



THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPER

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The **CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPING CLUB** has members of all ages, and runs tramping trips every weekend, ranging from easy (no experience required) to hard (high fitness and experience required). We also organise instructional courses and hold weekly social meetings. Membership rates per year are \$35 member, \$55 couple, \$18 junior or associate.

Equipment Hire: The Club has a range of equipment for hire. Contact the Gear Custodian, Bernard Parawa 981 4931. Note: Club gear assigned to you is your responsibility; please take care of it.

Our **Club Hut** in the Arthur's Pass Township has the comforts of home but with the mountains at the back door. – Even better now with real showers and inside flushing loos (BYO toilet paper!). A great place for a few days away; take your usual gear and a pillowcase. **Please book** before leaving town to ensure there is a bunk available. For keys and bookings phone Andrew Wrapson 980 6006; or if he's away, Rex Vink 352 5327; or if they're both away, Dave Watson 981 7929 (or pager 026 252 3284). Hut fees are \$8 member, \$8 member's partner, \$15 non-member, \$4 kids under 12. If you find any problems or maintenance required, please tell Andrew.

Rates:	Tent	\$3/person/night
	Ice axes, crampons	\$4/weekend
	harnesses, snow shovel	\$2/weekend
	Large/small weekend packs	\$25/weekend
	Mountain radio	\$25/weekend

Social Scene: We meet on Thursdays 7:30 pm at the Canterbury Horticultural Centre (Watling Lounge), Hagley Park South, 57 Riccarton Avenue (entrance opposite the hospital). A variety of social functions are organised, the atmosphere informal, and tea and biscuits served. If you can give a presentation or have ideas, please contact Alan Ross 384 6425.

Trips: Unless otherwise stated, day trips depart at 8:00 am and weekend trips depart at 7:00 pm on Fridays, from Shell Carlton Corner Service Station at 1 Papanui Road (next to Liquor Land and opposite Derby Street). If you aren't taking your car on the trip, park on one of the nearby side streets, otherwise it may be wheel clamped or towed. If you are taking your car please refuel at Shell Carlton, as they are kind enough to hold our trip lists. Every trip gives an indication of petrol costs per person. Please bring it in cash to help the leader divvy up at the end. If you have comments or suggestions for trips, please contact the appropriate trip organiser (listed at top of the page).

Leaders: Please ask for the trip list box (disguised as a shiny red 'Stanley' toolbox) and post the trip list into the locked box. If anyone turns up after this, the service station has a key to open the box. Spare key holders are listed on the box.

Notices

Email: The club operates a moderated email list, whose address is members@ctc.org.nz . This list is used to send out the newsletter, occasional tramping related messages and other invites, and from time to time a complete list of the email addresses of CTC members. Messages intended for the list, and requests to join or leave the list should be sent to the above email address. Note that the moderator will check as to the appropriateness of all messages.

Please welcome to the following new members (albeit from February) Bryce Williamson, Clive Marsh and Catharina Tegels (Kai).

CTC Stickers: The club has Christchurch Tramping Club stickers for members to stick in hut books when they visit. Please contact the secretary at secretary@ctc.org.nz .

Photos: Thanks to the multi-talented Paul Ashton, we now have photos on the web page to accompany trip reports. Please email photos to paul@tourplan.com .

Membership Database: If you know of any updates, errors or omissions, call Rex Vink 352 5327 or email greta-vink@clear.net.nz .

Access Database: If you know of any new information that concerns obtaining access to the properties we tramp on (e.g. change of owner or phone number), please call Ian Dunn 343 2155 email ian.dunn@paradise.net.nz .

When using the **Club Hut**, please be careful when changing the taps when arriving and leaving. The consequences of cocking this up (no pun intended) could be severe, so please read the instructions carefully.

The **Committee** meets from 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of every month. The venue changes between committee members' homes. Club members may attend meetings to discuss matters. Contact the Secretary (349 2280 or secretary@ctc.org.nz).

We now have three flash new email addresses: secretary@ctc.org.nz , editor@ctc.org.nz and newmembers@ctc.org.nz . Thanks to Paul Ashton for sorting these out for us.

FMC AGM: The 2005 AGM will take place on Saturday 11 June 2005 in Christchurch. Nominations for the executive and any notices of motions are required to be forwarded to the FMC secretary by 7 April 2005. Please contact Gareth Gilbert on 355 7697 or gareth@hot.co.nz for more information.

