



# PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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NEWSLETTER

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## ENQUIRES CONCERNING OVERDUE TRIPS

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ALL TRIPS LEAVE FROM THE FOODTOWN 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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## THURSDAY EVENING PROGRAMME

Please sign your name in the visitors' book. There is a door fee of 30c to cover hall and supper expenses.

### 17 MAY **CLUB NIGHT:** Safari to Tanzania

Doug Strachan will show his colour slides of his recent safari to Tanzania.

Venue: Society of Friends Meeting Rooms  
227 College Street, Palmerston North  
Time: 7.45 pm.

### 31 MAY **CLUB NIGHT:** Iceland and Southern Chile

Peter Gates takes tramping to the extremes of the North and South. He has some brilliant colour slides of Iceland to show and some of southern Chile. Great stories too.

Venue: Society of Friends Meeting Rooms  
227 College Street, Palmerston North  
Time: 7.45 pm.

### 7 JUNE: Committee Meeting

### 14 JUNE **CLUB NIGHT:** Photo Competition

John Cleland will judge this year's efforts. Come on all you "experts".  
Competition rules later.

Venue: Society of Friends Meeting Rooms  
227 College Street, Palmerston North  
Time: 7.45 pm.

**28 JUNE CLUB NIGHT:** Mountains of Alaska

Slide shows must surely be the most popular Club evenings. Quality and interest guaranteed. This time Shirley Heaphy shows slides and speaks of a wilderness tour by minibus into the Mountains of Alaska.

Venue: Society of Friends Meeting Rooms  
227 College Street, Palmerston North  
Time: 7.45 pm.

**5 JULY** Committee Meeting

Coming up during winter, we have more evenings where Club Members will discuss their interesting activities. Also, the annual inter-club competitions of debating and the quiz should also be mentioned here. Please consider supporting PNTMC.

**FUTURE TRIPS**

**4 – 5 MAY:** NE Ruahines

Easy tramp, planning to visit Waikamaka Hut via the tussock tops and return via the Waipawa River  
Leader: Arthur Todd ph 36-248

Fittish tramp; planning as above but going a bit further. Good views (of leatherwood!) guaranteed.

Leader: Tony Gates ph 550-941

Avalanche Flats – Medium tramp, a classic bush and river tramp into the northern Tararuas.

Leader: Terry Coburn ph 88-391

**12 – 13 MAY:** Tararuas

Medium/fit traverse of the Mt Holdsworth – Jumbo ridge.

Leader: Simon MacCracken ph 72-689

Easy stroll to Totara Flats, the favourite spot for many trampers.

Leader: Gavin Rogerson ph 34-702

**19 – 20 MAY:** Ruahines

Medium tramp, destination Parkes Peak Hut and environs. May even get to see some snow here, or at least some good cool winter weather.

Leader: Mick Leyland ph 83-183

**20 MAY:** Medium day tramp, Iron Gates Hut in the Oroua Valley. A good track, through delightful beech forest.

Leader: Dave Orbell ph 35-145

Easy day stroll to Heritage Lodge, held in conjunction with the above.

Leader: Doug Strachen ph 75-732

**26 – 27 MAY:** Tararuas

Easy tramp, Kapakapanui Trip. Excellent views of the Wellington region and southern Tararuas.

Leader: Liz Morrison ph 76-532

Medium tramp into Otaki Forks region and beyond, possibly to meet up with the above party.

Leader: Daniel Schupbach ph 80-245

**27 MAY:** An easy family picnic and stroll to Porewa Walkway.

Leader: Lawson Pither ph 73-033

**2 – 4 JUNE, QUEENS BIRTHDAY:** Tararuas

Fit tramp – southern Crossing of the Tararuas. This is a true, historical, classic tramp not to be missed. It's not really a fit trip in summer, but during winter, alpine equipment (such as ice axe and crampons) may make it that. Great views.

Leader: Mary Crow ph 290-749

Day tramp – Cycle trip to local areas.

Leader: Sally Hewson ph 70-990

**9 – 10 JUNE:** Ruahines

A fit, rugged tramp into Lake Colenso is planned. Warm clothes essential.

Leader: Roger Redmayne ph (-650) 48-376

**10 JUNE:** A day tramp up to Maharahara Trig. The best viewpoint in the Souther Ruahines and the best leatherwood! (But there's a good track.)

Leader: Tony Cameron ph 65-461

**16 – 17 JUNE:** Tongariro National Park

A fit mountaineering tramp is planned to circle Mt Ngauruhoe. Sounds like the snow will be knee deep, so maybe skis will be required or at least ice axe and crampons. Once again warm clothes essential.

Leader: John Barkla ph (064) 52-979

**17 JUNE:** Two day tramps to everyone's favourite Ruahine Hut, i.e. Rangiwahia.

Leaders: Mick Leyland ph 89-189  
Dave Orbell ph 35-145

**COMING UP** are more similar tramps. There are also the Snowcraft weekend trips to consider, and a ski trip to the MUAC Hut on Mt Ruapehu.

