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Newsletter of the Manawatu Tramping and Skiing Club



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Club meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the Rose City Aquatic Club Rooms, 50 Park Street, Palmerston North (next to the Lido). Meetings begin at 7.30pm.

Thursday Sept 27th - Inter-club photo competition run by PNTMC Quakers Hall, 227 College St, PN at 7.30 pm (Doors opening 7.15 pm).

Tuesday October 2nd - What Lurks Below by Dr Logan Brown, Fresh Water and Partnerships Manager, Horizons

The region's waterways contain a number of wonderful creatures that can paint a picture of the health of the waterways. Come and find out about some of these wonderful creatures and how they can be used to monitor the health of our waterways, the work that Horizons, in conjunction with landowners, is doing to further enhance their numbers and also what further actions people can take.

Tuesday November 6th - Walking the Kumano Kodo by Richard Lander

The Kumano Kodo pilgrimage route in the Kii mountain range in Japan was designated a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site in 2004. The route takes pilgrims between the major Buddhist shrines in the Kii mountains and has been walked by Emperors, Shoguns, Samurais and other pilgrims since the 7th century. There are only two major UNESCO World Heritage pilgrimage networks in the world, the Kumano Kodo and the Way of St. James (Camino de Santiago) in Spain.



Club Talks for Next Year

Tuesday 5th February, 2019: Ravaged Beauty by Catherine Knight

The Environmental History of the Manawatu

Tuesday 5th March, 2019: The Arizona National Scenic Trail by Glenn Pendergast



In the spring of 2017 Glenn Pendergast hiked the Arizona National Scenic Trail, aka: the Arizona Trail, aka: AZT which is part of the USA's National Scenic Trail system and was officially opened in 2011. The AZT is 1,300 km long and travels the length of Arizona from the Mexican border to the Utah border. The trail is walked in spring or autumn to avoid deep snow in winter and the heat and lack of water in summer. The first half is the most strenuous as the trail crosses many small mountain ranges (collectively known as the Sky Islands) whereas the second half is easier going on a high plateau. The highlight of the trail is hiking across the Grand Canyon just a few days from the finish.



MTSC President: Rob Pringle

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By the time you're reading this, much snow has fallen, been washed away, and fallen again, and with the season drawing to a close on 22 October, it's time to start to think of the upcoming maintenance season for our lodge, and various summer projects that we've all had on hold over the winter months. This summer the club is preparing to undertake significant repairs and maintenance for the lodge, so if you're available and have an inclination to get stuck in we'd love to see you up there. Work party dates are on the trip cards and below.

Whakapapa ski field also has some exciting changes afoot with the installation of a gondola that will run from the base area to Knoll Ridge. The gondola will run on

the same line as the existing Waterfall Express chair, which is at the end of its life, so will be removed before work on the gondola starts. The gondola is good news for Ruapehu as it will mean more consistent access to Knoll Ridge in bad weather. Meanwhile repair of Turoa's High Noon Express lift, damaged by an avalanche earlier this season, is well underway. The replacement section of the cable has been sourced and spliced, and the replacement tower has gone through a redesign. Damage to the next tower down was discovered and is being repaired. All of this means that progress is being made, however confidence isn't high that the lift will be operational before the end of the season.

One of the challenges faced by the lodge each year is to maintain a stable level of income that permits us to stay on top of the repairs and maintenance that come with having a building located in a harsh mountain environment, as well as keeping a buffer in the bank for capital improvements. A number of years ago we made contributions to a mountain wide sewerage initiative, moving away from on-mountain septic tank disposal to a reticulation from the Top of the Bruce down to a dedicated treatment facility based in Whakapapa Village. Over time, and due to a number of factors, this facility is no longer able to meet its resource consents. Consequently steps have been taken by DOC, and other interested parties to plan a proposed upgrade to this facility to ensure that we are not having a negative impact on the National Park. The proposed funding model for this scheme is similar to that of the network implementation undertaken previously where costs are dispersed to clubs. This is by no means a small project (to build the plant) and comes with some significant cost implications for our club. Thus we have elected to raise the nightly bed rates from next year to help with some of the increased costs we are facing. While this jump is more than it has been in previous years, it will go some way towards keeping pace with the cost increases being faced by the lodge. This year has been a great snow year and the turnout from the club members on the snow has

been much appreciated. I trust all of you with an interest in the snow have managed to get out and make the best use available of the conditions and your passes, and remember to keep an eye out for the October season pass sale for the 2019 season.

