

# The Otago Climber

*May 2017*

*Stephanie Jasperse cranks through the roof of  
"Dream Thing" at Wye Creek.*

*Ryan Thomas photo*





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*The monthly newsletter of the  
Otago Section of the New Zealand Alpine Club*

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## Meetings

*1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the Month, Staff Club, University of Otago (Leith St).*

### **Wednesday 3 May**

**Our May meeting has a big line up of activities - non-members welcome.**

- **Banff tickets on sale!** No booking fee and member rates when you buy direct from us. Both nights available, and you choose whether you want seated or general admission tickets. Cash only.
- **Everything you need to know about climbing at Mt Arapiles.** Lindsay, Riley, and Jaz will talk about their recent trip to 'NZ's Best Crag.'
- **Gear garage sale!** The Section has been donated some general climbing/camping gear which will be available for sale or (if it's rather well used) gold coin donation. In addition, anyone is welcome to bring a few items of their own for sale or swap (max 6 items per person, nothing horrendously bulky please, also gear should still be in fine working order). We will set up a table and run a wee stall prior to the talk. Items currently on offer include a pair of good condition half ropes, excellent condition NZ made Macpac Pursuit pack, an almost new condition (but older style) grigri, gore tex bivvy bag, as new Primus 'super pot', 0.5 BD Camalot, as new Mammut mittens, along with assorted carabiners, wires, hexes, etc. Bring your dirtbag mates along and score a bargain.

### **30 May & 1 June**

Banff Film Festival booked for these dates in 2017. More details in the Newsletter.

### **Wednesday 14 June**

Current NZAC President Penny Brothers will talk on her extensive climbing career. More details in next Newsletter but please note date change to the **second** Wednesday only for **June**.

### **Wednesday, 5 July**

Incoming NZAC President John Palmer will be our guest speaker.



## **Banff Film Festival – save the dates**



Ticket sales are now open for this year's Dunedin screenings of the Banff Mountain Film Festival on 30 May and 1 June. As with last year, there will be different films on each night, and we will have a mix of allocated seating (upstairs) and general admission (stalls).

For more information, or to make a booking, head to:

[http://www.regenttheatre.co.nz/show\\_event/banff-mountain-film-festival-2/](http://www.regenttheatre.co.nz/show_event/banff-mountain-film-festival-2/)

Or if you'd prefer to save a few dollars, come to the Section Club night at the University Staff Club on Wednesday, 3 May with your NZAC membership card and \$12/ticket/night or \$20/ticket for both nights. Non-member rates are \$16/ticket/night or \$30 for both nights.

If you miss out at the Club night, the \$16/ticket rate will apply and booking fees will be added if you buy on-line or at the Regent.

### **Gear Hire move**

Our eight sets of avalanche equipment and eight sets of snowshoes are now available for rent from the new Hunting and Fishing shop, now at 141 Crawford Street, in Dunedin. The new shop is open seven days till 5.30 weekdays, 5pm Saturday and 4pm Sunday. More details at [www.huntingandfishing.co.nz](http://www.huntingandfishing.co.nz).

The rental costs are \$5 per day for an avalanche set of transceiver, probe and shovel and \$5 per day for snowshoes for all Alpine Club members. You MUST show your current membership card to receive that rate. Not a member, or don't have your card? Then the fee is \$10 per day and you will be required to pay a \$20 deposit.

If you have any issues with the gear or rentals, please contact me or any of the committee and we will sort things out. Please don't hassle the staff at Hunting and Fishing as they are doing us a huge favour by running the rental scheme for us. Cheers, Lindsay Smith, 0274048911.

### **PLB Hire – free for NZAC members**

We have two PLBs available for hire, and this service is free for current NZAC members. Contact Keith Moffat [moffat.k172@gmail.com](mailto:moffat.k172@gmail.com) or 027 664 4037 a few days in advance if you want to hire a PLB. \$5 per day for non-members.

## Leo Houlding to headline NZ Mountain Film and Book Festival 2017

The 15th NZ Mountain Film and Book Festival will run from 30 June to 9 July in Wanaka, Cromwell and Queenstown. The event will host international and NZ speakers, a world-class line up of films, and a broad range of literary events all honouring adventurous sports and lifestyles. From off-the-cuff storytelling to highly crafted filmmaking and written works, all events champion the love of adventure and the outdoors, the environment and foreign cultures. Amongst this year's festival speakers are an incredible group of climbers and alpinists from NZ and abroad; Chris Burke, Penny Webster and Leo Houlding will take the stage to give keynote presentations.



World famous climber Leo Houlding (UK) headlines the programme of speakers in 2017. The most widely recognised and articulate climber of his generation he will speak about his most ambitious and challenging expedition to date, the first ascent of Ulvetanna's remarkable, mile long north east ridge. The team spent 35 days in the harsh beauty testing themselves to their limits during the climb of their lives. Leo will talk in Wanaka, Queenstown and Christchurch while in NZ.

