



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

## NEWSLETTER

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Hon. Secretary,  
Karyn Bishop, 84-925  
Membership Enquiries  
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### COMING EVENTS

#### 27<sup>th</sup> May. CLUB NIGHT

7.30 p.m. at the Society of Friends' Meeting Rooms, 227 College St.

#### Annual Photographic Competition.

It's never too late to enter – late entries + 5c late entry fee will be accepted by any committee member or to 28 Carroll St., up to Club Night.

SUPPER DUTIES: Sue Streeter, Craig Baird, Philip Beech.

#### 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May. RANGIWAHIA – OROUA RIVER

Explore the wilderness beyond 'Rangi'. Wander down the Oroua River visiting such attractions as the grand complex known as the Heritage Lodge. Storm gear required.

Names to:	Ian Hoare, Phone 83-448
Grading:	Medium
Cost:	\$3.50
Depart Supersave:	7.00 a.m.

#### 30<sup>th</sup> May. IRON GATES HUT

An easy wander up the Oroua River visiting such attractions as the above mentioned dwelling.

Names to:	Ian Hoare, Phone 83-448
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	\$2.80
Depart Supersave:	7.00 a.m.

5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> June, Queen's Birthday.

MIDDLE CROSSING

Provided transport problems can be solved this is one of the better Tararua trips. Join the hardy types (Trev. B.) for an up-down, up again type trip.

Leader: Trevor Bissell Ph. 68-644  
Grading: Fitness Essential  
Cost: \$6.50 approx.  
Depart Supersave: 6.30 p.m. Friday.

6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> June MITRE FLATS

A pleasant river valley behind Masterton. Bring mug, boots and friend(s) for a trip with your friendly treasurer.

Names to Karyn Bishop, phone 84-925.  
Grading: Easy  
Cost: \$4.50  
Depart Supersave: 7.00 a.m.

8<sup>th</sup> June COMMITTEE MEETING

7.30 p.m. at Heather's – 3 Clyde Cres.

12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June PUTARA HUT – HAUKURA RIDGE

An interesting jaunt in the Eastern Tararuas. An area notorious for its missing persons record. However, a capable leader is available. Storm gear required.

Leader: Ross Meder, Ph. Fg. 7661  
Grading: Medium  
Cost: \$3.50  
Depart Supersave: 6.30 a.m.

13<sup>th</sup> June PUTARA HUT

Come and see where the weekenders have been, what they have done, or the reasons given for not having done whatever should have been done.

Names to: Ian Hoare, Ph. 83-448  
Grading: Medium  
Cost: \$3.50  
Depart Supersave: 7.00 a.m.

19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> June HIKURANGI RANGE

This piece of country in the Western Ruahines has been called "flat". Is it possible for a Ruahine Ridge to be flat? Join the boys and discover the truth yourself.

Names to: Ian Hoare, Ph. 83-448  
Grading: Fit  
Cost: \$3.50  
Depart Supersave: 6.30 a.m.

20<sup>th</sup> June PURITY HUT

It is rumoured our newsletter editor Vivien may come out of her early retirement to lead this one! Is this possibility true or is this wishful thinking?

Names to: Karyn Bishop, Ph. 84-925  
Grading: Easy  
Cost: \$3.20  
Depart Supersave: 7.00 a.m.

24<sup>th</sup> June CLUB NIGHT

26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June MT. HECTOR

Come alive, join Peter and climb a mountain. This scramble is in the Southern Tararuas beyond Otaki and lies on the trail known as the Southern Crossing.

Leader:	Peter Darragh, Ph. Fg. 5633
Grading:	Fit
Cost:	\$3.30
Depart Supersave:	7.00 a.m.

26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June FIELD'S HUT

An easy wander up a reasonable gradient to a chalet upon the bush edge. A chance not to be missed. Join Sue in the Western Tararuas beyond Otaki.

Names to:	Sue Streeter, Ph. 80-874
Grading:	Easy
Cost:	\$3.30
Depart Supersave:	7.00 a.m.

NOTICES:

LIBRARY

The P.N.T.M.C. Library is now in full operation. The latest magazines from fellow tramping clubs and more historic material makes excellent bedtime reading. These can be borrowed from the Librarian, Peter Darragh, at any time.

PHOTOS NEEDED

Interesting photos of past trips are required for our club photo album and scrap book. Any donations or loan of negatives will be welcomed by Peter Darragh.

P.S. Watch your photos after the competition!

NEW MEMBERS:

A big welcome to the following new members:

Ron Wightman,	131 Dittmer Drive.
Suzanne Leeming,	9 Argyle Ave.
Philip Beech,	35 Ruahine St.
Craig Baird,	13 Makino Rd., Feilding.
Brain Hoare,	39 Burns Ave.

A new book has been published and is now available from the Government Printers at \$2.50 per copy, titled: A Guide to Environmental Law in N.Z.

PAST TRIP

Sometime after 6 a.m. on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, three loyal members of the club, having left only half their party in Palmerston North, to be picked up at some later unspecified date, set forth up the Ohau track for the Panatewaewae Stream. Fantastic, you say? Well Panatewaewae was on the trip schedule and trip schedules never lie. Besides, Heather's conscience was pricked when Trevor, announcing coming trips at club night, said "You really should get out again, you know, Heather." O.K., she decided, she would and that was a threat!

Anyway Vivien, Ross and Heather arrived at Ohau at varying stages between 11.45 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. – well, I did say they left some time after 6 a.m. They found a party from Levin actually in residence there with a welcoming fire and two dogs.

Rain pelted down intermittently so after lunch, between the showers the party scampered out to the car, some members at least feeling refreshed in limb and spirit and thoroughly washed by the rain.

Trip members: Vivien Mawson, Ross Meder, Heather Crabb.

LOST PROPERTY:

Black parka with patches of white paint left in the boot of someone's car on a past trip. If you have this parka in your car would you please phone James Read, 84-925.