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Upcoming club nights

club nights: 7.30pm, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month, at the Manawatu Aero Club rooms, Airport Drive.

6th September – Search and Rescue

Jean Garman will be speaking to us on search and rescue from how an operation is run to what it takes to be involved and what you can do to help yourself out in the hills. Be sure to come to this club night if you're thinking about becoming involved.



20th September – Croatia and Slovakia

Club president **Christine Scott** will be speaking to us on her recent trip to this part of Europe. A wedding in Slovakia, Budapest, a week sailing round the islands off the Dalmatian coast of Croatia. What a way to spend 3 weeks of a NZ winter!



4th October – Wine and Cheese at Mountain Equipment

This club night will be at Mountain Equipment on Ferguson Street. Dave Grant or others will no doubt be there to talk and show off some of the latest equipment and clothing. Come along and splash out of some gear or write up that Christmas wishlist.



Competitions...

19th September (7pm) Interclub Photo Comp hosted by MUAC

The winners of our photo comp are being entered. Come see the best photos from the three clubs. To be held in AH1, AgHort Lecture Theatre, Massey University.

29th September (7.30pm) Interclub Quiz hosted by PNTMC

Time to test each clubs tramping general knowledge about. Come support the club, PNTMC clubrooms, 227 College Street, PN.

Spring in the step...

I don't want to jump the gun here but the recent sunshine and warmth has me unpacking the spring/summer wardrobe. One has to remember that there is still a lot of snow and a lot of trips to the ski fields, have fun while it lasts!

The recent club photo competition turned up some great entries. I'd appreciate some of your photos for the newsletter. Slim pickings this month so I resorted a recent one of mine taken from Turoa (left).

Wei-Hang Chua (Newsletter Ed.)
morepork@ihug.co.nz

Where we've been...



Club notices



President's Report

by Christine Scott

While visiting Croatia recently I visited a couple of their National Parks. One of these was Plitvica National Park which is on the World Heritage List. It was quite small in area compared to our National Parks but there were 8600 visitors on the day we were there!! The park used boats and buses to get visitors around the park and I thought if we went to the farthest corner we might be able to get away from people – but no such luck. It was interesting to see how they managed such huge numbers of people.

We don't know how lucky we are here in New Zealand!!

Christine Scott
Phone (06) 354-0510
or email: C.A.Scott@massey.ac.nz

Chief Guide's Report

by Dave Mitchell

From next month the club will have a new chief guide, Tony Evans has very kindly agreed to step into the role. As I am going to Scott base for the whole year it was necessary to find a replacement. The good news is the trip card meeting date is organized for September, so the planning for the next six months is in hand. So I hope to be back in 12 months and get into some tramping again

Trip Card Meeting

Would you like to see a certain trip on the next trip card or do you feel up to leading a trip? These are things you can come and discuss with other club members over a meal and refreshments at the next trip card meeting. This will be at the Rose and Crown (Terrace End) on Wednesday the 14th of September. Come at 6.30 p.m. for a meal with the meeting starting at 7.30 p.m. People can email suggestions to Tony Evans prior to this meeting (tevanospn@hotmail.com).

New Club Members

The club welcomes the following new members:
Rhian and Benjamin Evans (Havelock North)
David & Janine Bell & Family (Tauranga)
Ron Clow & Kathy Gillies (PN)
Steven Elms (Pahiatua)
Alan & Lindsey Hackney & Family (Havelock North)

Nigel Jollands & Veronica Lysaght & Family (PN)
Eric Liu & Sandy Huang (PN)
Simone Rowe (PN)
Kevin & Donna Skoropada & Family (Havelock North)
Dan Swale (Pahiatua)

Interclub Quiz

Contributed by Howard Nicholson

This year, the usually-annual Interclub Quiz is being hosted by Palmerston North Tramping and Mountaineering Club at the Society of Friends Hall, College Street, on Thursday 29 September. MUAC, PNTMC, Mountain Equipment and MTSC vigorously compete for the Trevor Bissell Memorial Trophy, and the best team usually wins. I suspect that we have won it the most (no bias here, my friends...). We will be getting a team together soon, so if you are interested in taking part then please let Howard (Secretary) know. We will also need a support crew on the night, so mark the date on your calendars now.

