cone, Double Cone	Remarkables Grand Traverse	Josef Kral
07/01/2022	Mount Crosscut	West Ridge	Josef Kral
05/01/2022	Query Peak	Zora Glacier from the Mahitahi	James Thornton & Nina Dickerhof
05/01/2022	Mt Doubtful	Zora Glacier from the Mahitahi	James Thornton & Nina Dickerhof
04/01/2022	Mt Wakefield	Guideless Buttress	Josef Kral
04/01/2022	Tekoe	NE ridge	James Thornton & Nina Dickerhof
02/01/2022	Aoraki / Mt Cook	East ridge (Mid.+High peak down via Linda glacier)	Josef Kral, Nick O'Rourke
02/01/2022	Mt Humphries	North Ridge	James Thornton & Nina Dickerhof
29/12/2021	Pena de Bernal (2510m), Mexico	Bernalina (7p, 5.8, Ewbank 17)	Kevin Patterson & Adrienne Robinson
26/12/2021	Couloir Peak	North West Face	James Thornton & Nina Dickerhof

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24/12/2021	Malcolm Peak	South West Ridge	James Thornton & Nina Dickerhof
24/12/2021	Mt Wakefield	SW Ridge (Guides Route) - variation closer to the 2nd swingbridge	Josef Kral
18/12/2021	Paris	South Ridge	Jason Bartlett, Nick Moyle
12/12/2021	Mt Aspiring	South West Ridge	Josef Kral, Nick O'Rourke, Jochem Nol
11/12/2021	Erebus	North Ridge	James Thornton & Nina Dickerhof
11/12/2021	Somnus	North face (from the North Route Burn)	James Thornton & Nina Dickerhof
08/12/2021	Nevado El Colima (4260m), Mexico	South Face	Kevin Patterson & Adrienne Robinson
01/12/2021	The Gladiator	Douglas Pass - Mt Howitt Traverse	Ivan Andrews, Rachel Smith, Patrick Hayes, David Sik, Hamish Edwards
20/11/2021	Mt Owen	From Sunrise Pk	James Thornton & Nina Dickerhof
18/11/2021	The Marquee	South Ridge, descent West Face	Luke Whitehead, Liv Martin
10/11/2021	Mt Philistine	Warnocks Bluff	Chris Dewhurst, Owen Daniell
08/11/2021	The Great Unknown	Via Elizabeth Stream and Adverse Glacier	Alida van Vugt, Findal Proebst, Will Talbot & Luke Whitehead
07/11/2021	Mt Rolleston	Sampson's Couloir	Ivan Andrews, Nick Edwards, Eric Skea
06/11/2021	D'Archiac	East Ridge	Owain Scullion, Tom Garden, Dan Ashfield
05/11/2021	Mt Whitcombe	Via Snow Dome and glacier north of Erewhon Peak, from Erewhon Col	Lorraine Johns, Scott Sutherland
04/11/2021	Mt Cook	The Grand Traverse	Josef Kral, Nick O'Rourke, Jake Gray, Romain Sacchettiini, Lucy Chen, Kyle Zhou
04/11/2021	Mt Allen (Tin Range)	From the south	James Thornton & Nina Dickerhof
04/11/2021	The Amazons Breasts	From the Ramsay Glacier	Lorraine Johns, Scott Sutherland
02/11/2021	Gog and Magog	North East Ridge	James Thornton & Nina Dickerhof
23/10/2021	Avalanche Peak	Avalanche - Scotts	Guy McKinnon
23/10/2021	Mt Retiense	From the Hopkins	Tarsh Turner, Ana Richard's,

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			Sean Burrows, Scott Sutherland
23/10/2021	Avalanche Pk, Lyell Pk, Mt Bealey	Scotts Track/Rough Creek	Thomas Hughes, George Hedley, Eric Skea
15/10/2021	Peak 2374 (Albert Glacier)	West Ridge	Josef Kral, Nick O'Rourke, Ted Bannister
14/10/2021	Lendenfeld Peak	East Ridge	Josef Kral, Nick O'Rourke, Ted Bannister, Lucy Chen
14/10/2021	Mt Tasman	North Shoulder	Josef Kral, Nick O'Rourke, Ted Bannister, Lucy Chen
10/10/2021	Douglas Peak	Central Gully	Josef Kral, Nick O'Rourke, Ted Bannister, Lucy Chen
10/10/2021	Glacier Peak	North East Ridge	Josef Kral, Nick O'Rourke, Ted Bannister, Lucy Chen
03/10/2021	Mt Temple	Choked Gut Gulley	Patrick Clissold, David Ewing, Annie Gilmour
02/10/2021	Mt Radove	Case Valley	Owain Scullion, Dan Ashfield
19/09/2021	Foggy Peak	Porters Pass route	Alastair McDowell
18/09/2021	Crystal Peak	South ridge from Lake Tennyson	Jason Bartlett, Nick Moyle
15/09/2021	Mt Rolleston	Rome Ridge, Rolleston- Philistine traverse	Alastair McDowell
13/09/2021	Tenaya Peak, Tuolumne	Northwest Buttress, 14p, 5.5	Kevin Patterson & Adrienne Robinson
15/08/2021	Single Cone, Double Cone	Remarkables Grand Traverse	Alastair McDowell



Photo: A starry night above Elizabeth Stream (Photo: L Whitehead).

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About the CMC News

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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 7.15pm 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: \$10 (members) / \$25 (non-members);
- Cameron Hut, Barker Hut, Park Morpeth Hut, St Winifred Hut, and Waimakariri Falls Hut fees: free (members) / \$10 (non-members);
- Lyell Hut, 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 can be obtained from Robin Muirson, phone 03 357 4800 or 027 434 4122. Please phone at a reasonable time.

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 Rachel Smith by email: membership@cmc.net.nz Otherwise, send your details to:

PO Box 2415, Christchurch.



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