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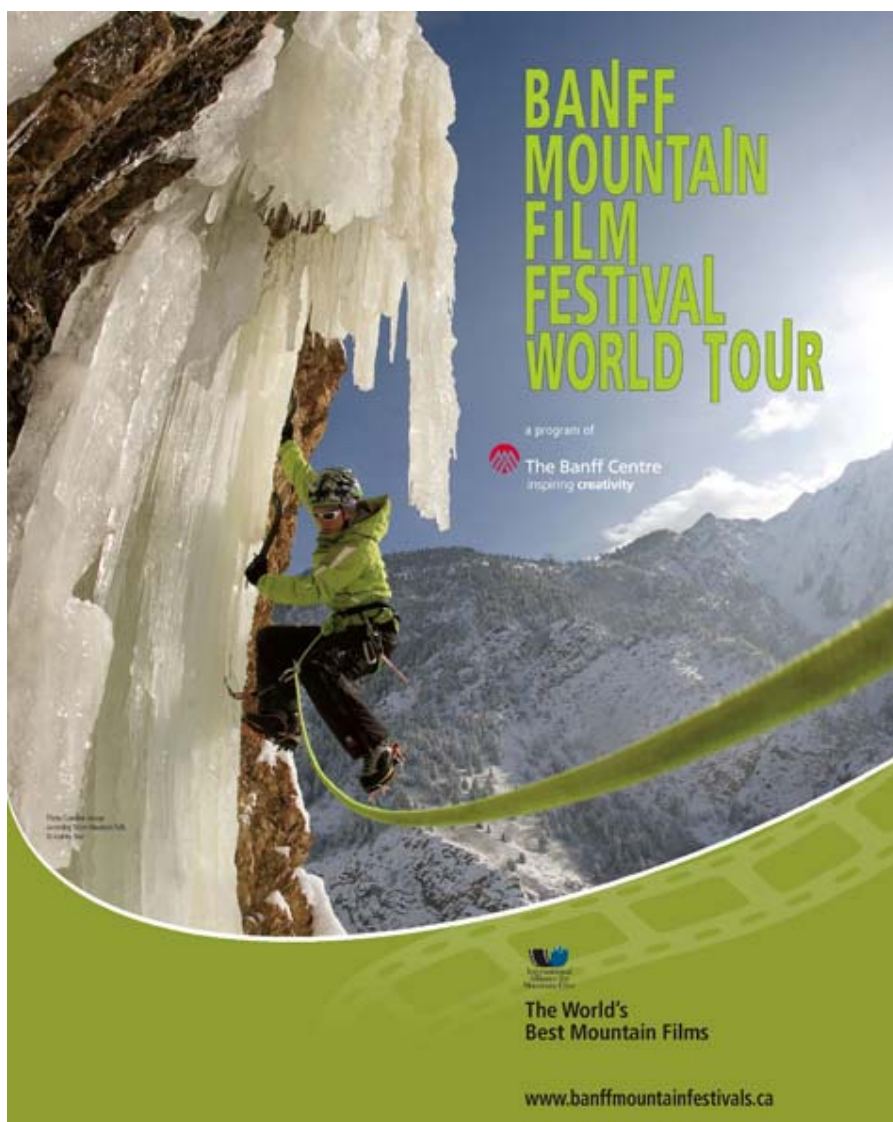
Banff Film Festival Night coming up.....

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2009 for the New Zealand Alpine Club Australian section.

We thank Martin Jackson for his previous contributions as Editor in the past, and plan to bring out the newsletter more often than it has been recently. Because honestly, it has been quite a while between editions. We'd like to think it is because we have been climbing a lot. We openly encourage contributions to the newsletter, and publish it each quarter, so if you have ideas for content, or specific requests for future editions, or even a recent trip report, please send them to us at

Melbourne@alpineclub.org.nz

Upcoming Events



The Banff Film festival is touring the Australia across May and June. Check out <http://www.paddybanff.com.au/> for a descriptions of the films and booking tickets.

- May 4th—9th Sydney (Seymour Centre)
- May 13th-14th Canberra (Fairfax Theater)
- May 19th– 21st Perth (Playhouse)
- May 26th-27th Adelaide (Mercury Theatre)
- June 2nd-4th Brisbane (J Wright Centre)
- June 5th Cairns (Civic Centre)
- June 9th—12th Melbourne (Capitol)
- June 17th Launceston (Earl Arts Centre)
- June 18th Hobart (West Point Casino)
- June 27th Mt Buller (Mt Buller Cinema)

Melbourne Social Events

Melbourne Social events are held generally at an inner city pub every 2nd month, and aims to bring together mountaineers to network, talk and look at someone else's pretty slides from far away places. Social events are supported by and run by members who donate time and effort. If you would like to help an organize a Social event in your area, please contact us at australia@alpineclub.org.nz. Funding and publicity support readily provided.



