



**New Zealand Alpine Club**  
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## New Zealand Alpine Club

**Our vision:** *NZAC champions the pursuit of climbing, enabling skilled and active adventurers. We provide inspiration, information and seek to enable a vibrant climbing community.*

**Our core purpose** *is to foster and support climbing.*

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Cover photo: Lake Baikal, in Southern Siberia, is the largest freshwater lake by volume in the world. With a maximum depth of 1,642m Baikal is the world's deepest lake. It is considered among the world's clearest lakes and is considered the world's oldest lake – at 25 million years. Photo Katja Riedel/Snomad

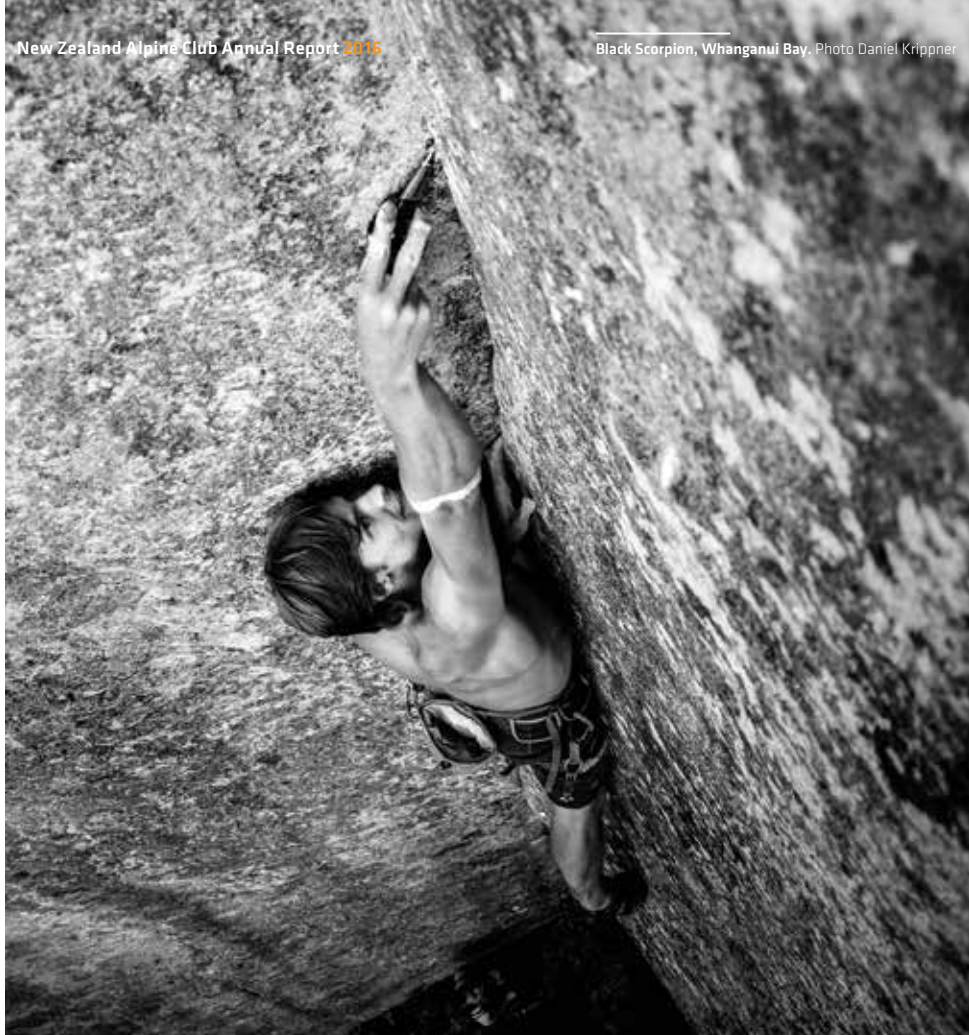
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A self portrait of my bivvy below Mount Brewster, Mount Aspiring National Park. The stars were out in force, as was the faintest hint of an arorua. Photo Lachlan Gardiner





## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In a membership survey conducted earlier this year, in response to the question "What does NZAC mean to you?" one member responded "a community where like-minded people who have a passion for adventure can interact with one another and be supported by an administration that is attuned to their needs, progressive, fiscally responsible, structured appropriately and receptive to change in order to meet the needs of its members". NZAC membership is currently 3,700, the highest in its 125 year history, so there are clearly many more who agree with that particular member.

Our celebration of our 125th anniversary has continued through the year, with a number of local

and national events. The very successful Sustainable Summits conference held at Aoraki/Mt Cook in August hosted over 100 delegates who discussed minimising our footprint in alpine environments, responses to climate change, the impact of increased visitor numbers and the challenges of waste management. It set the scene for a forward-looking celebration of our anniversary in which we will endeavour to ensure that we care for our mountain places for future generations of NZAC members. At the AGM weekend in November the Canterbury/Westland Section is hosting a 125th anniversary celebration dinner, and over the 2016-2017 summer NZAC members are challenged to scrutinise their topo maps and visit ge-

ographical features named after our founders Harper, Mannering and Ross.

The very heart of the Club is our members' activities in the mountains, crags and climbing walls around the country and overseas. These have continued apace through the last year, supported by our national professional instruction programme, section-led volunteer instruction programme, summer and winter meets and camps, and the myriad of section trips and activities. The Climber and the New Zealand Alpine Journal continue to be very well-regarded publications in which members report on their activities. The Expedition Fund supported members with climbing objectives in Alaska, the Faroe Islands, and Peru and the D.O.W. Hall Fund supported the publication of two new books.

The Club is blessed with a core of very active and dedicated volunteers at Section level, committing time to instruction and hut maintenance, and representing the Club on many fronts both in the mountains and to our stakeholders. The Taranaki Section has reformed under the leadership of John Jordan, bringing the Club to 12 Sections with 4 in the North Island, 7 in the South Island and our large and distributed Australian Section. I have been pleased to visit 4 so far and enjoyed meeting local Section volunteers and members. We have had quite a turnover in Committee convenors, with Ross Cullen stepping up to lead Publications. Climbing and Instruction, now led by Pete Cammell, has completed the work of putting together Section Trip Guidelines and will oversee their implementation. Shane Orchard has taken on the leadership of Recreational Access, giving this committee a refreshed name and focus. A series of National Park Management Plan reviews begun in 2016 has kept this committee busy and it is also contributing to the debate over the Ngapunatoru Plateau helicopter landings. Richard Wesley continues his sterling service on Accommodation and with CCFP funds still to spend has achieved some good work with much needed repairs to Pioneer Hut and progress on the planned mid Tasman (Beetham) small re-locatable hut. One of the biggest challenges associated with this hut is its toilet, and as a result of a challenge made by DOC at the Sustainable Summits conference, it may be the first for which users will take responsibility for carrying out their own waste.

Our finances continue to be in good shape under Gillian Crombie's watchful eye, although the excellent return from the Banff Film Festival screenings is both a benefit and a risk. This year saw the highest number ever of Banff screenings, including several new centres, and this event is now a big part of our annual events calendar around the country and an important opportunity to represent the Club to a wider audience. Member donations are, as ever, gratefully received although changes to our website have now made this a more cumbersome process, representing another potential risk to the health of some of our special funds.

The biggest challenges through the year have been at the Home of Mountaineering, our national office in Christchurch. In March our very able General Manager Sam Newton left after over 4 years in the role, moving on to a new opportunity with the NZ Recreation Association. Finding a long term replacement has proved challenging and the other HOM staff Margaret McMahon, Narina Sutherland, Kester Brown and Sefton Priestley have carried a very heavy load through the year, supported by Executive Committee Chair Geoff Gabites who has made an enormous contribution to keeping the Club running smoothly. Sefton, after 3 years as Programme Manager, is also moving on to focus on his own business interests. More challenges for the staff and the Club have been completing the work on the revamped [alpineclub.org.nz](http://alpineclub.org.nz) and [climber.co.nz](http://climber.co.nz) websites, and planning for the future development of the [climbnz.org.nz](http://climbnz.org.nz) route database. Finally, the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 which came into force earlier this year has exercised our thinking, and that of many other organisations in the outdoor sector, on how it impacts our volunteer-led activities, especially since the core of our Club's existence centres around activities which do carry some risk. I regard this as an opportunity to develop and embed a culture of safety within the Club to enable, rather than inhibit, our members' climbing activities.

The end of this year also marks the completion of Past President John Cocks' term. John has contributed four years of extraordinary service to the Club as President Elect, President and Past President, marked both by tragedy with the Taranaki fatalities in 2013, but also some wonderful opportunities to grow and develop the Club's activities. Thank you John!

**- Penny Brothers**

## THE YEAR IN RETROSPECT

### Running the club brilliantly

The past year has seen some upheavals as well some well received recognition of the club and its function by the wider outdoors community. This year marks the 125th anniversary of the NZAC and celebrations focused on the Sustainable Summits Conference at Aoraki Mt Cook which was superbly delivered by organisers John Cocks and Dave Bamford and supported by numerous volunteers and the NZAC's administration capability. Other events have been promoted at section level including visiting as many of the geographical features named for Harper, Mannering and Ross.

