



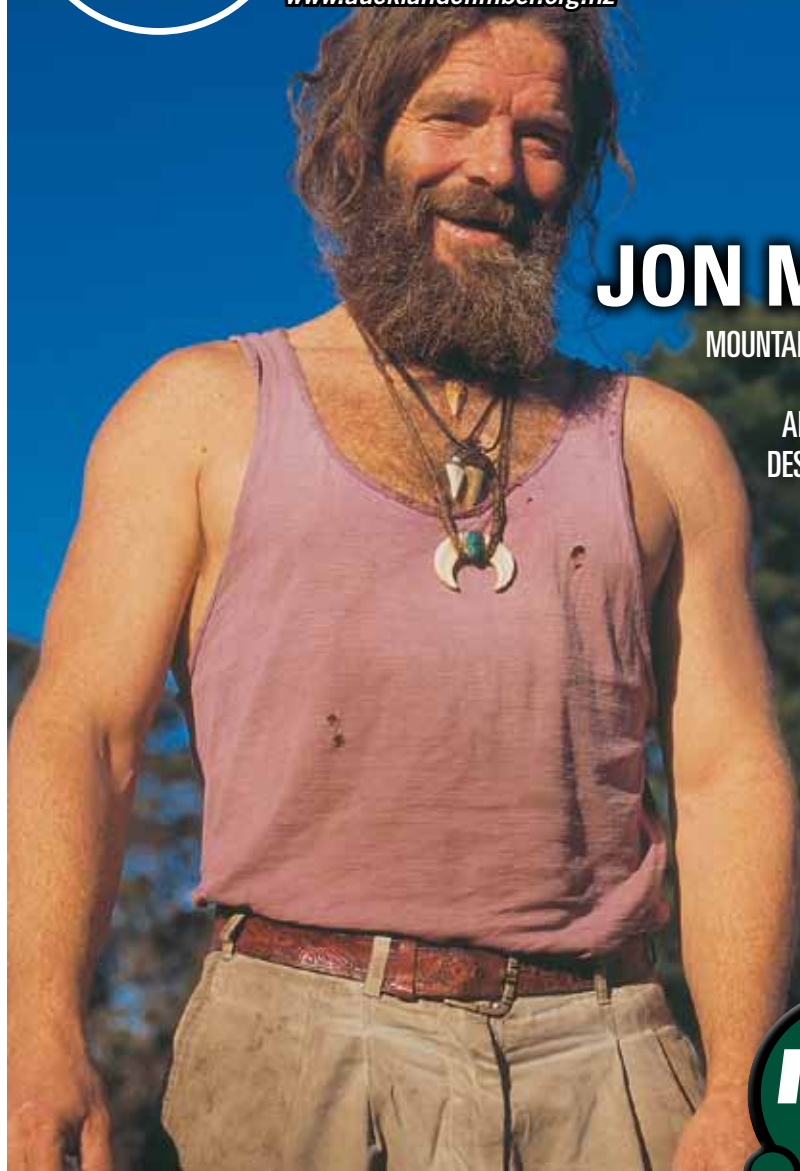
# The Auckland Climber

July 2010

[www.aucklandclimber.org.nz](http://www.aucklandclimber.org.nz)

## JON MUIR

MOUNTAINEER, EVEREST  
SUMMITTER  
AND POLAR AND  
DESERT EXPLORER  
30 AUGUST



**Welcome** to the *July edition of the NZAC Auckland Section's newsletter.* The section runs a variety of alpine, climbing and other trips and courses throughout the year and new members are always welcome. *The club meets on the second Monday of every month at Cardrona Speights Ale House, on Normanby Rd, Mt Eden - Meeting starts at 8pm.*

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### **Climber Content**

Is there anything you would like to see in the newsletter? Do you have a suggestion for improving the newsletter? If so, drop us a line, we're keen to hear from you. Alternatively, we love getting submissions from members – whether they be Trip Reports, Items for Sale or rants. Just send your material to the editor by the 15th of the

month preceding. Contact Ant Stead by emailing: newsletter@aucklandclimber.org.nz

