



# PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.

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PALMERSTON NORTH  
NEWSLETTER

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## **ENQUIRES CONCERNING OVERDUE TRIPS**

Catherine Farquhar Home	87-799	Work 76-651
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ALL TRIPS LEAVE SUPERSAVE CARPARK, FERGUSON STREET. IF YOU WISH TO GO ON A TRIP, YOU MUST ADVISE THE LEADER AT LEAST THREE DAYS IN ADVANCE.

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## **DAY TRIPS AND ALTERNATIVES**

If you are interested in an alternative day or weekend trip, contact the person running the scheduled trip.

## **COMING EVENTS:**

### **14 April – Informal Club Night**

John (Possum) Barkla will give an illustrated talk on his recent fine weather, two-week, tramping-climbing trip to the Olivines.

7.45 p.m. Thursday  
227 College Street, Society of Friends Meeting Rooms  
Supper Duties: Janis Frain, Roddy Henderson, Peter Hanratty.

### **16 – 17 April – Tararua Main Range**

Details last newsletter. Contact Mike Freeman, ph 71785

### **23 – 25 April – Kaimanawas – ANZAC Weekend**

Details last newsletter. Contact Catherine Farquhar, ph 63588

### **28 April – Club Night**

It is intended to present the audited accounts for the last financial year on the 28<sup>th</sup> April before the main entertainment of the evening begins. This will be provided by Nigel and Leslie Barlow, who will give an account of their tramping experiences in India.

7.45 p.m. Thursday  
227 College Street, Society of Friends Meeting Rooms  
Supper Duties: Sally Hewson, Perry Hicks, Ian Hoare

### **30 April – 1 May – Herepai Hut**

A lovely spot in the Tararuas with good access to the tops.

Leader: Nigel Seebeck, 89043  
Grading: Medium  
Cost: Approx \$5  
Departs: 6.00 a.m. Saturday

### **1 May – Day trip to Kapiti Island**

There are still 6 – 8 places left for this trip.

Contact Roddy Henderson 25511 for further details.

### **3 May – Committee Meeting**

To be held at 155 Heretaunga Street, 7.45 p.m.

### **7 – 8 May – Golden Crown Ridge, Ruahines**

Leader: Trevor Bissell, 73543  
Grading: Fit  
Cost: Approx \$7.00  
Departs: 6.30 p.m. Friday

### **12 May – Informal Club Night**

Come and try your hand at bowling at the new Bowling Alley in Tremaine Ave. Anyone interested please contact Barry Scott, 71731 by 28 April so that he can book the required number of lanes.

8 – 10 p.m. Thursday  
Superbowl, 785 Tremaine Ave.

### **15 May – Aoukautere**

From the Pahiatua Track to the Gorge, a good day trip in an area not often seen by the masses. Hot scones and brew at the Brills afterwards.

Leader: Trevor Brill, 70098  
Grading: Easy – Medium  
Cost: Approx \$2  
Departs: 7.00 a.m. Sunday

### **21 – 22 May – Mangaweka, Ruahine Range**

Tramp or climb to the highest point in the Ruahines. The possibility of snow is always there.

Leader: Sharon Patterson  
Grading: Fit  
Cost: Approx \$5  
Departs: 6 a.m. Saturday

### **26 May – Club Night**

Details next newsletter.

### **28 – 29 May – SAR Exercise, Oroua/Western Ruahines**

This SAREX will be based at Sixtus Lodge, all call-out Club members are urged to attend and any others who are interested will be most welcome.

Contact: Catherine Farquhar  
Grading: Medium – Fit  
Departure time to be negotiated, probably 6 a.m. Saturday.

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

1. The following were elected at the A.G.M. held on 24 March

Patron/Auditor:	Mr Lawson Pither
President:	Catherine Farquhar, 63588
Vice-President:	John Barkla, 73543
Secretary:	Nigel Seebeck, 89043
Treasurer:	Peter Wiles, 86894

### **Committee:**

Nannette and Peter Clough,  
Philip Budding,  
Damienne Eder,  
Sharon Patterson,  
Barry Scott,  
Lorraine Tremain,

61271: Membership enquiries, Newsletter distribution, Conservation.  
85936: Gear Custodian  
71785: Social  
63588: Trips convenor  
71731: Library and social  
61769: Newsletter Editor

2. The A.G.M. resolved that the subscriptions for the current year would be as follows:

Family	\$10.00
Senior	\$ 9.00
Junior	\$ 5.50

Since many of the clubs overheads fall due at the beginning of the financial year; prompt payment would be appreciated. Without a reasonable cash reserve the effectiveness of your Club is diminished.

