

OTMC Bulletin

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Newsletter of the Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club (Inc.) P.O. Box 1120, Dunedin.

**The OTMC meets socially at 3 Young Street
every Thursday - doors open at 7.30pm,
programme begins at 8.00pm.**

5 April

is Easter, so there is no club night - enjoy your break

12 April

Antony Pettinger will talk about his expedition to the Antarctic

19 April

Barry Atkinson, Ann & Chris Burton and Ann's dad will talk about their recent trip up the Hollyford Track

26 April

B.Y.O. - and you know what that means!

Any ideas, and contact names in particular, are welcome for the Thursday evening activities. Please contact Fiona Webster (Social Convenor) at "fionaw@tekotago.ac.nz", or 487 8176 if you can help.

**Visit us on the Internet at:
www.otmc.co.nz**

PRESIDENT'S PIECE

I write this just a mere couple of days before the demise of daylight saving – it is always hard to accept that the halcyon days of summer are ending already, but the OTMC has once again made the most of the summer tramping months. We are also coming to the close of Bushcraft 2007, which, although low-key, has been very successful this year.

This time of the year is also the time we start compiling the tramping programme for the winter trip card. I have been reluctant to raise the following points with members but now I feel the time is right to discuss and hopefully address the issue of weekend trip leadership within the club. Perusing the trip cards for the past 28 months (to the start of 2005) show that the club has run 59 weekend trips (including the occasional social or instruction trip). These 59 trips have been organised by 21 individual members. An interesting point is that 39 of the 59 trips have been led by a person also serving as a committee member at the time. The majority of the 21 leaders have led 2 to 3 trips each over the 28 months studied, another leader has led 4, and several have led one trip (I won't mention the last leader). I truly appreciate the effort all our trip leaders put into their trips – the key to a successful trip is the planning put into it prior to leaving town. Now, as we are planning the upcoming trip programme, I have had but two offers to lead a trip thus far (and these people are both part of the 21 trip leaders mentioned above). I know I have relied on previous leaders in the past couple of years but what the OTMC needs is some more members coming forward and taking some of the load away from the incumbent committee members who already give more than their share via their appointed positions. There are always trips that nobody wants to take and I have generally picked up these trips myself – but I can't continue this personally. I have been seeking a leader for the Easter 2007 trip since the publication of the trip card to, but to no avail. (When I asked at a recent club meeting there was zero interest in even participating on the trip.) We have talked about arranging training for leaders, but this is primarily for party leadership (i.e. on the ground). Weekend trip leadership is quite different as it is more or less an organisational role - advertising, research and liaising with the Chief Guide, party leaders and trip members.

It is for the above reasons that the winter trip card is not included with this edition of the Bulletin – I am reluctant to continue using the current leaders, without whom there would have been significantly less successful trips. Even though our active weekend trampers are a small percentage of the full membership, there must still be more members out there who are capable of leading trips. If there is anything I or the club can do to increase our leader pool please tell us. I know everyone is busy with work and other commitments, but so are the current crop of leaders and I think the time has come to give them a breather. I welcome discussion on this topic, and look forward to many offers of leadership so we can complete our tramping programme. In my experience it is hardest to get leaders for longer trips, such as the upcoming Queens Birthday trip, trips to rarely/never visited areas (which are often requested) and the majority of the winter weekends, so please consider assisting us with these. A list of the planned trips is on the OTMC website – nothing is set in stone until the trip card is printed!.

Regards
Antony Pettinger

Membership

Membership Report _- (Is this the briefest report ever?)

Darryl Wood has resigned

Steffan Rolfe has moved to Christchurch, to 1/180 Brougham St, Sydenham.

Donna Short has moved within Mornington to 221 Elgin Rd with the same phone.

Ian Sime,
Membership Secretary

LOCATOR BEACONS

The NZSAR Council have been using government funding to publicise awareness of the forthcoming phase-out of 121.5 MHz locator beacons and their replacement with much better (and much more expensive) 406 MHz beacons. The government now wants a report on the effectiveness of the awareness campaign, so the Council has commissioned Colmar Brunton to do the survey. You are invited to participate in a short online survey that will take between 5 and 10 minutes to complete. If you would like to participate in the survey, please click on the link below:

<http://survey.cbrak.co.nz/NZSAR1>

As a token of appreciation, all eligible respondents who complete the survey will be entered into the draw for one \$500 gift voucher or one of five \$100 gift vouchers from Kathmandu. Please be assured that your name and your contact details have not been provided to Colmar Brunton – this notice has been sent to you directly from our office. Should you choose to participate in the survey, your responses will remain strictly confidential. Only anonymous “grouped data” will ever be provided in any presentation or publication of the results of this study.

