



HiTAC December 2024

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

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From the President's desk

Our year is coming to a close rapidly, I do hope you have been able to enjoy the maunga in the snow season even though it was a brief period?!

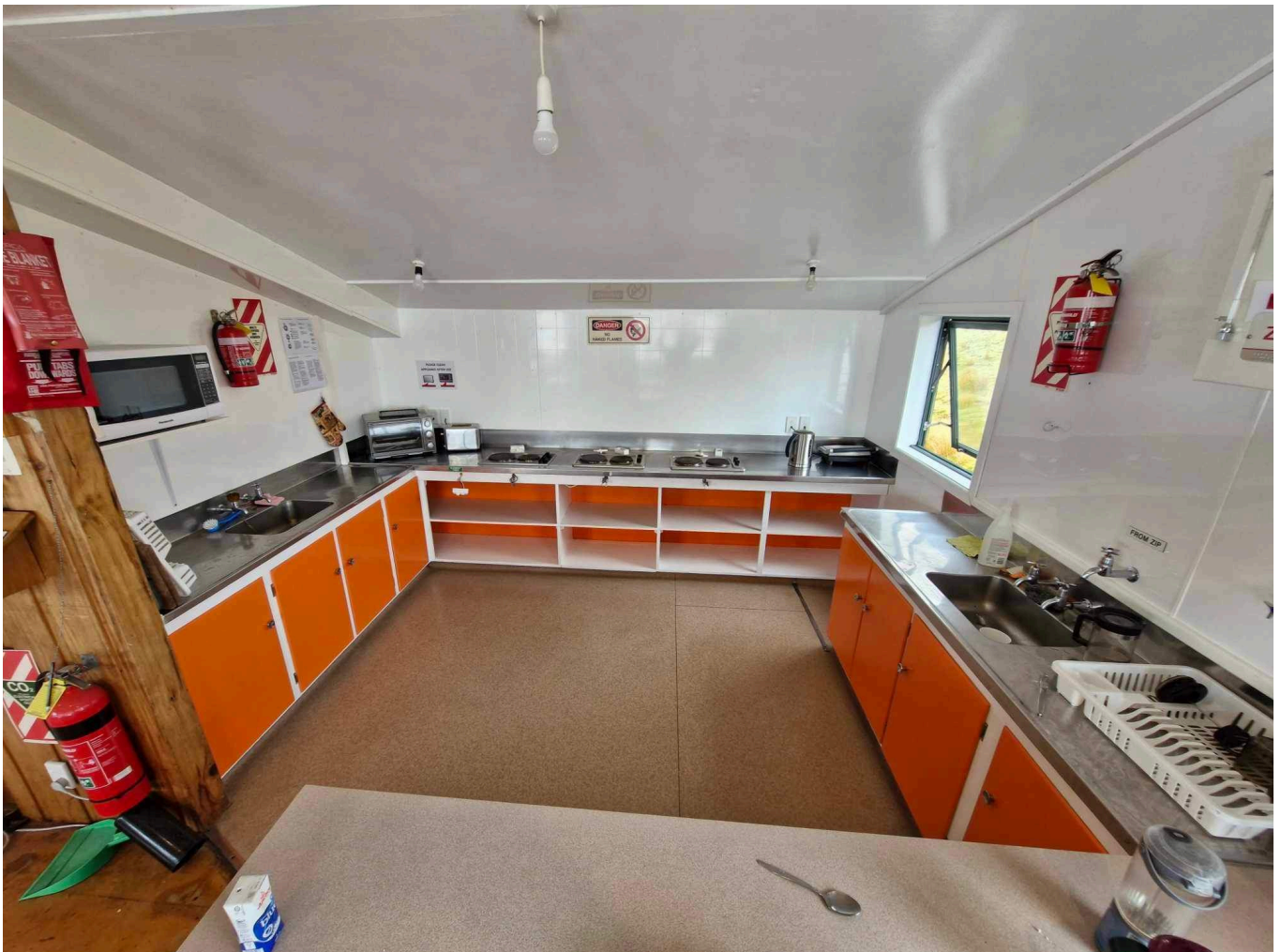
Thank you to all our Snowcraft leaders, buddy walk leaders, trip leaders and the other volunteers who work quietly behind the scenes. This is what our club is about, supporting each other to grow in our confidence and experiences!