### **NOTICES:**

1. Special thanks are extended to Don French for his work on the Committee over the last few years. As Treasurer and organising speakers for our Club nights and arranging other social events Don has made a significant contribution to the Club.

2. Congratulations to Keith and Anne Miller on the birth of their son Robert recently. Another potential Club member?

3. **Club Tee-shirts** will be available after Easter. These feature our Club motif, in various colours and sizes. Cost, approx. \$10. Contact Terry (63588 or Jo 71785).

4. There are ample stocks of songbooks for sale at \$2, so make a sound investment.

5. The following maps are in stock and, are offered for sale at \$1.35 each:  
Egmont National Park NZMS 169  
Taranua State Forest Park NZMS 274 (metric edition)  
Eketahuna N 153  
Levin N 152

Contact Peter 86894 for songbooks and maps.

6. For sale: Snow chains for 5.60 x 13 tyres, \$25  
Yukon semi-rigid climbing boots size 10, \$ 80  
Unused Alp Sports Parka, large size, \$40  
Plus ice screws, nuts, doubtaks, N.Z. Alpine Journals

Phone Terry, 63588

(Keep trying Terry)

7. **For sale:** Ladies Raleigh 3-speed pushbike. Excellent condition, still has 6 month warrantee. \$200 or near offer. Phone Nannette 61271.

### **ACCOUNTS OF PAST TRIPS**

#### **Weekend at Whanganui Bay**

After a quick stop at Waiouru for a supplement to breakfast or breakfast itself, all fifteen of us arrived at the Bay stopping at the top car park, walking down to Bev's Buttress for a warm up. A most pleasant Buttress but there isn't quite enough room for 15 up there. Putting up two ropes, one on 'Concise Pocket Oxford Dictionary' (13) and the other on 'One for you Tony' (14) eased the congestion and soon the rock was alive with climbers. The next two climbs to go were 'Stacked' (14) and 'Slipping and Sliding with Long Tail Sally' (16). These later two tested a few people and ethics were tossed out the window.

With the drive down to the beach and lunch behind us, it was a short walk round to 'Candle in the Wind' (11) and 'This Climbs a Lemon' (13), but for David and Kim another 50 m saw their objective, 'Tibia' (16). Completing a few hours there, tea was on the top of the list of activities.

It was to Sunshine Buttress after breakfast, and following in David and Kim's hand-holds were Alan, Jane and Sharon on Tibia. A hot morning on Sunshine Buttress climbing in the sun then moving to 'Wet Dreams' (18), which was top roped and chalked up a few more falls and failures with 3 successful climbs. While this was happening 'Nutless' (19) was having its share of the action. (N.B. The in-situ Friend (No. 1) has now been removed). Wandering back for lunch and a swim. Then lying on the beach and watching three people climb Tibia in the sun.

A late lunch, packed up and headed for home.

Those on trip: Philip and Raewyn Beech, Sharon Patterson (Spunky), David Porrey, Jane Binnie, Alan Lowrie, Mike Severeheims, Trevor Brill, Daryl Rowan, Kim Davies, Shane Turner, Catherine Farquhar, Julie Cade, Nigel Seebeck.

### **MYSTERY TRIP – 19 - 21 March**

The 'mattress crawl' by Trevor and Mike having been completed, ten bodies with their packs arranged themselves as comfortably as possible in the van. The mystery trip was on its way to North Egmont. This area proved to be popular with large groups from Auckland and Tararua tramping clubs arriving throughout the early hours of Saturday morning.

Saturday presented fine weather and a cloud free Mount Egmont. Trevor and me set off with Malcolm Fisher and crew (Auckland Tramping Club) to do a fit high level round the mountain trip. The remaining eight headed up the Razorback to Tahurangi Lodge where we deposited our packs before heading up to the summit. Following a well trodden path up North Ridge and the Lizard good views of the surrounding country and Ruapehu added to our enjoyment. After lunch a cold wind and cloud on the summit had us eager to retreat but not before a few enjoyed slides on the bit of snow in the crater. A night of luxury was spent in the comforts of Tahurangi Lodge. After a doubtful start the weather on Sunday was again fine and clear as we headed around to Holly Hut and Bells Falls. Heat drove four bodies to refresh themselves in the cool waters at the falls. A quick lunch at the hut we returned to the van at the car park. A weekend enjoyed thanks to the weather and company of; Andrea Forster, Michelle Hobday, Nanette and Peter Clough, Colin Hoare, Doug Strachan, John Barnes, Trevor Bissell, Mike Freeman, Damienne Eder.