This year club members reactivated the Taranaki Section and the prospects for this section again look strong driven by a core of enthusiastic members.

At the Outdoors NZ Awards, our General Manager Sam Newton received the Organisational Excellence Award on behalf of the club while club member Geoff Gabites received the Volunteer of the Year Award and the Supreme Award in recognition of his commitments.

### Staffing

In contrast to the previous year, 2015/16 has been something of an upheaval which has highlighted the fragility of the staffing structure and the busy workloads carried by our staff and volunteers. In April our General Manager Sam Newton resigned to take up an advocacy role with the NZ Recreational Association as Outdoors Advocacy Manager. Being headhunted for this role indicates the leadership role seen of our senior staff and we continue to bid farewell to General Managers every 3-4 years. Recruitment was undertaken and Keith Gilby was appointed to the role in May but resigned in August to pursue his work interests in the power sector. New staffing provides a time for review but also increases the workload on other staff while in training. Narina and Margaret continue to work long hours to cover the workload whilst dealing with technology introduction. Sefton and Kester also continued an amazing work level across a wide range of tasks and projects and we are indebted to our professional staff for the work they undertake and the outcomes they deliver.

### Administration Functionality

Our new ICT project has started to deliver some of the functionality it promised although not without a degree of trial and tribulation. A club must be able to talk with its members and be able to process a complex membership structure efficiently. While we experience some issues around implementation, we are thankful to Sefton for rising to the challenge and shepherding the project through to a delivery. The ICT project aims to deliver three world class websites and a membership database system and we are close to completion on two of these sites. There remains a considerable amount of populating of the sites to be done once we have the core functions in place and operating efficiently.

### Hut Wardens

Based across several of our club huts, wardens act as the face of the club – providing assistance to members, as well as ensuring the huts are in the best position. The wardens rotate in several huts with full time permanent wardens at Unwin hut where Pip Walters and Simon Middlemass oversee and promote the functionality of the lodge. Part-time wardens function at Homer and Aspiring Huts, while a maintenance person is employed to look after Porter Lodge in Fox Glacier.

### Governance

The club is managed by a structure whereby section representatives meet twice yearly to provide the long term perspectives on the clubs activities. Sub-committees cover Climbing and Instruction, Recreational Advocacy, Publications, and Accommodation and these groups deliver the work plans developed to meet the club's goals. The day to day issues and the interface with the professional staff is undertaken by the Executive Committee who meet on a monthly basis and provide direction when required.

In all the club is managed by a small group of dedicated staff and supported by an huge amount of volunteer work from a small band of overall club membership. These members are driven by a sense of community and pride in the success of the clubs services to members.

- Geoff Gabites



## IN MEMORIAM

Name	Born/Died	Section			
<b>Mallory McComish</b>	2/9/1951 – 4/4/2015	AK	<b>H Dion Ombler</b>	24/11/1925 – 22/1/2016	OT
<b>George Goodyear</b>	1/1/1944 – 28/6/2015	OT	<b>Gergo Verhas</b>	7/4/1984 – 1/2/2016	AK
<b>H Tom Barcham</b>	4/10/1928 – 7/11/2015	OS	<b>Roger Barrowclough</b>	27/9/1937 – 16/2/2016	OT
<b>Steve Dowall</b>	3/12/1963 – 26/11/2015	WN	<b>Robert (Bob) Entwistle</b>	2/5/1930 – 16/2/2016	OT
<b>Paul Wood</b>	13/4/1972 – 21/12/2015	NM	<b>Ian (Dick) Seddon</b>	31/1/1927 – 18/2/2016	AK
<b>Nicola Andrews</b>	31/12/1986 – 23/12/2015	AU	<b>Colin Putt</b>	15/9/1926 – 13/3/2016	AU
<b>Dale Thistlethwaite</b>	5/9/1980 – 29/12/2015	AU	<b>Desmond (Des) de Terte</b>	8/4/1923 – 18/5/2016	WN
<b>Stuart Hollaway</b>	12/9/1973 – 29/12/2015	AU	<b>Russell Braddock</b>	1/1/1977 – 20/6/2016	OS
<b>Eric Jacomb</b>	15/6/1961 – 2/1/2016	CW	<b>Howard (Howie) McGhie</b>	2/2/1973 – 30/6/2016	OT



## ACCOMMODATION

The Club runs a network of huts and lodges around New Zealand for the benefit of members and the wider climbing community. Ensuring that this network of assets continues to be sustainable into the future falls on a fairly small group of people who put in the effort to manage these assets.

As I write our newest climbing facility, Beetham Hut, is under construction, with a simple steel frame and solid core insulated panels making up the small flyable shelter. There has been steady progress on this project, and although Outdoor Recreation Consortium (ORC) funding has helped us get to this point, further fund raising will be needed to actually get the hut to site. Another interesting aspect of this hut project will be exploring some innovative and interesting ideas for the removal of human waste from site. We are looking at using this small hut as a pilot location for a self-responsibility zero waste solution instead of the usual full containment toilet drum being used at other alpine huts.

The Club is working closely with Aoraki DoC with respect to the new hut and our other alpine huts in the park, Godley and Murchison. We will be encouraging debate and feedback on the other alpine huts in the park with the review of the Aoraki Mt Cook Management Plan this year. Everyone should take the opportunity to ensure climbers views are clearly heard by DoC with regards to preserving not only the huts we have, but the opportunities for further huts in the future where appropriate.

Spread around New Zealand are our five base lodges of Ruapehu, Arthurs Pass, Porter, Unwin and Homer. All of these great locations provide facilities that we encourage Club members to make use of at every opportunity. Sections around the country contribute time and effort to ensure that these facilities are a credit to the Club, and of course Simon and Pip are doing a great job as permanent managers at Unwin Lodge. Ruapehu Hut still has some teething

problems with the toilets installed a couple of years back, Homer is very busy and well run with wardens over the entire summer months, Porter Lodge is in need of a repaint this year, and Arthur Pass is in excellent condition and receives steady use.

Pioneer Hut received a new roof recently thanks to the efforts of Max Dorflinger and Dick Brasier, and ORC funding. Max and Dick undertook a large amount of work at the hut, and although we were planning on putting the roof replacement off another year in the end it was decided we should get straight onto it to ensure this important climbing asset was secure from the elements.

The Club is working with DoC Westland on the management of both Centennial and Pioneer and further improvements to the toilets is next on the to do list.

The Aspiring network of huts operates under the Aspiring Agreement which is a partnership between Wanaka DoC and the Club. The earthquake strengthening of Aspiring Huts is a major project that DoC are leading and further scoping work is underway.

Tukino Lodge is operating well with lots of involvement from Wellington members, Elcho Hut always has an annual work party, and Whangaeahu Hut of course completed its half century makeover two years ago.

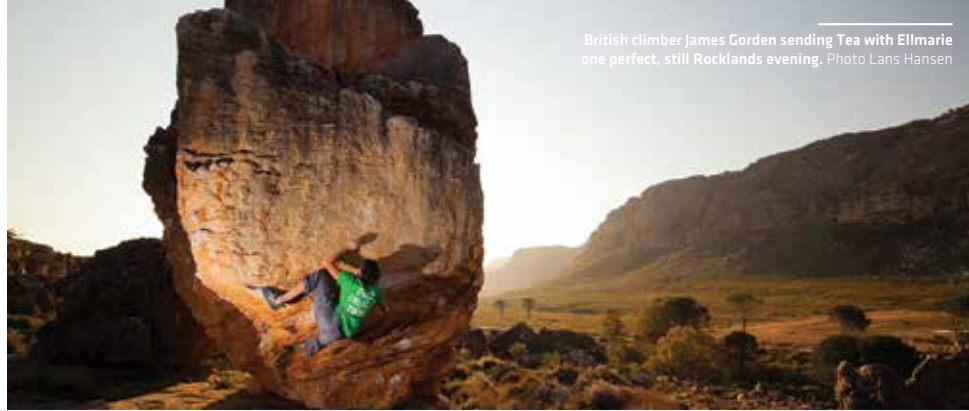
There are many volunteers around the country who put in countless hours of labour to keep their local hut up and running. While I cannot name you all here please accept the warm thanks of the Club for your hard work. Every little bit helps keep our network of huts and lodges operating smoothly.

Remember that the Accommodation Committee is always looking for more help and new recruits, so please do get in touch if you have an interest in a particular hut or area, or have skills or experience that you think would be of help.

– Richard Wesley

Jack climbing at Bullock Creek, Punakaiki, Westland.  
Photo Jason Blair / Katabatic Creative





British climber James Gorden sending *Tea with Elmarie* one perfect, still Rocklands evening. Photo: Lars Hansen



Ice at Svalbard, Arctic. Photo: Katja Riedel / Snomad

## EVENTS

NZAC exists as a community of folk interested in climbing, and the Club events reflect all the ways our members do this – sport climbing, cragging, transalpine, mountaineering, ice climbing and ski touring. When we can't get out into the hills there is still always plenty to do – Section evenings, the Banff Mountain Film Festival, poring through photos selecting entries for the NZAC Photographic Competition or choosing which ones to post on the Club's Facebook page.

