



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

## NEWSLETTER

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Hon. Secretary,  
Trevor Bissell, 71-955  
Membership Enquiries  
Peter Croad, 80-284 (evenings)

### COMING EVENTS

#### 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY CLUB NIGHT

Thursday 7.30 p.m. in the Society of Friends Meeting Rooms, 227 College Street.

Come and bring your slides, old or new, good or bad, we will show them.

Supper Duties Ann Hayman (tea towels)

Karyn Bishop

Robert Cambell

#### 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY SOUTHERN CROSSING

The Southern Crossing in a day.

Names to Peter Croad Phone 80-284

Grading: F.E.

Cost : \$5.60 approx.

Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.00 a.m.

#### 31<sup>st</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY ANNAUL PILGRIMAGE FIELDS

The 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our 1<sup>st</sup> Club trip to Fields Hut.

Names to Peter Croad Phone 80-284

Grading: Medium

Cost : \$2.20 approx.

Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.30 a.m.

#### 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY LAKE COLENZO

Situation – North Eastern Ruahine Ranges. Weather – Fine.

Perhaps for those who did this trip on a past Easter Weekend when a miserable night out on the tops was spent? Come and see what this magnificent expanse of country really

looks like.

Names to Trevor Bissell Phone 68-644  
Grading: Medium & Fit  
Cost : \$4.50  
Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.00 p.m. FRIDAY

8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY CONE HUT

Do you believe in haunted huts, well. This fine old shack will definitely send your spine tingling. But, for character it is unequalled sitting there alone on the banks of the Tauherenikau in the South-Eastern Tararuas.

Names to Janet Maessen Phone 71-782  
Grading: Medium  
Cost : \$3.30  
Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.00 a.m.

14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PENN CREEK HUT

A pleasant stroll into a magnificent area in the Western Tararuas.

Names to Pam Dicks Phone 299-738  
Grading: Easy  
Cost : \$2.20  
Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.00 a.m.

14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY PLATEAU STREAM – OTAKI GORGE

If swimming under the hot searing sun appeals, then I'll see you in the Gorge. Some means of floatation is advisable.

Names to Trevor Bissell Phone 68-644  
Grading: Medium  
Cost : \$2.20  
Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.00 a.m.

21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY MITRE FLATS (EASTERN TARARUAS)

If you are new to tramping or not feeling very fit, a nice easy trip into Mitre Flats is the answer.

Names to John Williams Phone 84-925  
Grading: Easy  
Cost : \$3.00  
Depart : Super Save Carpark 7.00 a.m.

21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY FULL WAINAWA RIVER

A new trip for the club. A pack floating trip. All river trips are great fun at this time of the year, but do come if only to add another line to your skite map of the Tararuas.

Names to John Williams Phone 84-925  
Grading: Fitness Essential  
Cost : \$4.40  
Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.30 p.m. FRIDAY

26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY BARBECUE (CLUB NIGHT)

As the weather is still hot and the days long, this will be replacing our normal Club Night. To be held at Raumai and Don't forget to bring something to barbecue.

Names to Ann Hayman Phone 73-991  
Cost : 75 cents  
Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.30 p.m.

28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY NO MANS HUT

To go where no man has gone before. No its not exactly like that so come and find out for yourself in the beech forests of the North Eastern Ruahines.

Leader : Peter Darragh Phone FG 5633  
Grading: Fit  
Cost : \$4.50  
Depart : Super Save Carpark 6.00 a.m.

28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY NORTH OHAU HUT

Have you got some new boots that you want to break in or you just want to go on an easy trip. Then head with the crowd to the Western Taranuas.

Names to Tim Shorts Phone 80-152  
Grading: Easy  
Cost : \$1.20  
Depart : Super Save Carpark 7.00 a.m.

NOTICES

Another lamb will be deserting the flock to graze in distant pastures. They tell me its called wedlock. Yes none other than our charming young Pom from Himatangi, Miss Pamela Dicks who has recently got engaged to John Schofield. When married Pam and John will be living over on the East Coast at Castlepoint.

Well as Pam is our typist, or was, or still is that is for the time being, the Committee is asking for any volunteers for the responsible and rewarding position of typist, which involves several hours each month. Since I know it just simply means that Pam cannot get married. But however all this is possibly totally irrelevant because it probably won't get past the typist.

Anyway congratulations Pam and on behalf of everyone I would like to wish you all the best in your future happiness.

Warning

The Electricity Department has advised us that the No 2 Mangahao Dam will be emptied on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 6.30 a.m. weather permitting. Fluctuations in river level can be expected any time in the following week, and consequently trampers are advised to avoid the Mangahao River during this week.

### Coming Event

February 28<sup>th</sup> Senior Trampers Marathon:- This annual event run (literally) by the Tararua Tramping Club will once again be held in the Orongorongo Valley. This year the P.N.T.M.C. intends to win all races so aspiring runners please give your names to Tim Short Phone 80-152 by the 20<sup>th</sup> as entries close on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Reminder there are also billy boiling competitions, obstacle races etc.

### For Sale

Alan Scott 12 Campbell St., Phone 88-735 has climbing gear i.e. slings nuts, rope etc. for sale.

### Committee Meeting

On MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> February at Trevor Bissell, Flat 1, 378 Botanical Road, Palmerston North.

### 20<sup>th</sup> December A One Day Northern Crossing

This was no Friday night to South Ohau Hut to shorten the day's run. The first walking began just before 5 a.m. from the farm house and day break welcomed the four stalwarts on the lower gorge track.

A second breakfast was consumed at South Ohau before the climb up to the New Improved Te Matawai Hotel. Having swept the kitchen floor the group plodded on and into the Tararua mists. The best route off Arete was not followed but never mind.

Lunch was taken soon after with a view of Arete Forks in such shelter that the lee slopes provided from the wind. The next stop was Tarn Ridge Hut where the reserves of strength were built up for the climb ahead. However, Girdlestone, Brocket & Mitre were eventually traversed leaving a beautiful downhill run all the way down to Mitre Flats.

The weekenders provided hot drinks and good company (not the Gregg's Coffee type).

Slightly refreshed four sleepwalkers invested a couple of hours of their time on the Barra Track. At 9 p.m. (16 hours from the farm house) the road and shelter was reached. Roy lost a game of chance and as a result accompanied Tim to the nearest available telephone, 1 hour down the road. The slackers discovered meanwhile, that gravel can make a comfortable bed.

Thanks to John Williams for driving over to pick up 4 very weary people and delivering to their abodes at 3.30 a.m.

The stalwarts:- Tim Short, Roy Wilson, Peter Darragh, and Trevor BISSELL.