Venue

The Retreat Hotel

226 Nicholson St, Abbotsford, VIC, 3067

Upcoming Social Dates

Wednesday 22nd April 2009, 7pm - Club climbing night, Cliffhanger Climbing Gym, Altona VIC

Wednesday 20th May 2009—AGM and Social Meeting, Retreat Hotel

Wednesday 15 July 2009—Social Meeting, Retreat Hotel

Technical Course/Climbing Dates

NZAC Australia section endeavours to provide activities and courses for members.

Jul-Aug 2009: Steep Snow and Ice Rescue Training, Bush Search and Rescue Victoria, exact location (Vic. alpine region) and dates TBA

3-12 July Darran Mountains Winter Climb Meet (Non-NZAC event) refer to the website for details <http://www.mountainz.co.nz/content/article/event/event12.php>

22-23 August /09: Introduction to Mountaineering, Mt Feathertop (Joint trip run with VCC)



Committee Meeting Dates

Committee meetings are held regularly at the Retreat Hotel in Abbotsford, and are open to any member who wishes to join us for a bite to eat or a beer.

Please contact Australia Section president *Paul Day* at paul@enigma.id.au if you intend to attend, basically so that you end up at the right pub and right night.

15/04/09: Committee meeting *

17/06/09: Committee meeting *

19/08/09: Committee meeting *

21/10/09: Committee meeting *

Calling all Volunteers— Annual General Meeting

A note that we're planning to hold this year's AGM on Wednesday 20th May 2009 in Melbourne. At the AGM, amongst other items, we vote for new committee members. This is your opportunity to get more involved in the club!



If you're keen to get involved with the committee and want to see what it's all about, members are welcome to join us at one of our bi-monthly committee meetings. Please contact Paul Day at paul@enigma.id.au if you're interested in standing for a position at this year's AGM or would like to attend a committee meeting.

Personal Insurance cover without Mountaineering exceptions

A reminder that the club has successfully negotiated with ING Financial Planning, to provide personal insurance to Club members in Australia. This insurance offer has been tailored to NZAC members and their families. Please note: mountaineering exclusions may apply to certain components of this cover in some cases.



Make sure you have adequate insurance when climbing overseas.

The insurance will be provided through ING's OneCare Policy. Depending on your situation, OneCare also offers the following range of covers:

- Life Cover
- Total and Permanent Disability (TPD) Cover*
- Trauma cover
- Income Secure Cover*
- Business Expense Cover
- Living Expense Cover
- Child Cover

**mountaineering exclusions may apply in some cases*

For further information, please see <http://alpineclub.org.nz/default/364> or call ING Financial Planning on 1300 550 805 for a quote, identifying yourself as an active member of the New Zealand Alpine Club.

Change of Address?

For any change of address please contact: subscriptions@alpineclub.org.nz

NZAC AU Section 2008 Members Survey Results

The Australian section of the New Zealand Alpine Club conducted a survey of its members in 2008. The survey was designed, collated and analysed by Carolina Roman, and a summary of the findings is reported here. We thank Carolina for her efforts.

The Australian section has 300+ members, and we had 148 responses which we believe is enough to get an indicative sense of the section's membership. Generally a typical Australian Section member is a young 30-39 year-old male, followed closely by those age groups on either side, i.e. those in their 20s and 40s. The survey also indicated a significant disproportion of males versus females; roughly 90% to 10%. Most of our members live in either Sydney or Melbourne (roughly 20%), with representation in every capital city and also members outside the capital cities. Numerous comments were received in the survey from remote members asking for more inclusion in activities and greater cohesiveness within the Section. The Section committee is looking into ways to expand and provide these services.

A lot of our members described general 'loyalty' to the club, reflected by the length of the time they have been a continuous member. Many indicated renewal of membership has a lot to do with the quality of the publications that the club offers; both *The Climber* magazine and the yearly *Journal*.

Our members have a diverse range of interests in outdoor activities, ranging from general mountaineering (what else!), followed closely by bushwalking and outdoor rock-climbing. A number are also interested in winter or snow-based activities such as skiing or ice-climbing. A large number conduct these activities quite independently, either as 'solo' adventurers or with friends, family or partners, rather than utilising clubs or guided commercial trips.