If you have any queries regarding this research, please don’t hesitate to contact Andrew Robertson at Colmar Brunton: Andrew.robertson@cbrwn.co.nz (direct dial 04 913-3008) www.colmarbrunton.co.nz Thank you in advance for your help with this research.

Barbara Marshall
FMC Secretary

Your Committee 2006/2007



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Dave Chambers



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Ann Burton



Roy Ward



Fiona Webster

Well here they finally are, your committee from years gone by, quite cute some of them. Thanks to all those who entered and here are the results:
 Winner ~ Gordon Tocher Random entry ~ Elizabeth Liefing
 And the cutest photo chosen by you was none other than our President Antony Pettinger followed very closely by our vice President Barry Atkinson. Thanks must go to Committee members who volunteered??? their Photos. They came from glass plates, sepia prints, monochrome prints, colour prints and finally digital files.

Wolfgang

Trip Reports

Mystery Trip

9 & 10 December 2006

Keeping the destination a “Mystery” was always going to be very difficult as people were trying to find out “Where are we going?” “How many hours is it away from Duners?” I held out. Just! But alas, we finally left the clubrooms in two vans on time.

Rumours were a plenty for our destination right up to when we left our overlong tea stop at Ranfurly, when most thought that we were going to Naseby. Wrong!!!! I said as we passed the last turnoff, even though our indicators were on to go right. On we drove through the Cromwell Gorge where one of the drivers ?????!! who will remain nameless, had a little setback with a boy in blue. Anyway, we picked up Trish (that’s another story) and Stuart in Cromwell. “Now which way are going to go, towards Queenstown or Wanaka?”, reverberated through the van. “Ha, ha, we’re off to Wanaka!”, I heard. “Wrong!”, I replied. “So it’s Arrowtown, I knew it”. “Wrong!”, I said as I drove past Lake Hayes. “I told you it’s Queenstown”, echoed from the back. “Wrong!”, (this is getting a bit tedious now, eh!). But as I left Queenstown I finally gave in and said “Welcome to Daywalks from Glenorchy with the OTMC”. At last we arrived at Glenorchy and our dodgy cabins, at 11.59 pm on my watch and 12.03 am on Ray’s Micky Mouse watch, who had threatened to go home if we didn’t get there by 12.00.

On Saturday 11 of us made it to Conical Hill for lunch and I must admit we had a great time celebrating Ann’s wedding anniversary, but where was Chris? We managed to get great views of the Darrens, Lake McKerrow and the Tasman Sea. Then it was back to base for a meal at the local. The Double Barrel and Lake Sylvan Tracks, the Invincible Mine, the wilderness area at Glenorchy and Mt Alfred were visited by most people throughout Saturday and Sunday.

I believe everyone enjoyed themselves and I would like to thank all the people that came along for the fun, especially as it was a mystery location.

Wolfgang for Antony Pettinger, Jill and Ray McAliece, Barry Atkinson, Dave Chambers, Christine Rells, Roy Ward, Mat Corbett, Alan Scurr, Kerry Doherty, Monika Fry, Wilbert Stockman, Trish Saunders, Stuart Laird, Ann Burton, Ralph Harvey, Tomas Sobek, Kathryn Jeyes, and Nicola and Kerry Woods.

LITTLE KNOWN TRACKS

IN THE NICOLLS CREEK BASIN ON FLAGSTAFF

27 JANUARY

There were some distinctly odd things about this trip – first, that it was a Saturday, and surprise, people came; second was that most of the time I seemed to be the only one with any clarity on where we were going and perhaps also on where we had been!

Well, where were we going and where had we been? What track were we on? Was it Pineapple or the Moon Track? Actually it was three times on each with six times off both. It takes a lot to get Roy Ward to admit he's learnt of four new tracks in a day (he had partial experience of the other two). The group of eight were magnificent – they would just get used to a graded track and suddenly they would be heading into the bush again. For some time now I have wanted to introduce others to the plethora of tracks in one small basin; this group rose to the occasion.

