



# PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

P.O. BOX 1217

PALMERSTON NORTH

## NEWSLETTER

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### ENQUIRIES CONCERNING OVERDUE TRIPS

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ALL TRIPS LEAVE FROM THE FOOTOWN CAR PARK IN FERGUSON STREET. IF YOU WANT TO GO ON A TRIP, PLEASE ADVISE THE LEADER AT LEAST THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AN ALTERNATIVE DAY OR WEEKEND TRIP, CONTACT THE LEADER OF THE SCHEDULED TRIP.

Members are reminded that a charge for transport will be collected on the day of the trip, the amount depending on the distance traveled and vehicles used. Leaders should be able to give an estimate in advance.

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### COMING EVENTS:

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Club night

"Trev's Traditional Club Christmas Trip to Mt Aspiring National Park"

This will be presented by the people who went on the trip.

Time:	7.45pm
Venue:	Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms 227 College St, P.N.

#### 27-28<sup>th</sup> February – Maungahuka, Tararuas

Going in on Friday night to Field Hut this trip will see us on the tops all next day. Saturday night will be spent at the Maungahuka Hut and back out on Sunday via Waitewaewae.

Leader:	Roger Redmayne Ph. (0650)-48376
Grade:	Fit
Departs:	Friday, 6am

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Committee Meeting

Venue:	110 Manawatu St
Time:	6. 30pm

#### 5-6<sup>th</sup> March - Northern Ruahines

This trip starts at the Makaroro Base and we'll explore some of the northern Ruahines. Day trips could be arranged in the same area.

Leader:	Urs Schupbach Ph. 80245
Grade:	Medium
Departs:	Friday, 6pm

### **10<sup>th</sup> March - Club night**

Catherine Farquhar will give an illustrated talk on her tramping experiences in Marlborough and Fiordland.

Time: 7.45pm  
Venue: Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms  
227 College St, P.N.

### **13<sup>th</sup> March - Manqahao, Tararuas**

John is having another attempt at a trip in the Mangahao area. A good round trip leaving from the dam including some river travel as well as open tops is planned.

Leader: John Wright Ph. 64258  
Grade: Medium/fit  
Departs: Sunday, 6am

### **12-13<sup>th</sup> March – Hikurangi, Ruahines**

An opportunity for the fit ones amongst us to get even fitter. Hikurangi, Mangaweka, Pinnacle Ridge and Waterfall Hut were mentioned. This will be an excellent trip!

Leader: Trevor Bissell Ph. 73543  
Grade: Fit  
Departs: Friday, 6.30pm

### **19-20<sup>th</sup> March - Manawatu Gorge Adventure**

A rock scrambling investigation of that inviting rocky waterfall stream in the Manawatu Gorge. Access by canoe or swimming.

Leader: Terry Crippen Ph. 63588  
Grade: All  
Departs: Saturday 9am

Note – this trip was transferred from the 27<sup>th</sup> February.

### **20<sup>th</sup> March - Ruapae Stream, Tararuas**

This often neglected corner of the Tararuas has to be explored. So join John on this worthwhile trip.

Leader: John Thompson Ph. 66900  
Grade: Fit  
Departs: Sunday, 6pm

### **27<sup>th</sup> March - Kahuterawa Valley**

An easy Sunday morning stroll near Palmerston North for a change.

Leader: Ruth Schupbach Ph. 80245  
Grade: Easy  
Departs: Sunday, 9am

### **26-27<sup>th</sup> March - Tongariro National Park**

From a camp near the Tama Lakes we're going to climb Ruapehu and if possible Ngauruhoe and Tongariro as well!

Good weather is ordered too for this time.

Leader: Alan Mountfort Ph. 69715  
Grade: Fit  
Departs: Friday, 6am

### **31<sup>st</sup> March - 5<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Trip to the Matiri Valley and the 1000 Acre Plateau**

Urs Schupbach and Trevor Bissell are leading two trips in the Nelson area. Transport will be shared and will be via the 6.40 pm Ferry from Wellington to Picton on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March by 13 seat mini van.

Urs' trip is primarily a climbing trip (Grade - medium) in Nelson Lakes National Park. People on this trip will be dropped off at St Arnaud by Trevor and picked up at the end of Easter. Trevor's group will spend 4 days on a circuit of the Matiri Valley and the Matiri Range in the southern part of the North West Nelson mountains. The fitter group will traverse further along the range than the medium group but both will cross the 1000 Acre Plateau.

