

Club Night this Thursday

Club Night's pub night. Catch up for a beer and a bite at Mike's Bar and Bistro -186 DEVON STREET EAST, NEW PLYMOUTH.

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HiTAC

May 2021

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

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From the President's Desk

Kia ora folks,

Stuff got done this month!

Pete Lethbridge and his merry band of electricians have installed the new power cable, flicked the switch, and got it all up and running again. The lodge is all powered up and whatever accounts for normal business up there has resumed. Because the works were taking place during the week, the retired were massively overrepresented in the vollen turn out, be it orchestrating logistics, shovelling dirt, feeding the workers, or messing about with dangerous bits of wire, so a huge thanks are due to the club's boomers this time round. Pete is confident the cable will outlast the last one, so that cable should be secure for another 30 years at least.

There will still be a little bit of work to be finished tidying up the steps coming up to the Lodge and the club will work alongside DoC over the next year to sort out the track, thanks also to DoC for supporting this track upgrade and promptly sending up timber for the works.

The rock and rope trip to Kinloch also went ahead, with rain holding off for the duration. Many thanks to Dave Bolger, Chris Hayes, and our VP Conrad for helping to run that one. Great weekend had by all, with Dave passing on lots of skills to the students, and some of us even managed to sneak in a few hours of sport climbing as well. Kinloch crag comes highly recommended for learner sport climbers and with K2 Crag and Kawakawa Bay just round the corner beckoning, this trip should become annual event.

Speaking of annual events, the snow craft courses are all booked out - told you to be quick didn't I!

Steve will still take names on a waiting list but as of now the courses are full, the dates booked and we're just hoping for the snow. Slight dusting on the Mouna as I write this, so things are trending in the right direction.

Lindsay is full of bright ideas for club trips over the winter and is always on the lookout for experienced dubbies to lead a few trips. So, if you have places you want to go, or ideas for other trips, let her know at trips.tac@outlook.com

Club night is this Thursday the 6th of May, which will be (by popular request y bunch of booze hounds) PUB NIGHT at Mike's Bistro. So come along, buy the cable crew a beer and make some plans for winter trips. Ron runs a good kitchen, so the venue is kid/ family.

Also, don't forget to get your tickets to the Banff film festival, run by the NZAC, proceeds go to the local Taranaki NZAC chapter. Always a good night out.

El Pres.

Ivan Bruce

El Presidente!

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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

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New Plymouth

14th May

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NEW ZEALAND ALPINE CLUB



CityWest Church, 62C Poplar Grove
Friday 14th May Blue Programme
7.00pm
Tickets Available Online or at Macpac New Plymouth

NZAC Members \$15
General Admission \$20
Youth \$15



Scan For Tickets

Cable Replacement

The weather was testing; lots of layers, wet weathers and full bellies kept the crew going! The cable was pulled out, then the sleeving of the conduit began, that was the real fun part. A rhythm was found and many hands made light *lighter* work of it! The digger arrived and then we could really see where the hand digging was required. Power off, trench open, cable in, tape laid, backfilled the main stretch while all the electrical joins etc were being done.

We only required the generator for two days, yep that's how quickly it all came together. However, the planning, purchasing, conversations with our trustee volunteers, the measuring of cable distance, (oh the measuring - they say measure twice cut once - we measured at least 11 times!), and the food co-ordination & delivery was great - what a fantastic crew we had! Thank you all so much for showing up in dodgy conditions and contributing when the club needed you!

We are so grateful for the expertise of our electrician's Peter & Greg who I am sure breathed a sigh of relief when the switch was flicked, and the lights came back on!

The dedication from club members for projects like this is immense - thank you!

We can relax and enjoy our lodge knowing that the drying room, heating and cooking facilities will be there to keep us warm over many winters to come.

There is a bit of track work to be completed between the translator and the lodge, which we are currently sorting out the "when" with DOC and a couple of members who are builders. So, the finishing touches yet to be completed.

Cheers The Cable Crew





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.



Recent Trips

Basic Rock Climbing Skills in Kinloch

At 9am a very energetic crewed turned up to the Presidents very nice lakeside retreat in Kinloch to be briefed on the weekends events and gear up. The sun came out, everyone was happy to be at such a beautiful spot on Lake Taupo. Dave Bolger kindly volunteered his time to run a workshop on basic rock climbing skills. The weekend was a perfect opportunity for people who wish to become more independent on the outside rock and learn the current best practices. The weekend was focused on learning to set up anchors for bolted climbs, abseiling and cleaning the anchors. The weekend saw many new climbers pushing themselves out of their comfort zones to try lead climbing and practice these outdoor skills. Great to see everyone enjoying themselves and putting new skills into practice.





Upcoming Club Trips and Events

Plans are in the making for Winter Trips, watch this space!

If you would like to lead a trip, please contact Trips Coordinator Lindsay Stones on trips.tac@outlook.com for further details. Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page for trip updates too.

Saturday 29th May Family Hike to Tahurangi Lodge Get the kids tramping! Night at the Lodge

Let's get those little legs working for a fun hike to the lodge, starting from Stratford Plateau Carpark and walking around to the lodge, you never know there may be a light dusting of snow to go play in. Leaving the carpark around 10.30am, have lunch at the lodge and go for an afternoon explore and stay over for the night, what a great adventure.

For further information please contact Lindsay at trips.tac@outlook.com

Upcoming Events

Social Night

An Informal-Formal Pot Luck Dinner At Tahurangi Lodge

Saturday 15th May

You are invited to: An Informal-Formal Pot Luck Dinner At Tahurangi Lodge Saturday 15th May 2021

Dress code Evening Attire

Gents Jacket & Tie

Women Evening attire

What to bring: ✓ Pot luck dinner contribution ✓ Nibbles and drinks ✓ Table accessories and/or appropriate items for the formal dinner

Time: Starting with nibbles from late afternoon

Organisers: Gail Geange 06 7534302; Sheryl Hamilton 0272431718

Contact Gail or Sheryl if you have any queries or need more information.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Saturday 17th July

Tahurangi Lodge Mid-Winter Christmas & Alpine

Film Evening

Tahurangi Lodge 4pm

Come along and join us for our annual Tahurangi Lodge Mid-Winter Christmas & Alpine Film Evening at Tahurangi Lodge. Bring along your favourite Christmas dish to share (and please don't forget about desert!).

Snowman/person building competition

As usual we have an impressive line-up of mountain films; 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.

For more details Contact:

Glen Hodges 021 843 047

Gail Geange 021 733 281



New Members

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

Alistair	Page	New Plymouth
Amelia	Rentzios	New Plymouth
Andrew	Lawson	New Plymouth
Ashley	McDonald	New Plymouth
Berit	Lawson	New Plymouth
Emma	Coombe	New Plymouth
Grace	White	New Plymouth
James	Donald	New Plymouth
Kate	Morrison	New Plymouth
Kesley	Ranta	New Plymouth

Libby	Malthus	New Plymouth
Paul	Leccese	New Plymouth
Pilar	Robinson	New Plymouth
Te Aroha	Hohaia	Hawera
Warwick	Smith	New Plymouth
Greg	van Paassen	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

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

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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