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Thank you for your ongoing support, current issues and opportunities coming up

Our sincere thanks to you all for your continued affiliation to FMC, we are proud to be a small part of a huge body of people committed to getting out into the outdoors, getting others into the outdoors and speaking up on behalf of the places we love.

AGM: Our recent AGM went very well. Nearly 100 people packed in to hear the speakers and to discuss the volunteer maintenance of huts and tracks. Perhaps ironically, with constitutional changes made, this will be our last AGM. However, General Meetings more tailored to encourage attendance and enthusiasm will be held regularly in the future. Excitingly, the next FMC Executive election will take place by email vote which we hope will encourage a broader base of interest and participation from clubs.

A report of the AGM and pictures and profiles of all FMC Executive members are available on the FMC website: www.fmc.org.nz . Check out: <http://www.fmc.org.nz/circulators/> for the updated constitution, AGM minutes and electronic copies of all information in this bundle.

Photo competition: The annual photo competition was a great success, and we are sure contributed to many fun days out, and enjoyable club nights around the country. Clubs that entered the competition should receive a CD with this mail-out, clubs that didn't, an order form for the CD in case they want one! A flyer for the 2016 Photo Competition is also included.

Youth Scholarship: The FMC Youth Scholarship scheme has been going for several years now, and there have been some great trips supported. We would love to see an increase in applications. Mentors are encouraged to participate in the expedition, only the leader has to fit the age criteria. It would be great to see some creative applications from clubs looking to explore the less travelled parts of their own backyards. A printed application form is included in this bundle designed to be put in someone's hands! The deadline for applications is the 11th of September.

Health and Safety Law Reform: Several clubs have expressed their concerns to us regarding the possible effects of new Health and Safety legislation on both the functioning of volunteer groups and

public access to private land. We are concerned with the Bill as drafted, but hopeful that appropriate changes are being made inside the select committee. We have expressed our concerns to various relevant Ministers and Members of Parliament.

Adventure Activities Regulations: With the demise of Mountain Safety Council instruction courses, clubs may be considering stepping into the breach. If so, they need to recognise the effect of the regulatory regime around “adventure activities”. FMC Executive Member David Barnes has provided a memo which is included in this bundle.

Outdoor Recreation Consortium: We are currently awaiting confirmation from DOC as to whether our application for a second round of funding from the Community Conservation Partnerships Fund has been successful. Many clubs have taken the opportunity to reinvigorate their voluntary contribution to hut and track maintenance over the past year and we hope more are considering it. Many members enjoy these activities and our contribution strengthens our position to influence wider decisions taken in regard to public conservation land.

FMC Communication:

We continue 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. The FMC Newsletter is now available in different formats on this webpage: <http://www.fmc.org.nz/news/fmc-newsletters/>

Take care in the hills.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie Stewart', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jamie Stewart

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