The festival programme will be announced when tickets go on sale on 1 June. The 2017 festival begins in Wanaka on Friday 30 June and in Queenstown on Thursday 6 July.

- Film Festival Wanaka 30 June to 4 July
- Film Festival Cromwell 5 July
- Film & Book Festival Queenstown 6 to 8 July
- Book Festival Wanaka 7 to 9 July

More details can be found online at [mountainfilm.nz](http://mountainfilm.nz)

**Richard’s rack could still be yours – if you are quick!**

Richard McElligott was an enthusiastic, Dunedin Tuesday-night rock climber, with a long history of climbing and mountaineering in New Zealand and England. When he passed away last year, his partner wanted his extensive climbing rack go to a good home and she asked the Otago Section to find a suitable recipient for this marvellous gift. As shown in the photo below, this is an extensive rack and includes a harness and climbing pack. All equipment is in excellent condition, but it is used and the winner of the rack will be responsible for making their own decision about its condition.



Prior to coming to Dunedin, Richard was a great stalwart of the London Mountaineering Club; one of those who devoted endless hours to administration to permit the enjoyment of others. He was an excellent climber and successfully climbed sixty “E” trad. routes (Grade 17 in NZ) in his sixtieth year, perhaps an inspiration to whoever is selected as the new owner of his rack.



The Otago Section has decided on a simple application process. If you would like to be considered as owner of Richard’s rack, please complete all sections of the form below and return it to the Otago Section **no later than 30 April**.

The application is open to all current members of the Otago Section of the NZ Alpine Club. The Section Committee will consider all applications at their May meeting and make a final decision based on our opinion of who will get the most benefit from Richard’s rack.

**Application for Richard’s Rack**

Name	
Email	
Phone	
NZAC Membership number	
Please explain why you should receive Richard’s rack. . . . .	

### **Mature Mountaineers Meet?**

Last month we advertised the idea of an informal meeting of mature mountaineers in the Otago Section, that is people over 60 years old. We're keen to see if there is sufficient interest in meeting socially, informally and occasionally, say 3 or 4 times a year in Dunedin, to share tall stories and show the odd lantern slide of daring deeds from days past whilst sipping on a single malt or even a cup of tea?

Although there have only been a few responses to date, we thought we'd have one last attempt before we laid the suggestion to rest. To gauge interest, Chas Tanner has offered to coordinate responses, so if you are a "mature Mountaineer" then contact Chas on [ctan@clear.net.nz](mailto:ctan@clear.net.nz)

### **Update on the Future of Otago Section library**

Thanks to all of you who commented on the options for the future of the section library – your ideas, comments and suggestions will be considered at our May Committee meeting, so it's not too late to add your feedback to the discussion.

For many years the Otago Section has stored its library at the Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Clubrooms in South Dunedin. Made up of a wide range of books and magazines, the Section's library is not huge but does contain some wonderful historic climbing books along with copies of common magazines and NZAC Journals. For the last five years, the Section has held its monthly meetings at the University Staff Club, so members no longer visit the library regularly. That means that it is many years since someone actually borrowed a book, and it seems a shame to have this climbing material locked away unused. Before the Section committee makes any decisions about the future of the library, we are keen to hear the thoughts of our members. If you have a suggestion we should consider, please email your thoughts to [otago.climber@gmail.com](mailto:otago.climber@gmail.com)

### **Remarkables Ice and Mixed Climbing Festival**

The annual Remarkables Ice and Mixed Climbing Festival, sponsored by NZAC, is on again the 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> August and more info on the event can be found at [www.iceandmixedfestival.co.nz](http://www.iceandmixedfestival.co.nz)

In previous years various NZAC sections have coordinated an annual section trip to the event and if you're keen on an Otago Section trip just email us at [Otago.climber@gmail.com](mailto:Otago.climber@gmail.com) and the organisers will put us in contact with other sections that have shown interest.

They try to get the various sections staying together to help members get to know each other a bit more. Usually this has been at the Frankton Motor Camp





### **Section Sponsorship Grants available**

This year the Otago Section are again calling for applications for three, personal sponsorships for 2017. We expect to contribute around \$500 per grant but could go higher for something spectacular! The rules are simple: the winning sponsorships must contribute to climbing in the Otago Region and the project must have wider benefits – not just for the individual concerned but also for the wider climbing community.

In recent years, we have funded Alpine Training for a climber who went on to lead section trips, helped fund a trip to Nepal in return for on-going contribution to the Section and funded a young rock climber's winter training costs; he has gone on to develop and run a youth training programme attracting new climbers to the section. Your project could be next. Send us an email to [otago.climber@gmail.com](mailto:otago.climber@gmail.com) and tell us about your personal project; who's involved, what it will cost and how your sponsorship will benefit both you and the section.

### **OSONZAC Committee 2016-2017**

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