### **F.M.C. Regional Seminar 26 – 27 March**

This seminar was held in Hawera in the Mount Egmont Alpine Club rooms. It was designed to give representatives from mountain clubs in the Taranaki/Wanganui region a chance to hear more about F.M.C. and its role. It gave the opportunity for F.M.C. executive members to gauge the general feeling of its member clubs on a variety of issues including National Parks and Reserves/Wanganui National Park proposal, Egmont National Park, Walkways, Wilderness and Rivers, Skiing, Mountain Safety, Search and Rescue and Recreational Perspectives. Each topic was initiated through a brief panel discussion and then thrown open for general debate.

Representing P.N.T.M.C. were Catherine Farquhar and John Barkla.

### **MOUNTIAN FIRST AID COURSE 26 – 27 March**

Four Palmerstonians ventured south in search of the Kiss of Life. Mike Freeman, Jean Grierson, Sharon Patterson and Linda Russ joined the W.A.M.C. Mountain First Aid held at the Anikitarawa Camp north of Upper Hutt.

The first day consisted of lectures on basic first aid applied in tramping and climbing situations. We also constructed a 'Tararua stretcher' and carried (dragged) it through some dense hilly bush. The evening session involved films and slides that vividly illustrated what to expect in real accident situations.

The second day (after early morning jogging) concentrated mainly on coping with staged accidents in various tramping situations. These exercises brought together all we had learnt in the previous sessions. It was extremely useful and instructive to try and put all the theory swiftly into action.

I'd thoroughly recommend the course to anyone involved in tramping and climbing. (There will be another course in March 1984.)

M.C.F.

## PALMERSTON NORTH TRAMPING AND MOUNTAINEERING CLUB INC.)

### LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

I have much pleasure in presenting the seventeenth Annual Report of the Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club.

During the year membership increased from 75 to 84. This figure, though seemingly small, represents a large number of new and intending members - a healthy sign of growth.

It has been an active year tramping wise, with trips of some kind being carried out every weekend. These trips may have been either Club organised or an informal nature, done either close to home, that is Tararuas, Ruahines or further a field to the likes of Whanganui Bay and Lake Waikaremoana. Long weekends travelled further away to Nelson Lakes and the Kaikouras and Mt Cook. The Christmas period saw many members head 'South', doing their various activities at Northwest Nelson, West Coast and Mt Cook regions. Some even went further south.

There were also organised the always well attended Rockclimbing, Snowcraft and Bushcraft courses, though at times the weather could have been kinder. It has been our tradition for the more experienced people in our Club to pass on their knowledge to those of less experience, but very keen on gaining knowledge to enable their development to hard things. At times though, it may be more appropriate to call in outsiders, even professional tutors, to bring even the experienced up to date. It was pleasing therefore to see that the Federated Mountain Clubs and Mountain Safety Council supported mountain courses were well supported by our Club. Hopefully the lessons from these will filter back to club level.

Members have also participated in activities during the year and by so doing have expanded the general Club bases. These include cycling, canoeing and orienteering.

Social activities were also well supported though we lost the debate against Massey University Alpine Club, the title being "There is no comfort in the hills". We were able to pull off a win against both Massey Alpine Club and Manawatu Tramping and Ski Club in the quiz. A very successful dinner was held at the Chalet and the almost equally well attended Grande Dinner at Rangī, perhaps this time the last at the old hut? Congratulations to those that organised and participated in these activities; they all have played their part to keep interest high.

We were all deeply shocked by the death of Carol Cullen on Egmont earlier in the year. Such things happen no matter how much we try to guard against them.

It was a quiet year for the committee but without such an efficient team this could have been a different story. Kathy Crow in the last few years has tirelessly worked at organising the dispatching of the newsletter; she has quietly introduced new members to the workings of the Club and kept the membership listings up to date. I am sure that more goes on behind the scenes than she lets on.

Whilst acknowledging people, Catherine Farquhar deserves mention. Many hours have been spent by her writing letters and minutes to meetings held.

As all the members of the committee have performed well over the year in their various jobs they all deserve a mention.

Terry Crippen	Vice President and SAR
Catherine Farquhar	Secretary and Editor for part of the year
Don French	Treasurer/Social/SAR
Philip Budding	Gear Custodian
Kathy Crow	Membership/Newsletter distribution/SAR
Mike Freeman	Trip Convenor
Barry Scott	Library
Lorrain Tremaine	Conservation/Newsletter Editor
Peter Wiles	Newsletter Printer
Lawson Pither	Patron/Auditor

I would like to thank the Society of Friends for the continued use of this hall and to everyone that participated in the last years' activities all the best for the coming tramping year.

Peter Darragh  
PRESIDENT.