



# PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

P.O. BOX 1217, PALMERSTON NORTH

**Newsletter - June 2006**

## CLUB NIGHTS

*Club nights are on the second and last Thursday of each month at the Society of Friends Hall, 227 College Street, at 7:45pm sharp. All welcome! At the club night: Please sign the visitor's book.*

**8 June Club Night  
What's up Doc?**

Much is happening locally with access issues once again capturing the headlines. New huts are being erected as well as new walkways being opened. Good opportunity to find what else is on the Doc radar.

**22 June Committee Meeting**

**29 June Club Night  
Pohangina Glow Worms**

6.30pm meet for dinner at the Waterford Café, a few kilometres north of Ashhurst. At about 8.00pm we will drive about 20 minutes to see the glow worms. A short walk up a small stream is a little muddy in places. Bring gumboots and a torch. If you need a ride out there or have any queries please contact Warren 356-1998.

Articles to Lance [gray.family@actrix.co.nz](mailto:gray.family@actrix.co.nz) or post to 37 Parata Street, Palmerston North (by 20<sup>th</sup> of the month).

## TRIPS

**June 5 (Mon) Queens Birthday  
Botanical Tramping M  
Peter van Essen 355-9076**

This is an easy day trip on private farm/forest and QEII bush covenant at Hopelands near Woodville. A unique opportunity to tramp over private land not open to the public. You will see views over farmland to the Ruahine, Tararua and Waewaepa Ranges, Experience a 50ha 60 year old successional kanuka forest with an opportunity to learn some of those native plants you have pushed past on tramps but never knew what they were. Even if plants aren't your thing you can still come for the walk. Depart 9am from Countdown, 35min drive to Hopelands via the gorge. 2-3 hours easy tramping plus botany stops and lunch. Finish by mid afternoon.

**June 10-11 Roaring Stag Lodge M  
(Needs a Leader) 357-5203**

Join an overnight trip to one of the newest huts in the Tararuas sited beside the Ruamahunga River. A good opportunity to try overnight tramping into the heart of the Northern Tararuas. The hidden lake is nearby as well as other interesting features.

**June 11 Atene Walkway MF  
Martin Lawrence 357-1695**

Join Martin for a visit to one of the few truly accessible tracks near the Whanganui River National Park. Potential views of Mt Ruapehu as well as an old "Oxbow" of the Whanganui River. The track itself is a half circle that climbs then follows a ridge before descending to the road again. A full day out

that is distinctly different from the typical Ruahine and Tararua fare. Contact Martin for further details.

**June 17-18 Sunrise Hut E**  
**Warren Wheeler 356-1998**

Located in the Eastern Ruahines Sunrise Hut has recently had a number of renovations. It's only a couple of hours to the hut so there will be ample time for pottering around the saddle above the hut. Possible views of Ruapehu. This will be a laid back weekend that is also suitable for families, and new trampers. Contact Liz for further details.

**June 18 Waiiopehu Peak M**  
**Tony Gates 357-7439**

A classic Western Tararua day-trip. This trip has a number of variations but generally follows the track to Waiiopehu Hut for lunch before heading over Waiiopehu Peak and returning back to the car down via Gable End Ridge. Always a good day out. Contact Tony for details.

**June 24-25 Mid-Winter Celebs E to F**  
**Rangataua – Ruapehu**  
**Warren Wheeler 356-1998**

Join us for another PNTMC 40<sup>th</sup> celebration. Depart Friday 6.00pm (or meet us up there for dinner on Saturday). We will stop for dinner in Taihape on the way north to Rangataua, an earlier incarnation of Ohakune, where we will stay at the Club Patron's lodge (thanks Sue and Lawson).

Where we go on Saturday and Sunday is weather dependent but there are many options to suit all trip grades including destinations such as Blythe Hut, Mangaehuehu Glacier, Ruapehu Summit, Mangaturuturu Waterfalls and Lake Surprise, Girdlestone as well as easy bush and lake walks. Skiing is also an option, although the skifield itself may be closed. Bring togs for bathing in the Powderhorn heated pool, and for the Traditional Mid-Winter Dip for the hardy "polar bares".

Saturday evening will be a traditional Samx Celebration Dinner will be Pot Luck with a Retro Theme. Dress Formal in any style from the last 40 years. Contact Warren 356-1998.

