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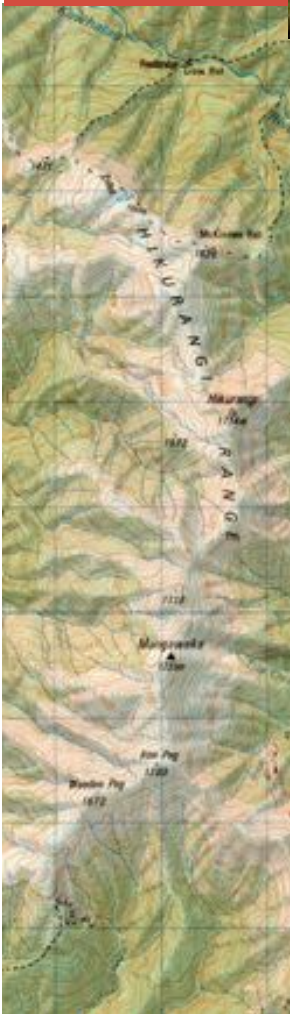
Newsletter of the Manawatu Tramping and Skiing Club

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Jenny, Adam and
Dave climbing up the
Neill-Winchcombe
Ridge (19-22 Jan).
Photo: Jean Garman



Upcoming club nights

Evening at the Esplanade

7.30 pm, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at the Manawatu Aero Club Rooms, Airport Drive

5th February - Opening club night of 2008

The opening club night of 2008 will be an outside event held at the Palmerston North Esplanade at the BBQ area. The BBQ will start at 6 p.m. and will be followed by either a walk or orienteering. Further details will be sent out closer to the time via email, or please feel free to contact one of the committee.

19th February - What "we" did in the holidays

The second club night of the year will be a chance to see and hear what we have all been up to in the outdoors this past holiday period. From all accounts, it sounds as though resting on your laurels was not on the books for many club members. If you've got an interesting trip or photo to share, get hold of Howard before this date.

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Editors note: Happy New Year to all. I hope you all had a good time over the summer break and look forward to hearing about your trips during this year! Ed.

President's Report

Barbeque to kick off 2008

by Howard Nicholson

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I hope that you managed to avoid the sunburn and enjoyed a bit of outdoor time over the break. I know of a couple of people who spent some of it indoors; Ryan Badger and Rob Pringle laboured away over the Christmas/New Year period refurbishing two rooms at the Lodge, jump-starting the maintenance programme for 2008 - a great effort that will be appreciated by many in years to come. I hear that some others may have chipped in also.

We will need more people to help in the coming months, so please help us to maintain our largest asset.

All current and future members are reminded that our first 2008 clubnight will be a barbeque at The Esplanade, starting at 6.00 pm on the 5th of February. I look forward to seeing you there!

Trip Card Meeting 26th February

by Bev Akers

Phone (06) 325 8879 | Email bevakers@xtra.co.nz

The planning meeting for the May to October 2008 Trip Card will be held at 798 Main St Palmerston North. It will be after dinner (7 pm) because Adam is too cheap to supply food. If you don't want to come along then phone or email Bev with the long list of trips you are going to lead... or some suggestions of trips you would like to go on, just in case someone is interested in leading one of them.

Craig Potton

Contributed by Brent Barrett

Craig Potton, New Zealand's pre-eminent wilderness photographer, will give an illustrated talk entitled "New Zealand Through the Lense" at 8 pm Tuesday the 11th of March in the Regent Theatre in Palmerston North.

Admission is \$10 per adult (\$7 student) and will go on sale on the 10th of February. These are available from Bruce McKenzie Booksellers in George Street (06) 356 9922, or in Feilding from Svendsen Photography in Fergusson Street (06) 323 5357. Admission may be purchased at the door on the night for \$12/\$8. Sponsored by The Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society to mark their golden jubilee in the Manawatu and Rangitikei regions.

New members

The club welcomes the following new members:

Paul & Marie Hancock & Family (PN)

Steve & Katherine Stannard & Family (PN)

Fundraising Walk: Feb 16-17

Fundraiser for Feilding High Schools Netball team to Hawaii this year - This is a two day walk around a



Above: South Makaretu Hut

Photo: Adam Matich

high country farm in the Taihape area on February 16-17. The walk on Saturday is 14km and on Sunday 12.5km. Lunch and dinner are provided on the Saturday and breakfast and lunch on the Sunday. \$90 per walker. Eleven tickets available. For further information please contact Rachel Goss on ph 328 5871.

