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A brief history of the club's activities over this period. Produced by Terry Crippen, Trevor Bissell, Linda Rowan, Kevin Pearce, Jenny Dymock, Keith Potter, Peter Darragh and Peter Wiles.

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INTRODUCTION

After some debate Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club decided to celebrate the Club's "Coming of Age" with a weekend of social and tramping activities on February 12-14, 1988. Preparation for the celebration did not get underway until May 1987 when a subcommittee was formed and a decision made to celebrate the completion of 21 years.

The subcommittee consisted of Linda Rowan, Damienne Eder, Jenny Dymock, Sheena Taylor, Vaughan Crow, Chris Morton, Roger Redmayne and Terry Crippen. Initial moves to construct a list of the 450+ past and present members was undertaken by Trevor Bissell and with the aid of other members a comprehensive list was eventually drawn up. Approximately seventy of those people will meet at Rangiwahia to celebrate the Club's formation.

In keeping with the commemorative nature of the celebration it was decided to produce a "special PNTMC bulletin" - this is it. The result of contributions by past and present members in the form of special articles and excerpts of the last 21 years of newsletters.

As you sit and remember the times past and the trips you would still like to do in the future think also of those who showed you the "way of the hills", who provided transport, time and their companionship.



PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club is now in its twenty-second year. The first meeting of the 11 founding members took place on December 11th 1965. At that meeting the club was formed and the goals of the members outlined. This subsequently led to the drawing up of "the Rules of the Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club". Since that time four to five hundred members have been involved in activities sponsored by the Club.

At this time of celebration it is appropriate for us to look at the activities and goals of the club and to see how we have fared.

The objects of the club as laid down by the founders and subsequently taken up by each individual member are:-

- a) To encourage tramping, climbing, bushcraft and appreciation of nature.
- b) To arrange tramping and climbing trips.
- c) To assist maintenance of tracks where necessary.
- d) To work in co-operation with the government and other clubs for the promotion of the above objects.
- e) To record all club trips.

I think those of us who have been wading back through the club records will agree that the club has been successful in recording the trips and escapades (as the case may be) of the various Club groups and members. There certainly has been a range of trips around the whole country and the outlying islands (e.g. The Chatham Islands were visited (by a Club trip) in 1987).

Every weekend groups have ranged out in the hills on easy, medium and fit trips. As the club membership has varied year to year so has the type or style of trip. Over the past few years the number of Fit to Very Fit trips has diminished:- a result of a lack of interest by members?, a lack of fit, experienced leaders? or perhaps a feeling of having "done" so many areas of the Ruahines and Tararua that these areas are too familiar for this type of exercise? Should the club be considering other areas for tramping? Have we really tapped all the region's potential? Have we become blinkered by our perceptions of the area? Or have the hills become so accessible to the general public in recent years that the more "difficult" trips have lost their edge?

The club has certainly been successful in encouraging tramping, climbing, and bushcraft. In recent years we have seen a broad range of people (in terms of fitness, age and ability) interested in getting out in to the hills and accordingly we have changed our trips to cater for these groups. As groups of skilled and enthusiastic rock climbers have emerged the addition of rock climbing courses and rock climbing trips have been evident. One of the more recent additions has been the club involvement in the Walkways developments in the region.



Twenty-two years have past and PNTMC is still actively promoting tramping and mountaineering in the hills. The Club provides an opportunity for all to gather and enjoy the outdoors and as we look forward to the next twenty-one years we must ask what the nature of the Club for the future is to be. Our current membership age has remained constant for the last years but new members tend to be older, already with some tramping experience, rather than school age as in previous years. Massive changes to the laws governing the land are occurring, and as the Club itself changes to meet these factors we must ensure that a focus on the goals of the founding members remains intact. PNTMC still exists to promote tramping, climbing and bushcraft.

Linda Rowan (Russ) has been a member of PNTMC since early 1983. Her first trip with the club was along the Hikurangi Range in the Ruahines in October 1982. Linda has been a trip leader, trips coordinator and an instructor on snowcraft courses for PNTMC and Mountain Safety Council and is president for 1987.



CLUB HISTORY

3.1 THE FIRST TWO YEARS

Today Palmerston North supports three tramping orientated clubs. In 1965 this was not the case and so some active trampers decided to form a club that would concentrate exclusively on tramping and mountaineering. Thus on December 14th 1965 a meeting of 11 people decided to form such a club and call it the Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club. Those 11 people were:

Russ Lacey	Ann Morrison
Vern Stout	Tony Morrison
Peter Clausen	Ian Barnes
Murray King	John Colpnan
Graham Newson	Bryan Abraham
Ron Haxton	

It was decided that Russ Lacey would be President while Ann Morrison would be Secretary. Subscriptions were set at £1 per year. (The need for a club that concentrated on tramping was shown again in July 1971 when a group of 19 people carne across in mass from MTSC). The first Club trip of 14 people was to Fields Hut in the Tararuas on February 6th 1966 lead by Bryan Abraham. This was recorded along with future proposed trips in the first Club newsletter (2 pages) that same month.

This first full year - 1966 - of the Club saw rapid expansion into a full range of activities. Regular monthly meetings (on the last Thursday of the month) took place, initially at Trevor Arnold's place in Featherston St, then in November moving to Berry Engineering staff rooms in Ferguson St., where Graham Alltree spoke on Search and Rescue. To use this venue a Berry Engineering staff member was required to be present. As this was not always going to be possible in 1970 the venue for Club meetings moved to the Society of Friends Hall in College St, where the Club continues to meet. Committee meetings were held monthly from Dec. 1965 at committee members' homes, usually on the first Thursday of the month.

The Club Constitution was prepared in 1966 but minor hiccups in the application to become an incorporated Society meant the Club didn't become incorporated until 1967. Twenty-two signatures appear on the constitution, they are:

Russ Lacey	Vern Jensen
Russ Johnson	Tony Morrison
Vern stout	Trevor Arnold
Susan Roberts	Bill Olsen
Graham Newson	Lynne Potter
Wayne Boucher	Keith Potter
Roger Clarke	Ron Haxton
Chris Freyberg	Dennis Moore
Graham Whitcombe	C.A. Stilwell
Miles Stilwell	Ann Morrison
Bruce Watson	Ian Barnes.



The well known Club emblem - a boot print with the initials PNTMC and a trampler on a slope, was designed in 1966 by Brad Owen with cloth badges appearing in 1967. The emblem first appeared on newsletters in 1972.

1966 also saw what were to become traditional club activities, such as the photo and slide competition (with John Cleland as judge over many years), snowcraft and climbing instruction. The first Christmas function was programmed for 1966 as a woolshed dance and BBQ at Mr Smith's property at Tiritea. The first Christmas-New Year trip also took place; ten members to Nelson Lakes.

Following the first Club trip in 1966 there were trips most weekends. The starting point for Club trips was initially the clock tower in the square, then outside the Post Office, then outside the IZADIUM (with name changes to SuperSave, No Frills and Foodtown) on the corner of Ferguson St and Fitzherbert Ave.

Thus while the Club came into existence in December 1965, the year 1966 can be considered its formative year. The following year 1967 must then be called its year of consolidation with the first A.G.M. being held, the Club became an Incorporated Society, and obtained membership of the Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand.

3.2 SOME ASPECTS OF THE CLUB

Club trips - the basis for having the Club. Right from the beginning club trips took in all the areas typically visited today: Tararua and Ruahine Ranges, Tongariro and Egmont National Parks. Longer weekend or Easter trips were off to the Urewera and Kaimanawa Ranges, with Nelson Lakes and Arthurs Pass visited for Christmas trips.

Classic trips such as "Southern Crossings" and the "Saw Tooth Ridge" appear in the trips lists frequently in these early years. Some places, not visited now by the Club include Trains Hut in the Waitotara Valley, Taranaki. The annual pilgrimage to Fields Hut appears to have waned in the '70s. Mid-winter at Rangī was instigated in 1967, with Xmas at Rangī beginning in 1968.

Club Nights - have continued throughout the years. In the late '60s films were often shown (e.g. "The Battle for the Alps", "Four ways to Milford"), also visits to the Wanganui Museum and the Automatic telephone exchange in Church St. In the '80s game and folk dancing evenings were held. These activities complimented the more typical slide evenings on tramping, mountaineering, Search and Rescue and the like.



For about two years from 1969 lunch time meetings and coffee evenings gave the Club at least one social activity per week. The lunch time meetings being held in The Square or Collinson and Cunningham's tearooms, while the coffee evenings were held at a variety of venues including Sorrento and Nicoberg. From then until 1980, it was back to one formal meeting per month, when the second, initially, informal club night was introduced.

The Club has continued to produce its monthly newsletter along similar lines to the first one in 1966. A log book of trips (listing trips that took place, who was on it, terrain, etc) was kept 1966 to mid '70s; a scrapbook of newspaper articles on the Club, Club members or tramping and climbing in general, was kept 1970 to 74; while a photo album records part of the club activities. A number of old Rangi Hut books are also kept by the club. As the club does not have an annual journal, club members have often utilized other journals (e.g. MUAC's Massif and New Zealand Alpine Club Journals) for recording major (typically mountaineering) trips.

Committee meetings have produced their share of continuing discussion points over the years:- Transport and charging (1 cent per passenger per mile in 19681) for vehicle running costs, membership numbers and how to attract more people. Some specific problems have required lengthy discussion on occasions. Extra pages of songs were added to the second edition of Trudge (the combined PNTMC - MUAC song book) without club committee approval. As some of the songs were "not suitable for younger members" after lengthy discussions the PNTMC copies were censored by use of the knife!

Special Committee Meetings have been called to discuss such things as applying for government subsidies on equipment while Special or Extraordinary General Meetings have been called for important issues such as FMC constitution charges (in 1976 and 1980).