### **Change of Address**

For any change of address, or to request to receive your newsletter by email (better for us and the environment!) contact: subscriptions@alpineclub.org.nz  
NZAC Auckland Section, PO Box 3036, Auckland

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***This month's meeting: 12 July 2010 8pm***

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## **Got an adventure??**

***"Got an adventure you want to talk about? Now is your chance!"***

The Auckland section want to hear about your adventure, it doesn't need to be climbing Everest with one hand tied behind your back, it can be anything Alpine or rock climbing related, this is your chance to inspire the Auckland climbing community. We'll have a projector to show your pics so bring a CD or USB stick, and we can make it happen. You don't have to talk for an hour. No more than 5 mins will be perfect. WE NEED YOU!!!!, don't be shy come along and let us know what your adventures.

*Remember that more than welcome to join many of the members from 7pm for dinner or drinks at Cardrona, Much better than sitting in traffic on our way home just to come back for the meeting.*

## **NZAC PRESENT THE INDOOR NATIONAL BOULDER SERIES 2010**

### **Round 3: Extreme Edge**

**Auckland** Sat 31st July

### **Round 4: The Rockhouse**

**Mt. Maunganui** Sat 28th August



# Local News

## WIN - \$1000 Marmot Winter Wonderland Pack

Win a Marmot Winter Wonderland Pack, to the value of \$1000 and set yourself up for winter! The snow is here and it's the perfect time to kit yourself out for winter. Marmot's clothing range covers everything from high quality down, softshell, fleece, shell jackets and pants, skiwear, gloves, hats and kidswear. So when you head into the outdoors or around town this season you'll be prepared for anything and looking good too! Visit [marmotnz.co.nz](http://marmotnz.co.nz) to register for your chance to take away \$1000 worth of Marmot gear.

## FOR SALE

Sportiva Makalu Mountain Boots, EU size 43, little used, too small. Suede with stiffening shank in sole and high rubber rand. Will take step-in crampons for snow and ice, or good for rugged tramping. V good boot. Internal measurement 275mm. Cost over \$500. Accept offers over \$300. John Salisbury 834 6699 or 021 160 2869

## Ski-touring Evening

We're still finalising the details, but the Auckland section is planning an Ski touring evening (Monday 9th August) at the Cardrona pub in Mt Eden.

I aim to bring you Ski-touring video. A guest speaker - to be confirmed. Some new kit from Black Diamond. Some info about the NZAC instruction course at Mt Olympus. A chance to meet up with fellow ski-tourers / ski - mountaineering. All this for a gold coin at the door.



# Snow CRAFT 2010

This is an introductory course based on New Zealand ski resorts. It covers all the techniques and skills required to ski safely and enjoyably. It is a great opportunity to learn from experienced skiers and to enjoy the environment.

Places almost filled!

Cost: \$750

### Dates:

31 July-1 August

28-29 August

25-26 September

For more info, contact Chris by emailing: [instruction@aucklandclimber.co.nz](mailto:instruction@aucklandclimber.co.nz) or checkout the website: [www.aucklandclimber.org.nz](http://www.aucklandclimber.org.nz)

# National News

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*The NZAC is proud to present*

## **Jon Muir – mountaineer and adventurer**

*From Everest to the North Pole, the Central Desert of Australia to Antarctica, Australian Jon is one of the great adventurers of modern times.*

**Monday 30 August, 7.30pm,  
Auckland University Engineering Building  
401-439, 20 Symonds Street, Auckland.**

Seeing a TV documentary on Everest when he was 14 sealed Jon's future career choice. By the time he was 21 he'd done enough technical ascents in the mountains of New Zealand and Europe to successfully summit one of the most technical climbs in the Himalayas - the South West Pillar of Changabang. By 23 he was on Everest, the first of five ascents. He also soloed the North Face of the Matterhorn, and a new route on Shivling's South West Pillar in the Gangotri, which is yet to have a second ascent.

In 1999 Jon hit the headlines as part of the 84 day unsupported 'Icetrekk' to the South Pole with Peter Hilary and Eric Phillips, and in 2002 reached the North Pole via 1000km of trekking from the Siberian coast. Falling through the ice, he was rescued from the water by Phillips but it was days before he recovered from the shock and they were able to dry out his clothes.

