



Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust

Newsletter - September 2019

Welcome to the September news update about Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust (OGHT) activities where we share information about upcoming and previous events, along with other activities that members can be involved with.

Dunedin Field Trip and AGM

The next OGHT event is our October field trip and AGM. The field trip has us based in Dunedin with a strong exploring focus on Port Chalmers heritage. We will also be visiting some great sites in the central Dunedin area. Let's discuss the AGM first.

The AGM will be held on Saturday evening 19 October at the Cobb & Co in the Dunedin Railway Station between 5.30 and 6.30 PM.

This event is your opportunity to hear what the OGHT has done during the year, our forward planning, how we have performed financially, and your opportunity to elect its office bearers.

If you have a **formal motion** you wish to make at the AGM, our constitution requires any such motion to be received by the Secretary 7 days before the AGM - i.e. by 12 October 2019. All motions must be moved and seconded by OGHT financial members.

You may nominate OGHT members for **office bearer or committee positions**. While this nomination may be handed in at the AGM, it would help the meeting flow if these were also provided to the Secretary by 12 October 2019. Any nominee, mover and seconder (three different people) must all be financial members of the OGHT. Use the form at the end of the newsletter if you wish to nominate a person for any of the following positions:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee Member x 3.

The Field Trip commences on Saturday morning 19 October. Meet at 8.30 AM at the Dunedin Holiday Park, St Kilda for those wishing to carpool, or at 9.15 AM at the Port Chalmers Museum.

Saturday lunch and dinner are included in costs with the dinner being at the Cobb & Co after the AGM concludes. On Sunday morning, you have the option of joining in a shared breakfast in the Lodge kitchen (Edith McKay's famous field trip special) which will be followed by our Sunday visits. Sunday lunch is bring your own, or at your own cost at a cafe. The field trip concludes mid Sunday afternoon.



Field Trip Accommodation may be booked with our group which will be staying in The Lodge, Dunedin Holiday Park, 41 Victoria Road, St Kilda. You may choose to stay elsewhere independently.

The lodge is a large building containing twelve private rooms. Each room has its own ensuite with shower & toilet. There is a large shared kitchen and dining facilities. The kitchen is fully equipped with pots, pans, crockery and cutlery etc. There is a TV in the communal dining area.

Each room has beds with a bottom sheet and pillows supplied. **Duvets and towels are NOT included** but can be hired if needed. Otherwise you should bring your own duvet, sleeping bag, towels, etc.

Lodge Rooms - Maximum occupancy: 4 person/s each

Bedding configuration: Various - Generally one double and three single beds, (either two sets of bunks, or two sets of bunks plus a single).

Field Trip Bookings [Click here to book online. http://eventplus.net/FWP19](http://eventplus.net/FWP19)

Please advise your choice of weekend cost and food options so room bookings and restaurant arrangements can be made. Register by completing the form below (one per person) and send to Odette by Friday 11 October 2019. Odette's email is oghttreasurer@gmail.com.

Name	Address	Phone
Item	Amount	Option selections
All Weekend Cost I.e Sat: Lunch, dinner, accommodation, entry costs. Sun: Breakfast, entry costs.	\$132.00	Choose one of the three payment amounts
No accommodation Cost I.e. All weekend costs less accommodation	\$102.00	
Minimum Cost I.e All weekend costs less accommodation and Sunday breakfast	\$97.00	
Saturday Lunch Choose one food item	Included in cost	*Fish Pie *Beer-batter fish and chips *Crispy Chicken Salad *Seafood chowder *Spinach, pumpkin and pine-nut cannelloni
Saturday Dinner Choose one food item	Included in cost	*Roast of the day *Lambs fry and Bacon *Beer-batter fish and Chips *Chicken and Bacon fettuccine
Saturday Night Desert Choose one food item	Included in cost	*Cobb's Classic Chocolate Sundae *Pavlova *Apple Strudel

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Cavalcade 2020 to Patearoa

We will have 12 trails coming into Patearoa at the end of February 2020! Two wagon trails, 5 horse trails (including a special local trail organised by foundation cavalcader Jim Hore), 3 foot trails and two biking trails.

We have had meetings with the host town and we are very impressed with their preparations to date! All indications are pointing towards another great finale day! And of course Patearoa is surrounded by classic Central Otago/Maniototo high country - tussock and rocks, bits of gold mining heritage, old musterers huts, etc. Registrations for trails open on 1 October for members and on 1 November for everyone. [Click here for details](https://cavalcade.co.nz/the-trails/) (will be updated as things get confirmed) <https://cavalcade.co.nz/the-trails/>

OGHT 30th Anniversary Field Trip to Clyde

30 years ago in August 1989 a group of forward-thinking individuals gathered around a table in Olivers Restaurant, Clyde. At that meeting they identified a need for a group to promote the Central Otago goldfields with an aim of increasing tourism into the region.

Fast forward to the modern day, where Central Otago vineyards are a mainstay of the local economy, the Otago Central Rail Trail is a haven for bikers, and the OGHT's annual Goldfields Cavalcade event provides multi-day trails for horse, wagon, cyclist and walkers. A lot of economic growth has happened in Central Otago since the Olivers group first met. The OGHT's NZ Goldfields Heritage Trail brochure helps people explore the goldfield sites independently. Incidentally, this brochure was the very first official trail brochure to be produced in New Zealand, thanks to Fleur Sullivan's foresight.



