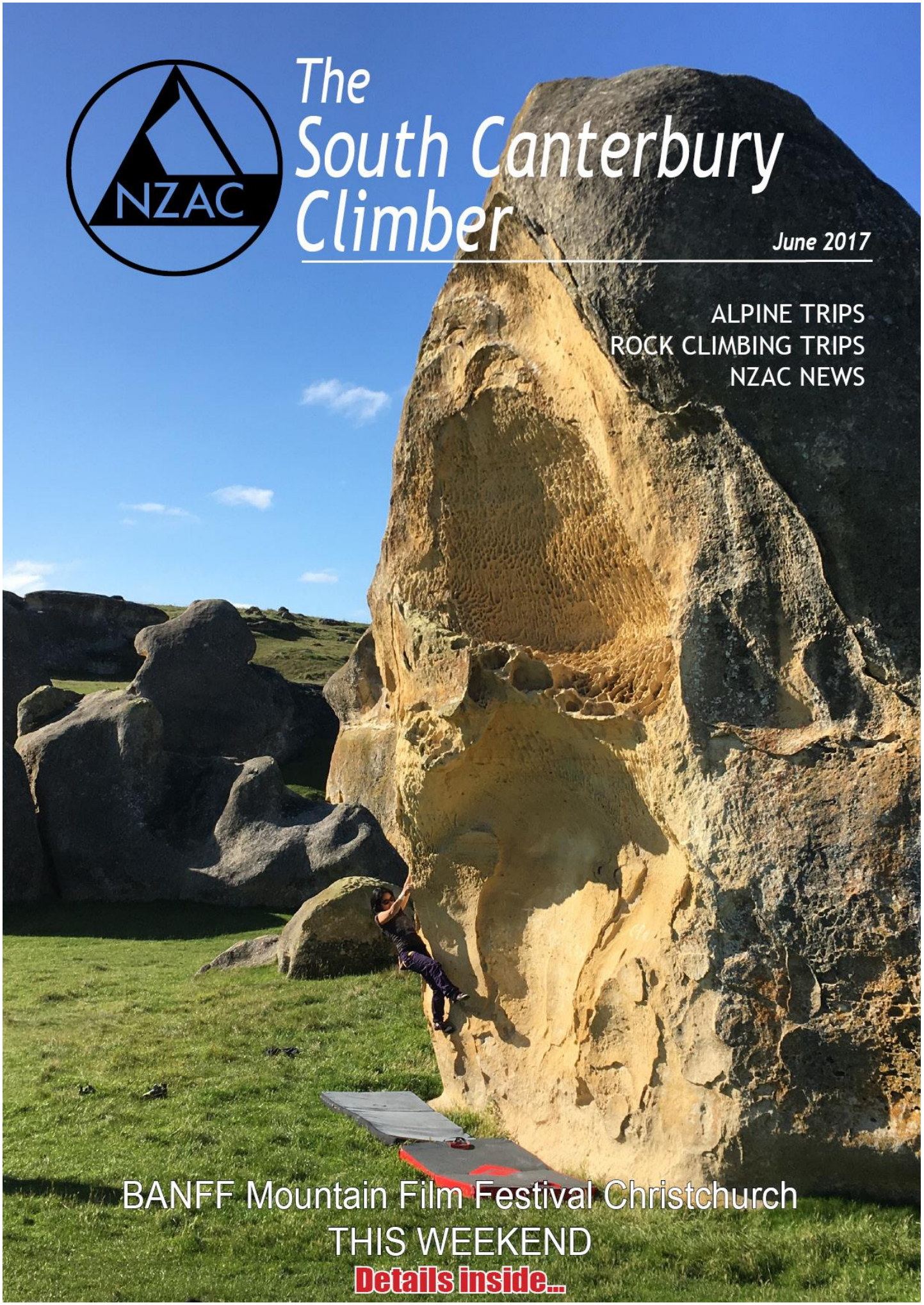
NZAC
The
South Canterbury
Climber
June 2017
ALPINE TRIPS
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NZAC NEWS
BANFF Mountain Film Festival Christchurch
THIS WEEKEND
Details inside...

Welcome ***to the June 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

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Monthly Meeting – Thursday 15th June, 8pm 2017. All Welcome!

Speaker: Dr Penny Brothers (NZAC Club President)

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Come join Penny as she shares with us some of her recent climbing along with some insights into where the alpine club is heading as a result of the recent strategic planning process.

Dr Penny Brothers (NZAC President) was born and grew up in Auckland, New Zealand. Penny has combined an academic career in chemistry at the University of Auckland with a keen interest in the mountains around the world. Climbs in Yosemite include the West Face Of El Capitan, the Direct North West Face of Half Dome, the West Face of Sentinel, and the Leaning Tower. She was a member of the 1980 American and Indian women's expedition to the Garhwal Himalaya and a member of the summit party of the first ascent of Bhrigupanth (6770 m).

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).

Wall/Crag Climbing
We have been enjoying climbing at Hanging Rock and Elephant Rocks. Text Kelly 021 243 7381 to find out when our next session will be.

June – Banff Mountain Film Festival
Screening in Christchurch this weekend June 8,9 &10th.

Christchurch will host 4 screenings this year at the Auror
a Centre, including a Saturday daytime screening. 2 unique programmes, Green & Blue will be screened twice.

