

Proposal B: PNTMC working in partnership with DOC for managing Rangiwahia hut

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Andrew Mercer (Programme Manager Visitor Assets, Manawatu Rangitikei Area Office of DOC) has approached PNTMC committee in the hope that the club would agree to become involved in partnership with DOC in the management of one or more hut(s) in the Ruahines.

Issues from DOC

- DOC is seeking community groups to work in partnership while DOC stay on as managers of selected huts.
- Community partnership is increasingly important for DOC.

Rangiwahia hut proposed as suitable for PNTMC to have partnership with DOC

- Rangiwahia Hut is a Service standard back country hut. DOC will be maintaining this hut but seeks a community partner to work with.
- DOC approached PNTMC in the first instance because of the Club's historical association with this hut.



Requirements

- Club members in hut working parties sign up as DOC volunteers, including signing DOC Health and Safety plan. This means our personal and liability insurance is provided by DOC.

Responsibilities of PNTMC partnership role with DOC for Rangiwahia

- Work in partnership with DOC on issues about the hut (e.g. lobbying for the hut, making decisions about cooker replacement, etc..)
- PNTMC would assist with the following as, when and if they suit club members
 - Hut inspection visits
 - Hut maintenance and cleaning
 - Monthly service checks
 - Warden duties during summer/Easter/busy weekends, etc..

Potential Benefits to PNTMC

- Raise club profile – community awareness.
- PNTMC could add name, profile, etc to hut information.
- Develop strong working relationship with DOC.
- Club members make no payment to stay in hut when volunteering for DOC (volunteering interpreted liberally to include any inspection visit).
- Use of DOC vehicle for working party trips to Rangiwahia.

Anticipated Costs to PNTMC

- Time to:
 - Visit the hut for inspection/cleaning/maintenance
 - Assist with annual clean of hut
 - Assist with Hut Wardening over peak periods (January, Easter and Labour weekend)

| HUT | Item | Estimated costs |
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| Rangiwahia | DOC will be maintaining this hut but seeks a community partner to work with. DOC would cover all costs but would consult with the club when making decisions about the hut. Club members would help with monthly service checks, warden duties during summer/Easter/busy weekends, etc.. | No cost to the club. |