OGHT members enjoy a heritage walk through Clyde

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of the forming of the Otago Goldfields Heritage Trust members gathered in Clyde on Friday and Saturday 30 and 31 August for a field trip exploring goldfields heritage around Clyde and Earnscleugh areas, and for a celebratory dinner at Olivers Restaurant.

Among the activities shared by members was an opportunity to dress in Victorian-era clothing, then to be led by a Scottish Piper through the streets of Clyde, stopping to hear about heritage sites along the way. Local passers-by were impressed by this unexpected sight and with the spectacle of a beautiful white horse pulling a cart down the main street.

The evening celebrations at Olivers included ceremonial piping in of a haggis and an 'Address to the Haggis' by Jack Davis who was in fine form. OGHT Patron Fleur Sullivan recalled for members the limited regional economy of those early days and the drive to promote our goldfields heritage as an opportunity to bring wealth into the area. Her passion and vision is still a part of her makeup and her talk was very well received.

On Saturday the group explored further afield around the outskirts of Clyde and to the Earnscleugh side of the Clutha/Mata Au River. A new heritage gem for Clyde is the artwork of Bruce Potter which now decorates the main road tunnel of the Otago Central Rail Trail. Members were fascinated to see scenes from Goldfields Cavalcades that they recognised.

Exploring the early agricultural building of Jean Feraud of 'Monte Christo' fame, the Pioneer Generation hydro station at the Fraser Domain and 'The Castle on the Run' (Earnscleugh Station early homestead) were all great experiences.

A final highlight of the field trip was our lunch stop at Como Villa where we learned of Italian heritage of the early goldfields. Our hosts and staff had dressed up especially for our visit and provided us with great heritage insights and sustenance.



Johny and Pam Chapman share the early Italian history of Como Villa

Our field trip exploring was coordinated by Jeanette McKay who excelled herself at sharing 'her backyard' and is an area she obviously loves. Members came from as far afield as Invercargill and Canterbury as well as appreciative Otago supporters. Our thanks to all who participated and made the event another treasure to remember among our growing list of OGHT field trips.

Come In Time Stamper Battery



In this Newsletter we highlight the Come In Time goldfields heritage site, which is tucked away on the side of Thomson Gorge road, a four-wheel drive route over the Dunstan Mountains between the Maniototo and Lindis valleys. In previous years OGHT members put in a lot of hours to restore the quartz ore-crushing stamper battery on this site and to provide interpretation signage to assist visitors.

The OGHT recently received one of the Come In Time signs back in the Cromwell office. It appears to have been shot with a high-powered rifle, the effect being to blow it off its support frame. This is the second time the sign has suffered from gunshot damage, so we are not very impressed seeing it happen again. The shooting community will be well aware that it doesn't need publicity like this, so perhaps senior shooters mentoring beginners might drop a word in their ear about respect for public property being a part of a good shooters values.

We will replace the sign, but apologise to anyone who visits the stamper battery and finds the interpretation panel is still missing. The shooter might wish to know that a 'no questions asked' donation opportunity is available to support repair costs through direct debit to the OGHT bank account ANZ 01-0695-0034150-00.

The battery site has a winding track down to it from the road, but is not too long or difficult to negotiate for anyone with normal mobility. This is a beautiful site to visit and explore, so we suggest keeping it in mind if you have visitors to Central Otago who may wish to see an example of goldfields heritage on site. It is located lower on the Bendigo and Lindis side of the Dunstan Mountains, so is easiest accessed from that side. Online information about the site is available by searching for the words Come In Time, Central Otago, gold.

Membership

Members are reminded to make full use of their OGHT membership as there are a range of benefits it provides. Examples are using membership to gain early access to Cavalcade trail registration (at cheaper rates), to participate in goldfields heritage-related field trips, or to contribute to heritage signage projects or work parties..

Field trips in our 2018 - 2019 year have included a Victorian Picnic at Stewart Town, Bannockburn, a week long trip to the Bendigo Goldfields of Australia and a weekend exploring Clyde and Earnsclough areas, complete with a highland piper, horse and cart rides and the OGHT 30th Anniversary dinner. Signage work has included maintenance for panels along the Kawarau River cycle trail, for the Invincible mine beyond Glenorchy, and for the restoration of a Stewart Town stone building.

Upcoming 'hands-on' opportunities include signage field work at the Invincible Mine and at Stewart Town, plus maintenance in the grounds of the OGHT office. Timing to be confirmed, but contact Terry if you want to be kept up to date about these activities.

Membership and contact information is at <https://goldfieldstrust.org.nz> - click on 'The Trust' menu item for further details or to sign up. We are passionate about goldfields heritage and would love to share that interest with you.

AGM - OGHT Office Bearer Nomination Form



PO BOX 91, Cromwell - terry@cavlcade.co.nz
Election of Officers and Committee nominations for 2019-2020 year
Postal nominations to reach the Secretary no later than 12/10/2019

Position: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Committee (Choose one)

Nominee _____

Signature _____

Proposer _____

Signature _____

Seconder _____

Signature _____

Received by Secretary

Date _____

Signature
