

TALTAC

Tongariro & Lake Taupo Anglers Club Inc.



MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE

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This brochure provides information for prospective members. It describes the Club's aims, the facilities available and the standards required of its members.

What the Club stands for

TALTAC was formed in the early 1950s through the amalgamation of two clubs, the elder of which was established in the 1930s. The Club's headquarters is its Lodge, situated in Koura Street, Turangi. The Lodge is near the Birches, a long-established part of old Turangi. This location has many beautiful stands of native and introduced trees and is among permanent residences as well as holiday homes. The Tongariro River is a minute's walk away.

The Club has three main areas of interest. It represents the views and opinions of its members in regional angling administration forums. It takes a leading role in promoting management policies, which incorporate angling ethics for the Taupo fishery. It has strongly supported the wildlife habitat and conservation practices, which have become a traditional part of the Crown's management of acclimatised trout species.

TALTAC provides a social centre and fishing base for approximately 500 members, most of whom live some distance from Turangi. There is a group of active members who are from overseas. The number of young people who are members, with their parents, is pleasing.

The main Lodge has nine twin and four single cabins, a well-equipped kitchen, drying room, ablutions block and a comfortable lounge. There is also the recently renovated Old Clubhouse, which has three single bedrooms, overflow accommodation in the lounge, a kitchen and a bathroom, making it ideal for a group or family fishing and/or a summer holiday.

The cabins are available to members at a modest rental. Reservations are made through the Secretary/Manager. There is a big demand for cabins in the winter months, and an increasing number of members are discovering the attractions of Turangi as a summer holiday venue.

With the formation of Lake Otomangakau, 25km south-west via the National Park road, there is now a wide range of fishing available - the lower Tongariro River with its populations of brown trout, the stream mouths, fishing to smelting trout at well-known locations around the lake shore, together with splendid angling in the King Country waters, and in the Kaimanawa Range.

The Club's main purpose is to foster and promote angling. We put a great deal of effort into introducing young people to this recreation. There are regular fishing days for children at the nearby Tongariro hatchery, and members assist the hatchery manager from time to time by providing their expertise to assist youngsters in catching their first trout. Members also help with hatchery operations, when required, and they provide a measure of river surveillance. Most significantly, all members provide high standards of angling etiquette.

On the last Saturday in February the Club holds its Annual General Meeting. Members take part in a two-day angling competition. Catches are weighed and prizes are awarded at the AGM on Saturday night. A barbecue follows the AGM. At the Annual General Meeting there is also a presentation of trophies and certificates for the ongoing fishing competitions held throughout the year.

How the Club is managed

The Club's financial year is from 1 January to 31 December each year.

The Club is run by a management committee comprising the President, Immediate Past President, two Vice Presidents and nine Committee members. The Secretary/Manager reports to the Committee.

At the Annual General Meeting the President retires and can be re-elected, one Vice President retires and can be re-elected and three of the Committee members retire by rotation and can be re-elected. The President convenes all meetings. The Committee meets four or five times each year. From time to time sub-committees are appointed, usually to deal with a specific task. The day-to-day operations are looked after by the Secretary/ Manager.

The Club facilities, from time to time, need work done on them [clearing roof guttering, stacking firewood etc.] and we hope that members will be sufficiently enthused by the whole club environment that they will willingly participate in its activities and make contributions of their time, labour and expertise when they are able. This enables the Committee to manage the Club funds and keep subscriptions and accommodation costs as low as possible. The Club does not wish to attract people who are unwilling or unable to take part in promoting its aims, or maintaining its facilities.

The Committee takes into consideration Health and Safety regulations and legal requirements on such items as electrical work, gas-fitting and plumbing.

The Club publishes a newsletter three or four times a year and this is emailed to club members.

Becoming a member

If this description of the Club and its activities appeals to you, then you can apply to become a member. Before completing the application form enclosed with this brochure, you must consider these conditions:

Membership in TALTAC is available to anglers who:

- * Identify with the Club's purpose of fostering and promoting angling
- * Accept the benefits and obligations of belonging to this Club by accepting its rules and participating in its activities
- * Undertake to act ethically when angling

Induction of New Members into the Club Culture

It is the responsibility of the member who has proposed the new club member to ensure that the new member, once accepted, has a proper induction in the club culture. This means being with and supporting the new club member at the time of their first stay at the club and ensuring that the new member understands their responsibilities at the club.

Staying at the Lodge

Reservations may be made by contacting the Secretary/Manager by email [preferred method] at taltac@xtra.co.nz, by phone at 073865573 [no fax] or by mail at P.O. Box 149, Turangi.

The facilities available at the Lodge have been listed elsewhere in this brochure. Members must supply their own food, towels, sheets, pillows, sleeping bags etc.

Entry to the Lodge is by a security key which provides access to a key box containing room keys and which also unlocks the kitchen/lounge area, the fish cleaning shed and the drying room. This security key also unlocks the storage container.

Fish cleaning facilities are provided and there is adequate freezer space. Lodge residence is on a per-bed basis, and members may be required to share a cabin when bookings are heavy.

There is a supermarket in town. There are takeaway food bars, restaurants and a hotel in Turangi. The Lodge telephone number is 07 3867562.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the Club's property. This is as much for the reason of fire safety as it is for courtesy to non-smoking members.

Booking out time is mid-day and members are expected to vacuum their rooms and leave them tidy for the next occupant and to leave the kitchens, refrigerators, ovens, microwave and bathrooms as they would wish to find them.

The Committee reserves the right to close the Club facilities in the event of a pandemic lockdown or natural disaster and will advise members accordingly. In such an event, any prepaid accommodation fees will be refunded.

Paying for your Accommodation

It is expected that you pay promptly for your accommodation at the club (bank account number 06-0471-0062195-00). If you cut short your stay, it is expected you pay for all the nights you booked for.

Dogs at the Club

The Club discourages you from bringing dogs to the club. If you are intending to bring your dog with you, please remember that there are a number of older members who would not take kindly to being knocked over by a boisterous and out of control dog. Please keep your dog under strict control. Dogs are not allowed inside the buildings under any circumstances.

Housekeeping Reminders

Kitchen

Clean up, wash your dishes, put them away, wipe the table and any spillage on surfaces.

Take home your food from fridge, cupboard or freezer (including milk) and wipe out the cupboard.

Use the lounge fridge for wine, beer and large bottles of drink.

Replacement light bulbs are in the spare cupboard and tea towels are in the bottom kitchen draw.

Where possible, wash and recycle plastic containers and take them home with you [as Turangi does not have a plastic recycling capability].

Cans and glass should be washed and placed in the appropriate recycling bin outside.

Plastic bags are to go into the ordinary rubbish [if you are not going to take them home] and are not to be placed in the recycling bins.

Bedrooms

Switch off the heaters when you are not in the bedroom.

Vacuum your room, wipe down windowsills and drawer units with antiseptic before you vacate your rooms.

Remember to replace your room key in the secure key-box before embarking on your homeward journey.

Refuse

Refuse is collected on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Kitchen refuse and fish offal are to be placed in the black wheelie bin on Monday and Thursday evenings.

Every effort should be made to dispose of fish offal in a biodegradable container (bag, newspaper).

General Housekeeping

If something needs attention, please attend to it or let the club administrator (Olwyn) know.

Please do not dump old kitchen and dining utensils at the club.

Your cooperation is appreciated in helping the club provide an environment that is both appealing and complies with health and safety requirements.