Please get names in early to ensure that ferry tickets can be obtained as the bookings are heavy at Easter.

Leader: Trevor Bissell Ph. 73543  
Departs: Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> March, 3.30 pm  
Return: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, approx 8pm  
Grades: Medium and Fit groups  
Cost: Approx \$130 (including Ferry tickets, van hire and party food)

## **NOTICES**

- 1) We would like to welcome the following new member to the Club.  
Gordon Winchcombe - 56 Langley Ave, Palm Nth Ph.61647
- 2) Congratulations to Damienne Eder and Peter Entwistle who were married recently.
- 3) \* \* \* A.G.M. \* \* \*  
Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the P.N.T.M.C will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 1988 commencing at 7.45pm at the Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms, 227 College St, Palmerston North. Nominations are required for the positions of:  

Patron
President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Auditor
and not less than 5 Committee members

Nomination forms appear at the end of this newsletter.

- 4) 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Celebrations - Rangiwahia 12-14<sup>th</sup> February

The gathering at Rangiwahia to celebrate the Club's "Coming of Age" can only be described as a great success. Congratulations to Terry, Damienne, Sheena, Vaughan and Roger for catering for the 80 past and present Club members and to the organising committee - a job well done.

- 5) Keep the 14<sup>th</sup> April free for a Club night demonstration on the use of radios in Search and Rescue.

## **TRIP REPORT**

### **12-14<sup>th</sup> February - PNTMC's Coming of Age Weekend Celebration**

Approximately 70 Club members, past members and friends, along with about 14 children attended a weekend of activities at Rangiwahia town. It was centred at the local hall which provided an ideal venue for such an occasion being close to the Ruahines and Rangi Hut. There was ample room for tents and access to the local swimming pool and tennis courts. Ngaire and Alan Hancocks' gardens and museum (Ruapuna) nearby added further local interest.

The weekend ran very smoothly with activities for everyone. 32 people tramped up to Rangi Hut by the direct route and the Club's youngest members, Kai (6) and Tai (4) Crow made it to the swing bridge. 22 people followed Trevor up Deadman's Track and down from the tops to Rangi and a further 6 scrambled and clambered their way up the creek to the hut. A lovely day and plenty of tanned faces to prove it.

After the tramps on Saturday group photos were in order before the formal dinner where Lawson Pither, our patron, gave his keynote address. The Club banner (an early pair of Lawson's shorts) was unveiled prior to the cutting of the cake by Gayle Hogan (one of the most recent members) and Vern Jensen (one of the longest standing members). The cake was made by Linda Budding.

After dinner the locals arrived and the dancing began to the music of "Battered Hats" a brilliant group of Palmerston North musicians with a Scottish flavour. Dancing continued to 1am, trampers being fit and energetic dancers, and a few went for a night time dip.

Sunday was a bit quieter with much reminiscing, looking at old photos, swimming and lazing in the sun. After lunch the leftover food was auctioned under Chris Morton's hammer and at about 3pm rain (luckily) interrupted a game of cricket against the locals which was in progress.

A booklet "The first 22 years of the PNTMC" compiled for the occasion was given to participants at the weekend. The Club holds a few copies for other people to browse through. Please notify Terry Crippen of any errors or omissions. We anticipate a collation of the Club's photographs will follow and would appreciate Club members cooperation on this.

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Something to reflect on during your next tramp.

For my part, I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move; to feel the needs and hitches of life more nearly; to come down off this feather bed of civilisation and find the globe granite underfoot and strewn with cutting flints. To hold a pack upon a pack-saddle against a gale out of the freezing north is no high industry, but it is one that serves to occupy and compose the mind. And when the present is so exacting, who can annoy himself about the future.

Robert Louis Stevenson.

**P.N.T.M.C. Nomination Form**

I wish to nominate (print name) \_\_\_\_\_

for the position of PRESIDENT/SECRETARY/TREASURER/COMMITTEE MEMBER  
(Delete those not applicable)

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of nominee \_\_\_\_\_

(Nominator, seconder and nominee must be financial members of the Club and this form must be signed by all three.)