

P.N. TRAMPING & MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Subscriptions for the coming year are now due and can be posted to our box number, or paid in person to the Treasurer, Keith Potter, at any Club meeting. The subscriptions

are:-

Ordinary Members -	2 Dollars
Schoolage Members -	1 Dollar
Married Couples -	3 Dollars
Families -	Special Rates.

SLIDE COMPETITION: PLEASE where are all those keen photographers???. So far there has only been one entry for the slide competition, and there needs to be more than one for a successful night. Entries will be received right up until the night, so how about some more? (I would not believe no more).

PAST TRIPS:

Mangahao Dam: On March 3rd, at a little past the usual time of 6a.m., a group of nine people, including a family with two very young children, set off from the Izadium for what was to be an extremely enjoyable tramp under perfect conditions. Under Trip Leader Don Fletcher, the party tramped from the Top Dam and splashed their way up the Mangahao River. The scenery was magnificent, swimming excellent - even if two members swam in their clothes - and altogether this trip will be long remembered by those taking part.

Tararua Crossing: A medium sized party left on Friday night, 15th March to try a crossing from Mitre Flats to the Otaki Forks. Owing to the unfortunate slipping of one member of the party on the top of Mitre, the group returned on Saturday back to Masterton. (Trips relying on public transport - please be sure of times of departure and be there). More of another attempt at this trip in the next Newsletter.

COMING TRIPS: Attached with this Newsletter is a list of coming trips, so how about a few of you not-so-keen members emptying the cobwebs out of the jolly old boots, etc.

Maharaha, Coppermine: The trip to this area will be enjoyed by members with geological and historical interests as, besides being well stocked with interesting rocks, this mine was first mentioned in Government publications in 1888 when an official of the Mines and Survey Department, Mr. McKay, was taken over the area by the discoverer a Mr. Price. Many thousands of pounds have been spent on the workings without any sales of copper being reported. There is not much evidence of the workings left to-day, but it is possible we may find some relics of almost 80 years of spasmodic work.

TRANSPORT COSTS: A decision has been reached re the travelling costs in private cars. Briefly it is 1 cent per passenger per mile, with a minimum of 3 passengers per car. This cost has been made on the assumption that at least 3 passengers will be travelling in each car so as to compensate owners. If there is not enough in the party a very small sum shall be collected from those present to cover the deficiency where any car has less than three passengers. Fares will be collected by the Trip Leader and paid to the drivers before the return journey. Trip Leaders shall make a list of those going on their trip. Should there not be enough transport, those on the list first shall have first option.

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