The Club has been active in various conservation issues. At one stage Conservation Week gave a focus for such activities e.g. cleaning up the Mangahao River area as well as the planting of trees on the Rangi Track slips. Pine pulling (Aborta-Contorta) weekends, to help rid Tongariro National Park of contorta pine have taken place from the late 1960s.

Submissions on conservation issues have kept Committee and other Club members busy. Submissions prepared include: 1976 Otaki River Power Scheme and Kinlock Road, 1970 raising of the Manapouri Lake level, 1980 National Park Bill, and various National and Forest Park management plans. The Club has played an active role with Forest Park Advisory committee representation and Search and Rescue.

With the formation of the Club, Palmerston North now has three tramping orientated clubs:- Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club (PNTMC) being the youngest of the three. Each of the three clubs has a different emphasis; with Manawatu Tramping and Skiing Club (MTSC) catering for family groups and skiing, Massey



University Alpine Club (MUAC) catering for the tramping and skiing student population while PNTMC, the smallest, concentrates on tramping and mountaineering. Thus the three clubs compliment one another enabling all tramping related tastes to be catered for.

Our Club has kept a close association with both MUAC and MTSC. A three club quiz evening on tramping and general topics has occasionally been held. The traditional PNTMC versus MUAC debates began in 1973, and have seen a wide range of "serious" topic including:-

"Trampers are an elitist and privileged group" (1978), and

"Women make better trampers than men" (1980).

These debates usually involve a lot of audience participation as the teams battle for the coveted boot (?donated by 28 Carroll St – a long time 'Club' flat) and a cup (donated by Tim Short).

In the early 70's combined MTMC and MUAC trips took place to Wharite and Diggers Hut, while our club frequently uses MUAC's hut on the Turoa side of Ruapehu (for snowcraft courses and open snow weekends).

Many Club members belong to one or both of the other chills. One year saw John Barkla President of MUAC and vice-President of PNTMC. 1986 saw the three clubs having the same gear custodian, Dave Barker, producing a convenient pool of equipment for hire.

3.3 THE CLUB VEHICLE(S)

In the 60's transport for Club trips was a problem, there was a lack of available cars and those that were available were often not up to the arduous road conditions, especially with a full compliment of trampers on board. Thus in September 1972, Lawson Pither donated to the Club a Cheviot ex-ambulance that needed a degree of work done on it ("Lawson had bought it off his son to get rid of the eyesore in front of his house").

Fifty cent subscriptions were asked for from Club members to raise funds to convert it into a Club bus. Subscribers were to be acknowledged with an inscription inside the vehicle. Various club members including Russ Johnson, Keith Potter, John Williams and Trevor Stretton put a lot of effort into trying to restoring it. For a time it resided at 28 Carroll St. However in 1975, without ever being used as a Club bus (and after much discussion at meetings and AGMs) it was sold by tender for \$75. The \$75 was put into a special vehicle account and created continuing discussion until it was eventually transferred into the general account and disappeared.

The other "Club vehicle" also had its residence at 28 Carroll St, this being Trevor Bissell's Ford Transit van. For the period 1976 to 1985 it became the honorary Club vehicle, being used and abused as only good trampers (with help from the Caving club) could. After a range of alterations (some of which were not intentional!) including extra fuel tanks, one reconditioning of its motor and two replacement motors, Trevor finally



sold it in 1985. Understandably Trevor has never bought another vehicle since!

3.4 RANGI HUT AND TRACK

The Club has had a long association with Rangi Hut in the Ruahine Ranges. A brief history is recorded in the present hut, along with a photographic display, prepared by Nigel Seebeek.

"From humble beginnings as a simple shepherd's shelter, Rangi Hut has seen many structural changes to become the modern hut used by trampers and deerstalkers today. A group of young men, meeting over a pint at the Rangiwahia Hotel (fondly known as Heise's Hangout), formed the Rangiwahia Ski Club Inc., only the second ski club (after Ruapehu Ski Club Inc.) to be incorporated in New Zealand (1938). It was the members of this club who first had the idea of developing a skifield on the slopes above the shepherd's shelter. In the mid 1930s an extension was added to one side of the hut, giving it a "T"-shaped plan. At that time it was fully lined with wallboard, a second stove was installed and LPG was used in the hut for a while. The club had around 80 members, mostly male, but the outbreak of the Second World War saw many of the most active members departing the area. Through the war years the hut was rather neglected, and efforts to revive the Rangiwahia Ski Club after the war proved unsuccessful."

In the winter of 1967 the derelict hut was taken over by PNTMC and rebuilt in rectangular form. Many members and helpers were involved including:- Keith Potter, Dennis Moore, Roger Clark, Wayne Boucher, Miles Stilwell, Mark and Ross Batchelar, Ross Johnson, Russ Lacey, Dennis Arnott, John and Chris Tucker and Campbell Arnott. In 1968 a stove was airdropped onto the ridge behind the hut. This proved too heavy to move on the first attempt to transport it down. On a later trip, with more people, a fortuitous fall of snow and an improvised sledge saw it moved to the hut. Later hut maintenance sorties included carry-ins of the mattresses and after work sorties to carry out the water tanks for repairs.

The Club managed this hut until the summer of 1983/84 when it was demolished by a combined effort of club members and the NZ Forest Service, and replaced by the present hut. It was originally hoped that the Club would have an input into the design and maintenance of the new hut. However Forest Service Policy (fortunately perhaps) relieved us of that role.

The Club was also involved in the maintenance of the track to the hut. Under NZFS guidance thousands of pines and poplars were planted on the badly eroding faces, wire rope was put in for safety on tricky sections of the track and netting added to the second (present) swing bridge. Club involvement with the track maintenance finished in the mid 70's. In January 1988 the Department of Conservation (the successor of NZFS) called for tenders for a new "laminated wooden arch bridge" to be built to cater for the increasingly demands of this popular access route and day trip.



Who "owns" Rangī Hut has been a problem to the cartographers. Besides Rangiwahia Ski Club, a range of names have appeared over the years adjacent to the hut on maps: Manawatu Tramping and Ski Club, then Palmerston North Tramping and Ski Club. Now it is just Rangiwahia Hut.

Looking into the next 22 years, with the change in management of our forests now under the Department of Conservation, there may be a time when PNTMC becomes involved with hut and track maintenance again. Perhaps not to continue with our tradition of Rangī, but some less utilised areas where government funding is curtailed.

This section - Club History was compiled by Terry Crippen from Club newsletters, Committee minutes and discussions with past and present members. Terry's first trip with the club was a Ngamoko Range winter day trip, in 1979. He joined the club soon after and has been Club President as well as serving on the committee.



SEARCH AND RESCUE.

Kevin Pearce

Search and rescue (SAR) has probably existed as long as mankind. Presumably friends, relatives and members of the local community or tribe have always tried to help when one of their number got into trouble. Modern SAR, involving the State, portable radios, aircraft and the like, is a more recent invention. In New Zealand it dates from the thirties, when the Tararua Tramping club made certain arrangements with the Police Department, following a number of overdue trips. Federated Mountain Clubs extended these arrangements nationwide. Further developments occurred soon after the war as the result of several military and civilian air crashes in places like the Ruahines and Tararuas. The current SAR organization, involving various government departments, the military services, and civilian groups, came into being in 1949. It is now under review as a result of corporatization.

In New Zealand the police have the primary responsibility for the protection of life (and property) and therefore, clearly, for SAR. They do not, however, have the trained manpower to carry out extensive searches. It would be wasteful for them to have such manpower, in view of the spasmodic and irregular nature of SAR call-outs. The police depend on volunteers to do the bulk of the hard slog often associated with SAR and, indeed, to organise and control SAR in the field. For example, in one large search lasting 6 days, in which I was heavily involved, 98 civilians took part and only two policemen acting in their official capacity on a full time basis. From the news reports one might well think that the ratio is normally the other way around. This is not so. Volunteers are preferably drawn from local tramping and deer stalking clubs, when these exist. The volunteers lot can be most arduous but rewarding, dealing with matters of life and death in storm and flood and mud. A successful rescue gives one a tremendous interest in the rescued persons subsequent life.

The Club's involvement in SAR began soon after the Club's inception in 1966. The founding members, under the leadership of Vern Stout, recognized a clear duty to help their fellow trampers and others in distress. The rationale being that we can not expect others to come and help us, if we get into trouble while tramping, unless we are willing to do the same for them. Also, we owe something to the community as a whole, and can make payment by using our skill, knowledge, and fitness to help those not part of the tramping fraternity.

Club records indicate that two members were involved in a successful search in the Hector River area of the Tararuas in January of 1967. It is not known whether this was the first involvement in an actual operation as records are incomplete. Since that time alerts and call-outs *have* probably averaged about two per year, although many of these have been rather minor, with the missing or distressed party being quickly found. There are on average 6 to 12 SAR operations a year in the Police District, but most of these are dealt with from Levin, which is close to the major tramping areas of the



Tararuas. The Club has distinguished itself on a number of occasions by finding lost persons and, more particularly, bodies. We have regularly participated in search and rescue exercises (SAREX'es), usually with distinction. It is not possible to list all the operations the Club has been involved with because records are incomplete. Perhaps the biggest search was that for Kenneth Balfour in the Tararuas, centred on Ruapae, in September 1973. The Club supplied 4 teams. Balfour, a scout leader, became separated from his party in bad weather on a Friday. The alarm was raised Sunday night and the search began in good weather early next morning. Nothing was found so the search was stepped up. The weather was bad for the next five days and the search was finally called off with no trace having been found. A subsequent search in good weather some months later found fragments of a sleeping bag, of the same type as carried by the missing man, in Chamberlain Creek. It seems likely that this very steep, gorgy and waterfall stream was where Balfour died. It would be a most unpleasant place for a solo person in winter weather, but is quite fun in summer weather if a rope, abseil and swimming gear is carried.

