

TARANAKI SECTION NEW ZEALAND ALPINE CLUB

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AGM

The AGM will be held on the 14th of September, 7.00pm at Sport Taranaki offices, Maratahu Street (Yarrows Stadium).

Following the AGM will be a brief presentation from local climber Chris Hayes about his latest climbing adventures in Europe, certainly will be great to see a few photos and stories from Chris, who is one of the most active local climbers.



Mixed Climbing on Taranaki – Organ Pipes

THE TARANAKI SECTION OF THE NZAC

Kia ora all and welcome to the second newsletter for the Taranaki Section of the New Zealand Alpine Club (NZAC). Next month we have the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the section, which will be held at the Sport Taranaki Offices on the 14th of September, start time 7pm. Hopefully we see a good turn out from section members, certainly a great chance to discuss the future plans for the section and to promote and encourage climbing.

We are a small section, however the benefits with a small section is we are a closely connected section of climbers. The committee has been discussing how we can provide support or guidance to our members, and the committee would really like to hear your thoughts. A few thoughts have been providing financial support for climbing trips, and this is not just for youth climbers or beginners. We also have professional instructors in our section who could provide courses from beginner to advance, on either mountain or rock terrain. We look forward to any of your ideas and thoughts at the AGM.

Tukino Ice Climbing Meet

The North Island NZAC Ice climbing meet on the 1st and 2nd of July was unfortunately timed with a very warm and wet north-west system. However, a few keen section members including Phil Davies, Andy Mackenzie and Dave Bolger still made the effort over there to join in on the festivities. Even with poor ice climbing conditions Phil, Andy and Dave managed to place some ice screws and climb a couple of WI 2 and enjoyed a walk up to Whangaehu Hut as snow began to fall. Certainly, was a great weekend and did open our eyes to the great potential for both rock and ice climbing at Tukino with easy access.

Summer Climbing Meet on Taranaki

The committee has been discussing running a climbing meet on Mt Taranaki this summer. The met is likely to be a weekend met and an opportunity to show case some of the fantastic summer climbing Mt Taranaki. The main focus would be on the rock climbing on the mountain, however not just limited to rock climbing, as we know there is some great scrambles in summer as well. The committee will discuss this further at the AGM and hopefully get some interest from some locals to help assist with the planning.



South face of the Turtle August 2017

Lydia Bradehy

The Taranaki Alpine Club (TAC) are hosting the world famous New Zealand mountaineer Lydia Bradehy on the 2nd of November. Lydia will be speaking about her ascent of Dhaulagiri 8167m. The event starts at 730pm at the Quality Hotel Plymouth International in New Plymouth. Certainly, an evening not to be missed!

News from the NZAC

Make sure to check out the NZAC website, certainly a wealth of information, with also the latest news from the club, and some great new books that can be purchased on-line via the on-line shop - alpineclub.org.nz

Cheers Dave.

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