Just a quick reminder also that the lodge is a great place to hang out at over the summer months and is an excellent base for central North Island tramping and mountain bike trips. The lodge now has a gas BBQ to make better use of the balcony space. Do use it. I had the privilege of trying it on the weekend and the mountain makes for a fantastic backdrop while turning bangers on the grill.

Cheers Rob.

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Lodge Lockers: *Please empty your locker before the end of the season.* Lockers will be available again for Winter 2019 and, if you already have one, you will be allocated a new one. We will also have additional lockers available.

Proposed Lodge Work Party weekends:

Please let John Lyttle (phone 027 433 6307) know if you are able to help.

20-22 October - Labour Weekend: See upcoming trips below

3-4 November

17-18 November

1-2 December

19-21 January, 2019 - Wellington Anniversary Weekend

2-6 February - Waitangi Day Looooong Weekend

23-24 February

16-17 March

6-7 April

19-22 April, Easter (Correction c.f. Sept newsletter)

First Tracks – Ski Captain's Report – Howard Nicholson

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It ain't over 'til it's over... With a 3-metre (claimed) snowbase in mid-September, things are looking good for a great Spring finish to the ski season. I know of several people taking the opportunity to get up and down the mountain, either on lifts or hoofing it on foot or touring gear. The lodge has been full most weekends and this could be your last chance to book a place for those last tracks of the season.

Powell Hut Closed due to Replacement

Powell Hut will be closed to all users from 1 November 2018 until 30 April 2019 for the existing hut to be demolished and a new hut re-built.

The hut is west of Masterton in the Tararua Forest Park and the closure will affect the popular Powell-Jumbo Circuit. Department of Conservation Wairarapa Operations Manager Kathy Houkamau says there will be signs and notices at all access points to the hut and information on the DOC website and visitor centres to ensure people are not caught out.

The capacity of the replacement remains the same at 32 bunks and will be more user friendly with four separate sleeping areas to increase privacy. The hut will be a similar size and cover a similar footprint. An extended deck will allow users to enjoy the famous view in more comfort. Much of the hut will be pre-constructed off site and undercover and flown up to the site in pieces by helicopter. The new hut will be built on most of the piles of the old hut, which are still in good condition, plus a few new piles. At 1200m

and above the treeline, it is a very exposed and challenging place to work and construction time will definitely be influenced by the weather. Jim Flack, Wairarapa Office, DOC, says: "We are taking a cautious approach and advising people that the hut will be closed for six months, but we hope to have it open ahead of schedule and will be providing regular updates." The existing hut has suffered from weather tightness problems that has weakened the overall structure, as it was built with solid panels, as opposed to conventional timber framing with lining and cladding.

Diggers Hut Washed Away



On 9 September 2018 DOC Manawatu received a report that Diggers Hut, in the Ruahine Forest Park, had washed downstream following severe weather. DOC staff visited the site on Monday 10 September to assess the situation. A landslide has fallen into the river near the hut. It appears that this held then redirected water. The resulting surge of water pushed the hut approximately 200m downstream of its original location. The hut sustained significant structural damage and was no longer safe or fit for use, including the site in which the hut was positioned. As public safety is our number one priority, the damaged hut was removed from the

river on the 14 September. With the damage sustained during the weather event and the removal from the river, the hut remains were no longer viable for future use. Some of the minor items from the hut were able to be salvaged. The Department of Conservation have been working alongside the community volunteer that has been maintaining the hut. Our website has been updated and signs have been placed at the entry points of the tracks leading to the hut. Future plans at the site will be considered in full, in time. If you have any questions or queries please contact Shaun or Operations Manager, Allannah Irvine.



Shaun Ruddle

Senior Ranger Recreation/Historic, Palmerston North Office, Manawatu District

Department of Conservation - Te Papa Atawhai

TREASURER

The club is seeking a new treasurer to take over from Arthur Flint from 1 April next year. Anyone interested is asked to contact Arthur to discuss the role.