We began on a new, very gentle and well constructed bike track on the northeast side of Nicolls Creek, planned eventually to link up with the Flagstaff – Swampy track. As this is only in the very early stages it soon ran out and we bush bashed up to a fence line; then grunted up paddocks (with permission) parallel to Moon Track. This latter we joined at the first clear spur of that track – a place I dream of camping on a clear evening and looking out over the north end of Dunedin. Up to the T junction where a right turn takes you up to the Swampy track. We turned left, down for five minutes, then off the Moon Track and back to a trail. I am told that the correct name for this is Pepper Tree Track, but for me it has always been Bandid Track because about 10 years ago after finding and exploring the track on my own I attached a bandaid to a tree near the entrance so I would find it again – one bandaid in the Nicolls Falls Basin surely should be obvious enough! Well, returning to Dunedin last year I then carried out a further heinous act and attached a bandaid at the other end too! So along Pepper Tree / Bandid Track we went. This track is not obvious in all places but a little investigation ensures one is not lost. It follows around a fairly high contour in the basin and about 45 minutes later we scrambled out onto Pineapple Track. After sustenance, we only travelled on this highway for about 20 metres taking off left down the ridge – a very pleasant section - to meet Moon Track again by the big trees in the gully. Turn right down Moon Track for 15 minutes to where a small chiselled track joins in, follow this up to rejoin the Pineapple, emerging at the prominent elbow in a clear section of the latter.

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Each time we came out of the bush I was surprised at the unpleasant wind but I knew we would not be exposed to it for very long – never staying on a broad track long enough! My companions seemed to join me in the slight craziness of it all and so as not to disappoint them, after lunch we headed up the “highway” for 10 minutes and then dived into the bush again onto the Old Pineapple Track which heads back down the gully on the true right of the “new” 40 year old version. Possibly for quite a few of us in the club, myself definitely, this was the track we grew up knowing and using as there was no “new” one! Ten minutes later after a bit of slipping and sliding we came out at the water buildings on the Pineapple track. Then it was back up the track just to where the first view northeast is gained. Over the fence and down through newly planted trees, and met the farmer coming up on his quad bike. Thank goodness permission gained, especially as there is a sign at the far end of the property saying, “Dogs shot on sight”! Eventually back to near the bottom end of Moon Track. Some had never seen Nicolls Falls before, so it was left turn and up to view these. I am always impressed that such a thing is almost in the centre of Dunedin and the first-timers’ reaction didn’t disappoint me. Then back down the track and home early.

I have no idea whether you can follow much of this on the reading, it does sound worse on the page. I wonder if the fact that no-one offered to write the report meant they weren’t quite sure where they had been! Whatever, their enthusiasm was high all the way.

Thanks to Faye Brock, Gary Shade, Hilda Firth, Janet Barclay, Michael Firmin, Nicole Caruso, and Roy Ward. And I never did remember to ask them why they had come out on a Saturday.

Bronwen Strang

Mt watkins

4 February

The day dawned fine and clear, with many folk away for a stretched four day Waitangi weekend. Four intrepid adventurers set off north to turn off State Highway One just before Cherry Farm. After 10 km on gravel roads we left one car at Bucklands Crossing and carried on about 5 km to our starting point.

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The objective was to traverse the DCC's Mt Watkins Reserve and summit Mt Watkins. The route began on a rough farm road, quickly diverting into manuka bush and then into the reserve itself, with regenerating native forest followed by mature native forest including large totara, miro, rimu etc growing on rocky slopes – care needs to be taken with loose rocks. It is a beautiful area and rather different to most other walks near to Dunedin. After reaching the ridge the forest transformed into open grass and manuka, with much pig rooting in evidence.

The more open country afforded quicker progress and our objective came into clear view. Our intrepid leader Bill set a cracking pace, as a reasonable distance had to be covered if we were to eat our lunch taking in the views from atop Mt Watkins. Progress was swift over vehicle tracks and past a musterer's hut, then back into the reserve to the foot of the mount. The route becomes steep and increasingly rocky leading into bare rock slopes of small rock columns, the best method is to stick to rock hopping, avoiding bracken, spaniard etc.