**July 1-2 Powell Hut E/M**  
**Warren Wheeler 356-1998**

Depart 8.00am. Turn right towards the Tararua Forest Park just before Masterton. From the Mt Holdsworth carpark it is about 3 hours up to Powell Hut, which is right on the bush line below Mt Holdsworth at 1470m. Expect beautiful snow-covered scenery and a nice big warm hut with sunrise views. A further short walk will get us to the summit depending on snow conditions. Return options include via Jumbo Hut or via the old Mountain House track.

**July 2 Pohangina Pathways E**  
**Janet Wilson 329-4722**

Departing Pohangina 9am. A winter walk around some of the many Pohangina Pathways. Route to be decided - you let me know where you'd like to go - Perhaps around the reserve and the Fern Walk. Back to the Waterford for coffee and cake or maybe to Janets for soup.

**July 8-9 Howletts Sawtooth F**  
**(Full Moon)**  
**Tony Gates 357-7439**

Join Tony for this classic Ruahine trip. Accommodation of course is the equally iconic Howletts Hut which will still have some coal left for a potentially chilly night. Always the possibility of snow at this time of year so basic use of crampons and an ice-axe would be useful. Contact Tony for further details.

**July 9 Mt Cook to the Sea E/T**  
**Warren Wheeler 356-1998**

Depart 6.30am for a dawn assault on the south face of Mt Cook, 58,000mm asl – the highest point between PN and West Island. No experience required. You don't have to be mad but it would help. Ice axes and crampons essential. A compulsory swim at Himatangi will follow. (contact Warren if you need to hire from the club).

**July 15-16 Elder Hut (4wd) EM**  
**Andrew Lynch 325-8779**

This is advance notice for a trip with our very own good keen man. Don't know if it is a Hilux but the yarns will be just as good. Looks interesting, get in quick.

Trip participants:

Contact the leader at least 3 days in advance. Trips leave from Countdown carpark. A charge for transport will be collected on the day. Leaders should be able to give an estimate in advance. For general info, or any suggestions for future tramps, please contact Terry Crippen (356-3588), Janet Wilson (329-4722) or Tony Gates (357-7439).

Trips

*Easy (E): 3-4 hrs*                      *Technical skills reqd (T)*

*Medium (M): 5-6 hrs*                      *Instructional (I)*

*Fit (F): about 8 hrs Fitness Essential (FE): >8 hrs*

Trip leaders:

Please advise a trip coordinator, as soon as possible, if you will be unable to run your trip as scheduled. This is so that alternatives can be arranged, put in the newsletter, or passed on at club night.

\*\*\* OVERDUE TRIPS \*\*\*

Enquiries to: Mick Leyland (358 3183), Terry Crippen (356 3588), or Janet Wilson (329 4722)

Dates are as follows:

**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS**

**FRIDAY 21<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**Snowcraft 1** 29-30 July (evening Tue 25<sup>th</sup>)

**Snowcraft 2** 12-13 Aug (evening Tue 8<sup>th</sup>)

**Snowcraft 3** 26-27 Aug (evening Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>)

Fees cover weeknight venues, transport, weekend accommodation, most food, group gear hire, and instruction. Individual gear hire, if needed, is an additional cost for non PNTMC members.

<b>SC1</b>	<b>SC2</b>	<b>SC3</b>
\$130	\$145	\$135
\$135	\$150	\$140

**Total Package**

\$395 PNTMC member

\$410 non PNTMC members

Further info, & registration form; contact Terry Crippen 3563-588, Bruce van Brunt 328-4761, or Alasdair Noble 356-1094.

## NOTICES

### **SUBS are now DUE**

AGM has been and gone so subs are now due. Please mail your cheque with the reminder slip included with this newsletter to PNTMC, PO Box 1217, Palmerston North or hand it to Alasdair or Warren at club night.

### **SNOWCRAFT 2006 NOTICE**

The Club's comprehensive snowcraft programme has two aims: Firstly, to equip you with the necessary skills for safe tramping in snow, be it on winter trips, or summer trips above the snowline. Secondly, to pass on the fundamental skills for snow climbing and mountaineering. The programme consists of three weekends (Friday night departure to Ruapehu or Egmont) and a Tuesday session prior to each weekend. A progressive approach is used, with Snowcraft 1 assuming little or no previous snow experience and Snowcraft 2 and 3 building on the previous levels. Most participants enrol in the complete programme, while others just in one or two of the weekends depending on their previous experience or ambitions. Numbers are limited, so enrol now to confirm a place.



