



## HiTAC August 2024

Kia ora, welcome to the latest issue of the HiTAC.

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## From the President's desk

It's a wet and miserable day as I write this, washing away the limited snow we had!

Snowcraft 2 course went ahead with Dave, Fletcher & Geordie at the helm – thanks crew for sharing your knowledge & experience with our members! Some photos on Facebook – to prove they found just enough snow!

Fingers crossed that we good a dump of the white stuff so Snowcraft 1 courses can go ahead!

The committee is currently reviewing some of the club documents: The Constitution, Policies & Procedures, Safety plans, that sort of thing. These are the guiding principles of how we function and do require the time it takes to critique. We must ensure we meet "best practice" in all these areas.

It's been a number of years since the Maunganui Ski Club & Egmont Alpine Club have connected. Since we all are facing the same changes with the park, it was time to get together and chew the fat, so to speak. Similar concerns seem present for all clubs: members' concerns include what could change for each club (if anything), liaison roles, rights of access to our buildings, and restricted access to parts of the maunga.

Change often invokes fear – fear of the unknown, uncertainty about who to approach to discuss issues etc. All 3 clubs have our own individual histories, which is rich camaraderie born out of a love of the local great outdoors!

Now that the bonds have been reconnected, I suggested we have a joint club event for our members, so keep your eye out for that. You never know who may turn up at such an event that you haven't seen for years.

The club beanie have been an enormous success, there are only a few left so get in contact if you are still hoping to purchase one.

TAC is one of the clubs in the region that continues to attract new members, the benefits we offer with courses, trips, and the lodge to use as a base seems to meet the requirements of people who wish to extend their knowledge within the park.

Time to put another log on the fire.....

Hopefully see you on some snow soon!

***Sheryl Hamilton***

Madam President

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# Notices

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## Welcome to our new club members

Jim Broomhead - Auckland  
Mandel Dela Costa - Auckland  
Zoe Miller - New Plymouth  
Deivid Fortuna - New Plymouth  
Vitaly Poletaev - Auckland  
Jennie Cameron - Stratford  
Kim Alvarez - Auckland  
Phil Furr - New Plymouth  
Toni Smith - New Plymouth  
Jorja Cross - Urenui  
Kerryn Nicholls - New Plymouth  
Deirdre Nagle - Auckland  
Lexy Ollington - New Plymouth  
Andrew Suchowersky - New Plymouth

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## A message from our Trips Co-Ordinator

### WANTED:

- Leaders
- Assistant leaders
- Helpers
- Trip ideas

Ideas for trips come from YOU, TAC members. Your individual suggestions are very much appreciated. So, if you have taken a trip and thought it would be great to share with TAC members let me know.

Leaders and assistant leaders/helpers are required for trips to go ahead. If you would like to step into this role with a trip that fits your comfort zone, let me know. Sharing your knowledge and skills is valuable for the growth of TAC. Personal involvement is what keeps the club ticking over.

Please note, we are planning leader/assistant/helper training - please keep an eye out for info.

Please contact me:

Glenys Grant

Email: [committee4.tac@outlook.com](mailto:committee4.tac@outlook.com)

Mobile: 027 367 0612

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## YMCA Crux Courses Coming Up

There will be a generous 25% discount offered to TAC members for upcoming rock climbing courses at the Crux. Please see the links below for info.

<https://ymcataranaki.org.nz/climbing-wall/climbing-courses/>

<https://www.facebook.com/events/971320061454920/971320074788252/>

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## 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](mailto:secretary.tac@outlook.com)

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## Articles

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### Midwinter Christmas and Movie Night

There was a bit of uncertainty about this event going ahead, as the lodge lost power on the Sunday night prior, and it wasn't restored until Thursday afternoon, much to our relief.

Saturday brought fine weather with very little snow around the lodge. A group went up to the lodge early in the day to get some walking done around Warwick Castle, and then into Hongi's Valley with crampons before dinner. Other club members made their way to the lodge during the afternoon with the last person arriving just as the mulled wine was being served.

Before dinner some of the group went outside to make their snow features. Although there was very little snow around, their creativity produced two snow faces. The judges awarded first prize to Oscar and Olly Thomas for their snow face, and Glenys Grant and Sheryl Hamilton were runner up with their TAC buff snow face.

Twenty adults and 2 children enjoyed a potluck meal of scrumptious food including a variety of delicious desserts. By the end of the meal, some were complaining that they had eaten too much, just like Christmas!!

Many hands in the kitchen after dinner, saw a quick clean up following the meal, while others set up the seating and projector for the movies. Once again Glen had put together some awesome movies that included extreme climbing, snow-boarding and skiing.

The following morning the leftovers were put out for breakfast, and these vanished quickly. A combined group effect resulted in an efficient lodge clean-up before people started to head back to their cars.

Another very successful club event at Tahurangi lodge.



