



HiTAC April 2022

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

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From the President's Desk

Kia ora katoa

Thanks to those club members who turned up at our recent AGM amid gathering restrictions. A full committee was elected and have already hit the ground running to help maintain and continue to grow the best alpine club in the country(Thanks Ivan).

For those of you who could not make it to the AGM an updated committee list will be on the club website shortly. In the meantime myself and the carrying over 2021 committee welcome Finn Gable as Club Captain and Equipment Officer who many of you will have seen on the mountain taking as much advantage of the wealth of experience from our seasoned club members. Finn now gets the opportunity to pay forward that knowledge by organising our winter instruction programme and dishing out club gear. I am sure he will be calling on those seasoned club members frequently as he gets to grips with these roles.

We are also grateful to have two new committee members Don Paterson with many years experience as a professional outdoor instructor and Jeff Delilla a competent rock climber and the absolute zen of calmness in any situation I have seen him in so far.

Also thanks to Andrew Jordan for agreeing to step up to vice president after serving as a committee member previously.

The New Club database and invoicing system appears to be working well as intended and by reducing the amount of manual data entry by our club volunteers will hopefully see them out from behind a screen on the mountain more often.

A club trip to Whakapapa, Mt Ruapehu was unfortunately postponed the weekend just gone. Trips Coordinator Lindsay Stones and recently recruited Assistant Tess Pope are optimistic to reschedule a potentially chillier trip for sometime in May. High Fuel prices deterred some but not all to salvage the weekend and head to Wharepapa for some full pitch rock climbing which you can check out the success of in the trips section below.

Conrad Murray

President

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Committee 2022 / 2023 year

Following the AGM, your new committee is :

Conrad Murray	President
Andrew Jordan	Vice President
Sheryl Hamilton	Secretary
Andrew Darney	Treasurer
Finn Gable	Club Captain / gear

Committee:

Don Patterson

Jeff Delilla

Peter Lofthouse

Lindsay Stones Trips co-ordinator

Greg Sharman Lodge Maintenance

Covid requirements

Following change in government regulations,
the requirement to be Covid vaccinated as a membership requirement has been dropped

Social events

You are invited to:

An Indian curry night

At Tahurangi Lodge

Saturday 14th May 2022



What to bring:

- ✓ Pot luck dinner contribution of your very best Indian Dish.
- ✓ Nibbles and drinks (to cool down the hot food).
- ✓ Your best Indian dress apparel and any decorations you have.
- ✓ The lodge has been booked for TAC members only so make a night/weekend of it and stay Saturday night.

Time: Starting with nibbles from late afternoon

Organisers: Gail Geange 021 733 281; Greg Banks 027 2613199

Give us a call if you have any queries or need more information.

PS: please pass this invite onto other TAC members who may be interested in joining us for another great evening at the lodge.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Club Nights

Thursday 7th April

Peter Lethbridge .. Following the examples of John Jordan & Glenn Hodges with his Denali exploits

New Members

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

Matthew	Sims	New Plymouth
Fennel	Mason	Auckland
Isaish	Stitt	New Plymouth
Oliver	Thomas	New Plymouth
Brendan	Larsen	New Plymouth
Tyler	Waters	Ohakea Bulls
Sylvie	Admore	
Henry	Marchant	New Plymouth
Craig & Brooke	Woodhead	New Plymouth

CLUB TRIPS TRIPS 2022

To register for trips or further information please contact **Lindsay Stones** trips.tac@outlook.com

Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page for trip updates too. 😊

Kawakawa Bay Rock Climbing Weekend 15th - 18th April Easter Weekend

Seems like a long time since I organised a Kbay trip but here it is and the boats are booked so get in quick to sign up because once the boat is full you're walking your gear in!

A definite must do! Experience great outdoor rock climbing suited for all levels and well over 100 routes to choose from!. Kawakawa Bay is situated amongst native bush with stunning views and when you're not climbing there's great camping and swimming to be had.

Kawakawa Bay can only be accessed via boat, bike or walking. Which means you drop off your gear at the boat in Kinloch that TAC has arranged . It is approximately 1.½ hours walk or a 45min bike ride from Kinloch to reach the camping area at KBay.

Boats are booked

Friday 15th April 12pm going in to KBay

Monday 18th 10am return to Kinloch.

Saturday 23rd April Alpine Hike from Stratford Plateau

Starting from the plateau heading over the ski fields meadows, ascending towards the policeman, descending back to Stratford plateau.

Allow around 4 hours for this one.

Rock and Ropes Follow on Please register your interest and we can lock in some dates.

Dave Bolger (NZOIA Rock 2 and Alpine 2) is going to run a free introduction workshop on basic rock climbing skills. This workshop is ideal for people who want to become more independent on the outside rock and learn the current best practices. The initial focus will be on fixed or bolted climbs, however if time allows there may be an

opportunity to explore using traditional gear. The initial plan would be a skills and climbing day on the first day and on the second day a climb day to put the new skills into practice.

Prerequisites: Have climbed and belayed before, can tie a re-threaded figure 8 knot, have abseiled before.

Location: Kinloch

Date: TBC

Hike, Rock Climb or both! Whakepapa/Ruapehu

To be rescheduled once restrictions levels have changed

Take your pick for the weekend. Plenty on offer in this area.

Have a cheeky climb at Meads Wall with around 28 climbs to choose from ranging from 15 into the 20's enough to suit all levels. Only 100m up from the Happy Valley Ski Field. There are other crags in this area too check out www.thecrag.com/en/climbing/new-zealand/tongariro-national-park/area/585779421.

This will be a self lead climbing trip, therefore outdoor rock climbing is essential along with the necessary gear. Some gear is available for hire from the Equipment Officer. Finn Gable equipment.tac@outlook.com

Hiking

Plenty of hiking options in this area Round the mountain tracks, Tongariro Crossing, if anyone would like to suggest an awesome day trip in this area or lead it feel free to contact me.



Trip Information

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.



Trip Reports

Rock Climbing trip to Wharepapa South

Unfortunately due to the possibility that Mount Ruapehu might have bubbled over this weekend along with a wet showery forecast, we played it safe and cancelled the Climbing/Hiking Trip over to Whakapapa. Good news is we decided to take a trip to Wharepapa South instead, which it must have been meant to be as it was a bluebird weekend. We had a great day at Sheridan Hills, we were very fortunate to have the walls to ourselves, with over 40 routes to choose from and 30metre routes, our little climbing group was very happy. A few members were super thrilled to practise their abseiling skills after attending the Rock and Rope Course in February. More photos to follow on the facebook page.



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 2022: FAMILY \$65, ORDINARY (single) \$45, STUDENT (under 18), \$35.

For more info contact the Treasurer.

Enquiries to : 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.

Membership System

Our new member management system, [Hello Club](#), went live on **1st March**.

Through Hello Club, you are able to:

- Renew and pay for your membership or any other outstanding fees
- View past transactions and download invoices and receipts

You will have received an email with instructions on how to setup your account for Hello Club.

If you have changed your email address recently, please send us your up-to-date email address.

For any questions or comments, please contact club treasurer **Andrew Darney** via treasurer.tac@outlook.com

We are aware that membership reminders have already been emailed out automatically and has resulted in a lot of confusion so apologies for that.

Be assured that no memberships are being cancelled, and we will work with everyone to get membership subscriptions paid and people onto the new system while we sort through these teething problems

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. trips.tac@outlook.com

HiTAC— Newsletter

A monthly newsletter emailed out to club members with an email address. Also available via the Clubs website www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz

Any trip reports, events, gear for sale can be sent to the Editor at hitac.tac@outlook.com

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

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