



HiTAC January 2025

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

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From the President's desk

Season's greeting clubbies!

Hope you have some fun, relaxation & some great activities planned for the summer break!

As some of you may be aware we had to change the club night for December, and sadly the numbers were quite significantly reduced, so moving forward we are going to keep club night to the first Thursday of the month as per usual. This means the February club night will be 6th February with the traditional social BBQ at the river. See below for the details, and keep an eye out on Facebook, too.

Congrats to Jeremy Beckers for winning the overall photo competition and Brendan Larsen as runner-up. Margie, the photo competition judge, said the entries this year had stepped up a notch from last year's entries, so we can all be proud of our efforts!

In my excitement recently to receive notification from DOC about an approved concession, I mistakenly thought it was the Open Climb concession, when in fact it was Tahurangi Lodge concession -- which is great news, also, that we have been granted 10 years! So, what does this mean for Open Climb? I have been in touch with DOC and they don't think our 10-year application will be processed prior to the date of the 2025 event. So, DOC have kindly put together a support application on our behalf for a one-off concession.

At this stage we have just about finalised the volunteers for Open Climb. If you are available on the 15th February and haven't let me know, please get in touch. An email will be sent out over the next week or so to all volunteers, so you can get familiar with the role you have been assigned.

Since we have no Club Night or HiTAC in January it's important to look at our Facebook page for events, or last-minute trips that have been planned.

We had some changes on our membership platform Hello Club, so if you are having any issues with signing into your membership, please get in touch and I will support you to get this sorted.

Well, that's it from me -- now go have way too much over the summer break!

Sheryl Hamilton

Madam President

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Notices

FEBRUARY CLUB NIGHT HAS CHANGED

Please note, Club Night in February will be a Waitangi Day BBQ instead of the previously advertised event.

See below for more info.

'No crampons' in the lodge toilets

New signage at entrance to toilet area installed

In case you have not noticed, there is now a sign as you enter to toilet area at the lodge: "NO CRAMPONS".



In the unlikely scenario where one still has crampons on when arriving at the lodge, please remove before going into the toilet area. The flooring has been freshly re-done, and is now made out of very expensive material which is costly to replace if damaged. On the same note, no stiletto heels either.



Submission by Claire Jones.
Photo featuring Greg Banks

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!

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

Please submit any articles for 2025 to Kathy, HiTAC editor: hitac.tac@outlook.com

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: 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

East Ridge Summit

January 18th 2025

An opportunity to summit Mount Taranaki with an experienced leader (Glen Hodges). Please register with Glenys to attend.

Leader - Glen Hodges

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 2025!

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, usually at 7:30pm at Fitzroy Golf Club, 3 Record Street, unless otherwise advertised.

No BYO alcohol, as this is a licensed premises.

Date: Thursday 6th February 2025

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Audrey Gale Reserve

Barbeque Social

'Bring your own' food/drinks for a barbeque at Audrey Gale Reserve in Merrilands.
Bring your togs for a swim, too!



 **6TH FEBRUARY CLUB NIGHT**

LET'S WORK THE GRILL!

**WAITANGI
DAY BBQ**

AUDREY GALE RESERVE @ 7.00PM
BYO FOOD & DRINK
**BRING YOUR TOGS FOR A DIP IN THE
RIVER.....**

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/register>

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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