



## HiTAC Octoberb2023

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

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## From the President's desk

Kia ora Taranaki Alpine Club and Prospective New members,

Well October has come out of nowhere, with warm spring conditions prevailing, its all full swing planning for the Annual Club event the Open Climb. So if you have helped in the Past, and we can rely on your support to get up to 120 Punters (technical name for members of the public) to the top or as near as we can of Taranaki Mouna save this date: Saturday the 10th February 2024. Also try to make it to our 2nd November Club night for a general and specific role open climb inductions including some updated knowledge on the personhood status and bicultural significance of the Mouna that is currently in transition to be more formalised than has been in previous open climbs. This will be a great asset to add to your personal repertoire when guiding participants on the annual open climb.

October Club Night is an out of town guest speaker in collaboration with the NZAC Taranaki Section. Chris Prudden is a previous club member who I don't know personally, but from what I have been told he can certainly talk, so you are ensured to be entertained. See below in the club night section or on the Club Facebook for more details.

For those who missed out on Snowcraft this year or have joined the club recently, do make sure you get on a trip or two over the summer/autumn period as this all helps you to get the most out of snowcraft which builds upon general tramping and outdoors skills. On this topic see below and on facebook for courses on bush navigation and river safety coming soon in October and November.

I was fortunate enough to be part of organising and taking part in a mountain to sea trip, and while I didn't quite make the full distance myself, it was great being part of a team switching between the four modes of human powered travel - snow climbing, skiing(or boarding), biking and paddling was an exhilarating day of both a physical and mental nature. Will include a few photos below for those interested. Big thanks to my accomplices for joining me on this special day. If you have done a noteworthy trip lately that you think will inspire others within the club send through a brief blurb and some pics to our HiTAC editor at [hitac.tac@outlook.com](mailto:hitac.tac@outlook.com)

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# John Jordan

## Winter Wonderland Presentation

If you have recently attended a snowcraft course or are still repeating the same routes over and over and are wondering where to next, this is for you.

### Tuesday 12th October 7pm Talk at Johns House Bell Block

John Jordan will be talking about where to next, the opportunities available on our mountain and other adventures he has had including the South Island. He is an absolute expert who has some incredible experience on the mountain from over the years. We held this talk over the past few years and it was thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended.

Please contact John Jordan to register your interest [johnmargaretjordan@gmail.com](mailto:johnmargaretjordan@gmail.com) or 02768 21148.

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## Reminder to all Lodge Users

- When you visit the lodge, please record your visit in the "Day Book" downstairs.
- If you stay overnight, please record this in the "Overnight Book" by the fridge upstairs.

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## Instruction Courses

Get some great skills under your belt with these fantastic courses run by OTNZ.

### Bush Navigation day

Sunday 15 October 2023 8 am – 4 pm

\$35.00 per person

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

The 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

- Further information will be provided once registration is completed.

Please register via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/wesu6efx>

## River Safety Day

Sunday 12 November 2023 11 am to 3:00 pm at the Meeting of the Waters, New Plymouth.

\$35.00 per person

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

The River Safety training provides:

- understanding of rivers and hazards
- how to evaluate sites for safe crossing
- managing 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.
- Further information will be provided once registration is completed.

Please register via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2ubkhhyv>

Further information about these courses contact

OTNZ Branch secretary at [otnz.taranaki@gmail.com](mailto:otnz.taranaki@gmail.com)

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## Club Trips

### Mt Taranaki Slush Summit Proposed dates

**Saturday 7th October, reserve date Sunday 8th October**

**Backup weekend 14th and 15 October**

- North Ridge route from Tahurangi Lodge to summit and return.
- This trip is (obviously) weather and snow condition dependent. If the weather is bad Saturday the trip could be changed to Sunday.
- Snow craft 1 or similar experience is required. This is not an instruction course. Participants are expected to have the necessary skills, equipment and fitness for a slush summit.
- This trip is a whole day trip so bring enough food for lunch/ snacks /hydration and kit for the day.
- Need equipment? You can hire from the club. Contact the Equipment Officer with at least 3 days notice to pick up gear in the week prior.
- Those interested must contact Stephen Miller 027 244 2753 no later than the Wednesday evening prior the trip.
- Details will be communicated by WhatsApp to those that have expressed an interest in participating. So it is important that you register your interest by Wednesday evening so you get all the WhatsApp

communications.

- Experienced members welcome! Please consider helping as we can do with some extra helpers and leaders.
- If you like a party, some of us will be staying at Tahurangi Lodge the night before.

