

# Kaumatua Tramping Club

Wellington Incorporated

A club formed to enable  
members to enjoy tramping  
at a pace governed by  
their age and wisdom.

## Newsletter

P.O. Box 30967  
Lower Hutt

### 30 YEARS DOWN THE TRACK.

1960 - 1990

First Edition 1960-1985.

Second Edition 1985-1990.

25th Anniversary.

30th Anniversary.

#### 1. - INTRODUCTION.

This publication is the second history of the Club, and follows upon the first edition which was published on the 25th Anniversary of the Club in July 1985. This issue will concentrate on the last five years (1985-1990), but will retain essential portions of the original publication.

#### 2. - FORMATION.

The idea of forming a Club to cater for the tramping needs of persons over the age of 35 years, came to Grace Burgess, a Foundation member of the Club. She followed it up, and put the following advertisement in the Evening Post on June 4th 1960.

#### PERSONAL.

"A group of ex trampers, men and women, average age 40, wishes to contact others interested in day tramps. Please write 'Tramper', Box 509, Wellington".

This small notice struck a response with those of a like mind, and produced 30 replies. A meeting was called, and was held on the 18th July, 1960, at Wellington. The record of this Inaugural Meeting contains the names of the four Foundation Members of the Club; Bill Armitage, Grace Burgess, Dave Peebles and Hugh Warnes.

It is interesting to note that the Chief Executive of the Club was the Club Captain, and that this Executive structure remained until 1967, when the office of Chairman was created.

Membership of the Club was moved as:

"That membership of the Club be open to Men and Women of 35 years and upwards".

The Objects of the Club were defined as:

"To enable Men and Women of 35 and over to tramp without overdoing things".

The name of the Club was adopted as the "KAUMATUA TRAMPING CLUB" on a suggestion from the Secretary of the Ngati-Poneke Maori Club as "KAUMATUA" designated the "older and wiser" members of the tribe.

3.

CLUB OFFICE BEARERS 1985 to 1990.

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1988</u>	<u>1989</u>	<u>1990</u>
PRESIDENT	Nigel Langdon	Don Millward	Don Millward	Don Millward	Don Millward	Joy Owen
VICE PRES	None	Kevin Morgan	Kevin Harvey	Kevin Harvey	Joy Owen	Kevin Harvey
CLUB CAPT	Kevin Harvey	Kevin Harvey	Graeme Stanaway	Graeme Stanaway	John Hunt	John Hunt
ASST CAPT	None	Graeme Stanaway	John Dunkley	John Hunt	Terry Porritt	Terry Porritt
SECY	Margarette Treacher	Marq'te Treacher	Marq'te Treacher	John Dunkley	John Dunkley	Jenny Forsyth
ASST SECY	Eric MacIntosh	Thelma Holmes	Betty Porritt	Terry Porritt	Jean Bradbury	Jean Bradbury
TREASURER	Dave Heenan	Dave Heenan	Margaret Teague	Margaret Teague	Margaret Teague	Margaret Teague
SOCIAL SEC	Barbara Gordon	Leah Cotton	Lyn Lord	Jean Bradbury	Bill Milne	Vera Johnstone
EDITOR	Anne Fisher	Anne Fisher	Anne Fisher	Anne Fisher	Don Boswell	Don Boswell

4. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS AND CLUB ROOMS.

The first AGM was held at 108A Wexford Road, Miramar, on Saturday 16th September 1961, with an attendance of 13 members.

The second to fourth AGM's were held in the Staff Room of Machine Tools, 58 Adelaide Road, near the Basin Reserve. Committee meetings were also held here every six months.

In 1965 meetings were held on Saturday nights in the Red Cross Rooms, corner Ghuznee and Willis Streets. This was the first real Club Rooms, and allowed more regular meetings to take place.

The seventh AGM saw a major change take place, with the office of Chairman being created, giving an executive structure of Chairman, Club Captain, Secretary/Treasurer, and four Committee members.

From 1969 to 1971 Committee meetings were held in the old Wakefield House, 90 The Terrace, Wellington, long since demolished. Social functions over this period were held in the NZ Builders Federation Board Room, Kent Terrace, Wellington, and at private addresses.

In 1972 the Club used the Mineral Club Rooms, upstairs, on the corner of Dixon and Upper Willis Streets, Wellington.

In 1974 the office of Secretary/Treasurer was separated into Secretary and Treasurer.

