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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 June – Victoria Range

In March Jean Garman and Ivan Rienks visited the Victoria Forest Park which is located inland from the Paparoas on the West Coast of the South Island. Despite its size it has limited tracks and huts but lovely open bush, fabulous tops, rampant bird life, sites of historical interest and wasps. A neat place to visit come along and be inspired to plan your next South Island trip there. Photo credit: [www.niwascience.co.nz](http://www.niwascience.co.nz).



### 20th June – Winter Sports

Are you looking for some excitement during the winter months? This club night will see our ski captain Ken Mercer running over your options for skiing this winter. If you're after something a little different, Peter Rawlins will be talking about ski touring. There will also be a slideshow from Howard Nicholson where you'll have the opportunity to check out the range of winter courses you can take and other climbing and camping activities. Not a night to miss!



### 4th July – Tales of Patagonia

Tony Gates will be speaking to us about a recent journey to Patagonia. He visited Bariloche, then El Calafate, where the giant Glaciar Perito Moreno is located. Tony's presentation features tales of trekking in the Andes of Patagonia, with an interest in the flora and fauna. Like the New Zealand wilderness, there are forests of *Nothofagus*, with flowers like *Senecio*, *Rannunculus*, and *Ourisia*. Image: Tony Gates at Cerro Torre, Parque Nacional Los Glaciares.

## Where we've been...



Above: Trampers making their way across a bridge on the Irongates Trip a few weekends back. Photo by Tim Swale.

## Winter is upon us

Not as if anyone hadn't noticed, but the weather over the last few weeks is a timely reminder that it can get pretty cold and soggy around here. Wrap up warm in those hills and if travelling on the club van remember to take that fly out with you even on short trips.

Winter is a great time of the year to expand your repertoire of outdoor activities! Come along to the club night on the 4th of July to hear about what you can get into!

Wei-Hang Chua (Newsletter Ed.)  
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# Club notices

## President's Report by Howard Nicholson

Another AGM has been and gone, and I look forward to building on the good work completed by the outgoing committee under Christine Scott's leadership, and the appointees, trip leaders and participants, over the past year. I am pleased to see that the incoming committee is so enthusiastic about what lies ahead. A couple of items for consideration, highlighted at the AGM, include:

### Lodge insurance

Should we insure for indemnity value (the "value" of the building) or for replacement value (the cost of rebuilding a new lodge), the latter being roughly twice the value of the former? Ruapehu Mountain Clubs Assn. (RMCA), of which we are a member, are proposing to provide lodge insurance services for all of the lodges at Iwikau. The committee will consider whether we should stay with our current insurer (AMP) or join the new scheme.

### Minibus

Another project worth considering in the coming months is whether or not we should replace our Minibus. It is now 11 years old (we have had it for 9 years) and the minibus has been a reliable and frequently-used asset for the club, providing cost-effective transport for many tramping and skiing trips, and a few mountain-biking and kayaking jaunts as well.

Expect to hear more later in the year. Your views and opinions are welcomed, so feel free to contact the committee for further information or to give your point of view.

The MTSC committee for 2006/2007 is listed on the back page of the newsletter.

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## Chief Guide's Report

by Tony Evans

In the last seven days I have been to a family re-union, worked two jobs, been re-elected as Chief Guide and had only half enough sleep. Life is busy but not too busy for tramping, as I write this it is Friday night and the weekend will be spent away from it all in the Ruahines.

My apologies for such a short report but there is still a pack to organise and the hills are calling me!

## New Club Members

The club welcomes the following new members:

Roger & Anna Dixon & Family  
(Tauranga)

Mike & Pippa Rockell & Family (PN)

*Mike & Pippa were members a few years back.*

Brian & Liz Wakelam (Feilding)



## Immediate Past Ski

### Captain's Report

by Peter Rawlins

Lynda and I have been jointly acting in the ski captains position for the last three years. We have thoroughly enjoyed this role as it has given us an excellent opportunity to get to know the many people who frequent the lodge. We always find the lodge a great place to go to, both in the summer, and especially the winter. Even if you don't ski or board it is a great place to go, read books, relax and generally just hang out. The lodge has a very family oriented culture and many people comment that this is its major appeal.

