



**Palmerston North
Tramping and Mountaineering Club**

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P.O. Box 1217, Palmerston North

Newsletter October 2021



On top of Mt Tauhoro during our mid-winter gathering at Taupo. See trip report

COVID 19

The committee has decided that club activities can be held under the current Level 2 restrictions. Below is our agreed protocol.

For club nights:

- Scan in at the Hall and/or sign in with contact details in our attendance book.
- Use the hand sanitiser provided.
- Masks are optional.
- Keep 1 metre distance where possible.
- We will not provide food or drinks.
- If feeling unwell, stay home.
- Everybody is welcome unless they are unwell.

For club trips:

- Participants on a club trip form a 'trip bubble'.
- The trip leader is responsible for keeping contact details of everyone in the trip bubble.

Club Nights

Club nights are held on the second and last Thursday of the month at the Society of Friends Hall, 227 College St, Palmerston North. Doors open at 7:15pm and the meeting starts at 7:30pm. All welcome.

Thu 14th October Interclub Photo Competition Martin Lawrence
Come along and judge for yourself the crème de la crème of MTSC, MUAC and PNTMC club photo competitions. Hosted by PNTMC this year at Quakers Hall. Come and be inspired.

Thu 28th October 4 Stunning South Island Adventure Trips Lynette Price
Dennis and Lynette Price will share highlights with stunning forest and mountain views, from their time in the South Island earlier this year.

They explored:

The Old Ghost Rd, Cycle and Hiking track
Lake Crucible/Gillespie Pass in Mt Aspiring NP
Abel Tasman Great Walk

The Ball Room Overhang and Inland Pack track, which joins the new Paparoa Great Walk
You may just leave wanting to explore them for yourself!

Upcoming Trips

Sat 2nd October-Sun 3rd October
Ngauruhoe Medium & Technical
Warren Wheeler 06 356 1998

Our annual commemoration trip of the Grandstand View in 1996, when we enjoyed an impressive plume erupting from Mt Ruapehu while having lunch on the summit rim. Plan A is to use ice axe and crampons to zig zag up the west face of Ngauruhoe, but depending on snow conditions we may go up the usual north face route instead.

Day two Plan A is to explore around the lower slopes of Turoa, looking for springs and icy waterfalls. Other options to suit. Depart Friday evening or Saturday morning depending on what suits everyone. We will stay at Sue's place in Rangataua.

Sat 9th October - Sun 10th October
Tongariro Fit & Technical
Grant Christian 021 117 6921

Meet at Mangatepopo car park at 9 a.m. on Saturday. On the better weather day, we will walk to the plateau between Ngauruhoe & Tongariro. From there we will scramble along the rocky ridge between the two to the peak of Tongariro. On some of the difficult sections we may use a rope, or you could sidle below the ridge. Ice axe, crampons & helmet required. On the other day we will walk up Pukekaikioire. Please contact me by Sunday 3rd.

Sat 9th October or Sun 10th October (BWD)
A-Frame Circuit Medium
Michelle Benton 027 355 2532

A-Frame has a new look and a new name: Te Ao Tūpare A lot of love has been lavished on it by hapu from Dannevirke, led by Cherry Peeti-Tapurau, and I am keen to have a look. It's a steep hill climb initially but we will take it at a comfortable pace. If the weather is great and everyone still feels frisky at the top, we will head up Takapari 4WD road and make a loop past Stanfield hut and out over the Holmes track. Otherwise, we will return the way we came. Give me a call as early as possible if you want to join us. Departing Milverton Park 7:30am.

Sat 16th October - Sun 17th October – Mon 18 October

South Island Reefton Medium

Richard Lockett 323 0948

To travel into Big River via Waiuta, Grey Valley. Anyone interested in this trip please contact Richard asap so that arrangements can be made, and other possible activities for the following week can be planned as some trip participants are in the South Island for the following week!

