



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

NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

27th January CLUB NIGHT

7.30 p.m. at the Society of Friend's Hall, 227 College St., Palmerston North.
Come along and hear about the Christmas trips. Bring any interesting slides or photos you have taken.

SUPPER DUTIES: Viv. Mawson, John Carter, Christina McKinder.

29th-30th January OTAKI FORKS RIVER CROSSING – BARBECUE

Combine your river crossing instruction with an evening on the banks of the Waiotaru Valley. Bring spare clothes, sausages etc. for what should be an enjoyable gathering of the clans. Also a trip to Field's Hut on the Sunday to celebrate the club's eleventh anniversary.

Names to:	Peter Darragh, Fg. 5633
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	\$3.00.
Depart Supersave:	6.30 a.m.

30th January ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE, FIELD'S HUT

This annual trip is in recognition of the Club's first official tramp. Great views should reward those who venture into the hills behind Otaki for this occasion. See if the weekenders have survived their splash in the Otaki.

Names to:	Peter Darragh, Fg. 5633
Grading:	Medium
Cost:	\$3.00.
Depart Supersave:	6.30 a.m.

5th-6th February PIRIPIRI – POHANGINA – TAMAKI CROSSING

A pleasant route to scramble across the Ruahines. Much river travel and one waterfall make this an interesting alternative to most high level crossings.

26th-27th February RANGIWAHIA WORK PARTY
27th FEBRUARY WORK PARTY

Further details of work to be done in next month's Newsletter. These trips are usually of good value and are really enjoyable. Keep this weekend free as Rangi is our very own home in the hills.

Names to:	Heather Crabb, 77-668
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	\$3.00
Depart Supersave:	6.00 a.m. both days.

NOTICES:

CONGRATULATIONS: To our vice Ian Hoare and Kathy Tyer on their betrothal.

FOUND

One pair of overtrou in Sue Streeter's car. Would the owner please phone 80-874.

PAST TRIP

NEW YEAR TRIP TO LAKE WAIKAREMOANA

We arrived at Onepoto by the Lake at approximately midnight on Friday 2nd Jan., and as Peter was having minor trouble with his car, we decided to sleep out nearby. In the morning we drove the two cars around the lake to Cascade Falls where the six of us started our tramp in fair weather, little knowing what was to come.

Saturday night saw us at a beautiful little beach where we set up our camp congratulating ourselves on its idyllic setting. After a refreshing swim and cooking a hearty meal over the camp fire, we returned to our fly tent, Christina to her own private makeshift tent. By the time we had settled down, the rain started and by 11 p.m. was a steady downpour accompanied by the most vivid and frightening display of sheet lightning and thunder any of us had ever seen. I will always remember the jump in the air given by Peter as he awoke from sleep by a 21 gun roll of thunder. The storm continued all night and after diverting streams of water from running through the fly, Doug. decided to leave his comrades for dryer quarters (as he thought) and headed for Christina's tent. After managing to get a few hours sleep and waking cold and wet we decided to break camp in the rain and head for the next hut where its occupants of four made up a fire for us and generally made us welcome. After breakfast and lunch we made our way along a very muddy track to Waipaoa Hut where we had a good night though the sleeping bags were still damp.

Monday morning saw us in good spirits and climbing steeply up the bluffs to the Panakiri Hut and warm sunshine. With glorious views on each side of us we laid out our clothes, equipment and ourselves to dry in the sun. After a huge 3 course meal which was common throughout the trip (a big thanks to Viv. for organizing the food requirements so well) we finished our game of 500 amid a lot of giggles and laughter with our spirits being so high. Tuesday morning saw us back at Onepoto and a long trek for our gallant Peter and Viv., to pick up their respective cars from Cascade Falls while the others lazed in the sun for 4 hours.

After stopping at Napier for a lovely steak dinner (a fitting end to a memorable trip) we arrived back in Palmerston at 1 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Those making up the happy party were: Viv. Mawson, Christina MacKinder, Doug. Bridges (a visitor from Scotland) Stephen Moore, Peter Croad and John Carter.