

FINANCE

For the full Annual Accounts for the year ending 28 February 2014, refer to the separate booklet (also available on the website). FMC has maintained a healthy balance of income and expenditure despite the nil increase in the subscription rate over several years. Total income was \$184,631. Key sources of revenue were:

- > Subscriptions \$102,296 (up 4.6%)
- > Maerewhenua Trust \$31,250
- > Bulletin advertising \$25,174

Total expenditure was \$181,219 and was largely as budgeted except that some of the expenses associated with advocacy were lower than estimated.

Net current assets are \$213,471, mainly in term deposits.

MEMBERSHIP

Individual membership continues to grow and this is an important indicator of support for FMC as these members, although not ‘club-able’ are often very committed to the ideals that link FMC. The Executive must continue to promote the aims of FMC to the large numbers of people who participate in tramping or mountaineering but have not yet seen the advantages of joining an organisation that advocates on their behalf.

Total financial membership from clubs has increased. The challenge to attract a greater number of registered members from those clubs which elected “partial declaration” has been achieved in 2013-14 although there is more to be done. The efforts of the Membership team have also been rewarded through large increases in Associate membership from schools and Mountain Safety Council branches.

The summary of membership as at 28 February 2014 is:

As at 28 February			
	2012	2013	2014
Number of affiliated Clubs: Full	n.a.	47	48
Number of affiliated Clubs: Partial	n.a.	36	35
Total Affiliated Clubs	81	83	83
Club financial membership: Full	n.a.	6192	6214
Club financial membership: Partial	n.a.	2432	3043
Total Club Financial Membership	8640	8624	9283
Club associated membership	6959	5603	5165
Total Club Membership	15599	14227	14448
Individual membership	524	574	613
School & polytech students	1445	1228	1987
Mountain Safety Council branches	86	48	324
Other	n.a.	147	147
Total	17654	16224	17519

Membership Services

Our website has recently been updated and the improvements in its orientation to members needs will continue. We have a growing presence on Facebook: www.facebook.com/FMCNZ

FMC continued to offer a range of services at special prices for members from the DOC hut pass to discounts from outdoor retailers and travel/accommodation providers.

The quarterly FMC Bulletin continued maintaining high standards and is widely recognised as an important forum for back-country news, advocacy, history and information for trampers (Uncle Jacko!). The Executive thanks Editor Shaun Barnett for all his efforts.

The monthly e-mail newsletter was ably edited by Claire Sims until her move overseas.

The FMC Photo Competition continued to gain strong interest with club members. The winners and place-getters for 2013 can be seen on the FMC website. A few of these fine images adorn this report.

AROUND THE REGIONS

North

Conservation Management Strategies

The northern executive team dealt with a heavy workload in early 2013 when three CMSs - Northland, Auckland, and Waikato - were publicly notified, all at the same time. Submissions covering the many issues raised were forwarded to DoC for consideration and can be viewed on the FMC website.

Aotea/Great Barrier Island

FMC submitted in favour of the proposal to reclassify valuable stewardship land on the island to conservation park status.

Kaimanawas

FMC’s efforts to obtain access for members to areas of the East Taupo Lands in the Kaimanawa Ranges have been successful. Full details are available in the March 2014 issue of the FMC Bulletin.

Central and Top of South

Tukituki Irrigation

FMC made a submission to the Board of Inquiry into the Tukituki irrigation scheme consents under the RMA. The dam and the lake behind it would block access up the Makaroro River that is an important access to the NE Ruahines. The submission sought a requirement for the applicant to provide alternative access. At the time of writing, the Board of Inquiry has indicated in its findings that creating alternative access during and following the dam’s construction will be needed.

Hut and Tracks

In the southern North island ranges, progress is being made with maintaining the hut and track system. Previous suggestions by DOC of a significant contraction have changed to a willingness to work with clubs and others on maintenance of a good network. A replacement hut at Maropea Forks in the Ruahines is being completed. Access is still difficult in some western Ruahines road-ends.