We asked for feedback on club activities that members have participated in or used during the past year. We found that accessing the NZAC website was the most frequently used club service, followed by reading the newsletter, staying at NZAC huts while in NZ, and purchasing NZ guidebooks. We found that time and distance were the two things that mostly inhibited member participation in club activities. We confirmed the members find that use of NZAC alpine huts and the publications (*The Climber* and the yearly *Journal*) to be of most importance.

The results of the survey will assist the Australian Section to understand the needs and activities of our members, and allow changes and improvements to be made based on feedback. Thanks again to Carolina for the work and diligence with this survey.

NZAC Australian Section AGM

The Australian Section AGM will be held on May 20th 2009. The process is described below and nomination forms are on the following page.

Agenda

- Confirm meetings from previous AGM
- Receive the treasurer's report
- Election of officers and ordinary committee members
- To receive and consider the chairperson's statement

The Office bearer roles that we need to fill, are as follows:

- a. Chairperson / Section Representative
- b. Vice Chairperson
- c. Treasurer / Public Officer - as the Section is incorporated in Victoria the Treasurer needs to be located in Victoria.

Ordinary Members of the Committee - the remaining 7 positions (total 10) are needed for the section/club to operate as section of NZAC in Australia:

These roles include editor, membership, events, trip co-ordinator, risk management, insurance, climbing advocacy.

Steps from now until the AGM, for those wishing to be office bearers and general committee and how the vote will occur:

1. Nomination - A person needs to nominate for a position and have 2 seconders who are members. To simplify the process e-mail acknowledgment can be used and the resulting e-mail sent to Russell Bowey (The current Treasurer) is copied so we have a record.

The considerations for nomination are as follows, as taken from the Australian Rules:

23. Election of officers and ordinary committee members

(1) Nominations of candidates for election as officers of the Association or as ordinary members of the committee must be--

(a) made in writing, signed by two members of the Association and accompanied by the written consent of the candidate (which may be endorsed on the form of nomination); and (b) delivered to the Secretary / Treasurer of the Association not less than 7 days before the date fixed for the holding of the annual general meeting.

(2) A candidate may only be nominated for one office, or as an ordinary member of the committee, prior to the annual general meeting.

(3) If insufficient nominations are received to fill all vacancies on the committee, the candidates nominated shall be deemed to be elected and further nominations may be received at the annual general meeting.

(4) If the number of nominations received is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be deemed to be elected.

(5) If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, a ballot must be held.

(6) The ballot for the election of officers and ordinary members of the committee must be conducted at the annual general meeting in such manner as the committee may direct.

2. By 4h May, all nominations need to be sent to Russell Bowey (see forms on next page for email and mail addresses). Russell will confirm the nominations and send the notice and proxies for the Annual General Meeting. The AGM is to be held on the 20th of May 2009, 8pm, at: The Retreat Hotel, 226 Nicholson St Abbotsford VIC Ph: (03) 9419 1459 .

3. A proxy form is also included in this newsletter. Please send this to Russell if you wish to register a vote but cannot attend the AGM.

4. Voting will be carried out at the AGM - in person and proxies through e-mail or letter.

FORM OF NOMINATION FOR A COMMITTEE POSITION

The Australian Section New Zealand Alpine Club

I, (name)

of (address)

being a member of Australian Section, New Zealand Alpine Club Inc., wish to nominate for the position of:

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For the AGM to be on- 20^h May 2009 and at any adjournment of that meeting. This is seconded by:

1. (name)

of (address)

being a member of Australian Section, New Zealand Alpine Club Inc.

2. (name)

of (address)

being a member of Australian Section, New Zealand Alpine Club Inc.

Note : Members can only nominate for one position of the following:
Section Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Treasurer / Public Officer
Ordinary members of Committee

Email To : Russell.Bowey@eng.monash.edu.au or Mail to : Unit 3 / 289 Waverley Rd, Mt Waverley, Vic. 3149

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY FOR MEETING OF

The Australian Section New Zealand Alpine Club

I, (name)

of (address)

being a member of Australian Section, New Zealand Alpine Club Inc., appoint

.....(if blank your proxy will default to the current Victorian Chairperson)

being a member of that Incorporated Association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the appeal to the general meeting of the Association convened under rule 7(7), to be held on 20th May 2009, and at any adjournment of that meeting.

I authorise my proxy to vote on my behalf at their discretion in respect of the following resolution, place an "X" beside the name of the person you wish to elect if more than one person going for a position:

Office bearers:

- Section Chairperson / Representative –
- Vice Chairperson -
- Treasurer / Public Officer (Vic resident only)–

Ordinary members of Committee:

- d. -
- e. -
- f. -

..... Signed
..... Date

Email To : Russell.Bowey@eng.monash.edu.au or Mail to : Unit 3 / 289 Waverley Rd, Mt Waverley, Vic. 3149

President's Report 2008

Meeting Minutes for the 2008 AGM held 14th May 2008.