Classified ads

Classified ads are available at *no charge* to CTC members.

For sale: Salomon X-Hiking boots. Womens size 6 UK, 39 1/3, USA 7.5 and 25 cm. Near new condition (only worn twice). \$100. Phone Jolanda 03 314 9197, or e-mail jolanda.simon@hurunui.govt.nz .

External events of interest:

www.mountainz.co.nz : A new website that is a source of news, articles, trip reports, photos and forums. They're also keen to get material on your adventures. www.remotehuts.co.nz might also be of interest.

MSC courses: phone 351 0942. Check out www.mountainsafety.org.nz for local courses on tramping and climbing related topics. 2005 highlights:

Above the Bushline: Emlyn Wright 384 6226. 16 - 17 April 2005. \$80.

Introduction to Navigation: Night class at Riccaton HS, with MSC instructors. Patrick Campbell 03 312 3522. 10, 17, 24, 31 May 2005 (four evenings) 11-12 June 2005 (weekend trip). \$50 plus weekend costs.

Outdoor First Aid - Revalidation Course: 1-Day course for those with a certificate less than 2 years old. Stephen Small 03 313 4490. 6 March 2005 or 17 July 2005. \$40.

Outdoor First Aid - Full Course: Stephen Small 03 313 4490. 4-6 March 2005 or 29 April - 2 May 2005 or 15-17 July 2005 or 30 September - 2 October 2005. \$80 + \$20 for manual.

Risk Management: Bert McConnell 03 312 1290. 11-13 March 2005 or 17-19 June 2005 or 2-4 September. \$80.

New Member introduction:

Bryce Williamson is a North Islander who grew up in the northern suburbs of Wellington. During his teenage years he was an uncommitted and amateurish trumper, distracted by team sports and other, more-dubious activities. After completing a degree at Victoria University, he and his wife, Wendy, spent six years overseas. Apart from the odd foray into bush-walking and hiking, their lives were largely devoted to career development and the nurturing of foreign-born progeny. Nineteen year ago, Bryce got a job at the University of Canterbury. But having resumed team sports (he still plays President's Grade cricket), his and Wendy's "tramping" was confined to occasional, leisurely, family excursions onto the Port Hills. About five years ago, Wendy and Bryce's (now teenage) girls became less inclined to indulge in outdoor family activities, especially given the risk of being spotted by schoolmates. The daring duo sort solace (on Alison Downard's advice) by venturing further afield, first into the foothills and, later, on to more testing slopes further inland. The fire was lit for Bryce, who aspires to harder, higher and steeper challenges. Not so Wendy, who has claimed that her husband's eagerness for up-hill slogging borders on spouse abuse. So he joins the CTC as a lonely and abandoned soul, seeking the weekend company of like-minded masochists, eager to learn and keen to sample the alpine delights of his adopted island.

Calendar of Trips and Social Events

Thursday 31 March Club Night

Newsletter folding night + lots of verbal trip reports from all those Easter trips.

Saturday 2 April (Early start/phone leader) Leader: Ian Dunn 343 2155

South Ridge Dome via Douglas Stream: Arthur's Pass National Park. This southern approach is the hard way to tackle Dome (1938m). South Ridge can be a rock scramble. Your reward will include views over the Waimakariri River and the East Edwards valley.

Grade: Hard
Map: K33
Approx: \$25
List closes: 31 March

Weekend 2 – 3 April Leader: Required

Jordan Sphinx Saddle and Avoca Valley: A double crossing over Black Range and camp out by Avoca Stream. A great trip from start to finish.

Grade: Moderate
Map: K34
Approx: \$30
List closes: 24 March

Sunday 3 April Leader: Bev Clark 326 6544

Captain Thomas Track to Godley Head: Sumner to Evans Pass to Godley Head. Return via Boulder Bay. Bev knows this area well and promises a good easy trip – lots of stops to take in the great views while resting from those height gains on the way.

Grade: Easy
Map: M36 N36
Approx: \$5
List closes: 31 March

Thursday 7 April Club Night

Let's tour **Stewart Island** with our guide Frank King. Frank has done several trips so this will be a great show of somewhere many of us do not get to.