In the upper South Island, DOC is putting an emphasis on the facilities for Great Walks and other popular tracks in Abel Tasman, Kahurangi and Nelson Lakes National Parks but overall the backcountry hut and track system remains in good shape. The growing popularity of the Te Araroa Trail is putting pressure on some smaller huts in the St James and Richmond Ranges.

Mountain Biking

FMC recognises the growing popularity of mountain biking in the back country and is working to ensure safety and enjoyment for all on shared use tracks. Uniform and systematic promotion of the Mountain Bike Code of Practice is an important tool.



Jaz Morris, Otago University TC



Spencer Clubb, Wellington T&MC



Ray Salisbury, Nelson TC

2013 PHOTO COMPETITION



Lindsay Fletcher, Parawai TC



Basil Hooper, Wanganui TC



Ray Salisbury, Nelson TC

The 3-year trial on the Heaphy Track has been judged a success in a review by DOC with high use and few registered complaints. The MTB access will continue under the present conditions (May-September) and any extension would require a change to the national park plan following public consultation. This is likely to be opposed by FMC. FMC does not support extensive hard-surfacing of shared use tracks.

Canterbury – West Coast

The Canterbury CMS was reviewed. This was a ‘post-draft’ consultation which inevitably limited the influence of our submission. This process is not in keeping with the General Policy for Conservation and FMC made strong representations for fuller public input into CMSs. Submissions were also made on partial reviews of the Aoraki/Mt Cook (Tasman valley) and Westland/Tai Poutini (Fanz Joseph glacier) national park plans. The changes are not supported by FMC as they largely involve improving access for tourists through roading works that are damaging to landscape values and will require major flood protection works in the future (as is happening at Fox glacier). It is over 20 years since the Paparoa national park plan was reviewed. FMC has expressed concern about the lack of long-term planning for these parks e.g. post-glaciers.

South

The last year saw some major conservation battles. One major win was the decision by Minister of Conservation Hon Nick Smith declining the Milford Dart Tunnel, that if allowed, would have had significant impacts on conservation and recreation in the area. The decision on the Milford Link Experience Monorail in the Mavora and Snowden Forests, is another project which has major concerns for FMC. At time of writing the decision on this is hinging on an independent economic report of the project that has yet to be released. A third major project, the proposed Haast Hollyford Highway is slowly gaining momentum. At time of writing a resource consent is yet to be applied for. FMC has an action plan in place, and has taken the first steps in a campaign to fight this battle.

The southern executive team made detailed submission on the drafts for the Southland and Otago and Canterbury Conservation Management Strategies during 2013. FMC has also made submissions on helicopter landing and heli-ski concessions in the lower South Island, and on various infrastructure proposals for Fiordland.

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John Marshall, Napier TC

FMC MOUNTAIN AND FOREST TRUST

The Trust Board focused its energy this year on establishing sound policy and procedures for managing the equity on the Trust.

During the year the Trust was pleased to continue to support the FMC Youth Scholarships with significant assistance from the Maerewhenua Trust. It also supported the restoration of Leaning Lodge on the Rock and Pillar Range, which was recently reopened by Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club.

Donations continue to come in and the Trust is grateful to those people who provide support every year.

Income	
Donations/ Bequests	\$11,107
Interest	\$27,143
Total	\$38,250
Expenses	
Administration and Audit	\$1,205
Grants and Scholarships	\$5,000
Trustee Travel	\$1,861
Total	\$8,066

For detailed accounts refer to the full Accounts booklet

TRUST DONORS

The Trust thanks all its donors in the last financial year. Their support is vital to the ongoing ability of the Trust to promote outdoor recreation in NZ.

The following people made donations of \$20 or more:

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In addition the Trust received 115 other donations which were either anonymous or under \$20

Two bequests were received during the year from the estate of Ruth Hesselyn and that of Brenda Glasson. Bequests have been received in previous years from the estates of:

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| Ida Hamilton | 2002 |
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