

NZAC – TARANAKI SECTION

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 21st July 2009

7:30pm

Catholic Church Hall

Miranda Street, Stratford

The AGM is held at a later date, due to the NZAC financial year now ending 30th June.

Please support the AGM with your presence.

We would like to see some new faces on committee.

Nigel Roberts Lecture

Thursday 30th July

Blind Foundation Rooms, 131 Vivian Street, New Plymouth

8pm

Entry gold coin donation.

Travelling the Rocky Road – Climbing in the USA. NZAC member Nigel Roberts climbed Denali/Mt McKinley in 1997. Since then, he has been back to the USA on several occasions to climb prominent peaks in the Western States, and will be there again in June-July this year, before he comes to talk to us in New Plymouth. Nigel, a Professor of Political Science at Victoria University, has been active in the NZ Alpine Club since the early 1990's and has served 3 years as chairperson of the Wellington Section.

Banff Film Festival

This year the Section once again hosted the Banff Film Festival on 29th May at the Westcitychurch, New Plymouth. Unfortunately, being Queens Birthday weekend the festival coincided with many other functions and combined with inclement weather, numbers were down on last year. However, the new venue proved popular and it is anticipated that we will host the festival again next year.

NZAC Photographic Competition

Sponsored by Marmot, Scarpa and Imagelab with prizes to the value of \$4,200. NZAC annual photographic competition in 2009 features for the first time a youth section open not only to NZAC members but to all young photographers who are under 19 on 31st July 2009. Entries are open now and will close on 31st July 2009, judging 13th August. Judges this year will be premier outdoor photographers Colin Monteath, Rob Brown and Dean McKenzie. Results in the spring Climber and on the website. For more information go to <http://alpineclub.org.nz/photocomp>

Winter Sale Surplus Library Books

We've further discounted the remaining stock of ex-library books to coincide with all the lovely wet, cold weather of late. What a better way to spend your free time, when you can't get out in the mountains, than to read about them and get inspired. Have a look at this webpage for the new winter specials : <http://alpineclub.org.nz/default/350> (Publications = Library - surplus book sales) and contact Margaret@alpineclub.or.nz if you wish to purchase.

Base Huts - New Youth and Day-Use Rates

The following rates are now in place for base huts, apart from Unwin Lodge that has its own fee schedule. The changes have come about to encourage and assist members with young families and school groups. Fees are per person, per night.

Children 10 years of age and under - **free** Youth Rate (11-17 years) - member's children \$5, non members children and school groups \$15
Day-use rate - \$10 regardless of member status

Dates to Remember

Tuesday 21st July 2009 Section AGM, Stratford

Thursday 30th July 2009 Nigel Roberts Lecture, New Plymouth

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Gender Roles

Did you know that most non-living things have a gender? For example:

Subway – Male: because it uses the same old lines to pick people up.

Photocopier : Female; because once turned off, it takes a while to warm up again. It is an effective reproductive device if the right buttons are pushed, but can wreck havoc if you push the wrong ones.

Hammer : Male; it hasn't changed much over the last 5000 years, but it's still handy to have around.

Remote Control : Female; ha, you thought it would be male, eh? But consider this, it gives a man pleasure, he'd be lost without it, and while he doesn't always know which buttons to push, he keeps trying.