

NEW Clubnight Venue

Club nights are now being held at Fitzroy Golf Club, Record Street, Fitzroy



HiTAC October 2022

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

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From the President's Desk

Kia ora folks,

Well, no body would have believed it, but we managed to get a snowcraft one course completed no thanks to a dismal snow season. A lucky and very grateful total of nine students covered off the basics of safely traveling on snow under a team of volunteer instructors. The course didn't only just run but was in ideal learning conditions enabling students to grow their confidence massively in just two days and two evenings. The students did well to take in the mass of information show it out there on the real thing including building a two-person sitting snow shelter. There was also some healthy discussion on some controversial topics such as leash or no leash and what type of axe people should look at buying when starting out. As we move into the late spring season, I'm sure these discussions will progressively fizzle out and be replaced by some more quality discussions about stitched slings vs tubular webbing and the pros and cons of various belay devices.

As I am writing this the mountain is covered in cloud so it is hard to tell what the conditions are going to be like up there for the next couple of weeks but if we go off the avalanche forecast it looks like spring slush is on the immediate horizon. It may be clutching at straws but hopefully these conditions last a couple more weekends till the now scheduled slush summit where we get recent snowcraft students up to the summit. Slush summit relies on some experienced club members being around to mentor them further building on their current skill level. Check out the trips section as we have a lot going on including the first club rock trip of the summer season.

We have a date for our annual open climb its Saturday 11th February which is the weekend immediately after Waitangi weekend. We need approximately 60 volunteers from road end marshals to summit crew to make this event happen for 120 public participants who would otherwise not have the confidence or experience to summit by themselves. This is also a fundraiser for the club and pays the most part of the club's biggest bill the insurance for our lodge. Our next club night Thursday the 6th of October is the open climb induction where we will power through the important points common to all volunteer roles. As tradition dictates the induction will be followed by an entertaining and motivating video this year being a summary on the current state of international competition climbing specifically youth which the club supports with their affiliation fees to climbing NZ. If you're even just thinking about helping out on our annual open climb please make sure you make this club night to save the open climb committee countless hours following up checking you have received the essential information necessary to be part on the 2023 open climb crew.

Conrad Murray
President

Taranaki Alpine Club 2023 Calendars

TAC 2023 calendars are now printed available at Janes Gallery.

They're now at 33 Gover street New Plymouth.

If Janes Gallery opening hours are inconvenient, people can also contact me at jkbeckers@xtra.co.nz to obtain them.

A4 now stapled, to assist with postage \$20.00 each

A3 \$25.00 each, still spiral bound due to the difficulty of stapling the larger size.

Jeremy Beckers



Social events

TAC Scone Bake Off 12 November



TAC Scone Bake Off Saturday 12th November 4.00pm at the lodge.

Sweet or savoury scones, or any variety of scone baked in the lodge's oven on the day will be judged and consumed by all who attend. Come and join in the fun!
Bring a smile and your best efforts.

To be into win, you will be required to bake at the lodge in the early afternoon ready for presenting your goods for judging at 4.00pm. Get your best taste buds ready for testing the goods and cast a vote or two towards the winner.

This is an *overnight event* so plan to stay for a shared meal (yes, something else to bring up with you) and make a full weekend of it. Some members have been known to go out for a climb together on the Sunday to wear off the scones from the waistline.

Fine print:-

All baking must be undertaken at the lodge.

Maximum cook time is 20 minutes to keep mixture small.

Each bake will be rated from 1 – 5 being the best score.

Scores are then added up to see who the is winner.

Judges decision will be final.

All baking is to be consumed at the lodge.

Contact: Sheryl Hamilton for any queries (027) 243-1718
or email secretary.tac@outlook.com

Club Nights

Club nights are held first Thursday each month
at the Fitzroy Golf Club, Record Street, Fitzroy 7-30pm start

6th October

Open Climb Induction & information evening

OTNZ Training courses

Training Courses

OTNZ (Outdoor Training NZ) are offering courses on River Safety and a Bush Navigation Course, please see details below. These courses will be free to TAC members and there will be limited numbers so please register asap

For further information on the above courses please contact: OTNZ Branch secretary at otnz.taranaki@gmail.com.
Phone 021 733281

Taranaki Branch Bush Navigation Training

Saturday 15 October 2022 8 am – 4 pm.

This course will teach skills and knowledge to enable safe navigation in New Zealand bush.

This theory and practical training day covers how to:

- Interpret and follow a map
- Use a compass
- Develop location awareness
- Navigate both on track and off track
- Use a GPS

Prerequisites: Participants must

- Be over 18 years of age OR over 14 if accompanied by a parent/caregiver
- Have a reasonable standard of fitness and be able to carry a daypack.

Registering

Further information will be provided once registration is completed. To register online please click on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yur2h6xv>

Please ensure you advise when registering you a TAC member.