Each year the NZAC screenings of the Banff Mountain Film Festival continue to grow, and 2016 was no exception to this trend, with our all-time largest numbers of screenings (22), cities (12) and attendees (over 12,000 tickets sold) with Rotorua joining the list of Banff cities for the first time. New in 2016 were using text messaging for the prize draw, and TomTom joining the list of sponsors. The Banff screenings have become the Club's biggest, nationwide outreach event with huge enthusiasm from the public. It's an enormous opportunity for us to introduce the Club to a wider audience, as well as being a major fundraiser for both Sections and the National Office. The dedicated local volunteers who organise the screenings and the discounted tickets to NZAC members are both important features.

Amongst the year's climbing meets, the Summer Climbing Camp was based at Tukino for the second year in a row, providing an opportunity for more climbing on the fine crags being developed a short walk (always appreciated by craggers) from the lodge. The Unwin Lodge Easter Rock Meet takes advantage of the last opportunities to get out on the region's rock routes before autumn snows set in. Simon Middlemass and Pip Walter hosted around 20 multi-pitch

enthusiasts at Unwin Lodge. The 2016 NZAC Darrans Winter Climbing Meet based at Homer Hut again was booked to capacity and provided an outing for those keen to climb steep ice and mixed routes in a dramatic (if cold) setting. Al Walker who organises this was awarded Volunteer of the Year for his efforts. The National Youth Climbing Camp for its fourth year returned to the South Island and was held at Payne's Ford near Takaka, providing an opportunity for 18 top young rock climbers to extend their trad skills.

Competition-based events included a second offering of Boulderaine, held on a scorching day in Castle Hill. This event is an interesting test of bouldering expertise versus mapsport skills and this year upped the ante with the latter specialists gaining the upper hand. The National Indoor Bouldering Series (NiBS) in 2016 enjoyed another excellent year with the competition series held over four venues. Sarah Hay won the Open Female title and Daniel Krippner the men's title after the final round at the YMCA Adventure Centre in Christchurch.

Apart from the national events there were many other regional events held through the year, both North and South island, featuring ice climbing, ski touring and rock climbing. While the national events create opportunities for folk from all over the country to come together, the regionally focussed and Section events are important for creating the local opportunities for all our climbers.

March 2016 was the 125th anniversary of the NZAC's founding in 1891 by A P Harper, Guy Man-nering and Malcom Ross, and the Club is celebrating throughout the 2016-2017 year. Local Sections have held their own events while the Sustainable Summits conference held at Aoraki Mt Cook from 7-11 June

was one of the landmark events. This very successful conference, organised by past NZAC Presidents Dave Bamford and John Cocks, brought together delegates from around NZ and internationally to consider a range of themes concerning sustainability in mountain environments and to discuss practical solutions. Five days of stunning winter weather meant the conference was held against a stunning backdrop, especially for the daily field trips (albeit creating some frustration for attendees who missed being actually out in the mountains in such glorious weather).

Amongst our non-climbing events held at Unwin Lodge have been a history-themed mid-winter dinner and Ashtana yoga, writing and photography workshops, the latter led by Paul Hersey and Mark Watson. Several sections hosted Reel Rock film events and the 2016 NZAC Photographic Competition has recently been completed, with members contributing a range of stunning images across several categories. These form a great resource for our publications and also the newly-launched [alpineclub.org.nz](http://alpineclub.org.nz) and [climber.co.nz](http://climber.co.nz) websites.

The 2016 AGM was held at the Christchurch YMCA, and a departure from then usual cup of tea to stiffer offerings of wine and beer resulted in a lively post-meeting debate with the moot "that rockclimbing is training for the real thing".

None of our events could run without the huge time commitment and enthusiasm of our volunteers. They are also generously supported by a wide range of sponsors who contribute financial support, prizes and other resources which all contribute to the success of NZAC events.

– Penny Brothers

## PUBLICATIONS

The [climber.co.nz](http://climber.co.nz) website was launched in November 2015. As at September 2016, we still await a fully functioning website. The reasons for this are mostly to do with the failure of the company contracted by the club to complete the design and development of [climber.co.nz](http://climber.co.nz) and [alpineclub.org.nz](http://alpineclub.org.nz).

Progress on the other publications website, [climb-nz.org.nz](http://climb-nz.org.nz), is mired in decision-making and bureaucracy. Hence no development work has been completed on this site since a beta version was launched more than five years ago.

The club is still producing and selling print guidebooks, but is reducing the number of titles it publishes. Production on the new edition of the Aoraki Mount Cook guidebook has been slowly but surely progressing—we hope for a publication date before Christmas 2017.

A new title, *Ski Mountaineering in New Zealand*, is being produced. No on sale date has been set for this guide.

The club awarded two DOW Hall Fund grants in 2016.

Mark Watson received a grant for his book 'Photographing Aoraki Mount Cook', and Lynn McKinnon received a grant from the fund for her book 'Only Two for Everest'.

Happily, Ross Cullen accepted the role of Publications Convenor in August. Ross' expertise will be a great asset to the committee, and the club.

– Kester Brown

## CLIMBING/INSTRUCTION

It is an honour to present this report on the climbing committee activities during the last 12 months.

During my travels throughout NZ it gives me great pleasure to connect with climbers in recreation as well as their profession on rock and snow, foot and skis and occasionally 'on a speed-wing'. It never ceases to amaze me how most climbers in NZ are NZAC members and also how often they admit it was club instruction courses that inspired as well as provided knowledge and skills to kindle the passion to climb.

It's a credit to the club how it attracts volunteers who willingly contribute their time, knowledge and resources to instruct others.

Increasingly however legislative change and public consciousness is requiring us to continually improve how we operate. The vertical terrain as well as society has little tolerance for slackness and shortcuts and your climbing committee feels very much the same.

As a committee we support the continued instruction programmes at both volunteer and professional levels and increasingly recognise that as a club we need to provide support to participants on club trips and at club events.

We have created an ambitious programme to foster the success of climbing within NZAC. Realisation of this continues to be frustrated by resources, volunteers and time.

### Capability and Quality

In the absence of a GM, at short notice, I was able to organise the National Instructor Development course at Temple Basin. The club thanks Cam Walker, Chris Prudden, Matt Bennett and Paul Rogers. Although the snow cover was lean they enthusiastically transferred current teaching modules and skills to 20 North Island instructors.

In 2016, our volunteer instructors throughout NZ have trained over 100 new climbers who also are new club members and our future volunteers.

We actively encourage club members to gain professional qualifications that they can then use to deliver instruction courses. For example, Jim Davidson and Magnus Hammarsal were supported by the club with the Avalanche 1 qualification and I qualified at Alpine 2. Jim and Magnus organized the

first Avalanche Avoidance/Awareness course for 12 participants at Mt Ruapehu this winter.

Many other members have achieved alpine and rock qualifications that they continue to use to instruct new members.

Our professional instruction programme is well patronised. We enjoy the support of NZMGA and IFMGA Mountain guides Nick Cradock (Life Member), Anna Keeling, Paul Rogers and Paul Aubrey to deliver programmes as varied as high alpine skills, backcountry skiing, ice climbing and peak performance.

During 2015, John Entwistle (Life Member) assisted by Peter Cammell reviewed existing volunteer snowcraft programmes and re-defined the scope and ambition of the volunteer snowcraft courses. Auckland section successfully trialled the new programme in 2016, and we hope all sections adopt it in 2017.

The committee intends to review the rock syllabus in 2017.

### Safety Systems

Implementing a safety culture in a volunteer lead organisation is challenging. As a committee, we firmly believe that we have a responsibility and duty to transfer the right knowledge and to support our professional contractors and volunteers with good systems and processes. It is unfortunate that our systems have required strengthening as a result of fatalities on club activities.

The implementation of our safety systems is a significant Red Flag for the club. There is much to be done and with limited management resource, the Club Committee needs to make this a priority.

One of our objectives is to report on incidents, accidents and near misses on both club and private climbing trips. The gathering of this information must become a priority for the club.

### Section engagement

The club delivers instruction, trips and events at Section level. These activities all carry the NZAC banner and therefore must be supported by a Safety Management System and Standard Operating Procedures. During the last year a number of sections have trialled the Club Trip documentation. We are now in a

position to mandate this for all sections in 2017.

We also have the Volunteer Instruction SMS and SOP's. The club requires instructors to implement these documents. In 2017, we intend to support club volunteers to implement these systems.

### The Future

Over the next few months, we will implement, assist, manage and monitor the professional and volunteer instruction safety management systems as well as the Trip Leader programme. These systems are designed to support your adventures and minimise the uncomfortable grey areas. For this to be successful we need your support and encouragement.

I am grateful for the advice and support of our committee of John Entwistle, Simon Williamson, Chris

Munro and Stu Allan. We welcome recent additions Mike Pryjma, Penny Webster and Paul Rogers.

Thank you all for your enthusiasm and commitment.

To our Instructors; It gives me great pleasure to work alongside many of you in the field.

### Service

We especially thank Ray Button and Andy Cole for many years of service to the committee. Ray has been an outstanding volunteer and mentor for many of us over many years. Andy established the foundation SMS documents and is always a willing contributor to the climbing committee. Thank you again.

