

# Taranaki Alpine Club (Inc.)

## Welcome



Outlined below is a brief note about the club's main activities and facilities that should be of interest to you; Taranaki Alpine Club looks forward to meeting you, and we hope your future participation in club activities is enjoyable.

### Club Communications

The HiTAC is the monthly newsletter of the club, which will be sent to you via email. Most importantly, it advertises upcoming events along with club news and trip reports. All members are encouraged to contribute freely. You can also find information on the club website [taranakialpineclub.co.nz](http://taranakialpineclub.co.nz) and the Facebook page [www.facebook.com/taranakialpineclub](http://www.facebook.com/taranakialpineclub).

### Club Nights

The club meets once a month, typically 7:30pm on the first Thursday at the Blind foundation Rooms (131 Vivian Street), unless an alternative venue is advertised prior. Guest speakers are the norm, followed by tea and later, for those keen, a visit to the pub. You are most welcome to bring friends along, and this is a good opportunity to meet members and arrange trips.

### Club Trips

From time to time, the club organises trips with suitably experienced leaders ranging from local day tramps to weekends away climbing. Details are typically advised in the HiTAC and on the Facebook page; contact the trip leader to discuss the details, e.g. gear, fitness, and experience. Many club trips tend to be easier to cater to a greater number of members, and in particular the novice or new members. All members are encouraged to suggest new and additional trips, and support is available to progress towards leading club trips.

### Instruction Courses

The club has an instruction program with numerous courses for varying skill levels. During the winter, Snowcraft Level 1 and 2 courses build on each other with the aim of teaching the participants the skills necessary for Taranaki mountaineering, and providing a solid skill base for future endeavours. During the summer, the focus shifts to rock climbing. If you are new to climbing and wish to discuss your options, contact the Club Captain.

### Climbing Equipment Hire

The club has basic climbing equipment available for members to hire such as crampons, ice axes and hammers, helmets, and harnesses. This equipment is maintained so members new to the sport and without the necessary equipment can hire it at minimal cost and 'have a go' before buying their own equipment as their commitment grows. This equipment is available from the Gear Officer; the club website details pricing, and the Gear Officer can advise re: availability. If you are a beginner, please make sure you only go above the snowline with an experienced leader; the equipment alone will not give you the necessary skills for safe mountaineering.

### Tahurangi Lodge

The club's lodge, situated on the north side of Mt. Taranaki, is ideally positioned as a base for day trips or overnight use. The lodge sleeps 26 people, has electricity and heating, toilets and a shower, a drying room, and a full kitchen; just bring your food and sleeping bag. You are required to carry out your rubbish. Typically, on a fine weekend day it becomes a social centre later in the afternoon as members returning from their climbs stop in for a drink and catch up on what others have been doing. To stay overnight you will need to purchase an eKey

(\$25 application fee plus an annual fee of \$15 for unlimited use). As a member you are welcome to use the lodge at any time. Lodge eKeys are available by application to the club committee, and a limited number of lockers are available for member use at the lodge by application.

If you take non-members to the lodge, you are responsible for them and must ensure that their fees are paid (see website for costs). If you wish to take a group of non-members to stay overnight in the lodge, they must book via the club website to ensure that space is available. Commercial users must have a written agreement with the club before using the lodge.

### **Open Climb**

On a single day each year, the club takes up to 200 members of the public to the summit of Mt. Taranaki and back. With our guests plus sixty or more volunteers, along with other members of the public on the mountain, there can be over 400 people reaching the summit on that day. The Open Climb is also an important fundraising event for the club, and your assistance as a club member, of any experience level, is highly valued.

### **Federated Mountain Clubs**

The club belongs to the FMC, and a portion of your subscription is passed on to them. They represent backcountry users at a national level in topical issues like access, conservation, track and hut preservation etc. Your issue of their quarterly journal will be made available for collection at the club nights.

### **Club Library**

The club has a small library that you can use. It has a number of NZ guide books, mountain craft manuals, and some old books. Contact the Club President to arrange access.

### **Climbing Wall**

The New Plymouth YMCA has an indoor climbing room and organised club nights are occasionally held. Watch the HiTAC for details.

### **Club Officer Contacts**

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact anyone on our committee; see the club website for details.