Taranaki Branch River Safety Training

11 am – 3 pm Sunday 13th November 2022

Rivers have traditionally been the second biggest killer of New Zealanders in the back country.

This theory and practical training day provides:

- an understanding of rivers and hazards
- how to evaluate sites for safe crossing
- how to manage a group crossing
- practising crossing techniques, pack floating and how to self-rescue if swept away.

You do not need to be a confident swimmer to do this course.

Registering

Further information will be provided once registration is completed. To register online please click on the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/yukr7he9>

Please ensure you advise when registering you a TAC member

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. 😊

Mt Taranaki Slush Summit

Saturday 8th October – day trip

A popular trip that many members look forward to every year. If you have recently completed Snowcraft 1 with us, then this is the perfect trip for you! We specifically wait for suitable slush conditions for this trip to enable those who have recently completed Snowcraft 1 to have the opportunity to summit Mt Taranaki in 'beginner' conditions.



Kapuni Hut Overnight

Sat/Sun 29th October – 30th October

Very excited to let you all know that another favourite trip of the year is back for 2022!

This trip will include 2 days of hiking on this adventurous side of the mountain and an overnight stay on the Saturday at Kapuni Hut.

We may find ourselves up Fanthams or traversing around it, the climb route will be dependent upon conditions at the time.

Starting from Dawson Falls Carpark Saturday morning.

So, bring your wine, sleeping bag, crampons, ice axe & helmet and we'll make the most of the weather and conditions.

Open to anyone who has completed Snowcraft 1.

Register quickly to ensure a bed for the night!

Please contact Club Trips Coordinator Lindsay Stones (trips.tac@outlook.com) for further details.

Rock Climbing Whanganui Bay

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th November

I am so excited to organise a trip to an area that has just re-opened in July. A brilliant climbing spot (so I have been told and read heaps about) at New Zealand's North Island, located on the western shores of Lake Taupo.

Climbing, swimming, camping and a fire pit makes for a great weekend.

This will be a self-lead trip therefore outdoor experience is essential, everyone is responsible for organising their own gear. Minimum gear required, harness, PAS or cowstail, locking carabiner, helmet, ATC and HMS Carabiner, 45M rope and quickdraws. Some equipment may be available for hire from the Club Captain or the YMCA.

Climbing access to this area is by the grace of Ngāti Te Maunga and the Whanganui Bay Māori Reservation Trust and in partnership with the Aotearoa Climbing Access Trust. Please take the time to read and comply with all access notices and restrictions in order for this privilege to continue into the future.

Please see the link below with the access terms, which helpfully explains where climbers are permitted to park, camp and walk. Too easy! Please do take the time to read this.

If you are intending to register, please let me know as it will be great to socialise and climb together, also great for car-pooling. Please email Lindsay at trips.tac@outlook.com

<https://whanganuibay.acat.org.nz/>

Here is a brief summary of the area and expectations, use the link above for more information.

CLIMBER REGISTRATION

You must register and pay a \$20 registration fee for every day you intend to access Whanganui Bay.

After registering you will receive an email receipt, please have this available on a mobile device and be prepared to show it if asked for proof of your registration.

ACCESS POINTS

Access tracks to crags are shown [on the access map](#). Climbers are not permitted to access any other parts of the Whanganui Bay reservation without written permission from the Whanganui Bay Māori Reservation Trust.

TIBIA

The climb known as Tibia (which ascends the chimney feature behind the large pinnacle at Whekenui) is permanently closed to climbers.

CAMPING

Camping is permitted in the camping area shown on the [access map](#). Do not camp elsewhere. **No fires** except in the designated fire pit.

VEHICLES

CAUTION: the access road is steep and rough and is not suitable for many 2WD vehicles, especially when wet. It is recommended that all 2WD vehicles park at the top carpark, with walking access thereafter.

Before entering, check for updates on the Bay road status [here](#).

Parking is only permitted at the areas shown on the [access map](#). Do not park anywhere else. Strictly no stopping on the access road.

Drive safely at all times and watch out for pedestrians.

Please be considerate of residents when accessing Whanganui Bay by car and, where possible, avoid arriving late at night or early in the morning.

CLIMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

You must read and comply with:

[Whanganui Bay registration terms](#)

[NZAC's Code of Conduct for climbers](#)

Here is another link to find out a little bit more about the climbing in the area.

<https://www.thecrag.com/en/climbing/new-zealand/lake-taupo/area/12475375>

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Club, and look forward to seeing them on the Mountain

Allen Juffermans & Martha Dravitzki (Family)

New Plymouth

Simon Brown & Sophie Hill (Family)

New Plymouth

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.



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.

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

Club Links

- [Club Homepage](#)
- [Lodge & Bookings](#)
- [Club Contacts](#)

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