Photo Competition 2005

Contributed by Howard Nicholson

The annual MTSC photo competition was held on 16 August. We had an excellent number of entries this year. Have a look at the prize list below, and you will see that it is worthwhile taking a few pictures while you are out on your adventures. The best three pictures in each category, as judged by those present at the club night, will also be entered into the Interclub competition in September (date to be finalised by MUAC).

Alpine

- 1st Jean Garman – McKinnon Hut, Ruahines
- 2nd Ken Mercer – Misty Mountains

Scenic

- 1st - Jean Garman – Mt Arthur Range, Kahurangi
- 2nd - Tim Swale – Sign near Mt. Holdsworth
Tim Swale – Tongariro Crossing (2nd equal)

Natural History

- 1st Jean Garman - Whanganui Ferns and Sky
- 2nd Jean Garman – Spider

Topical

- 1st Howard Nicholson - Ice-rimed Syme Hut
- 2nd Peter Rawlins – Marty on Ngauruhoe

Overseas

- 1st Lynda Hunt
Canadian ski touring.
- 2nd Tim Swale
Thailand paddy field.

Prints

1st Chris Mercer
Tongariro

Overall Winner

Jean Garman
McKinnon Hut, Ruahines

A big thank you must go to the companies that provided some awesome prizes for the competition:



Fairlydown, for providing a Phantom parka (awarded to Jean Garman as overall winner).



Mountain Equipment, for providing a classic walks book and other prizes



Marmot, for LED Lenser torches
Thanks also to Kate Pringle for sweet-talking the account managers and arranging the prizes. The support of these companies is greatly appreciated – feel free to give them your support also.

Ruapehu Lodge Lockers

Contributed by Chris White
After an inspection of the lockers at the Ruapehu Lodge, it appears as though 23 are in use, however only 9 have been paid for. There are 3 people who would like a locker, so the committee have asked me to remove the contents of the lockers that have not been paid for, bag them up and store them in the basement of the Lodge. If you have a locker, and have not paid for it with this year's subs, please contact the Membership Secretary (Mark Street) ASAP (mtsc@inspire.net.nz).

1080 Poison Drop

Contributed by Jean Garman
There will be a 1080 drop over an

11000ha area covering parts of the Tauherenikau and Waiohine Valleys (east of Carterton). The cereal baits are 3cm long, cylinder shaped and dyed green. They will be laid during the first favourable weather period between 1 July 2005 and 9 December 2005. Contact for more information: DoC Wairarapa Area Office, PO Box 191, Masterton. Phone (06) 377 0700.

**Upcoming trips****TRIP GRADING**

The times listed below include tramping, rest and meal stops. In assessing the trip times and grades, terrain, weather and party fitness (a party is as fast as its slowest member) must be considered. As these factors will never repeat themselves, times are only estimates. *Contact the trip leader if you are unsure about trip gradings for a specific trip.*

ALL: All welcome

EASY: 4 hours per day, pace slower than E/M. Does not relate to terrain.

EASY/MEDIUM: 5 hours per day at a pace slower than medium.

MEDIUM: 7 hours per day at a standard walking pace.

MEDIUM/FIT: 8 hours per day at a pace faster than medium.

FIT: Over 8 hours per day at a pace faster than medium/fit.

TECHNICAL: Qualifying requirements to be announced by Trip Organiser.

Thursday Day Trip

25 August Easy-Medium
Ken Rush 357-2529
Phone for more details.

Family Ski Weekend

26-28 August Family
Hilary Hurst 354-6380
If you want to know that your mates

will be there to ski and socialise with then this is the weekend for you. You do need to book so that we can be sure of space in the Lodge. And also let me know if you want to come up in the minibus.