In 1977 a major change was made to hold meetings in the Hutt Valley Tramping Club Rooms, Waterloo, and with the steadily increasing membership in the Hutt Valley area, this became a centrally situated place for all members. From the first the Club felt at home in the tramping-orientated premises, and has been there ever since. Various additions were made to the executive structure over the years to give the present set-up of nine executive members and four Committee members to look after the needs of the 250 members of the Club.



## 5. TRIP SCHEDULES.

The trip schedule is an extremely important part of any Tramping Club, and much time, effort and research is spent on its production. Here is John Hunt's comments on our Schedules.

Over the last two years there has been a change in the method of preparation and format. Whereas previously we relied largely on Club members for suggestions as to locations of trips, we now have a comprehensive card index of all trips (day, weekends, and longer weekaways, etc.) over the last 10 years which are updated and reviewed six monthly, and show up trips which have not been 'done' for, say, 3 - 5 years or so. These are looked at first, and considered along with any other suggestions from members.

This has largely overcome the problem of too frequent repetition of some trips, whilst still allowing the more popular ones to be done - as well as providing a better 'mix' of trips (easy, med, fitness, etc., and more varied location and type, etc.)

The format changes have involved smaller type (for economy), rationalising and condensing the general and basic information, gear list, etc., and the schedule of car fees. These changes have generally been well received.

## 6. SCHEDULED TRIPS.

The Club has continued to run weekly Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday trips, and from 1988, monthly "Easy Relaxed" trips on Sundays; a very full programme indeed. Most of these trips have been well written up in the monthly Newsletter. There have also been regular weekend and week-away trips to interesting places, which have provided tramping enjoyment.

## 7. MIDWEEK TRAMPS.

Midweek tramps commenced in April 1983 and found an instant response and ready acceptance. The report in the 25th Anniversary Publication predicted that the Wednesday tramps "were here to stay, and that they had a promising future". Here is Stuart Bateman's comment on the Wednesday group.

These predictions were certainly correct as over the last few years it has proved very popular, with the numbers often well into the thirties. The trips were initially run by Les Beale and Warren Hobbs, but sadly Warren died on 18.11.87 above Stokes Valley on a Wednesday trip, and Les lost his wife on 20.01.88, so it was time for someone else to take over the Wednesdays outings. This was done by Frank Van Waveren and Stuart Bateman. As the number of trampers turning out each Wednesday was increasing, sometimes just on forty, it was decided to enter the trips on the Schedule giving a Trip Leader and a Trip description. This is working very well as trips and leaders are now known in advance. Previously it was decided each Wednesday where they would go the following Wednesday, and who would lead it. This often involved Warren and Les in lots of phone calls from people seeking information. The trips cover most of the well known tracks and some not so well known, and occasionally a "first" from a Leader who has diverted from the known into the unknown and out again with the comments "I thought we would take a short cut" or, "Sorry about that, but I have always wanted to see where this ridge went to". Most of the Wednesday trampers are of retirement age or older, and together they are a very caring group.

## 8. EASY/RELAXED TRIPS.

This is a relatively new venture for the Club, and here is Mike Forsyth's report on how they came about, and how the trips are progressing.

About the middle of 1988 the Committee decided that, in addition to the regular weekend and Wednesday trips, there could be support for some extra-easy trips to suit older members, beginners or anyone else who wanted an easy pace with plenty of rests.

They looked for some suitably decrepit persons to get the trips going. Jenny and Mike Forsyth agreed to do so and report to the Committee after a trial run of 6 months. It was decided that there would be one such trip (designated Easy-Relaxed (E/R) each month on the third Sunday and to get the measure of demand there would be no lobbying which could artificially boost the numbers.

A programme of 6 trips was drawn up and printed in the newsletter. The summer schedule had already been printed so the first 5 of these trips did not appear on the summer schedule and there was another trip on the same day.

The co-ordinators' report on the first 6 trips showed that 25 people had taken part, the greatest number on a trip had been 8, the least 3 and average party size of 6. Total turnout was 38. The Committee decided that a "definite need" existed and the trips should continue but with no alternative trip on the same day.

Since then there have been a further 10 E/R trips with party size ranging from 5 to 23 and averaging 14. It has been said that some come out because it is an E/R trip and some despite this.

Over the whole 16 trips November 1988 to February this year 84 people, prospectives, members and friends, took part. Some (33) even came more than once, giving a total turnout of 178. Over the last 10 trips, an average E/R trip attracted 14 people. Total time car-to-car was about 5½ hours, and walking time 4 hours. Lunch and other stops take 1½ hours.