Tickets: $15 NZAC members & students ■ $25 Non-members ■ $40 for 2 screenings ■ Saturday Matinee Family Pack [$50, 2 adult, 2 U18]

Available from: Macpac Tower Junction, The Roxx/YMCA Adventure Centre, NZAC Head Office, Bivouac
OR online at https://banff.nz/christchurch/

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

Keep up to date with the latest local news, photos and events by connecting with us on Facebook! **www.facebook.com/groups/NZACsouthcanterbury**

National News

Macpac Discount extended
MACPAC have extended their NZAC member 30% discount to online sales (formerly was only available in-store). Discount is off RRP and is for Macpac branded items only. Please log into the NZAC website where the code will be visible to members here: https://alpineclub.org.nz/company/macpac-2/ . The MACPAC Adventure Partnership Fund (MAP) additional 5%, allocated to the NZAC as an additional donation, will still be applied via reporting done on the code use. Our thanks to MACPAC for their continued support.

Squawk Squad
An exciting initiative by a couple of young guys to help trap more NZPests. For more info visit their website www.squawksquad.co

Congratulations to The Himalayan Club on their 90th Year Anniversary

New Zealand Alpine Club member Tamotsu Nakamura shares with us his Journey to Dharamsara, India to attended The Himalayan Club's 90th Anniversary celebrations and his travels to the state of Kashmir. Tom has provided an intriguing report, which includes a brief history of the club and a Blessing from His Holiness The Dalai Lama. Charming images accompany the report and provide an insight into the 90th Anniversary event and Tom's journey.

New Zealand Apline Club congratulates The Himalayan Club on their 90th Anniversary and thanks Tom Nakamura for sharing his report with us.

Tom Nakamura's full report here: Journey to Dharamsas & Kashmir 2017

NZAC Members in Honours List

Graeme Dingle KNZM (Knight Companion of the NZ Order of Merit) in the QB Honours list, but there was also Robin McNeill MNZM (member of the NZ Order of Merit) and Geoff Spearpoint QSM (Queen's Service Medal). Details on this as follows:

DINGLE, MR GRAEME, ONZM, MBE- For services to youth

Mr Graeme Dingle was appointed an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to youth in 2001.

Mr Dingle established the first Outdoor Pursuits Centre in New Zealand in 1972, now known as Hillary Outdoors. He established Project K in 1995, which is now known as the Graeme Dingle Foundation where he continues to serve. More than 150,000 young people have benefitted from the Foundation's programmes. These programmes encompass Kiwi Can (life skills and attitudes for 5-12 year olds), Stars which helps the transition to high school and builds leadership in the senior school; Project K (a 14 month mentoring programme for those with low self-confidence); Career Navigator which helps school leaders find career purpose and direction, and MYND (a referral programme for youth offenders). In 2016 the Foundation's programmes had 22,000 participants and in 2017 the Foundation will reach 25,000 young people around the country. Mr Dingle has published 11 books, one of which was the winner of the Biography Section of the 2006 Montana Book Awards.

HONOURS
Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit, New Year 2001
Member of the Order of the British Empire, Queen's Birthday 1988

MCNEILL, MR ROBIN GUSTAV - For services to conservation

Mr Robin McNeill is an engineer who has a long history of advocating for conservation values and the public's right to access and use public conservation lands for outdoor recreation.

Mr McNeill is on the board of New Zealand Walking Access Commission and was President of Federated Mountain Clubs (FMC) from 2012 to 2016. During his tenure he was instrumental in FMC joining with the New Zealand Deer Stalkers' Association and Trail Fund New Zealand to form the New Zealand Outdoor Recreation Consortium. The consortium has utilised the voluntary efforts of its members to help maintain public huts and tracks in remote and little used locations on conservation land. He was appointed to the Southland Conservation Board for 10 years and served as Chair. As a Board member he made a significant contribution to the development of the Rakiura National Park Management Plan and the concurrent review of the Stewart Island/Rakiura Conservation Management Strategy. He is editor of 'Moirs Guide South' and author of 'Safety in the Mountains'. Mr McNeill was elected Fellow of the Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand for his contribution to the application of engineering and technology in the community both locally and internationally.

SPEARPOINT, MR GEOFFREY BRIAN (GEOFF) - For services to outdoor recreation

Mr Geoff Spearpoint has made a significant contribution to conservation and outdoor recreation in New Zealand through writing various books and maintaining hut facilities.

Mr Spearpoint's first book 'Waking to the Hills: Tramping in New Zealand' was published in 1985. He went on to edit 'Moirs Guide North' (1998) and has co-authored 'The Canterbury Westland Alps: A Climbing and Transalpine Guide' (2010), 'Shelter from the Storm: The Story of New Zealand's Backcountry Huts' (2012) and 'A Bunk for the Night: A Guide to New Zealand's Best Backcountry Huts' (2016). He has also written numerous articles for club journals and Wilderness magazine. He was a guide on the 2004 TVNZ series 'Explorers' and in 2012 and 2013 he was the lead guide and an advisor to the TVNZ series 'First Crossings'. In recent years he has made a significant contribution to maintaining and restoring Department of Conservation backcountry huts. He has lead projects such as restoring the Tunnel Creek Hut, Roaring Billy Hut and Thomas River Hut in South Westland. He played a significant role supporting the Canterbury University Tramping Club project to restore Avoca Hut near

Arthur's Pass. Mr Spearpoint is a Life Member of the Hutt Valley Tramping Club and the New Zealand Alpine Club.

The Queen's Service Medal

Upcoming Trips

Trips	When	Contact
Wall/Crag Climbing	Text 021 243 7381 if you want to climb.	Kelly Cooney
Wood Cutting	Saturday 15th July, if wet Sunday 16th July	Syd Woods
Mt Potts – First Snow	May/Early June	John Wilson
Winter Avalanche Awareness Course	Wednesday 5th July 6.30pm – 9.00pm Usual Police Social meeting room. Saturday 8th July IF weather dictates Sunday 9th July	Gary Brehaut
Any ideas?	…Well, let us know!	Committee

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