In an effort to try and streamline the booking procedures we are trialing a new system. If you see a ski trip on the trip card you would like to go on, or would like to book in for a weekend, then let Liz and Hugh know so they can book you in. If it is a specialist trip, such as an alpine instruction trip that might require specialist equipment then let the trip leader know as well so they can make any necessary arrangements. If you are a trip leader and you have people ring you up, please let Liz and Hugh know so they can keep an accurate record. Also, check with them on Thursday night to get final numbers.

You may have noticed that petrol has gone up a bit lately. The official cost of a trip to the mountain has





**Above:** Tim Brown and Greer Robertson-Brown were in Torino to take part in the Olympic Flame relay. The whole run was from Dec 8 to Feb 10 and there were 10,001 runners over 11,000 kms. There were 12,000 torches of which we each got to keep one - it was the "journey of the Olympic Flame" not the torch. We ran between Venice and Trieste on 18 Jan 2006. 175 runners that day - temperature minus 2-4°C. A bit fresh! Great experience. You can see from the photo I was 115. Among the runners were Franz Klammer and Alberto Tomba and many other greats. I was one of five kiwis - the only skier. A proud moment. (Photo supplied by: Tim Brown).

been \$30 for as long as I can remember. The environment can also be very harsh on peoples private cars and often requires specialist equipment such as chains, ski racks or 4WD. To reflect changes in the realistic running costs of vehicles, the committee has decided to increase the cost of a trip to the mountain in a private car to \$40. The good news is that a trip to the mountain in the minibus will remain at \$30.

To try and reduce the costs of a weekend's skiing it would be great to try a bit of car-pooling going. Lynda and I go up most weekends and always have two spare seats and I know there are others who have room. If you can take extra people up then let Liz know when you book. If you need a ride then check who else is going when you book and give them a ring.

## Ski Stuff (Ski Captain's Report)

by Ken Mercer

Over the last couple of years I've

done my best recording the snow levels on the mountain and this graph is the result. 2004 started a bit late but there were very good levels through until October. In 2005 the rocks were coming through in early September then a large dump extended the season. The general pattern is an increase as a storm cycle comes over, followed by leveling off or a slow decline with warmer weather.

As of now there is just over half a meter on the upper mountain - here's hoping it doesn't rain too much over the next month or two. Remember warm northerlies are bad, we want freezing cold southerlies!

If you're contemplating starting skiing - feel encouraged! It's not that expensive and you probably already have the warm gear, which is needed. Our family went quite a long way on second hand equipment and we still haven't bought new boots. Some would say it shows though!

One thing you can do when starting is to beg or borrow any old skis and boots, get out onto a grassy lawn, and walk around. In fact that is what much of a first lesson involves - shuffling forwards, stepping sideways and getting used to the idea that you have long feet. You'll certainly find it slippery on the white stuff but you'll be part way there. Enjoy!

## Skiing from Queenstown

Is anyone interested in up to 5-7 days skiing based from Frankton (Queenstown) in August? I have extra cheap accommodation in Frankton for up to 9 people (would have to include 2 couples as 2 beds are double beds!) and a car. Public transport is available from Frankton to Coronet, Remarkables and Cardrona.

Contact Christine - 354 0510.