As always, weather is a major factor. It is pleasant to take your time and to have extended lunch and rest stops when the sun is shining. People do not enjoy sitting about in the rain.

The future of E/R trips depends on our being able to train and retain a corps of members who are capable of doing and leading these trips. People who are able to go slow and stop often are not easy to find.

#### 9. WELLINGTON ASSOCIATED MOUNTAIN CLUBS.

The Kaumatua Tramping Club became a member of the Wellington Associated Mountain Clubs (W.A.M.C.) in 1983, and has actively supported it ever since, with a number of our members holding office at various times. Our Club is represented by Don Millward and Don McGowan for the present year. Here is Don Millward's report on their activities.

W.A.M.C. is an association of Tramping Clubs from the Wellington region which meets quarterly in the Hutt Valley Tramping Club rooms to discuss and pass on information on matters of interest to participating Clubs, whose support has often been lacking. Observers are welcome at meetings, which are held on Monday evenings.

Demise of the New Zealand Forest Service, coming of the Department of Conservation meant many changes, those in the Tararua, Rimutaka and Haurangi Forest Parks with unrelated problems of access being passed on and discussed. Liaison with the Wellington Regional Council on access to other areas for tramping.

Regular meetings of the W.A.M.C. Search and Rescue sub-committee, has brought benefits to the Club Search and Rescue Team from the regular SAREX'S (Search and Rescue Exercise), each covering different aspects.

The W.A.M.C. is also involved in running:

Special outdoor first aid weekend training courses.

Passing on information on the increasing problem of Girardia in water supplies.

Rotating among participating Clubs the running of the Sports Weekends each February in the Catchpool Valley, and the Ski Sports at Mt Ruapehu in winter.



## 10. SEARCH AND RESCUE.

The Club formed a Search and Rescue unit in 1979, and it is pleasing to see that it is still in good working order, and able to take part in any incidents that arise. Here is Terry Morris's account of their activities:

May-be it was the introduction of the Metric Maps with their finer detail than the old inch to the mile; may-be trampers were learning their bushcraft; but the mid 1980's onwards seemed to show a decline in the number of SAR callouts. The Club kept its hand in however by volunteers attending exercises and waiting for the real thing.

Great fun was had carrying stretchers at the Rimutaka Forest Park Sports weekends, and SAR advisers were reminded that the Kaumatua were still a force to be reckoned with.

Recently, in addition to participating in 'SARTESTS', 'SARTEXS' and training courses the Club has been involved in the Cardno search, Porirua Hospital search, Island Day search, and also put on standby for searches involving missing or overdue persons.

From time to time incidents do occur on Club trips such as Sprained or broken ankles, going astray, or an unscheduled night out. Experience gained by being involved in SAR work can be invaluable to the Club in such circumstances.

## 11. WORKING PARTIES.

Track clearing has always been a feature of the Clubs activities, but whereas it was mainly confined to the Rimutaka Forest Park in the earlier years, the activity has now shifted to the Tauherenikau Valley in the Tararua Forest Park. Here is John Hunt's report on recent activity.

Resulting from recent changes in administration of Forest Parks, our Club has accepted responsibility for maintenance (and any improvements) of the track between Kaitake and Tauherenikau Valley as far as Block XVI. Our efforts since then have been mainly concentrated on improving the formerly very slippery clay slope north from the Puffer saddle, down to the West Branch of Smiths Creek, and in 3 weekends and 2 Wednesday efforts (which were very well supported) we have installed over 150 steps, and upgraded the associated sections of path which is becoming known as "The Kaumatua Steps".

Some work was also done on vegetation control and drainage clearance over the whole length, and re-marking with strips of venetian blind at Gorge Stream (adjacent to Block XVI).

A good turnout over the weekend 30th June/1st July 1990, pushed the improvements on the Tauherenikau Track even further. Two teams cleaned out and improved the drainage system over the Puffer Track. Soft spots have been removed by drainage, and re-gravelling of sections in the Cricket Pitch area, almost as far as the Marchant Stream.

The next stage will be to extend the bog removal work towards the old Allaway Dickson Hut site, repair some bridges, and continue with routine vegetation removal.

These working parties are always a time of good fellowship and are excellent for building up Club spirit with the added bonus of a sense of having done something worthwhile.