Other notable searches include: Tweedale (1969); Ferry (1977), in which a Club team found bodies, and more pleasantly, the successful night search when members found an injured glider pilot in the upper Otaki River (Easter, 1985). A partial list of searches is as follows:

January, 1967; Hector River, Club's first operation (?)
July, 1968; two hunters, Tokomaru, successful.
March, 1969; Philips, N. Ohau River, fall, died before rescue.
October, 1969; constable Tweedale, Isabelle Creek, a fall, body found.
April 1972; school boys, Oroua River, walked out.
August, 1972; 3 school boys, Dundas Ridge, snow on tops, successful.
February, 1973; mental patient, Aokautere, later surrendered.
March, 1973; ?, Waitewaewae, successful.
May, 1973; Kennedy, Otaki River, a drowning, body recovered later.
Sept. & Dec., 1973; Balfour, Ruapae - Chamberlain Creek, unsuccessful.
July, 1974; Club trip, Oroua River, distressed / exhausted, successful.
July, 1974; Raharaha, Roaring Meg, Otaki, missing found drowned.
August, 1974; ? , Tokamaru, ?
October, 1974; mental patient, Aokautere, later surrendered.
April, 1975; photographer, Manawatu Gorge, fall, body recovered.
June, 1975; ? July, 1975; ?
July, 1976; crashed Piper Cherokee, Pahiatua Track, two dead.
November, 1977; Ferry, aged 11, Ngatiawa steam, hypothermia, body found.
November, 1977; Aero Commander lost at sea, Rangitikei beach, debris.
March, 1978; Woodgyer, Roaring Creek, Mangahao, missing, found drowned.
March, 1980; woman, Manawatu River, suspected suicide, unsuccessful.
May, 1980; two hunters, Dundas Ridge, found and rescued by helicopter.
February, 1985; fisherman, Manawatu River, missing, found drowned later.
September, 1985; glider crash, upper Otaki River, injured pilot found.
Easter, 1986; solo hunter, Waiopahu, successful.



September, 1986; hunter, Ohau - Otaki Rivers, successful.

March, 1987; hunter, eastern Tararuas, successful.

(Please advise the author of any errors or omissions)

An anniversary such as the present is a good time to look both at our history and our future. The Club needs to examine its role in SAR, particularly in view of the decline in the number of "fitness essential" (FE) trampers. There will always be a need for the average trumper, often in large numbers, such as in searches around town. However, the central Ruahines and Tararuas under storm (typical SAR conditions) demand a very high standard of fitness and experience from searchers. At the moment we could not guarantee to supply one suitable FE, team, bearing in mind that only about half those on the search list are likely to be available at any time. The Club also needs to be more involved with the local SAR advisory committee to ensure adequate communication and that our SAR training needs are met. Perhaps we need a major search to stimulate interest?

Kevin's first trip with the club was a Winchcombe-Neill crossing of the Tararuas, Queen's Birthday weekend, 1968. He joined the Club and the Committee shortly after, and served for twelve years in various capacities, including president (3 terms), secretary (2 terms), newsletter editor, printer, and gear custodian. Only Lawson Pither has been a Club member for longer. Kevin has been a SAR team member, team leader and field controller on a number of occasions. He was a SAR adviser to the Palmerston North Police 1971-80, has acted as the Secretary - treasurer of the local SAR advisory committee, and has been a member of FMC's SAR Committee since August 1978. He was elected a life member of the Club in March 1984.



LIST OF MOUNTAINS CLIMBED BY PNTMC MEMBERS

The following list of ascents was made by active members of the club or others on trips organised by members. Climbs completed by people before joining or after ceasing to be active with the club have usually not been included. The list is by no means complete as it was researched by perusing club newsletters, newsletters from other clubs and by personal communication. Please accept my apologies for any errors and no doubt many emissions.

Mountain	(District):	Persons (year):
Aiguille Rouge	(Cook NP)	S. Moore (1983); B. Anderson, D. Barker, J. Barkla, H. Freeman & M. Freeman (1986); C. Farquhar (1988)
Alack	(Westland NP)	T. Crippen & C. Elliott (1980)
Alarm	(Inland Kaikouras)	C. Farquhar, B. Scott & P. Wiles (1982)
Angolu Ri	(India)	D. French (1984)
Annan	(Cook NP)	J. Barkla, D. Schupbach, P. Schupbach & U. Schupbach (1986)
Anzacs	(Cook NP)	D. French (1982)
Ark	(Aspiring NP)	P. Aubrey & T. Bissell (1978); J. Barkla (1983)
Ariki	(Westland)	T. Bissell & D. French (1981/82)
Arrowsmith	(Canterbury)	P. Wiles (1981); W. Held, P. Schupbach & U. Schupbach (1987)
Artists Dome	(Westland)	T. Bissell, R. Redmayne & B. Sheppard (1985)
Aspiring		P. Aubrey & T. Bissell (1978); P. Darragh & K. Pearce (1978); J. Barkla, H. Clay, C. Farquhar, K. Pearce & N. Seebeck (1983)
Avalanche	(Arthurs P)	B. Owen & K. Pearce (1972); B. Owen & K. Pearce (1975); J. Barkla (1983)
Aylmer	(Cook NP)	L. Pither & others (1972); B. Owen & K. Pearce (1974)?; N. Bishop, K. Pearce & C. Williams (1984); J. Barkla, D. Schupbach, P. Schupbach & U. Schupbach (1986)
Baker	(Cook NP)	K. Pearce (1983)
Barff	(Aspiring NP)	J. Barkla & C. Farquhar (1983)
Barrier	(Darrans)	B. Owen & K. Pearce (1975)
Bastion	(Arrowsmiths)	U. Schupbach & P. Wiles (1984)
Belvedere	(Nelson Lakes)	T. Bissell (1987)
Bevan	(Aspiring NP)	G. Dixon, K. Margraine & T. Short (1975); K. Pearce & N. Seebeck (1983)
Blair	(Westland/ Canty)	T. Bissell & R. Redmayne (1986)
B'Limit	(Arthurs P NP)	B. Owen & K. Pearce (1975)
Blockade	(Aspiring NP)	T. Bissell, K. Pearce & T. Short (1975)
Bloomfield	(Westland)	T. Bissell, R. Redmayne & T. Bissell (1985)
Carrington	(Arthurs P)	T. Crippen & P. Wiles (1982/83)
Cerro Tronador - a lesser peak of		E. van Toor (1981)
Chudleigh	(Cook NP)	J. Wright (1988)
Climax	(Aspiring NP)	T. Bissell, K. Pearce & T. Short (1975); J. Barkla (1983)
Cloudy Peak	(Erewhon)	T. Crippen, P. Wiles & others (1981/82)
Cook		D. French (1982) (Grand traverse of peaks); D. Rowan & N. Seebeck (1984); U. Schupbach (1987)
Copeland	(Westland NP)	N. Bishop & D. French (1981) (4th ascent & perhaps 1st via the true north ridge).
Couloir Peak	(Arrowsmiths)	P. Wiles & other (1981)
Cupolla	(Nelson Lakes)	B. Owen, K. Pearce & P. Sutchliffe (1971);



D'Archiac	(Godley)	P. Darragh & K. Pearce? (1978); T. Crippen & E. van Toor (1980); D. French (1983); B. Owen (solo: 1987)
Destiny	(Aspiring)	T. Crippen, P. Wiles & others (1981/82); D. Barker & R. Redmayne (North Ridge?) (1986)
Dixon	(Cook NP)	T. Bissell, K. Pearce & T. Short (1975); P. Aubrey & T. Bissell (1978); J. Barkla (1983)
Dreadful	(Aspiring)	T. Bissell & D. French (1980); D. French (1982) (South face); D. Rowan & N. Seebeck (1984); U. Schupbach (1987)
East Horn	(Arrowsmiths)	T. Bissell, R. den Boer, P. Schupbach & U. Schupbach (1988)
Elie de Beaurront	(Cook NP)	P. & U. Schupbach (1987)
Evans	(Westland)	S. Moore & S. Patterson (1983); J. Barkla, D. Schupbach, P. Schupbach & U. Schupbach (1986)
Farrar	(Garden of Eden)	P. Darragh, T. Crippen & K. Pearce (1980/81); T. Bissell, R. Redmayne & B. Sheppard (1985)
Fettes	(Westland)	N. Bishop, T. Crippen, K. Pearce, M. Robins & E. van Toor (1979/80); T. Bissell (1983)
Footstool	(Cook NP)	T. Bissell & D. French (1980/81)
Franklin	(Nelson Lakes)	M. Freeman, D. Rowan & N. Seebeck (1984)
French	(Aspiring NP)	T. Bissell & T. Crippen (1980); J. Barkla, C. Cullin, J. Dalefield & P. Wiles (1982)
Graham	(Cook NP)	P. Darragh & K. Pearce (1978); J. Barkla, H. Clay, C. Farquhar, K. Pearce, D. Rowan & N. Seebeck (1983)
Green	(Cook NP)	D. French (1982)
Greenlaw	(Arthurs P)	B. Owen & K. Pearce (1974); D. Rowan & S. Walker (1982); J. Barkla, D. Schupbach, P. Schupbach & U. Schupbach (1986)
Grey Peak	(Westland NP')	T. Crippen & P. Wiles (1982/83)
Haidinger	(Westland NP)	J. Barkla, P. Brady, M. Freeman & K. Pearce (1985)
Halcombe Peak	(Westland NP)	T. Bissell (1980); T. Crippen & C. Elliott (1980); N. Bishop & K. Pearce (1981); J. Barkla & P. Brady (West face; 1985)
Harper	(Arthurs P)	J. Barkla & P. Brady (1985)
Hickson	(Cook NP)	K. Pearce & E. van Toor (1979/80); T. Crippen & P. Wiles (1982/83)
Hochstetter Dome	(Cook NP)	K. Pearce (1983)
Hopeless	(Nelson L NP)	L. Pither & others (1972); B. Owen & K. Pearce (1974)?; D. Rowan & S. Walker (1982); N. Bishop, K. Pearce & C. Williams (1984); J. Barkla, D. Schupbach, P. Schupbach & U. Schupbach (1986)
Humphries Peak	(Arizona, USA)	K. Pearce (1972); P. Darragh & K. Pearce (1978); T. Bissell, T. Crippen, D. French & P. Wiles (1980); D. French (1983)
Jagged Peak	(Arrowsmiths)	K. Pearce (1987)
Jebel Toubkal	(High Atlas Mountains, Morocco, 13,665')	P. Wiles & U. Schupbach & P. Schupbach (1987)
Kedor Dome - E. Face	(India)	T. Crippen & P. Darragh (1984)
Kehu	(Nelson Lakes)	D. French
Lancelot	(Arthurs P)	B. Owen & P. Baxter (1971)
La Perouse	(Cook/ Westland NP's)	T. Crippen & P. Wiles (1982/83)
Lawrence	(Arrowsmiths)	T. Bissell (1979/80); N. Bishop, D. French & K. Pearce (1981)
Lendenfeld	(Cook NP)	P. Wiles, P. Schupbach & U. Schupbach (1987)
Lord	(Westland)	N. Bishop & K. Pearce (1981); J. Barkla & P. Brady (1985)
		T. Bissell & R. Redmayne (1986)



