

## **Mick Abbott - FMC Executive Committee**

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Kia ora...

Like for many others involved in FMC, the outdoors have been a huge part of my life. They have shaped my values and who I am. I'm keen to be part of the FMC Executive, as I want to support FMC's efforts to connect all kiwis, at every stage of their lives, with the outdoors. FMC has always been a very inclusive organisation, bringing together all its members around a common purpose of fostering outdoor recreation. This means FMC continuing to be that strong and positive voice in maintaining access and backcountry facilities, and working closely with clubs, DOC and iwi as we keep looking to the future.

The skills I'd bring come from my personal and other activities in the outdoors, including lots of tramping, transalpine trips and climbing, including solo trips through Fiordland and across the Southern Alps. I've also designed packs, tents and sleeping bags for Fairydown and Hallmark, been chair of the Canterbury Aoraki Conservation Board while the Aoraki Mount Cook National Park Management Plan review was being undertaken, co-designed DOC's Kiwi Ranger programme which was the pilot for DOC Kiwi Guardians programme, and also worked with iwi and DOC on the development of the Taranaki Crossing experience. I currently teach part-time landscape design at Lincoln University, and am part of [www.wildlab.org.nz](http://www.wildlab.org.nz), a design and research group focused on connecting people with nature.

See you in the hills!

Mick