## 12. RIMUTAKA FOREST PARK TRUST.

The Trust was formed two years ago and our Club is associated with it as a Kindred Member. It consists of representatives from Tramping Clubs, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and the Department of Conservation. Our two members are Bill Milne, and Don Millward. Bill sets out below the objects of the Trust, which deserve our interest and support.

12. RIMUTAKA FOREST PARK TRUST. (Continued).

1. Stimulating interest in the Park.
2. Cooperating with O.D.C. in interpretive, research, and environmental programmes.
3. Encouraging scientific investigations and research.

The Trust also:

1. Maintains an archive of historical photographs.
2. Initiates and obtains sponsorship for special projects.
3. Helps with the Parks Summer Programme.
4. Coordinates volunteers who help with tree planting, weed control, etc.
5. Keeps in touch with developments in the Park by regular contact with O.D.C. staff.

13. CLUB LIBRARY.

The Library was formed in 1978 when a Foundation Member, Hugh Warnes, donated a number of Tramping books to the Club. The collection has been added to over the years, and is now a reasonable size. Our Librarian, Elaine Price, reports on the present position.

The Library has attracted a lot more interest since the Hutt Valley Tramping Club very kindly gave us the use of their cabinet which is on the right hand side of the Hall.

There are 80 books mostly donated by members. So if you have any books which would interest trampers, and you have no more use for them, we would love to have them.

There is a new system of lending out books. Very simple really! There is a card placed in an envelope inside the book. When you take out the book write your name, date, on the card and place it in the box in the cabinet. When you return the book the card is then placed back in the book in the envelope.

The Library has obtained the following recently published books.

Wairarapa Walks	by John Rhodes & Allison Cederman.
Tramping in the South Island Forest Parks	by Joanna Wright
The Hill	by Mark Pickering (General Tramping).

14. FEDERATED MOUNTAIN CLUBS OF NEW ZEALAND.

The FMC is the National Body representing clubs, New Zealand wide. It regularly reviews Conservation and Access to Outdoor areas, and has a particular regard to safety through the Mountain Safety Council, and its own publications of Bushcraft and First Aid Manuals. The FMC was formed 55 years ago, with the principal object of helping those interested in the hills and outdoors. The KTC became affiliated to the FMC in 1983, but has supported their activities well before that.

15. TARARUA TRAMPING MUSEUM TRUST.

The Trust was launched on Sunday 12 November 1988 with the signing of a Trust Deed to establish a Museum of Tramping at Otaki Forks. The Trustees are from the Federated Mountain Clubs, Tararua Forest Park Advisory Committee, Wellington Associated Mountain Clubs, Department of Conservation, The National Museum and Hutt Valley and Tararua Tramping Clubs.

The two W.A.M.C. Trustees, John Nelson and Phil Rundle are members of the Kaumatua Tramping Club.



16. CLUB EMBLEM.

The design of the badge was at one time a bone of contention within the Club, but this has now happily been resolved. Kevin Harvey updates us on the badge position:

In 1984 the Committee once again pondered a Club Badge, aiming to have the design and Club colours written into the new constitution. It was felt that the Tokotoko, the ceremonial walking stick usually brandished by a Kaumatua when orating on the Marae should be incorporated both as a symbol of the above, and to link it with the Crutch and Walking Stick badge of earlier years. A Maori Tutor at Victoria University drew a design and a woven badge sample made. However, the Committee unanimously agreed that it was not right. The Tokotoko was lost and conveyed nothing. One Committee member modified the design using the following criteria:

1. The name of the Club should be in full.
2. The Club colours should be Wellington colours of Black and Gold.
3. The design should be able to be produced in various formats.

The Committee approved this design in October 1986. Once again enquiries showed that production costs would be quite high, but an economical alternative was found in the screen printed badges. The first batch of 100 were offered at Club night in April 1987 and 58 were sold that evening. They have proved to be very hard wearing even when sewn on to packs. A woven badge is also now produced, with the costs of both as follows:

Screen printed badges	\$4.50
woven badges	\$8.00

17. THE "P. B." AWARD.

You do not hear any great mention of this accolade now, but it is part of the KTC tradition, as Dave Peebles explains.

In the early days of the Club the prestige of the letters "P.B." after your name was considered quite a distinction - well, sort of.

The award was given for a noteworthy act by a Trip Leader. This was not sought after like some of the awards given to public figures. On the contrary, it was shunned as much as possible.

