



HiTAC June 2024

Hi folks, welcome to the latest issue of the HiTAC.
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From the President's desk

Kia Ora Koutou,

Another month ticks by and the snow has been teasing us and then melts! Hopefully, these snowfalls are indicating a solid season ahead on the maunga!

Your committee has had a busy month dealing with the usual club business and amongst the correspondence we received an email advising us that the Te Pire Whakatupua mō Te Kāhui Tupua/Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress Bill had had its first reading and was now before the Māori Affairs Select Committee for consideration and submissions were open.

We had a timeframe of about 2 weeks to read the document, discuss and put together a draft submission for you the members to be aware of, so we could include any feedback in our final submission.

I wish to extend my gratitude to the committee who took the additional time and shared their knowledge, this has been extremely valuable – thank you!

Last HiTAC I put a call out for anyone interested in being involved in a sub-group working on the 100th jubilee celebration book (or something similar), Andrew Jordan is willing to drive the project. He has advised that Finn is willing to be involved and Gail is also.

In reality, the period to reflect upon will be the last 25 years – as a book was printed for the 75th jubilee. Things that could be mentioned are things like the renovation downstairs, the power cable upgrade, trips with photos included etc etc....

Please consider what you could contribute to the book and email the secretary.tac@outlook.com

This weekend was the costume party at the lodge, if you missed it, you missed out on some laughter, stories and great kai as usual. See below to see what characters turned up!

In preparation for Snowcraft courses we have been checking our equipment, i.e. ice axes, crampons etc and the committee has decided to upgrade some of our gear for safety and consistency. This will make it easier and safer for everyone, for example one set of instructions on how to use your ice axe because they will be the same make & model.

Subscription fees have been rolling in nicely and the 31st May is your final day to keep your membership up to date. After this date I will be auditing the database, deactivating fobs, archiving unpaid memberships, and removing the email addresses from HiTAC.

I usually make the time each year (and I will again this year) to call unpaid members first just in case the email notification ended up in the junk file. If you could check that you have already paid your sub this would be very helpful!

There is a changing of the guard on our booking team. After many years of service Greg Banks is stepping down from being the first point of contact for non-members bookings at the lodge. I wish to acknowledge Greg's service to the club and extend our thanks for all he has done! This hasn't gone unnoticed – thank you!

Greg's 2IC Gail Geange is stepping up into that main coordinating role with Stephen Miller coming on board as the secondary contact person. Welcome back to the booking crew Stephen!

Hope to see you at club night!

Sheryl Hamilton

Madam President

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Notices

MISSING!

The following items are missing from the TAC equipment for hire. Please return ASAP. These are needed urgently!

- 1x Singing Rock axe (pictured)
- 1x Singing Rock hammer (pictured)



Protect Griffin Creek

Griffin Creek is located on Aotearoa's South Island West Coast and currently it is a free-flowing gem that is under threat due to a planned hydroelectric scheme.

FMC is in a legal battle to save this creek's recreational and natural values and to determine how much water can be taken from it to produce power, while still keeping it roaring!

The court case is happening in May and there is concern that this might not be the only one! So a call has gone out for donations and bequests from clubs and individual supporters.

Are you in a position to contribute to the "Givealittle" page?
<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/help-us-protect-griffin-creek#!>

At the recent Executive meeting it was decided to contribute \$1000.00 to support FMC in their battle. We promptly got this email message back from Masha:

"I just wanted to say sincere thanks on behalf of FMC for your Club's generous donation towards the Griffin Creek case. It's especially encouraging to see donors from the North Island donating so generously and - seeing the bigger picture.

So - please do share our biggest thanks with your members and thank you so much for your support.

We will keep you posted, as to what happens next week at the Court. Keep an eye on our web page and FB as well."

If you know of anyone that has a passion for supporting our God-given resources, perhaps share this with them.



Subs - your subscription expires 31st May

All membership subscriptions are required to be fully paid by 31st May to keep your membership current.

After this date all unpaid subs will be removed from the database and the HiTAC emails plus your fob will be deactivated. Avoid the hassle and check your membership has been renewed!

100th Jubilee

A small "working sub-group" is forming. Andrew Jordan has offered to drive the project with the assistance of Finn & Gail.

Our focus on gathering stories (especially the funny ones), past events, photos, memories etc. and putting into a publication to reflect 100 years of the Club.

I know a lot of you active members are our "living history books" but we require some of this content to be written down and shared. The information you hold is valuable to this project! It will take time to put this info together, hence the request now.