- Peter Cammell

## OVERSEAS CLIMBING

### Expedition Fund

The Expedition Fund exists to support and encourage overseas expeditions and exploratory climbing by Club members. At present, the fund depends almost entirely on donations made by members. We are fortunate in receiving additional support via member purchases at Cactus Climbing.

Supporting Club members to climb on international expeditions helps them fulfil their ambitions and potential, showcases New Zealand mountaineering skills, and provides stimulating Section evenings and articles in the Alpine Journal and NZ Climber.

We review applications twice each year following application deadlines of 31 January and 31 July.

New applicants are always welcome. The criteria emphasise new routes and exploration, and in some circumstances significant repeats. Details are on the Club website, which also lists the full fund history.

This year, we awarded a total of \$4900 to the following expeditions:

- Jack Grinsted, Jason Blair and Dave McKinney – New route on the Troll Finger sea stack, Faroe Islands (\$900).
- Graham Zimmerman – First ascent of the west face of Celeno Peak (4083m), Wrangell-St Elias range, Alaska (with Chris Wright) (\$600).
- Steve Skelton and Ben Dare – New routes on Taulliraju, Chacaraju, and Caraz II, Cordillera Blanca, Peru (\$1000).
- Peter Harris, Jaz Morris and Rose Pearson – First ascent of the west ridge of Taulliraju, Cordillera Blanca, Peru (\$900).
- Steven Fortune, Daniel Joll and Matthew Scholes – New direct route on the southwest face of Taulliraju, Cordillera Blanca, Peru (\$1500).

Thank you to all the donors who made this support possible. Because we received a healthy number of strong applications, we disbursed more of the fund than in recent years. As a result, only minimal carry-over exists to provide for future years.

- Paul Knott, Fund convenor

## DONATIONS TO NZAC FOR 2015-2016

Photographic and paper items are indexed and forwarded to the NZAC Collection, held in the Hocken Archives, Dunedin. Currently, 3D items such as packs, etc are held mostly at the National Office in the Reference Library as space permits. In time, those of significance are placed in the care of the Canterbury Museum for preservation.

- Lydia Reusser – Donation of a large collection of slides having belonged to George Morrison Moir (1897-1979). George published 'The Guide Book to the Tourist Routes of the great Southern Lakes' in 1925, the first of the now ongoing editions of the 'Moirs Guidebooks' North and South.
- Widow of the late Derek Fountain – His collection of NZAC Journals.
- Morgan Foundation (Jo Morgan NZAC #11166) – donated two Family Memberships - \$320
- Peter Cocker – CMC and NZAC Journals
- Tamotsu Nakamura – East of the Himalaya Mountain Peak Maps: alps of Tibet and beyond
- Julie Provan – backpack and climbing equipment

### CASH DONATIONS

- Norman Hardie \$100 (DOW Hall Fund)
- Chris Horne \$100 (Hut Fund)
- Martin Lowery \$100 (Hut and General Funds)
- Ashly Cunningham \$100 (Hut, Expedition, Access, DOW Hall Funds)
- Jim Hannan \$100 (General Fund)
- Barry Smith \$200 (General Fund)

- John McKinnon \$200 (Expedition Fund)
- John Nankervis \$200 (Expedition Fund)
- G W Grindley - \$200 (Hut, Expedition, Access, DOW Hall Funds)
- Bill Gordon \$200 (Hut, Expedition, Access, DOW Hall Funds)
- R A Bill Hodgson - \$220 (General, Hut, Expedition, Access, DOW Hall Funds)
- Gordon and Hilary Hasell \$250 (Hut Fund)
- Ross Cullen \$250 (Hut Fund)
- Rick Boebel – donation of his course deposit \$260.87 (Hut Fund)
- Peter Squires \$500 (Hut Fund)
- John Pybus \$500 (Hut, Expedition, Access, DOW Hall Funds)
- Estate H Tom Barcham - \$2000 bequest received (Club Development)

Acknowledgement of those who forgave Unwin Loans Charles MacMurray, Jack Woodward.

*We would also like to thank all of those who have made not only cash donations, but donations of historical items, alpine books and Journals. In addition, an especial thanks to the many members who have volunteered their personal time to work on club huts, do odd-jobs for the National Office, or acted as committee members. All vital supporters that keeps the club running smoothly for the benefit of all its members.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

The 12 months ending 30 June 2016 has resulted in a surplus for the year of \$32,265. It has been a year of consolidation in cash flow and growth in membership and activities.

Readers will notice a significant change in the reporting format this year. This is the first year under new Reporting Standards which we are required to comply with according to Rule 25b of the Club Rules which states "Accounts shall be prepared in accordance with New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants standards from time to time". While these Standards have been made compulsory for all Charities, and NZAC is not a Charity but is an Incorporated Society, they have become Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The External Reporting Board (XRB) who implemented these standards is expected to apply these same standards to all Incorporated Societies within the next year, so early adoption is preferable. The most obvious difference is the Statement of Financial Performance which has a lot less detail, and as such has pooled various income and expenses into "like" categories. The guidance notes for this state "The Statement of Service Performance is not expected to include a detailed account of everything the entity does. Rather, it should include the significant matters in relation to the performance of the entity to enable users to gain an understanding of why goods or services are delivered by the entity, and provide a basis for assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of the goods or services delivered by the entity". CCM meetings have frequently commented that the financials are complicated, so this should be a step forward in simplifying the annual result. Executive Committee will continue to monitor the detail on a monthly basis, as required. Another major change has been a requirement to include the Travel Insurance as a net income figure rather than the gross amounts individually in income and expenses. 2015 figures have been restated for comparatives.

With the website completed in the 2015 year, the main focus for cash flow this year has been starting

to repay Members Unwin loans. The Canterbury Community Trust loan, which financed Home of Mountaineering over a 10 year period, was repaid in January 2016, and the first Unwin loan repayment was also made in January 2016. Six monthly repayments are scheduled for the next 4 years, with a final balloon repayment to be made in July 2020. Two members gifted their loans during the year and this generosity is very much appreciated. The SBS Bank mortgage has continued to reduce with head room available in the full facility at Balance Date. Two of the fixed term loans are up for review in October and November 2016. With interest rates at the lowest levels for a long time, we would expect to lock in favourable rates.

No major capital expenditure has been undertaken this year, and grants have been received for several projects. While we continue to undertake our commitments with the DoC Community Fund grants (largely received in 2015, but with further grants also received in 2016) for repairs to huts, we have also been fortunate to have received grants from The Southern Trust (new mattresses at Porters), South Canterbury Community Trust (new mattresses at Unwin). Unexpended Grants in the Statement of Financial Position reflects the projects we have received grants for that have not yet been completed. Grants that have conditions that require repayment if not completed make up this balance. The intended completion of the Mt Cook Aoraki Guide Book was delayed so the benefit of this new publication has not eventuated this year.

Cash flow has remained strong this year. Increased income from subscriptions, accommodation, instruction, travel insurance and Banff donations from sections have all impacted on a positive position. All reserve funds are held in separate interest earning bank accounts. NZAC provided administration assistance and bank facilities for the Sustainable Summits conference, but the bank transactions are not included in NZAC results. This was a separate event that NZAC agreed to



underwrite. At completion of our external review we have been assured that this conference has been concluded with a high expectation that no further cash funds will be required from NZAC, and as such no contingent liability has been recorded.

The 2016-17 budget has been approved and is in place. It is a balanced budget indicating a very modest surplus of \$200. I consider this to be a conservative budget, but with personnel changes and costs associated with this it is prudent to allow for unexpected costs or not meeting targets as expected.

Ashton, Wheelans Ltd has performed a review of the Financial Statements. Currently this remains the most appropriate method of ensuring the financial statements are presented as a true and fair presentation of the year. When the new standards

are made compulsory for Incorporated Societies there is also expected to be a requirement that entities with expenses over \$1 million will require a full audit. NZAC this year would have fallen into this category, and if that is maintained next year we may not be able to maintain a Review.

NZAC is a vibrant and busy club. The finances reflect this, and good management of funds is essential in maintaining the ability to continue in this direction.

**Gillian Crombie**

Honorary Treasurer

Brittiany Jenkins enjoys a cup of tea at the end of the day, and the magic of camping above the snowline.

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## INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Members of THE NEW ZEALAND ALPINE CLUB INCORPORATED

We have reviewed the financial statements of The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated on pages 19 to 24, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2016 and the statement of financial performance and statement of cash flows for the year ended on that date and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### The Club Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Club Committee is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting Standard – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued in New Zealand by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board and for such internal control as the Club Committee determines is necessary to enable the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Our Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with the International Standard on Review Engagements (New Zealand) ISRE NZ 2400, Review of Historical Financial Statements Performed by an Assurance Practitioner who is not the Auditor of the Entity. ISRE (NZ) 2400 requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements, taken as a whole, is not prepared in all material respects in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Standards Simple Format Reporting Standard – Accrual (Not-For-Profit). This Standard also requires us to comply with ethical standards requirements.

A review of the financial statements in accordance with ISRE (NZ) 2400 is a limited assurance engagement. The assurance practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making enquiries, primarily of those responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the financial statements.

Other than in our capacity as assurance practitioner, we have no relationship with, or interests in, The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated.