We arrived at the 616 m summit at 12.45, just as low cloud started flowing in to limit our view to the north. It was a pleasant lunch stop with plenty to see, on a clear day this would be an excellent vantage point.

Antony Hamel was able to explain the history of the reserve and how it has only enjoyed such status for about three years, his research is to form part of his updated guide to walks around Dunedin. With aerial photos, his trusty GPS tracking our every move and plenty of photos taken to illustrate the book, Antony was kept busy ensuring he was recording everything correctly.

The return journey to Bucklands Crossing was mainly over open farmland, with a brief stop at a hilltop cairn and cross recording the death of a pighunter in the 1940's. The afternoon became hotter and hotter, indeed it could be said that 4 February was the day summer arrived after a rather fickle January. By the time we arrived back at the clubrooms it was definitely a jandals and ice-cream day.

Thanks to Bill for showing us the way and Antony for his interesting historical information. Thanks also to the DCC for securing the future of such an interesting place – it is well worth a visit.

Gordon Tocher for Bill Wilson, Michael Firman and Antony Hamel.

Wye Creek / Lake Alta

17-18 February

The Wye Creek Group met at the clubrooms at 6 pm, 13 of us travelling in a van to a car park at the base of the Remarkables by 11 pm. We quickly pitched camp for the night then by 8.30am we were dropped off at Wye Creek, on the Frankton Kingston Road.

The first part of the track up Wye Valley was well marked and quite steep. About 1/3 way up the valley we said “goodbye” to the other two groups who were heading to Lake Hope and Ben Nevis. Our group led by Barry continued up the valley in the hot brilliant sunshine, forever thankful for the water supplies along the route.

At the top of the valley we had been walking for six hours and climbed 1000m, we then climb a further 300m up a steep tussock slope to the first of the tarns at the headwaters of the creek from which we could look down on the beautiful valley below. After 8 1/2 hours walking and ascending a total of 1300 metres, we welcomed a wash and cooled down in the tarn, pitched our camp and enjoyed a great three-course meal, surrounded by the beautiful panoramic view of mountains valleys and tarns.

Next day, waking up refreshed, we broke camp, left about 9 am and headed up the saddle to Lake Alta. Here we had beautiful views of Lake Wakitipu and enjoyed our morning tea. Wow! We decided to climb as far as we could up Single Cone, reaching 2280 metres (thanks to Barry’s GPS). We then walked back down past Lake Alta, to the Remarkable Ski field building and waited to be picked up. Truly a beautiful area and a great tramp!

Michael Firmin

Bushcraft 2007

This years OTMC bushcraft course is fast coming to an end, with the last evening planned for March 27. This year the course may appear to members as low-key, but it has actually been a very busy period for those involved. Although we have a lower number of participants this year we have still run the same programme as in past years.

The course started with an introductory evening in late February, followed by the instructional weekend at Tirohanga Camp. Our amazing run with the weather for this weekend continued, with another beautiful weekend. Having a smaller course has meant that the whole atmosphere is more informal for everyone.

In a break from all previous bushcraft courses we decided not to visit the Silver Peaks, rather we made the decision to combine the practical tramp and river safety day with a trip to the East Matukituki. At last year's debrief we discussed the desirability of tramping in the Silver Peaks, which is pretty demanding, particularly for people just starting out. We felt a trip to a National Park is more representative of tramping in New Zealand, and the obvious bonus is that we could teach river safety skills in a river that is much more than a slow, deep (if you are unlucky) body of water. It is hard to emphasise what the current can be like when there is none!

The trip itself saw the group travel more or less as one large group to Aspiring Flat in the East Matukituki. Of course, the first obstacle is the crossing of the West Matukituki – even after the high levels during the preceding week (with the school party airlifted out of Aspiring Flat) the river was low and quite crossable. We were again lucky to have two brilliant days, with Saturday especially being very hot. Some of the bushcraft participants managed to provide some additional learning experiences on the homeward leg. There was a perfect ponding area in the river near the carpark which provided a great place to try out pack floatation plus other dunkings. A great way to end a great weekend.

The course itself is a lot of work, and I thank the following people for the effort and commitment they have given throughout the course:

Introductory Evening: Ann Burton, Matt Corbett, Richard Pettinger, Greg Powell, Alan Thomson, Sue Stevenson, Barry Atkinson, Trevor Deaker and Ian Sime.