This is a pretty relaxed weekend structurally – I am just there to coordinate transport and accommodation... You are welcome to bring your own car. We will be sharing the Lodge with Howard's advanced snowcraft course. If you could book by phoning Hilary 06 3546380 or preferably email me hilary_hurst@xtra.co.nz, then I can let you know who else is going. Spaces may be limited if there is heaps of snow so get in soon.

Alpine Instruction Course III

26-28 August Technical
Howard Nicholson 357-6325
Email: hnicholson@xtra.co.nz

Here is your chance to use all of the skills learnt during previous alpine instruction courses. There will be an emphasis on the basic mountaineering aspects of snowcraft, with plenty of belaying practice as we climb some higher-angled slopes. Some previous snow experience, such as previous AIC courses, is required.

All AIC III participants will be automatically booked on the avalanche awareness course. We will be travelling to our Lodge on Friday night, to allow a full day in the snow on Saturday. Please contact me by Tuesday 23 August to allow time for gear to be organized.

Avalanche Awareness Course

27-28 August Technical
Howard Nicholson 357-6325
Email: hnicholson@xtra.co.nz

MTSC has arranged an avalanche awareness course during the weekend of 27-28 August 2005. The course, to be based at our Lodge at Iwikau, will involve an evening pre-course seminar on Saturday evening, followed by a day on the slopes on Sunday. We have engaged a professional instructor and course fees will be covered by the MTSC training and development fund. Participants will need to be at

the Lodge on Saturday night, and will pay for their own accommodation and transport.

This course is open to all club members, including skiers, trampers and climbers. You will need to be confident about travelling on snow, whether by ski or on foot, as we will be moving around the skifield as we hunt down suitable slopes to analyze. Anyone who skis "off piste" (away from the patrolled skifield), ventures into the mountains in Winter, or intends to do any trans-alpine tramping will benefit from this course. This course is an integral part of our AIC III trip.

Please contact me as soon as possible, so that Lodge bookings can be confirmed.

Pourangaki Hut

**27-28 August Medium/Fit
Garry Grayson 353-3117**

We drive to Mangakukeke Road end (off Kawhatau Road) on Saturday Morning. The route on the first day is up past Purity Hut to Wooden Peg, Iron Peg then turn south-east along the ridge where, with a bit of luck, we may stumble across the top end of the track leading south-west down to Pourangaki Hut for the night.

Sunday gives us two options, one will involve wet shorts (or more!!) i.e. down river route to Kelly Knight, or alternatively, take the track on up to Pourangaki Peak 1539 and loop back down to Kelly Knight Hut. From here it's a hop, skip and a jump back to the car via the farmland poled route (if we're allowed to use it!).

Herepai Hut

**28 August Easy/Medium
John Stantiall 354-5521**

This is an enjoyable walk, following the Mangatainoka River, before a short climb up to the ridge line and along to the hut. Lunch at the hut, then return via the same route. An easy-medium trip and suitable for beginners (though you still need suitable footwear and wet weather gear). Meet at the main Police Station in Church Street at 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday Day Trip

**31 August Easy
Margaret Foot 357-8003**

Phone for more details.

Thursday Day Trip

**1 Sept Easy-Medium
Ray Pratt 328-7884**

Phone for more details.

Kawekas

**3-4 Sept Medium
Dave Mitchell 355-1798**

Unfortunately I won't be able to lead this now. If there are a few people out there that are keen to go in that area my intention had been to go in from the Kuripapango road end which is off the Napier/Taihape road. There are several huts that could be visited in a weekend.

Mikimiki Tramway

**4 Sept Easy/Medium
David Newstead 025 576-175**

Proposed departure PN Police Station, 7:30 a.m. I've not actually been there so I may be somewhat inaccurate in my estimates, taken from casual accounts, and the map. If so, someone please straighten me out. I'll be well informed on the day!).