However, when public awards are given we hear the recipient described as an "outstanding character", "a leader among men" etc. Similarly, certain phrases are also the prelude to the award of "P.B." These are usually of a more ominous nature and are uttered by the trip leader himself, such as -

"We are off the track. Never mind. We'll pick it up later."

"This looks like a short cut."

"If we can pick the turnoff, we'll be out before dark."

"I think we take the left fork here".

"We may as well go to the top. It must only be about 10 minutes away".

"This creek is all flat going. No waterfalls."

To come to the point. The club intends to bring the "P.B." list up to date, and would like members to nominate those whom they consider worthy of the distinction.

Here is a list of the present holders:

Trip Leader Warren Hobbs - Puffer Track to Pylon Road.

Fateful words - "We'll be back too early. Let's recce this ridge. Seems to go in the right direction."

End result - Out after dark, winter, waist-deep pools in creek.

17. THE "P. D." AWARD. (Continued).

Trip Leader Dave Peebles - McKerrow to Jacobs Ladder.  
Fateful words - "We've gone off the track. Never mind we'll pick it up later".

End result - Finished up in the Turere Stream just on dark, with one torch among three and the old 5-mile to negotiate.

Trip Leader Laurie Higgins - Smiths Creek Shelter to Burnt Spur.

Fateful words - "Piece of cake. We recited it last week".

End result with darkness near, Leader remarks "That looks like the Smiths Creek shelter we left 5 hours ago".

Trip Leader Grahame Holmes - Mt Climis area. Further data required.

Trip Leader Dave Heenan - Data required.

Perhaps some members do not know what "P.D." means. It means, spoken with the deepest sympathy, reverence, and understanding, "Poor Bastard". Spoken with the full knowledge that "There, but for the Grace of God, go I". Every trip leader can say "Amen" to this.

FOOTNOTE. It has been recommended that the phrase "Bring a torch" should be added to each "P.D." holder's name when he leads a trip. An amendment to this asked that the motion should read "Bring a torch and sleeping bag".

18. OVERSEAS TRIPS. KALAMATRAS IN TURKEY. JULY 1987.

The Club has done a number of Overseas Trips, which have been written up in the Newsletter. Joy Owen reports on one which we have seen slides of, but which has not appeared in the Newsletter.

Have you a mental picture of the mysterious East? Some K.T.'s visited this fascinating country recently - here are a few impressions. We arrived in the springtime and this was a good choice, a myriad of wild flowers, many we know in the Western World. Istanbul, all and more of what we expected - beautiful mosques, opulent palaces, friendly people. Where else would you see a dancing bear? Street vendors appeared like magic every night and disappeared as suddenly. Side streets thick with street sellers. We did a lot of walking and the city seemed safe, day and evening. Train ride down Central Turkey an experience about 1940's vintage, and the locomotive had to be seen to be believed - you only went in desperation. The country people kind, honest, welcoming.

The ancient cities visited (many) superior to anything in Greece and we were relatively free to wander and explore at will. The first one, Perge, 200-300 B.C. with Theatre, Stadium and Acropolis. One of the highlights a visit to the Mountain village of Selge, where we had a six mile walk over an ancient paved Roman road to be welcomed proudly by the Headman and given Herb Tea seated on a prized carpet. Extremely poor people living on an ancient city site. The men, woodsmen and wood carvers - the children delightful. The perpetual flame (chimera), associated with Pegasus, on the foothills of the Taurus Mountains. Fed from some sort of underground gas, and has not gone out since Roman times. Lots of animals on Southern roads, camel, goat, sheep, cows, hens, donkeys and mules - a driver's nightmare. Local food delights, Aryan (Yoghurt drink), Chay, (Tea, herb, orange and apple), Lentil soup, (all soups good). A winter drink of Tapioca, milk, sugar and cinnamon (Mm-mm), and of course Raki, an acquired taste which I acquired without much trouble, Donat Kebabs and lots of salad. Food in Turkey excellent.

Shepherds everywhere among the ancient ruins, grazing tiny flocks of sheep and goats. Nomad women in tents, (not as we know them) dwellings you cannot stand up in with few possessions but mats and cooking pots. The women come down to the Coast from the mountains for the winter. They work all the time, knitting, spinning, carding, tatting - they do all this on the move. The men in the villages play cards and dominoes and talk.