Loughnan	(Westland)	D. French (1981/82)
Louper	(Westland)	T. Bissell (1983)
McKay	(Nelson L NP)	T. Bissell & T. Crippen (1980); T. Crippen & E. van Toor (1980); C. Farquhar (1986)
McPherson	(Darrans)	B. Owen & K. Pearce (1975)
Main Royal	(Aspiring NP)	P. Aubrey & T. Bissell (1978)
Malte Brun	(Cook NP)	N. Bishop, T. Bissell, T. Crippen & D. French (1980/81); J. Wright (1988)
Manakau	(Seaward Kaikoura R)	D. Barker, J. Barkla, K. Pearce, R. Redmayne & U. Schupbach (1984); C. Farquhar, W. McPherson, D. Scott & P. Wiles (1984); D. Barker, T. Bissell & R. Redmayne (1986) (1st ascent via Fidget Ridge from Clarence Valley); D. Barker, J. Barkla & U. Schupbach (1986)
Mercury	(Aspiring)	P. Aubrey & T. Bissell (1978)
Middle Sister	(Oregon, CSA)	K. Pearce (1987)
Mitre	(Inland Kaikouras)	C. Farquhar, B. Scott & P. Wiles (1982); T. Bissell & R. Redmayne (1987)
Murchison	(Arthurs P)	K. Pearce & E. van Toor (1979/80); A. Bissell, T. Bissell, P. Budding & C. Hoare (1980); T. Crippen & P. Wiles (1982/83)
Newton	(Garden of Eden)	N. Bishop, T. Crippen, K. Pearce, M. Robins & E. van Toor (1979/80)
Nickson	(from Elcho P)	P. Darragh & D. French (1980)
Olliver	(Mueller Hut)	P. Darragh & D. French (1980)
Onlooker	(Godley)	D. Brown, K. Pearce & K. Pollock (1981/82)
Paschendale	(Aspiring NP)	J. Barkla (1983)
Paske	(Nelson Lakes NP)	T. Bissell (1987)
Philistine	(Arthurs P)	T. Crippen & K. Pearce (1980/81)
Phipps	(Arthurs P)	K. Pearce & E. van Toor (1979/80)
Pic d'Argent	(Aspiring NP)	J. Barkla (1983)
Popes Nose	(Aspiring NP)	S. Patterson & D. Rowan (1983)
Ramsay	(Westland)	T. Bissell, P. Richardson, U. Schupbach & P. Wiles (1985)
Reischek Spire	(Arrowsmiths)	W. Held, P. Wiles, P. Schupbach & U. Schupbach (1987)
Rolleston	(Arthurs P)	K. Pearce & G. Potter (1972); K. Pearce & E. van Toor (1979/80); T. Crippen & K. Pearce (1980/81); N. Bishop & K. Pearce (1981); T. Crippen & D. French (1981) (Otira Face); T. Crippen & P. Wiles (1982/83); J. Barkla (1983); D. Barker, J. Barkla & U. Schupbach (1986)
Rolleston Low Peak	(AP)	G. Potter & M. Watson (1971) (Crow Face); A. Bissell, T. Bissell, P. Budding & C. Hoare (1980)
Scott Peak	(Raglan R)	T. Bissell, M. Chapman, C. Farquhar, B. Harding & A. Mountfort (1987)
Sefton	(Westland NP)	P. Darragh & D. French (1980); T. Bissell (1980); D. Barker, J. Barkla, H. Nicholson & R. Redmayne (1987)
Silberhorn	(Cook NP)	D. French (1982)
Speight	(Arthurs P)	T. Crippen & P. Wiles (1982/83)
Strachan	(S. Westland)	T. Bissell (1980)
Talbot	(Darrans)	K. Pearce & L. Pither (1971)
Tapaeunuku	(Inland Kaikouras)	T. Bissell, K. Margraine, K. Pearce & T. Short (1974); N. Bishop, P. Darragh, K. Pearce, P. Stedman & E. van Toor (1979); C. Farquhar, B. Scott & P. Wiles (1982); D. Barker, R. Redmayne & U. Schupbach (1983); J. Barkla, T. Bissell & R. Redmayne (1985);



Tasman	(Cook NP)	T. Bissell, C. Farquhar, D. Newstead, R. Redmayne & C. Saunders (1987)
Te Ao Whekere	(seaward Kaikouras)	P. Aubrey, C. Elliot, K. Margraine & J. Williams (1977)
Teichelmann	(Cook NP)	D. Barker, J. Barkla, K. Pearce, R. Redmayne & U. Schupbach (1984)
Temple	(Arthurs P)	D. French (1982)
Tent Peak	(Arrowsmiths)	R. Goldfinch, K. Pearce, G. Potter & S. Streeter (1972); B. Owen & K. Pearce (1975)?; K. Pearce & E. van Toor (1979/80); T. Crippen & K. Pearce (1981)
The Marque	(Arrowsmiths)	P. Wiles & other (1981); J. Wright (1988)
Thompson	(Cook NP/ Westland)	P. Wiles (1981)
Tower	(Aspiring NP)	T. Bissell & D. French (1980/81)
Travers	(Nelson L NP)	J. Barkla (1983)
Triglav	(Yugoslavia)	P. Baxter, R. Goldfinch, L. Pither, G. Potter & S. Streeter (1971); B. Owen, K. Pearce & P. Sutcliffe (1971) (via Upper Travers direct route); M. Davidson & C. Saunders (1980); B. Owen (Solo; 1987)
Turner	(Cook NP)	P. Darragh (1984) (Traverse)
Una	(Nelson Lakes NP)	L. Pither & others (1972)
Volcan Osorno	(Chile)	T. Bissell (1987)
Walter	(Cook NP)	E. van Toor (1981)
Westland	(Westland)	B. Owen & K. Pearce (1974); N. Bishop, K. Pearce & C. Williams (1984)
Whitcornbe	(Westland)	T. Bissell & R. Redmayne (1986)
Whitney	(California, USA)	T. Bissell & R. Redmayne (1986)
Wolseley	(Westland/Godley)	K. Pearce (1987)
		C. Elliot & K. Margraine (1977)

Trevor Bissell:

Trevor joined the club October/November 1973 and became a committee member in 1974. He served on the committee for most of the years since then including two years as the president and six years as the secretary. He has participated in a large number of club trips and has organised a number of 'open' trips to the South Island for club members.



EXCERPTS FROM THE PNTMC NEWSLETTERS
1965 – 1987

The following are selected articles from the newsletters over the last 22 years. We have endeavored to give a good cover of all Club activities but due to the time constraints placed on the publication of this Bulletin many longer articles could not be printed.

Sunday February 6th saw our first trip - a day to Field Hut in the Tararua Ranges led by Brian Abraham. Fourteen members floundered their way up the rather muddy track to Field Hut, sane members continuing on to Vosseler Hut, the rest remaining at Field to enjoy the beautiful summer day. [Newsletter #1. Feb 1966].

A Message from the President

In this issue of the Club newsletter I would like to outline the future of this club -firstly the dangers facing us and then proposed activity as I see it. The future of the Club depends on the keenness of its members and it is particularly important that membership should contain a very large percentage of active members giving every encouragement to get off the old worn tracks and the same old huts, to learn bushcraft and mountaineering and then pass this skill to members in the future. If we can do this we will have one of the finest Clubs in the country, so let's all make a real effort because only with your keenness can we achieve this goal.

Future Activity: I would recommend that you read two books by John Pascoe - "Unclimbed New Zealand" and "Land Uplifted High". These are in the Public Library and express much better and more fully than I can, the ways of a trapper and mountaineer. I would propose that we get off the beaten track on many of our weekend trips, to visit some of the areas in our Ranges so seldom tramped on such places as the Hawkes Bay Ridge, the Northern Plateau in the Ruahines, the Central and Northern Kaimanawas, the Western Kawekas and perhaps parts of the Tongariro National Park and many other places. That we interest our members in botany, geology and rare native birds and many other fields that should be of Club interests. That we endeavor as far as possible to encourage mountaineering and climbing during the winter months, and to secure good instructors in aspects of Alpine techniques. That we draw up a list of trips and insert same in the "Tribune" about every two months.

Russ Lacey

President

[Newsletter #2 March 1966]



SNOW CRAFT TRIP: AUGUST 27-28th.