We will be heading for Mikimiki Road, half way between Mt Bruce and Masterton. The Mikimiki Tramway runs along the eastern foot of Blue Range to Kiriwhakapapa. We walk that way because there is a shelter at Kiriwhakapapa, for lunch if the weather is not so good. There is nothing at the Mikimiki Road end. It is about 7 km each way on the map, with not too much climbing (it's a tramway route). I would estimate about two and a half to three hours each way, depending on how we feel. And depending on the lunch stop, this should bring us home to PN by about 5:30 p.m.

Mid Week Ski

**5-7 Sept Easy/Medium
Christine Scott 354-0510**

Phone for details.

Thursday Day Trip

**8 Sept Easy-Medium
Keith Fisher 357-1724**

Phone for details.

Totara-Sayers Loop

**10-11 Sept Medium/Adventure
Adam Matich 359-2796**

This trip starts at the Mangatarere Valley Road which is the next one south of the Holdsworth road end. The intention is to climb up the spur as if heading to Sayers Hut, but slightly before reaching the ridge-top we will veer north, on an old track system, to bump 768 and then north-west down a spur to the confluence of Totara Creek and the Waiohine River. This track is no longer maintained by DoC but appears to receive attention from other quarters. From the confluence we will make our way to Totara Flats hut for the night. Next day we make our way back to Mangatarere Valley Road via Sayers Hut. If the river is low we will cross by the hut, otherwise we will cross at the bridge and bash our way down river to Sayers as best we can.

Skiing at the Lodge

**10-11 Sept Easy/Medium
Hugh & Liz Wilde 356-9450**

There are still a few places left at the lodge this weekend so come along and ensure that the bunks are full. As winter is over the days are longer and of course the weather should be good! Come and sample some spring skiing.

Makairo Track

**11 Sept Easy
Jan & Allan Watts 357-6848**

Please note that the destination differs from that listed in the trip card. The Makairo Track follows an abandoned road crossing the Waewaepa Range between Coonor and Makairo. This road was officially closed about 1975 because of a collapsed bridge, and lack of maintenance has now reduced the route to a walking track only. This is a winding track, easy in gradient and suitable for children. It is generally dry underfoot, but can have wet patches after rain. We will walk for approximately two hours to the saddle at the summit of the range (the fit and more determined can clamber up to the trig if they wish), have lunch in a sheltered possie, and then return downhill to the road end. We will leave the Police



Above: Hugh Nicholson and Eve Athersuch show their style in the Rockgarden during the recent Family Ski Weekend (Photo: Howard Nicholson).

Station at 9:00 a.m. Cost for those needing transport will be in the vicinity of \$10.00.

Wednesday Day Trip

14 Sept **Easy**
Rosemary Hall **356-8538**
 Phone for details.

Thursday Day Trip

15 Sept **Easy-Medium**
Tony Evans **357-4355**
 Destination Bruce Hill on the Blue Range and not to be confused with Bruces Hill or Mt Bruce access is from the Mikimiki Road end.

Big Hill Station

Sept 17-18 **Medium**
Gary Bevins **325-8879**
 Not having much luck getting to this destination. DoC have closed this area until the end of October. I am considering the alternative of Shutes Hut via Comet Hut.

Family Ski Weekend

17-18 Sept **Family**
Phil Etheridge **355-4845**
 We'll make our way up to the lodge on Friday night, optimistically for an early start on Saturday, when the lifts open. On Friday night we'll form a few groups of interest for the day's activities. Let's do the appropriate snow dances and other rituals

to bring on more snow before then so we can ski back to the lodge at the end of the days. Please book with me or the lodge booking officer (Liz Wilde at 356-9450).

