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The newsletter of the **Canterbury Mountaineering Club Inc.**

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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.

Please note the next few meetings have different dates due to Covid.

Thursday 23rd September – Spring Climbing Tales.

Showcasing a collection of spring climbing adventures with 3 to 4 talks from CMC members, held at the CMC room in Pioneer.

Tuesday 19th October 2021 – New Zealand Mountain Film Festival (NZMFF). (Rescheduled date due to lockdown.)

The award winning selection of NZMFF films will be shown at the Philip Carter Family Auditorium in the Art Gallery.

Funds raised from ticket sales will go towards a combination of the CMC centenary book and the CMC huts.

Tickets from the CMC website at <https://cmc.net.nz>

Editor's Note

It's been a busy few months for the club, with a new president taking the helm since the last newsletter - Ben Mangan (Many thanks to our past president George Gerard for his great work for the club over the past four years!). There has been heaps of instruction courses with Al our Instruction Officer organising more courses than you can shake a stick at. Hopefully we're going to have loads more people out in the hills and trained to the highest standard thanks to CMC courses. I hope you enjoy this edition, there's even an account of our very own CMC mystery, recently solved I might add. As we go into the Spring season, please send in your trip reports, would be great to have more articles next newsletter!

Cover: Summit of Surveyor Peak (Photo: E Cromwell).

Trip Reports and News

Hooker Valley Mystery

Richard Stiles

Chris Hill, a NZ climber, came across an old pack about a year ago near Pudding Rock, on the Hooker Glacier beneath Aoraki/Mt Cook. It had a broken camera in it with a film cannister inside.

He brought the pack to the local police, enquiring - but nothing came of it. So he took the pack and found that the film had these shots in it. He thus just recently put the shots up on the Canterbury Mountaineering Club Facebook group, asking if anyone knew anything about the guys in the photos.

No luck from the NZ crew, though the local guys were able to work out the date was in the mid 90's, specifically in the region of 1996-1998, judging from the weathering on Empress Hut built in 1994, and the pre-rockfall state of the South Face of Mt Hicks. Hugh Logan and others worked out that the climbers had climbed a route up to Porter Col and later climbed a route on the Sheila Face.

The clothes they wore looked Aussie, so the CMC showed the photos onto well-connected Australian climber Tim McCartney-Snape. He posted them onto an Australian climbing Facebook group, Sydney Climbers.

A Blue Mountains local, Richard Delaney, recognised the guy on the left - Mike Dunlop. So they contacted Mike. Mike contacted me...

I, Richard Stiles, took the shots in March 1997. I was climbing with Steve Robinson. Steve is the one with long hair. The guy in the middle is Richard Cuthbert, who was climbing with Mike Dunlop.

The trip culminated in us doing the Sheila Face on the west side of Aoraki/Mt Cook. We spent a cold night sitting on the summit, then when we couldn't see any reason to sit there shivering in the dark, we spent the rest of the night doing a very scary traverse along the summit ridge of Aoraki - soft, unstable snow - where we feared peeling off at every step - down 1500m below.

By dawn, we had reached the Middle Peak, where we had already been earlier in the trip. We relaxed. We had done the beast. The hardest mountain project I had ever done

But halfway down Porters Col, an apartment sized block of ice broke off above us. A serac. We were briefly stopped for a rest, with our packs off. I looked up, and just thought if I don't get out of here, I'm not going to be here.

I started running down the 50 degree slope - no gear - cleared maybe 100m in 3 seconds, I'm not joking. I somehow managed to get to the edge of the avalanche cone.

When I finally came to a stop, I called out - no Steve. He was buried somewhere. I found a snow stake, and with that down-climbed back to Empress Hut to raise the alarm.

So when Mike contacted me yesterday, a lot of stuff came through me. Sadness, weirdness looking back at an era that seemed a long way off - but yet only 24 years ago, but also happiness with all those young smiles, doing what they were happy to do.

I've cleared this with Steve's rellos, and they are OK about sharing this stuff.

And the music I had on my walkman over that trip - as I am listened to now as I write this - REM, Adventures in Hi-Fi - another reason why this band is in my heart-space pantheon...

Steve Robinson - you were a fine human, brilliant solar physicist, humanitarian, big smiling man.

I loved you then. I love you now. I miss you.