Choosing warmer climes he took to a kayak and made a 62 day, 900km journey from the Daintree River to Cape York, followed several years later by another 52 day paddle along the Queensland coast. "Sea kayaking is the most frightening thing I've done. I'm scared of water and what's lurking below. I don't like to lose sight of land."

In the early 90s he began making trips into the Australian bush, experimenting with bush survival and learning techniques from Aboriginals. His 1996 "Walk to Nowhere," was a 620km solo, waterless desert trek. By 2000



Jon was engrossed in making an unsupported crossing of Australia. "I saw it as one of the biggest prizes remaining in world adventure, and to do it unassisted was a huge ask."

In 2001, on his fourth attempt, he succeeded covering the 1600 miles (South to North) in 128 days without navigational technology or resupply. Surviving on bush food and always looking for water, Jon lost 30 kg during the walk.

"Everest took a lot of gas out of the tank, but it pales in comparison to this desert crossing. I'd always come back from other trips feeling I could keep going, but not this. I was completely finished."

But if that wasn't enough, in 2007 he walked from the south coast to the farthest inland point of Australia, a shorter distance but over more difficult terrain and water was harder to find.

**What a story! Don't miss this one off chance to see Jon Muir!**

Tickets cost \$15 members, \$20 non members. Available from

- Online at [www.aucklandclimber.org.nz](http://www.aucklandclimber.org.nz)
- Bivouac stores and Outdoor Action from July 10
- At NZAC Auckland meetings.

# Upcoming Trips

Do you have a new trip idea? Perhaps you missed one before and want a repeat? We can only run as many trips as there are organisers. Volunteer to lead just one trip this year and get to do it where, when and with who you want. You don't need to be the most proficient person on the trip, you are not a guide: it's about car-pooling, collating emergency details and forwarding information to the trip participants. Make your dream trip happen this winter, contact Magnus (hammarsal@hotmail.com). Also email us to obtain updates to this list. Trips marked with "organiser tba" means that we don't have a trips organiser allocated and that trip can't go ahead until we find a volunteer to do so.... All suggestions for trips welcome!

*Alpine climbing can be dangerous! You need to have the appropriate skill for any trip that you wish to attend.*

**Beginner:** Someone who is at least a current SnowCraft student, and is competent with the skills covered on the course.

**Intermediate** would be proficient in all the basic alpine skills taught on the course.

**Advanced** would have already gained further alpine experience and is comfortable on alpine grade 2+ climbs.

## JULY

### *Tukino Ice Climbing Weekend - FULL*

*July 10 - 11*



Travel to Turangi on Friday night, get up early and drive to Tukino road, off Desert Road. Drive to 2WD carpark, load up 4WD's with as many people as possible and drive to skifield carpark. Walk to an awesome ice climbing location called 'Margaret's Leap'. Climb all day then head to NZAC Whangaehu Hut for the night. Numbers are limited! Only 6 beds in the huts, but you can tent outside.

 Anthony Stead  [newsletter@aucklandclimber.org.nz](mailto:newsletter@aucklandclimber.org.nz)

### *Avalanche Awareness Course*

*July 24 - 25*

This is an introductory course and will cover terrain assessment, route selection for climbers, transceiver use and rescue. Tailored for NZAC with professional instructors. \$135

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### *National Indoor Boulder Series Round 3*

*July 31*



Come and rip up the plastic at Extreme Edge in Mt Wellington. Boulder with all ages and all skills, there will be something for everyone. **Check out [www.nbs.org.nz](http://www.nbs.org.nz) for more details.**

### *Snow-craft Weekend 1 - FULL*

*July 31 - 1*

#### *August*

An introductory alpine course

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## AUGUST

### *Summit Plateau*

*August 6-8*

March up to the NZAC hut on Friday night ... and keep on marching by it. Minimise the trudging during daylight hours and maximise the climbing by camping out up on the summit plateau for the weekend. Bag all the peaks or tackle some climbs on Cathedral Rocks, Tahurangi and Tukino. Date is tentative and dependent on some fine weather.