Mangahuia Loop

18 Sept **Medium**
Mark Street **353-7442**
 This trip starts from Renfrew Road (the Rangi carpark) on the western side of the Ruahines. The intention is to climb up to Mangahuia peak via the very pleasant Dead Mans Track. After lunch up on the tussock (or snow) tops we descend to Rangiwahia Hut and then out to the carpark via the Rangi. Track. Departure time from P.N. Police Station: 7:00 a.m. Tramping time: 7h approx. Cost: \$12 (assuming car transport).

Thursday Day Trip

22 Sept **Easy-Medium**
Graham Pritchard **357-1393**
 Phone for details.

McKinnon Hut

24-25 Sept **Medium**
Jenny McCarthy **06 376-8838**
 I am going up to McKinnon Hut to find some snow. You will need to have done Basic Snow craft. We will be heading up on the Saturday morning. This trip will be cancelled

if the weather is not looking good as the track up to McKinnon is very exposed.

Skiing at the Lodge

24-25 Sept **Easy/Medium**
Chris White **359-2232**

Come and join us for a family weekend of skiing, sliding or snowball fights. It's the fireworks weekend as well, so ski all day, early tea, then a leisurely walk off to a great vantage point as a group to enjoy the fireworks. Book through Liz and Hugh (but let me know as well).

Mangaweka Trig

25 Sept **Medium**
Neville Gray **357-2768**
 Phone for details.

Wednesday Day Trip

28 Sept **Easy**
Rose Strahan **328-9861**
 Phone for details.

Thursday Day Trip

29 Sept **Easy-Medium**
Neville Gray **357-2768**
 Phone for details.



Editor's Note:

Janet Allan is my copy procurer. If you have led, or are scheduled to lead a trip, Janet may phone to remind you to send in a preview or report. Don't give her any lip!

Totara Flats Hut

16-17 July
 by John Beech
 With average weather five of us departed the Holdsworth road end for Totara Flats. A pleasant walk up to the Mountain House turn off and

an easy stroll down to the creek and along to the Waiohine. No dramas crossing the bridge as there was no wind.

We arrived at the hut about 2.30 p.m. to find it unoccupied, for now, and settled in. As the afternoon progressed a couple more parties arrived and Bev, Gary and canine friends appeared after their late start from Palmy. A search was made for firewood as there was only a small pile by the fireplace. There was plenty of cut scrub down the bank and it seems that these days with the popular huts no body bothers to replace firewood used. Other members from other parties made a start on getting the fire going and eventually the hut warmed up nicely. All in all a pleasant evening with a full hut of friendly trampers.

Next day saw us away at a reasonable hour for a pleasant return journey arriving back at the road end just after lunch. Weather for the weekend proved to be average with drizzle mostly and no views of the tops.

Our group consisted of John and Mike, Bev and Gary, Dave, Tony and Emma.

Mountain House – Powell Hut 20th July (Wed)

Leader: Rosemary Hall
(11 trampers)

Field Hut – Table Top 21th July (Thu)

Leader: Carolyn Brodie
(6 trampers)

Mount Bruce 28th July (Thu)

by Ann Green
(10 trampers)

Ten trampers walked across the Bruce Hill, there and back. The Thursday Trampers sponsor a hectare of pest control so we were very pleased to both hear and see a kokako.

Family Ski Weekend 30-31st July

by Ken Mercer

No one in the right mind would

head up to the lodge for a weekend with only 104cm of snow base, rain over the previous few days, and dark clouds in the website forecast for both days. Some members thought Turoa would have better prospects so headed there for Saturday. But I'd put my name down to lead the "Family Ski Weekend" and couldn't really escape. Oh well, at least we could sit in pleasant surroundings and "enjoy" the weather...

So we headed up through rain in Taihape and Waiouru but found National Park Clear. The walk in was really pleasant with heaps of stars and no wind. Somehow we met up with the Lee family and, despite our disorganized start, arrived first at the lodge. The others soon arrived and the atmosphere warmed up.

Unbelievably, Saturday morning was clear and fine. For the first time ever there were no queues at the rock garden chairlift so Mary and I had several runs to warm up – skiing straight onto the chair each time.