Are you interested in contributing to this Club project? Please email your interest to be involved to secretary.tac@outlook.com

Articles

A Sunday stroll to a plane wreck and waterfall

A few TAC members (Clarissa, Sheryl, Phil and I) recently visited the infamous plane wreck located on the mountain. After meeting at Mangorei Road car park and finding the correct side trail off the Mangorei Track, the crew enjoyed a wander through the bush, which included a few stream/tributary crossings, some sliding on damp rocks and mossy logs, and a couple of fun sections with tree fall and steep terrain to navigate. We were often thankful for roots and vines providing helpful handholds.

After just over an hour, we found the site. The WWII aircraft crashed into the side of the mountain in 1942, and was not found for over 30 years, when a goat hunter happened upon it. It is well worth a visit, as there are still some impressively intact pieces to marvel at.

After this, a short stroll took us to a hidden gem of a waterfall. Clarissa lowered herself down what looked like a muddy vertical drop, and then managed to find a much easier route for the rest of us to walk down and glimpse at the tiered falls flowing into a crystal-clear pool, perfectly framed by foliage. Undeterred by the old underpants found nearby, we all mentally bookmarked the spot for a summer swim and picnic.

We decided it was a bit too slippery underfoot to tackle the scrambly bush-bash up to the tarns, but resolved to come back in the drier months to do the round trip. It was a great way to spend a Sunday morning; many thanks to the gang for helping me tick off a Taranaki must-do list walk!

- Kathy





Instruction Courses

Snowcraft

Snowcraft 1

Dates:

1st SC1 Starting Fri 26 July 7pm - Sun 28 pm, with a pre-field get together Mon 22 July,
Backup weekend Fri 2 - Sun 4 Aug

2nd SC1 Starting [Fri 9 Aug 7pm](#) to Sun 11 pm, with a pre-field get together [Mon 5 Aug](#)
Backup weekend [Fri 16 - Sun 18 Aug](#)

3rd SC1 Starting [Fri 23 Aug 7pm](#) to Sun 25 pm with pre-field get together [Mon 19 Aug](#)
Backup weekend [Fri 30 Aug - Sun 1 Sept](#)

Note:

- All course dates below have a backup date the following weekend if the course must be postponed due to bad weather.
- The pre-field evening (in New Plymouth) is compulsory
- If you wish to attend, please contact captain.tac@outlook.com

Snowcraft 2

For those considering registering interest for the Snowcraft 2, it is a pre-requisite that you have been undertaking sufficient climbing to a point where your alpine climbing progression is now requiring the use of ropes, protection, anchors to ascend the routes you are wishing to climb. It is up to the discretion of the course leaders and trainers to accept the application. Please do not be offended if it is declined, this is for climbers to take a significant step with their skills and it is pertinent that the attendees are confident with their abilities. Please contact captain.tac@outlook.com with your request to join the course detailing your climbing progress and accomplishments to date and aspirations.

Dates: Fri 5 7pm - Sun 7 July with a pre-field (rock gym) session Mon 1st July



Club Trips

Keep your eyes peeled for more fantastic trips in future newsletters!

Social Events

Lodge Birthday

King's Birthday Weekend (1st - 3rd June 2024)

Weekend's Programme:

Saturday 1 June.

Come to the lodge for the weekend events.

Sunday 2 June.

A walk from the Lodge over to the Organ Pipes Valley and to The Policeman, top of the ski field, back to the lodge. Leaving the lodge at 10.00 am.

Sunday 2 June at 6.00 PM.

Enjoy the Lodge with other Club members for Dinner. Everyone to bring a yummy mains or dessert to share.

Monday 3 June.

A trip from Tahurangi Lodge over to the two old TAC hut sites: Tahurangi Hut & Nissan Lodge. A talk about the history of these sites. Leaving the lodge at 8.30 am.

Monday 3 June at 12.00 Noon.

Cake cutting. Food and refreshments will be supplied by the club. Warm mulled wine.

For both walks/trips, winter experience may be required depending on the conditions.

There are NO non-members booked for this weekend at the Lodge so come up enjoy your Lodge, stay the night.

Please contact below if you have any questions:

Greg Banks: 027 2613199 / banks3@xtra.co.nz

Glenys Grant: 027 3670612 / committee4.tac@outlook.com

Used Climbing Gear & Equipment – Buy/Sell

Before June Club Night - 6th June, 7pm at Fitzroy Golf Club



Looking to acquire gear at an affordable price? Have you got climbing equipment gathering dust at the back of the cupboard looking for a new home?

TAC is hosting a Buy, Swap and Sell night to rehome preloved gear. Also up for grabs is some EXTAC loan equipment.

Attach to your item a note detailing brand, size if appropriate, approximate age, owners name and bank account details for easy sale negotiations...

