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OBHS students on Duke of Edinburgh tramp, Greenstone Valley. Photo D Hegg

Grants now available for Gold Adventurous Journeys

Are you currently planning your Gold-level Adventurous Journey for the Duke of Edinburgh's Hillary Award? Would a cash grant help you have an experience that you will remember for the rest of your life?

Grants are now available to support your journey. The next round of applications closes on 15 March 2019.

We ask that you encourage your members to let friends, family and your local school know of this scholarship.

[Read more about how to apply.](#)



Aoraki and Kirikirikatata / Mt Cook Range. Photo Emma Rogers, Christchurch TC.

Pausing of the Aoraki / Mount Cook and Westland / Tai Poutini National Park Management Plan reviews

FMC recently submitted on both the Aoraki / Mt Cook and Westland / Tai Poutini National Park management plans. Our submissions can be found here:

[FMC Submission on Aoraki / Mt Cook NP management plan](#)

[FMC Submission on Westland / Tai Poutini NP management plan](#)

The review of both management plans is however on hold, as the Department of Conservation assesses the implications of the recent Supreme Court's decision relating to Ngāi Tai and how it may relate to the notified draft plans.

See a copy of the [letter that was sent by sent by the Department of Conservation to submitters](#) on our website.



Lodgepole pine (*Pinus contorta*) on Tower Peak, Takitimu Mountains. Photo D

LINZ launches new app to help fight wilding conifers

A new tool to enable the public to help fight wilding conifers, one of New Zealand's most invasive species, has been created by Land Information New Zealand (LINZ).

[Wilding Watch](#) can be used to find new infestations of wilding conifers as well as upload photos. In the wrong place the pine trees can take over landscapes threatening productive farmland, native ecosystems, tourism opportunities and our national economy.

Read the [press release by LINZ](#) on our website.



2018 FMC Photo competition, Overall Winner: "*Lake MacKenzie, Routeburn Track*". Photo: Glen Howey, Wakatipu Tramping Club.

Slideshow of the 2018 photo competition entries

We have created a slideshow featuring all the entries from our 2018 FMC photo competition.

You can download the slideshow file from a [public folder on our FMC Google Drive](#). There are shows with the captions, and another version with no captions; just great if your club enjoys playing "where was that photo taken?" on your club night.

You can take a look at the [information and updated rules for the 2019 competition](#) on our website, and find [resources and inspiration for your own club competition on Wilderlife.nz](#).

Clubs and Online Database

FMC has expanded its on line database to enable our member clubs to maintain their own details online. All Presidents and Secretaries have been contacted by email and should by now have created a log in.

If your President/Secretary hasn't done this yet please do so. Any questions or problems may be answered from the notes [at this link](#). If still in doubt please contact our Administrator admin@fmc.org.nz.



FMC member benefits

Make the most of your FMC membership card. Discounts on travel and touring, outdoor gear, magazines and digital accounts.



Walking Access Commission story competition

Tell WAC about your favourite track and be in to win some prizes. Entries close 28 February 2019.



Donate to the Mountain & Forest Trust

To support activities such as research and or projects related to outdoor recreation, books, and more.

“We must closely guard the welfare of our National Parks and Reserves. These should not be regarded as the property of our minister or the government. They belong to the people of today and tomorrow. We must fight for their protection if necessary.” Fred Vosseler – Inaugural FMC President (1932)

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