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## Instruction Courses

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### Snowcraft

All courses are now full, but a reminder of the details for those registered is below.

#### Snowcraft 1

Dates:

1<sup>st</sup> 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*

2<sup>nd</sup> 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*

3<sup>rd</sup> 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 is compulsory
- If you wish to attend, please contact [captain.tac@outlook.com](mailto:captain.tac@outlook.com)



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## Club Trips

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### Tongariro Trip (formerly known as National Parks Experience)

**6th - 8th September 2024**

The official club trip is full. If you would like to be added on a waitlist please contact Stephen Miller.

There is still some available accommodation for those club members wanting to make their own arrangements/activities. Please contact Glenys Grant 027 367 0612 to check availability.

To secure/confirm booking, payment for the Forest and Bird Lodge is required before 2/8/2024. \$71.00 per person for 2 nights.

For participants on club trip please check WhatsApp group for payment details, and the link to complete consent form.

If due to unforeseen circumstances you are unable to attend the weekend trip, and you are unable to find a replacement for your spot, no refunds will be issued.

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## Other dates for your diary

Further information will be released in future HiTAC editions.

### Syme Hut overnight

Date: 28th September 2024

Leaving via Dawson Falls carpark, ascending Panitahi for overnight stay in the fridge/Syme, with time to wander around the small peaks of Panitahi. Meeting time and further details will be arranged closer to event.

Contact person: Glenys Grant 027 367 0612

### Kapuni Lodge overnight

Leader: Glenys Grant

Date: 12th October

### Giant's Bum walk

Leader: Phil Whitwell

Date: 30th November

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## Social Events

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What other social events would you suggest for the club? Please send your suggestions to our president Sheryl: [president.tac@outlook.com](mailto:president.tac@outlook.com) / 027 243 1718

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## Buddy Walks

Are you new to winter mountaineering and unsure how to gain winter experience? The Club's buddy walks can help you!

- Our buddy walks help fill two key gaps for those who are pretty new to winter mountaineering: acquiring skills and being able to safely climb and walk on Taranaki's winter white stuff, as well as getting to know others.
- The buddy walks are informal, friendly and typically aimed at those wishing to improve their beginner/basic snow travel skills (ice axe, crampons, weather/snow conditions assessment, different terrain/slopes, maybe simple pitching) with a more experienced person.
- The emphasis is on 'buddy', i.e. the buddy does not take complete responsibility for participants' safety. The buddy is there to share knowledge and help participants make mutually agreed reasoned risk judgements.
- Participants are required to have the necessary equipment. See below for hire details.
- Participants must have done a Snowcraft One course or have mountaineering skills at least to that level, i.e. know how to use an ice axe and crampons.
- These walks are weather and snow condition dependent. If the weather is bad on Saturday the trip could be changed to Sunday.
- A consent form will be shared prior to the walk. The walk duration, skill level, and fitness required will be advertised prior to the walk. The consent form helps us tailor the walks to suit.
- Communications will be via WhatsApp. If you are interested in going on a Buddy Walk this season, please contact Stephen Miller on 027 244 2753 well before the walk and you will be added to the WhatsApp group.
- Experienced leaders required! Please consider helping as we can do with some extra helpers and leaders.

### Dates:

- **August** Saturday 17th, backup day Sunday 18th.
- **September** Saturday 21st, backup day Sunday 22nd.
- **October** Saturday 19th, backup date Sunday 20th.
- **November** If there is still snow, Saturday 16th, backup Sunday 17th.

### Contacts:

- Buddy walk key contact Steve: 027 244 2753
  - Equipment Officer Clarissa for gear hire: [committee2.tac@outlook.com](mailto:committee2.tac@outlook.com) / 027 266 2330 (please contact at least 2 days prior to ensure availability)
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## 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.

No BYO alcohol, as this is a licensed premises.

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**Date: Thursday 1st August 2024**

**Time: 7:30pm**

**Location: Fitzroy Golf Club**

## Te Araroa Adventures

For the last three autumns and one spring, Te Aroha has been walking sections of the Te Araroa Trail. And mostly on her own. He mokopuna o te mouna titohea, ko Taranaki e tū mai nei and a relatively new member with the Taranaki Alpine Club (May 2021), Te Aroha Hohaia will be joining us at our next Club Night on Thursday 1 August 2024.



*Te Aroha takes time out for a flat white in Porirua before heading up Rangituhi for what turns out to be a bloody big day.*

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## FMC

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

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

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# Club Information

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## 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 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:committee2.tac@outlook.com) / 027 266 2330

## 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](mailto:committee4.tac@outlook.com)



# HiTAC— Newsletter

Sent monthly by email and also available on the Club's website at [www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz](http://www.taranakialpineclub.co.nz)  
Any trip reports, events, or 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 to make any updates. If you are unable to log in, please contact [president.tac@outlook.com](mailto:president.tac@outlook.com)

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### Lodge Maintenance Officer:

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