Saturday 9 April Leader: Andrew Wrapson 980 6006

Rabbit Hill: southern Korowai/Torlesse Tussocklands Park. Rabbit Hill (1198m) lies on the south side of the Lyndon Road near Porters Pass. Height gain is about 400m, whether coming from the Lyndon Road or from near Porters Pass. Enjoy an easy day out with Andrew.

Grade: Easy
Map: K35
Approx: \$20
List closes: 7 April

Weekend 9 – 10 April Leader: Gareth Gilbert 355 7697

Black Hill: Leave View Hill along the Wharfdale track then up to Black Hill Hut. A very cosy hut. Good views of Lees Valley and the Craigieburn Ranges. Return via Wharfdale Hut with the option of going up to Mt Oxford.

Grade: EasyMod
Map: L34
Approx: \$20
List closes: 31 March

Sunday 10 April (Early start/must contact leader) Leader: Alastair Brown 343 5111

Mt Winterslow: Just north of Mt Somers lies Mt Winterslow (1700m). This loop trip is not hard, but longish. Bring a torch. Starting from the Sharplin Falls carpark, this route heads north over Duke Knob. A gradual westerly arc brings you over the summit and down to Pinnacles Hut. From here, the stream route back to the cars is weather dependent.

Grade: ModHard
Map: K36
Approx: \$20
List closes: 7 April

Thursday 14 April Club Night

We have Margaret Clark taking us on a trek round Gonga Sharn (7 550m) in Western China. Then Margaret will travel solo off the beaten track from up north to down south experiencing the culture and sights. As I have said many times, she is the most well travelled person I know, to 3rd world countries. Will be great!

Saturday 16 April (Extended day/must contact leader) Leader: John Henson 342 3311

Mt French: Lies off the south-western shore of Lake Brunner (Moana). The track starts on the Kumara-Inchbonnie road and climbs through mixed podocarp forest to reach the open tops. Mt French is 1305m and represents a height gain of 1100m. Friday night at club hut?

Grade: Moderate
Map: K32
Approx: \$45
List closes: 14 April

Sunday 17 April

Leader: Ken Brown 359 2000

Hoon Hay Park - Onetahi: There is a wonderful series of loop tracks on the eastern side of the Summit Road – and this is one of them. The tracks start about 1km south of the Sign of the Kiwi, and extend southwards to about the Sign of the Bell Bird. Expect a feast of views.

Grade: Easy
Map: Port Hills #3
Approx: \$5
List closes: 14 April

Thursday 21 April

Club Night

Safety instruction on cold injury and Hypothermia. For all of you who *think* you are up to date on Hypothermia, some of the newest findings will be presented here. By our own Pat McIntosh.

Saturday 23 April

Leader: Margie O'Reilly 382 4194

Orton Bradley to Gebbies Pass: Starting at Orton Bradley Park, the track winds its way under the prominent cliffs of Mt Bradley towards Gebbies Pass in a leisurely fashion. On the way, pop in to Pack Horse hut. Return same way, or car shuffle.

Grade: Easy
Map: M36 M37
Approx: \$10
List closes: 21 April

Anzac Weekend 23 – 25 April

Leader: Andrew Turton 332 8275

Scamper Torrent: Leave on Friday evening. Travel past Ross and tramp up the Waitaha River. The Scamper Torrent hut is a seldom visited spot situated in an isolated alpine valley. Andrew has a few ideas up his sleeve for the remainder of the trip, so interrogate him for more details.

Grade: Moderate
Map: I34
Approx: \$60
List closes: 14 April

Anzac Weekend 23 – 25 April

Leader: Alastair Brown 343 5111

Mt Cook National Park: Freddie would like to do something in the Mt Cook region, maybe his perpetual nemesis, the Minarets, or Mt Sealy and along to Barron Saddle, maybe even Mt Dark. Give him a bell if these or something else tickles your fancy.

Grade: Hard
Map: H36
Approx: \$50
List closes: 14 April

Saturday 30 April

Leader: Lynette Hartley 332 9251

Corner Creek – Operation No Green Needles (ECAN): Corner creek is an attractive area near the confluence of the Harper & Avoca Rivers. Tools will be provided by ECAN. We bring our food and drink. Transport, provided by the North Canterbury 4WD Club, will be at zero cost to the work party. A total of 40 people is required – 25 from the CTC. Work will go ahead in almost all weathers. Please commit to this trip ASAP – today is good - by telephoning or emailing leader or putting your name on the trip list that is out now.

