



# PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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NEWSLETTER

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## COMING EVENTS

ALL TRIPS LEAVE SUPERSAVE CARPARK, FERGUSON STREET. IF YOU WISH TO GO ON A TRIP, YOU MUST ADVISE THE LEADER AT LEAST THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE.

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### 28 May, CLUB NIGHT

Dr. John Willis, recently returned from overseas, will present an illustrated talk on trekking in the Himalayas. Dr. Willis spent most of his time in the Annapurna region of Nepal, west of Kathmandu.

At the Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street, at 7.45 p.m. Thursday.

SUPPER DUTIES: Trevor Bissell, Dot Brown, Kevin Pearce.

### 29 May - 1 June Queens Birthday, RAUKUMARAS

Situated in the Bay of Plenty area this trip may prove interesting as our club has seldom visited the area. There is a wide variety of landscape to keep interest high.

Leader: Trevor Bissell, phone 73543  
Grading: Medium & Fitness Essential  
Cost: \$20 (at least)  
Departs: 6.30 p.m. Friday Night.

### 31 May, TUNIPO (RUAHINES)

A major peak within a stone's throw of Apati. A good test for fitness.

Leader: Vaughan Crow, phone 86569  
Grading: Medium/Easy  
Cost: \$3.00  
Departs: 6.00a.m. Sunday

**4 June, COMMITTEE MEETING**

At Kevin's, 7 Tern Place at 7.45 p.m.

**6 - 7 June, HIKURANGI RANGE VIA PUFITY HUT**

Now that you are fit(?) how about a fit trip in the real Ruahines.

Leader: Trevor Lupton, phone 83291  
 Grading: Fit  
 Cost: \$4.50 approx.  
 Departs: 6.30 p.m. Friday Night.

**6 (or) 7 June, COPPERMINE CREEK**

A really pleasant beginners trip within the capabilities of most. (All the Ruahines aren't up hill.)

Leader: Sue Streeter, phone 73033  
 Grading: Easy  
 Cost: \$2.50  
 Departs: 7 a.m. Saturday or Sunday.

**8 June, NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

All material to be in the editor's hands by 7p.m. Monday, please.

**11 JUNE, INFORMAL CLUB NIGHT**

Don French will show slides of some of his recent activities in the South Island. Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street at 7.45 p.m., Thursday.

**13 - 14 June, ROCKCLIMBING TITAHI BAY/BEARING HEAD**

If you are planning to go on instruction courses later in the year this trip will certainly help with rope management etc.

Leader: Don French, phone 73543  
 Grading: Easy & W.C. (water bottle essential).  
 Cost: \$10, Dependant on areas visited  
 Departs: 7 a.m. Saturday (a day trip may be negotiated)

**20 - 21 June, MID WINTER RANGI 'BOUT**

It is envisioned that several trips will feast or stay at 'our' hut over this week. So put your name in, and you name it, Kathy will try and organise the mess.

Leader: Kathy Farquhar, phone 63488  
 Grading: Fit, Medium & easy  
 Cost: \$4 & food.  
 Departs: Various hours of Friday, Saturday & Sunday 19, 20, & 21 June.

**25 June, CLUB NIGHT**

Details next newsletter. The usual time and place.

**27 - 28 June, RIMUTAKA FOREST PARK**

East of Wellington city lies the idyllic and sun-blessed "Orongorongos". Two trips will visit the area and should be able to cope with a wide range of fitness. Come prepared to camp.

Leader: Kevin Pearce, phone 73543  
 Grading: Easy & Fit  
 Cost: \$8 approx.  
 Departs: 6.00 a.m. Saturday'

**28 June, MAKARETU STREAM – SPION KOP**

We are going to "BA.TTLE" with a large variety of conditions this day (i.e. stream & bush), How's your Boer War history?

Names to: Peter Darragh, phone 35633  
 Grading: Medium  
 Cost: \$2.00  
 Departs: 6.30 a.m. Sunday

**4 - 5 July, BLUE RANGE – COW SADDLE – BANNISTER**

More details next newsletter or ring Terry Crippen, 68588.