### “PRESIDENT’S REPORT”

As the new PNTMC President, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and the new committee. I would also like to discuss a few matters concerning the Club. Perhaps ideas such as these will appear as a regular newsletter “Editorial” or as a separate regular section.

The AGM was held on 29 March and was very well patronised. A committee of both new and experienced members was elected. My President's position is ably supported by: Tricia Eder as Vice President; Brad Owen as Secretary; Peter Wiles as Treasurer. Lawson Pither once again assumes the role of Auditor and Club Patron. Serving on the committee are: Jenni Madgewick, Doug Strachen, Mary Crow, Dave Orbell, Monica Cantwell, and Gavin Rogerson. At our first committee meeting, duties concerning the running of the Club were distributed amongst these people (and some others). Some positions were keenly sought. However, the position of Newsletter Editor was not filled. Consequently, I must apologise for the longer than usual time span between newsletters. The PNTMC Newsletter will, of course, continue and the vacancy be filled in due course. I must advertise here for the continued support of this Newsletter. Please write a paragraph or two for it.

One of the most important jobs has already been completed by the production of our first “Six Month Event Calendar”. Tricia Eder organised a great variety of trips and leaders, Peter Wiles arranged the printing of this onto a (hopefully) durable card. It covers April to October 1990. The ensuing six months deserves a similar sort of card with some changes. It's really good to see the amount of interest that this card has created, as I'm sure it will be well appreciated. As ever, this Club has much to offer.

I must mention money here and suggest payment of the Club Annual subscription if you have not already done so. The new fees are:

Individual members:	\$20
Family Membership:	\$25
Junior Membership:	\$8

Benefits include PNTMC affiliation to Federated Mountain Clubs who publish a very readable Bulletin. (Available Club Nights.)

DOC usually does a good job in our areas of interest, so deserve all the support they need. Please do not avoid payment of DOC Hut Fees. A fee which, as they advertise, is very minimal. Hut tickets can be purchased from Peter Wiles at Club nights. I finally bought myself a "Season Hut Pass" for \$60. It's a good idea if you tramp as much as I do.

Trampers/Mountaineers love to discuss the merits (and demerits) of their equipment. There's much to write about here, but those comments will have to wait until the next Newsletter.

Happy Tramping, Tony Gates

### PHOTO COMPETITION

Sections are:

LANDSCAPE – These photos show natural features and may have the presence of man.

TOPICAL – Typical tramping events. People, personalities and humour.

NATURAL HISTORY – Definitely no man-made features. Often (but not always) these are close-ups of flora and fauna, water, rocks or the like.

Categories are: Colour slides, black and white prints and colour prints. Please label slides with red/black dot on the bottom left corner to ensure correct placement in the cassette.

The rules prohibit any photograph from being entered in more than one PNTMC competition. There is a limit of entries per person per category.

### NEW MEMBER

Welcome to John Brumsden of Kahuterawa Valley Road.

### TRIP REPORTS

#### **Rimutaka Walkway** – Saturday 28 April

We left Palmerston North at 7.50 am after minor transport hassles. Lots of room for improvement weatherwise. We finally arrived at the Walkway by 9.10 am and tramped for half-an-hour beyond the Summit and returned. We visited the Fell Engine Machine afterwards and an informative session followed. A most enjoyable day all round. The weather improved as expected: "The trampers link with Huey still works". We were: Sue & Lawson Pither, Peggy Bishop, Arthur Roache, Tricia Eder, Malcolm Parker, Malana Jenkins, Kathy Mullins, Stuart Boyd, Peter Groube, Phillip Higgins.

#### **Ohau** by Dave, Gavin & Tricia

Having only 3 takers for the weekend, we decided to make a round trip: Waiopehu – Te Matawai – South Ohau.

Leaving the roadend at 8.30 am we steadily climbed the long ridge to Waiopehu Hut where we stopped for lunch. Thankfully we hadn't decided to stop there as the hut is in a pretty poor shape and on arrival, a rat was seen disappearing into the rafters.

We continued on over Twin Peak, acquiring our fair share of the mud from the smelly squelchy mud holes. Afternoon scroggin was had at Richards Knob along with tales about how glad Gavin was not to be going down Gable End and how bad it was, and that was where "I did my knees in & stopped me tramping for 3 months". Butcher Saddle seemed to go on forever and it was a welcome sight to arrive at the track junction and then only have 35 mins to Te Matawai. Here we met other PNTMC members who were on the alternative weekend trip. Sunday was down the Ohau and out to the road end. Dave will always have fond memories of his? Year birthday which was celebrated by hitting the pit before dark – and he didn't tell us until we were out!!