Anja Scholz – by Trevor King



Peter Wiles and Lisa Zhang on the Burn Hut trip (Photo by Tony Gates)

## TRIP REPORTS

**Pohangina River Ramble, Iron Gates Excursion, Howletts Hut, Tea at Mitre Flats, Trip for Two to YTTY, Burn Hut extra, Two more for tea at Mitre, Who did what list.**

### **Pohangina River Ramble – 29 Jan By Richard Lockett**

I had written this trip report out in long hand as I tend to do and as I'm about to type it into the machine for Lance I can't find the piece of paper anywhere. There's a lesson here somewhere.

Anyway so back to why, who, and what. Picture this a hot summer's day, hot sweaty trampers, a mountain river, water cascading over boulders, deep pools of cool clear water, trumper's skinny dipping in cool waters of the mighty Pohangina.

No No No I told them to bring their togs, a stop at the Waterford on the way home. Sounds good lets do it.

Who's that then, well there's Trevor King, Anja Scholz, Fiona Donald, Tristran Lavender, Elizabeth Ward, Warren Wheeler and Lockett the leader?

So off we set across the farmland poled route down to the river which has changed its course since my last visit. Now a dry feet route past the eroding bluff of greywacke and up to the Piripiri stream makes for easy going which soon had us up onto the sidle track in the Forest Park proper. Crossing the old slip faces on this track saw Trevor Imparting his knowledge of pastoral plant species (weeds) to us.

We hit the river at Centre creek, lunchtime with Warren and Tristran crossing and up to the pyre that once was a bivie. With the day getting warmer it was time to head down river

and the prospect of a dip, Warren leading the way negotiating a path amongst the boulders with the occasional trip into the water each time getting deeper, ankles, calves, knees, thighs and those chilly bits above. Once you're wet its not to bad.

We all gathered on a large boulder to survey a route through a gorge, Warren showing the way by clinging to the rock face using hand and foot holds and that ledge just below water level getting only his ankles wet.

It must have looked easy as everyone bar me decided a dip in the water was the better option, Elizabeth and Fiona only getting in after much mental torment. "I'm never going tramping again," shouted Fiona as she floated passed me, "must remember to hand out those trip feedback forms later on" I though as I moved along the face slipped and fell into the water. We all gathered on a shingle bank, Fiona was all smiles' amazing stuff adrenaline. A discussion developed on the benefits off stepping outside of ones comfort zone from time to time, Fiona remained unconvinced.

More deep pools were crossed with swimming type activities taking place in the last deep pool during a stop for refreshments. With a short boulder hop onwards down river we were soon back at the Pirpiri stream, the excitement over for the day, the pleasures of the Waterford to await. A very enjoyable day out thanks team.

### **The Iron Gates Gorge excursion - 12 Mar By Jenny McKerchar**

On a cold wet Sunday morning, a party of 5 set off for the iron gates. The party consisted of Warren & Terry followed by the keen newbie's Suzanne, Jenny, and Emma. The first half of the trip was a steady bush climb. Suzanne spotted a more pork and Warren somehow managed to hit his head on the exact same spot as the previous iron gates trip. We managed to get down to the river after being attacked by grass seeds and a slobbery Labrador.

After a photo-shoot at an old campsite, we continued downstream to our lunch spot where discussions began on the shape of

Warrens watermelon. With squidgy shoes and battered legs we reached the gorge which we decided to try another day. Then we began our vertical ascent to the car park wishing we'd gone ahead with the gorge after all. On the way home, with a stop for icecreams Terry and Suzanne were the only ones left awake.

### **Howletts Hut 18-19 March By Janet Wilson**

It was a small group of three that formed up in Woodville and travelled on to the end of Mill Rd, destination Howletts, via the Tukituki River and Daphne spur. This road end is particularly devoid of signs and route markers and we had to rely on Graham's memory of some 20 years ago (and the map) to head us down the correct track to the riverbed. Once there, we were pleasantly surprised to find that the thick lupin had a wide track cut through it, making travel easy. After a short while we came across the farmer and another couple of hunters. He informed us that the track had been cut for the Rotary Clubs "sea to mountains walk", that apparently had attracted over 100 people a week or so earlier.

We wandered up the river at a leisurely pace, looking out for deer sign. The river level was very low and conditions were nice and easy - just what I felt like after competing in the Tararua Mountain race the weekend before. Some way up the river, Warren scared a deer in a patch of lupin. We also saw a number of trout, well up towards Daphne Hut.