# 18. OVERSEAS TRIPS. KAUFATUAS IN TURKEY. (Continued).

Only the young men and boys watch the flock. Pamukkale interesting, but touristy. Similar to Tarrareal. Petrified white cascades and stalactites which people wander round on at will and bathe in the warm springs.

Gallipoli as impressive as everyone says and affected us all - Anzac Cove so very tiny. So many more impressions without the space - boat trip up the Bosphorus, working out how to catch a bus in Istanbul, the reasonable cost of everything, the classical ruins, the Mickey Mouse plumbing. But most of all, the warm lovely people and the hospitality, and a weeks cruise on a wonderful yacht with a handsome Captain.

# 19. CLUB NEWSLETTERS.

The Newsletter is published monthly, bringing news and information to our somewhat scattered membership. The first small Newsletter No. 1 was published in October 1970, and now twenty years later at Newsletter No. 142 it is accumulating some mileage. It is the basic communication system of the Club, bringing all members in touch with events. Included in the distribution are also the six monthly Trip Schedules, the annual List of Members, reports relating to the Annual General Meetings and the quarterly FMC Bulletins. The material is assembled by the Editor, stencils cut by the Typist, and the Newsletter run off on a Gestetner Duplicator, which is still the cheapest form of printing.

Several changes have occurred in the Newsletter handling over the last year. In September 1989 the 50% discount for bulk posting was abolished, which immediately doubled the postage bill to around \$80 per month. The pre-sorting of the Newsletters into the 15 Postal Zones was no longer required, so some work was saved here. Sticky address labels are now produced by computer, which saves typing on the envelopes. The latest lot of envelopes in use are self-sealing, which also saves work. The next improvement will be the printing of the Postage Paid requirements on the Address labels, saving the hand-stamping of these particulars on the envelopes.

The Club has been well served by members coming forward to make up the Typing, Printing and Distribution Teams which ensure that the Newsletter is distributed regularly.

# 20. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

These have always been a feature of the Club, and the popular Mid-Winter and Christmas Dinners have been held regularly for many years. The 30th Anniversary Year 1990 has seen "Dine-outs" being held monthly in between Club nights. These have been interesting, held at various locations, and could well continue on. Members also ventured forth to see the Roger Hall play "Conjugal Rights" at the Downstage Theatre, and this form of entertainment could well be repeated.

With approximately thirtyfour percent of our members in the Senior Citizens category, this gives scope for afternoon outings such as Safaris, bus, rail and launch trips, which can usually be obtained at discounted rates. These could precede an evening dinner, which would allow working members to join in. Well worth thinking about!

The 30th Anniversary Function was a special occasion and was celebrated in a fitting manner on Friday 6th July at the Telecom Functions Centre at Wingate. This was a very suitable venue, and now that we have found our way there, it could well be used again.

With our membership, we should be able to expand our Social activities to cater for all categories, inactive as well as active, to provide a meeting place for members in addition to the regular Tramping and Club evening venues.

21. TRANSPORT.

Transport has never been a problem in the Club, due to the willingness of members to use and share their own cars and vans. The direct payment system to compensate drivers for the use of their vehicles, and which is now set out in the Trip Schedule, works easily and instantly.

Weekend trips can usually get along on member's transport, but week-away trips generally use public transport and/or rental or chartered vehicles.

22. CONCLUSION.

To wrap-up this collection of reports and articles, our Editor gives us these thoughts:

TO THE HIGHEST.

"Hills are for climbing,  
The walls of our valley  
Upwards allure us,  
To widen our view....."

Those of us who took the first few lines of our school song to heart all those years ago can tick off yet another Anniversary. The Thirtieth has passed with a leisurely and nostalgic tramp, an excellent dinner party, and a continuing sense of admiration for those who organised and operated both those functions so successfully.

A recent theory of Time says there is no Present, even as you read this it becomes Past and merges into that stream of Time flowing away from us. You never cross the same river twice.

Having indulged ourselves with congratulatory reminiscencing about things Past over the last few months let us now address ourselves to the Future. The Trip Committee is preparing an exciting new Schedule. The A.G.M. is just around the corner and it may be your turn to add your contribution as an office-bearer. The hills are still there for climbing. Let us step out towards the Fortieth Anniversary in the same comradely spirit we have enjoyed over the last thirty years.

"Ad Alta, Ad Alta"

Don Goswell.

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This record of the Club's activities was put together by Frank Darlow, who wishes to thank all those who contributed reports and articles.

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