

## Reminder - AGM Thursday 3rd March 7-30

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## HiTAC March 2022

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

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## From the President's Desk

Kia ora katoa,

Right, this is the last one of these you'll read penned by me, this month's AGM will be held on Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup>, and I'm handing over the belay of New Zealand's best alpine club to a new president. I've been on the executive for ten years and El Pres for the past three, during which time I've been extremely lucky to have served alongside a competent, dedicated crew, and through their hard work the club has continued to prosper and grow. With an enthusiastic cohort of fresh new faces keen to climb, supported by many wise old heads, this club is the envy of similar organisations throughout New Zealand. I'm happy to say that the TAC is in great health and in good hands. Huge thanks are due to Steve Ritson, our departing Club Captain and Gear Officer. Barely intelligible but always cheerful, once deciphered he's been a huge asset to the club, managing and supplying our club gear, outfitting new members, and sorting the courses. Cheers for your efforts Steve, much appreciated.

Thanks also Jonathan Crane, who having helped overhaul the open climb this year is stepping down from the committee with mission complete.

The rest of the executive has indicated they will stay on, which is great, because continuity and planned succession is a big part of why this club has, in my opinion, been able to get so much done in recent years.

Speaking of getting things done, the stalwarts of lodge maintenance were at it again last weekend, a fresh coat of paint applied to almost all the exterior, the rest will get finished sometime well before the snow arrives, please let Sheryl know if you are free available for another working bee or watch the Facebook page for a callup.

So last Saturday the weekend weather came right for a change and rock and rope went ahead as planned, under blue skies and the dubious guidance of some of those older heads. New members were introduced to via ferrata, abseiling and top roping at Tegal, Wall, and Castles Warwick and Humphries. And it was great to see new climbers pushing themselves with new challenges, trying something different, somewhere they hadn't been before. There were a lot of deep breaths, grazed knees, the occasional tear, but everyone came away stoked and smiling. Sitting on top of Loosehead in the sunshine, watching a nervous newbie set up their abseil, I couldn't help but think, it's days like these that make the TAC the greatest little alpine club in New Zealand.

Long may they continue.

**Ivan Bruce**

**El Presidente!**

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## Social events

You are invited to:

## An Indian curry night

**At Tahurangi Lodge**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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## **Club Nights**

**Thursday 3rd March**

### **AGM Night**

If you are coming & haven't let the Secretary know, please email  
[Secretary.tac@outlook.com](mailto:Secretary.tac@outlook.com)

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## UPCOMING TRIPS 2022

We have a pretty good line up of trips suited to all members and families planned for next year. Check out below and as always contact below email for info. 😊

To register for trips or further information please contact **Lindsay Stones** [trips.tac@outlook.com](mailto:trips.tac@outlook.com)

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### Saturday 5th March Curtis Ridge to Syme Hut

Phil Whitwell has offered to do a little amble from Stratford Plateau up to Curtis Ridge onto Syme Hut and return via Kapuni Hut and River. Starting at 7.30am from Stratford Plateau car park.

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### Weekend 18th to 20th March Hike, Rock Climb or both! Whakepapa/Ruapehu

#### Rock Climbing

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](http://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. Gear can be hired from the Equipment Officer. [captain.tac@outlook.com](mailto:captain.tac@outlook.com)

Meads Wall



#### Hiking

Plenty of hiking options nearby too. 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.



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## Trip Reports

Some pics from the rope & rock weekend

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

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.*

## New Membership System

Our new member management system, [Hello Club](#), will be going live on **1<sup>st</sup> March** This will replace our existing member registration system and forms.

Through Hello Club, you will be 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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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