

## Club Night this Thursday Open Climb Prep, news from DOC & Lodge power Cable



# HiTAC

## January 2021

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

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## From the President's Desk

Hi folks,

Happy new year hope you all had a restive festive and are looking forward to a busy summer in the hills. We've got a bit on.

First up. Open climb. February 13. The event is all go. Numbers appear to be down on previous years with approximately half the usual number of tickets sold at present, however we are still taking bookings and are planning for a full event. If you are helping on the day, please show up at club night to make sure you have a role assigned and know what you are doing.

Club night this month is a mixed bag of various business. DOC have sent through some information concerning their intentions on the Pouaki Circuit, which I'll share with you all and send back any comments from the floor. Greg Banks is going to run us through the project to replace the power cable to the Lodge, describe the works and freak us all out over the costs. Pete Lethbridge will stand nearby and look unimpressed but resigned to his fate. Take your dairies and pencil in the dates because, like all club projects, we're going to need volunteers over the time the works are in progress.

Our septic tank will be pumped out after the open climb so vollies also required to lug pipe for that job too. Greg Sharman and Andrew Jordan are running that project this year and I reckon they want to hear from you more than ever. Their contact details are on the club web page.

By the time this missive makes it through your junk filter, the Club's 2021 summer rock season should have commenced with the annual rock and rope day, check the facebook page for photos and feedback on that one. And for those who attended or those who just want to go cragging, there is another club crag trip in the pipeline, this time planned for Wharepapa sometime in March, please get in touch with trip co-coordinators Ange and Lindsay to register interest and force a definite date. Also, rock rats, a reminder that the NZAC Taranaki Climbing meet on the 26 - 27 February, based at Manganui Lodge.

The Club social calendar has less strenuous events, primarily involving calorific gain, planned for May, June and July at the Lodge.

Finally, at times the Lodge has been left in a bit of a state by overnight groups; kitchens left messy; benches not wiped down; gear left in the lounge during the day; and a half-arsed attitude towards following basic hut etiquette. Despite heading to the hills to avoid the shambles created by humanity, the likes of Gail, Phil, The Banks', Sheryl and Elaine (among others) regularly find themselves cleaning and tidy our Lodge after others have trashed it. So, for their sakes, if not your own self-respect, please try and leave the Lodge in better condition than you found it.

Chur,

El Pres.

**Ivan Bruce**  
**El Presidente!**

## 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**

**February 4th**

### **Open Climb Preparation and news from DOC on Pouakai Circuit and Lodge Power Cable**

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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.



We are excited to have Lindsay Stones on board managing some of our trips. Many of you will know her from the climbing wall or on recent club trips. Our Rock Climbing Weekend on offer below has been arranged by Lindsay so get in touch with her if you are keen!

With Ange and Lindsay managing our trips, please make sure you read in the HiTAC who to contact for each trip 😊😊

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## Upcoming Club Trips

### **Wharepapa South – Rock Climbing Weekend**

## Taranaki Anniversary Weekend: Sat 6th March – Mon 8th March

Wharepapa South is a year round venue for rock climbing. In summer when it is hot and the days are long you can climb early, then again late, or take advantage of the climbs facing all directions and follow the shade around. Wharepapa South is easily situated to a number of climbing walls, Castle Rock, Froggatt Edge and Sheridan Hills. All have easy access, great climbing and there is something for everyone from grades 10 to 31. At some walls there is a small fee to climb. Camping is available in the grounds of Wharepapa South School and accommodation is available at Bryce's. Make the most of the long weekend and get climbing!

Please contact Lindsay Stones ([trips.tac@outlook.com](mailto:trips.tac@outlook.com)) if interested or for further details.

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## New Members

We Welcome the following to the Club, and look forward to seeing them on the Mountain, and at Club events

Callan McAllister            New Plymouth  
Jasmin & Samuel King    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 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. [committee4.tac@outlook.com](mailto:committee4.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](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)

## 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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