My pack had made its way off the upper Empress Ice Shelf down to Pudding Rock about a km below over the last 24 years... Steve may be somewhere near, or miles away...who knows.

By some quirk, I am still here and you ain't. Just the way our dice rolled on that fateful day. The things that pop up in your day...

Look out for the annual CMC Mountaineer journal in the near future, where Richard Stiles, Chris Hill and others will tell the story in full.



Photos: Upper: the pair ascending Aoraki. Lower Left: En route up Aoraki. Lower Right: The team at Empress (Steve Robinson on the right)(Photos: recently developed from the discovered camera).

Touchdown Andrew Tyrell

From The Remarkables ski area, Ed and I made use of a season pass and rode the Curvey Basin chairlift to the ski area boundary. Visibility came and went, and we cautiously skied into the head of Wye Creek towards the frozen lakes just below 1700m. After transitioning we skinned northwest up a gentle ridge towards the South Face of Single Cone and had a quick lunch and gear faff in the lee of a large boulder. Finally reaching the foot of the ice, we dug a large belay ledge in the snow and Ed tied in to lead.

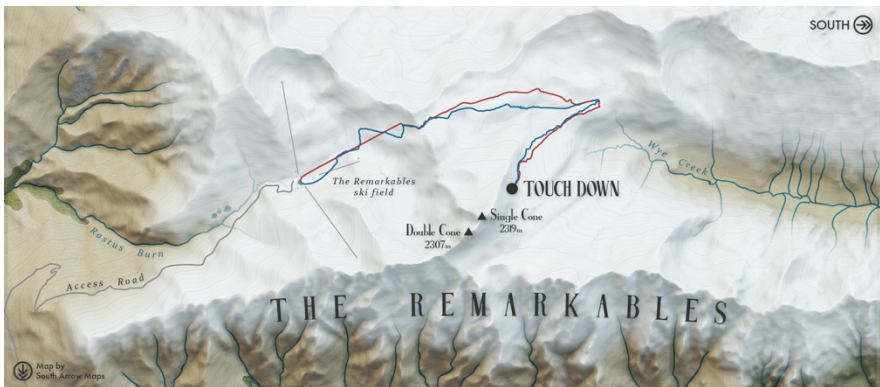
30m up, Ed created a top-rope anchor with a V-thread and a screw, and abseiled back to the base. By this time Sarah, Chris, and Vince had arrived on foot and took their turns at top-roping the climb. Despite the surprising lack of wind, spindrift was flowing down the face, so we dug a rudimentary snow cave for some shelter and to wait our turn for climbing. Occasional breaks in the cloud revealed the full Wye Creek valley stretching away into the distance.



Photo: The writer sheltering from the elements in his snow cave (A Tyrell).

The three on foot set off back to the ski area, and then it was my turn to climb. For the first time in my life I would be doing so in ski boots. The ice was generally solid, though an awkward step halfway and my axe popping out made me glad I was on a top-rope. Above the step the ice improved, with single swings required to gain secure placements. Soon I reached the anchor and set about retrieving the ice screw, trusting all my weight to the V-thread. It was my first time abseiling off a V-thread without a backup, and my nerves were high. Arriving safely at the bottom of the climb again, Ed and I donned our skis and retraced our steps, and skied down the ridge, avoiding the large cornice to the east.

Skinning back up towards the ski area, we passed a couple of other tourers who were heading out to camp for the night. With the wind picking up we thought they were mad, and pushed on. We arrived at the boundary as the sun was peaking out from below the cloud, spilling golden light across the Wakatipu Basin. The ski area had already been closed for about an hour, so we skied down empty, icy pistes back to the car, arriving at the same time as the others.



Map: Ski tour route to Touch Down. Red shows skinning/chairlift and blue shows skiing (A Tyrell).

Seaward Kaikoura Trip

Ed Cromwell

The seaward Kaikouras are one of those ideal spots for weekend trips from Christchurch, the drive there isn't too long, there's a few decent sized mountains, and you can get in a classic bit of Canterbury gravel bashing as well as some great alpine mountaineering.

