## Paul McCredie - FMC Executive Committee

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I joined the Tararua Tramping Club as a mad keen, raw teenager many years ago. Today I'm still leading trips with this club as well as having served as the newsletter editor and archivist.

I'm passionate about supporting our member clubs and helping them thrive. Without healthy clubs, FMC is nothing. To that end, I'm an active member of both the Alpine Club and Wellington Tramping & Mountaineering Club.

Conservation, stewardship, access and wilderness issues of Te Waipounamu/South Island rightfully get much of the attention from FMC. However Te Ika ā Māuii/North Island with its larger population is equally deserving of focus. We love our backcountry too.

Equally worthy of attention is our relationship with Tangata Whenua. In this regard it has been heart-warming to see the recent progress made by FMC in understanding the connection of Tūhoe to Te Urewera. The cultural dimension Tūhoe bring to the whenua is to be celebrated and is an area of FMC policy I would like to see built upon.