Next time you are at the Lodge you will notice that the kitchen has had a major spruce up! We are sporting bright orange, which freshens the kitchen up no end! Thanks to the crew who spent a long weekend up at the lodge and completed the necessary work to get this fabulous result for us all to enjoy!!

I am excited to share that we have had the Open Climb concession granted for a 10-year period (with two 10 years right of renewals!) This will enable us to focus on delivering the event. 2025's event will be held on 15th February, so encourage your mates to get training now if they wish to join us. If you are available to volunteer, I still have a few gaps in the crew that allows this day to go ahead. Get in touch with me as soon as possible if you're interested in being involved.

We have had a change in Secretary. Ange (our outgoing officer) is taking a break to expand her family. We wish you all the best with your new addition that is yet to arrive! The gap has been filled from within the committee, thanks to Andrea stepping into the role.

I will be shouting you a beer, wine or soft drink on Tuesday 3rd December for viewing the photo competition results, plus there will be a sausage on the BBQ! See you there!



Sheryl Hamilton

Madam President

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Notices

Welcome to our new club members

Adrian Mcmanaway - Inglewood

DECEMBER & FEBRUARY CLUB NIGHTS - DATE CHANGE

Please note, Club Nights for December and February will be on first Tuesday of the month, rather than the Thursday.

Same venue & time. Mark them in your diary so you don't miss these social and enjoyable evenings!

See below for more info.

Please respect our Lodge

Please be aware of your membership perimeters; taking non-club members to the lodge overnight requires them to book and pay via our website.

It has come to my attention recently that some members have taken friend/s to the lodge, stayed overnight and the friend/s didn't pay. Also the overnight wasn't signed, but people who have the club's welfare at heart have let me know.

Another issue was the mains power was left on, and lights in one the bunk rooms was left on. This is a fire risk, and as we are aware the club could no longer afford the insurance premium.

So please respect your membership perimeters, get your mates to book through the website. Or if it's a last minute thing, contact our booking crew and get the bank account details to pay directly.

Thanks crew, Sheryl

Open Climb

Open Climb tickets for 15th February 2025 are on sale now via our website.

Encourage friends, colleagues & the general public that show interest to start their training now!

NZ Mountain Film Festival

4th Wall Theatre

The Taranaki Alpine Club is proud to be hosting the NZ Mountain Film Festival next month.

Where: 4th Wall Theatre, 11 Baring Terrace, New Plymouth

When: Doors open 7pm

Start time: 7:30pm Thursday 28th November 2024

Check out the exciting offering of films being shown and buy tickets here: [What's On - 4th Wall Theatre](#)

NZ MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL NATIONAL TOUR



Gear For Sale

Marmot Diva 35l (used - good condition)

\$100 ono

A versatile backcountry pack designed for women and their gear for a range of sports: mountaineering, climbing, hiking, skiing etc. Includes: tuck away ice axe straps, waist belt pockets, ski carrying system, hydration pocket/port, removable lid. Extremely comfortable.

Please contact Kathy on hitac.tac@outlook.co.nz for more info.



PLB
\$400

3 x brand new PLBs for sale (RRP \$650).

See website for info: <https://www.acratex.com/products/bivy-stick/>



Articles

Andy Harris Trust 7 day Alpine Skills Course

Lucas Flay

Day 1

Arrived at Aoraki, Mt Cook Village. We met up at Alpine Guides at 8.30am, and met our guides Mal and Dave, and the other 5 participants. We did a safety briefing and gear check/gear hand out.

We discussed our plan for the week; with the weather not going as planned we couldn't fly out till day 4. We went and stayed at Wyn Irwin Lodge.

Day 2

We went back to the Alpine Guides base, learnt basic rope work, like rope management, prusiking up and down ropes, abseiling and different anchor systems and also belaying.

Day 3

Back at the Alpine Guides Base, we practiced glacier travel and different crevasse rescue systems, like a two-to-one, and six-to-one. We discussed the weather: we read the weather radars and planned to fly into the Tasman Saddle, Kelman Hut, the next day. We sorted food, and weighed all our gear for preparation for a few days in the mountains.