## Gorge Track Sundays

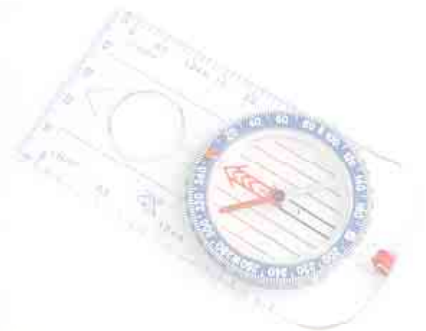
Just a reminder: there is a standing invitation to anyone who would like company walking the Gorge Track of a Sunday morning. I go more Sundays than I don't (anywhere between 7:30 (seldom) and 8:30 (more usual)), meet my wife, Leslie, at the Beyond-the-Bridge Cafe for morning tea (or lunch more often) and get a ride back through the gorge (or, very occasionally, walk back). So if you want to join me for a walk, and us for lunch, just give us a call. David Newstead (025) 576 175.

## Track Note

Contributed by Stuart Malcolm  
The access to the northern side of the Kapakapanui Loop has been altered sometime in the last 2 years or so because of land reverting to private property. Both northern and southern arms now commence their climb a few metres beyond the Dr. Langer memorial plaque.

## Errata

The elevation of at sea level of the Cone off Patersons Road in Rose Strahan's Wednesday Trampers trip report from March the 15th should have read 1157 m. Quite high for privately-owned hill, eh?



## 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.

### Mid-Ruahine Meander

**2-4 Jun**

**Tony Evans**

**Medium**

**357-4355**

From the Heritage Lodge car park take the popular day walk up to Tunupo, a little way north along the Ngamoko Range and down to Top Gorge Hut, then up to Longview Hut for the night.

Next morning across the Pohangina Saddle and along the ridge where the Ngamoko and Ruahine Ranges meet to the where the track leads down to Iron Gate Hut (a GPS will be carried). Then following the track and the Oroua up to Triangle Hut for the night.

And on the third day we head up the track on to the Whanahuia Range and ignoring Deadmans and the track down to Rangī Hut we head over Mangahuia and on south, as we drop off the end of the range we pick up the track down across the Oroua and onto the Iron Gate track and back to the car park.

Because we climb to 1500 metres each day and cross both the Pohangina and Oroua Rivers this trip needs good weather so plans may need to be changed to suit the conditions.

There are no long days planned and this is a good opportunity to walk some of the country we look over on our shorter walks from either side of the ranges.

### Mokai-Patea

**8 Jun**

**Tony Evans**

**Easy-Medium**

**357 4355**

From the carpark at the Mokai Road end a poled route crosses farmland and up onto the Mokai-Patea range,

## DoC Snippets



Department of Conservation  
Te Papa Atawhai

The slip on the Iron Gate track in the Oroua has given away and taken out the track. Pohangina staff have cleared a route around this slip to get the track open but further work is going to be needed here over the coming months.

Another slip on the track to Kelly Knight Hut in the Pourangaki has been repaired.

The cableway at Kawhatau has been repaired.

There are 3-4 helicopters operating at present recovering deer in the Ruahines and Tararuas as part of normal Wild Animal Recovery Concessions.

Work has begun on the new Purity Hut in the Ruahine Ranges. The old Purity Hut is closed while the new hut is constructed. If all goes according to plan, the new hut is expected to be open sometime in June or July.

Work to upgrade Pourangaki Swingbridge to commence May.

Goat hunting taking place by Contractors in the Southern Ruahines between 1/5/06 and 14/6/06. They are recovering all Judas collars, if hunters see a judas please let us know Ph. 06 3284732 work hours or 06 3551302 after hours.

*For further details contact:*

*Jo Greig (Community Relations Manager, Department of Conservation, Palmerston North Office. Email: [jgreig@doc.govt.nz](mailto:jgreig@doc.govt.nz)).*

along the top until we decide to stop for lunch and then return the way we came. Sorry dogs but you are not allowed to cross the farmland.

### **Kapakapanui**

**11 Jun Medium**  
**Hugh Wilde 356 9450**

Kapakapanui, the flat-topped hill east of Waikanae makes a good day trip to blow out the cobwebs before the ski season. It's about a five-hour round trip and we arrive on top at lunchtime for a nice view and a sit in the sun! Then return to the carpark via the hut. Let's make it a 7:30am start at the police station. (Note: see "Track Note" on page 3).

