



## HiTAC March 2025

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

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### From the President's desk

A BIG THANKS: you guys stepped up and did a fabulous job on Open Climb! I hope you had an enjoyable day with the crew you were assigned to, also. This event takes months in the making, so it was great to get out the gate and deliver the event. We are so grateful for the support from Landsar & TACR locally for their radios & the Whanganui Landsar crew who travelled up to assist in person. There are just reports to complete and a few things to follow up on, then we are done for another year. Thanks again crew – if you are interested, we have had positive feedback on our Facebook page too.

The annual BBQ at Audrey Gale was enjoyed by members on the 6th February. Nice to connect again after the busy festive season.

Our usual club nights will be held at the Fitzroy Golf Club on the first Thursday of the month with the next one being the AGM. The new constitution will be ready to be heard with the new Incorporated Society's Act changes, and of course service positions will be up for grabs.

On another note, as I am typing this there is a small working party dragging scaffolding from the translator corner up to the lodge – I hear it is heavy work! These sorts of projects do require club members' support. Keep an eye out on Facebook for events where you can contribute in the future.

If you have any suggestions on what you would like the club to look into for events, trips or courses please get in touch, as we would like to hear what you guys would value.

See you 6th March!











***Sheryl Hamilton***

Madam President

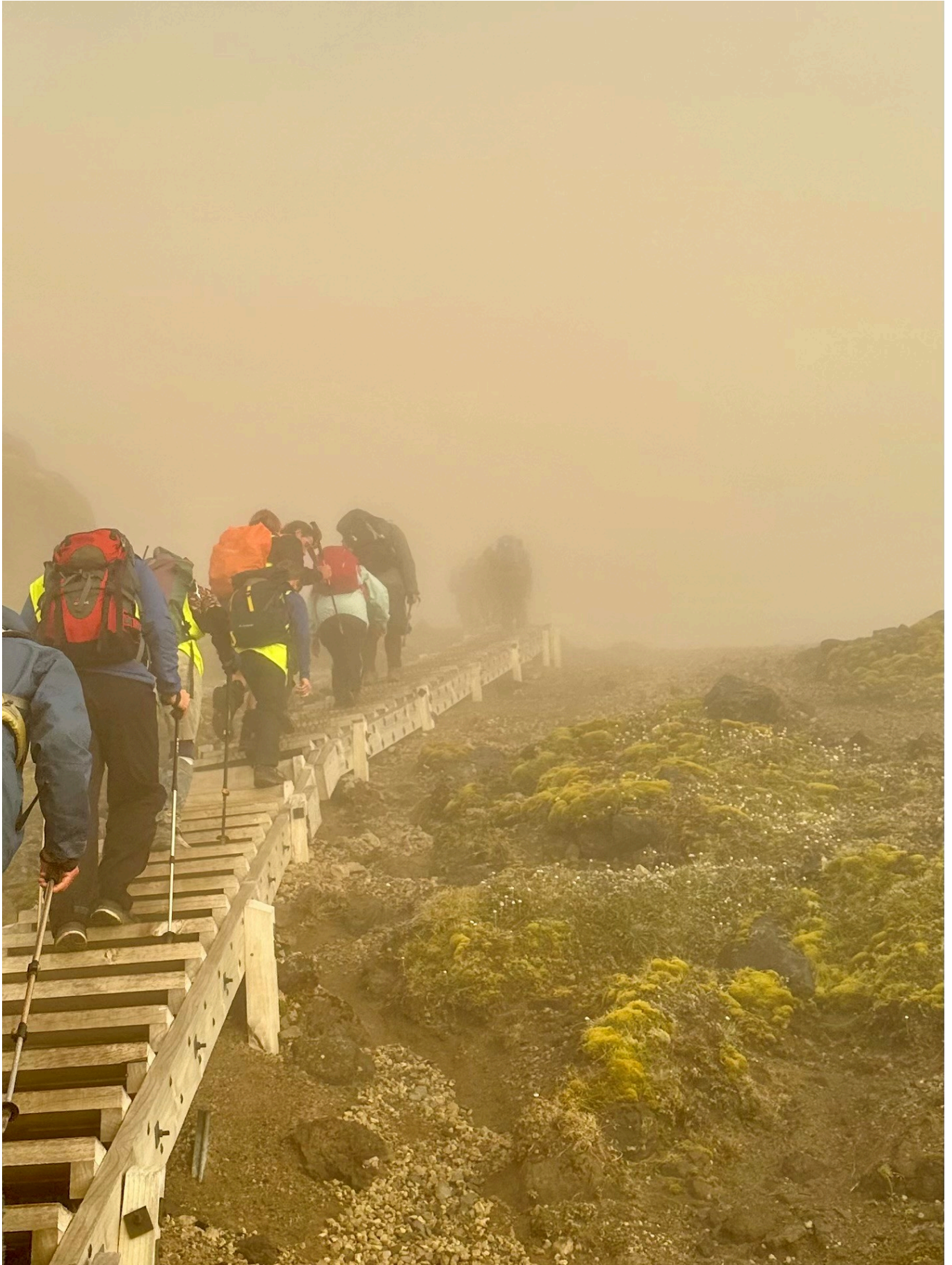
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### Photos from Open Climb

submitted by Claire Jones







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## Photo from Waitangi Day BBQ

submitted by Claire Jones

David Clough and John Jordan demonstrating fire lighting skills at Alpine Club BBQ on Thursday 6th February 2025.