Tirohanga Weekend: Ann Burton, Ian Sime, Trevor Deaker, Greg Powell, Alan Thomson, Matt Corbett, Barry Atkinson, Wolfgang Gerber, Debbie Pettinger and Fiona Webster.

Tirohanga Catering Team: Robyn Thomson, Jill McAliece, Chris Burton, with Ann assisting greatly, particularly in the week leading up to the camp.

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On behalf of everyone at the camp I thank you all for the awesome job. Well done! Heather Deason also deserves our thanks for the work she has done in previous years, upon which this years effort was based.

Matukituki Weekend: My thanks to the leaders, Greg Powell, Ann Burton, Jill McAliece & Stuart Laird.

Antony P

The Acland Report - What's in it for trampers?

The media coverage of the report of the Walking Access Consultation panel has not been flash, as it has tended to accentuate the negative. So what's really in it? These are some of the key recommendations:

- A dedicated government body to deal with access issues, including revamping Walkways.
- Reinforcement of the status and permanence of unformed legal roads.
- Mapping unformed legal roads and other legal access to be a priority.
- Improved signage
- LINZ to investigate mapping marginal strips created automatically on subdivision since 1987. (These aren't usually surveyed when created).
- Changes to the Trespass Act to provide a defence where there is or has been public land along a water margin (e.g. where the river has changed course).
- A contestable fund which groups like ours could seek funding from to enhance access.

What's not in?

- "The right to roam" – but virtually no-one asked for this. It's a can of worms with implications for property rights.
- Automatic creation of access over private land – like the 5m strips by rivers promoted by previous Rural Affairs Minister Jim Sutton.

For more information, you can download the document from www.walkingaccess.org.nz or borrow my copy – or give me a ring to discuss.

David Barnes

TripList

CHIEF GUIDE COMMENT

Trip numbers have varied so far this year. After the Waitangi Cascade Saddle cross-over trip having the full capacity of 24 fulfilled we have had 12 on the Ben Nevis trip, and 7 on the Arthurs Pass trip in early March. Based on the OTMC tradition of trips to rarely visited areas not being too well supported I was pleased to see 12 people on the Ben Nevis (by way of Wye Creek) trip. Sure, there is a climb to get to the good areas, but the photos I have seen show that this is a really neat area, which I'm sure we will visit more. On the other hand, I am surprised at the apparent reluctance of people to travel to Arthurs Pass. I'm guessing that the perceived distance to travel puts people off, but in fact on the last three trips we have run there the travelling time averages around six hours, pretty much all on sealed roads. When you compare that to trips to the Divide, Routeburn or Greenstone, the times are pretty similar. It does take a bit more control on the length of meal break, but it can be done comfortably from Dunedin. The Arthurs Pass area, as well as the adjacent Craigieburn Forest Park offer many opportunities. Ultimately the trip card does reflect which trips have worked and which haven't – I am always open to suggestions. Although the winter trip card is not with this issue (see the front page) here are the first two trips.

May 5-6

Routeburn Track Crossover (MF)

Antony Pettinger 473 7924

This is a trip the OTMC last did just two years ago, but it appears to be still popular. The plan is to base parties at each end of the Routeburn Track and to tramp the Routeburn end to end. Sounds easy, but it is going to be a bit harder to arrange than a normal weekend trip – so please consider the points below before you sign up.

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We are planning to use vans for this trip, meaning that numbers on the trip will be restricted to the number of seats in a van. Hence the numbers we are looking at is 18 (minimum) to 24 (maximum). This is based on having either a 10 or 12 seater van at each end.

The Routeburn will be in 'winter season', with the 'tourist season' closing in late April. There may be a few people on the track at this time, like the Milford in April 2003, but I don't think we will get 100+ at any of the huts.

For those travelling from the Glenorchy end, it is suggested that you tramp into Routeburn Flats Hut on the Friday night, up to Falls Hut on Saturday morning, then up to Lake Harris and on to McKenzie for Saturday night.

For those travelling from the Divide, it is suggested that you walk into Howden on Friday night. Saturday will entail travelling to MacKenzie, up to and over the Harris Saddle and onto Falls Hut for the Saturday night.

One day on each trip will be longish, so a good fitness level will be required.