Grade: All/work
Map: K34
Approx: \$0
List closes: When full

Thursday 28 April

Annual General Meeting

See notice at the end of this newsletter.

Weekend 30 April – 1 May Leader: Adrian Busby 383 4046/Alastair Brown 343 5111

Basic Snowcraft Course: Essential training for winter tramping. More details in next newsletter.

Grade: Training
Map: K33
Approx: \$25
List closes: 21 April

Sunday 1 May

Leader: Stephen Hoare-Vance 332 6707

Peak Hill: Lies on the western shore of Lake Coleridge. This Peak is at 1260m and there is a pleasant 650m height gain from the road just below. There will be stunning views over the lake and the upper Rakaia River. The walk is only about 8 km, so enjoy plenty of time.

Grade: EasyMod
Map: K35
Approx: \$25
List closes: 28 April

Thursday 5 May

Club Night

Newsletter folding and review of what happened at the AGM. There will also be verbal trip reports of the last 2 weeks tramps.

Saturday 7 May

Leader: Erik Norder 980 8022

Mt Richardson/Blowhard/Bypass: This is a local favourite. Mt Richardson lies a little east of Mt Oxford at 1047m. There will be a 600m height gain up a track through beautiful forest to interesting and open tops. A loop track returns you to the cars after about 5 hours.

Grade: EasyMod
Map: L34
Approx: \$15
List closes: 5 May

Weekend 7 – 8 May

Leader: Bernard Parawa 981 4931

Arthur's Pass Base Camp: Range of tramps to be organised, Easy Moderate and Hard. Or just come and have a relaxing stress free weekend.

Grade: EasyModHard
Map: K33
Approx: \$25
List closes: 28 April

Sunday 8 May

Leader: Steve Bruerton 322 6196

Mt White: This 1741m peak stands guard over Lake Letitia north of the confluence of the Esk, Poulter, and Waimakariri Rivers. The plan is to park at the base of White Spur, ascend spur to peak, head north along ridge for a bit, drop off Esk-wards to farm track below, & loop back to cars. The reward will include a 1000m height gain.

Grade: Moderate
Map: L34
Approx: \$30
List closes: 5 May

Trip Reports

Saturday 12 March 2005

Mt Barron

Ten of us left Chch at 6.30am and drove over Arthurs Pass and over the Otira River bridge. Just round the first corner from the bridge is the old 'Mt Barron 3 hrs' signpost, where we left one car for our return. The entrance to the better track is 1.5 km down the highway and is not signposted. Park at the large blue sign for Otira's dining and food '300m on right' sign. Follow the 4WD road into the bush and the track will be picked up alongside the water pipeline and continues past the intake, steeply up to bushline. This took us an hour, through some rata in bloom, and through a short section of rough scrub to fabulous open tops. Goat Hill is prominently opposite us. We follow cairns to gain a little height, then turn left, or SW, and follow a bench around to a huge rocky scree. Doug was promising water from the tarn here, but avalanche snow covered this little basin. I was far enough ahead so as not to see him beaten up for the lack of promised drinking water, and saw 5 chamois. We climb the scree to the obvious little saddle above, and are looking straight through to the summit of Tara Tama, where Doug and I were fog-bound 11 days ago. It's just a short sidle and climb to the Mt Barron summit, where we're lucky to have warm calm weather for a long lazy lunch.

We climb off the peak in the opposite direction southwards, into a scree basin. It's a careful clamber down a short steep rocky gut, usually easier by being filled with snow. Before reaching the tarn below we sidle up onto the ridge and Pt 1569, and I'm glad of GPS help to find our ridge, which we descend to an old trig site. Now we take to the scree face. Well, it was a scree face, but is well choked up with fast-growing flax, woody olearia, and spaniards. Some tape markers assure us we're going the right way until we pick up the one directing us to the old zig-zag track in the bush, speeding up our descent to the car. We've taken 7.5 hours for the round trip, and ponder whether the '3 hour' signposting was before the scrub grew. A very satisfying round trip with easy tops and spectacular views.

Sue Hely (leader) for Kerrie Skinner, Jenny Harlow, Paul Ashton, Richard Lobb, Warren Reedy, Daniel Sutherland, Flo Roberts, Stu Smith and Doug Forster.

