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FMC Update – Including Proposed Affiliation Fee Increases

Dear Club Committees,

This mail-out contains a variety of information for your perusal. The most important of which is a letter from the new FMC President Peter Wilson outlining proposed affiliation fee increases. Thank you for your time in considering the information and making the opportunities available to your membership

FMC Affiliation Increases

We have previously consulted with you regarding this, and received a very supportive response. Our Executive considered the responses and together have come up with the proposal that Peter outlines. We plan to hold a Special General Meeting to consider this proposal, and a couple of small constitutional matters on **Saturday the 19th of November** in Wellington. If you have any feedback or questions on this proposal in the meantime please don't hesitate to contact Peter, myself, or local Executive members.

FMC Expedition Scholarships

This year FMC, through the generosity of the Bell Family is able to offer Expedition Scholarships for adventurers of all ages. The Simon Bell Memorial Scholarship works in the same way as our existing and successful FMC Youth Scholarship except there are no age restrictions. It's an opportunity for anyone to plan a special or imaginative trip, get into the hills and share their love of adventure.

We would also like to emphasise that the FMC Youth Scholarship is enabling of mentoring, only the leader must be under the age of 30.

Applications for all FMC Expedition Scholarships close on the **15th of September**. We have included an application form in this mail-out, but please see the criteria and more information on our website.

Outdoor Recreation Consortium Funding Round Open

The 4th funding round of the Outdoor Recreation Consortium is open, and closes on the **31st of August**. Thanks to all clubs that have jumped on board with this initiative already, we hope you perceive it as of benefit both to your recreational opportunities and to the overall health and spirit of your club. Something that everyone in the club can contribute to, and do together.

We would love to see more clubs involved if you have a hut or track that you would like to maintain. I'm happy to give advice on this matter, 027 7674064 or administrator@fmc.org.nz

We have included an application form, but further information, including Geoff Spearpoint's guide to adopting a "Home in the Mountains" can be found at our website: www.hutsandtracks.org.nz

Auckland Regional Park Vision

FMC Executive members, Sally Johannesson and Rob Mitchell are working with local advocacy groups to contribute to a future vision for Auckland's Regional Park network. If this interests your club, please complete the survey form included in this regard.

FMC Photo Competition

FMC Executive member Phil Glasson has prepared a report on the Photo Competition, a big thanks to all participating clubs – you should be receiving your cd in this package. Watch out for a rebooted FMC Photo Competition beginning in 2017.

Club Survey Results

Thank you for your response to our recent club survey. Phil Glasson has also prepared a brief report in this regard.

Have fun in the hills this winter, may the wind be always at your back – except when you are after a bit of a challenge!



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