We are starting this at 7pm (30 minutes earlier than normal club night start time) to fit this in.

Do remember for the safety of us all it is not appropriate to sell out-of-age/expired items, or damaged equipment!

If this proves popular we may run this again on our July Club Night.

Mid-Winter Christmas & Alpine Film Evening

Tahurangi Lodge, 4pm, Saturday 13th July

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

There will be a snowman/person building competition and, 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



Club Nights

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

Tea/coffee and hot water provided.

No BYO alcohol, as this is a licensed premises.

Date: Thursday 6th June 2024

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Fitzroy Golf Club

NB: Prior to this will be the Buy/Sell of preloved equipment - see notice above.

Sunrise or Sunset? - It's a matter of Perspective!

Join Andy Thompson for an engaging evening of stories through alpine & other adventure imagery.

With decades of experience, as a seasoned professional photographer deeply rooted in the outdoors, Andy's mission is to cultivate a spirit of collaborative interdependence within communities. Through his roles as a Guide, Instructor, Coach, and Mentor, he is dedicated to sharing the allure of the natural world.

Since embarking on his journey as an outdoor professional in 1987, He has traversed diverse locales, spanning from New Zealand to global destinations like Antarctica, Australia, India, Africa, Canada, Scotland, and Norway.

Evolution has been constant in his craft, transitioning from traditional print and slide mediums to the dynamic realm of digital photography. Alongside this, he has embraced the constant changes within the outdoor professional industry.

In essence, his journey as a professional photographer and outdoors professional has been one of continuous growth and discovery.

Andy Thompson - Director, Adventure Lens NZ

'Connecting Communities through Outdoors, Photography & Video'



Date: Thursday 4th July 2024

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Fitzroy Golf Club

Two 'Polar' Summits 1998 - 2018

Climbs the highest peaks at the top and bottom of the globe 20 years apart



Climbing Denali, Alaska (1998) and Vinson, Antarctica (2018) 20 years apart gives an interesting insight into how climbing has changed and hasn't changed over this time. For sure cold! and altitude! remain unchanged and present very real difficulties and dangers. But have advances with equipment and our physical and mental approach to climbing changed anything? Join Glen to hear two interesting stories on two epic 'polar' peaks.

..... And with ice beginning to form on the maunga A quick history of ice climbing tool design from the 1960's to today!

Glen Hodges – TAC Club Captain

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

Available on club nights or by contacting Club President to arrange pickup.

For Sale

Earth Sea Sky
Vent X overtrou size 12 women's
Near brand new
\$150.00
Lynda Banks
027 6298360





Club Information

TAHURANGI LODGE

TAC's lodge sleeps 24, has electric heating and cooking, cutlery, pots and pans, etc. Just like home. Members can request an eKey by completing the application available from the Club's website.

Overnight fee is \$55 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 and can be contacted for help, feedback or suggestions. If you have trouble accessing the Lodge (e.g. due to eKey failure), phone either the Club President, or the Lodge Booking Officer. Contact info on Web page: <http://www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz/pages/contacts.html>

CURRENT SUBSCRIPTIONS

FAMILY \$80, INDIVIDUAL \$60, STUDENT (under 18) \$50.

Lodge Access Fob Bond \$25.00 (a one-off payment).

Lodge Access Fob \$20.00 annually.

Your membership will be forfeited if subs are still unpaid by the 1st of June. You will be removed from the database and your fob will be deactivated.

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 Sheryl: president.tac@outlook.com

GEAR HIRE

- Winter and summer equipment is available for hire by TAC Club Members. This includes: Personal Locator Beacon (PLB), ice axes, ice hammers, helmets, harnesses, quick draws, carabiners, etc.
- Each item costs \$5/day or a maximum of \$10/day for 2 or more items per person.
- To only pay for the days gear was used, return items promptly. Late returns will be charged for the entire hire period.
- Contact the Equipment Officer AT LEAST 2 days in advance to ensure availability: committee2.tac@outlook.com / 0272662330

EVENTS PROGRAMME

Club nights, trips, instruction and social events are 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 Trips Co-Ordinator. If you would like to volunteer to lead a trip, contact the Trips Co-Ordinator: committee4.tac@outlook.com

HiTAC— Newsletter

Sent monthly by email and also available on the Club's website at www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz
Any trip reports, events, or gear for sale can be sent to the Editor at hitac.tac@outlook.com

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please login to your Hello Club account to make any updates. If you are unable to log in, please contact president.tac@outlook.com

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Stephen Miller - 027 2442753

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Lodge Maintenance Officer:

Charlie Andrews - lodge.tac@outlook.com

Photograph Corner



Fingers crossed for another good snow season!

Photo credit: Nicole

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