North Ohau Track

Dear fellow trampers,

On a recent tramp to the new North Ohau Hut, I noted a roughly cut and marked, but adequate track behind the hut. With your interest in the area, with Te Matawai and Mangahao huts, some of your members may be interested in this track. It is a very useful route between the North Ohau River and the ridge between the Ohau and Mangahao catchments, so links North Ohau Hut with the ridge leading south to Te Matawai Hut, and north towards Mangahao Flats Hut. Sure, there is lots of easy off track travel in the area, but there is also plenty of really grovelly stuff best avoided. And with some pretty steep surrounding stream headwaters, this track may help you avoid some difficult bits.

Firstly, if you haven't yet visited the new North Ohau Hut, it is in excellent condition, and a really nice spot to visit. The track ascends the hill directly behind the hut toilet (ie a little to the north, or up valley, of the hut). It travels in a SE direction from approximately 131-539, climbing rapidly to a knob at 134 533. The descent could be tricky from this knob. The track top is at 140-130, and it appears that a rudimentary (or historic) track follows the ridge N- S. I had difficulty finding Girdlestone Saddle. There may be other tracks in the area. Happy tramping. Regards, Tony Gates

For Sale

DoC hut tickets - discount rates to members. Contact: Howard Nicholson on (06) 357 6325.

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 Easy/Med. 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 the trip organiser.

Arete Forks Hut

2-3 February

Tony Evans

Medium/Fit

357 4355

Leaving Palmy at 7.30 am on the Saturday we drive to the Kiriwhakapapa Road end and head up the Blue Range Track, left at the junction to Blue Range Hut and on to Cow Creek Hut and unless time is running short carry on to Arete Forks Hut for the night. Sunday we retrace our steps home. Just a simple plan to take advantage of the longer summer days to visit 2 huts I haven't been to yet.

Wednesday Trampers

6 February (Waitangi Day)

Ivan Alve

Easy/Medium

356 3123

Phone for more details.

Thursday Trampers

7 February

Harry & Chris Allardice

Easy/Medium

323 4390

Phone for more details.

Maropea Forks Hut

9-10 February

Jenny McCarthy

Medium/Fit

06 376 8838

We will be leaving Palmerston at 7 am and travelling to the Sunrise Road end. We will do a circuit up to Sunrise Hut through to Top Maropea and down the river to Maropea Forks. The return journey will be up the stream on to the tops and back to Sunrise Hut. Or variations of this depending on the weather. Please ring for more details.

Rangiwahia Hut

10 February

Ken Mercer

Easy/Medium

356 7497

Phone for more details.

Wednesday Trampers

13 February

Bev Akers

Easy/Medium

325 8879

Phone for more details.

Thursday Trampers

14-15 February

Ann Green

Easy/Medium

(06) 374 5208

Overnight to Kaimanawa. Umukarikari Track to the Wai-pakihi Hut. We will leave Palmerston North at 7 am.

Western and Eastern Okataina Walkway

16-17 February

Mark Learmonth

Medium

355 9143

My intention is to travel up Friday night of the 15th Feb after work and camp somewhere in the Rotorua District for the night.

Saturday morning drive to Lake Tarawera and catch the water taxis to Tarawera outlet. From here we will jump on the track to view the spectacular Tarawera Falls 5 km in length and return back to the outlet (approx 1.5 hr each way), for an early lunch and refreshing swim. After a break we will head off on the Northern Tarawera track to Humphries Bay campsite (6 km approx 2.5 hr). Viewing beautiful bush with lake views along the way, arriving in plenty of time to set up camp and have a relaxing swim.

Sunday will see us head off early on the eastern Okataina Walkway to Tauranganui Bay for a break and swim (10.5 km or 2-3 hr). From there we follow the western walkway 5-6 hr to Miller Road end.

I spent Christmas in this area on the water and I can reassure you all you won't be disappointed with the natural beauty of the area. If you are interested in a great weekend give me a call ASAP. Please don't leave it to the last minute, as I need to confirm pick up arrangements/bookings as soon as possible. Confirmation required by February 8th. I can also be contacted on 027 200 4960.