We had lunch in a pleasant spot before Daphne Hut and then tackled Daphne Spur, which really isn't all that bad, and is a nice direct route up on to the tops. We were in the easterly cloud quite soon after starting to climb and by the time we cleared the bush line, I was wet through from pushing through the fern and tussock grass. Arrived at Howletts around 3pm and had the hut to ourselves. The rest of the day was spent relaxing and eating.

The best thing about Howletts, I think, is the sunrise. It is such a great place to wake up in. The weather had changed overnight to the more normal westerly and so the east was clear again. We spent some time

watching a couple of deer on the hills towards Tiraha and later in the morning retraced our steps back to the car. On the way home we discovered the Norsewear 1/2 price sale and had icecreams in Dannevirke.

A very pleasant visit to Howletts, enjoyed by Warren Wheeler, Graham Peters and Janet Wilson (scribe). Peter Daragh, trip leader, was absent.

### **Tea for Two at Mitre Flats Hut**

**5-6 May**

**By Anja Scholz**

With a reasonable weather forecast trip leader Warren Wheeler and I set out for the first leg of this trip on Saturday morning, and after a steady 3 hour stroll over roots and rocks got to the Mitre Flats Hut at about one o'clock. Well, this leg proved to be the much shorter one of the two..... and we spent the rest of the afternoon drinking cups of tea, eating crackers with dips, and chatting ... quite a pleasant way to pass the time in the sunshine on the hut veranda overlooking the clearing. Afternoon tea gave way to dinner, so we had well stacked up on our carbohydrates for the following day. We were later on joined by three other trampers who had just come in for the night without the intention of tackling the mighty Mitre, highest mountain of the Tararua Range with 1571 metres.

After a restful night we had a lateish start (in mountaineering terms) to brave the 1200 m climb. Unfortunately the clouds were covering the mountains, and a bit of a wind had come up. 1½ hours climb saw us at the bushline donning more and windproof clothes, and making our way up the ridge towards Peggy's Peak. Soon the view over the lower ridges and bush gave way to an excellent view of the inside of a cloud with several shades of whiteish grey. Maybe a good thing - that way I could not discern any drops to the sides and happily followed Warren uphill, onto Peggy's and across a narrower bit onto Mitre itself. There was less wind inside the cloud, so no problem getting onto Mitre and seeing the wonderful cairn that marks the top (and not seeing much else). Remembering that the Tararuas actually get about 80 clear days on the tops the odds had

been against us from the start - however Warren clearly remembered one trip to Mitre where he did have views...out of, ahm, four or five trips, was it ☺ ? After a quick summit break we turned back down the hill to the hut for a tea and lunch break, packed up the rest of our gear and made our way out. Back at the car at five, and in Palmy for dinner. With one short leg, and one rather long one, I could certainly feel both my legs for a couple of days afterwards.

### **Questions pondered on this trip:**

- 1) What did Maori die of in the days before white man's diseases (and guns) decimated them? Tentative answer: accidents, hardship of daily life taking its toll, natural disasters, childbirth, starvation, warfare, probably a bit of hypothermia and drowning like today's trampers, - I have not fully investigated this yet.
- 2) What is the rocky section of the Hollyford Track called ? Not Devil's Trail, not Satan's Trail, not Lucifer's Trail, but Demon Trail.
- 3) How to distinguish the varieties of beech trees ? *Small roundish leaves: mountain beech*; *small oblongish leaves: black beech (mostly low altitudes)*; *small serrated leaves: silver beech (mountain forests)*; *large(r) serrated leaves with 6-8 teeth with rounded notches between teeth: red beech (mostly mountain forests)*; *larger serrated leaves with 8-12 teeth each side: hard beech (low altitudes)*

### **Trip for Two to Waitewaewae**

**25-26 March**

**By Anja Scholz**

Was it the rather average weather forecast, or the track's reputation as a mud fest, that dragged only one hardy taker out for my week-end trip ? Alas I was determined to at least once walk rather than swim the track (as we just about did at the beginning of last year – refer to Newsletter February 2005), so Trevor and I left Palmy rather late, and started from Otaki Forks at about 10 am on Saturday. There were plenty of people at the carpark, among them a group of about 20 teenage boys, but thankfully everybody was headed towards either Field Hut or other heights – we only encountered one daywalker

on day one, and a group of daywalkers coming out the next day – phew !