Sat 16th October or Sun 17 October (BWD)

Bushey Birding Easy

Stephen Legg 027 647 0095

Stroll around the world-famous in NZ predator-proof reserve at Bushey Park near Wanganui, led by two experienced birders who can help you spot and count the native avifauna. We hope to see rare stitchbird, saddleback, native robin, inter alia. Be a citizen scientist trumper for a day and contribute to the national (Atlas) bird survey.

Sat 23rd October - Mon 25th October Labour weekend trip:

Te Araroa Levin to Otaki Forks Medium/Fit

Roy Rolston 027 476 7188

We attempt this 3-night, 4-day section again after it was postponed in favor of a plan B last Easter weekend. This Te Araroa section has the reputation for being the most challenging in the North Island, but it is also reported by many to be the most rewarding. The weather plays a big part as some of the route is very exposed to inclement conditions - when it's good the scenic views are some of the best the trail offers.

The trail starts at the end of Poads Road near Levin with approx 6 - 8 hour tramp up to our first night at Te Matawai hut. The second day climbs up to the main range and passes through goblin forest to our second night stop at Nichols Hut. The third day travels south along the main range and over Mt Crawford 1462m, the highest and most exposed point before descending to our third night stop at Waitewaewae Hut. Day 4 we tramp out to Otaki Forks and along the road and past a road slip yet to be repaired to a temporary road end to meet a pre-arranged pickup person or vehicle.

Note this trip includes an extension of Labour weekend to 4 days and is weather dependent, meaning I will postpone and or consider a shorter 3 day plan B alternative if needed. For further info go to the Te Araroa website and look up trail notes or contact me personally. Your expression of interest in advance would be great.

Sun 31st October

Waitahinga Trails Easy/Medium

Stephen Legg 027 647 0095

Tramping which prioritises looking and listening for birds in a native Reserve in the Whanganui water catchment. Departing Milverton Park at 07:30am

Trip Grades

Trip grades depend on many factors, especially weather and terrain. A reasonably proficient trumper should expect to do the trips in the following times:

Easy (E):	3-4 hrs
Medium (M):	5-6 hrs
Fit (F):	about 8 hrs
Fitness Essential (FE):	over 8 hrs

Other Grades:
Family (Fam)
Technical skills (T)

Trip participants

Contact the leader at least 3 days in advance. Trips usually leave from Milverton Park. A charge for transport will be collected on the day.

Gear for trips

Minimum gear for day trips is appropriate footwear, pack, lunch and snacks, waterproof jacket, over-trousers, gloves, warm hat, torch, toilet paper, matches or a lighter, sunblock, first aid kit, and a survival bag or space blanket. Each person needs to be equipped to survive overnight.

Personal Locator Beacons

The club has two PLBs for member's use. If you want to take one of these on a trip, either a club or private trip, contact Martin or Anne Lawrence 06 357 1695.

Overdue Trips

If a club trip is late returning, please do not worry as there is probably a good reason for the delay. If you are in any doubt, please phone Martin Lawrence 357 1695 or Graeme Richards 353 6227

In Memory of Toru Mizokawa



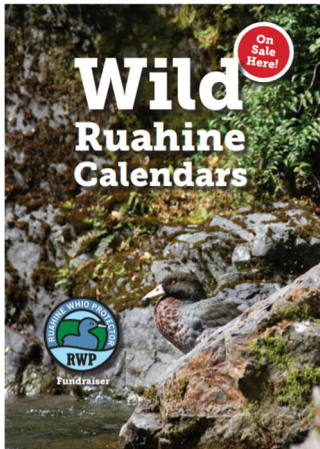
Toru Mizokawa, a fellow trumper, and colleague to some of us, was found recently after going missing in the Manawatu River on 7th August 2021. He was farewelled on Saturday 25th September. Toru joined the club in July 2020 and had come on five trips. To the Branch Road Walkway and Levin Trig in July, Otaki Beach Walk in August, Sunrise Hut and Stanfield Hut in October 2020. He was traditional Japanese, polite, nice, and once you got to know him, he had a cheeky sense of humour. He loved living in Manawatu and was always out in nature each weekend, either enjoying fishing or hiking. While we have lost him, it is comforting that he died doing what he loved. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to his family in their loss.