This trip is very much numbers dependent. If I have to cancel because of low numbers you are more than welcome to join me in a trip into Roaring Stag Lodge.

Harris Creek Hut Site

17 February

Darlene Westrupp

Easy/Medium

354 3536

I am unable to take this tramp. Please contact Bev Akers for further information.

Wednesday Trampers

20 February

Rosemary & Ken Hall

Easy/Medium

356 8538

Phone for more details.

Thursday Trampers

21 February

Bryan Evans

Easy/Medium

323 7614

Phone for more details.

Mangahao Flats Work Party**22-24 February****Jean Garman****Party
354 3536**

The work party has slipped back by a weekend and as will be carrying out a specific task with a specific number of people attendance is likely to be by invitation only.

Atene Skyline**24 February****Christine Scott****Medium
354 0510**

Unfortunately I won't be able to take this trip. If anyone is interested in taking it give me a call.

Wednesday Trampers**27 February****Pauline Hall****Easy/Medium
329 7707**

My trip is to Te Mata Peak, Havelock North. There are a series of walking tracks and spectacular views from the peak which is 399 meters above sea level. This will suit people of most fitness levels. I have friends over there who are doing a reccy and who will accompany us on the walks. Just pray for wine weather.

Thursday Trampers**28 February****John McLeod****Easy/Medium
323 5785**

Phone for more details.

Martinborough Fair and Putangirua Pinnacles**1-2 March****Alla Seleznyova****All Welcome
355 0862**

We will leave about 8 am on Saturday and spend the day at the fair. If you are planning to buy something make sure you have plenty of cash. The queues to the EFTPOS

could be very long! For our accommodation on Saturday night, I have preliminary booked three cabins at the Lake Ferry Holiday Park, www.lakeferryholidaypark.co.nz

Each cabin sleeps four people at \$20 pp (children half price). There are also tents sites and tourist flats. We will go to the Pub at the Lake Ferry Hotel for some drinks and the famous sunset. We can stay there for dinner or have a BBQ at the Holiday Park.

On Sunday we will go to Putangirua Pinnacles, one of



the best examples in New Zealand of badlands erosion and earth pillar formation. The Pinnacles walks take 2-4 hours return depending on the route.

If you are interested in this trip please call me ASAP, I need to confirm the booking by February 8th. Contact me at home or at work 3568080 ext 7739

Letter from Korea:

If you were up at the club lodge in the winter of 2007, you may have met Michael Pringle. The Pringle Family have a long association with the club and with the maintenance and development of the lodge.

Dear Manawatu Tramping Skiing Club,

I would like to thank the club for its support to me during the 2007 ski season. The club provided accommodation to me during the weekends as I attended the RAL ski instructors course and during the two examination sessions that occurred mid week.

I attended and passed the 11 Weekend Prep Ski Instructors Course which is specifically designed to provide individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge to teach skiing to an intermediate level. I learnt from expert trainers using NZSIA technique and progressions, video analysis, rider improvement and shadow teaching opportunities. I qualified for a Certificate in Snow sports Instruction, and NZSIA stage one instructing.

Following my qualification I was offered a job as a ski instructor by the Hansol Corporation at its ski field Oak Valley in Korea. This has been a stretching experience teaching skiing in a country where people won't use English unless they are sure they can speak it well. I have enjoyed my adventure in a foreign culture, country and socializing with others working on the field. The Koreans are very competitive in their skiing and have a huge focus on mastering the correct technique. Not so relaxed as New Zealand! The field also operates some runs till 3am each night. I don't have to work at night fortunately. I have had a chance also to drive snow groomers. It is surprising how much snow they can push.