I hope this brief overview of the club has been informative, and that you are able to make the most of what the club has to offer. We all share a love of the mountains and the outdoors and would like to share them with you. If you have any queries or ideas, or require advice, don't hesitate to contact me; if I can't help, I will endeavour to find someone who can. Looking forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely,

Conrad Murray

Secretary, TAC

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## Membership and Lodge eKey Application



The Hon. Secretary  
 Taranaki Alpine Club  
 PO Box 356  
 New Plymouth  
 Secretary.TAC@outlook.com

Dear Sir,

We the undersigned club members hereby nominate the under mentioned for membership of the Taranaki Alpine Club (Inc.):

<b>Applicant 1</b>	<b>Name:</b>	_____
	<b>Email:</b>	_____
	<b>Mobile:</b>	_____ <b>Landline:</b> _____
	<b>Address:</b>	_____
	<b>D.O.B.:</b>	*if under 18 _____
	<b>Signed:</b>	_____ <b>Date:</b> ____ / ____ / ____
<b>Applicant 2</b>	<b>Name:</b>	_____
	<b>Email:</b>	_____
	<b>Mobile:</b>	_____ <b>Landline:</b> _____
	<b>D.O.B.:</b>	*if under 18 _____
	<b>Signed:</b>	_____ <b>Date:</b> ____ / ____ / ____

I/we would like to help out with the club's annual Open Climb fundraising event

<b>Nominated:</b>	_____	<b>Signed:</b>	_____
<b>Seconded:</b>	_____	<b>Signed:</b>	_____

	<b>Before 31 August</b>	or	<b>After 1 September</b>
<b>Family:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$65.00	or	<input type="checkbox"/> \$32.50
<b>Ordinary:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$45.00	or	<input type="checkbox"/> \$22.50
<b>Student:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	or	<input type="checkbox"/> \$17.50
<b>Lodge eKey application fee, per eKey*:</b>	plus		<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00
<b>Annual eKey fee, per membership*:</b>	plus		<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00
<b>Sum of fees to be paid on application:</b>	_____ \$		

\*optional, dependent on selection to request a lodge eKey  
 Continue applicant details overleaf if required  
 Payment due on application; account 15-3942-0007023-00 using your name as the reference  
 Membership and lodge eKeys prices valid to 2020-02-29

**Office Use Only**

Membership **approved / declined** at exec. committee meeting \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

eKey application **approved / declined** at exec. committee meeting \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Full payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ received \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

eKey tag number \_\_\_\_\_ **uplifted / sent** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ and database updated

Personal Information Privacy  
 The Taranaki Alpine Club holds information about its members, but this information is only accessible to members of the Executive Committee and is only used for Club purposes.

# Terms and Conditions of Membership and eKey Use

- eKeys remain the property of the Taranaki Alpine Club.
- When membership lapses, the eKeys must be returned to the Club.
- If membership lapses, the eKeys may be deactivated without notice.
- eKeys must be returned to the Club upon request in writing from the Executive Committee.
- eKeys are assigned to memberships which include any family members listed under that membership.
- Once issued, it is the sole responsibility of the member(s) to maintain the eKey in a usable and undamaged condition.
- eKeys shall not be loaned or given to any other person, whether a member or not.
- Any misuse of an eKey, or violation of these terms and conditions, or Club rules and bylaws, could result in the eKey being deactivated without notice.
- Any loss or unlawful use of the issued eKey must be immediately reported to an Executive Committee member.
- Club rules and bylaws shall be followed at all times; a copy of the club's constitution is available on request.
- Membership and lodge eKey applications are reviewed by the executive committee at the monthly committee meeting, typically the second Tuesday of the month, following application.
- If you don't know any club members, attend a Club Night and ask to speak with a Club Officer.
- Annual subscriptions fall due at the club's annual general meeting in March or April. There is a 20% surcharge if not paid by 1st June and membership is forfeited if not paid by 1st July.
- A student membership is applicable to an individual less than 18 years of age.
- An ordinary membership is applicable to an individual 18 years of age or older.
- A family membership is applicable to a family living at the same address, including children under 18 years of age. All names of the family members included in this membership must be supplied.