Day 4

We met at Aoraki Mt Cook airport at 8am, and flew up to Tasman Saddle at 9am. We got dropped off about 100 meters down from the hut, we were roped up for glazier travel and carried everything up to the hut and set up for a few days. We got a debrief on how the hut works, unpacked, went outside. the snow was nice and soft so we traversed across a slope and practiced self arresting for the rest of the day.

Day 5

It was a very cloudy day and cold, we didn't do a lot, so we did learning just around the hut, building 3 different types of snow anchors, upright top clip, upright mid clip, TSlot. We practiced how to use an emergency shelter and what to do if you were in the situation of needing to use one.

Day 6

We woke up early, roped up for glacier travel and went and climbed Mt Aylmer, altitude 2699m. Which took about 7 hours return, because we pitched the top steep bits. The weather was perfect. We did some avalanche talks after our climb.

Day 7

Got up early, cleaned the hut and made sure everything was ready for us to leave, we walked about 3 km down the glacier and did some ice climbing, ice anchors including V-Threads and ice screws. Then flew back to the village at 1pm, sorted all the gear out and finished up.

Thanks for this fantastic experience, I have learnt so much and I can't wait to go back down and do some more adventures.









Instruction Courses

Rock & Ropes - Introduction to Rock Climbing (RC1)

7th - 9th March

The course is an introduction to using ropes for security on steep terrain. It explores more technical terrain on the mountain, and introduces the sport of rock climbing to the outdoor environment.

Course runs From Friday evening 7th March – Sunday afternoon 9th March 2024. Based at Tahurangi Lodge.

Limited to 10 participants. Please contact club captain at captain.tac@outlook.com
Cost for course \$100.

Objectives

- Understand the basic equipment requirements for rock climbing, its selection, use, and care.
- Demonstrate a fundamental understanding of risk management through awareness of hazards, including equipment, environmental factors, and height hazards.
- Tie appropriate knots for rock climbing.
- Risk management in steep terrain, and near edges
- Direct and indirect belay for safeguarding a person on steep terrain
- Belay a top rope climb according to best practice
- Top rope climbing with good movement and technique
- Edge safety principles and techniques
- Rigging in situ anchors for top rope climbs and abseil
- Competently abseil down a climb using self-protection
- Demonstrate whanaungatanga - safety and care of the whole team

Pre-requisites

- Must be over 16, or under with TAC approval and parental or guardian permission
- Must have a reasonable level of fitness
- Be a TAC member

- Must disclose pertinent medical and injury information on registration
- Decision on attendance is made by the lead instructor

Club Trips

Giant's Bum

November 30th 2024

Leader - Phil Whitwell

Contact person - Glenys Grant - 027 367 0612

Kawakawa Bay Rock Climbing

March 8-10th (Taranaki Anniversary weekend)

Contact person - Lindsay Stones 020 4120 9414

WANTED: Trips for December, January, and beyond

Looking for club members to volunteer for trip leads and ideas.

If you have a trip gem to share with your fellow TAC club members, please contact Glenys, trips coordinator (027 367 0612).

Social Events

What other social events would you suggest for the club? Please sent your ideas to our president

Sheryl: president.tac@outlook.com / 027 243 1718

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.

Date: Tuesday 3rd December 2024

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Fitzroy Golf Club

President's Shout & Photo Competition

Please note, date change from the club's usual first Thursday of the month slot.

Come along to share a drink with fellow club members, and marvel at the recent photos entered into the TAC competition.

Date: Tuesday 4th February 2024

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Fitzroy Golf Club

Project Himalaya

Please note, date change from the club's usual first Thursday of the month slot.

Jamie McGuinness the owner/operator of Project Himalaya will be presenting a talk with outstanding photos on climbing 8000m peaks and trekking off the beaten path in both Nepal and Ladakh/Zanskar. He is the author of a trekking guide to the Khumbu, one of the founders of the GHT and has led/managed several 8000m expeditions. An evening not to be missed!

FMC

Printed FMC Quarterly Bulletins & 2023/24 FMC Membership Cards

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

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 / 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

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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Submissions welcome from any club member. Please contact Kathy for submission info and deadlines.

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