Our team of Alida, Soph, Vince and myself decided to give Manukau a go. Why not go for the biggest one? The end of our car journey took us down onto the edge of the Hapuku River where we left the X-trail and headed off on foot. Alida and I had checked the map and it looked like we could follow a nice, little road for a few kms before re-joining the river, perfect. 'Trespassers will be shot' maybe not then. Back we went into the river-bed and it was a fair old mission along the gravel before things soon started to get a bit steeper and the scenery more dramatic. Further up river the steep sides and giant boulders really gave it the feel of a Himalayan valley.

After a spot of lunch we headed out of the river and up a steep slope leading to Stace Saddle which gave us access to Surveyor Spur. Things were going well until the lovely path along the ridge turned into near vertical tussock scrambling. It was the first time I'd felt I actually needed crampons on grass. By this point we had reached the snowline and decided to don our winter boots before proceeding any further. We'd been told to aim for camping at 1900 m that evening to minimise the effort the following day. However with heavy packs weighing us down and an early start that morning, by the time we'd reached the first reasonable camp spot at 1600 m we were all knackered and decided to make our camp for the night. It was going to be a squeeze with Soph, Vince and I sharing a 3 person tent and Alida in her one person. After shifting a few rocks around we were in business. The views were stunning and we were all very pleased to be there, gazing across to Kaikoura and the Pacific beyond. With alarms set for 0330 we were off to bed for an early night.

After a rather slow start we were off up Surveyor Spur, it was great to leave the heavy sleeping gear behind and have such light packs for the attempt on Manukau. Heading up the Spur we soon encountered a few sections of difficulty, but the conditions were perfect. Through crisp polystyrene ice we daggered our way up the icy sections. As the gradient eased off we realised the moon was so bright we didn't even need our torches. On we crunched under just the light of the moon, it was a surreal experience. Before long we found ourselves below the 2210 high point we had been advised to sidle round. Time however was no longer in our favour, with an agreed turnaround time of sunrise at 0800 only an hour away, at our current speed we realised we were never going to make it.

Looking at our options we decided to split, with Vince and I heading off towards Manukau and Alida and Soph planning to take their time heading back down to the camp. Vince and I soon encountered some difficulties, with steep icy slopes proving more tricky than expected, we decided to rendezvous with the girls.

Once we'd reconvened with the others we decided to watch the sunset from the 2210 high point. However, with some time still to go before sunrise and a glance at topo maps Surveyor Peak looked achievable in the time we had. Soph and Alida were quite happy with chilling out and watching the sunset from where we were so Vince and I sped off towards our new objective. It was a delight daggering up through the crisp ice and we made it to the summit bang on 0800 just in time to watch the golden sunrise from the summit. After a bite to eat and soaking in the morning rays we headed back down and intercepted the girls on the descent down to camp. We soon had everything packed down and headed off on the descent to the Hapuku in some crisp frosty conditions. Despite not making it up Manakau it had been a really enjoyable mountain trip with some great friends, in perfect weather and conditions. Canterbury mountaineering at its finest.



*Photos: Upper Left: river crossing on the way in, Upper Right: Surveyor Peak on the right
Lower: Camp spot on Surveyor Spur overlooking Kaikoura (Photos: E Cromwell).*

Who the heck was Kennedy?

Grant Hunter

We're looking forward to the club's prestigious long-standing annual Kennedy Memorial Lecture this in November this year. And there's the Kennedy Lodge at Arthurs Pass. So who was Kennedy?

Will Kennedy (1865-1950) was a Vice President of CMC from its foundation, President for 15 years, and then Patron. Will was especially fond of the Arthur's Pass, Godley Valley, and near-Mt Cook mountains. His most notable climbs were in the upper Godley Glacier where he made at least 10 first ascents from 1916-25.