### Basis of Qualified Conclusion

The Club's accounting policy for revenue recognition of subscriptions is on a cash basis. Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting Standard – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) requires subscriptions be recognised on receipt except for amounts received in advance of the period to which they relate should be deferred to the balance sheet. There is no adjustment for subscription income received at balance date which proportionally relates to periods past 30 June 2016.

There is no system of control over income received in cash (donations including BANFF donations) which we could rely for the purpose of our review and there were no satisfactory review procedures that we could adopt to confirm independently that all cash income was properly recorded.



**INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW REPORT**  
To the Members of THE NEW ZEALAND ALPINE CLUB INCORPORATED

**Qualified Conclusion**

Based on our review, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Conclusion paragraph, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements on pages 19 to 24 does not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated as at 30 June 2016, and of its financial performance ended on that date in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting Standard – Accrual (Not-For-Profit).

**Emphasis of Matter**

The Club's accounting policy is to revalue its club based lodges to government valuation; 2005 data has been used. We have not received the latest government valuation and we are unable to determine if any adjustment is necessary. Any adjustment, if necessary, would affect fixed assets and the asset revaluation reserve only with an adjustment to depreciation. Our opinion is not qualified in respect of this matter.

**Other Matters**

The club's rules stipulate the financial statements are to be prepared in accordance with the latest New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants Standards which have been adopted. These standards are not mandatory for an Incorporated Society so our review opinion is only in respect of the financial statements. No statement of service performance has been prepared.

*Ashton Wheelans*

Ashton Wheelans  
Level 2, 83 Victoria Street  
Christchurch

5 October 2016



Alex McCormack climbing Sebastopol ridge, Mt Cook National Park, February 2016. Photo Ben Gibbins

**The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated**  
**Statement of Financial Performance for Year Ended 30 June 2016**

	12 Months ending 30 June 2016	12 Months ending 30 June 2015
Note	\$	\$
<b>Income</b>		
Grants, Donations and Fundraising:		
Sport NZ Grant	55,000	55,000
Community Trust Grants	27,236	12,208
Banff Section Donations	50,756	39,233
Reserve Fund Donations	40,113	44,679
Other Donations	15,223	54,966
	<u>188,328</u>	<u>206,086</u>
Providing Goods and Services:		
Membership	281,794	263,076
Publications	137,628	172,243
Accommodation	300,097	257,414
Events & Activities	216,328	190,630
	<u>935,847</u>	<u>883,363</u>
Investment:		
Interest	<u>1,602</u>	<u>1,467</u>
Other	<u>9,767</u>	<u>9,437</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$ 1,135,544</u>	<u>\$ 1,100,353</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Wages & Volunteer Expenses	320,956	289,714
Fundraising - Banff Film Festival	49,784	48,352
Grants, Marketing and Sponsorship	22,014	7,351
Providing Goods & Services	603,034	554,044
Interest	15,292	16,453
Depreciation	73,515	56,015
Other	18,684	14,129
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 1,103,279</u>	<u>\$ 986,058</u>
<b>Net Surplus</b>	<u>\$ 32,265</u>	<u>\$ 114,295</u>

Unaudited

These Financial Statements are unaudited; they should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the accounts and the independent accountant's review report.



**The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated**  
**Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2016**

		30 June 2016	30 June 2015
		\$	\$
FUNDS AND RESERVES	Note		
Expedition Fund	9	9,422	10,607
Club Hut Fund	9	0	0
Development Fund	9	21,073	(10,256)
Aspiring Hut Fund	9	119,445	114,720
DOW Hall Publications Fund	9	9,192	9,846
Rockclimbing Fund	9	10,570	9,719
Total Club Funds		169,704	134,636
Hut Revaluation Reserve		704,000	704,000
Opening Accumulated Funds		761,619	460,483
Fund Movements		(35,068)	186,841
Current Year Earnings		32,265	114,295
Closing Accumulated Funds		758,816	761,619
<b>TOTAL FUNDS &amp; RESERVES</b>		<b>1,632,520</b>	<b>1,600,255</b>
<i>Represented by:</i>			
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>Note</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at Bank		117,110	128,026
Aspiring MDS Account		119,445	114,720
Debtors & Accruals		102,367	51,156
Work in Progress		3,908	6,589
Stock		76,125	85,868
		418,955	386,359
<b>Less Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors and Accruals	10	149,012	153,743
GST Payable		9,817	4,328
Unexpended Grants	8	43,147	50,430
Member Loan Liabilities - Current Portion		26,250	16,500
Bank Liabilities - Current Portion	4, 5	11,093	22,033
		239,319	247,034
<b>Net Working Capital</b>		<b>179,636</b>	<b>139,325</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		<b>1,678,068</b>	<b>1,739,454</b>
<b>Less Non Current Liabilities</b>			
Member Loans	3	164,875	203,500
SBS Loan	5	60,309	75,024
		225,184	278,524
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<b>1,632,520</b>	<b>1,600,255</b>

These financial statements were approved by the Executive Committee on 21 September 2016.

Unaudited

These Financial Statements are unaudited; they should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the accounts and the independent accountant's Review Report

**The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ending 30 June 2016**

**1) Constitution and Activities.**

The New Zealand Alpine Club (Inc) was established in 1891 to "encourage mountaineering, rock climbing and allied activities and the enjoyment and conservation of mountain and rock climbing regions; and to bring together those interested in climbing".

The Club provides services to members as either part of their membership entitlement or on a fee paying basis. Membership services include the receipt of the NZ Alpine Journal, four copies of The Climber, membership to FIMC, reduced rates for guidebooks, Club huts & climbing walls, subsidised instruction courses, climbing camps, various competitions, supports for overseas expeditions and access to the Club library and archives. The Club owns and operates 18 mountain huts for its members, and publishes many climbing guides.

There have been no changes in the nature of the Club's activities for the year ended 30 June 2016.

**2) Statement of Accounting Policies.**

**Reporting Entity**

The New Zealand Alpine Club is an incorporated society registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

**Measurement Base**

The New Zealand Alpine Club (Inc) has elected to apply PBE-SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not For Profit) on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of equal to or less than \$2,000,000. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting except for subscriptions which are accounted for on a cash basis. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

**Specific Accounting Policies**

The following specific accounting policies that materially affect the measurement of financial performance and financial position have been applied:

**Revenue Accounting Policy**

Revenue is recognised on an accruals basis except for the following income streams:

- 1) Subscriptions - on a cash received basis
- 2) Hut Income - on a cash received basis
- 3) Grants - if for a specific purpose, then deferred until the conditions are satisfied
- 4) Donations - on a cash received basis (including Banff funds)

**Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable are stated at their estimated net realisable value.

**Stock**

Stock is recorded at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

**Income Tax**

No income tax is accounted for as the Club has an Income Tax exemption from Inland Revenue Department.

**Fixed Assets**

Club base huts with a government valuation available are recorded at this value as at 2005 and subsequently depreciated. All other fixed assets are recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation.

**Depreciation**

Assets are not depreciated until the asset is in use. Depreciation has been charged on a straight line basis at the following rates:

HOM	1%	SL
Base Buildings, Lodges & Huts	1% and 2%	SL
Hut Water Tanks	5%	SL
Office Equipment	20%, 40% & 67%	SL
Fixtures & Fittings	10%	SL
Computer Equipment	40%	SL
Website	30%	SL
Library Books	Not Depreciated	

**Goods and Services Tax.**

These financial statements are prepared on a GST exclusive basis except for debtors and creditors balances which are recorded inclusive of GST where appropriate.

**Donated Goods & Services**

The work of the Club is dependent on the substantial voluntary services of many members. As these services are generally not purchased by the Club and because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, donated goods & services are not recognised.

**Changes in Accounting Policies**

**Comparative Balances**

The 2015 comparatives have been restated to conform with the current years presentation under PBE -SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting Accrual (Not for Profit). Under these standards only the net commissions earned are reported as income to the Club whereas previously gross receipts and payments were recognised. These figures have been restated in the income statement and cash flow.

**3) Members Loans**

		2016 \$	2015 \$
Unwin Redevelopment Project	Current	26,250	16,500
	Non-Current	164,875	203,500
		<u>191,125</u>	<u>220,000</u>

Members loans totalling \$191,125 (2015 \$220,000) remain owing on the Unwin Redevelopment Project. Interest is payable 6 monthly from 9 July 2010 at 3% per annum on \$162,625 (2015 \$210,000) of these loans. Three loans totalling \$28,500 (2015 \$10,000) have been requested to be interest free.

All loans are un-secured, with the first principal repayments made in January 2016. Loan repayments are to be made in equal instalments of 7.5% of the full loan amount paid six monthly over five years with a balloon payment at final settlement in July 2020.

**4) Canterbury Community Trust Loan**

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Current	-	9,439
Non-Current	-	-
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>9,439</u>

The Club had a 10 year loan from the Canterbury Community Trust which matured on 31 January 2016 when it was fully repaid. The interest rate was 3% (2015: 3%), and was secured by a first mortgage over the Home of Mountaineering building which has now been released.