Attendees: David Mitchell, Jannie Chan, Michael, Charles Day, Russell Bowey, Martin Jackson, Greg Robinson, Simon Walliss, Paul Day, Matt Nielsen, Eric Krista,

Apologies: Carolina Roman

Report for 2007/2008:

Treasurers Report: Balance as at 14 May 2008: \$AUD 4,447.55

Chairperson Report:

Stable and dedicated Committee meeting every 2 months.

Newsletters and Bi-Monthly Social Meetings

Over 400 members.

Southern Alps NZ course in Nov 07.

Mt. Feathertop in conjunction with VCC, Sep 08.

National Office May AGM/CCM attended by Matt Nielsen and Carolina Roman attended Nov CCM.

Membership discounts identified for a number of Retail Chains, and Melbourne Climbing Centres.

Insurance: Insurance costs still too high, for this reason Aus Section continues to be mainly focusing on social meetings, news and meetings.

Equipment: Screen and Data Projector bought. located in Melbourne.

Election from May 08:

Office Holders: Chairperson: Paul Day, Vice-Chairperson: Carolina Roman, Treasurer / Public Officer: Russell Bowey, General Committee: Martin Jackson, Greg Robinson, Simon Walliss, Matt Nielsen, Eric Krista

Approved by those present.

Presentation: David Mitchell showed photo's of his 2008 NZAC Summer Camp trip.

Regards,
Eric Krista



Bush Search and Rescue

www.bsar.org

Bush Search and Rescue Victoria, is a dedicated volunteer search and rescue organisation, part of the Federation of Victorian Bushwalking clubs, that is called out in support of the Victorian Police. Members can use their out door skills for community benefit by going on calls outs and use their outdoor overnight and navigation skills to support the community when searching is required in bush or rugged terrain. Of relevance to NZAC members in Victoria, where we are associated to BSAR Victoria is that alpine skills are sought for the winter months, when steep snow and ice skills are sought in the alpine area's. Members interested need to be a competent outdoors person, willing to be called out for 2 days at a time, and undertake a training weekend per year. Skills that are practiced include use of GPS, CB and police radios, first aid, navigation, search techniques, steep snow and ice. For more information go to: <http://www.bsar.org/>

Please contact Eric Krista eric_krista@hotmail.com 0419 986 878, your Australian Section NZAC, Bush Search and Rescue Victoria delegate should you want to find out more.

Want to show some nice climbing pics?

Do you have some great slides from a past climbing trip that you would like to dust off and show? No experience necessary. Your photos could be of an epic on a common route, some stunning photos of a new route, or some far-away, little known range done in your own style. It really doesn't matter—honest. If you can talk with a beer in your hand for half an hour (or more) you have the gig. Contact us on australia@alpineclub.org.nz.

Treasurer's Report 2008

NZAC Australian Chapter: Financial Statement as at 14th May 2008

INCOME STATEMENT			
	\$	\$	\$
Opening Balance (as at 16th May 2007)			3683.75
Add Income			
NZAC section fees	2777.14		
Bank interest	0.26		
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Total In-		2777.40	
Less Expenses			
Postage	50.00		
Projector and screen	1926.00		
Incorporation fee	37.60		
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Total Ex-		2013.60	
	Net Profit		
		
	.		763.80
Balance as at 14 May 2008			4447.55

Australian Section Discounts:

Arapiles Mountain Shop (Natimuk, VIC): 10% off retail prices

Wilderness Shop (Box Hill, Melbourne, VIC) : 10% off retail prices, invitations to Mega Buying Nights.

Bogong (Melbourne CBD, VIC) : 10% off retail prices

Cliffhanger Climbing Gym (Altona, VIC): Concession rate entry for adults

Sydney - Information to come next newsletter...

If any other retailers around Australia would like to offer our members discounts in exchange for publicity, or any members are currently claiming discounts at other retailers with their membership, please drop us an email.

To Contact the Australian Section :

If you wish to contact the NZAC Australian Section Steering Committees, please drop us a line at australia@alpineclub.org.nz

NZAC Australian Section news and upcoming events are also regularly posted up on the Section's website, which can be found at <http://www.alpineclub.org.nz/default.aspx?p=241>

You can also keep up-to-date on upcoming alpine and mountaineering-related events as well as advertise your second-hand gear, trips, or look for a climbing partner here in Australia, via the aussiemountaineers mailing list - just follow this link (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/aussiemountaineers>).