



PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING  
& MOUNTAINEERING CLUB (INC)  
P.O. Box 1217 Palmerston North

## NEWSLETTER

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### COMING EVENTS.

#### 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER CLUB NIGHT commencing at 7.30 p.m.

While we and our kind are away tramping what are other outdoor enthusiasts doing? Make sure you're there to see slides on both skydiving and canoeing. At the Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street.

Supper Duties: Keith Margrain Tea Towels  
Peter Darragh  
Ann Hayman

#### 1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER RAFT RACE

Another first for the Club. In accordance with the aims of our Club it is intended that we enter one raft and crews permitting two in the Jaycee's raft race.

All those interested in either construction work or hydrology phone Keith Margrain 79-303

#### 30<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER PUTARA HUT – NGAPUKETERUA STREAM

This will be the first time the club has ventured into the stream. Come along and help make history in this area of the eastern Tararuas.

Leader : Kevin Pearce Phone 76-198  
Grading: Fit  
Depart : Izadium 6.00 a.m.  
Cost : \$2.20 Approx.

#### 30<sup>th</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER PUTARA HUT

An easy weekend trip. Ideal opportunity for those who have done only day trips to progress further. Also, those who wish can venture onto the now famous Dundas Ridge.

Leader : Arlene Denby Phone 72-543  
Grading: Easy  
Depart : Izadium 7.00 a.m.  
Cost : \$2.20 Approx.





### Resignation

It is with regret that we say goodbye to Ron Haxton. On was one of the foundation members of our club.

Two Vacancies exist on the Christmas Trip to the Rees & Dart River Valleys. The landscaping in The South Island is on a much greater scale than our local mountains and the beauty of the South Island countryside must be seen to be believed.

Contact Trevor Stretton, 84-925, for further details.

### Streamline for sale

A Junior Streamline tent, one of Europe's most popular 2 man tents, made by the world-famous firm of Benjamin Edgington. Hardly used, still in the original bag. Complete with poles. \$25. Ideal for a weekend in the hills. Has been treated with insect repellent, a valuable fringe benefit for those going to the South Island. If interested, phone James Read 84-925.

### Advert.

Mr. John Williams respectfully wishes to inform friends that he has now a First Aid Certificate. He wishes however to advise friends that they should feel under no obligation to create work for him in his newly acquired skill.

Addenda. Congratulations John, on joining the growing number of our members who have attained a First Aid Course, to prepared themselves for emergencies, and have a certificate to prove it.

Confusus he say. Fellow who puts sleeping bag in plastic bag and it still get wet is a drip.

## PAST EVENTS

### 31<sup>st</sup> August The Fire (Kaikouras)

Saturday stood before us, with Mt Tapuaenuku (9465') in the way. So Mohamad went to the mountain capturing the view as far north as the infamous Ruahines. Mohamad reached the summit and thought that this was good. On returning to the temple he was pleased with what he had seen, and wanted to thank the gods. Then the skies darkened, Thunder rumbled throughout the heavens and energy fired the temple with the power of liquid lightning. Mohamad knew that the gods were calling upon him to display his supreme might and power to escape from the clutches of death. At that instant Mohamad called upon the North Wind, and blew the flame out. The gods were very pleased, and quelled the embers with showers of rain. For now they had been thanked.

### 29<sup>th</sup> September Tokomaru Stream Trip Diverted to Rangī Hut

Someone mentioned a bit of snow up at Rangī, little did I realise the whole trip consisted of snow and slush.

However it wasn't all unpleasant. The white brilliance hung loosely from trees and shrubs providing beautiful scenery, although there were only short pauses to gaze and appreciate our amazing world.

Rangī Hut welcomed us, it reminded me of an impoverished aunt, always willing to take you in and share with you the little of what she had.

A healthy fire was made in the new stove and proved most successful ' smoke-less' and up to date, (judging by the various comments in Rangī log book it's well overdue).

Filled in the rest of the day building a snowman. Very satisfying trip, wonderful day.

Those taking part:- Peter Hanratty, Paul Franson, Ian Hoare, Martin Speller, Vivian Mawson, Mary Ryder.

#### Yet another Rangī Trip 28<sup>th</sup> October Rangiwahia

Rangī Hut, because it can be reached in all weathers is a very convenient alternative to flooded rivers etc. Such was the case with this trip (substituted in place of the Makaretu Stream trip).

Anyway nine people sheltered in Rangī's congenial surrounds from intermittent snow showers, cold, etc. After lunch we returned via many different devious routes. Those who arrived back at the cars wet, cold, but in good spirits were:- Tim Short, Jayne Ryder, Mary Ryder, Vivian Mawson, Michael Triplow, Roger Harvey, Pam Dicks, Christopher Caldwell and Ian Hoare.

#### 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> October Wellington S.A.R.E.X.

Keith Margrain and Kevin Pearce attended The Wellington Police District S.A.R.E.X. in the Tauherenikau River. Keith attended as part of a four man team from the P.N. district and Kevin as an advisor.