



# March 2017

Welcome to the HITAC.

Comments / opinion can be forwarded to

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Just a reminder, the club's AGM is this Thursday 2 March.

Financial reports attached

Due to email restrictions, the latest FMC bulletin will be emailed in a few days time.

## From the President's desk



A big thank you to all those members who helped out with the Open Climb last weekend. You all play an important part in the success of the day, and although we had to turn back due to the inclement weather, the participants were so very grateful that we made the decision to go ahead and give it our best shot. Many told us that they would have been hugely disappointed if the event had been cancelled altogether. We'd been expecting 180 odd to show up before the weather situation made itself obvious, and on the day 137 people left Taurangi Lodge to head for the summit, so some pretty determined people! We've had some really neat feedback which you can read elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Just a reminder, the club's AGM is this Thursday 2 March.

As well as the election of officers, we'll also be presenting the club trophies. We need a quorum of 20 so please come along!

This is your opportunity to have a say in how the club will be run for the next 12 months.

*Elaine Sinton*

President

## Open Climb – Participants Feedback

Thanks to all volunteers from Sundays well organised open climb....almost! (Teena Win)

Thank you for a great day on the mountain today - even if we didn't summit! (Lyn Talbot)

Hello and thank you very much for organizing and managing the open climb for us yesterday. It was great to be on the mountain and to have such great help from the club members. It was disappointing about the weather, however this means I look forward to doing it again on a clear day. (Chris Stoddard)

Rachel and I would like to thank you and the Taranaki Alpine Club members involved with the 2017 Open Climb of Mount Taranaki. We very much enjoyed the event. The support provided by the Club was excellent in every respect. Taking into consideration the wind and poor visibility on the Sunday climb we have no criticism of the Club's decision to halt the climb at 2000 metres. Hopefully there will be the opportunity in the future for us to attempt the climb again. We have not reached the point where we want to take the summit of Mount Taranaki off our bucket list of the things we want to accomplish in our retirement. (Howard Woledge and Rachel Smith)

## 2016 Photographic Competition results

*Photos at end of HITAC*

				<b>Winner Overall</b>
ABL	<b>Jeremy Beckers</b>	<b>Milky Way</b>	1st Place: Nice composition looks like smoke coming from the huts chimney	Dan Bryant trophy
ABL	Beckers	Lucky Escape	2nd Place: Well captured interesting scene	
ABL	Chris Hayes	SnowBeGone	3rd Place: dramatic action shot	
BBL	Phillip Andrews	Road to Everest	1st Place: Nice viewpoint makes for an interesting image	
BBL	Beckers	Hidden Stream	2nd Place: Nice low angle and great choice of shutter speed	
BBL	Andrews	A Porters Life	3rd Place: Good capture of life as in the title	
				<b>Runner-up Overall</b>
CLI	<b>Ivan Bruce</b>	<b>Flies on Wall - Arapiles</b>	1st Place: Great capture of an interesting event. Plenty of action to take in.	Maggie Brown trophy
CLI	Ivan Bruce	Yes Mum I'll use Protection - Arapiles	2nd Place: Nice original idea to capture an often overlooked subject	
CLI	Chris Hayes	Headspace	3rd Place: Well titled and tells the story	
HCL	Ross Hoffmann	Plateau Hut	1st Place: Gives an idea of the remoteness of the hut	
HCL	Ross Hoffmann	Holly Hut	2nd: Nice work on a difficult night time capture	
HCL	Greg Banks	Cave Entrance	3rd Place: Well exposed with sun in top corner	
Humour	Greg Banks	Modern Camp Stove	1st Place: Clearly an odd situation	
Humour	Fletcher Miles	Peek-a-boo on the Crater Rim	2nd Place: Great idea	
Humour	Chris Hayes	Donga by the Doona	3rd Place: Must have been fun creating this shot!	
NFF	Greg Banks	Popping Up	1st Place: Grabs attention...like a scene from Avatar!	

NFF	Chris Hayes	Kapokapowai	2nd Place: Great sharp image of a difficult subject to chase
NFF	Greg Banks	Multiple	3rd Place: Fungalicious!
OLS	Ross Hoffmann	Tasman Lake early morning	1st Place: Interesting image with plenty to discover in the image
OLS	Jeremy Beckers	Ridgelines Forever	2nd Place: Beautiful lilac layers!
OLS	Phillip Andrews	Everest and friends pre dawn	3rd Place: Lovely composition almost a black and white image

## New Poles on Summit Route

DOC have replaced the poles on the summit route with new numbered poles. They've asked if club members could assist with bringing down the last of the old poles. You'll see some bags in the top of Hongi's and you can just leave them there. That will be much appreciated.

## Trip Report

Club Captain Chris Hayes led a merry team of 13 up to Taranaki summit via Kokowai Lava Flow, and back down to the lodge via North Ridge, on Saturday 25th February.