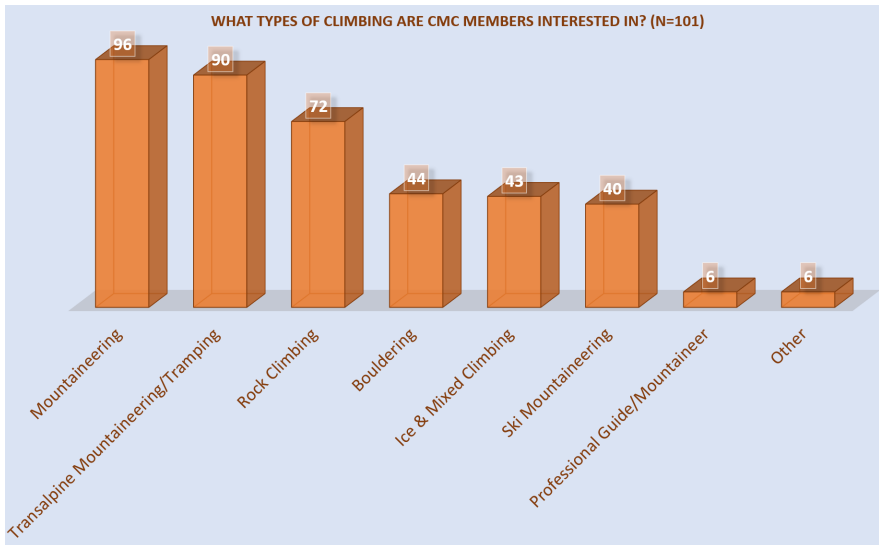
But Kennedy was more interested in introducing new people to the mountains than dwelling his own exploits. Many people were invited to the hut he built at Arthur's Pass, one of the first private huts there. As a school teacher he took many pupils, as well as citizens of Christchurch, on to the Port Hills.

Will's house in Linwood had a huge room where he would host regular meetings of the local branch of the Alpine Club and CMC. It became a hub for planning alpine excursions in Canterbury, and dissecting the aftermath. He built up a magnificent collection of lantern slides, a mix of his own and other's photographs. The Kennedy slide collection is archived at Canterbury Museum. But that and the Kennedy book collection is another story.

Membership Update

Rachel Smith

Thanks to the 101 people who filled out the questionnaire that was emailed out. If you haven't, you still can at any point, using this [link](#). We've used responses to create specific mailing lists for veterans' events, week-night climbing, and volunteer help. We also found out about what aspects of mountaineering/climbing CMC members are interested in, which I thought was pretty interesting!



CMC Trips Directory

Alastair McDowell

I have just started putting together a 'CMC Trips Directory' starting with about 10x grade 1 and 10x grade 2 select mountaineering trips in the Canterbury+ region. Each trip page has (or will have) a 3D map, GPX file download (from the Fatmap software), photo gallery, route information, links to trip reports, topomap link. Have a look here:

<https://cmc.net.nz/trips-directory/>

The idea is to present a selection the best mountaineering trips in Canterbury with enough info & guidance so folks can get some ideas & inspiration and start to plan good trips. I tried to pick some of the best trips for the grade in each mountain range around Canterbury (yes, some are slightly over into the West Coast..).

But I need your help to make it even better.

- Do you have any feedback or ideas for it?
- Have you climbed any of the routes and have photos or route information to share?
- Have you spotted any errors in the routes or text?
- Any other sections or type of information we should add to each trip to help with trip planning?
- Any peaks that are not yet on the grade 1-2 list that should be included?

I appreciate any ideas you have for this project, which I hope will prove to be a useful resource for the CMC members and NZ mountaineers in general.

Search:

Trip Name	Grade	Region	Distance (km)	Elevation Gain (m)	Short Description	Topo map
Castle Hill Peak	1	Craigieburn	11.1	1230	Easily accessible day trip from Christchurch with amazing views of the Canterbury Plains & Castle Hill basin	Topo
Mt Aicken	1	Arthur's Pass	9.2	1250	A good introduction to Arthur's Pass peak bagging east of the highway	Topo
Hamilton Peak	1	Craigieburn	15.4	1395	A varied climb from beech forest, rocky ridge and classic Craigieburn ridgeline	Topo
Cassidy – Blimit Traverse	1	Arthur's Pass	10.6	1223	Two peaks for the price of one, finishing past the Temple Basin lodge for refreshments	Topo
Mt Philistine	1	Arthur's Pass	7.8	1040	Remote alpine feels just west of the divide with great view of the Otira face of Rolleston	Topo
Mt Annette	1	Aoraki/Mt Cook	15.8	1748	A perfect first peak in Aoraki/Mt Cook National Park	Topo
The Marquee	1	Canterbury Alps	36.8	1891	A taste of the Arrowsmiths with great access from CMC's Cameron Hut	Topo
Faerie Queene	1	Lewis Pass	43.8	2416	A cool Lewis Pass weekend journey from valley tracks to summit ridges	Topo
Mt Franklin - South ridge	1	Arthur's Pass			A wilderness mountaineering journey from west coast rivers to a remote summit	Topo
Manakau	1+	Kaikoura	32.1	3060	A long climb from sea to summit to a peak with outrageous prominence over the surrounding landscape	Topo
The Nun's Veil	1+	Aoraki/Mt Cook	29.9	2146	A great multiday adventure across the Tasman Lake to a stand-alone peak with top views of Aoraki's Caroline Face	Topo