Email: treasurer@mtsc.org.nz

We welcome Barry Pine and Steffi Bourke and family to the club.



UPCOMING TRIPS

October Wednesday Tramps			October Thursday Tramps		
3	John Ridge	357 3744	4	Chris Mercer	356 2635
10	Bob Hodgson	356 2915	11	Glenn Pendergrast	356 7487
17	Russell Poole	022 658 0661	18	Syd Easton	356 7462
24	Leonie Lowndes	359 5005	25	Richard Ellis	357 6410
31	Allan Rae	358 3962			
October Weekend Trips					
7 Sun	Turitea - Summerhill	Easy	Karen Tutt	021 064 5918	
13-14	Crater Lake Walk or Ski Cancelled				
13-14	Cattle Creek Hut	Medium	Jean Garman	021 176 0209	
19-22	Northern Kaimai Range	Medium	Adam Matich	022 358 8062	
20-22	Lodge Work Party	All	John Lyttle	027 433 6307	

Trip Intentions: The email address for leaving trip intentions is intentions@mtsc.org.nz. Intentions sent to this address will not be acted upon UNLESS a party is reported overdue (e.g. by a family member, flatmate, friend, etc). The email is sent to several MTSC members. This information will be provided to Land SAR/RCC only if the party is reported overdue or a PLB is activated. The email should include: a list of participants and their contact details; a brief description of the intended route and possible alternative routes; starting point; start date; date/time due out; vehicle registration; and any other relevant details.

7th October: Turitea - Summerhill

Karen Tutt Easy 021 064 5918

The plan is to walk a loop from Bledisloe Park to Old West Road, then along the Turitea Green Corridor, Titoki and Pari Reserve walkways, and down towards Anzac Park. The steps down to the riverbank have just opened, so we can check them out, and then find our way back to the carpark at Bledisloe Park. There will be some views over Palmerston North, and we'll walk through several Green Corridors native plantings, which have native bird life. It will take two or three hours at the most.

13th-14th October: Cattle Creek Hut

Jean Garman Medium 021 176 0209

In the South Eastern Ruahines we will make our way from the Tamaki West Road end into and back from Cattle Creek Hut using a mixture of tracks and river/stream travel. Should be a sociable tramp.

9th-22th Oct Northern Kaimai Range

Adam Matich Medium 022 358-8062

No one from down this area ever goes to the Kaimais, so this is your chance, unless you organise a trip yourself. The area we are going to is NW of Tauranga, viz. west of Katikati, so we will travel part way and stay somewhere (probably Rotorua) on Friday night. The two huts we are staying at are Waitawheta Hut on Saturday night and Daly's Clearing Hut, somewhat to the north, on Sunday night. Waitawheta Hut will have to be booked months ahead if you want to be assured of a bed.

We will start off on the eastern side at Woodland Road, follow Wairoa Stream Track, touch on Lindemann's Loop Track, steam through Wairoa Shelter, and then travel NW along Upper Waitawheta Track, from the intersection, to Waitawheta Hut for the night. On day two we will head west on Waipapa Track towards Te

Aroha and north on Mangakino Pack Track to Daly's Clearing Hut for the night. This is a fair distance. Then on day three we will head east to eventually drop onto Waitengaue Stm Track and through to Woodlands Road.

If you don't want to commit early to hut bookings, there is nothing stopping you taking your chances on there being space at Waitawheta Hut rather closer to the weekend. Apparently there is also space available for camping.

The Kaimais have quite a history of gold mining, and so some of the tracks (but not all) are on defunct tramways which means fast, easy travel. As a result the distances involved don't always have to be daunting. In certain areas of the northern Kaimais there are relics of the mining era, so it is not just a walk in the bush. There will be other things to see. Have a look at the DoC propaganda.

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/Documents/parks-and-recreation/tracks-and-walks/bay-of-plenty/kaimai-to-coast-brochure.pdf>

20th-22nd October Lodge Work Party

John Lyttle

All

027 433 6307

We are commencing the renovations this weekend that will start with demolition and digging. We plan to strip out the downstairs boot drying room and start the excavation of soil behind the external boot room wall. We also hope to carry out all removed building materials so many hands will make light work. If the weather is good we will do all this around some spring skiing. Be sure to book a bed at the lodge and let me know if you will be attending. Club van will be available for rides from Palmy and I have spare seats leaving from Wellington on the Friday night.



