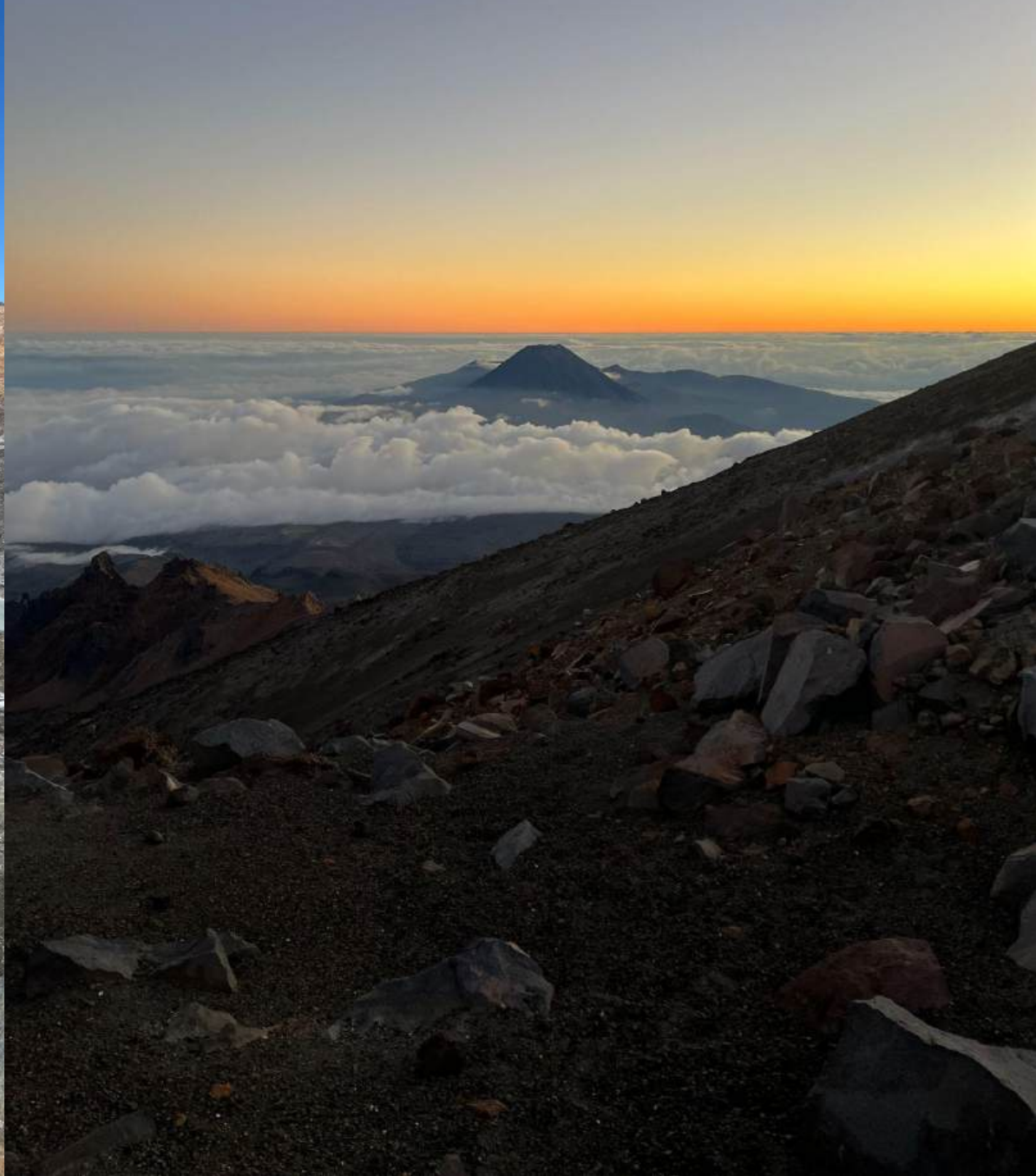


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Peter Lawrence Scholarship

The Peter Lawrence fund was set up through the generous donation of late member - Peter Lawrence. These scholarships are available to assist in the development of young members in the club.

Junior and youth members are invited to apply in writing to the committee before 30 May 2026. Please provide a brief summary of what sort of financial support you are seeking and how it will be used to develop and improve their ability on the mountain.

Funding is limited and letters written personally by the youth or junior member themselves will be considered more favourably by the committee. Support is not limited to the RAL programmes being offered this season, the committee will consider all applicants and ideas to further develop our youth.

AGM 30th THURSDAY APRIL

We are having our annual AGM on the 30th of April at the Ohope Surf Club (6 Mair Street).

There will be drinks from 7 pm, with the AGM kicking off at 7:30 pm. We would love to see you there, however, if you can't make it in person, there is an option to join online. A teams link will be sent out closer to the time.



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SUMMER MISSION - RUAPEHU WALK

Last weekend Ben and myself made the most of the remaining sun and headed up to the mountain for a summer mission. From the base of Whakapapa, we trekked equipped with our hiking packs. We stopped off at the hut to admire everyone's working bee handy work before reaching the crater for a scenic lunch. From there, we descend Mangatoetoenui Glacier, walking over rock covered ice before arriving at Whangaehu hut* (with a pretty epic toilet, pictured below) to spend the night.



Whangaehu Hut is open to the public for anyone to stay! Bookings can be made through the NZ Alpine Club.

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The next morning we woke up early and started our ascent to the summit under moonlight. Following our noses (and a small GPS point on topo maps) meant we got bluffed out a couple of times but managed to make it to the top for a beautiful sunrise.

Remember you can explore this epic mountain both summer and winter. If you have any further questions about this mission or ideas for others feel free to get in contact with me!



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Rally Taumarunui 2026

Taumarunui | 01 Aug

High-speed gravel action returns to Ruapehu this August!

Time: August 2026

Location: Taumarunui

Ruapehu's roads are calling! Rally Taumarunui returns with high-speed gravel action, spectacular scenery, and family-friendly fun. Watch top NZ rally teams in action from spectator-friendly viewing spots, enjoy local food and coffee, and explore community stalls. Free entry for spectators makes this an unforgettable day out. Stay tuned for route maps, competitor announcements, and community updates.

Follow the [Rally Taumarunui](#) page for the latest updates leading up to the big day.



These are are only a few of the events happening this season on Ruapehu - to find out more use this link:

[Ruapehu Events - Festivals, Adventures - Visit the Region](#)

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Racks and lockers

The new season is here! If you would like to hire racks and lockers for the season to store your gear at the hut, contact Angus Ferguson (027-224-1771) for enquiries.

Committee

With the AGM coming up at the end of April, we are looking for expressions of interest to join the committee for 2026. Your support helps to continue the legacy of our club and ensures things keep running!

If you're keen to join the committee, volunteer or want to learn more about how you can help, please get in contact with a committee member, we'd love to hear from you!

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Support Legal:	Gene Tomlinson		

Committee Vacancies

Expressions of interest are welcomed and encouraged. Please reach out to the committee, we look forward to hearing from you!

2025 Night Rates

Members

Adult	\$30
Youth (13 - 17)	\$20
Juniors (5 - 12)	\$15

Guests

Adult	\$50
Youth (13 - 17)	\$40
Juniors (5 - 12)	\$30

Please add your family name and initial into the reference

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