AN ANTARTICA TALE

Once you get the offer to be either an alternative or a primary you start the daunting task of getting PQ'd (physically qualified). This involves an extensive body search by a GP of their choose, Chest X-rays, ultra-sound, extensive blood tests, dental, then to top it off they give you a 700 question psychological followed by an interview for an hour with the psychologist, e.g. do you have any homicidal tendencies.

Once you pass all this you go and get your extreme weather clothing and you spend around 2hrs trying everything on to make sure it all fits. There is a lot of going back and forward to the help desk to get stuff changed, it all takes time.

We are told to be at the Antarctica departure room at 6am for our flight briefing, getting dressed and weighed. Once this is all done, which takes around 1.5hours, we jump on the bus and head to the plane. We had 100 people on our plane, with not a lot of room to move, it was a long 5½ hrs. I was lucky and had a window behind my seat so I was able to look out at various time and see lots of icebergs below us. At 10 000ft the icebergs still looked very big.

We landed at Pegasus air runway and were transported by vehicle to Mactown; first impressions were that it was a mining town somewhere in Alaska.

We spent our first night there with bag drag at 7pm and the flight to the South Pole, my destination, at 7.30am.

We (2 other kiwis) stayed in Hotel California for the night. Went for a walk up to OB hill, 755ft approx, and is the classic trip to see Mactown and surrounding area.

Breakfast around 6am, then up to departure lounge, building 140 at 7am, loaded onto the shuttle bus and transported out to Williams Field. On arriving there a radio message came through that I had to go back to Mactown, gutted, so I got too watch my new found friends get on the plane to the pole and I headed back to town. My bags were already on the plane so they traveled to the pole for the day and came back that night. Back in town I found out that due to a shortage of

flights to the pole this year they are short of fuel and parts for me to do the work they had hoped, so they offered me the position of Boiler Mechanic.

You are not allowed to walk off base unless you do a survival lecture, this lecture takes around 1 hour and tells you to stay warm drink heaps and stay away from the crevasses or the black flags.

The food here is pretty good, canteen style with chicken on the menu nearly everyday of the week including breakfast at the time.

I've been here a month now and it is starting slowly to get dark. I was out and about for a cold room callout last night at 1am and it was dark and the streetlights were on very magical with it - 61°C wind chill and a lot of snow being blown around.

The sun doesn't appear above the hills behind Mactown till around 10am now and we lose the sun around 9.30 pm. The weather has been surprisingly warm -12 deg c is common and when we have no wind it is surprisingly warm but when that wind gets up it is very cold very fast.

We have started to shut buildings down for the winter, we turn off the boilers, drain the water and board up the doors to try and stop the snow and wind from entering the building.

Yesterday we have had our first real storm (21st March), we had 75mph winds and snow. I got a breakdown call at midnight to go to a building about 10 minutes drive from the base, on talking with the firehouse it was decided that I needed to have a companion with me so I rang my supervisor and him and I headed into the blizzard to initiate the repair. You have to radio the firehouse how many soles leaving the station and expected time of return, and then when you do return you call back and confirm return, if you are late by even 5mins the Sars team is alerted and a search is underway, if you forget to call back in when you return they get very angry, rightly so a lot of people are alerted to find you.

There are a lot of activities to keep you busy on the station when you are not working, although you start to see a few bodies that take their food to their rooms and don't socialize with the rest of the station.

This is the 50th winter over crew, to be here in Antarctica. This includes all the years that the navy ran the base.

The weather over the last week has been pretty windy and we have had a little snow as well. Its quite strange the snow is so dry and light that it moves across the ground like water running and only drifts when it finds a place to stop.

The temp has dropped with wind chill factor down to -58°C, cold.

The food has improved since the last plane left and we still have chicken at every meal and breakfast too if you want.

More to come

Please post or email articles for the May newsletter to the Editor (Alastair Brown)
by Friday 22 April 2005.

Email: editor@ctc.org.nz
Post: PO Box 527, Christchurch.

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Christchurch Tramping Club (INCORPORATED)

73ND Annual General Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE 73rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CHRISTCHURCH TRAMPING CLUB (Incorporated) WILL BE HELD AT THE PC BROWNE ROOM, CANTERBURY HORTICULTURAL CENTRE, SOUTH HAGLEY PARK, 57 RICCARTON AVENUE (ENTRANCE OPPOSITE THE HOSPITAL) ON:

THURSDAY 28 APRIL 2005 AT 7.30PM
(PC BROWNE ROOM WILL BE OPEN FROM 7PM)

AGENDA

1. Confirmation of the minutes of the 72nd Annual General Meeting.
2. Matters arising from the minutes.
3. Presentation of the Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2005.
4. Election of Committee for the ensuing year.

