

# Otago CLIMBER

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# MEETINGS

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## Section Meetings

### Otago University Staff Club, 7:30pm

#### WEDNESDAY, 6th July 2016

Sarah Tiong, a traitor who recently defected to the Central Otago Section, will grace us with a visit and give a talk about her FMC-sponsored trip into the Olivine Ice Plateau via the Forgotten River Col.

#### WEDNESDAY, 3rd August 2016

What's bivy flying? Alex Tups will talk about his cross-country paragliding trips in Aspiring and the Southern Alps (and maybe some of his European adventures too), and tell us more about this new twist on a sport that's really taking off. (See what I did there?)

#### WEDNESDAY, 7 September 2016

Annual General Meeting + speaker to be announced. As always, we will keep the AGM portion of the meeting short and sharp and get to the fun stuff quickly. Keen to get involved in the Otago Section? Let us know at [otago.climber@gmail.com](mailto:otago.climber@gmail.com). Duties are light and there are always chocolate biscuits at the committee meetings.

#### WEDNESDAY, 5 October 2016

Speaker to be announced.

#### WEDNESDAY, 2 November 2016

Christchurch's Caroline Bellamy will tell us about her 18-day trip up the Wilkin and over into the Te Naihi, Waitototo, Haast Range to Colin Todd and out via the Matukituki.

# UPCOMING TRIPS

## 9th OR 10th July (day TBD) - Ski Touring, Old Man Range

Join us for a day trip ski tour to the mellow slopes of the Old Man Range in Central Otago. We will pick the Saturday or the Sunday when the weather forecast comes out. Contact Matteo at [zuccotn@gmail.com](mailto:zuccotn@gmail.com).



# EVENTS

## REMARKABLES ICE & MIXED FESTIVAL



### **Remarkables Ice and Mixed Festival, 25th-28th August 2016 - Queenstown**

This annual alpine festival brings together a huge cross section of climbers from around New Zealand and the world. Beginners get to rub shoulders and share the rope with the top winter alpine climbers in the country. Clinics, competitions, races and social gatherings advance and promote modern mixed climbing. The festival also showcases the new and existing route potential on NZ's most accessible multi-pitch winter training area, the Remarkables.

There's a range of clinics and events throughout, including popular snowcraft courses taught by Otago Section committee members.

Registration for the festival and clinics are open and always fill quickly! Register or get more details on the offerings at [www.iceandmixedfestival.co.nz](http://www.iceandmixedfestival.co.nz)

**“Everest Untold” - Fortune Theatre, Dunedin - 16 & 17 July,  
7:30pm**

Part climbing experience, part history lesson and part personal revelation, Everest Untold gives “...the untold story all New Zealanders should know” about the 1953 Everest expedition in which Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay reached the summit of Mt Everest.

Written by Gareth Davies and produced by Ffynroc Productions, the touring play features Stephen Lovatt as Everest expedition leader Sir John Hunt, and Edwin Wright as ‘the other Kiwi’ - Hawkes Bay born George Lowe.

Through this partnership, Davies reveals stories of sheer grit, determination and ambition in a dangerously inhospitable environment. For British Army Colonel Sir John Hunt, it’s all about the grand plan: For Lowe, experienced climber, schoolmaster with a can-do attitude, it’s all about the men. We also learn of the other men in the expedition - a physicist, geologist, doctor, cameraman, mountaineers and, of course, the Nepalese Sherpas. The play explores the cultural differences and divides, but also the passion to climb that all the members share.

“This is a play truly for New Zealanders and New Zealand’s reputation abroad...I can’t tell you how informative it is, how entertaining it is and what a great evening it was at the theatre.”  
Raymond Hawthorne, O.N.Z.M.

“...the ebb and flow of conversation ...is a perfectly pitched rhythm. They chat and babble over each other at times, then allow the ‘elephants in the room’ to breathe in knowing silence, maintaining absolute outward credibility in situ while allowing us to see their inner processing.” Kate Ward-Smythe, Theatreview

For more information and to book tickets, go to <http://fortunetheatre.co.nz/play/1620/>

## Wanaka and Queenstown Get A New Mountain Book Event

The NZ Mountain Film & Book Festival has a new event for 2016. It's a two day book and literature event being held in both Wanaka and Queenstown. The event includes a literature competition, workshops, storytelling, poetry, speakers and author readings. The goal of the new shows are to offer a variety of formats to make adventure, mountain and expedition stories accessible to a range of new audiences.

