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To: all member clubs

The new year brings fresh challenges and opportunities, with a cascade of conservation policy and planning changes and reviews beginning, question marks over support for ongoing kauri research and recreation for Aucklanders, the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment's determination to address problems relating to tourism, and the end of tenure review. Your executive is always happy to talk about anything that will help members.

Staff

Our three part-time staff, executive officer Danilo Hegg, development officer Dan Clearwater, and administrator Rebecca Gray, continue to serve the executive and members with energy and intelligence and great good will; Backcountry editor Peter Laurensen has made a seamless segue into his role, producing thought-provoking, visually-striking editions that will stand the test of years in huts nationwide; financial advisor Daniel Parkinson's work ensures that executive members can simply get on with advocacy, and we warmly welcome new part-time communications assistant Alexandra Hodge.

Executive elections

It's that time when we ask member clubs to consider nominating someone for the executive. It's a stimulating role that presents members with a wide range of outdoor recreation-related issues. If you have skills in policy or planning, media, administration, law, or finance, then you would be especially welcome; the common denominator is a love of the backcountry. FMC's executive is a working executive, with three full-executive meetings a year, and smaller-group meetings as needed. All your costs are met.

Regretfully, I must accept Tania Seward's decision not to seek re-election as vice-president. Tania has worked tirelessly for FMC and for backcountry recreation during the past year, but now needs to focus on work commitments; she means to remain on the executive, however, and I am very grateful for this. We now need to elect a new vice-president.

Nominations for all positions can be made on the form enclosed in this mailout, or a club may email its nominations to eo@fmc.org.nz, provided each nominee also sends an email consenting

to the nomination. All nominations must be received **by e-mail** no later than 5pm on Tuesday **7 April 2020**.

Remember that elections are run by email and all clubs are encouraged to vote. We no longer require a general meeting in order to conduct the election for executive.

If you have any questions about the executive, or wish to find out more about standing, please contact me.

FMC media

Backcountry is FMC's flagship publication, but we have other media to explore (if you haven't already become acquainted with them), including our website (fmc.org.nz), and our Facebook and Instagram pages.

We also have online magazine Wilderlife (wilderlife.nz), which has been developed by FMC to allow our members to tell their own stories of the outdoors. It includes pages intended to help clubs with suggestions relating to promotion and administration. It's a growing website and we urge all clubs and members to have a look at it.



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