In order to guarantee plenty of snow and with snow warnings being broadcast when we left, we went to Mangatepopo Hut on the eastern slopes of Ngauruhoe. What a disappointment! No snow around the hut at all and we were able to drive to the door. We had to climb in hot weather to the saddle where the snow was found to be too soft for step cutting or effective ropework. A lot of fun was had concentrating on self-arrest with the use of the ice axe. Too late to climb the Mountain we planned on an early climb the next morning. During the night Russ Lacey arrived. However the weather closed down and so we packed up and drove to the foot of Ketetahi Springs track - a four mile walk. This proved a hot job and took longer than we expected. We visited the Springs - a 10ft continuous geyser of mud, steam and boiling water - as well as numerous other vents, sulphur deposits etc. all complete with smells. Five minutes past the Springs on the old bridle track we found a brand new "Lockwood" type accommodation house - too good to call a hut. Sleeps 26 on spring beds and rubber mattresses. Back to the cars four hours after we left and home again by 8 pm. A thoroughly enjoyable weekend with a bunch of nice people. Many thanks to Vern Jensen and Ian Barnes for providing transport.

Members of Party:	Vern Stout (leader)	
Suzanne Johnstone	Susan Roberts	Trevor Arnold
Dennis Arnott	Dennis Moore	Vern Jensen
Roger Clarke	Ian Barnes	Keith Potter.

[Newsletter No. Sept. 1966]

RANGI TRACK WORK PARTY:

Sunday Sept. 24th saw a number of Club members heading towards Rangiwahia armed with various weapons to make a concentrated attack on the big slip. Some members worked on the track and the remainder, aided by Peter Logan and another member of N.Z.F.S., planted trees above and below the track in an endeavour to stabilize this badly eroded area. The Club ropes were used to plant the steep face below the track, and the members on each end of the ropes seemed to enjoy themselves from the noise and shouted advice. We were unable to complete the handrail across the slip as some person had taken a liking to the steel cable left by N.Z.F.S. for this purpose, but we hope to finish this work before Christmas.

[Newsletter vol 2, No.8, Aug, 1967]



RANGI HUT WORK PARTY: November 26th 1967

Sunday dawned bright and clear - no wind or cloud. Five members departed 6 a.m. from Palmerston and Fielding. Left the cars at 7:45 up the Bridge track and arrived at the hut 8:30 in a ball of sweat.

Painted the walls of the Hut as the roof had been painted earlier: stood up the outhouse, emptied water from rubbish hole, killed 7,364,027 blowflies with .308; chopped and stacked firewood as per usual. Departed at 3 o'clock to see Sue and Vern Jensen. [Newsletter vol 2, No.8. Aug, 1967]

* Ed. note: For a while some hunting was done on club trips - a practice that has now stopped.

National Park, Waihohonu Hut - Family Trip - 30 came along

May 11-12th 1968

Sparkling weather - by day a perfect view of Ruapehu and Ngauruhoe under clear sky and warm sun - perfect. The night, with snow and ice and hard frost lit by a full moon, gave imaginary scenes of planet surfaces. Surprised to find a new hut in the area, a replica of the Ketetahi Springs Hut and one of a series planned by the Park Board. The old hut is still there packed with atmosphere. No great physical energy shown by the party; a few found the Tama Lakes and two found themselves on top of Ngauruhoe when the sun went down and played Ed Hillary's to get down "a bad example to the party". The wisdom of purchasing the Club's own first aid kit came to mind when a member came staggering through the door with a broken trouser fly zipper. A good trip in an unspoiled area of the Park. No growls other than the evening meal of spaghetti which resembled a fast-set fibreglass compound in texture. Thanks to all car owners: to Wayne & Co. for filling up drained radiators, and to Keith for working out trip costs. [Newsletter vol. 3 No.5, 1968]

TRAINS HUT: Anzac Weekend

At 9 a.m. Friday five men put on boots and packs and set off for Trains Hut, several muddy miles up the Waitotara River. After passing the homestead and a large "Trespassers Will Be Prosecuted" sign, an attempt was made to jump across a stream which appeared in our path; those who did not succeed continued with sloshy boots. Two hours later, several swampy areas, an exciting papa cliff later, a flat grassy area loomed and it was decided to boil the billy on a hot manuka fire. After moving on it was decided not to risk our lives on a very shaky bridge constructed of fencing wire and a deck of well-spaced manuka, so a detour was made on an equally hazardous track. From here on to the hut, goats were quite a common sight, but no shots were fired for fear of frightening off the elusive pigs, which proved later to be non-existent in the area. After passing quite a spectacular waterfall our objective was reached, six hours after leaving the road end. While our cook was preparing the evening stew and the tent was being erected on a level, lump-free area (?), we were joined by several members of the



Wellington T.M.C. The rest of their group, numbering 21, stumbled in, in small groups for the next hour. Our congratulations must go to the cook for the wonderful meal, which was eaten by candlelight under the stars. Saturday morning dawned fine and sunny and promised a good day. After breakfast was cooked and eaten, we moved packs and sleeping bags into the hut which was earlier vacated by the W.T.M.C. The morning was filled in by exploring the surrounding "peaks", but not before a hair-raising crossing of the Waitotara River was made on stepping stones provided by Mother Nature. The afternoon was devoted to the task of gathering and cutting firewood, and one member swam in the river with the water temperature in the low 40's. As darkness fell, evening meals were cooked and eaten in front of a very warm fire.

We awoke on Sunday morning to another fine day and a temperature of 37 degrees F. After eating, the hut was cleaned up and packs hoisted onto unwilling shoulders. Before stopping for lunch a shot was fired at a goat across the river (the barrel must be bent). Back at the cars at 2:30 pm, and it was here that a strange sight was to be seen - a pair of boots being removed and thrown over a bank into the river, never to be seen again.

Party: Kevin Pearce, Dennis Arnott, Bill Holmes, Tony Mullins, Warwick Blanchard.
[Newsletter No.7, 1969].

SEASONAL REMINDER - Christmas Presents For Trampers:

Torch, woolen mittens, Tararua map NZMS 57, Ruahine Map NZMS 74 (both maps obtainable from Club Secretary) Compass (\$1 buys an adequate one), nylon overtrousers (almost essential to a trumper although many trampers lack them). If you have the money to burn then an Iroquois Helicopter (\$120,000) would probably be appreciated - pilots, fuel and maintenance may be expensive however. [Newsletter 12, 1969]

13th - 19th April. Southern Ruahine Crossing

Saturday morning saw us heading towards Pohongina Saddle Hut up a rather overgrown, and exposed to the wind, track. Part of the time we were crawling - the other half running between gusts of wind.

About two hours later we reached the hut and the lunch was served. After considerable discussion we decided to bash on. An hour later we were on the Ngamoko Range, and in the wind again. Conditions were more comfortable, however, than our last attempt when we could not see where we were. A few hours south down the range, and another stop by a tarn just north of Turupo (sic.). A tent was pitched - quite an achievement in the wind that was blowing. Tea was cooked, and a well nourished party crawled into their sleeping bags at the end of a stamina testing day.

[Newsletter No.5. 1970]

(The rest of the article is missing ... refer to original to see if they really made it! - Ed)



"THE HAM SANDWICH, BATTLE AT YPRES"
or "HOW THE MATTRESSES GOT TO RANGI"

(A true, unbiased, factual, uncensored account in which the culprits are named). The Forest Service provided six rubber mattresses for Rangiwahia Hut, which the Club undertook to carry up. On Saturday morning Kevin Pearce waltzed up the track with two of the said mattresses. A light mist obscured the view for the whole of the weekend although it remained fine and calm. The hut was found to be in reasonable order. Shortly after arrival and without warning of provocation, and contrary to the Geneva Protocol on Chemical warfare, Sue lit the stove. Fuelled with leatherwood, it produced voluminous clouds of diabolic, malignant, pernicious, noxious, virulent, foul, rank, venomous, abominable, astringent, lachrymentary smoke, only a small portion of which went up the chimney. This was only the beginning. That night Sue and Heather formed an alliance. They took over the mattresses, sandwiched Kevin between them and forced Peter to sleep on the hard straw. Throughout the night they periodically rolled over onto Kevin who was trapped in his Everest sleeping bag, cooking and crushing him. Occasionally Sue would roll off the edge of the mattress and land on poor inoffensive Peter. Eventually the long night ended. Lawson and Gunther Pither and Hamish Tough came up on the Sunday morning with a further two mattresses. The hut was cleared out as was the water tank and all returned home.

