



HiTAC February 2023

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

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From the President's Desk

Kia ora koutou current and prospective club members,

I hope everyone is feeling well rested, and started the steady mahi to work off that holiday indulgence bulge. We have heaps of exciting trips coming up but before we start we have a final hurdle in the way. Giving up to one hundred punters a smile on their face as they join the open climb. Some of you conscripted into helping out may be feeling a bit more relaxed now that we have changed to smaller parties, therefore only ten names to learn instead of twenty and others anxious just the same as ever about how unfit or glazed eyed they may be.

If you are helping out on open climb this year make sure you check your emails for an important email from myself on the 15th January that requires your urgent response to make sure people know their roles responsibilities and we can get in touch with them easily on the day.

All going well we will be celebrating our biggest and longest running club event of the year with a cold and/or hot beverage no later than 4:30pm on the 11th of February.

Anyway I would like to ramble on some more but heaps left to do for open climb. See you at the BBQ club night as per below.

Conrad Murray
President

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Lockers at Lodge

Recently a locker number was issued to a member and when they went to put the contents of their personal belongings into the locker, someone has claimed it and paddocked it.

The number of the locker in question is locker 103.

So if you can enlighten me who is currently using that locker so I can keep our records up to date and correct.

FYI - Lockers are issued upon request, as there is an annual fee of \$20.00.

Thanks for assisting us to keep our records correct.

Sheryl Hamilton
TAC Secretary
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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.

February 2nd 2023 7pm

First Club night of the year

**Club BBQ and Frisbee Golf at Audrey Gayle Reserve
Merrilands Domain**

Summer is here so let's make the most of the outdoors. Merrilands Domain is known for its fun activity of Frisbee Golf along with a great spot for swimming.

The club will have a few frisbees to play around with but if you do have your own please bring them along, we might be able to tempt some club members who are keen disc throwers to come along and give us a few tips 😊

The Club will provide some sausages for the BBQ but please bring a plate and your own drink.

Look forward to seeing you there



CLUB TRIPS TRIPS 2023

Welcome to a new year of alpine hiking and climbing. We already have locked in key dates for the rock and ropes skills courses in March and April, a rock-climbing trip weekend and a maunga summit. We have a few more summit trips planned so keep on eye on facebook for details of these.

No trips planned for February as the Open Climb takes priority due to the amount of mahi this entails.

To register for trips or for further information please email Trips Coordinator Lindsay Stones on trips.tac@outlook.com . Be sure to keep an eye on our Facebook page for trip updates too.

If you are keen to lead a trip or have any ideas for a trip that we could find a lead for please contact me and let's see if we can make it happen.

Saturday 4th March

East Face Summit Trip

If you are looking for a challenging and different route to summit then this is one definitely for you. Usually starting from Tahurangi Lodge the route will sidle/climb over several valleys with a few rock scrambles over varying terrain before hitting the shark's tooth. Not a turn your mind off kind of hike.



Kawakawa Bay Rock Climbing Weekend Taranaki Anniversary Weekend Friday 10th to Sunday 13th March

Seems like a long time since I have organised a Kbay trip but here it is and the boats are booked, so let's make the most of this long weekend. 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 with the boat in Kinloch that TAC has arranged and paid for, then a lovely hike/bike to the bay where your gear can be collected. It is approximately 1.½ hours walk or a 45min bike ride from Kinloch to reach the camping area at KBay. This is a self-lead trip with no instruction, therefore experience in outdoor climbing is a must along with basic climbing equipment. You can hire out climbing equipment from the Club Captain. Boat times leaving Kinloch Friday 10th 5pm returning Monday 13th 9am.



Rock & Rope on Taranaki

Friday 31st March to Sunday 2nd April

If you have ever wanted to have an experience on some of Taranaki's classic rock outcrops and gain the experience of using a rope then this activity is for you. We will start with rope skills at the lodge then move to Tegel Wall for abseiling practice. Next will be Warwick's Castle for a traverse to test our nerves and skills before making our way to Humphries Castle for another classic on Taranaki on the Sunday.

This trip is an opportunity for members to experience ropes on the mountain. No previous ropes experience necessary, only a head for heights and a fun attitude. Some gear will be provided by the club. Participants are expected to have basic alpine clothing.

This activity is only available to TAC Members and is not available to persons who have previously undertaken the activity.

Cost for this course is \$90 which enables the club to maintain equipment.



Trip Reports

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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 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

Please login to your Hello Club account & make any updates

Contacting the Club

Correspondance can be sent to:

The Secretary

Taranaki Alpine Club, PO Box 356, New Plymouth,

or email secretary.tac@outlook.com

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