The weather on both days proved far better than expected, 5 Minutes worth of drizzle was about the maximum precipitation we had to endure, and the temperature was ideal with enough cloud cover when we needed it. A leisurely walk took us from the Forks to the old loghauler, and on we went to ascend to the high point of the day, “the Plateau”, via Saddle Creek. A deserved lunch break at the top, and then via roots and mud puddles down to Arapito (“windy way”) Creek. The mud was hardly worth mentioning when compared to other Tararua tracks, and rumour has it that someone (not me) managed it all with dry feet. We took the dry weather route to the hut, wading in the low Otaki River which was more fun by far than the wet weather bush track option. Knee deep water here put an end to dry feet, though...

An empty large YTTY hut was quite a luxury, not to forget a “wee dram” of Baileys – yes Baileys – which Trevor pulled out of his pack to add to the occasion. It certainly helped to put us to bed early....

Sunday dawned fine, and after I’d hurried Trevor along a bit (hey, the trip was advertised as a tramping trip, not a photo safari) we left the hut, and headed back to the Forks, this time taking the bush wet weather track, as someone (not me) was trying to beat the previous record of keeping his feet dry. We reversed our route, and I for one am quite happy to do so – a track never looks the same doing it the other way – and arrived back at the car about 3:30 pm. As the sun had come out and we were getting hot, an ice-cream stop on the way back did the necessary cooling down. For those who like bush and streams this is a lovely green trip, and would make a good winter getaway when the tops are too icy.

We were: trip leader and slave driver Anja Scholz and trip photographer Trevor King.

## **Burn Hut- College Creek- Mangahao Dams 7 May By Tony Gates**

We four enjoyed pleasant autumn weather and good exercise on a day tramp to this easily accessible corner of the northern Tararuas. We saw some really good country, and completed the Burn Hut circuit track well within a medium day’s tramp. We all were inspired to do more trips in the Tararuas.

The day began pretty early, what with these short autumn days. And although we departed the car a little after 9.00 AM, the bush interior was still quite dark. We soon warmed up. A new slip on the track forced a river deviation and wet feet, but this was considerably easier than grovelling for fifteen minutes in steep bush. Valley sides are very steep here, and bush thick. There were no further problems on the track to Burn Hut, as we climbed rapidly out of the valley and onto a long and gently contoured ridge. It wasn’t long before we were surrounded by leatherwood and alpine tussock, both of which grow here at lower altitudes than usual. The high Tararuas, not far to the south, loomed above us in the distance, and our destination, Burn Hut was clearly visible a little way off. It’s well located, with good views of many of the numerous creek headwaters in the vicinity. A chilly breeze chased us to the hut. An early lunch.

The ridge track then continued south and east over gentle hills of leatherwood and tussock. There were many more views of the surrounds- The Ngapuketuru Stream, Mangahao River tributaries, some of the Tararuas, and farmland on both sides of the ranges. It didn’t take long for us to reach the descent to College Creek, then the extremely pleasant creek itself. We strolled downstream past grassy clearings and easy gravel banks, then there were a few slippery boulders and logs. Its not the sort of place one would like to go in a flood. The track is marked as following the creek, as its much easier than sidling through the bush. The stream bed opened out well at Baber Forks, and was much easier from there. Soon, we at the Mangahao No 1 Reservoir, with its large open mud and gravel banks. Thankfully, most of the mud was pretty dry.

The reservoir, silt, and dead tree stumps make an interesting scene, despite the environmental damage. We returned to the car by 4.00 PM- a comfortable 6 hour stroll. We were Peter Wiles, Lisa Zhang, Stan Mackowiak & Tony Gates.

**Mitre Trip “2” for Two with more Tea,  
20- 21 May  
By Anja Scholz**

The planned Dorset Ridge trip was changed last minute due to lack of hardy superfit trampers – only me (not quite so hardy) tentatively volunteering to go out towards Mitre and beyond again, so the plan was to go overnight to Tarn Ridge Hut.

We set out pretty darn early this time, and were on the Barra Track at 8:30 am. Two and a half hours to Mitre Flats Hut, a late second breakfast, and off, this time with the full packs, to the top of Mitre (details on Mitre see previous trip report..).

The weather was absolutely marvellous, with only little annoying patches of snow left on the track – usually you would take three steps on the hard snow and then sink in to your knee on the fourth step. This time I saw all the surrounding mountains, and also the little drops on the side of the track – actually not scary at all. With the full pack the trip up was a bit more challenging for the leg muscles, but we ventured on down the North Face of Mitre (eat your heart out, Eiger) and along to Brockett.

