



HiTAC November 2022

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

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From the President's Desk

Kia ora folks,

Spring is well and truly here, and rather than the club leaving its members to hibernate we have plans to keep them training over the warmer months. This training consists of alpine and sport rock climbing, navigating alpine routes rarely visited and ticking along in the background preparations for the club's annual open climb. Therefore I will keep this president's desk to the point as you have a lot of trip reports and upcoming trips below to read through. First up, well done to the first time Taranaki mouna summiters and the experienced mentors who made the trip possible. We were lucky enough to have a fresh dump earlier in the week making perfect conditions for the first time summiters, See trip report below for a full account from a participants perspective.

Big thanks to those who made it to our last clubnight for the Open Climb 2023 induction and the massive influx of those making the commitment to help out on the day, If you didn't make it, it's not too late to put your name forward to volunteer but don't take to long as we need a full list of volunteers and backups by late November to ensure the event can go ahead so if you can help out in any capacity on the 11th of February 2023 please email president.tac@outlook.com ASAP.

Our next two club nights will be social ones with a Quiz night in November and the club's annual photo competition in December. See below for full details on how to enter your own snaps/ beautifully composed pieces of art.

We have received member feedback that it would be ideal to access the archive of previous club newsletters in one location. The committee has now responded with help from the clubs technical wizard Carey Clow the enormous two year backlog has now been made accessible to both members and the public through the news section on the website. On the topic of HiTAC's if you know of a current member and they are not receiving the HiTAC please get them to email secretary.tac@outlook.com and we will get it sorted in due course.

Finally some of you may have seen on either Aotearoa Climbing Access Trust or our own facebook page that Pakeho, a great beginners/intermediate sport crag, day trippable from New Plymouth is Indefinitely closed to climbers for a multitude of reasons. This is not an isolated incident with a lot of north island crags have ongoing access issues. If there are any Taranaki Locals who want to volunteer their time in an effort to re-establish climbing access at Pakeho and potentially other close by crags, please complete the form below as we work with other groups to make this happen. Thanks to those who have already signed up and we will be in touch shortly.
SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER HERE: <https://forms.gle/wUtwPMMeBibmeWk8>

Conrad Murray
President

president.tac@outlook.com
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Editor note

Entry details for photo competition has been sent out in a separate email

Open Climb Help needed

We still need Some Party Leaders- need to have done this before
and some Party Tails - No experience needed
so if you can help out in any capacity on the 11th of February 2023
please email president.tac@outlook.com ASAP.

Honour for ex Club Member Des Peters

Hello Phil,

Please find the attached info on our former member of the TAC around the 1960's recently awarded the ONZM.
Early skiing in Snow Valley above the old Tahurangi Hut, probably the TAC ski races!

Des told me he skied on wonderful snow earlier this week at Mt Hutt!

Best regards

George

Queen's Birthday and Platinum Jubilee Honours List 2022

The New Zealand Order of Merit

ONZM

To be an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit:

PETERS, Mr Desmond Leslie (Des)

Unit 1
337 Selwyn Street
Addington
Christchurch 8024

For services to the snow sport industry

Mr Des Peters has been responsible over the last 41 years for many innovative developments in the New Zealand Ski Industry and has led to New Zealand's high standing in the international ski and tourism community.

Mr Peters in 1968 as one of very few New Zealanders certified with an internationally accredited Ski Instructors Association, he returned to New Zealand jointly established the first professionally accredited and operated Ski School at Mt Taranaki. During the mid-1970s he introduced the first Stone Grinding machines and snow-making machinery and equipment to New Zealand's ski slopes, helping to guarantee ski and snowboard seasons in our environment. Mr Peters was the Secretary, Treasurer, and National Committee Member of the New Zealand Ski Instructors Alliance from 1974 to 1987. During this time, he led a team that developed the organisation into a nationally and internationally recognised certification body, supporting New Zealand instructors entering the industry to gain qualifications for employment in New Zealand and overseas. Mr Peters was President and Vice President of the New Zealand Snow Industries Federation between 1991 and 1997. He was Chairman of the Ski Areas Association New Zealand, an organisation representing ski area operators from 2005 to 2015. Mr Peters was made an Honorary life Member of the New Zealand Ski Instructors Alliance in 1983 and was awarded the New Zealand Snowsports Council "Contribution to Snowsports" Award in 1998.



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

Club Nights with supper.

Now we that we have new venue which invites people to mix and mingle abit more, we would like to request members to bring a small supper plate for sharing on each of our Club nights. We will continue to provide the tea & coffee etc.

3rd November Quiz Night

So, gather your friends, your mountain knowledge & sense of humour and come and partake in the fun. Teams consist of 4 to 6 players.

Entry fee – a gold coin donation per person. Funds raised to be donated to local environmental type organisation that is yet to be decided.

The bar will be open to purchase refreshments, and we will provide a sausage sizzle for this event.

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. 😊

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. The fee to stay at the hut is \$10 per person per night, details will be supplied when registering.