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5) SBS Bank Loan

	2016	2015
Current	11,093	12,595
Non-Current	60,309	75,024
	<u>71,402</u>	<u>87,619</u>

A loan facility with SBS Bank was drawn down in October 2011. This was restructured in November 2012 and split into 3 loans totalling \$118,067 for a term of 9 years finishing November 2021. The loans are split into a floating interest loan at 5.59% at Balance date, and two separate fixed term loans at 5.99% renewing in October and November 2016. At 30 June 2015 the facility balance available was \$78,838. Security is held over the Arthurs Pass Lodge and land.

6) Fixed Assets

	2016				2015			
	Cost or Valuation	Depreciation for the year	Accumulated Depreciation Value	Net Book Value	Cost or Valuation	Depreciation for the year	Accumulated Depreciation Value	Net Book Value
Home of Mountaineering	305,165	2,534	100,129	205,036	305,165	2,534	97,595	207,570
Base Buildings, Lodges & Huts	2,358,934	27,246	983,555	1,375,379	2,365,857	27,129	970,677	1,395,180
<b>Total Land and Buildings</b>	<b>2,664,099</b>	<b>29,780</b>	<b>1,083,684</b>	<b>1,580,415</b>	<b>2,671,022</b>	<b>29,663</b>	<b>1,068,272</b>	<b>1,602,750</b>
Fixtures & Fittings	14,314	1,098	11,923	2,391	13,364	1,717	10,826	2,538
Computer & Office Equipment	36,638	2,876	31,740	4,898	57,508	2,212	53,467	4,041
Website	209,337	39,762	148,974	60,363	209,337	22,424	109,212	100,125
Library Books	30,000	0	0	30,000	30,000	0	0	30,000
<b>Total Sundry Assets</b>	<b>290,289</b>	<b>43,736</b>	<b>192,637</b>	<b>97,652</b>	<b>310,209</b>	<b>26,353</b>	<b>173,505</b>	<b>136,704</b>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>2,954,388</b>	<b>73,515</b>	<b>1,276,320</b>	<b>1,678,068</b>	<b>2,981,231</b>	<b>56,016</b>	<b>1,241,777</b>	<b>1,739,454</b>

7) Operating Lease Commitments

The Club has lease commitments to Department of Conservation for Annual Fees for Homer Hut, Ruapehu Hut, and the Westland, Aspiring and Mt Cook Huts, and Porter Lodge land. In February 2014 a photocopy lease was entered into for 48 months.

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Current	3,566	3,605
Non-current	6,257	8,856
	<u>9,823</u>	<u>12,461</u>

8) Grants Received

	2016 \$	2015 \$
Opening Balance Unexpended Grants	50,430	-
Sport NZ	55,000	55,000
DOC Community Fund	14,114	54,574
Meridian Waitaki Community Trust	-	8,064
The Southern Trust	2,688	-
The South Canterbury Community Trust	4,348	-
	<u>126,580</u>	<u>117,638</u>
Expended portions	(83,433)	(67,208)
Unexpended Grants	<u>43,147</u>	<u>50,430</u>

9) Club Fund Movements

2016 Fund	Expedition	Club Hut	Aoraki Mt Cook Huts	Westland Huts	Aspiring Huts	DOW Hall Publications	Rockclimbing	Development Fund	Total
Opening Balance at 1 July 2015	10,607	0	0	0	114,720	9,846	9,719	(10,256)	134,636
Movements into Funds:									
Members Donations	4,158	5,360				3,484	1,142	2,255	16,399
Section Donations								29,074	29,074
Grants Received		12,351		8,479					20,830
Hut Reserve Transfer		(10,963)	0	(8,479)	4,725				(14,717)
Interest	157	697				146	144		1,144
Total Movements In	4,315	7,445	0	0	4,725	3,630	1,286	31,329	52,730
Movements out of Funds:									
Grants Made	(5,500)					(4,283)	(434)		(10,217)
Capital Expenditure on Huts		(7,445)							(7,445)
Total Movements Out	(5,500)	(7,445)	0	0	0	(4,283)	(434)	0	(17,662)
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2016</b>	<b>9,422</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>119,445</b>	<b>9,193</b>	<b>10,570</b>	<b>21,073</b>	<b>169,704</b>

2015 Fund	Expedition	Club Hut	Aoraki Mt Cook Huts	Westland Huts	Aspiring Huts	DOW Hall Publications	Rockclimbing	Development Fund	Total
Opening Balance at 1 July 2014	12,028	171,105	0	0	96,103	8,765	6,351	27,125	321,477
Movements into Funds:									
Members Donations	1,832	8,511				828	3,185		14,356
Section Donations		39,233						48,853	88,086
Grants Received		6,704		5,504					12,208
Hut Reserve Transfer		45,992	0	(5,504)	18,617				59,105
Interest	347	324	0	0		253	183		1,107
Total Movements In	2,179	100,764	0	0	18,617	1,081	3,368	48,853	174,861
Movements out of Funds:									
Grants Made	(3,600)					0	0		(3,600)
Tfr to General Reserves per CCM		(269,464)							(269,464)
Capital Expenditure		(2,405)						(86,234)	(88,639)
Total Movements Out	(3,600)	(271,869)	0	0	0	0	0	(86,234)	(361,703)
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2015</b>	<b>10,607</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>114,720</b>	<b>9,846</b>	<b>9,719</b>	<b>(10,256)</b>	<b>134,636</b>

Combined movements into/(from) the four Hut Funds total \$4,725 (2015 \$152,488) reflecting budgeted depreciation, donations from members and sections, and additional operating surpluses for the year. In 2015 CCM agreed, on advice from the Finance Committee, to reduce the Club Hut Fund to the value of unexpended CCMF funding. However, at year end these funds are held as Unexpended Grants on the Statement of Financial Position as the income is not recognised until the grant conditions are met. The cash received is held in a bank account separate from operating cash flow funds. The cash relating to these reserve funds are held in Cash at Bank or the facility available, or with DOC under the Clubs agreements.

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The Development Fund was established in May 2010 to reflect section contributions towards Strategic Plan club projects. Funds have been applied to the Unwin Hut Redevelopment and Website and Database construction since 2011. Although the Development Fund balance is a negative balance at 30 June 2015, donations received from sections after Balance Date towards the ICT project have covered this difference and contributed to further ICT costs incurred post Balance date.

Club Reserve Funds are designated for:

Expedition Fund	For support of climbing expeditions
Club Hut Fund	For maintenance and replacement of existing huts (excluding specific Hut Funds)
Development Fund	For advancement of Strategic Plan club projects
Aoraki Mt Cook Hut Fund	For maintenance and replacement of these huts
Westland Hut Fund	For maintenance and replacement of these huts
Aspiring MDS Hut Fund	For maintenance and replacement of these huts
DOW Hall Trust 1974 Fund	Publications assistance fund
Rebolling and Rock Climbing Fund	For rebolling and other rock climbing projects

10) Creditors and Accruals

	2016	2015
Creditors	34,458	47,076
Accruals	101,159	93,239
Special Purpose Donations	8,270	8,396
PAYE Owing	5,124	5,032
<b>Total Creditors and Accruals</b>	<b>149,011</b>	<b>153,743</b>

11) Related party Transactions

Two members of the current Club Executive have made loans towards the Unwin Redevelopment Project (Total \$20,000). These loans have been made on the same terms as other Club members making loans towards this project. The Honorary Treasurer is paid for certain accounting services (\$10,000). All other work is voluntary. Section finances are not consolidated into these financial reports as they operate independently.

12) Contingent Liabilities

The Club is unaware of any contingent liabilities that may have been undertaken in the normal course of its activities (2015: \$Nil)

13) Commitments

Outstanding commitments as at 30 June 2016 are \$Nil (2015: \$Nil).

14) Subsequent Events

There were no known material events subsequent to Balance Date that would affect the reported financial position (2015: \$Nil)

Unaudited



A climber traverses out of the ice cave and up the final, steep headwall at Louise Falls (W14/5), Lake Louise, Canada. Photo Derek Cheng



## The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated Statement of Cashflows

### Cash from Operating Activities

Cash was provided from:

	12 Months to 30-Jun-16 \$	12 Months to 30-Jun-15 \$
Subscriptions from members	281,794	263,076
Receipts from providing goods & services	611,413	621,804
Interest Received	1,602	1,467
Grants, Donations and Fundraising	182,242	256,516
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,077,051</b>	<b>1,142,863</b>

Cash was Applied to:

Payments to Suppliers and employees	(1,001,291)	(917,720)
Interest Paid	(15,292)	(16,453)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(1,016,583)</b>	<b>(934,173)</b>

**Net Cash from Operating Activities** 60,468 208,690

### Cash from Investing Activities

Cash was Applied to:

Aspiring MDS Fund	(4,725)	(18,617)
Fixed Asset Purchases	(12,128)	(92,031)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(16,853)</b>	<b>(110,648)</b>

### Cash from Financing

Cash was provided from:

SBS Mortgage	0	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>98</b>

Cash was applied to:

Members Loans Repaid	(28,875)	0
SBS Mortgage	(16,217)	0
Canterbury Mortgage Trust Loan	(9,438)	(18,536)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(54,530)</b>	<b>(18,536)</b>