[Newsletter No. 8., 1970]

ON INCIDENTS DELIGHTFUL AND SOME MOST TERRIBLE FRIGHTFUL

*.... It was Lawson with his mosquito netting
who haunted the camp after the sun was setting.
A terrible fright to see such a sight
Which kept them awake and dancing all the night*

*With a half billy of water he sought 'er
But no luck, never caught 'ere
The door he did climb, one foot at a time
While the rest looked on with looks sublime.*

[Newsletter No.2. 1971]



PRESENTATION OF AWARDS AT THE GRANDE ANNUAL DINNER. Dec. 1972

In dignified surroundings on the lawn outside the Chalet Rangī, with a degree of solemnity befitting the occasion, the following awards were presented after the Grande Annual Dinner on December 3rd.:

1. ROLLER SKATER TROPHY - Trevor Stretton for powering his car to Waikaremoana on a gallon of white spirits.
2. FIREFLY AWARD - Inda Pither (or was it Inda Lawson?) for her outstanding efforts at the Grande Dinner, 1972.
3. PATHFINDER TROPHY - Heather Crabb, for path finding efforts at Mitre Flats.
4. LINGERING LEADERS TROPHY - Karyn Bishop after her trip as leader up to Blue Range on 8th October. Reasons: Behind everyone else on the trip fairly consistently - signed Blue Range Hut logbook as 8th August (2 months behind herself).
5. HOT AIR BLOWER'S CERTIFICATE – Elli Schlee.
6. PIT BASHER'S TROPHY - As there were two nominations for her this was awarded to Miss Judith Domney although she was jointly nominated with Miss Mary-Anne Whitehead as these must surely rank as two of the greatest pit bashers of our time. On Sunday morning of the 2nd Bushcraft Course they were awakened from their slumbers at approximately 10.00 a.m. They had not been missed at breakfast and were only discovered when the course instructors were inspecting the shelters erected the night before.
7. DILIGENT SEEKER'S DIPLOMA - John McFarlane for seeking poetic recognition.
8. POOH TROPHY - Lawson Pither, presumably for the stench he was producing from the stove.
9. SHUTTERBUG TROPHY - Trevor Stretton. His determined efforts to record the 'goings on' and the unmentionable 'not goings on' on club trips should go down in tramping history. It was strongly recommended that should he receive this trophy a bodyguard be placed around him to protect him from the congratulations some of his companions on these trips wish to bestow on him.
10. THE ARDENT KNIGHT MEDAL - This coveted medal - er- button (from Elli's trousers, but don't tell anyone) was awarded to Russ Johnson for encouraging young girls to take to the bushes.

[Newsletter 12A/72 Dec 1972]

THE NEW PRESIDENTIAL MKII

One event stands out from all others in this relatively New Year. Yes in early 1972 the long promised delivery of the new Presidential Bombshell MKII. The old model has at last been withdrawn. Since its introduction many years ago it had been the subject of an increasing number of complaints. Among the frequent have been: a general sluggishness in performance; great difficulty in starting on cold mornings (or



indeed on any morning); excessive noise from the engine, especially noticeable at night; and above all, a tendency to stall in vertical situations where it would sometimes be hours before one could get it going either forward or into reverse. And so it has now been replaced by the new supercharged, water-cooled, high velocity, multi-cylinder, heated MKII. I can give you no specifications of the new model's actual performance, since the Manufacturers brochure omits to include any. I can only hope that in their pursuit of untamable power they have not sacrificed any of the built-in safety factors; excellent rock-holding and river floating qualities which were perhaps the most satisfactory features of the old model.

[Newsletter #7/1972]

11-13th August. 1973 - Snow craft at Ruapehu

A Tale of Failure and lack of Resolve

A plastic sheet was required for the removal of snow from the snowcave tunnel. Two of the party were sent to fetch such a sheet from the instructor's pack, a distance of about 300 metres (we are really with it!). They did not return. The third member was sent to discover the reason. He did not return either. Meanwhile, the instructor continued to dig as best he could, reshovelling the snow several times before getting it to the tip head. Finally our gallant instructor decided it was time to sort the shirkers out who doubtless were enjoying a hearty lunch in the shelter of the nearby Alpine Club Hut. The first thing he noticed was a myriad of tracks in the snow. Next he found one of his pupils wandering aimlessly in circles or figures of much lower symmetry. The remaining pupils were also recovered in various states of disorientation and were mustered in the Alpine Club Hut.

After lunch resolve sufficient to brave the elements and complete the snowcave was lacking. The evening was spent matching feat of strength with feat of strength, ditto for feats of skill, daring and ludicrousness.

Sunday dawned as Sundays do, and we set out on a compass bearing to locate a bluff suitable for practice of such advanced snowcraft skills as the use of barn doors as dead men (anchors), how to travel in waist deep snow etc. As we neared the bluff our omniscient instructor, benefactor and leader gave warning. The leading pupil decided to ignore this generous advice in a spectacular manner by walking fearlessly over the edge.

Those taking part were Brent Johnston, David Hay, Kevin Pearce and Tim Short.

1973 - Observation of a strange custom

Throughout the mountainous areas of New Zealand and particularly in the Tararuas, there stand many strange edifices. These are temples, known to aborigines as 'huts'. At frequent intervals, usually at weekends, a weird religious rite is practiced. Each temple is equipped with an altar or fireplace. The aborigines throw sacred objects, known as tin cans, food scraps and rubbish into the altar to placate their gods. (The chief god is called 'Forestry'. 'Hughie' is another important deity). It seems to be



believed that the gods remove these non inflammable sacred objects for their own use by a process of spontaneous combustion. The unbiased observer, free from superstition, can clearly see that this is not so. The sacrifices soon fester and rot and accumulate to an increasing depth. Strange indeed, are the ways of the natives.

27-28th July 1973 - The Mangahao Conservation Exercise

Tim Short, Chris Dench, Adrienne and Bruce Watson and Kevin Pearce slept soundly on the night of Sunday 29th July. Their consciences clear: they had done their duty; they had done their bit for Conservation week.

Our pious band started out on Saturday morning. Having rescued a car from the lake bed (dry) they staggered up the river carrying a great burden - one large rubbish hole and 4 lesser ones. The large hole was deposited at Harris Creek Hut and 12 sugar bags of rubbish were collected from the environs of the hut. Three further holes were placed on three nearby river flats popular as campsites. On Sunday the remaining hole was taken by express to Avalanche Flats where hut and environs were tidied.

On the way home there was nearly a tragedy. Tim foolishly jumped down into the new hole at Harris Creek Hut and couldn't get out. Sadly we made arrangements to bash and burn him, the normal treatment for tin cans. Fortunately Tim was able, in one last great effort, to escape from the hole using a bridging technique he had learned on a recent rock climbing course.

Work parties can be fun when everyone gets stuck in as they did on this trip. Particularly noteworthy were the efforts of Chris in digging holes in rocky soil and of Tim in ferreting out great quantities of rubbish. (Tim did miss a 2 cent piece on one river flat!).

1973 - AROUND TOWN WITH SUE

An antique lady member of the Tramping Club, who prefers to be known as a demure young thing, was seen recently being escorted by four club members and 3 others to the Regent Theatre to celebrate her 21st plus, or 100th minus, minus birthday. (Actually she has been 75 for the last three years).

For this occasion she wore a skirt so short that her shoulders felt cold. The audience took their seats after standing to the tune,

We are crazy,
We are crazy,
We are nuts,
We are nuts,
Happy little morons,
Happy little morons, etc

melodiously sung by Elli. Those taking part in this F.E. exercise were: Karyn Bishop, Elli Schlee, Sue Streeter, Heather Crabb, Ruth and John Titchener, Geoffrey Barnes, Glenn Osbourne.



CHRISTMAS TRIPS 1974/75

Arrangements for these have been complicated by uncertainty over the sailing of the Lyttleton Ferry. All those persons definitely interested in a Christmas trip should notify the Secretary before the 14th May. This will in no way obligate them to go on a trip but will assist with planning. Possible trips are: Rees- Dart, medium-fit, 10-14 days \$80.

Olivine Ice Plateau. F.E. 14 days \$80

Arthurs Pass, medium 8-10 days, \$40

(Those were the days - Ed)

9-10th March, 1974 - Full Pohangina

Perpetual lateness - it has often been observed that certain members of the tramping fraternity find it impossible to maintain any sense of punctuality. "Lateness" has been classed as a show of disrespect and even by some as a personal insult. This somewhat narrow minded approach is now, however, changing. At last people are beginning to recognise lateness for what is a social disease affecting both mind and body, thus impeding any ability to judge time. In the past trampers affected by this disease have been the subject of ridicule and abuse. On the above mentioned trip my colleagues and I were presented with the unique opportunity to observe a chronic sufferer of the disease.

Following the characteristic late arrival the specimen in question tried to justify its lateness (verbal diarrhea is a classical symptom) all excuses of course were worthless and based on such inanimate objects such as cars and clocks. This was only the beginning as the specimen arrived late at the roadend, late for tea and even late for breakfast. Although the specimen observed was a chronic case it is thought that even it is not beyond help. We have been assured that given the correct treatment it will be able to attain a moderate pattern of punctuality. Unfortunately recent discoveries have shown that "perpetual lateness" is contagious being carried out in the sleeping bags of affected specimens. As in most cases prevention is better than cure so wherever possible stay in your own sleeping bag.

Incidentally the above trip was completed successfully despite determined efforts to prevent it. Trip members: Kevin Pearce, Glenn Dixon, Tim Short, Keith Margrain.

3RD-4TH DECEMBER 1977 – CHAMBERLAIN CREEK

Ten waterfalls rapelled, two compulsory swims and numerous sidlings and scalings around rocky gorges. This was the order of the day. It was no trip for the weak at heart.

We arrived at the Mangatainoka road end at 7.30am., acquired permission from the farmer and headed for East Peak (at least we thought we were). Many sound trees were felled over the track and this hindered our progress for a while. (Obviously not the



work of the Forest Service.) Much to the amazement of the leader we arrived on Herepai - we were in the cactus!! - between Herepai and East Peak there was one massive lot of leatherwood. We started bashing our way up, but some of us couldn't hack the pace and had to revert to long johns. Luckily for us we came upon the remains of an overgrown hunters' track.

We travelled over East Peak and dropped into the head of the Chamberlain Creek for lunch. The day was fantastic for a river trip; blue sky and a searing hot sun. We started off down the creek but were quickly lulled into a false sense of security. This didn't last long -we came upon our first obstacle - we rapelled down the waterfall with not too much trouble but this was only a taste of the next four hours. We rapelled down ten waterfalls and had two compulsory swims. The tallest waterfall was estimated at 60 feet and the others were not under 30 feet. The anchorage for the rope was not always safe looking - in some places a single leatherwood plant held us from the rocky bottom.