Further up the mountain the Waterfall, Valley, and Knoll Ridge T-bars were running. The queues were bearable and the weather superb. Despite the lack of snow only a few rocks were becoming visible and they were avoidable. The snow itself

was crisp away from the sun but nowhere was it really hard.

The peaks looked inviting and a few souls were in fact trekking to the top. Even with the glorious skiing I was tempted to follow them although some company would be appreciated. Surely some of the Turoa contingent would "skin over" and ski down? A text message returned the sad news that, over there, it really was bullet proof off-piste. I didn't mind as the runs under the Pinnacles were opened and there was a "half-pipe" gully to play in.

Back at the lodge everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves at different parts of the field and a pleasant evening was had by all. Overnight the weather closed in bringing one of those dramatic changes that we only see at altitude – we woke to a white world with several inches of snow. It was still snowing with poor visibility. Rob and Kate were delighted as they were staying for several more days but, after a leisurely start, we had a short ski and headed back home.

Waitewaewae Hut

30-31st July

by Tony Evans

Not quite enough starters to take the club van so a fully laden station



Above: No it isn't an alpine hut. Cape Bird Hut down on Ross Island in Antarctica. That is ice on the sea in the background. (Photo: Wei-Hang Chua).

wagon of trampers travelled to Otaki Forks on a damp winters morning. We headed over the first swing bridge about 10 a.m., across the flat and over the swing bridge over the Otaki River, the track now climbs around a recent slip shortly before reaching the old log hauler where we stopped for our first break. A good day for walking with no rain or wind but also no sun and wet underfoot, we criss-crossed Saddle Creek as we made our way up to the Waitewaewae Plateau, another break just before heading downhill to Arapito Creek. The decision to take the overland route instead of the more direct route which crosses the river twice was very easy in spite of water levels being quite low.

The hut was a welcome sight at about 3 p.m., good timing as the rain started just after we arrived. A clean-up was needed before the fire was lit and we relaxed for a while before a large meal and a bottle of wine - and yes the empty bottle was carried out which is more than previous occupants had done, it was disappointing to see so much rubbish and old food left about the hut.

Lots of rain during the night and the showers continued during the day. After a good breakfast we headed out at 8 a.m., water levels were up but not enough to cause problems, with a break at the campsite and another on the tramway on the home side of the slip we were back at the road-end by 1 p.m.

An ice-cream in Otaki rounded off a good weekend for Judy Callesen, Emma Callesen, Gary Grayson, John Beech and Tony Evans.

Cone Hut

31st July

by Mark Street

Cancelled

Karere Road Lagoons and river walk

3rd August (Wed)

Leader: Judy Callesen

(24 trampers)

Twenty four walkers taking 3 hr to walk about 10 km. A lovely sunny day.

New Roaring Stag Hut

4th August (Thu)

by Stewart Malcolm

(13 trampers)

'Picked' a beautiful fine, still day for this trip! Had lunch at the new hut which is a vast improvement on the old one - well worth a visit or an overnight trip .

Sayer Hut Loop Trip

7th August

by Glenn Pendergrast

The revised-route Sayer Hut loop trip left the Mangatarere road-end just before 9.00am and headed up the spur. Near the top, the turn-off to Totara Creek junction was noted but we carried on for a few minutes looking for a nicer sort of track. However going South instead of

the required North seemed a bad idea so we returned and left behind the world of orange triangles to strike off into the unknown. The "unknown" turned out to be an easy ridge top well marked with pink tape, white Venetian-blind strips, rusty can lids, blazes, and orange paint. The turn-off to our spur down was indicated by a very large Venetian-blind arrow which was totally impossible to miss, except by Scottie who continued sniffing his way along the ridge in the general direction of Mountain House. Once the party was reunited we headed down, though somewhat slowly since Dave was determined to move every wind-fall branch off the track, at least all the ones smaller than a Volkswagen, and there were lots.