A huge thanks is extended to Chris for planning & leading this trip and ensuring everyone made it safely up & down



## CLUB TRIPS

Our trips are for club members who want to practice their alpine & mountaineering skills, get to know Taranaki (and in some cases other awesome NZ mountains), meet other like-minded people and have some laughs! Please contact Trips Coordinator Sophie Tucker, [committee2.tac@outlook.com](mailto:committee2.tac@outlook.com) / 021 597 709 if you're interested in any of the below or if you have ideas for future trips. Be sure to keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages for trip updates too.

Our trips are not instructional, yet are nonetheless led by an experienced Trip Leader(s) and spaces are limited accordingly. Trips are also weather dependent and 'free' - except of course for your own costs re gear/equipment, transport, fuel, food, accommodation. You will organise your own transport & accommodation as necessary, although we will suggest preferred options to help ensure everything is coordinated.

Trips in snow/ice conditions are for club members who have completed at least Snow Craft 1 (or equivalent). If you need to hire equipment please contact TAC Gears Officer (contact details at end of this HiTAC and on our www).

### April 2017.

Taranaki summit hike via West Ridge. This will likely require car share logistics and/or an overnight stay in a hut, or at the lodge, on the mountain. We're just working out final plans and dates so please watch your email and keep an eye on facebook for further info in the next couple of weeks if you're keen.

### May & June 2017.

No trips planned.

### July/August 2017 - Annual North Island Ice Climbing Meet @ Ruapehu/Tukino

Keen on some ice climbing over at Ruapehu? This meet is based at Tukino Lodge over at Mt Ruapehu. We'll let you know details as soon as they are released. Last year's event was early July, with a cost of \$89 for the weekend (covered accommodation, breakfast & lunch on Saturday & Sunday, and Saturday night dinner). 4WD plus snow chains are required to get to the lodge.

You'll need to have your own gear and know who your climbing partners are going to be. You'll also need to be an NZAC member.

Please let Sophie know if you're keen - it'd be great if we can represent TAC over there!

### 17-20 August 2017 - Remarkables Ice and Mixed Festival Trip

Unfortunately this will no longer be a club trip as there has been little interest. However see above for an awesome alternative over at Tukino!

## Club Nights...

**PLEASE NOTE Club nights start at 7:30pm**

**First Thursday of each month, at the Foundation for the Blind rooms,  
131 Vivian St, New Plymouth**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> : AGM**

Come and support the Club.

## New Members

The Club extends a warm welcome to our new members, and we look forward to seeing you on the Mountain.

Jon & Genevieve Barnard  
New Plymouth

Steve Bryan Carrie & Sharee Sandra Jones  
New Plymouth

William Demaree  
Tauranga

Ian Hartley  
Bellblock

Bill, Wendy, Ella & Huw Cartledge  
New Plymouth

Claire Marriot  
New Plymouth

Jenny James  
New Plymouth

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## Club Information

### TAHURANGI LODGE

This is the TAC's premier Lodge on Mt Egmont / Taranaki. It sleeps 24, has electric heating and cooking, all cutlery, pots and pans, etc. Just like home. Members can request an eKey by completing the application available from the Club's website.

Overnight fees are \$45 for non-members. Members free.

Anyone who stays at Taurangi Lodge must write in the overnight book upstairs by the fridge;

1. Their surname and initials.
2. Say TAC or non-member.

Bookings by non-members or members taking a group of 5+ people should be made with the Lodge Booking Officer, or by booking online via the Club's website.

The lodge subcommittee looks after all maintenance. Contact the Lodge committee if you want to help, have ideas for improvements, or have found something wrong.

If you find you can't get into the Lodge because of an eKey failure or you have locked yourself out etc., phone either the Club President, or the Lodge Booking Officer.

<http://www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz/pages/contacts.html>

Contact info on Web page. They may be able to help by supplying the current access code.

**SUBSCRIPTIONS** Annual subscriptions are set at the Annual General Meeting.

Subscriptions for 2016: FAMILY \$60, ORDINARY (single) \$40, STUDENT (under 18), \$30.

The subscription halves for those joining after September 1<sup>st</sup>

For more info contact the Treasurer.

Members with unpaid subs at end of April are sent an account overdue notice. If still unpaid by 1<sup>st</sup> June incur a penalty of 20%.

Any members with unpaid subs at 1<sup>st</sup> July are removed from membership.

**GEAR HIRE** - TAC Equipment Officer:

The following equipment is available for hire by TAC Club Members:

Ice axes, ice hammers, helmets, harness (incl. karabiners, etc).

Each item costs \$5/day or a maximum of \$10/day for 2 or more items per person. Return the gear promptly after use and you only pay for the days you actually used it. Return it late and risk paying for the complete period; your choice.