I would like to again thank the club for its part in contributing to my training that made this overseas experience possible. I have attached some pictures of me at work (see page 8) and the trail map for Oak Valley. These are from the Oak Valley web site <http://www.oakvalley.co.kr>

Kind regards Michael Pringle



Left:
Hinerua Hut
 Photo: Keith Fisher
 (Hinerua Hut Trip |
 29 November)

Trip Reports

Hinerua Hut **29 November**

by **Graham Pritchard**

Past trips to Hinerua Hut by Thursday trampers have been via the Hinerua Road access - not the easiest of roads so it is several years since our last trip there. This time we used the Mill Road access for the first time. There were no problems crossing the Tuikituki River which was only ankle deep. The climb up the spur across private land involved some scrub-bashing near the top but once through that a short walk across open grassland brought us to the marked track through the beech forest. This was in surprisingly good condition considering the relatively little traffic it gets, if the hut book entries are anything to go by. It had been promoted by the leader as a nice level track but there was some dissension about this. But there was no disagreement about the weather which was as near perfect as it gets. And the hut was in great condition. About three hours in from the road end and two and a half hours out.

Lake Dive **1-2 December**

by **Mark Learmonth**

Well you missed a beauty, the forest was tender dry, Alpine and sub alpine plants/trees were in full bloom with numerous creeks bone dry. We started the weekend off from Stratford Mountain House on the lower track and headed for an early lunch break at Waingongoru Hut. This section has seen a lot of DOC maintenance in recent months.

The 16 bunk hut here is rather nice. After lunch we continued on the lower track arriving a few hours later at

Lake Dive Hut. With no wind blowing Lake Dive was mint in appearance (an art's dream) As for the hut we had it to ourselves.

Sunday we headed up the track to the higher round the mountain track early so we could get views before the cloud rolled in, this we achieved with not too much time to spare. A top weekend was had by all. We were Tony Evans, Adam Matich and Mark Learmonth.

Kiritaki South Loop **6 December**

by **Merv Matthews**

This trip started from Fairbrother Road, heading up the spur leading to the main ridge track which heads north to the Kiritaki hut. We headed south instead, following the main ridge track to its end where we stopped for lunch. From this point there were two possibilities - returning to Fairbrother Road via a different spur, or take a little-known hunters' track which headed further south, past trig 14491 and ending at Loveday Road. Being an adventurous lot, we chose the latter track and reached Loveday Road in a little over an hour. A short car trip took the driver back to the bus which was brought around to the waiting group. We were eleven Thursday Trampers; all survived.

Tongarariro Crossing **11-12 December**

by **Charmaine Lucas**

Fifteen Trampers left Palmerston North at 7 a.m. After arriving at our accommodation the Hillary Centre at Mangatepopo, a collective decision was made to go ahead with the crossing that day. Cloudy weather meant that the scenery was not as good as it might have been. But an enjoyable day was had by all. The day was finished off with a pleasant meal that evening at the Hillary Centre.

The trip home included a stop at the Tongariro Park Visitor's Centre and a walk to Taranaki Falls. A special thank you to the very co-operative driver's Stuart Malcolm and Carolyn Brodie.

Leon Kinvig via Top Gorge 15-16 December

by Adam Matich

Kashmir road has been reshingled, a nice loose surface which means it is difficult getting to the car park in a front-wheel-drive car. Unfortunately, most of the club members are lazy and shiftless, so we didn't have enough people to take the Van. The climb up to Longview Hut was hot and uneventful with only a slight distraction caused by the sighting of some green hooded orchids by the track. We separated from Jean at the hut as she wanted to go south along the tops and drop down to Top Gorge hut, hoping to find something to kill along the way, an exercise tarnished by failure as the deer were more observant than she was. Kim and I dropped straight down into the Pohangina River and after the three waterfalls at the top end the going was pretty easy. We reached Top Gorge Hut for a late lunch 3 hours from the car. Jean didn't show up while we were there, so we assumed she was still up top somewhere playing with the wild life. There was a bit of rock-hopping down the river, but the further we travelled the easier it got. Only once did we have the choice of swimming or climbing around. We pussied out and climbed, which was only 5 minutes effort. In the last stream on the true right before Leon Kinvig Hut (7.25 hr), we spotted a pair of blue ducks with their ducklings. They didn't seem pleased to see us.