Kevin wondered what all the grunts and groans were about - our first compulsory swim but he soon found out as the water was very cold. In many places to avoid a ducking we were forced to do some rock climbing around the pools. In most places if we did fall it would have been a hard landing. Luckily none of us experienced either landing. We found a suitable camp site and set up for the night. The next morning we arrived at the Ruamahanga River, only having to rapel down two other waterfalls. The day was again a beaut (weather wise). We headed up Ruapai Stream over a saddle and down the Mangatainoka Stream to the road end. Sunday was rather an anticlimax compared to the action packed Saturday.

Participants were: Keith Margrain, Kevin Pearce, Steven Moore, Peter Darragh.

4-5th March 1978 - Mokai Patea

Mist hung low in the bush above the Kawhatau Base and soon all the views from the track looked the same, grey and blank, then farmland, then grey and blank again. Contingency plans and escape routes were discussed in detail. Then right in the middle of the first real compass problem the mist disappeared and you could see yet another great expanse of farmland - the Mokai Patea Range and all over 4000 feet.

Peak identification became a popular past-time and Michael regaled us with stories of past trips into the jumble of bush clad ridges and hidden valleys which lay below us to the north. There seems to be a lake called Colenso somewhere in that country. Further along the range we discovered examples of an exotic species, *Metulus polus*, which has been colonising snow grass areas. It is easily identified by its covering of bright red or orange hues (rescue orange) and its spread if unchecked, could become a serious problem in the future.

An hour's descent from Rongotea Peak brings one (or nine) to the three bunk Wakelings Hut in the Waikamaka River and the fine shingle and sand of the flood bed offers a reasonable campsite.



Apart from being a shade cool, Sunday was a great day for boulder hopping and wading down river to Otakota Hut. The lower slopes of the Mokai Patea above are very steep and much deep breathing and heart beating resulted from a climb of the same. We were soon back to the Mokai Patea tops but unfortunately there was not a great deal of time left to linger and enjoy the great views.

The nine: Michael and Marion Wiltshire, Gill and Kim Davies, Andrew Thompson, Ross Corlett, Ann Flux, Robin Palmer and Trevor Bissell.

31st May - 3rd June 1980 - Red Hills at Queen's Birthday Weekend

The Red Hills Range together with the Little Red Hill Range lie to the west of the Olivines and Aspiring National Park. They are made up of unusual rocks called ultra-mafic (such as dunite and serpentinite) which are quite different from your usual greywacke and schist which make up much of the Southern Alps and the ranges of the North Island. Due to the mineral composition of these ultra-mafic rocks (high in ferromagnesium minerals) there is usually a lack of vegetation on these hills or just tussock or scrub, even at low altitudes. Also the minerals, when they weather, give the rock and thus the ranges, a pronounced red colour - hence the name ...

So if you are wanting to get into some unusual country, try this area, or better still if you have more time, the Red Hill Range down Aspiring way.

The raving geologist (we can guess who - Ed) and the four people subjected to his ravings were: Roddy Henderson, Terry Crippen, Eric van Toor, Carol Cullen, Trevor Bissell.

July 1980, Letter to the Editor

I am writing to express my concern at the decline the hardiness of the club. Two particular-events show this:

Last winter on the annual "Mid Winter at Rangī" Trip, two of us (out of a total of six) braved the low temperatures and snow and had the traditional swim in the stream. However, at this winter's event only one person (from twelve or more who went on the trip) took the plunge. Even then there was doubt as to whether this was a show of hardiness or an accident. The person involved was a certain Frenchman who may still have been in an intoxicated state from the previous nights debauchery and may have fallen in accidentally.

Also last month, the club planned a trip to the Camel Backs in the Tararua's (country fit only for the hard "Tongue and Meats" and TTCs). Not one person put their name down for this trip (I was unfortunately unable to go on it as I was involved with a major PNSSWSNZAC rock climbing expedition to the South). Furthermore, the proposed trip leader (who is doing post doctoral research into *Olearia Colensoi*) was coerced into staying in Palmerston North that week to attend a very debauched (i.e. MUAC) annual dinner. Even his van had to be immobilised to stop him attempting a Sole Day crossing of the Camel Backs on the Sunday.



Do these events suggest that we PNTMC are getting soft? So far this decline isn't well known thank goodness. Last Tuesday evening MUAC at their club night referred to us as the Palmerston North's "Tongue and Meats" - surely a good complement. I only hope we can keep our prestigious position and climb out of the temporary decline.

Yours
A. Bill

Well A Bill you mentioned that last year you went for the mid winter swim and this year you did not! (although you were there). Maybe it is you who is becoming soft and not wanting to face up to a good hard days slog and are trying to pass the buck onto others. Not a hopeful sign for you at all.

October 1980 - The quest for the King's daughter - Part II

There appeared to be a certain 'Dungeons and Dragons' ring to some of the trip reports at this time.

Once upon a time not long ago (11-12th October 1980) there were six knights called Sir Kevin the Bold, Sir Trevor the Gallant, Sir Michael the Fearless, Sir Paul the Brave, Sir Peter the Courageous and Sir Frank the Valiant. This noble band travelled by trusty steed to the end of the North Manukau Rd and set off into the enchanted forest. Very soon they came under a powerful spell. The needle of Sir Trevor's compass started to point in devious directions. 'Hold fast!' cried Sir Kevin, 'there are evil forces about. I fear we are lost!' The spellbound Sir Trevor had led the party high above the pass to the Waitewaewae River. Fortunately Sir Kevin had the magic gnome's compass that he had found during the previous Oriwa Quest. With its aid the company found their way to the river. However, their problems were just beginning.....

Those taking part were Kevin Pearce, Trevor Bissell, Mike Freeman, Paul Taylor, Peter, McArdle, Frank van Rooden.

APRIL 1981 – NOTICE FROM THE TRIP ORGANISER

In future, except for trips requiring advanced hut bookings, only one month's trips will be planned at a time. Assistance by way of suggestions for trips and offers to lead trips would be appreciated. If you happen to receive a phone call from your trusting trip organiser –

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| Don't | 1. | Slam down the receiver |
| | 2. | Yell abuse |
| | 3. | Be unco-operative |
| Do | 1. | Think of an interesting trip |
| | 2. | Be communicative and symphatetic |
| | 3. | Be helpful (the organiser has a hard job!!) |

Peter Darragh (ph. 35633)



Beach Comber's delight - 9 June 1984

People don't normally find turtles on tramping trips and this trip was no exception. However ten minutes of frantic sand-burrowing saw one emerge. This was only the beginning. From this, logically, followed a long jump and Alan's was the longest. A Moro bar was the carrot in the next event, hide and seek. Nanette was not found.

When Himatangi came into view Alan and Nicky returned for the transport. Kevin and Darren bridged the raging torrent and we continued southwards. Crafty Kevin scuttled off into the dunes - we tracked him but he found us first, our vision obscured by wind blown sand.

Next a sheltered spot for lunch and sand - wiches. No sooner back on the beach (well on the way to Foxton) when the transport pulled up and returned us to our starting point at Tangimoana. Some were returned by four wheel drive while others were trailed airborne behind).

Kevin Pearce, Sheena Taylor, Anne Murray, Alan Good, Nicky, Anne Jaggard, Nanette Clough, Darren Scott, Catherine Farquhar, Michelle Hobday.

29th December - 4th January 1986 Paparoas Impressions

Towering limestone bluffs of the Fox River
Linking arms for a difficult river crossing
The last ray of sunlight on the Ballroom overhang
Welsh Creek - a disappearing stream
Easy beech fringed flats in the Fox Valley
Steep boulder-choked river systems higher up
The first camp on the tops - bouldering until dusk and inquisitive goats
Mist, arguments, tantalising glimpses of rocky gendarmes
Hauling packs over huge scrub covered boulders
Sunny lunch, brew with a view
Gunsight Pass - aptly named
Circling keas
Tents among tarns below Mount Lodge
Wind, rain, urgent tent repairs, shifting tents, endless games of 'famous people'
Frustrating searches for whistling frogs
Time to make a break - along endless scrub-bash
Lunch in the dripping forest
Waist-deep in the upper Dilemma Gorge
A short swim while Trevor sought alternatives
Watching the river rise before our eyes at Fossil Creek
The final day through the gigantic Lower Dilemma Gorge
New Faces, wet gear in the sun. Smiles.

The team was Bruce Anderseon, John Barkla, Trevor Bissell, Dave Crawford, Catherine Farquhar.



June 1986 - Stuffed Tripe au Bissell (with pips in)

Take one Trevor. Add a mixture of various ingredients and plenty of nuts. Mixture may be of uneven consistency but it must be thick. Spread evenly on track.

Whip up mixture with a bit of mountain air and pour down slope. Pass over water three times (avoiding slippery rocks). Tenderise occasionally with the odd snowball. Keep mixture at a brisk boil, stirring all the time. When overheated crash in a hut and set aside to recover.

Take one Trevor. Set to 180 degrees to drive two others to view a lake (Surprise) and back. This can be done in half the time stated unless stuffed.

Take one Trevor, together with a Ross and three cans of stew (James who?). Set aside while preparing and serving pate, French bread, chilli soup, sweet and sour casserole, spicy vegetables, cauliflower au gratin and miscellaneous items including polonies. Set to eat with accompanying appreciative noises, leave pudding to heat.

Take one Trevor. Place near coal range to tidy up and make a cup of tea. Search for billy with pudding in. Find only billy with stew on top. Investigate stew. Find pudding, underneath the stew!

Take one Trevor. N.B. Some authorities consider Trevors entirely unfit for human consumption. The texture of a Trevor is rather strong but can be improved by thorough pummelling, tenderising, peppering with insults and spicing with verbal abuse. Scrape stew off pudding. Eat with whipped cream, avoiding stray pieces of polony and potato. Note - this pudding is best eaten when hungry, in poor light, and washed down with copious quantities of mulled wine.