**Net Cash from Financing Activities** (54,530) (18,438)

### SUMMARY

<b>Cash from Operating Activities</b>	<b>60,468</b>	<b>208,690</b>
<b>Cash from Investing Activities</b>	<b>(16,853)</b>	<b>(110,648)</b>
<b>Cash from Financing Activities</b>	<b>(54,530)</b>	<b>(18,438)</b>
<b>Net Cash Movement</b>	<b>(10,915)</b>	<b>79,604</b>

Opening Cash Balance	128,026	48,422
<b>Closing Cash Balance</b>	<b>117,110</b>	<b>128,026</b>

Unaudited

These Financial Statements are unaudited; they should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the accounts and the independent accountant's Review Report

### Supplementary Information Fixed Assets

Name	Opening Total Value \$	Original Cost \$	Total Revaluati ons \$	Total Openin g Deprn Value \$	Additions, Disposals and Revaluati ons \$	New Additions Months Deprn	Rate	Method	Depreciat ion \$	Total Movt \$	Closing Total Value \$
<b>Land and Commerical</b>											
Arthur's Pass Lodge Land	24,000	11,000	13,000	24,000			0%		0	0	24,000
Home of Mountaineering - Land	51,786	51,786		51,786			0%		0	0	51,786
Home of Mountaineering - Building	155,784	253,379		253,379			1%		(2,534)	(2,534)	153,250
<b>Base Buildings, Lodges, and Huts</b>											
Aspiring Hut	0	70,000	50,000	120,000			2%	S/L	0	0	0
Arthur's Pass Lodge	28,914	17,003	46,000	63,003			1%	S/L	(630)	(630)	28,284
Porter Lodge	0	75,835	75,000	150,835			1%	S/L	0	0	0
Homer Hut	86,317	114,003	45,000	159,003			2%	S/L	(3,180)	(3,180)	83,137
Homer Hut Water Tanks	2,325	2,405		2,405			5%	S/L	(120)	(120)	2,205
Ruapehu Hut	63,488	79,218	34,500	113,718			2%	S/L	(2,274)	(2,274)	61,214
Unwin Lodge	831,751	695,913	344,000	1,039,913			1%	S/L	(10,399)	(10,399)	821,352
Unwin Wardens Quarters	203,723	181,734	85,000	266,734			1%	S/L	(2,667)	(2,667)	201,056
Unwin Bunkrooms	20,204	20,800	9,000	29,800			1%	S/L	(298)	(298)	19,906
Unwin Other Buildings	31,800	32,500	2,500	35,000			1%	S/L	(350)	(350)	31,450
Unwin Furniture & Fittings	4,943	9,318		9,318			10%	S/L	(932)	(932)	4,011
Unwin Water Tanks					5,351	4	5%	S/L	(89)	5,262	5,262
Unwin Fire Alarm Monitor System					2,094	1	5%	S/L	(9)	2,085	2,085
<b>Alpine Huts</b>											
Centennial Hut	1,865	94,347		94,347			2%	S/L	(1,865)	(1,865)	0
Pioneer Hut	22,632	61,598		61,598			2%	S/L	(1,232)	(1,232)	21,400
Colin Todd Hut	0			0			2%	S/L	0	0	0
French Ridge Hut	46,180	122,709		122,709			2%	S/L	(2,454)	(2,454)	43,726
Murchison Hut	0	21,820		21,820			2%	S/L	0	0	0
Mid Tasman Hut						0	2%	S/L	0	0	0
<b>Backcountry Huts</b>											
Esquillant Biv	3,541	8,972		8,972			2%	S/L	(179)	(179)	3,362
Whangaehu Hut	23,497	28,314		28,314			2%	S/L	(566)	(566)	22,931
Godley Hut	0			0			2%	S/L	0	0	0
Cascade Hut	0			0			2%	S/L	0	0	0
Elcho Hut	0			0			2%	S/L	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL LAND &amp; BUILDINGS</b>	<b>1,602,750</b>	<b>1,952,654</b>	<b>704,000</b>	<b>2,656,654</b>	<b>7,445</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(29,780)</b>	<b>(22,335)</b>	<b>1,580,415</b>
<b>Sundry Assets</b>											
<b>Library Books</b>	30,000	30,000		30,000			0%	S/L	0	0	30,000
<b>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</b>											
Library Shelving	616	7,382		7,382			10%	S/L	(616)	(616)	0
Library Security Doors	210	1,050		1,050			10%	S/L	(105)	(105)	105
Shelving and Desks	989	1,140		1,140			10%	S/L	(114)	(114)	875
HOM Table & Chairs	88	924		924			10%	S/L	(88)	(88)	0
Desk	589	965		965			10%	S/L	(97)	(97)	493
Banners for Events	47	1,903		1,903			30%	S/L	(47)	(47)	0
Margarets Workstation					950	4	10%	S/L	(32)	918	918
<b>Computer &amp; Office Equipment</b>											
Data Projector	0	3,150		3,150			40%	S/L	0	0	0
Polycorn Soundstation	0	1,560		1,560			40%	S/L	0	0	0
Sonic Firewall and Hub	0	860		860			40%	S/L	0	0	0
Telephone PABX	0	3,113		3,113			40%	S/L	0	0	0
Monitor (Publications)	0	444		444			40%	S/L	0	0	0
Scanner - Epson (Publications)	0	781		781			40%	S/L	0	0	0
Backup System	0	2,407		2,407			40%	S/L	0	0	0
Windows Server 2008 HP ProLiant ML110	0	3,059		3,059			40%	S/L	0	0	0
Computer - Mac Quadcore G5	0	3,955		3,955			40%	S/L	0	0	0
Computer Monitors (2)	0	564		564			40%	S/L	0	0	0
Computer HP 6200 PRO SFF SAUD12701	0	1,937		1,937			40%	S/L	0	0	0
Computer HP 6200 PRO SFF SAUD14503	0	1,816		1,816			40%	S/L	0	0	0
Sonicwall TZ100 WirelessN	0	669		669			40%	S/L	0	0	0
Data Projector for Unwin	0	2,084		2,084			40%	S/L	0	0	0
Satellite Phone	1,342	2,013		2,013			20%	S/L	(403)	(403)	939
Telephone System	240	1,100		1,100			67%	S/L	(240)	(240)	0
Apple Computer - for Sefton	1,167	1,843		1,843			40%	S/L	(737)	(737)	430
Si-Tech Computer - Sam	1,292	1,550		1,550	(870)		40%	S/L	(622)	(1,292)	0
Membership Card Printer					1970	10	40%	S/L	(657)	1,313	1,313
Lenovo Computer(Narina)					1036	9	40%	S/L	(311)	725	725
Lenovo Laptop Computer (Keiths)					1597	2	40%	S/L	(106)	1,491	1,491
<b>Website</b>											
Website Upgrade 2009	0	16,873		16,873			30%	S/L	0	0	0
Website Upgrade 2010	0	12,888		12,888			30%	S/L	0	0	0
Membership Database	10,312	40,671		40,671			30%	S/L	(10,312)	(10,312)	0
Climber.co.nz Website	3,014	12,146		12,146			30%	S/L	(3,014)	(3,014)	0
ClimbNZ Website	95	1,460		1,460			30%	S/L	(95)	(95)	0
Website Upgrade 2011	0	20,282		20,282			30%	S/L	0	0	0
Website Upgrade 2012	471	18,784		18,784			30%	S/L	(471)	(471)	0
New ICT Website ex Publica	86,233	86,233		86,233		12	30%	S/L	(25,870)	(25,870)	60,363
<b>TOTAL SUNDRY ASSETS</b>	<b>136,705</b>	<b>285,606</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>285,606</b>	<b>4,683</b>				<b>(43,736)</b>	<b>(39,053)</b>	<b>97,652</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,739,454</b>	<b>2,238,260</b>	<b>704,000</b>	<b>2,942,260</b>	<b>12,128</b>				<b>(73,515)</b>	<b>(61,387)</b>	<b>1,678,068</b>

## Appendix 1: NZAC Annual General Meeting 2016

Friday 4 November, 7pm, Cashmere Club, Christchurch

### Agenda:

1. Apologies
2. Proxies
3. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2015 AGM
4. Presentation of the President's Report
5. Obituaries
6. Presentation of the Financial Report
7. Election of Club Officers:
  - Honorary Secretary
  - Honorary Treasurer
  - Publications Subcommittee Convener
  - Accommodation Subcommittee Convener
  - Executive Subcommittee Convener
  - Recreational Access Subcommittee Convenor
  - Climbing and Instruction Subcommittee Convenor
8. Appointment of Auditor
9. NZAC Volunteer of the Year Award
10. General Business

A 125th Anniversary Quiz will follow the AGM

### Proxy Form

If you are a member of the club and are unable to attend the Annual General Meeting you are still able to have your vote heard by giving another member the ability to use your vote. This is called a Proxy Vote and simply requires you nominate somebody else that is at the meeting to have your vote as well. This is often the chairperson of the meeting.

### Club Rules Concerning Proxy Votes

Rule 21b: Any member unable to attend a general meeting may vote by proxy, written notice of which must be received by the national office by the day before the meeting.

Rule 21c: A proxy vote must nominate another club member attending the meeting to act on the person's behalf.