We may find ourselves up Fanthams or traversing around it, the climb route will be dependent upon conditions at the time. Families are welcome, this trip is about meeting people, having fun, enjoying a great view and choosing hikes suited to all levels. On the off chance there may have been a dumping of snow, bring those crampons, ice axe and helmets, you never know!

Starting from Dawson Falls Carpark Saturday morning.

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



This 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 not just has climbing, but swimming, camping and a fire pit which makes for a great weekend.

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 Reserve.

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/>

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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

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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>

Trip Reports

Bush Skills Navigation

I recently attended the OTNZ Bush Navigation Skills course and have to admit (shamefully) my map reading skills certainly would not have saved me if I was to get lost on a solo mission off the beaten track on the maunga but thanks to this course I can say I probably have a 50% chance of finding my way out. 🗺️😊 Magnetic North, True North, Grid North! Very important first bit of information to learn. I had never used a compass before so that was a new experience for me, you can't always rely on the GPS or other people. After learning some basics on the ground we headed into the bush and put these into practice. This course was a great introduction to the basics of navigation and run by 2 great instructors Neil and Steve, with brilliant advice and wonderful stories to share, we often digressed but hey who can resist listening to rescue tales on the mountain. So great to see so many TAC Members on this course and thanks to TAC for covering the fee's, well worth it! A great day had by all, well recommended.

Lindsay Stones

If you are interested in a Bush Skills Navigation Course please get in touch and we can look at arranging another course. Contact Lindsay at trips.tac@outlook.com



Tongariro Experience By Tess Pope

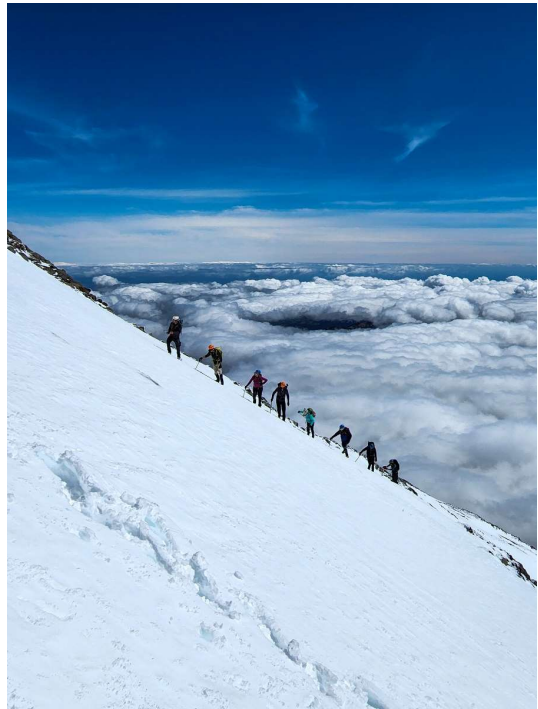
Another excellent club event organised by the TAC team. Unfortunately, the weather could not be organised. However, we had a lovely group of adventurous people and we got out amongst it, while temporarily calling ourselves the Trampers Club. On Saturday we walked the Tree Trunk Gorge walk. This was a lovely piece of forest with a power station to admire. On Sunday we did a gentle stroll to the Tupapakurua Falls Track where the view was absolutely incredible and well worth the venture. We even did our part to help relay in the gravel buckets for the building and maintenance team.

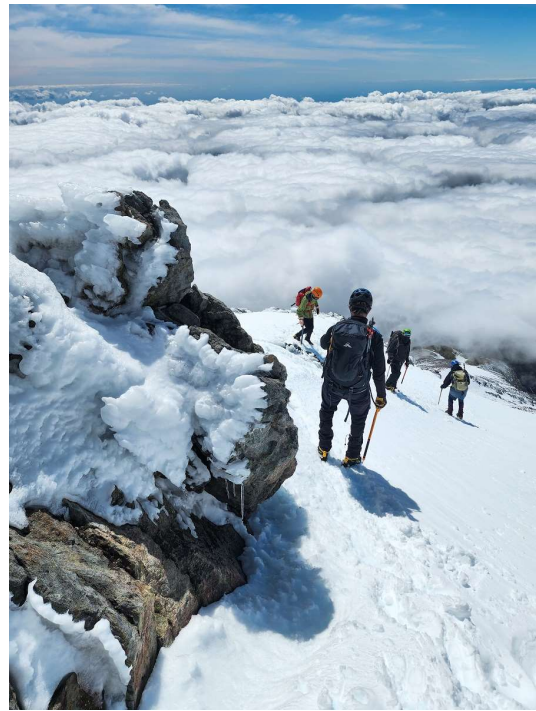
Big thank you to Mr Greg Banks, who did a very adequate job keeping us motley lot in line ;) Looking forward to the next adventure!



Slush Summit

No Report, but some photo's from a great day out





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 Taurangi Lodge we'll suggest a preferred option as it's always great if everyone stays at the same place.



New Members

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

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 Taurangi 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,

Club Links

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

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