Committee

President
Senior Vice-President
Junior Vice-President
Secretary
Treasurer
Editor
Club Captain
Weekend Trip Organiser
Day Trip Organiser
Hut Convenor
Gear Custodian
Social Convenor
Club Patron

And a maximum of 5 other members

5. Election of Honorary Auditor.
6. Notified motions
7. General business

Decision on the use of Colin McCallum's Bequest

Other appropriate General Business.

Colin McCallum's Bequest

Members will remember that Colin McCallum, who died in May 2003, left the Club a bequest of \$2,500. Colin had been a member since 1960 and was particularly involved in the club Hut. The Committee invited members to contribute ideas about how this bequest can be used and a decision will be made at the AGM on 28 April.

Please note the following guidelines:

- All proposals should be notified to the Secretary in writing (email is fine) before the AGM
- Up to one minute per proposal will be allowed for proposers to speak in support of their suggestion.
- After the proposers have spoken, voting will take place immediately by a show of hands (or, at the President's discretion, by a poll by secret ballot).

The proposals notified so far are:

A new window for the Club Hut

A data projector

Locator beacon(s) for Club Gear

New kitchen cabinets at the Club Hut

Annual McCallum Tramping Photograph prize funded by investing the bequest

Committee Positions

It has been suggested that some more information should be given about the various committee positions before the AGM and the appointment of the new committee.

These descriptions are derived from the 'Duties of Officers' section in Appendix A of the Club Rules & Regulations. Please see the Rules & Regulations for more detail

Position	Description
President	Preside at general and committee meetings; be familiar with proceedings for meetings and apply them; foster the harmonious running of the club
Senior Vice-President	Deputise for the President, work with the President, Junior Vice President, Club Captain in day to day running of Club activities; welcome guests
Junior Vice-President	Deputise for the Senior VP, work with the President, Senior Vice President, Club Captain in day to day running of Club activities; welcome guests
Club Captain	Encourage the good conduct of Club members on all trips; facilitate the announcements and reports at weekly meetings; be responsible for carrying out the Club's rules and regulations regarding running of outdoor activities.
Secretary	Carry out the secretarial duties of the Club; general correspondence; clear the mailbox; agenda for meetings; do the minutes; collate/circulate annual report, filing documents with appropriate authorities.
Treasurer	Collect monies owing, make payments owed; keep account books; report receipts and payments to Committee; prepare and report on budget as required; prepare accounts for auditing, maintain member records.
Editor	Prepare and publish monthly newsletter plus other publications if required.

Trip Organisers	Be responsible for organising & publicising trip programmes, prepare lists for Club Night. (This description does not do justice to the work involved in scheduling trips, finding leaders, talking, persuading, rescheduling...)
Hut Convenor	Chair Hut Committee; maintain supplies for Club Hut; make recommendations to Committee re Hut; ensure various legal requirements are complied with for Hut.
Gear Custodian	Store Club gear and keep it in good order; make it available to members (including getting it back!); collect payments; keep lists, make recommendations for disposal/purchase.
Social Convenor	Organise social programme, speakers etc, ensure presentation equipment required is available for speakers.

And a maximum of 5 other members

The following duties are normally allocated between its members by the elected Committee: Deputy Club Captain, Access Officer (arranging permissions with landowners), Trip Recorder (keep records of trips, collect trip numbers), Assistant Social Convenor (duties include organising supper for club nights), 2 new members reps (at least one available at each club meeting, plus maintaining information on prospective members, sending them introductory information, newsletters etc, report new membership applications to Committee, notify applicants of Committee's decision), Training Officer, Conservation and DOC Liaison Officer (duties include submissions to DOC, attending DOC recreational user meetings and reporting back to the Committee), SAR Officer, FMC Liaison Officer.

Operating the Club requires people to fill these positions, and members interested putting something back into the club by being on the committee are always welcome. Do note that most of these positions do require the holder to make a significant commitment of their time, in addition to being able to attend the monthly committee meetings. Being on the committee can be hard work, but it can also be rewarding if you want to get more involved in the running of your club.