Notices



Murray (Muzza) Field has very generously donated this avalanche transceiver to PNTMC. A very useful piece of equipment! Thank you so much, Muzza



WILD RUAHINE 2022 CALENDAR

The Ruahine Whio Protection Trust with the generous support from local volunteers have again produced a "Wild Ruahine" calendar as a fundraiser.

Design is by club member Anthony Behrens (www.swampthing.co.nz), and the beautiful photos have all been donated by local photographers. The cost is \$20.00.

You can order now for early Christmas shopping and help support our local Ruahine conservation project. Calendars will be available in August.

Contact Janet Wilson jwilson@inspire.net.nz or talk to her at a club night.



Hi my name is Mike and I am the owner of Fern Lodge in Inglewood, Taranaki.

I'm getting in touch with you because you are involved with your local tramping club. Are your members looking for affordable accommodation on the doorstep of Mount Taranaki?

Sign up to our newsletter and we will send out our free guide to tracks around Mt Taranaki for those wanting to enjoy the mountain and surrounding areas. Go to <http://eepurl.com/hml6pn> and visit our website www.fernlobby.co.nz to check out our accommodation, restaurant and bar.

Fern Lodge is ideal for groups, families or individuals, our historic lodge in Inglewood has different room configurations to suit all budget. Packed lunches are available with some notice, and popular pub dinners on offer.

We look forward to hosting you at Fern Lodge.

Regards,
Mike.

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sale of the

ARNOLD HEINE BOOK COLLECTION

AUCTION: Friday 24th September 2021
- books on view from 5.30 pm - Auction from 7.30 pm

BOOK SALE: Saturday 25th September, 2021
- from 9.30 am

HUTT VALLEY TRAMPING CLUB
Birch St Reserve, Waterloo, Lower Hutt

hosted: Jan Heine
Les Molloy, Patron of FMC
Dave Bamford, NZAC
Dennis Page, President of HVTC



**HEINE
LIBRARY**

The Auction and Sale of books from Arnold Heine's remarkable Library, scheduled for Friday 24 and Saturday 25 September, have been postponed. We - Les Molloy, Dave Bamford and I - believe that a successful and enjoyable event cannot take place until the Wellington Region moves firmly into CoVid-19 Alert Level 1 and have therefore postponed it indefinitely.

If you are readily able to, we would be grateful for your informing Club members that the Auction and Book Sale have been postponed - and we will let you know of the new date when it gets established. Absentee Bids for the books to be sold by auction will continue to be accepted.



COMING SOON! THE ALPINIST Releasing in New Zealand!

THE ALPINIST is an intimate documentary of a visionary climber who follows the path of his own passion, despite the heaviest of possible consequences.

View the trailer here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRn9H_I8LXs

From critically acclaimed director Peter Mortimer (*The Dawn Wall*) and the producers of *The Fourth Phase* and *The Art of Flight*.

Breathtaking, never-before-seen footage of the most extreme climbs ever filmed

Quality documentary with the potential for critical acclaim.

Although Marc-Andre was a relatively elusive person, his ascents and story is widely known in the climbing community

The human aspect of the story will appeal to a broader audience outside of core climbing and adventure sport enthusiasts; Marc-Andre the man and the sheer awe and majesty of his time in the mountains



The Mt Tauhara expedition party enroute.

There was a big turnout for our annual mid-winter gathering - most of the group took the opportunity to make it a long weekend and headed up to Taupo early on Friday - the "birding" team of 4 took the long way around (see Robyn's write-up, August newsletter) and the cyclists took advantage of a good weather Friday (see Richard's report, August newsletter). Those staying at Malcolm and Edith's very comfortable "bach" enjoyed home-made pizzas, Penny's chilli and steamed pudding for tea.

On Saturday morning most of the group headed up nearby Mt Tauhara (some had already gone for an early morning swim!) - where the views weren't great, but it was good to get in some exercise before all the eating began. Graham and Ernie went out for a bike ride. We spread out around Taupo in the afternoon - some of us went in search of the free river-side hot pools which turned out to be not quite hot enough. Some paid for a proper hot pool. A group visited the Botanic Gardens, which proved to be better than expected and well worth a visit - turns out Grant and Vicki help out there as volunteers.