### **Lodge Food Carry/Midwinter Feast**

**24-25 Jun All Welcome**  
**Ken Mercer 356 7497**

This is an opportunity to celebrate the start of the real year – the ski season! It is also a chance for helpers, large and small, to contribute to running our club lodge. We'll drive up Friday night with a trailer load of frozen meat. Groceries will be delivered on Saturday and all need to be carried across to the lodge. For the carriers boots, packs, and possibly storm gear will be needed. Checkers and stackers are also needed in the lodge and there'll probably be a number of maintenance jobs for handy people too but the most important job is baking pinwheel scones for morning tea!

On Saturday night we'll celebrate midwinter in fine style. On Sunday some may go skiing while others can enjoy a local walk or simply relax. Those who take part in the food carry receive one nights accommodation free and there's also free transport in the minibus if you are one of the first twelve people who want to leave from Palmerston North. Be in quick as space is limited by the size of the lodge.

### **Te Mara Loop**

**9 Jul Medium**  
**Adam Matich 359 2796**

I am not entirely sure what I am going to do with this one. It can be taken as read that I want to head up to Te Mara Peak via the Blue Range

track, but from that point on there are a couple of choices for looping back. One option is to head South-East down the spur off Te Mara peak to hit the Mikimiki tramway at the saddle (2722960E, 6039890N) and then head back along the tramway to the Kiriwhakapapa road end. This may require navigation. The other option is to head South-West along Blue Range to Bruce Hill and head South-East down that spur (which has an old track) to end up at the foot bridge at the southern end of the Mikimiki Tramway and back along there to the road end. We will play it by ear I suppose.

### **Wharite**

**30 Jul Easy-Medium**  
**Tony Evans 357 4355**

From the Coppermine Road carpark we follow the track a short distance up the stream before taking the track to the left which follows a ridge all the way to the main divide, then left again along the top to the tower for lunch. Retracing our steps to the road end with maybe a detour to some of the old mining works on the way.

### **Waihohonu Hut**

**10-11 Jul Easy**  
**John Doolan**

Car park is off the Desert Road, flat 4x4 track to start and then gentle walk up a slight rise to the hut. No big climbs, ideal for younger children and newer members wanting a first overnight trip, about 2-3 hours to the hut.

Walks from the hut can be arranged for those wanting a little more puffing as there are the Tama Lakes to see. And you can see a spring coming straight out of the ground.

Contact me on 06 355 5495 during office hours, e mail me at john.doolan@inspire.net.nz, call me on 027 446 8740, but NOT on 06 355 2100

### **Mangatainoka Hot Springs**

**29-30 Jul Easy**  
**Tim Swale 06 376 6556**

This is an excellent winter walk that follows the Mohaka River to Te

Puia Lodge and then beyond to the thermal area at Mangatainoka hot springs. Assuming the ford north of Puketitiri is passable, the walk starts at the road end at Mangatutu Hot Springs. The intention is to then walk for a couple of hours to Te Puia Lodge, leave heavy overnight gear and take togs and torch another 45 minutes up to the hot springs. After a warming soak in the hot tubs, just the perfect antidote to a chilly evening, we will return to the hut for dinner. The next day we walk back downstream to Mangatutu Hot Springs where those keen can have another dip before starting the long drive home.



#### *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!*

### **Tararua Traverse**

**14-17th April**

Well, it wasn't a traverse as such, but it was a jolly nice walk. We started on Friday morning at the Mt Holdsworth road end, boogied up the hill to Powell hut and Mt Holdsworth, then dropped down the other side to spend the night in or around Mid-Waiohine hut.

On Saturday we waded through the river to the other side and went straight up it until we got to the main range. We wombled along there, stopping for a late lunch at Andersons hut, and continued on to Nichols hut. Contrary to popular belief, I do lead good weather trips and the views from the main range



were stunning.