To register your interest as a experienced club member or participant please contact Lindsay [trips.tac@outlook.com](mailto:trips.tac@outlook.com)



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## Kapuni Hut Overnight Stay Sat 11th November (change of date)

A popular yearly weekend outing where you get to spend 2 days exploring the south side which will include an overnight stay at Kapuni Lodge. Starting from Dawson Falls Saturday morning, we may find ourselves up Fanthams or traversing around it, the climb route will be dependent upon conditions at the time. So bring your wine, sleeping bag, crampons, ice axe & helmet and we'll make the most of the weather and conditions.

If anyone has queries about the trip or venue, please

contact lead **Glenys Grant**

on 027 3670612.

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## Rock Climbing Whanganui Bay

Weekend of 4th/5th November



I am so excited to organise a trip to this area that reopened in the last few years. 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 TAC 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 do so through the link below and the trips coordinator know as well, as it will be great to socialise and climb together, also great for car-pooling.

**Please email Lindsay at [trips.tac@outlook.com](mailto:trips.tac@outlook.com)**

**More info here - <https://whanganuibay.acat.org.nz/>**

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## Social Events

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**HIGH STAKES NIGHT**  
**At Tahurangi Lodge**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2023**



#### **What to bring:**

- Bring along the competitive side of yourself.
- Your best high stakes dress apparel and any decorations you have.
- Nibbles and drinks.
- Pot luck dinner contribution.
- The lodge has been booked for TAC members only so make a night/weekend of it and stay Saturday night.

**Time:** High stakes starts at 4.00 pm.

**Organisers:** Gail Geange 021 733 281; Sheryl Hamilton 027 2431718

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 fun evening at the lodge.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

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## **TAC Photo Competition 2023**

Snapped something amazing out on your adventures? Then make sure to send it in to our annual photo comp, with some great prizes up for grabs.

Below is all the info you need to know about the different categories, and please email photos to Greg Sharman: [committee5.tac@outlook.com](mailto:committee5.tac@outlook.com) by Thursday 30th November.

**Photos will be viewed and winners announced at the Presidents Shout Club Night on Thursday 7th December 7.30pm**

#### **CRITERIA AND INFO BELOW:**

Please limit to 3 photos per person per category, try to keep within reason to an alpine theme (obviously category dependant), 3<sup>rd</sup> place for each category has been added back. The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winners from EACH category will be submitted to the FMC photo competition. Please try to keep to the spirit of the TAC photo competition, it is a photo competition not a photo editing competition.

Please ensure you meet the criteria as outlined below.

Please note instructions for file name and file size, and ensure you follow the example given!

Image Format:

Sized between 1MB and 5 MB

Saved as a JPEG or JPG file

All images must be digital

Submitting Images:

Email to [committee5.tac@outlook.com](mailto:committee5.tac@outlook.com) (Greg Sharman)

Send one photo per email

Entries can be submitted from now

Submit your images by Thursday 30th November

File Name:

Must start with the Category Code, then TAC, followed by the Caption, in that order

e.g. "ABN TAC Frozen Aoraki.jpeg"

To align with FMC the categories are:

ABOVE BUSHLINE (With no Human Element), Cat Code: ABN

ABOVE BUSHLINE (With a Human Element), Cat Code: ABW

BELOW BUSHLINE (With no Human Element), Cat Code: BBN

BELOW BUSHLINE (With a Human Element), Cat Code: BBW

HISTORIC Code: HIS

NATIVE FLORA & FAUNA, Cat Code: NFF

LONG EXPOSURE - Cat Code LXP

HUMOUR, Cat Code: HUM

Three (3) entries per category are allowed.

The winning 1<sup>st</sup> & 2nd entries in EACH category will be submitted to the national FMC Photo Competition (where eligible).

Photos taken outside of the New Zealand Exclusive Economic Zone (i.e. North Is, South Is, Stewart, Chatham, Kermadec, Sub-Antarctic) are permitted for the TAC competition, but are not permitted for the FMC competition

The humour section is TAC only (not FMC)

## Rules

### 1. Definition of a "human element"

*The definition of a "human element" is flexible but the general intention is: Where the photo contains as anything other than as a very minor feature: people, a hut, a track sign/marker, bridge, ice axe and anything else that has been introduced by humans into the environment then we would define that as having "a Human element". But if a photo has what could be called a Human Element but that element is very small, inconsequential and not a feature in the photo then you could count it as "No Human Element".*

2. Entries for the contemporary categories must be taken after 1 Jan 2020. Any photos taken prior to this date will automatically be entered into the historic category.

