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A huge summer in the hills, a need for nominations for the FMC Executive and upcoming FMC meetings and workshops.

FMC hopes your club has had a successful summer in the hills. By all accounts there were plenty of people out there (and not just tourists!). The weather was certainly conducive to some long trips, despite the forecast El-Nino.

The FMC Executive recently met in Queenstown, and followed up the meeting with a field-trip to the Remarkables, which is certainly a great, easily accessible alpine environment. Information on these meetings, including minutes, is always available here: <http://www.fmc.org.nz/executive/>

A Call for Nominations: FMC is a volunteer-led national organisation with many important functions. FMC is dependent on clubs nominating committed and pro-active volunteers with a passion for the New Zealand outdoors to serve on our Executive. Nominations are now open.

Under changes approved the 2015 AGM, Executive elections will take place remotely for the first time this year. The process will work as follows:

- 8th of April, Nominations for Executive close
- After 8th of April, Nominees will be profiled on the FMC website
- After 8th of April, Clubs will receive a further mail-out with voting procedures, as well as FMC's Annual Report and Annual Accounts.
- 10th of May, Polls will close
- 17th of May, the new Executive will be announced
- 28th/29th of May, the first meeting of the new Executive will be held, on the same weekend as the Pathways to Adventure workshop

This year Robin McNeill has reached the term limit of his time as President, so a new President will be found!

Upcoming Workshops and General Meeting: FMC is working on two opportunities this year for clubs to gather and discuss key issues:

The Pathways to Adventure workshop - 28th of May, Waitawheta (near Waihi)

[\(http://www.fmc.org.nz/pathwaystoadventure/\)](http://www.fmc.org.nz/pathwaystoadventure/)

Join trampers, hunters, mountain bikers and other recreational users, as well as DOC staff, to plan for the future of backcountry recreation in the Kaimai range and Coromandel, and to show support for the volunteers making things happen.

FMC General Meeting – 19th/20th of November, Wellington

FMC will during the year be proposing an affiliation fee increase for the 2017/2018 year (the first since 1996) if this proceeds through consultation it will be put to a vote of a General Meeting in November. Workshops to accompany this meeting and encourage the maximum possible attendance are currently being considered.

Outdoor Recreation Consortium: FMC would again like to thank clubs for their support through the process we have undertaken of establishing the Outdoor Recreation Consortium. Many clubs have taken the opportunity to reinvigorate their voluntary contribution to hut and track maintenance, a contribution that once was discouraged by the land managers. Many people enjoy these activities in themselves, and we hope they serve a purpose to both strengthen club culture and our position to influence wider decisions taken in regard to public conservation land.

FMC Communication: FMC continues to communicate through mail-outs, the FMC Bulletin, our Facebook page and monthly newsletters. We welcome any feedback about any of our communication and encourage you to distribute what you can to your members, many clubs email on the monthly newsletter to their membership email lists.

Take care in the hills.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie Stewart', with a stylized, cursive script.

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