When we finally reached the hut we discovered that some clown had left the door open and the possums had

being partying inside. We spent some time sweeping out their leavings, washing down the bunks, mattresses and the bench tops. There was also a lot of rubbish and perishable food around so we dug a hole and burnt it all. That and concocting creative insults for the log-book kept us occupied for a little while before our afternoon nap in preparation for dinner. This is the second time this year that some loser has left this hut in a mess. We left early the next day to climb up the track to the tops SE of the hut and drop down the track from 1232 into the headwaters of the south branch of the Makaretu, it taking us around 4 hours to reach the very tidy Makaretu Hut for lunch. From then on we went down to the main river, up the North Branch to Awatere Hut and then back up to Moorcock Saddle (2.75 hr). The last 90 min of travel was a bit hot as the river is wide and pretty dry, with the sun heating up the rocks. The climb out of the river was even more summery. Jean was waiting for us back at the car looking a bit glum, but a lot cooler than we were....for the time being. The drive out from Kashmir Road was even worse than the drive in. An uphill section of road that has been washed out has been temporarily repaired with loose shingle. So Kim and Jean had to hop out in their jandels and push. There was lots of wheel spinning, burning rubber and flying stones. About 3 meters short of the solid road surface the wheels dug in and it was looking pretty hopeless. Curse the lazy, shiftless club members. Fortunately we were able to put some big enough rocks under the front wheels to provide purchase and everyone was happy again, except possibly the owner of the other front-wheel-drive car at the road end. He could still be there for all we know. So if anyone needs parts for a 90's model Toyota Corona sedan... We were Kim Dowson, Adam Matich and Jan Garman (in part).



Above: Arete Biv

The new biv is in a different location from the old biv, approx GR 157 480, on the track between the top of Arete and Lancaster. It has 2 beds, a cooking bench, watertank and toilet.

Photo: Jean Garman | Christmas 2007

Left: Up river from Leon Kinvig Hut

Photo: Adam Matich (Leon Kinvig via Top Gorge Trip | 15-16 Dec



Above: Sunrise from our camp Photo: Jean Garman (Neill-Winchcombe Trip | 19-22 Jan 2008)

Waikamaka Hut 16 December

by Tony Evans

Leaving the van at the end of North Block Road we followed the Waipawa River upstream and on up to the Waipawa Saddle where we had our third break for a snack and to admire the views. Another half hour down to the Waikamaka Hut for lunch in a shady spot by the stream and then time to retrace our steps for home. Arriving back at the van after an 8 hour day which included half a dozen snack and scenery admiring stops we headed for the Dannevirke ice-cream shop.

Enjoying good weather, good scenery and good company were Jenny McCarthy, Christine Scott, Colleen Jessen, High Wilde and Tony Evans.

Neill-Winchcombe Crossing 19-22 January

by Jean Garman

It was the Saturday morning of Wellington Anniversary Weekend and four of us pulled into the Walls Whare road end after the obligatory detour to a hot bread shop. Full of sausage rolls and donuts we skipped across the spectacular new swing bridge and bounded up the hill to cone saddle. At about this point the donuts were starting to burn off but only a quick break was allowed before Adam forced us to continue on up towards Cone but before

long a sunny spot was found and lunch was demanded. The clear area on top of Cone provided stunning views of the Tararua ranges in all directions and we played 'name that peak' for a while.

As we headed off along the many ups and downs of the Neill-Winchcombe ridge time seemed to slip through our fingers and clouds started to coalesce around the highest peaks. We started to doubt that we would make our planned destination for the night and worried that even if we did the weather might not be suitable for camping out on the tops. After studying the map, the remaining view of the ridge in front of us and the clouds above us the conclusion that staying in the trees for the night might be a good idea was reached. The last flat area on the ridge before it climbs above the bush line was targeted and on arrival we found heaps of soft comfy campsites. Now for water..... Usually it is not too much of a problem to find water so some of us set off with vessels in hand but instead of biting the bullet and taking the route straight down for many hundreds of meters we tried to find water higher up and instead only found leatherwood. By the time we figured out what was going to be required to get water in this locality we decided the pain of going without would be preferable.

Dinner was an odd combination of raw veges and salami along with assorted lunch stuff. One tent fly per person meant everyone had a great spot to sleep in and over-

night there was the pitter patter of tiny rain drops on the flys but alas not enough to drip off so no water there.

The morning dawned with us being at about the base of the cloud level with some wind apparent so we dressed warmly and headed off hoping to come across a tarn somewhere above the bush line. As luck would have it one was spied after about an hour. It wasn't particularly big but tasted fresh enough. Now the kiddies were rehydrated and the rest of the slog up to Mt Hector in the mist went well. The weather was not too pleasant on the top but not long after the obligatory photo in front of the memorial cross we dropped out of the cloud into a lovely sunny day with only a moderate wind. The layers started to be stripped off but not for long as the wind picked up strength again and as we rounded on Alpha the cloud came back down.