## Photo Competition Winners!

**Above the bush line, no human element (ABN)**

1st: Tarns Reflection... Brendan Larsen

2nd: Moody Hills... Kyle Francis

3rd: Routeburn Tarns... Barbara Hammonds



**Above the bush line, with human element (ABW)**

1st: A New Season Begins... Jeremy Beckers

2nd: Winched Rescue... Andy Thompson

3rd: West Side Climb... Jeremy Beckers

**Below the bush line, no human element (BBN)**

1st: Tranquility... Jeremy Beckers

2nd: Taranaki and Tussock... Amirah Norhayati

3rd: Punch Bowl Falls... Andy Thompson

**Below the bush line, with human element (BBW)**

1st: Atmospheric Conditions... Jeremy Beckers

2nd: Wahine Toa... Andy Thompson

3rd: Sending It... Claire Jones

**History (HIS)**

1st: Rope! What For?... Greg Sharman

2nd: Snowdrift 1, 2016... Claire Jones

3rd: Logistics 1955... Greg Sharman

**Long Exposure (LXP)**

1st: Rare Night... Jeremy Beckers

2nd: Taiwharanui... Andy Thompson

3rd: Blue Hour... Jeremy Beckers

**Nature's Flora and Fauna (NFF)**

1st: Kea Love Dance... Andy Thompson

2nd: Perseverance... Jeremy Beckers

3rd: Miromiro... Andy Thompson

**Humour (HUM)**

1st: Lift Off... Claire Jones

2nd: She's Not Impressed... Sheryll Hamilton

3rd: Pole Dancer... Claire Jones

**Overall (pictured below)**

1st: Atmospheric Conditions... Jeremy Beckers

Runner Up: Kea Love Dance... Andy Thompson









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## Articles

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### St John's Fundraiser - Aconcagua Summit

Assalamu Alaykum, Kia Ora, Hello!

On 3rd February, I will be leaving for South America to attempt to conquer all 6,962 metres of Aconcagua, the highest mountain outside the Himalayas.

In January 24, due to severe weather conditions we had to turn back at 6,003 metres, but this time we hope to reach the summit, Insha Allah (God-willing)!

As extra motivation for me, and to recognise the amazing work that Hato Hone St John do in our communities (especially during the terrorist attacks in Christchurch on March 15, 2019), I wanted to turn this next climb into a fundraiser, with the ultimate goal of raising enough funds to purchase a brand-new ambulance.

Please support me, and St John, by donating to this cause.

Click on link below: <https://fundraise.stjohn.org.nz/aconcagua-mountain-climb>

Mohammad Thompson

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### Taranaki Maunga gets same legal rights as a person

Our mountain made international news in January, when it was granted legal personhood after years of negotiations.

The Taranaki Maunga Collective Redress Bill was passed into law by parliament, reinstating the mountain's Māori name and protecting the land surrounding it. The agreement aims to compensate local Māori for injustices as a result of colonisation, including widespread land confiscation.

The concept of natural features gaining personhood embeds Māori concepts into law; mountains and other natural features are ancestors and living beings, and should be treated as such.

Guidelines around how people interact with the mountain may change, but it is hoped that the personhood status will help people respect the mountain and self-regulate their activities.

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## Instruction Courses

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### Rock & Ropes - Introduction to Rock Climbing (RC1)

7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> March – Sunday afternoon 9<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Based at Tahurangi Lodge.

Limited to 10 participants. Please contact club captain: [captain.tac@outlook.com](mailto: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

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## **Club Trips**

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### **Kawakawa Bay Rock Climbing**

#### **March 8-10th (Taranaki Anniversary weekend)**

Contact person - Lindsay Stones 020 4120 9414

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### **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**

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## 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).

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## Social Events

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### 80s Night

**Saturday 3rd May 2025**

Celebrating the 1980s with a TAC members only pot luck dinner at Tahurangi 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.

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## 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.



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**Date: Thursday 6th March 2025**

**Time: 7:30pm**

**Location: Fitzroy Golf Club**

## AGM

### Agenda

1. Presentation of accounts
  2. Election of committee
  3. Adoption of constitution for Incorporated Societies Act 2022
  4. General Business
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## FMC

### Printed FMC Quarterly Bulletins & 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 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](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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Submissions welcome from any club member. Please contact Kathy for submission info and deadlines.

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