### 3. Definition of "historic"

*The intention for the historic category is for entrants to go back through club and individual archives to select "old photos" rather than "photos of old things". As an example, a recent photo of a hut built in the 1950's is not a 'historic' photo. However, a photo of the same hut taken in the 1960's certainly is a 'historic' photo. Photos for the historic category must be taken before 1 Jan 2020. Judges tend to favour images which capture the essence of era's past, rather than images which qualify by date but illustrate a contemporary age. The prize for any winning photo from a club archive by a deceased member will go to the club. The prize for any winning photo from an individual archive by a deceased person will go to the person who entered the photo, whether through a club or as an individual supporter.*

### 4. Definition of "Long Exposure"

*The intention of the long exposure category is for photography of scenes that the naked eye cannot normally comprehend. These shots would require a very long exposure and the use of a tripod. The category is intended for highly technical images of shots taken at night, (including star trails), or in extremely low light situations such as caves or canyons. The category is not intended for normal dusk/dawn photography, or images where a long exposure is used to 'blur' the image (such as flowing water, or movement of the subject).*

*The trial is intended to encourage more entries, by separating such highly technical photos into their own category. We hope to get more participation from entrants who are not put off by the thought of having to compete with such highly technical photos.*

5. All photos must be taken within New Zealand, which is defined as within our Exclusive Economic Zone. This includes the following islands; North, South, Stewart, Chatham, Kermadec, Sub-Antarctic.

Photos taken outside of the New Zealand Exclusive Economic Zone (i.e. North Is, South Is, Stewart, Chatham, Kermadec, Sub-Antarctic) are permitted for the TAC competition, but are not permitted for the FMC competition.

6. The following photos are not eligible for entry;

- Those which have been previously published (apart from in FMC club magazines and the photographers personal publication online).
- Those which have won any prize in any other photo competition (apart from FMC club competitions).

7. Rules on post processing:

- Adjustments for exposure, white balance, contrast & levels are allowed.
- Cropping is allowed
- Stitching for panoramic shots is allowed
- Removal or insertion of features not in the original image is not allowed.

See the link to last year's FMC winners: <https://fmc.org.nz/photo-competition/>

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## FMC

# Printed FMC Quarterly Bulletins & 2023/24 FMC Membership Cards

Available on club nights or prior by texting president 0275552857 to arrange pickup.

## Club Nights

Club nights are held first Thursday each month at the Fitzroy Golf Club, 3 Record Street, Fitzroy 7-30pm start

### Club Nights with supper.

Feel free to bring a home baked treat to share, (Thats dairy, honey, egg, meat free for those not in the know)  
Tea and coffee, hot water provided,  
No BYO as this is a licensed premises.

**Date: Thursday 5th October 2023**

**Time: 7:30 pm**

**Location: Fitzroy Golf Club**

A night not to be missed for any keen Taranaki mountaineer or outdoors enthusiast!!  
We are excited to welcome home Queenstown mountain guide and Taranaki mountaineering legend Chris Prudden.

Chris is an accomplished alpine guide, instructor and alpine cliff rescue leader. With over 40 years experience climbing and working in the mountains globally, he has an abundance of knowledge and stories to inspire others.

A pioneer of the Taranaki climbing scene, Chris knows Taranaki Mounga better than most, with a local CV boasting 1300+ ascents, 120+ summit ski offs, and numerous first ascents.

This is a joint event by NZAC Taranaki Section and the Taranaki Alpine Club, and we are expecting a big crowd for this great night!!

Free entry, and the bar will be open!



NZAC Taranaki Section in collaboration with Taranaki Alpine Club presents:

# CHRIS PRUDDEN

Guest Speaker

Chris is an accomplished alpine guide, instructor and alpine cliff rescue leader. He has spent over 40 years in the mountains, and is a pioneer of the Taranaki climbing scene (1300+ ascents and numerous first ascents).

**Free entry - This is truly a night not to be missed!!**

**Date: Thursday 5th October**  
**Start Time: 7:30 pm** (Doors open 7pm)  
**Location: Fitzroy Golf Club, New Plymouth**

Photo: Queenstown Mountain Guides, 2023



## 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 \$80, ORDINARY (single) \$60, STUDENT (under 18), \$50.

Lodge access card \$20

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.*

## MEMBERSHIP SYSTEM

Hello Club is our membership system. See the link below to login & update your details.

<https://taranaki-alpine-club.helloclub.com/login>

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
- Update your email address and other personal details.

You will have received an email with instructions on how to setup your account for Hello Club.

For any questions or comments, please contact club treasurer **Andrew Darney** via [treasurer.tac@outlook.com](mailto:treasurer.tac@outlook.com)

## 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

Please login to your Hello Club account & make any updates

## Contacting the Club

Co0rrespondance can be sent to:

The Secretary

Taranaki Alpine Club, PO Box 356, New Plymouth,

or email [secretary.tac@outlook.com](mailto:secretary.tac@outlook.com)

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