From there we had a (good?) view of Girdlestone and its associated *Pinnacle*, and some in the club know what the word *Pinnacle* can do to me...”I don’t like the look of that” is my synonym for “I’d rather throw myself into the hell pits of Mordor than climb over that”, so Lance took one look at me looking at the pinnacle and decided it was

time to change direction – so we scrambled back up the North Face (which strangely enough didn’t scare me although quite steep) and made our way back down the hill to Mitre Flats Hut. As it was getting dark we descended the last hour by torchlight, which was quite a fun change. Lured by the good weather forecast a mighty lot of other trampers had found their way to the hut, though, so that we bivvied on the porch – not a bad option, as we had starry skies, quite a warm night, no possums, and no snorers.

Sunday morning we had time for a leisurely breakfast and stroll back to the car, so again a long and short leg trip. And again climbing the stairs at work today was a bit of a muscular challenge. Alas, I won’t complain, having this time struck one of the 80 days of brilliant weather and views – there’s more to Mitre than the cairn.



Burn Hut Trip by Tony Gates

**THE WHO DID WHAT LIST for the 2005-2006 year (April to March)  
Compiled by Terry Crippen**

This is my list of what club members have been up to over the last year: tramping, climbing and other related outdoor activities. It uses the same format as previous years: i.e. excludes our frequent local trips and activities (Taruara, Ruahine, Kaweka, TNP, ENP etc), concentrating on further afield areas; includes both club and private trips; but listing only club members and past club members names (i.e. a single name doesn’t imply a solo trip necessarily). The list is a bit lean this year probably since I have been away so much I have been out of touch with what’s been happening. So apologies if I have missed your 16 day epic trip to

???? Anyhow the list may inspire you to try something a bit more extended or somewhere further afield this year.

(\*denote ascents)

#### April

Red Hills, Mt Richmond FP Andrew Lynch.

#### June

Abel Tasman NP & Takaka Hill Janet Wilson, Graham Peters, Mick & Marion Leyland, Yuko Wanenabe, Ian Harding, Richard Lockett, Warren Wheeler, John Feeney, Craig Allerby.

#### July

Cordillera Blanca, Peru Anne & Martin Lawrence.

Crow, Waimakariri Valleys (\*Avalanche),  
Arthurs Pass NP Andrew Lynch.

#### August

Sea Kayaking; Bohusland, Sweden Warren Wheeler, Kristina Mattsson.

Heaphy Track, Kahurangi NP Liz Morrison.

#### September

Allgauer Alps, Germany Terry Crippen, Christine Cheyne.

Julian Alps (\*Triglav), Slovenia Terry Crippen, Christine Cheyne.

Hodder Valley (\*Tapuaenuku), Kaikouras Alasdair Noble, Lance Grey, Janet Wilson, Graham Peters, Malcolm Leary.

Short tramps, South Korea Bruce van Brunt.

#### October

Kapiti Island Janet Wilson + LOTS of club members.

Tapuaeroa Valley (\*Whanokao), Raukumara FP Terry Crippen, Tony Gates, Craig Allerby, Peter van Essen.

#### November

Leslie, Wangapeka Valleys (\*Arthur), Kahurangi NP Lance Gray, Anja Scholz.

Travers, Sabine (\*Misery), Nelson Lakes NP Anja Scholz.

#### December

Mt Cook (\*GT of Cook), Mt Cook NP Andrew Lynch.

Cass-Lagoon Saddle, Craigeburn FP Anja Scholz, Lance Gray.

#### January

Patagonia, Argentina Tony Gates.

Rangitata, Havelock Valleys, Canterbury Derek Sharp, Nigel Scott.

Hopkins, Huxley, Temple Valleys, Canterbury Barry Scott, Peter Wiles, Peter van Essen, Alasdair Noble & Family, Richard Lockett.

Maitland, Watson Valleys (\*Maitland) Peter Wiles, Peter van Essen.

Cobb Valley, Kahurangi NP Fiona Donald.

#### February

Copeland Valley, Scotts Ck, Westland NP Bruce van Brunt, Malcolm Leary.

Arthur Range, Little Wanganui Valley (\*Patriarch), Kahurangi NP Terry Crippen, Christine Cheyne.

Otira Valley (\*Rolleston), Arthurs Pass NP Pete McGregor, Jonathan Astin.

Moraine Ck, Darran Mts, Fiordland NP Pete McGregor, Jonathan Astin.

Trekking, Bhutan Tricia Eder.

#### March

Tora Walk, Wairarapa Christine Cheyne.

Copeland Valley (\*Sefton), Westland NP Andrew Lynch.

Victoria, Brunner Ranges, Victoria FP Jean Garman.

Mangapurua Track, Whanganui NP Liz Morrison.

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