**NOTES FOR YOUR CALENDER:**

4 - 6 September;	Snowcraft I Massey Hut Ruapehu
18 - 20 September,	Climbing Weekend, Massey Hut Ruapehu.
3 - 4 October,	Snowcraft Egmont (Kapuni)
16 - 18 October,	Climbing Weekend, Wakapapa, Ruapehu.

P.S. Keep those trip suggestions coming in. Haven't had one phone 'slammed down' on me yet – Peter Darragh.

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**NOTICES:**

1. **Subscriptions:** Further notice is hereby given that subscriptions for the 1981/82 financial year are now due. The following amounts are increased by \$1.00 if not paid by 1 June, 1981:

Juniors (still at school)	\$4.50
Seniors	\$8.00
Family (one newsletter only)	\$9.00

Please bring your sub to next Club Night or post your cheque to the Treasurer at P.O. Box 1217, Palmerston North. Be sure to address your own newsletter wrappers which are available from the Treasurer – this will save some one some tedious work.

If you don't wish to renew your subscription, you must advise the Treasurer or Secretary otherwise you remain liable for the subscription.

2. **New Members:** Daryl Rowan, 514 Ferguson St, phone 67210  
Linda Keall, 24 Pirie St, phone 68664

3. **Avalanche Workshops for Skiers:** The Mountain Safety Council has organized two basic avalanche safety workshops on the Whakapapa Ski Field on 26 and 27 September. Details are available from the Secretary.

4. **Search and Rescue Call Out List:** Our Club's Search and Rescue Officers Kevin Pearce and Don French are busy revising the list of volunteers available for search and rescue. If you want to be on the list contact Kevin or Don.

5. **Trudge:** The Club's very own song book is available at moderate cost from the Treasurer.

**NEWS:**

**Hydro Electric power Generation in the Ruahines:**

The Manawatu Oroua Electric Power Board commenced in 1978 a "pre-feasibility" investigation of possible local hydro schemes and have recently reported their findings. A promising option involves the Pohangina River and further "pre-feasibility" investigations are proposed. If these are favourable a full feasibility study would follow and possibly lead to the construction of a power station.

**Hydro Electric Power Generation in the Ruahines Contd.**

A likely scheme involves the construction of dams or diversion weirs in Centre Creek and in the Pohangina River below Cattle Creek. The water would be piped along the hillside above the river to the margin of the Ruahines and to a power station before being returned to the river. The pipeline and access road would be likely to have a major impact.

**Hydro Electric Power Generation in the Tararuas**

The Horowhenua United Council has produced a Discussion paper entitled "Horowhenua Regional Plan". Under the title "Energy" brief mention is made of the Horowhenua Electric Power Board's proposal to construct a power station on the upper Otaki River. It has not proceeded because of present economic considerations, but this could change, so it is worth thinking about.

**MITRE (4 - 5 April)**

5.00 a.m. Saturday morning saw us (most of us) gathering to depart for the Waingawa Road End. Unfortunately it was necessary to wake one certain individual with a phone call at 5.25, but after verbalizing appropriate adjectives about his "alarm clock" he was soon on the road with the rest of the party.

Once at the road end, we proceeded along the Barra Track to Mitre hut and up to Mitre peak where a leisurely lunch was had in sunshine (i.e. above the cloud). On to Brockett and along Table Ridge where we dabbled with some navigation as we made our way down to Arete Forks Hut. Sunday, we followed the (yoyo) track which goes along the upper gorge of the Waingawa River to Cow Creek hut. A late lunch was eaten not far from Te Mara Peak in the Blue Range. The weather cleared a little, allowing us some good views as we made our way to the Kiriwhakapapa Road end where (hangers on? pikers? support team?) of Mike Davidson, Terry Crippen, Jo Eder and Peter Darragh picked us up.

Participants: Trev Lupton, Judy Hansen, Mike Freeman, Rachael Gawith, Roddy Henderson, Peter Wiles, Catherine Farquhar.

**PANATEWAEWAE STREAM (4 April)**

With quite a variety of footwear for the occasion, several members of the party went to some lengths to keep their feet dry, but before long it became apparent that they would inevitably get wet so all wisely gave up whatever tracks there were and ploughed on up the river. The day was pleasantly mild and amongst the hills on either side we found patches of warm sunshine in which we lingered. Cameras were kept busy clicking away at people. Waterfalls and sprays of rata blossom trailing down through the trees.

