



## HiTAC - May 2018

Hi Folks, welcome to the latest issue of the HiTAC.

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## From the President's Desk



Annual invoices for subs, locker rental and ekey hire have now been mailed out to your physical mail box. Please make your online payment promptly and include your **name** as reference. If you have not received your invoice yet, perhaps you have moved house in the last twelve months? If so, email the Treasurer with your new address so we can get your invoice to you.

Most of you will be aware that we will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Tahurangi Lodge this coming Queens Birthday weekend. In order to recognize this special occasion we are going to hold our celebrations at the Camp House at North Egmont, instead of Tahurangi Lodge, thereby allowing young and old to join us. So this will be a pot-luck lunch on Monday 4 June from 12 noon to 3 pm, which will include the traditional cake cutting. Please spread the word to any past members who may like to join us for these special celebrations. Further details elsewhere in this HiTac.

And just a reminder, if anyone is looking for the Club Library it can be found at my place. Feel free to contact me if you would like to borrow any books. The library has grown in recent years with some very kind donations from past members and their families. Also on this note, if you know of any books that you think would be a good addition to the library, please let a committee member know.

**Elaine Sinton**

President

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## 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

### May 3rd

#### Antarctica - Shaun Norman

Expedition to Mt Erebus, Meteorite Hunting on the Polar Plateau, & Modern Tourism and the South Pole! These are some of the exciting topics that mountaineer, IFMGA mountain guide, and Antarctica expert Shaun Norman will share with us at our May Club Night. As well as having climbed and guided extensively in New Zealand, and world-wide, Shaun has worked regularly in Antarctica since 1966. This is a unique opportunity to hear about Antarctica from a foremost expert on the continent. It is sure to be very entertaining!



**June 7th**

## **Andy Johnstone - Department of Conservation**

Our annual get together with DOC

Andy will have a chat with us about what the DOC team are up to. Don't miss this interesting and informative evening!



## July 5th Social Gathering

An opportunity to mingle and meet other club members, share your stories and maybe find a climbing buddy around a few drinks.  
Venue tbc.

## August 1st **PLEASE NOTE WEDNESDAY 6:30pm** Film evening at Top Town Event Cinema

Come and join us for the yearly TAC movie night. We have a selection from the best short feature films offered in the 2018 NZ Mountain Film Festival. Early bird tickets will be available on sale at our June Club night and will then be released through MacPac .  
Keep an eye on the TAC Facebook page for updates.

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## *Coming Events*

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## **TAHURANGI LODGE 50th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AND CUTTING OF THE CAKE- Monday 4th June, Queen's Birthday at the Camp House, North Egmont, 12noon- 3pm**

Come and help us celebrate our wonderful Taurangi Lodge's 50th Birthday with a pot-luck lunch on Queen's Birthday.

The celebrations will be held at the Camp House this year to allow all our members young and old to attend this very special birthday.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share your memories and reconnect with long lost climbing friends.

If you have some old photos to show, make sure to bring them along as well.

Committee Secretary and long time member Glenn Hodges has also prepared a series of photos from the archives which will run on a continuous background powerpoint presentation.

What to bring: some food to share for the pot-luck lunch. This is a BYO event (but be mindful there are a few kilometers of windy road to negotiate on your way home 😊).

There are a couple of stoves and a microwave at the Camp House if you need anything reheated.

The committee will bring the birthday cake to be cut by the oldest and youngest members present on the day.



## BANFF Film Festival

**The BANFF Mountain Film Festival is returning to New Plymouth**

**Friday 25th May, 7pm at the City West Church, Poplar Grove.**

Tickets are available now from MacPac Store, Devon Street, New Plymouth.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival, is the largest, and one of the most prestigious, mountain festivals in the world. The Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour hits the road, hot on the heels of the Banff Mountain Film Festival held every Autumn in Banff, Canada.

With stops planned in about 550 communities and more than 40 countries across the globe, this year's tour features a collection from approximately 400 films entered into the annual festival. The most inspiring action, environmental, adventure, award-winning films and audience favourites are among the films chosen to travel the globe.

This Club community event and fundraiser would not be possible without the support of Macpac, World Expeditions, Adventure South NZ, Mt Hutt, Coronet Peak, The Remarkables!

Tickets are now on sale at the New Plymouth MacPac store.

For New Plymouth programme details, visit <https://banff.nz/the-films/orange-programme/>



**Saturday July 28th**

**Tahurangi Lodge Winter Pot Luck Dinner & Alpine Film Evening**

Tahurangi Lodge 6pm

Come along and join us for our annual winter pot luck dinner and mountain film evening at Tahurangi Lodge. Bring

along your favourite dish to share (and please don't forget about desert!).

This year we have an impressive line up of mountain films; the best so far. Entertainment, motivation and a tonne of laughs, they are not to be missed!!

This event is open to existing club members. Do come prepared for winter conditions! Ice axe, crampons, and of course a healthy appetite are all a must.

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## Club Trips

Our club trips aim to give you the opportunity to practice your alpine & mountaineering skills, get to know Mt Taranaki (and in some cases other awesome NZ mountains), meet other like-minded people and, have some laughs!

It is important to note that our club trips are not instruction courses or formal guided events. Our Trip Leads are experienced club members who kindly volunteer their time to share a route they know reasonably well and meet the above trip aims. Each trip participant is expected to be self-sufficient on the mountain, have the skills to undertake the trip, know the gear to bring, and participate under their own risk and responsibility.