Sunday dawned incredibly misty with no wind to blow it away. The hut contained 2 hunters who were waiting for a chopper to pick them up. We thought they had no chance as the visibility was a maximum of 10-20 metres. However the chopper didn't seem to mind the mist and just appeared out of nowhere much to my amazement.

We didn't have that luxury and headed down the hill towards the Park forks. We were heading for the old track that would allow us to climb up McGregor so part way down the hill, turned right at the track junction and navigated our way down the ridge. The climb out of the river onto the true left proved to be a bit "interesting" as the terrain got a bit vertical around there. Well, quite a lot vertical there really. The track down from Nichols hut and up to McGregor Biv is non-existent or very hard to follow for a lot of the way so this route should not be taken lightly. The Biv being only small, some of us had to endure the night in a cold wet tent, but being the brave souls we are, survived.

On Monday, the weather had decided it had been far too nice to us for the last couple of days and did its best to blow us off the ridge. However, we were not put off and trudged along to Powell hut, tiptoed down Rain Gauge Spur and danced out to the carpark again.

Not bad for a medium trip. Enthusiastic participants were: Howard Nicholson, Peter Rawlins, Linda Hunt, Kim Dowson, and leader Doug McNeur.

### **Atene Skyline - Wanganui Valley** **20th April**

by Christine Allardice  
Nine Thursday trampers enjoyed a good day in ideal conditions. Started in the north, lunch at the shelter over half way and finished at the South end track (approx 6.5 hours). Leader collected the van to meet the rest of the party as they came out. A good day was had by all. Leader Harry Allardice.



Above: Having lunch at the shelter.  
(Atene Skyline Trip | 20/04/2006 | Photo: Keith Fisher).

### **Makairo Track - Mangatainoka** **26th April**

Leader: Ivan Alve (15 trampers)

### **Longview and beyond** **27th April**

by Graham Pritchard

Seven Thursday trampers climbed up to the Longview ridge on a beauti-



Above: The Thursday Trampers on Otumore.  
(Longview and beyond Trip | 27/04/2006 | Photo: Keith Fisher).





Above: Trampers gathering in front of Purity Hut.  
(Purity Hut Trip | 7/05/2006 | Photo: Dave Allan).

fully clear still April morning. Five went on up to Otumore, great views all round, while Merv Matthews and I went along to Rocky Knob to take a look at the spurs leading down to Awatere Hut. Looks like a good round trip to try sometime.

### **Howlett's Hut** **29-30th April**

by Tony Evans

A trio of trampers were looking forward to this trip but after a day of rain on the Friday and more bad weather forecast for the weekend it was decided cancel the trip. A good decision in hindsight because it did rain all weekend and some hunters in the area were airlifted out of the area after being trapped by high creek levels.

### **Kapakapanui Loop** **4th May**

by Stuart Malcolm (14 trampers)

A generally fine day, albeit with restricted visibility at lunchtime at the Kapakapanui Trig - round trip took a little over 6 hours. Please note separate comments about altered approach to northern arm of loop since we last did this trip in October 2003.

### **Last Official Club Trip to Purity Hut** **7th May**

by Dave Allan

At the road end the official looking DOC sign said the old Purity hut was now closed and locked for the use of builders only, engaged to build the new hut to be situated some 40 metres above the present site. With a very dampening mist hugging the ground, no wind to blow it away and warm temperature for this time of year, the two-hour climb was made at a very sociable pace, after which the old hut appeared out of the gloom.

The hut WAS open and not a padlock in sight. The only occupants were a farming couple from the Pourangaki Road who like us were there for one last look at the present hut. In fact the man's grandfather had built the hut many

years ago. There was no sign of any pegs or materials however that was about to change.

By the time we ambled back down to the road end, a helicopter and support vehicle, truck with timber and pre-built roof trusses, together with other vehicles and materials had all assembled with workers readying helicopter loads to lift up onto the site first thing Monday morning. The builders maintained the new hut would be ready to occupy during the first week of June.