*Level: Intermediate*

 Cormac Flynn  [c.flynn@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:c.flynn@auckland.ac.nz)

### *Winter Taster*

*August 21 22*

Thinking of joining the snow craft course but want to try it first? Keen to have a go at Alpine Mountaineering but don't know if it's for you? Come and join us on a weekend to the Tongariro National Park where you will get the chance to navigate your way across snowy ground using crampons and ice axe, learn what alpinism is all about and the kit you will need.

 Magnus Hammersal  [Trips@aucklandclimber.org.nz](mailto:Trips@aucklandclimber.org.nz)

### *Girdlestone Peak Ruapehu*

*August 20-22*

Camp out on the Wahianoa beneath Girdlestone and pick off some climbs on its southern aspects. Some great routes from Grade 1-2+. Plenty of options from this base. Date is tentative and dependent on some fine weather.

*Level: Intermediate*



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### *Snow-craft Weekend 2 - FULL*

*August 28-29*

An introductory alpine course



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## **SEPTEMBER**

### *Snow-craft Weekend 3 - FULL*

*September 25-26*

An introductory alpine course



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# ***National News***

## ***Climbs over 7000m – Insurance***

Our travel insurance provider would like to gain a better understanding of the demand for insurance for climbs over 7000m. They are looking at the possibility of underwriting cover on individual consideration and depending on the degree of difficulty of the climb and the member's experience. If members that have, or are looking to, climb above this height could provide feedback on what they would want from cover, where they have climbed, difficulty of various peaks/climbs, their experience, or any other information they believe would be useful, would they please email [Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz](mailto:Margaret@alpineclub.org.nz)

## ***New Book Available From July – PUSHING HIS LUCK***

The report of the Expedition and Death of Henry Whitcombe by Jakob Lauper. A new translation and commentary by Hilary Low.

We will be stocking copies of this new book, for a limited time, at a discounted member price of \$30.00 + \$4 p&p (non members \$40 + p&p)

A review of this publication will be published in the Spring 'The Climber' Issue #73. Sales will become available from July 1st from the National Office and online: [www.alpineclub.org.nz](http://www.alpineclub.org.nz)



## ***NZMGA Photo Competition now accepting entries***

The annual Photo Competition is now open and we are hoping to surpass 2009 and get 1000 entries.

There is an entry form in the latest Climber, which everyone should have by now, or you can enter on line via the NZAC website. <http://alpineclub.org.nz/photocomp/2010>  
You can also view the entries via the site and keep up with your competition.

# bivouac bulk buy

for NZAC members  
(please bring in your membership card)

## 25% off! technical hardware\*

ropes, carabiners, harnesses, tools, ice screws and more!



EXPED  LOGAN

All Exped Tents - 30% off  
Exped WaterBloc 600 Sleeping Bag (Medium) - \$699 down to \$489 (+\$20 for Long)

### Black Diamond

Black Diamond Quantum 65L Alpine Pack - \$399 down to \$279  
Black Diamond Half Dome Helmet - \$119 down to \$79  
Black Diamond Spot Headlamp - \$99 down to \$69

  
OUTDOOR RESEARCH

OR Highland Bivy Bag - \$289 down to \$199  
OR Mentor GORE-TEX ProShell Jacket - \$699 down to \$419 (40% off!)  
OR Ninjaclava - \$34.95 down to \$21.90  
OR Croc GORE-TEX Gaiters - \$89 down to \$59  
All OR Gloves - 30% off  
All OR Down Jackets - 30% off

## 20% off! everything else in store!\*

\*Discount is off rrp, not to be used in conjunction with any other discount, special or offer. Stocks are limited and may vary from store to store. Excludes all electronic devices such as GPS, PLB, transceivers etc.

## thursday july 22nd until sunday july 25th

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210 Queen St, Auckland  
09 366 1966  
302 Broadway, Newmarket  
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normal opening hours - check [www.bivouac.co.nz](http://www.bivouac.co.nz)  
(these offers not available through online store)

# bivouac/outdoor

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