18th-19th August: Oturere Hut

Report and Photos: Adam Matich

Luckily the weather was clement and as we made our way up the Mangatepopo valley, we suffered a bit of sun. There were quite a few people around and as we were crossing the South Crater we were interrogated by a guide from one of the outdoor pursuits centres (There were a lot of teenagers being shown the wonders of the outdoors.) to determine whether we knew what we were doing and weren't going to die in the snow leaving beautiful corpses. All rather



Climbing out of South Crater

patronising, until it was pointed out that we only ever go to Oturere Hut in winter. We decided on crampons for the climb out of the South Crater; they weren't strictly necessary but made the going easier and more comfortable. We never saw the sign at the turn-off to Tongariro peak. Can only assume it was buried in the snow. Up on top, the conditions were changing; poor visibility and a bit of wind. So we didn't go to the high point to descend to the Emerald Lakes, but headed left a bit to drop down a gentle gully into the central crater and then curve around to our right to find the lakes. The snow was quite

soft. As we started our descent, a group returning from Tongariro Peak tried to attract our attention. We ignored them as they were probably another interfering outdoor pursuits group. By the time we looped round to the Emerald Lakes it was snowing in our faces and we just wanted to get down into the Oturere valley where the weather was benign and we could take off our crampons. Fortunately, Oturere Hut (5 1/2 hrs) was only moderately occupied and they had the fire alight. DoC has replaced the gas heater with a wood burner. At long last!

Sunday was a calm sunny day, which meant some of us got sunburnt. We headed WNW, across country over pt 1727, to reach the South Crater via the little saddle at BH35 2805 6326. The final climb up to the saddle was a bit windy, but once through it we just had to contend with the hot sun. A sidle across the lower slopes of Ngauruhoe saw us back on the track at the lip of the south crater, where we were forced to encounter people again, and take off our crampons. From there it was an easy romp down the valley back to the car (5 hours).

We were Bernadette Heaphy, Raj Palanisamy, Jenny McCarthy, and Adam Match

Wednesday 22nd August: Down and Up in the Tararuas – Burrton’s Track from the South

Report and Trip Leader: Richard

Photos and Plots: Richard, Bob, William and Maureen

Twenty-two intrepid trampers faced the weather and terrain undaunted to challenge the southern half of the Burrton’s Track. We welcomed our newcomer, Katrina. It was a cool winter’s morning when we set off from the Mangahao carpark, and after a few minutes, we were on the track which was also part of the Te Araroa Trail. The track led us through parts lined with toetoe and then into great bush country consisting of tall ferns and a few rimu trees with some, covered in epiphytes, thriving in the environment. The occasional Tomtit was also seen, no doubt keeping the beetles and insects under control. Fortunately, it was only



about fifteen minutes into the walk that we enjoyed our first stream crossing, the first of around twenty, on our way to Burrton’s Whare site where James Burrton shared his solitary life with the surrounding mature forest until 1941 when he suffered serious injuries (which eventually proved fatal) from a collapsing bridge. That area was



approximately 8km into the tramp and was an ideal turning point and lunch venue. The weather throughout the tramp was generally very good for winter, and there were only brief occasions when there was some light rain. There was one downpour of hail for two or three minutes just as we stopped for lunch. It came, it passed, and lunch was enjoyed.

The undulating track was a tad overgrown in places and followed closely to the Tokomaru River where there were some beautiful views of the river, the occasional small waterfall and surrounding

bush high on the sides of the river valley. The there & back tramp seemed to be enjoyed by all, and thanks to the Met Office for providing the weather forecast. Besides being in the bush amongst native vegetation, with views of the river, it was a tramp of many streams (~34 crossings). In fact, my boots were the cleanest they had ever been at the end of a tramp. All were back on time at 2.45pm, and we enjoyed refreshments at the local café in Shannon. The three UHF radios worked well.

Thanks to van driver, Chris, along with Marion, Ewen and Evan for helping with transport.