A PLB (Personal Locator Beacon) is also available for hire and great for back country tramping or alpine climbing.

Contact the Equipment Officer AT LEAST 2 days in advance to ensure availability

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**EVENTS PROGRAMME** Club nights, trips, instruction and social events are all important functions of the Club's activities – they need both support from participants as well as volunteers to lead them.

If you have suggestions for club nights contact the Club Captain, or would like to volunteer to lead a trip contact the Trips co-ordinator.

**HITAC— NEWSLETTER** A monthly newsletter emailed out to club members with an email address. Also available via the Clubs website [www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz](http://www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz)

Any trip reports, events, gear for sale can be sent to the Editor at [hitac.tac@outlook.com](mailto:hitac.tac@outlook.com)

Each quarter the FMC (Federated Mountain Clubs) Magazine is posted with a paper copy of the HITAC.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Must be advised in writing – Send to the Secretary by mail to: Taranaki Alpine Club, PO Box 356, New Plymouth, or email

[secretary.tac@outlook.com](mailto:secretary.tac@outlook.com)

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## Tahurangi Lodge

General info

<http://www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz/pages/lodge.html>

Bookings

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*SnowBeGone*   *Chris Hayes*



*Road to Everest*   *Phillip Andrews*

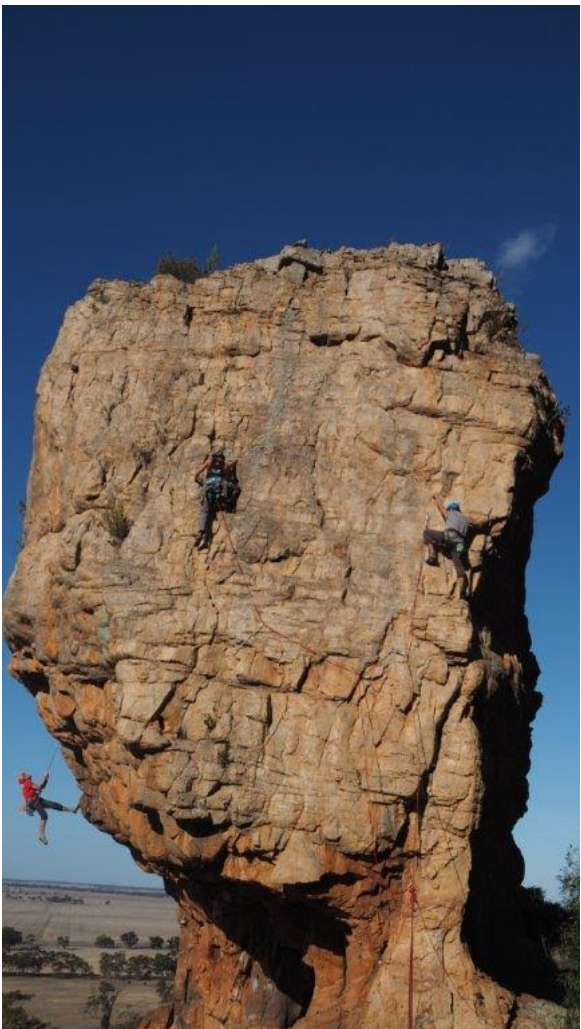




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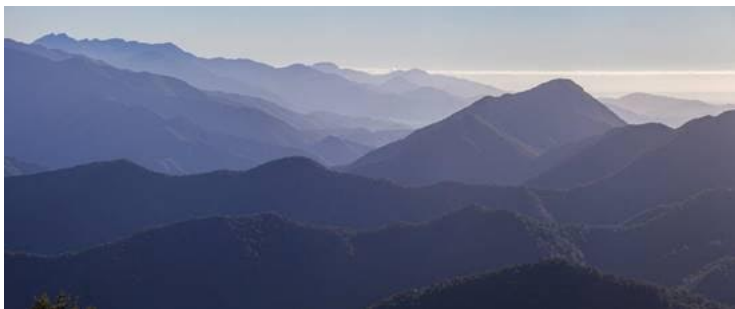




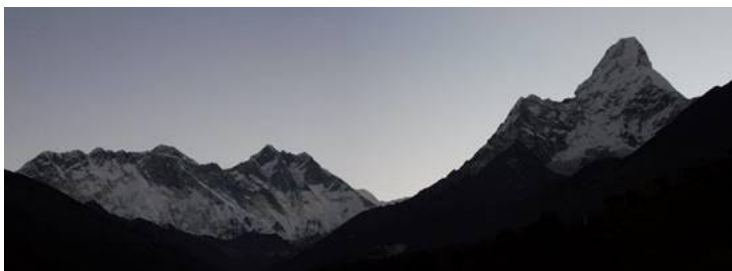
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Tasman Lake early morning Ross Hoffmann



Ridgelines Forever Jeremy Beckers



Everest and friends pre dawn Phillip Andrews