[View larger map](#)

FATMAP

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Mt Annette
Mount Cook, New Zealand

[Find out more about this Route](#)

Club Veterans

Grant Hunter

Veterans are not so active as a group (but we'd welcome someone to help reignite the spark!), but our quarterly mid-week natter meetings joint with the NZ Alpine Club is going well. We've got a queue of speakers, and growing attendance. Speakers over recent years included: Geoff Harrow (Kaikoura shearwaters), Bob Mckerrow (Afghanistan), Andy Buchanan (Mountains from my window), George Edwards (Olivines), Peter Gough & John Glasgow (Caroline face), Pat Bodger, Geoff Spearpoint (Patagonia), and David Wall. Always open to new ideas. Next will be Monday 1 November. (If you've not joined the vets. email group, check with membership sec. Rachel Smith.)

In Memoriam - Longer Term Members Pass On

Grant Hunter

Families have recently notified us of three deaths of long-term members. It seems a great endorsement of the club's culture that memberships are often held for a lifetime, and family make contact, with appreciation, when that life has ended.

West Coaster Maxwell Lambert joined the club in 1946. Although he seems to have climbed for just a few years, he was awarded Life Membership (perhaps he was involved in setting up the West Coast Branch?) Geoff Harrow recalls meeting Max at the 1946 Easter Meet at Barker Hut. Max climbed in the upper Waimakariri, Franz-Josef peaks (e.g., Moltke, Mildred, Thelma) and the Hooker (e.g., Footstool) in the late 1940s, often with Bill Crawshaw. After Max died in February this year, the club was advised his estate has left the club \$1000.

David Crow joined in 1952, moving to central Otago in the early '60s. A weather observer/ forecaster, David collected the daily Queenstown temperature on a voluntary basis for 59 years! Tramping and climbing in his school days in Christchurch kicked

off his love of mountains. When I asked a niece how she knew David joined in 1952 in particular, she replied “easy, it was on his membership card, no. 59.” David died August 19 this year, aged 88.

We’ve not pinned down Murray Rowden’s joining date but Pat Barcham recalled first meeting him in the Godley in 1970. They climbed together sporadically over many years – Rolleston, Minarets and de la Beche, Glacier Peak and Douglas, Pollux. Murray, an industrial chemist, died aged 73 in April 2020. Murray’s wife has given the club a bundle of well-used topographical maps, some of which have already found eager new homes, and a carton of climbing books we’ll offer as a fundraiser.



Photo: The CMCs Kennedy Lodge after a recent snowfall (Photo: S White)

CMC Awards

The Canterbury Mountaineer of the Year Award

Congratulations to Ruari Macfarlane for winning the Mountaineer of the Year for many notable ascents this year.

The Mahi Aroha Award

Congratulations to our very own committee member and Huts Officer Robin Muirson. Robin was awarded the inaugural Mahi Aroha award in recognition of his service to the CMC maintaining the huts over the last few decades.

Lyell Hut Rebuild Party

The plan is to head in for labour weekend to give some time to get there and back and also carry out some work! This will include digging a pit for the new long drop and other such exciting tasks.

Hopefully there will be a big crew going and should be a good laugh so get involved!

Doesn't matter what skills you have - we have a job for everyone (although if you do have any hut building specific skills please let Ben Mangan know!)

The plan would be to head up the Rakia River early Saturday morning. Ben is trying to organise some 4x4s to carry equipment and or people as far up the river as possible. Sunday would be a full day of working on the hut before we head back out on Monday afternoon.

Some of the jobs are: Build timber seats and table/bench, build bunks, dig long drop hole, clear and remark track along the stream, make wood store, build porch and deck, install the hut fees box and signage, clean up building materials, clean up inside hut.

