



HiTAC April 2025

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

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From the President's desk

Tēnā Koutou

Autumn is in the air, the maunga had a very small sprinkling of snow overnight! Fingers crossed we might be in for a load of snow this winter.

The AGM has been and gone with a few new faces joining the executive committee – welcome to Janica, Katyana & Rachel who has taken on the role of Trips Co-Ordinator.

You may notice next time you're at the lodge that the deck maintenance has been completed. The boys lifted the deck, removed the rust, cleaned up all the metal brackets, applied special anti-rust coating to these areas. Then, to make it pretty, they applied two coats of epoxy paint for the finishing touches before lowering the deck back to the ground. A huge thank you to the small crew that carried out this mahi!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for upcoming events that you can get involved in.

Just a heads up with parking at Taranaki Visitors Centre located at the end of Egmont Road. Work to replace the aging Visitor Centre is underway. A temporary portable building is being set up by the viewing platform during the period while the old centre is demolished and then replaced with a new structure. A couple of the car parks in the upper car parking area will be unavailable, so I am suggesting that members may consider using the lower carparking area to avoid any inconvenience with trucks etc. getting this set up.

If you have any queries about anything, I am always happy to listen and have a chat.

Enjoy the last of the summer evenings!

Sheryl Hamilton

Madam President

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Notices

TACR Public Service Announcement

With the arrival of day-long rime (ice) at the summit of the Mounga, it's time to call an end to the 24/25 summer summit season.

Until the start of the next summer season, it is no longer appropriate to attempt the summit without:

- Crampons – these must be proper crampons – “microspikes” will not suffice on Taranaki.
- Crampon-compatible boots.
- Ice axe.
- Helmet.
- Headlamp.
- Gear to sit still in sub-zero conditions for at 6-12 hours in comfort, and overnight in discomfort – It can easily take this long for us to get to you, even in the best of conditions.
- The knowledge and practiced skills to use crampons and an ice axe effectively – use of this equipment without proper knowledge will only result in self-endangerment.
- Sufficient time to complete your objective – i.e., start early in the day.

Remember:

- If lost or disoriented, your first step should be to go to www.topomap.co.nz, and select “locate me” (crosshair symbol).
- If you're still lost or unsure of your location – stop. Continuing to move when unsure is only digging yourself deeper into a hole.
- Consider having one person in your group track your path using a GPS or phone app (e.g. “New Zealand Topo Maps”) – it's much easier to backtrack in low- to no- visibility if you know where you came from.
- If you're unsure or uncomfortable on the way up, it will be much worse coming down – consider turning back before it's too late.
- The snow may seem soft on the way up, but it can lock up (“freeze”) in less than 30 minutes – without crampons, you may be stranded at elevation with no way to move up or down.
- Stay together with your group – you're much less likely to get lost or to get into strife as a team.
- Wear your helmet – especially when above the snowline.
- If truly beleaguered, your best bet is to wrap up warm, sit down, and activate your PLB.

Have a fantastic and safe winter,
Make good decisions and stay safe.

Steve (Geordie)
Taranaki Alpine Cliff Rescue Team Leader

From your new Trips Co-Ordinator

Hi folks,
I'm fairly new to the club and mountaineering and brand new to the role of Trips Co-ordinator. I'm really keen to develop my skills alongside my son Lucas.

I see there's been some great trips held over the years so am looking forward to helping Leaders co-ordinate future ones.

If you are keen to lead or have some ideas for me to follow up, please get in touch by phone, text, look me up on messenger or email.

Looking forward to hearing from you all
Rachel Alford
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Articles

We're always on the lookout for interesting and informative articles for the newsletter. Please submit to Kathy, HITAC editor - hitac.tac@outlook.com

Instruction Courses

Keep your eyes peeled for Snowcraft details to be announced later this year!

Club Trips

Wellness Weekend

March 29th-30th, Taharangi Lodge

Enjoy the wellness of the mountain and come to Taharangi Lodge for a weekend of yoga asana, meditation, plus other natural health modalities. Due to space limitations the maximum number of participants is 14 TAC members.



- Meditation
 - Mindfulness
 - Inner Reflection
 - Yoga
 - Drumming
 - Relaxation
 - Breathe work
 - Card Clarity
 - Shared Meal
- Saturday evening

Wellness Retreat

Nuture your body & soul

Sat 29 & Sun 30th March 2025

Meet at NEVC at 9.00am on Saturday

Enquiries: Nicole (027) 511-8512

Sheryl (027) 243-1718

To register contact above

Social Events

80s Night

Saturday 3rd May 2025

Celebrating the 1980s with a TAC members only pot luck dinner at Taurangi Lodge.
Get creative with your 80s outfit!

What to bring:
- Pot luck dinner contribution
- Nibbles and drinks
- 1980s costume

Time: starting with nibbles late afternoon
Organisers: Gail Geange (021 733 281) and Sheryl Hamilton (027 243 1718)

Give us a call if you have any queries or need more information.

P.S. please pass this on to other TAC members who may be interested.

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 4th April 2025

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Fitzroy Golf Club

This month, John Jordan will present on his trip to Antarctica.

FMC

Printed FMC Quarterly Bulletins & 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 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/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

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

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