Lunchtime saw us at Alpha Hut for a big feed of what should have been yesterday's dinner. Rested and replenished we pushed on for Bull Mound debating the advantages of camping high or heading down to the river for the night. Once more we were out of the cloud and as we broke into the open ground around Bull Mound the general consensus was that it was far too lovely an area to give up the opportunity of spending the night up here. The wind was still blowing a bit but we found a clump of trees to line up all our many accommodations behind. We were right next to a tarn so water wasn't a problem.

Dinner number 2 of the day was prepared and consumed and we were all curled up in our sleeping bags before it was dark. The wind dropped in the night and we awoke to a stunning sunrise and a warm breeze. We were all up early to enjoy the 'dawn over Wairarapa' show so were packed up and on our way not long after 7 am.

Even at this early hour it was hot and sweaty work heading down to the river which didn't bode well for the climb up on the other side. Dave and Adam hopped across the river while Jenny and I opted to cross in jandels to protect our 'still dry on day three' boots. We didn't hang around for long as the hordes of sandflies started to make their presence felt. We whizzed past the historic cone hut and started the climb up the other side. Beads of sweat formed on our brows and ran and dripped and were generally rather unpleasant. At the top a stop to dry off a little was called and then we plodded on and out to the car. We got there not long after 11 am and were truly grateful to be out before the worst heat of the day. Milkshakes in Masterton were mandatory on the way home.

We were Adam Matich, Jenny McCarthy, Dave Mitchell and Jean Garman.

Wednesday & Thursday Trampers

Wednesday Tramps

Sledge Track (12 trampers)
Mercer Brother's Deer Farm (19 trampers)
Orongaonga River Xmas Party (17 trampers)
Tongariro Cross (15 trampers)

Thursday Tramps

Coppermine - Wharite Track
Hinerua Hut (9 trampers)
Fairbrother - Loveday Road Loop
Mania - Rangi Loop (11 trampers)



Above and right:
Photos of Mike Pringle at work and play on the ski slopes of Korea.
(See page 4 for the full write up.)

Club Information

Annual Hut Passes

Buy your Annual Hut Pass through DoC. The full price of an Annual Hut Pass is \$90 but is reduced to \$63 with your Federated Mountain Club (FMC) card discount. Jean Garman will provide you with a form to fill in which will be sent off with your cheque and FMC card (if you have one) to DoC Waikanae who will post you an Annual Hut Pass. Note that MTSC family memberships only pay one FMC sub so only one FMC card (and therefore discount) is available per family. Contact Jean at jeanandivan@value.net.nz or phone (06) 354 3536.

Accommodation at the MTSC lodge on Mount Ruapehu

The lodge is close to Iwikau Village, has power, hot showers, and is stocked with food. The lodge phone number is (07) 892 3860. Lodge bookings can be made between 9:30 am and 9:30 pm on any day. Do not call outside of these hours.



Note that bookings are not confirmed until the fees are paid. Payment is to be made in advance by personal cheque, bank cheque or cash. There is no Internet banking for lodge fees. Contact Hugh & Liz Wilde on (06) 356 9450.

	Members	Guests
Adult	\$21	\$33
Secondary School	\$18	\$30
Primary School	\$15	\$26

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 6 pm Friday.
2. Cancel bookings by these times so others needing the van have time to amend travel arrangements.
3. 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 use this effect club asset. Adam Matich is our minibus custodian and he can be contacted at (06) 359 2796.

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 bivvy bags and two 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 (06) 356 7443.

Articles for the newsletter

Send by the 15th of each month to Wei-Hang Chua at mtsc.editor@xtra.co.nz. Please contact me if you'd prefer to receive your newsletter by email only. Send changes of address to the Membership Secretary at P.O. Box 245, Palmerston North or email info@mtsc.org.nz

Club website | www.mtsc.org.nz

This includes a list of contact details and a club email address. The club webpage is maintained by Howard Nicholson and is kindly hosted by InSPire Net.

People to contact

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

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