



# PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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PALMERSTON NORTH  
NEWSLETTER  
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## ENQUIRES CONCERNING OVERDUE TRIPS

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## COMING TRIPS

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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### 24 June – CLUB NIGHT

EL CHEAPO TOURS, an exclusive group of six of our Club members, will be showing slides on some of their recent tramps (tours).

7.45 p.m. Thursday, 227 College Street, Society of Friends Meeting Rooms. All welcome.  
Supper Duty: Linda Keall, Malcolm Macarthur, Gary Mackay.

### 26 – 27 June – CATTLE RIDGE

Tops or valley travel in the Eastern Tararuas. Sheltered from the cold westerlies, this area has scope for the fit and the not so masochistically inclined.

Leader: Keith Pollock, ph 81819  
Grading: Medium  
Cost: Approx. \$4  
Departs: Saturday 0600

### 2 – 4 July – EGMONT (TAHURANGI LODGE)

Good accommodation with all mod-cons, just the base, for summit attempts and clambering on the "Castles". Probably will involve a short jaunt up the hill on Friday evening (check your map) so come prepared.

Leader: Trevor Bissell, ph 73543  
Grading: Medium/Fit  
Cost: Approx. \$14.00  
Departs: Friday 18.30

### 8 July – Committee Meeting

To be held at Peter Wiles' place, 5 Rongopai Street at 7.45 p.m.

**9 – 11 July – THREE PEAKS TRIP (NGAURUHOE, TONGARIRO, RUAPEHU)**

One of the classic trips the purists maintain it should all be done on foot. However, for those less concerned with ethics, there will be the option of four wheels!

A medium/easy trip around Tongariro or Ngauruhoe is also possible.

Leader: Don French, ph 73543  
 Grading: Fit (Medium/Easy)  
 Cost: Approx. \$12.00  
 Departs: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> 18.30

**15 July – INFORMAL CLUB NIGHT**

Games Evening. Come along to the West End School Hall, Cnr Botanical Road, College Street, and try your hand at Volleyball and Table tennis. All welcome. 7.45 p.m.

Any queries contact Terry Crippen, ph 63588.

**12 July – DISCUSSION EVENING**

Introduction to Snowcraft Course, at Barry Scott's. Contact by phone. Deadline for names of those interested in the course is the end of June.

**16 – 18 July – EGMONT (again?) KAPUNI LODGE**

Sharpen up that axe and those rusty crampons! A short walk up on Friday night sets things up for a variety of trips around or on to Egmont.

A mandatory trip for all potential snowcraft instructors!!

Chief Magician: Barry Scott, ph 71731  
 Grading: Medium/Fit  
 Cost: Approx. \$13  
 Departs: Friday 18.30

**23 – 25 July – SNOWCRAFT II**

Due to unforeseen events in the Faulklands Islands. Your first chance to brush up on all that you learnt in Snowcraft I.

Leader: Mike Freeman, ph 69099 Ex 2471/674  
 Cost: \$12.00 approx.  
 Departs: Friday 18.30.

**27 July – CLUB NIGHT (Tuesday)**

Our Annual Debate against Massey will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> at SS7, Massey University, 8.00 p.m.

Come along and support our team.

**31 - 1 August – MAROPEA – RUAHINES**

An area of the Ruahines seldom visited by us. Easy access to the tops, tracks through the leatherwood! (Courtesy of N.Z.F.S. – thanks lads!) Time to start building up some fitness for winter activities.

Leader: Catherine Farquhar, ph 88720  
 Grading: Medium/Fit  
 Cost: \$6.00  
 Departs: Sat. 0600

**FUTURE TRIPS**

August 6 – 8 – The classic northern winter crossing with Kevin Pearce.

August 13 – 15 – Snowcraft II (on how to do handstands on Mt Cook)

**DAY TRIPS AND ALTERNATIVES**

If you are interested in a day trip to any of the above areas, contact the person organising that specific weekend. If you're interested in organising an alternative weekend trip, contact the person running the scheduled trip.

**NOTICES:**

**Flatmate:** Wanted to share with two others. Terry Crippens abode. Phone Terry 63588.

**New Members:** Bruce White, 2/37A Wood St. ph 62270  
Diane Miller, 64 Savage Crescent. ph 82890

**Subscriptions:** From 1st June, the subscriptions have been increased by \$1.00. i.e.

Juniors (still at school)	\$5.50
Seniors	\$9.00
Family	\$10.00

These can be paid at any Club night or sent to our Treasurer, P.O. Box 12179 Palmerston North. If not paid by the end of this month, newsletters will no longer be sent to you.

**PREVIOUS TRIPS:****EASTER – NELSON LAKES**

Easter time saw Nelson Lakes National Park overrun (or over tramped) by P.N.T.M.C. trampers. Fifteen of us travelled down, weathering a rough crossing and Trev's van remarkably well.

An early start was got by not going to sleep/bed and dawn saw us heading off in three groups towards Mole Saddle from the Matakita Valley. Five of us set off on a tramp over to St Arnaud:- Terry Crippen, John Barkla, Peter Wiles, Julian Dalefield and Carol Cullen. Up over Moll Tops we had fresh snow and good views. Dropping into the D'Urville River, Terry sprained his ankle so, deserted by us. He spent the next few days making his way slowly down river. The remaining four of us continued on the planned route over Moss Pass to Blue Lake from which we made a novel, knee-scraping ascent of Mt Franklin. From there, we travelled down the Sabine River and out over Mt Cedric and Robert Ridge at a fast pace in blizzard conditions. We reached St Arnaud just in time to catch the van back to Palmerston North.

**15 May 1982 – MAHARAHARA RUAHINE CROSSING**

The weather forecast was not very promising and consequently our expectations were modest. The weather was better than expected and was therefore enjoyed as a bonus. We crossed from Opawe to Kumeti Roads via Maharahara Peak on good tracks. Kevin only went as far as the summit and then went back and drove around to pick us up. Before he left us he gave us some misleading information and also a piece of survival equipment (a tent fly). We had an interesting time getting to the correct road end. Those taking part were: Martin Dickson, Malcolm MacArthur, Dianne Miller and Kevin Pearce.

**Route Information:** A poled route leaves Opawe Road at GR359601 and goes to the hut located at GR364591 (not as marked on NZMS 1 N144 3rd ed.). The track then goes directly to Maharahara and has one short very steep section. A branch track leads back down to the bush edge at GR369598). A little east of Matanginui peak the track forks. One branch leads to Oruakere-tahi Stream which can be followed down to Fairbrother Road. The other branch leads to Kumeti Hut located at GR436578 on the true left fork. The Stream is followed down to a picnic area at the end of Kumeti Road. Crossing time 3 - 5 hours.