At the Totara Creek junction we crossed the bridge for a look at the new Totara Flats hut. After a snack we crossed back to the Waiohine true left and then carried on down to Sayer Hut. Following lunch on the veranda we trudged up to the ridge again, into increasing rain and cold, to complete the loop. Back at the car the rain held off just long enough for us to change into dry clothes for the trip home. Altogether it was an enjoyably interesting trip.

We were Glenn Pendergrast and Dave Allan.

Atiwhakatu Swingbridge

11th August (Thu)

Leader: Ivan Alve

(11 trampers)

Palmy Walkways

14th August

by Ade Beech

We left the Te Matai Road end at 10:00 a.m. to head off along beside the Manawatu River to our much looked forward to destination "The Esplanade Cafe". We just managed to dodge the rain as we stepped inside the door. Great food, great company, great Walk. We arrived back at the car park at 1:15 p.m.

We were Jill, Helen, Carol and Ade.

Mitre Flats Overnighter

20-21 August

by Dave Allan

Ingredients: Good weather, good company, good café stop before starting, dry track, very nice new bridge, clean hut, good food, good nights' sleep, next day good weather again, great views of Mitre Peak over shoulder on way back to track end, good change of clothes at end, another good café stop in Masterton.

Question: Why don't more MTSC members do this more often?

We were: Bev, Gary and Gemma, Judy, Donna, and Dave.

Club Information

Annual Hut Passes

Support our club huts in the Tararuas. Buy your Annual Hut Pass through DoC Waikanae. Full price \$90, with FMC card discount \$63. Jean Garman will provide you with a form to fill in which will be sent off with your cheque and your FMC card (if you have one) to DoC Waikanae who will post your Annual Hut Pass back to you. Please note that MTSC family memberships only pay one FMC sub so only one FMC card (and therefore discount) is available per family.

Email: jean.garman@fonterra.com or phone (06) 354-3536.

For Sale

Howard's Bargain Basement

DOC hut tickets – discount rates to members. Phone Howard on 357-6325.

Accommodation at the MTSC lodge on Mt Ruapehu

The lodge is reasonably close to Iwikau Village, has power, hot showers, and is stocked with food. The phone number there is (07) 892 3860.



Photo: Anja Feise

Lodge bookings may be made between 9:30am and 9:30pm on any day of the week. Please don't call outside these hours. Note that bookings are not confirmed until the fees are paid. Payment is in advance by cheque or cash.

	Members	Non-members
Adult	\$21	\$33
Sec. School	\$18	\$30
Primary School	\$15	\$26
Group Prices	on application	on application

Booking and use of the MTSC Transit Van

The normal run-of-the-mill things you need to do if using the Transit Van are:

1. Book preferably by Thursday, and certainly no later than 6pm Friday.
2. Cancel bookings by these times so others who may want the van have time to amend their travel arrangements.
3. Check oil, water, and tyres.
4. Fill in the travel sheet (kilometres, people, and dollars).



Trip leaders and those planning trips should seriously consider using this cost effective club asset. Neville Gray is our minibus custodian, and he can be contacted at 357-2768.

Club equipment

We have packs, 2 and 3 person tents, fly-sheets, snow mats, sleeping bag cover, gas cookers, size 8 and 9 boots, billies, two new bivvy bags and two of the big tent flies. Ice axes, crampons, and helmets are also available. Food Dehydrator: ideal for drying large and small quantities of fruit, vegetables, and meat for tramping rips. Easy to use, works well, and is available for hire from the Gear Custodian. Hire cost for members, \$1 per day. Contact the Gear Custodian – Peter Rawlins on 356 7443.

People to contact

If you would like to contact the club with general inquiries, please drop a line to Manawatu Tramping & Skiing Club, P.O. Box 245, Palmerston North and it will reach the appropriate person. If you want a particular topic discussed at the Committee meetings, this is a good way to go about it.

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