Please sign up on the website if you're coming!

<https://cmc.net.nz/article/lyell-hut-labour-we>



View from the rear of Lyell Hut. You too could see this fantastic sunset if you head to Lyell Hut for Labour weekend! (Photo: E Cromwell).

Upcoming CMC Glacier Ski Mountaineering Course

Dates: September 20-26

A few spots left in the CMC Glacier Ski Mountaineering course coming up!

<https://cmc.net.nz/product/glacier-ski-mountaineering-sep-20-26/>

This course should be good to go assuming we're still in alert level 2.

The course involves 5 days of ski touring and ski mountaineering based at one of the high alpine huts in the Mount Cook region. Either Tasman Saddle, Barron Saddle or Grand Plateau. We will use the best weather and snow to select our venue.

You should be a strong intermediate skier with previous ski touring experience, previous mountaineering experience and use with ropes and some glacier experience.

Cost: \$1100 per person + hut fees + flight fees (\$500ish)

Date: September 20-26. Arrive at Wyn Irwin Sunday 12th night by 8pm. Course is 5 days with 2 days weather contingency.



Photos from last years courses on the Grand Plateau (Photos: supplied by T Robertson and M Haskins).

Club Centenary Grant Hunter

Plans are ticking over. A loose-knit centenary subcommittee* is guiding an editorial panel structuring a centenary book. We'll be looking for a (modestly remunerated) editor, and (volunteer) chapter writers soon. Other centenary ideas with shorter time frames are not so far progressed, but Rose and Alistair's minds are working on climbing meets/expedition, 'event challenges', and climbing guides. Fundraising has begun and will chug on.

*Feel free to contact (or join) Ian Gardiner, Hugh Logan, John Wilson, Alistair McDowell, Rose Pearson, Rachel Smith, or Grant Hunter with your ideas.

General Notices

Kennedy Slide Collection – what do you know about it?

The writer (Grant) would love to hear from any mature members who recall any aspects of previous showings, or the collection at large. We may dust off the collection for some centenary showings (Grant, ghunternz@gmail.com, 3516369, 021 065 9148).

Vintage Book Sales

We're collecting up some choice alpine books for sale to raise funds for the centenary. These already include a set of Canterbury Mountaineer donated by life member Bill Beaven, and books donated by the family of the late journal and newsletter editor, Lawrie Osborne. Details later, but those wanting to flag their interest in old books can email ghunternz@gmail.com or 021 0659148.

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: From a recent CMC instruction course

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
24/07/2021	Te ao Whekere	Jordan Stream	Jen Ormsbee, Peter Marinelli, John West, Scott Sutherland
17/07/2021	Pingora Peak (11,835'), Wind River Range, Wyoming	East Ledges (5.2, 4p)	Kevin Patterson and Adrienne Robinson
07/07/2021	Devil's Tower, Wyoming	Durrance (5.7+, 5p)	Kevin Patterson and Adrienne Robinson
04/07/2021	Faerie Queene	Camera Gully	Jen Ormsbee, Byron Harvey, Guglielmo Stecca, John West, Tom Hawkins, Roi Gapuzan, Peter Marinelli, Dave Hurst, Eric Skea, Scott Sutherland
04/07/2021	Packard Peak	East Ridge via Long Creek	Nick Moyle

03/07/2021	Surveyor Peak	Via Surveyor Spur	Ed Cromwell and Vincent Smith
23/06/2021	Mt Barry & Mt Neville	Up Dorothy Creek, down Headlong Spur	Christopher Dewhurst, Luke Whitehead, Shaun Souness
13/06/2021	Handies Peak (14,048')	North Ridge	Kevin Patterson & Adrienne Robinson
12/06/2021	Redcloud Peak (14,034') & Sunshine Peak (14,001'), Colorado	NE ridge	Kevin Patterson and Adrienne Robinson
07/06/2021	Mt Haszard	East Ridge from Mistake River	Eric Skea, Scott Sutherland, Ivan Andrews, Nick Moyle (Club Trip)
23/05/2021	Falling Mountain	Traverse from Tarn Col to Edwards Valley via Pt. 1731	Scott Sutherland

CMC Information

About the CMC News

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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 7.15pm 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, or from Cameron Mulvey, phone 021 202 7650.

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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