Thursday 23rd August: Gorge Walk

Report: John Thornley

The Thursday tramping group had been planning to do No. 1 Line, up the Pohangina Valley, but the forecast was for rain, 'heavy' at times, so instead, we did the Gorge Walk. There were fourteen of us, two in a car, and the other ten in the van, snug in the 'same boat', We met no one else on the track – a novel experience – and after a snack at the Turbines table – the views shrouded in low cloud - we were off down again, and back home for lunch. A special thanks to Syd Easton for, once again, picking up and driving the van.

Wednesday 29th August: Burn Hut

Report and Trip Leader: William Laing



Despite a forbidding weather forecast in the week leading up to the Wednesday, the day dawned cloudy but warm and not raining! We, in the form of 18 keen trampers, set off from Memorial park (minus one expected tramper), to rendezvous in Shannon. There we heard rumors of another missing tramper, but failing to find her, we set off up the long and windy metal road to the Mangahao Lower #2 Reservoir and found the missing tramper coming the other

way, having given up on us. At the dam, after some manipulation of the cars and van in the narrow space available, we set off with PLBs and radios for our tramp to Burn hut.

Initially we followed the river downstream from the dam along a rough and challenging track to a wooden bridge where we had morning tea. The track is narrow in places and has steep drops and climbs along its route by the river, especially where it crosses streams. Then we set off upwards, climbing a near vertical track,



clambering over roots and fallen tree trunks until we reached a lookout offering a view over the hills and bush. All reached this point or further to the leatherwood tops, before stopping for lunch and the return journey. Five individuals were determined to reach the hut and continued along the tops, firstly among leather wood, then among flax, divaricating shrubs and toe toe among other plants. This track was in parts obscure, in parts muddy to the depth of ones boot, but otherwise straight forward with the target hut frequently in view.



The hut is a small 6 bunker without heating, an indoor sink but no indoor water but otherwise would provide good shelter from bad weather. After a quick lunch we retraced our path, back across the tops, down the steep rise to the river and along the river back to the vehicles, to arrive exactly at 3:00 pm.

We had great weather along the top ridge, where I have been told it can be windy and cold, or extra hot and sunny. Our weather was especially kind to us, little wind, or sun cool but warm enough for vigorous tramping.

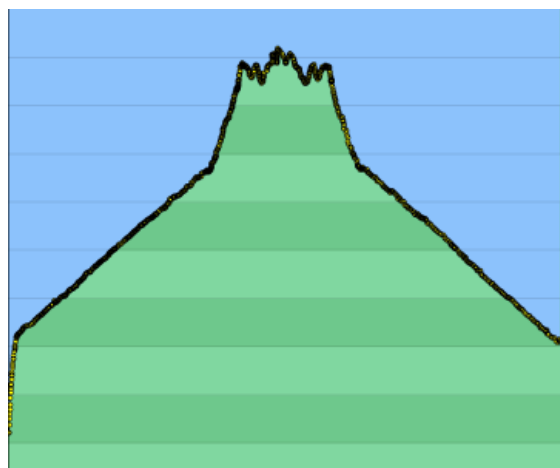
The day was enjoyed for its interesting tramping, wonderful brush and high vegetation and the kind weather. Many thanks to the drivers (Chris, Richard and Marion, as well as Wendy) for the slow and arduous drive.

Wednesday 5th September 2018: Apiti Track

Report: Bob Hodgson

Photos and Statistics: William and Ewen

The weather forecast promised little comfort as the result of a stalled offshore low. The day dawned wild, wet and windy and it was a hard-core party of 15 Wednesday Trampers who travelled over the Saddle Road and via Norsewood to the start of the Apiti Track. Here the less than lavish facilities consist of a small car park, a notice board with a track map and with a fringe of pine trees for shelter. Wet weather gear was donned in gentle rain as the party set out along the paddock edge to the start of the track in the form of a farm track and paper road. This tramp is a favourite of trip leader Chris and has the interesting property that the further it is tramped, the more demanding it becomes. The profile also resembles the mountain that calls people to the landing site in the film Close Encounters of the Third Kind! (See below).