Ingredients: One Trevor Bissell, Ross Vegemite Wallace, (Aunt) Sally Hewson (a lot of polony), Julian Lamb chops Dalefield, Terry Crippen (lightly mulled), Dizzy Lizzy Morrison (stoned), Pip the Lip Somerville.

The Trip: 1.5 hours from Turoa mountain Rd to Mangaturuturu Hut. Half an hour from the hut to Lake Surprise. Fifteen minutes to a good long waterfall on the Mangaturuturu.

13-14TH JUNE KETETAHI, TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK

An early Saturday morning start (after some dissension in the ranks) saw us heading up the Desert Rd to jettison some of the 'Keen Ones' to take the long way to Ketetahi, via Waihohonu, Oturere and the Emerald Lakes. The rest of us casually wandered up to Ketetahi Hut on the Rotoaira side of Tongariro heading for the clouds of steam gushing forth from the springs. A magnificent setting, looking out over Rotoaira, Pihanga and beyond, Taupo. After a wander up to Blue and Emerald Lakes with some cold winds but a good view of the craters and Ngauruhoe, and meeting the 'Keen Ones' we headed



off to the pools. The pools, roughly dug out in a little valley down from the steam vents, are suitably hot and delightful especially with cold wintry weather about. The hut was overflowing with bods from overseas and an Auckland school group; spatial thrombosis - too many clots to the acre. Some of the 'Keen Ones' slept out under the fly.

The morning was even more misty so the 'Keen Ones' decided to go straight up to North Crater and Tongariro summit to Mangatepopo and the 'Medium Ones' went via the poled route and Red Crater encountering strong winds and rain. The 'Slackers' revisited the hot pools and kindly drove the van around to Mangatepopo (via the THC Tokaanu?). So a successful weekend with lots of variation.

The 'Keen Ones'. 'Medium Ones' and 'Slackers' were (not listed by order of keenness): Trevor Bissell, Patrick Janssen, Alan Mountfort, Terry Coburn, Daryn Scott, Jenny Dymock, Marie Anne Bechman, Malcolm Alley, Ian Black, Yvonne van der Does, Terry Crippen, Sally Hewson.



CLUB OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Life members Russ Lacey (elected 1972)
 Owen Jensen (1973)
 Kevin Pearce (1985)
 Lawson Pither (1967)

Patrons: Owen Jensen 1967-76
 Lawson Pither 1976-present

Club officers:

	1965-66	1967	1968
President	Russ Lacey	Russ Lacey	Lawson Pither
Vice President	Peter Clausen	Peter Clausen	
Secretary	Anne Morrison	Bruce Watson	Lynne Potter
Treasurer	Tony Morrison	Tony Morrison	Keith Potter
Committee	Bryan Abraham	Bill Holmes	Dennis Moore
	Trevor Arnold	Wayne Boucher	Russ Lacey
	Vern Stout	Keith Potter	Bruce Watson
	Graham Newson	Roger Clark	Wayne Boucher
	Susan Roberts	Lynne Potter	Roger Clark
	Roger Clarke	Lawson Pither	Russ Johnson
	Keith Potter	Kevin Pearce	
	Bill Olsen	Dennis Arnott	
	1969	1970	1971
President	Lawson Pither	Lawson Pither	Kevin Pearce
Vice President	Kevin Pearce	Bill Olsen	Lawson Pither
Secretary	Lynne Potter	Kevin Pearce	Heather Crabb
Treasurer	Dennis Arnott	Lynne Potter	Lynne Potter
Committee	Sherryl Kirkpatrick	Heather Crabb	Sue Streeter
	Russ Johnson	Russ Johnson	Dave Ryrie
	Don Fletcher	Ian Hoare	Adrian Turner
	Dennis Moore	Ron Haxton	Grant Potter
	Keith Potter	Dennis Arnott	Russ Johnson
	Wayne Boucher	Warrick Blanchard	Brad Owen
	Ron Haxton	Russ Lacey	Dawn Ellis
	1972	1973	1974
President	Russ Johnson	Russ Johnson	Trevor Stretton
Vice President	Adrian Turner	Adrian Turner	Ian Hoare
Secretary	Heather Crabb	Kevin Pearce	Tim Short
Treasurer	Bruce Lockwood	Bruce Lockwood	MaryAnne Whitehead
Committee	Trevor Stretton	Lawson Pither	Keith Margraine
	Lawson Pither	Heather Crabb	Peter Croad
	Owen Robinson	Keith Potter	Trevor Bissell
	Ian Hoare	Tim Short	Kevin Pearce
	John Williams	Karyn Bishop	Russ Johnson
	Tom Easterbrook	Trevor Stretton	Sue Streeter



President	1975 Tim Short	1976 Trevor Bissell	1977 Trevor Bissell
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Secretary	Trevor Bissell	Karyn Bishop	Janet Maessen
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President	1978 Kevin Pearce	1979 Kevin Pearce	1980 Chrissy Elliot
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Secretary	Trevor Bissell	Susan Cade	Terry Crippen
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Vice President	Kevin Pearce	Terry Crippen	John Barkla
Secretary	Catherine Farquhar	Catherine Farquhar	Nigel Seebeck
Treasurer	Don French	Don French	Peter Wiles
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Vice President	John Barkla	Nigel Seebeck/Peter Clough	
Secretary	Damienne Eder	Heather Clay/John Barkla	
Treasurer	Peter Wiles	Peter Wiles	
Committee	Phillip Budding Nigel Seebeck Nanette Clough Catherine Farquhar Daryl Rowan Trevor Bissell	Damienne Eder Sue Patterson Trevor Bissell Phillip Budding Daryn Scott Nanette Clough	



President	1986	1987
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Secretary	John Barkla	John Barkla
Treasurer	Trevor Bissell	Trevor Bissell
Committee	Peter Wiles	Peter Wiles
	Nanette Clough	Nanette Clough
	Peter Clough	Peter Clough
	Tricia Eder	Cheryl Peters
	Philippa Somerville	Sally Hewson
	Lorraine Bray	Urs Schupbach
	Roger Redmayne	Tricia Eder
	Nigel Seebeck	
	Daryn Scott	

Honorary Member: John Cleland

Auditors: Trevor Kendrick 1967-71
R.V. Morgan 1972-73
Lawson Pither 1974 - present

There have now been over 450 members in the club with numbers ranging from approximately 50-80 per year.



Write up of the event in the following newsletter

12-14th February 1988 – PNTMC's Coming of Age Weekend Celebration

Approximately 70 Club members, past members and friends, along with about 14 children attended a weekend of activities at Rangiwahia town. It was centred at the local hall, which provided an ideal venue for such an occasion being close to the Ruahines and Rangi Hut. There was ample room for tents and access to the local swimming pool and tennis courts. Ngaire and Alan Hancocks' gardens and museum (Ruapuna) nearby added further local interest.

The weekend ran very smoothly with activities for everyone. 32 people tramped up to Rangi Hut by the direct route and the Club's youngest members, Kai (6) and Tai (4) Crow made it to the swing bridge. 22 people followed Trevor up Deadman's Track and down from the tops to Rangi and a further 6 scrambled and clambered their way up the creek to the hut. A lovely day and plenty of tanned faces to prove it.

After the tramps on Saturday group photos were in order before the formal dinner where Lawson Pither, our patron, gave his keynote address. The Club banner (an early pair of Lawson's shorts) was unveiled prior to the cutting of the cake by Gayle Hogan (one of the most recent members) and Vern Jensen (one of the longest standing members). The cake was made by Linda Budding.

After dinner the locals arrived and the dancing began to the music of "Battered Hats" a brilliant group of Palmerston North musicians with a Scottish flavour. Dancing continued to 1pm (sic), trampers being fit and energetic dancers, and a few went for a night time dip.

Sunday was a bit quieter with much reminiscing, looking at old photos, swimming and lazing in the sun. After lunch the leftover food was auctioned under Chris Morton's hammer and at about 3pm rain (luckily) interrupted a game of cricket against the locals, which was in progress.

A booklet "The first 22 years of the PNTMC" compiled for the occasion was given to participants at the weekend. The Club holds a few copies for other people to browse through. Please notify Terry Crippen of any errors or omissions. We anticipate a collection of the Club's photographs will follow and would appreciate Club members' cooperation on this.

Addendum

Few copies of this document celebrating PNTMC's 21st remain in existence. All known copies of the Club's newsletters have been scanned or otherwise converted to text and then converted to PDF files for keeping as permanent records – files that can be electronically text searched. Until now, this was the last remaining document that had not been so treated.

The original issue of this document was largely due to the efforts of Linda Rowan with assistance from various others. It was a major task. In 1987, PCs were a new innovation – the IBM AT arrived in about 1985. As far as I know, this was an early use of the technology for electronic publishing. Nevertheless, the material was cyclostyled onto foolscap sized pages using the Gestetner – a practice that continued for the newsletters until the 1990s.

Moving forward another 20 years and the original copy has been scanned and converted into text thanks to the efficiency of modern OCR software. The original layout, content and largely the pagination have been preserved in this facsimile edition even though it is now sized for A4 pages (and Arial 10/12pt font). Various typographical errors have been corrected from the original. Sections in the original that were in italics have been retained. I noticed that I had been attributed with an ascent of East Horn – something I have not done, so have deleted it, but I think Urs probably climbed it with his brother, also Peter. If this is rewriting history – I plead guilty.

Also worth preserving are some snaps taken of the people involved with organising and participating in the celebrations at Rangiwahai.



The Organising Team – taken at the Rangiwahia Domain during the event.

(Back row: X, X, X, X, D Moore, X, X.)

(Front row: T Crippen, L Russ, T Bissell, C Farquhar, L Pither.)



The celebration dinner at the Rangiwahia Hall.
Back from left: Don French, X, X
Front: Alan Mountford?, Tricia Eder.



Participants at the celebration – Rangiwahia Domain.

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Peter Wiles
August 2007