



# Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ (Inc)

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## FMC Member News June 2011

Here is a summary of activities by the Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand in June 2011, including highlights from the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference and AGM, plus news on significant developments of importance to trampers, climbers and all interested in outdoor recreation.

### News from FMC's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference and AGM – Te Papa Museum – Wellington, 11-12 June

• **FMC 80<sup>th</sup> Conference: Forever Wild? - Our Conservation Lands in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century:** A very successful conference was held on 11/12 June with 150 people from all areas of conservation and outdoor recreation looking ahead for the next 20 years. FMC would especially like to acknowledge the dedicated efforts of the conference organisers, Richard Davies, Quentin Duthie and Ben Clendon, plus other volunteers and sponsors that generously gave of their time and resources. A conference proceedings publication will be available in due course. In the meantime, the following material is available at <http://www.fmc.org.nz/conference/>: • Minister of Conservation's Speech, • Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment Dr. Jan Wright's Speech, • Les Molloy's Reflections on the Past. More will follow.

Key themes to emerge from the conference were: • Pest control and the shortage of funding to deal with this pressing issue from the state, • Commercialisation of our conservation lands (resource extraction and concessionaires for tourism - see Jan Wright's speech and the issues of *Posterity and Prosperity*), • FMC engaging with new ethnicities and demographics within NZ society, • Wild and Scenic Rivers - their preservation, use and water quality, • The Big Game Council and ensuring it does not become a vehicle for exclusiveness, • Landscape preservation and access issues associated with the Eastern South Island's high country, • the potential for Treaty of Waitangi Issues and the claims' settlement process to change management or access arrangements on conservation lands, and • the reclassification of lower-tier conservation lands (sometimes referred to as 'Stewardship Land'). Your executive will be considering these topics and others that were raised and will be developing responses and policy in due course. We will keep you informed via this newsletter, the website and the *FMC Bulletin*.

• **80<sup>th</sup> AGM:** The minutes of the 80<sup>th</sup> AGM, the Annual Report, accounts and the budget for 2011-12 are now available on the FMC website. The link is: <http://www.fmc.org.nz/services-to-clubs/>.

### Executive for 2011-12:

**President:** Richard Davies (NZAC Wellington); **Vice President:** Quentin Duthie (NZAC Wellington); **Secretary:** Phil Glasson (Parawai TC); **Treasurer:** Graeme Lythgoe (Hutt Valley TC); all returned unopposed. **Executive (13 positions & 15 nominations; election required):** Elected: David Barnes (Otago T & MC), Rob Brown (NZAC, Cant'y), Owen Cox (Parawai TC, Wgtn T & MC), Tony Haddon (Nelson TC), Baz Hooper (Wanganui TC), Paddy Gresham (Tararua TC), Robin McNeill (NZAC Southland), Rob Mitchell (NZAC Otago & Otago T & MC), Barbara Morris (Taupo & Nga Tapuwae TC), Dennis Page (Hutt Valley TC), Brian Stephenson (Alpine Sports Club & NZAC Auckland), Lesley Topping (Alpine Sports Club) and Peter Wilson (Otago UTC). Also nominated, but not successful, were; David Round (Canterbury UTC) and Bernard Smithyman (Wellington T & MC) - FMC appreciates their interest in standing for the executive. In addition, FMC would like to acknowledge the efforts of 2010-11 Executive Members, Ben Clendon (VUWTC) and Chris Munn (Tararua TC) who did not re-nominate for this current year. We are grateful for their support and wish them every success for their future outdoor endeavours.

### Constitutional Changes

Several changes to FMC's Constitution have been made as a result of the consultation with clubs prior to the AGM and the subsequent motions that were put at the meeting. The new Constitution is also available for clubs to download from our website (<http://www.fmc.org.nz/services-to-clubs/>). Any club that wishes to receive a hard-copy of the Constitution should contact the Administration Officer ([admin@fmc.org.nz](mailto:admin@fmc.org.nz)) with their request.

## **FMC Youth and Young Adults Scholarship Scheme - Inaugural Winners Announced**

FMC, with the support of the FMC Mountain and Forest Trust, awarded Youth and Young Adults Scholarships for the first time in 2011. The winners were:

- Max Olsen (Otago University TC) – A winter trip into the Transit Valley in Fiordland.
- Myles van der Heu (Kings High School, Dunedin) – An expedition through the Hollyford, Pike and Big Bay loop.

Further details about the winners and their intended trips will be published in the August edition of the *FMC Bulletin*. In the meantime, applications for the 2012 Scholarships will be called for in late 2011 / early 2012 with the closing date to be announced shortly. We will keep you informed via this newsletter, the *FMC Bulletin*, and the FMC website.

## **FMC Photo Competition**

The results for the 2011 FMC Photo Competition have been published in the June edition of the *FMC Bulletin*. The overall, supreme winner was announced at the 80<sup>th</sup> AGM - Congratulations to the West Coast Alpine Club who receive a prize of \$250. For the 2011 competition, 23 clubs sent in over 180 entries. Unfortunately, 3 clubs sent in late entries and these had to be declined. FMC appreciates the efforts of Shaun Barnett and John Rhodes in coordinating and judging the competition. **2012 Photo Competition:** Please note that the closing date for this will be in April 2012. Clubs that hold their photo competitions in the second half of 2011 should keep their entries and submit them in 2012.

## **2012 Tramping Calendar**

The order form for the 2012 Tramping Calendar is now available on our website: <http://www.fmc.org.nz/sales/calendar/>. Clubs can buy this in bulk and get a substantial discount. Order forms will also be sent to clubs in July.

## **Kea Conservation Trust**

At the conference, FMC Vice President Quentin Duthie announced that FMC's gifts to conference presenters would be a donation on their behalf to the Kea Conservation Trust totalling \$1000. FMC is exploring the potential of an ongoing partnership with the Trust so that clubs can support kea research and protection. See the Trust website (<http://www.keaconservation.co.nz>) for more information, including a video and the details of the Trust's tour during June-July to Dunedin, Mt Cook, Christchurch, Arthur's Pass, Hokitika, Harihari, Franz Josef, Fox Glacier, Haast, Wanaka and Queenstown.

## **Nevis Snowmobile Concession**

FMC has made a submission to Southland District Council for consent to run a snowmobile operation on the Nevis Range. The submission is available for download via the following link: <http://www.fmc.org.nz/advocacy/submissions/>.

## **Conservation Management Strategies (CMS) - Review Process Underway**

DoC is starting a programme of reviewing their Conservation Management Strategies. These are the documents that guide what DoC will do in each conservancy. A short video explaining their place is on the Doc Website - see: <http://www.doc.govt.nz/getting-involved/consultations/how-doc-consults/consulting-on-conservation-management-strategies/maps-showing-indicative-national-conservation-priorities/video-on-cms-your-places-your-choices/> if you are interested.

## **Survey Reminder: What is “Quintessentially Kiwi?”**

As part of their CMS review process, DoC is also conducting an on-line survey in order to ascertain what indigenous species and natural landscapes that New Zealanders think most define them as Kiwis. A quick link to the survey is available on the DoC homepage (<http://www.doc.govt.nz>). DoC's Planning and Policy Unit are keen to get good coverage for the survey so please make use of the opportunity to have your say.

## **Access Issues - Be Informed: Walking Access Commission Visits to Clubs Available**

Representatives from Walking Access have advised us of opportunities for a spokesperson to visit FMC's member clubs to highlight the commission's work and to better inform trampers and mountaineers on matters relating to access issues. Inquiries can be directed to: [contact@walkingaccess.govt.nz](mailto:contact@walkingaccess.govt.nz).