Our trips are of course also weather/conditions dependent. Where possible we try to have a reserve date in case weather changes things. We do not charge for our trips although everyone pays for their own gear, equipment, transport, fuel, food, and in some cases accommodation. If we stay anywhere other than Tahurangi Lodge we'll suggest a preferred option as it's always great if everyone stays at the same place.

If you're interested in coming on any of the below trips, or would like to lead a trip, please contact Trips Coordinator Sophie Tucker on [committee2.tac@outlook.com](mailto:committee2.tac@outlook.com) for further details. Be sure to keep an eye on our facebook page for trip updates too.

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## Upcoming Club Trips...

**May – June 2018**

**No trips planned – we'll be organising our winter trips programme! ☺☺**

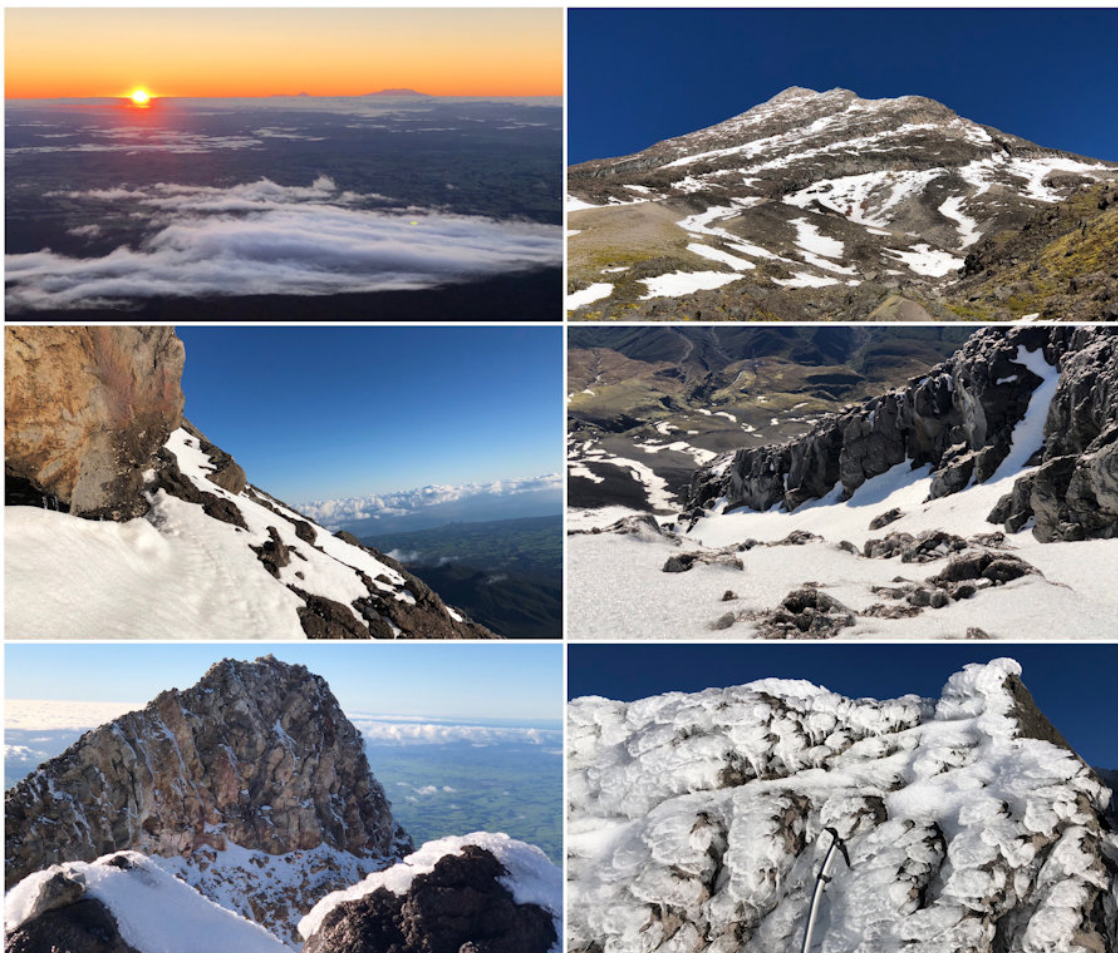
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## Members Trips ...





The early instalment of winter on the upper mountain has allowed 'winter climbing' seldom seen in April.  
Photo Credits: G Hodges



The Club welcomes the following new members, and we look forward to seeing them on the mountain.

Daniel Momich	New Plymouth
Gerhardus Jacobs, and Family	New Plymouth
Bob Morrison	Auckland
Kirsten McLauchlan	New Plymouth
Jonny Williams & Jo Coston	New Plymouth
Angela Hampton	New Plymouth
Angus Morley-Hall	New Plymouth

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

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

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions are set at the Annual General Meeting.

Subscriptions for 2017: FAMILY \$65, ORDINARY (single) \$45, STUDENT (under 18), \$35. The subscription halves for those joining after September 1st. For more info contact the Treasurer.

Enquiries to : [treasurer.tac@outlook.com](mailto:treasurer.tac@outlook.com)

*Members with unpaid subs at end of April are sent an account overdue notice. If still unpaid by 1st June incur a penalty of 20%. Any members with unpaid subs at 1st 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. We also have (new) 6mm Prussic Cord for sale to club members at \$2 per meter. Contact the Equipment Officer AT LEAST 2 days in advance to ensure availability.

### 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)

## 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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