That said, this will be a great trip. If you are interested in coming along, it would be appreciated if you could sign the list early. This trip has limited numbers and a first come, first served basis. In the event that the trip is over subscribed, OTMC members will have preference.

List closes April 26.

May 19-20
Mavora Lakes (Kiwi Burn) (All)
Leader to be confirmed

The Kiwi Burn flows into the Mararoa River below the smaller South Mavora Lake and provides an easy valley to visit for trampers. If you access the valley from the swing bridge over the Mararoa River you only have about a three km walk to Kiwi Burn Hut. Alternatively you could head north-west from the swingbridge and head to the upper Kiwi Burn and thence downstream to the hut. By using these two routes a very easy

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two day round trip can be had. A variation can be had by crossing the bridge immediately below South Mavora Lake and following the Mararoa downstream to the confluence with the Kiwi Burn.

Once at Kiwi Burn Hut it is possible to follow the burn to the head and then cross to the Whitestone, a pleasant trip. Another round trip is possible by crossing a very, very low pass just upstream of Kiwi Burn Hut and crossing to the Whitestone, then following the Whitestone up past Limestone Hill to a campsite near the track that leads back to the Kiwi Burn, which is then used to complete the trip. This option would require permission from the Whitestone landowner.

An option of crossing the lower section of the Livingstone Mountains via Mt. Cerberus would normally be included here, but conditions in May may well preclude this.

Committee Members 2006-2007

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Contributions (limit of 1000 words) are welcome for the May Bulletin, deadline is 13/04/07, publication 26/04/07. You can submit material by email to "rebell@xtra.co.nz"; or post handwritten/typed copy or a CD to Robyn MacKay, 8 Roy Crescent, Concord, Dunedin. Thanks.

DAYTRIPS

Central Otago Wine Trail (Mk II) Saturday 31 March

Bus leaves at 8.00am. Back at 8.00pm approx

Visit some of the beautiful vineyards in our scenic Central Otago. From Bannockburn to Alexandra will be the areas covered. Bring own lunch and nibbles and tea will be in Alexandra. A 12 seater will be booked and it's "first in first served". The trip list will close on 22 March or when the van is full, so get in early for this one.

Trip cost will be \$30 approx but will be finalised closer to the time. Any questions see me either on club night or phone me 453 11 55 home, 477 74 43 work.

Wolfgang Gerber

Three Ridges (Yellow / Rocky / Rosella) (F) 1 April

This trip goes through some of the best parts of the Silverpeaks, starting with Yellow Ridge, along Rocky Ridge, down Rosella Ridge (which has some really great views), then back up the firebreak to the cars.

It's a long day, and daylight saving will have finished by then, so be sure to bring a torch. Also the last part, Rosella Ridge, is not very well tracked, so there is a small amount of bush bashing. Most of the walk is along very exposed tops, so it may be shortened if the weather is inclement.

Leader: Roy Ward 473 9518

8 April, Easter
No daytrip

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Quarantine Island (Family)
15 April

Meet at clubrooms 9 am, travel to Back Beach at Port Chalmers for boat departure at 10 am. There will be a talk on the history of the island when you arrive, then you are free to explore. Bring your lunch and warm clothing. Boat for your return to the mainland departs at 1 pm. We are hoping for a good turnout of at least 20 people.

Please sign the trip card at the clubrooms or contact Roy. Trip cost is \$10 (with an additional car pool charge of \$3). All money to be paid to Roy before you leave.

Leader: Changed to Roy Ward 473 9518

Bendoran (M)
22 April

There will be readings aloud from the poetry of Lionel Terry and a spirited first OTMC 2007 ascent of Terrys Knob. This is the classic Bendoran trip where we walk into ABC Cave from the Bendoran Huts. We may go for a bit of a wander around some other ridges and up Mt Misery if it is a nice day and we have the time. Trip cost \$10

Leader: Antony Hamel 453 5240

Track and Clue Awareness Course (All)
29 April

Anyone even mildly interested in know more about Search and Rescue should attend this day! We will start off at 9 am in the clubrooms for a brief overview of how SAR works, such as when you are on the OTMC callout list, and becoming more "search wise", then we'll head out to test our skills of observation and see how well we can fine tune them! Spot prizes and fun guaranteed! Bring day pack, pencil and paper. Finish time expected to be mid-afternoon.

Teresa Wasilewski 477 4987