The Mountain Book event gives literature enthusiasts the opportunity to hear from 35 different speakers and authors, attend workshops and enjoy the new format of small intimate shows. Many of the events are just \$10 to attend and include:

- **Professional** blogger Liz Carlson 'Young Adventuress', will talk on why blogging is for everyone. American born Carlson will share stories from travel blogging through 40 countries, over 6 years.
- **Join** TV celebrity game chef Angelo Georgalli for an hour of open-air, mountain styled cooking. Live with knives, heat and real food, sourced from natural, healthy environments.
- **Conversations** with Te Araroa - New Zealand's Trail
- **Author** of 'Blisters, Bugs, and Abandoned Underwear' tells Stuart Flemings account of walking the 3,000km Te Araroa trail from Cape Reinga to Bluff. When your city is rocked by a devastating earthquake, your relationship ends, and you lose your job - all in the space of a week - there's only one thing to do: go for a walk.
- **Creativity & Craziiness** - A game of two halves. Two teams of three people are given five spoken word challenges and a surprise twist! Come and cheer on the efforts of the opposing local crews, led by authors Kyle Mewburn and Stuart Fleming, as they reveal their wit and wordplay. Strategy and tactics we'll leave up to the teams but we encourage the speakers to think beyond their limits and outside the box to out do one another.

- **The** Mastery of Non-fiction Writing - True stories well told. Join authors Daniel Clearwater (Canyoning in NZ), Derek Grzelewski (The Smallest Continent Journeys through NZ Landscapes) Mal Law (One Step Beyond) and Paul Caffyn (Dreamtime Voyage) in a relaxed interview style conversation as they share with us their successes of having written and published a book.
- **Old** Fashioned Story Telling - Mountaineers and adventurers will present informal relaxed renditions of some of their favourite expedition tales.

The book and literature event will be held at the Rippon Hall in Wanaka (July 2 & 3), and also at Memorial Hall in Queenstown (July 9). Tickets are on sale online at [mountainfilm.net.nz](http://mountainfilm.net.nz)

The NZ Mountain Film Festival will run from the 1st to the 9th of July in Wanaka, Cromwell and Queenstown. Tickets are on sale now online at [mountainfilm.net.nz](http://mountainfilm.net.nz) and you can grab a programme at Paper Plus in Wanaka.



## **Darrans Winter Meet - 8th-17th July, Homer Hut**

The annual Darrans Winter Meet provides an informal and sociable venue where climbers can get together, meet with new partners, perhaps climb in an area they have never visited, and exchange views and ideas on technique and ethics. Don't come expecting to climb only on ice! The Darrans is better for Scottish style mixed, and can be both technical and serious, but best be prepared for anything. Winter climbing in The Darrans is still young, but is on a par with the best on offer anywhere.

Space is limited; email the organiser Al Walker at [mealluaine@yrless.co.nz](mailto:mealluaine@yrless.co.nz) for more information and to register.

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## **Beginner Snowcraft - 17th-18th September, location TBD**

It won't be long now before we have some fluffy white stuff to play in! Be sure you know your way around ice axes and crampons with this course for beginners. More details to come in future newsletters, but mark your calendars now.



# NEWS

## **IT Committee Members Wanted**

The New Zealand Alpine Club is putting together a crew of volunteer members with an expertise in all things IT (including web-based activities) who are keen to pitch in. Sound like you? Contact [margaret@alpineclub.org.nz](mailto:margaret@alpineclub.org.nz)

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## **New Publication + Member Discount**

A new biography about James Hector - explorer, scientist, founder of Te Papa and the man who gave his name to our favourite dolphin - is out and available at a discount for NZAC members here: <https://alpineclub.org.nz/company/potton-and-burton/>

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## **NZAC member discounted rates at DOC huts**

A reminder to members that you will need to have your ACTIVE NZAC membership card with you when paying hut fees at DOC offices to obtain discounted rates. They have no way to check your membership is active and will likely insist on seeing your card to give you member rates. NZAC won't be able to refund overpayments, so it is important to have your member card on you at the time of payment.



Olivine Ice plateau and Little Ark