



The South Canterbury Climber

August 2018

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NZAC NEWS

**Any ideas for club trips?
Please let us know!
Contact details inside...**

Welcome to the **August edition** of the NZAC South Canterbury 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.

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 20th of the month preceding. Contact Kelly Cooney from emailing: Kelly@wildfiresolutions.co.nz

Monthly Meeting – August 23rd, 8pm 2018
“Pekapeka (Native Bat) Predator Control Programme”
Speaker: Rob Carson-Iles



Come along to this Thursday's meet and hear Rob Carson-Iles talk about the Pekapeka (Native Bat) Predator Control Programme. The South Canterbury section is offering to contribute volunteers to this project. Rob is in charge of the Pekapeka predator control programme near Pleasant Point

Our meetings are held from February through to November in the Police Social Room, North Street, Timaru (Top floor of the Police station, access via back door adjacent to the vehicle entrance on North Street).

Come & be inspired!

Speakers

Your Committee welcomes ideas of topics and speakers. Please send them in ASAP to any Committee Member, we look forward to receiving them! Do not be shy to offer yourself (Contacts at bottom of Newsletter).

Library – Books Available

Did you know that the Section has a number of Alpine related library books available in our meeting room? Including guide books etc- Please see attached for list.

Wall/Crag Climbing

There are public climbing wall sessions at Ara Polytechnic, Timaru.

For more Information: <http://www.ara.ac.nz/services-and-support/recreation-and-sport/climbing-wall>

For Hire

The section has ice axes, crampons, snow shovels, avalanche transceivers, snowshoes, snow stakes and now, a second Personal Locator Beacon for hire. Contact Gary Brehaut (03) 688 9399.



National News

NZAC High Alpine Skills course registration open

Our highly sought after High Alpine Skills courses for the summer of 2018/19 registrations are now open. These courses are for members who have taken part in an Intermediate Snowcraft Course with the NZAC or similar organisation, and have embedded their skills with further alpine climbing trips. If you are wanting to upskill and get into the big mountains of Aoraki Mt Cook and Westland Tai Poutini National Parks, these courses are a fantastic gateway to increase your knowledge and skills. They fill up fast so be in quick to secure your place. More info: <https://alpineclub.org.nz/about-courses/hasc/>

NZAC Mountain Medicine Weekend

NZAC Unwin Lodge Aoraki Mt Cook will be hosting its first ever weekend of Mountain Medicine workshops this October. The weekend will offer climbers, trampers, mountaineers and skiers the chance to learn about mountain medicine from experts in the field and share knowledge and experience with others interested in Mountain Medicine.

Spend Saturday and/or Sunday (13-14 October) learning new skills through a series of workshops, and join us for beer and a BBQ dinner on Saturday evening whilst guest speakers from the Geraldine Volunteer Fire Brigade Road Crash Rescue Team give insight into what they do, why and how.

To read the full event/workshop info and to register visit: https://alpineclub.org.nz/single-event/?event_id=3022823

NZAC Spring Photography Workshop - Aoraki

NZAC Spring Photography Workshop –21-24 Sept 2018 based out of NZ Alpine Club - Unwin Lodge, Mt Cook

Professional photographer Rob Brown returns to host a Spring Photography Workshop- for members who are beginner/intermediate photographers wanting to improve their outdoor photography skills.

More details:

https://alpineclub.org.nz/single-course/?course_id=2972206

Register ASAP to secure your spot.

Ohau Forests Possum Control Programme 2018-2019

Possum control is planned to start on the 9th August 2018 and will continue for the duration of the respective consents. Operations will occur in forested areas of the Temple Streams, Huxley River Valley, and the Hopkins and Dobson River Valleys.

Control methods will primarily involve the use of Feratox cyanide in bio-degradable bait bags stapled to trees and kill traps. Some Feratox cyanide baits may be placed in bait stations. Cereal baits containing 1080 will only be considered for use should circumstances require an alternative form of poison bait.

The pesticides used in these operations are poisonous to humans and domestic animals. Dogs are particularly susceptible to 1080.

Upcoming Trips

Trips	When	Contact
Wall/Crag Climbing	Text 021 243 7381 if you want to climb.	Kelly Cooney
Godley Hut Painting Trip (Date subject to supply of paint)	Spring	Ian Rodgers
Ski Touring Course	August/Sep	Gary Brehaut
Any ideas?	...Well, let us know!	Committee

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