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FMC Member News April 2011

Here is a summary of activities by the Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand in April 2011, plus news on significant developments of importance to trampers, climbers and all interested in outdoor recreation.

FMC 80th Conference, 11-12 June 2011: Forever Wild? - Our Conservation Lands in the 21st Century


Forever Wild?
Our conservation lands in the 21st century

Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ
80th Anniversary Conference
11-12 June 2011
Te Papa, Wellington

What will the future for public conservation land look like?
How do we protect what we value?
Be part of debate and dialogue that will shape that future.

Featuring:

- Minister of Conservation
- Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment
- Sierra Club of USA and Canada
- Department of Conservation
- NZ experts on conservation, recreation and tourism
- Political party spokespeople
- Conservation, recreation and hunting NGOs



Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand invites you to join us at our 80th Anniversary Conference, entitled "Forever Wild? Our Conservation Lands in the 21st Century."

This conference is for all those who have an interest in public conservation land, for work or play, and will be held at Te Papa in Wellington on 11-12 June.

Hear from experts, policy-makers, politicians, recreation and conservation leaders, and those who enjoy our wild lands. Discuss what you think the future for conservation land should look like.

See the accompanying poster (left) and our website <http://www.fmc.org.nz/conference> for more information. Download the conference programme <http://www.fmc.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Conference/programme.pdf>

Register now: download a form to print and post <http://www.fmc.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Conference/RegnForm.pdf>, or register online: <http://www.fmc.org.nz/conference/registration/>.

Registration is just \$90 (10% FMC discount) until 18 May.

FMC would like to thank the Department of Conservation and Forest & Bird for sponsoring this event and making the registration cost accessible for all.

For member clubs, please note that the FMC AGM will take place at 7:30pm on Saturday 11 June.



For more information, a registration form and programme visit www.fmc.org.nz/conference or email conference@fmc.org.nz
Registration is \$100 (early-bird & FMC discounts available)
Supported by FMC Trust, Forest & Bird, Department of Conservation



Provisional Conference Programme

A provisional conference programme is included with this newsletter (page 3) for your reference.

FMC AGM - Te Papa, Wellington - 7.30 pm, Saturday, 11 June 2011

The agenda and list of nominees for the Executive will be sent to all clubs in early May. Clubs are urged to make every effort to send a delegate to the Conference/AGM. If your club cannot send a delegate please make sure that a proxy is assigned.

Tenure Review Submissions

The submissions for the Wolds and Maryburn Stations Tenure Review Process have now been completed and lodged with the Commissioner of Crown Lands. They can also be found on our website via the following link: <http://www.fmc.org.nz/advocacy/submissions/>. FMC gratefully acknowledges the assistance of Mike Floate in their preparation.

2012 Tramping Calendar

FMC has negotiated an arrangement with Craig Potton Publishing to ensure that the 2012 Tramping Calendar will be published after all. All FMC members will have an opportunity to buy the calendar at a significant discount. Details of prices and how to order will be sent to clubs and be available on our website soon.

FMC Photo Competition - Final Reminder!

Clubs are reminded that entries close on 17 May. Two entries per category, images submitted with files named as laid out in the rules and burnt onto a CD please. Entry details are available via the following link; <http://www.fmc.org.nz/services-to-clubs/photo-competition/>, and they have also been published in the March Bulletin. Remember, entries must come from Clubs and not individuals. The winners will be announced at the 80th Conference & AGM in June.

Reminder - FMC Youtube Video Competition

The inaugural FMC Youtube Video Competition begins this year! Members and Individual Supporters can use their talent to showcase tramping and mountaineering in New Zealand. Details on the various categories and how to enter can be found via our website: <http://www.fmc.org.nz/services-to-clubs/Videocomp/>. The closing date is 31 September 2011. For inspiration, go to <http://www.youtube.com> and search for "Tramping."

Greenstone Track - McKellar Hut Closure - 16th May to 30th September 2011

The Department of Conservation, Wakatipu Area Office, will be undertaking major re-development works on the McKellar Hut in the Greenstone Valley this winter. The works will consist of an extension to the existing accommodation to convert the hut from 12 bunks to 24 bunks, and an upgrade of the toilet facilities and warden's living quarters. The works are scheduled to occur between 16th May and 30th September 2011 - During this period, the hut will be unavailable for public use. The adjacent camping area and toilets will be unaffected by the construction works, and will be available for use throughout the period the hut is closed. Enquiries regarding huts, camping and walking in the Wakatipu Area should be directed to the Queenstown Regional Visitor Centre 03 442 7935

New Editions of Topo50 Maps covering Ruahine Ranges (BK 36, BL 36) available

Trampers using the new Topo50 maps that cover the Ruahine Ranges (Sheets BK 36 & BL 36) may have been aware of some errors and omissions in the first editions that were not present in the superseded NZMS 260 series. LINZ advises that corrected copies of the printed versions should be available in shops at the end of this month and that digital versions with corrections are now available on their website (<http://www.linz.govt.nz/topography/index.aspx>).

Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Tongariro - Winter Skills Courses

For those wanting to improve their winter mountaineering skills this season, OPC Tongariro is offering Avalanche Awareness and Intermediate Mountaineering Courses (multiday) from late July into September 2011. Visit the following link: <http://www.opc.org.nz/mountain.php> for more details and how to enrol.

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Forever wild? Our Conservation Lands in the 21st Century

Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand 80th Anniversary Conference

Saturday 11 June	
9:00am	REGISTRATIONS OPEN
9:30am	Welcome and introduction: Richard Davies (FMC president) Keynote: Hon Kate Wilkinson (Minister of Conservation)
10:30am	MORNING TEA
11:00am	Retrospective: Craig Potton and Les Molloy An international view from Richard Cellarius (Sierra Club & IUCN) Keynote: Dr Jan Wright (Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment)
12:30pm	LUNCH
1:30pm	Perspectives on future directions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin O'Connor (Department of Conservation) – the Department’s direction • Mark Christensen (Anderson Lloyd) – industry & legal directions • Kay Booth (Lindis Consulting) – recreation and tourism directions • Wren Green (Science consultant) – biodiversity conservation trends and directions
3:00pm	AFTERNOON TEA
3:30pm	Political party panel – vision and policies for the future
4:30pm	Response to day’s speakers: Guy Salmon (Ecologic) and responses from the floor Recap of day and outline for Sunday: Quentin Duthie (FMC vice president)
5:30pm	CLOSE OF DAY
7:30pm	Federated Mountain Clubs AGM (for members)
Sunday 12 June	
9:00am	Interactive session 1: panel discussion featuring NGO representatives
10:30am	MORNING TEA
11:00am	Interactive session 2: small group discussions
12:30pm	Recap and announcements
1:00pm	LUNCH
2:00pm	Conclusions and farewell: Richard Davies (FMC President)
3:00pm	CONFERENCE CLOSES

Register now at www.fmc.org.nz/conference or by emailing conference@fmc.org.nz