The track climbs at the steady rate expected of an unformed road and on through bush until a clearing is reached on a ridge where morning tea is often taken on more clement days. Several years ago, while tramping this ridge in high winds, a Wednesday tramp had her walking pole blown out of her hands and lost forever! We were spared strong wind but the rain

intensified as we tramped on from the ridge into a section of mature beech forest. Next it was a zig-zag and more mature bush. So we continued along the muddy track until a consensus developed that lunch in the van would make a welcome respite. As we turned the rain again intensified and so we trudged back along tracks flowing with muddy water to the lavish changing facilities at the car park. The fast group tramped about 10km and 2352 kcal. and the main body somewhat less in the cold and rain. Coffee at the snug Norsewood café was well appreciated! There we also met a woman who told us that she enjoyed the accounts of our MTSC tramps that regularly appear in the NZ Walking Magazine!



Thanks to trip leader and van driver Chris, car driver Rod.

Wednesday 12th September, 2018: Field Hut

Report: Linda Darbyshire

Photos: Linda, William, Rita

Field Hut is an historic hut in the western Tararua Forest Park, located just below the bushline at an altitude of 900m. A promising weather forecast attracted a group of 29 for the day trip. The instructions were given to stay in groups looking after each other and to plan to be back at the carpark by 4.00pm.



The first hour or so of the track you walk on a relatively smooth stabilised path which climbs steeply uphill. It was good in partly cloudy weather as, under the hot sun, this section is exposed and can sap your energy.

The first group was keen to venture on past the hut and hopefully find some snow. So they were left to it!!

The rest of us all met up for morning tea.....some keen to go to the hut others not so worried. The trip was a there and back so I recommended at 12.30pm stop for lunch before returning.

Once you enter the bush the track is more typically Tararua Forest Park. There are half a dozen spots where you clamber up roots and rocks with mainly uneven single lane track in between and the gradient not so severe. The whole track was in very good condition. Hardly any mud and in areas where trees had come down DOC had been in and cleared the way and tidied up the track. We were lucky that this part of the Tararuas hadn't had any recent heavy rain.



27 of the 29 managed to reach the hut....for some it was their first time. The tops by this time had clagged in and although hardly any wind, gently moving over the roof of the hut was a consistent blanket of fog.



None the less most sat outside for lunch. The group who had gone along the tops above the hut, sadly were robbed of any views and found only a dash of snow.

It was great to see others using the track midweek.....we don't always see this, and if we do, mostly over the summer months. Some were doing the overnight option and some a day trip. The only casualties for the day were a pair of tramping boots owned by Judy. They were seriously injured and past recovery!!



Thanks Chris for driving the van and car drivers Marion, Russell, Christine and photographers.



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New Members

Prospective members must be nominated by a Proposer and a Seconder who are current MTSC members and have been so for at least one year. New memberships are confirmed at the next monthly committee meeting. Prospective members are encouraged to go on a club trip or attend a club night before joining. For further information or an application form please see the club website.

Club Equipment

Hire equipment: we have packs, 2 and 3 person tents, tent flies (small and large), snow mats, gas cookers, size 8 and 9 boots, billies, food dehydrator and two bivvy bags. Ice axes, crampons, and helmets are also available. We have two personal locator beacons (PLB) for which there is no charge. Contact the Gear Custodian: Peter Rawlins on (06) 356 7443.

Website www.mtsc.org.nz

This contains club information, photos, contact details and back issues of this newsletter, Beechleaves. The club website is maintained by Howard Nicholson (06) 357 6325 and is kindly hosted by **Inspire Net**, a locally based company.

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/MTandSC>

Accommodation at the MTSC lodge on Mount Ruapehu

The lodge is close to Iwikau Village, has power, heating, hot showers and is stocked with food. Members and their guests are welcome. For Lodge bookings email Liz and Hugh Wilde lodge.bookings@mtsc.org.nz or phone 021 054 2560. To confirm your booking, payment must be made by cheque to 179 Cook St Palmerston North 4410, by cash in person or internet payment (please email to confirm before depositing) Westpac account number 03 1521 022035300.

	Members	Guests	The lodge phone number is (07) 892 3860.
Adult	\$37	\$52	
Secondary School	\$30	\$45	
Primary School	\$25	\$40	
Pre-school (3-5 yo)	\$12	\$12	

Booking the MTSC Van

For bookings: Contact Ken Mercer (06) 356 7497. Cancellations should be made as soon as practicable to accommodate other potential users. A tent fly (in the passenger door) and a Personal Locator Beacon (in the glove box) are available for use free of charge on trips.