This is a thoroughly pleasant river, and very pretty to wander up on a fine day. Perhaps next summer will take our sleeping bags etc.

Trip members: Heather Crabb, Kathryn Newland, Joy Buchanan, Trudy McRobbie, Reg. Rickard, Delwyn Riding, Ruth Gordon, Claire Sorenson, Yvonne Aldridge.

**NIGHT QUEST SEARCH & RESCUE EXERCISE (10 April 1981)**

Trevor Bill, Ross Medcr, Don French, Trevor Lupton, Mike Freeman, Catherine Farquhar and Kevin Pearce were involved in this Friday Night search for a girl and her "Uncle" "missing" on farm land near Linton. Altogether a successful exercise.

Those wishing to be considered for any future search and rescue exercises should advise the Club's S.A.R. Officers (Kevin Pearce or Don French).

**EASTER 1981 – HOGGET – MT. MURRY – MANSON, SOUTHERN KAWEKAS**

Five of us headed to Kuripapango on the Napier-Taihape Road by the Ngaruroro River in from Hawkes Bay. Leaving Peter Darragh's car at the Cable Cage Road corner, we all climbed into Peter Wiles car for the grind up to the top of Gentle Anne to start tramping.

The route (N123 Ngmatea) was: Gentle Anne, Te Iringa, Cameron Camp (not on map) , Hogget, Log Cabin basin (not on map), basin south of Mt. Meany (first night), Mt. Meany, Manson Stream, Manson trig, Manson Hut (marked wrong on map, second night).

Then the comings and goings got complicated. Peter W. headed via Kiwi Mouth, the Kiwi Creek to Kiwi Saddle Hut. Carol, Terry, Peter D. and Trev headed for Manson again and Spion Kop. Peter D. and Carol then headed by following in the trail of Peter W. Trev and Terry bush bashed down to Rocks Ahead Hut on the Ngaruroro River to check on the wire across the river before heading back to Manson. They then had a later trip to Kiwi Saddle and used the high level route to make it easier in the dark, arriving after one hour or more of torch light plus moon travel.

The last day saw us all heading for Kuri via Kuri trig, before heading back west over the Napier-Taihape Road.

This South Western part of the Kawckas is very interesting since it was run with sheep and cattle in the past, Manson up until the 1950's. So the country is a mixture of open tussock, plus some introduced grasses, open scrub, manuka and beech forest. Tops at 3500ft to 4700ft are often gently rolling, but the valley sides are as steep as the Ruahines and Tararuas.

We were: Carol Cullen, Peter Wiles, Peter Darragh, Trev Lupton Terry Crippen.

POHANGINA SADDLE - HOWLETT HUT (25 - 26 April)

Terry Crippen, Mike Freeman, Judy Hansen, Jo Eder and Grant Ramsay drove to Moorcock Base Hut and then tramped up to Longview Hut and on to Otumore.

Here the party split up – Jo and Terry went along to the Ngamoko Range for the afternoon and then returned to Longview for the night.

The rest of us lunched on Otumore and then dawdled our way along to Howlett Hut for the night. Next morning we dropped down to Daphne Hut to a cordial welcome and morning tea from some N.Z.F.S. hunters who are finding lean pickings in the Ruahines these days, then climbed back up to Tarn Bivouac for lunch. We retraced our steps a little to Rosvall's track which we followed down to the Tukituki River, and followed this to the road end.

Meanwhile Jo and Terry returned to Moorcock's via Makaretu Stream and drove around to rendezvous with us at Old Mill Road.

**ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION CLUB NIGHT April 30**

The Hall was full for the judging of the Club's annual photographic competition held under new rules. "Acceptances" and "Honours" were awarded rather than places and it is pleasing to report on the very high standard of entries. Our Club members include more than a handful of skilled photographers! It was also clear that some of our members do get around!

Many thanks to Mr John Cleland for judging our competition and for his constructive comments. Thanks also to all those who entered photos and to those who filled the hall.