By late afternoon we had all gathered together and indulged in a pot-luck food feast - featuring a sheep roast and traditional Christmas steamed pudding from Edith and Malcolm and many other delicious dishes. Some of us had to walk off the very full feeling around the local streets later in the evening!

Sunday morning saw a few up early for a quick dip in the lake and a last lakeside walk (in the rain) before we tidied up and headed away - the last few enjoying the hospitality until after lunch.

Thanks to Malcolm and Edith for offering the use of their lovely house and in particular to Edith for putting up with us in her kitchen. Thanks also to Grant and Vicki for offering accommodation to a few of the group. It was a most enjoyable weekend away.

We were Malcolm and Edith, Kathy, Jon, Richard, Ernie, Martin, Anne, Grant, Vicki, Graham, Kirsten, Stephen, Warren, Robyn, Michelle, and Janet. Bruce and Penny were there for the Friday evening.



Doubts about what to do at Level 2
Saw a spot of dithering to and fro
Plan A to Holdsworth out did go
Instead Plan B, local, with Crippen
Saddle too.

'Twas nice indeed to meet up
unexpectedly
With Lew and Jenny at Kahuterawa
carpark
For the day was fine as fine can be
And Lew like Terry had track-making
History.

A sign, a sign, a Crippen Saddle sign
we passed
At the crest of the first big uphill slog
Barely ten minutes from our carpark
start
Enough to raise the heartbeat at last.

On and on and on we strode
Over track built not so long ago

With willing hands and backs et al
Benched and stepped and metallated
Well.

At Prichard point another sign
Commemorating effort done
But not all who passed looked up
To see, so it was just Lew and me.

Finally after ooh maybe fifty
minutes or so
The dreaded swingbridge swung into
View
Bravely one by one we scampered
Over
Pausing midstream looking for white
Clematis.

Up and up and up we zigged
And zagged, resting battered hearts
And mopping sweaty brows
And generally enjoying thereness.

Through the Arapuke MTB zone
Large orange triangles and signposts
Point clearly so clearly through the
Regen
Pines, firs, lancewood and more.

So how oh how did we miss the sign going down at last
Instead we followed the 4WD only track
And so much quicker we got right back.

We were Warren Wheeler (leader), Robyn Boocock, Lew and Jenny Prichard.

Trip card for the rest of the year

Note that this is a 'Living document' so check the website for the most up-to-date information on trips.

October 2021				
Date	Trip	Grade	Leader	Phone
2-3	Ngauruhoe	M	Warren Wheeler	356 1998
3 (Sunday)	Beginner tramp #2	Postponed	Anne Lawrence	357 1695
9-10	Tongariro	FE/T	Grant Christian	021 117 6921
BWD 9/10	Aframe- Takapari- Stanfield	M	Michelle Benton	
16-17	South Island Reefton	M	Richard Lockett	323 0948
BWD 16/17	Tahurangi/Plateau TNP	FE/T	Grant Christian	021 117 6921
23-25	Labour weekend: Te Araroa Levin to Otaki Forks	M/F	Roy Rolston	027 476 7188
31	Waitahinga Trails	E/M	Stephen Legg	027 647 0095
November 2021				
6-7	TBA		Janet Wilson	329 4722
7 (Sunday)	Beginner tramp #3	Postponed	Anne Lawrence	357 1695
13-14	Pohangina River	M/F	Janet Wilson	329 4722
14	Wharite	E	Warren Wheeler	356 1998
20-21	Weasel Creek	M	Roy Rolston	
day				
27-28	Ellis Hut	E	Bruce van Brunt	328 4761
day				
December 2021				
4-5	Stanfield/A-frame	E	Elly Arnst	022 682 3136
5	Deerford loop	E	Graeme Richards	021 149 8267
11-12				
18-19	Short-Knights	E/M	Warren Wheeler	356 1998



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