We were: Jenny Bolton, Linda Cameron, Scott Wythe, Tim Swale and Dave Allan

### **Mania Track - Western Ruahines** **10th May**

Leader: Mona Webb

19 trampers

### **Powell Hut - Holdsworth** **11th May**

Leader: Jill Spencer

9 trampers

### **Otukota Hut** **20-21st May**

by Tony Evans

After leaving Palmy at 7.30 am on a clear crisp autumn morning we were walking across Mokai Station by 9.30 am. With some steep grassy climbs we made good time, the unusual feature of this route is that the pasture and tussock meet with no bush walking at all. The spectacular vista of the broad snow-dappled tops of the Mokai-Patea made the climb worth while, we carried on along the top and following our revised plan, past where the poled route heads directly down to Otukota Hut, past Mokai Hut (private) and in the distance we could make out 2 figures on Colenso trig. Arriving at the signpost which marks the boundary between Mokai Station and the Forest Park we sat down to a well earned lunch and were joined within 5 minutes by the rest of the party. They had left the Kawhatau Road end at 10am and had made slow time up to Colenso trig due to frozen snow and were looking forward to lunch too.



**Above:** Darlene braving the mighty torrent of Tunopo stream.  
(Irongates Hut Trip | 21/05/2006 | Photo: Tim Swale).

After a long lunch in the sun we headed down Bruce Ridge to the hut for the night arriving at 4.15 so a 6.75 hour day for some of us but that did include over an hour for lunch. The hut was clean and tidy with plenty of dry firewood, DOC had recently dealt to a nearby wasp nest and laid rat bait, a very cosy hut. The fire went all night and we enjoyed a sleep-in in the morning. Sunday morning we headed out the more direct-poled route while Gemma's group retraced their footsteps over the dog-friendly route to the Kawhatau Road end. The way across the slip as the track leaves the creek required a little caution but after that the track was in good condition after only 4 and a quarter hours we arrived back at the carpark on Mokai Station. We were leader Tony Evans, Gary (Bruce) Evans, Adam Matich, Bev Akers, Gary Bevins and Gemma the dog.

### **Irongates Hut 21st May**

by Darlene Westrupp  
On Tuesday 16 May there were

only two names registered for the trip, but probably because of the fabulous weather during the week, by Saturday night we numbered twelve.

Ten set off from the Police Station at 8am, picking up the last two in Feilding. We left the car park at around 9.30 am. All went well, past the desolate site of the burnt down Heritage Lodge, until about two hours into the walk when we came upon a large very recent detour around a slip beside the stream beyond Tunupo. The detour was well marked, but quite steep and tricky in places because of the shaley slopes. It added about an extra half an hour to the route. The rest of the track had recently been trimmed and was in good condition.

Four of the newcomers were finding the walk more than they had bargained for and decided to go no further after about two & a half hours. They stopped for lunch and under the guidance of Don McDonald headed back to the car park.

The rest of the party continued on. However, it soon became clear that judging by the time it had taken to get to where we were, if we were to have lunch and then get back to the car park before dark, we were not going to make it to the hut. We stopped for lunch at that time (about 1.20pm), we reckoned about 30 minutes short of the hut. It was a disappointing but sensible decision. The last of the group arrived back at the van around 5.15 p.m.

Although the main destination was not reached and the pace was slow, it was a good day with great weather and company. Hopefully some of the new comers will have enjoyed the day enough to want to become club members.

We were Linda Campbell, Tim Swale, Rod McKenzie, Harold Petersen, Don McDonald, Jim & Alison Jeffries, Brendan Donald, Diane Broadley, Lisa Zhang, Mike Oliver and trip leader Darlene Westrupp.



# 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](mailto: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).
5. A fly should be carried on EVERY tramp, there is always one in the passenger door of the club van and they are available from the Gear Custodian at no charge

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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