### PROXY VOTE FORM

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Appointed Proxy \_\_\_\_\_

*This information needs to be posted, faxed or emailed to the national office by the day before the meeting.*

Rachel Knott cruising on the crux pitch of the North Buttress route on Sabre, Fiordland. Photo Jaz Morris





## Appendix 2: Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting held on the 20th of November 2015 at the YMCA, Christchurch

**Present:** The President, John Cocks and forty-three members

**Apologies:** J Nankervis, R Cullen, P Cammell. Accepted, J Cocks / P Tree

**Minutes of the 2014 AGM:** Moved be taken as read, J Morris/S Newton, carried  
Moved that they be taken as a true and accurate record, J Morris/S Newton, carried

**Presidents Report:** Moved be taken as read, P Brothers/S Gray, carried

The President then spoke to his report. Some of the highlights mentioned were :

- The club membership was strong with the highest ever membership numbers.
- We now have an additional section – Central Otago, and there is strong interest in re establishing Taranaki section.
- The sections are undertaking a lot of activity.
- Our professionally run instruction courses are going from strength to strength with increased numbers attending.
- The Banff Film Festival has had record numbers attending and sessions held.
- The National Indoor Bouldering Series is going from strength to strength.
- The Photographic Competition is the oldest photo competition still being held in NZ and this year entries were of a very high standard.
- In the Publications area we continue to produce to a very high standard. The referendum on the future of the Climber and Journal resulted in the status quo.
- The ICT project to set up last year to install a new system has just been launched , later than planned, because it has proven to be a very large project.
- Our relationships with FMC and DoC are stronger than ever and are proving the strength of cooperation.

All this reflects on the people in the club, both volunteers and staff. All our activities involve volunteers, with many people involved, but there are some who particularly deserve recognition.

- Richard Thomson, who has relinquished the position of Publications Chair,
- Paul Prince, who has left for the USA after a particularly onerous stint as the chair of the Climbing and Instruction committee,
- Richard Wesley who chairs the well performed Huts committee, Gillian Crombie who manages the clubs financial affairs with great efficiency, and
- Pete Barnes who has just relinquished the chair of Recreational advocacy but remains involved. And finally the Executive committee which meets monthly to keep the clubs affairs on track, chaired by Geoff Gabites who recently was awarded the Volunteers and Supreme awards by the Outdoor Recreation organisation.

Our staff are committed and hard working , led by Sam Newton our General Manager resulting in a strong and multifaceted organisation. Sam was awarded a Churchill Scholarship to visit European alpine clubs. Margaret McMahon is to everyone the face of the club, and a stalwart in times of crisis such as computer glitches and guidebook recalls. Narina Sutherland is our insurance expert and helps in most areas as necessary. Kester Brown sets very high standards in our publications, and Sefton Priestley has been working night and day on the ICT system to ensure we have a system that will greatly benefit the club, as well as fulfilling his event programming role. Simon and Pip Middlemass do a great job down at Unwin hut ensuring we get a

good return for our investment.

It was moved that the Presidents Report be accepted, P Brothers/ J Morris, carried

### Obituaries

It was acknowledged with sadness the passing of the following members, and a minutes silence observed.

Ray Burrell	Hilary Harrington	Dick Tornquist
Richard McMurray	Campbell Simpson	Robert Boyd
Paul Hill	David Galloway	Warwick Provan
Carol Nash	Calum Hudson	Simon Bell
Stuart Haslett	Tom Barcham	David Cooper
Catherine Sintenie		

### Financial Report

Moved that it be taken as read, G Crombie/J Morris, carried

On Gillians behalf, Sam presented the highlights:

- In the Profit and Loss statement we show a surplus of \$114,000 as against the 2014 result of \$13,000 surplus This was due to external grants and donations from sections, and as these grants and donations were for special projects, thus we do not have \$114,000 in our bank account.
- Capital expenditure for ICT has totalled \$86,000
- We have decreased loans by \$20,000
- There has been an increase in guidebooks stocks but they are selling well
- Of the outstanding loans, the loan on the Home of Mountaineering should be repaid in January 2016, the SBS facility has been static but since balance date has been reduced and member loans for Unwin hut will start to be repaid in June 2016, though some may delay this or forgo repayment.
- Highlights for the year are the large increase in national instruction courses, the slow growth in subscriptions, the increase in Banff viewing numbers and screenings held and thus increase in income, new guidebook publication and good income from huts and lodges. Travel insurance has had spectacular growth but has resulted in a negative loss ratio for the insurer who has withdrawn and its replacement will be more expensive and different.
- We have received external funding from CCPF to cover major projects, and also \$25,000 from gaming trusts plus funding from Meridian for specific hut projects. We do not rely on external funding to run the club, only for specific projects, thus if the funding dries up we don't run into difficulties.

It was moved that the financial statements be approved, J Morris/G Gabites, carried

It was moved that the Annual Report be adopted, P Brothers/S Gray, carried

### Election of Officers

The following were elected unopposed:

Honorary Secretary	George Edwards
Honorary Treasurer	Gillian Crombie
Accommodation Convenor	Richard Wesley
Executive	Geoff Gabites
Publications	vacant
Climbing and Instruction	no convenor but being coordinated in the interim

Appointment of auditor: moved that the existing auditor be reapproved, G Crombie/ G Gabites, carried

### Volunteer of the year

John named the Volunteer of the year as Al Walker, for his work over the years on the maintenance of Homer Hut and the Winter Homer Climbing Meet as well as organising the Homer Hut 50th Anniversary.

## New President

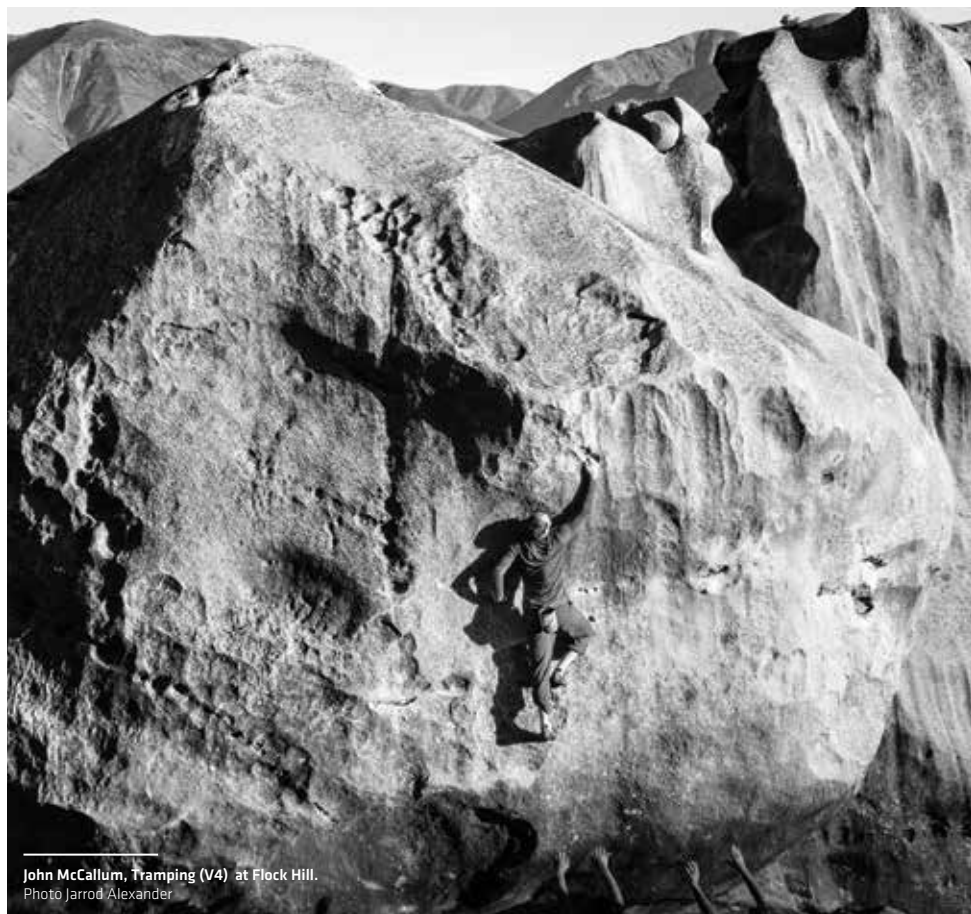
John then introduced the new President, Penny Brothers. John mentioned she had already been very involved in her President elect year with the new Strategic plan and 125th Anniversary. He then presented her with the presidential ice axe.

Penny introduced herself as a female academic from Auckland – how much worse could it be? She briefly outlined her life so far, and her delight at being able to get more fully involved with NZAC. Looking ahead she saw the 125th anniversary as a great opportunity to capitalise on what our predecessors had created, and felt that that access, and sustainability of our mountains was critical. She proposed a vote of thanks to John for an outstanding presidency which was carried with acclaim.

## General Business

1. 125th Anniversary – part of this is the Sustainable Summits Conference, for which registrations open in February. Sections are encouraged to stage their own events
2. Pat Prendegast showed samples of her book and paintings for sale, partial proceeds of which would go to the club.

John closed the meeting at 8.16, and members were shown the new website.



John McCallum, Tramping (V4) at Flock Hill.  
Photo Jarrod Alexander

## Appendix 3: New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated Rules

### NAME

1. The name of the club shall be the New Zealand Alpine Club (Incorporated).

### OBJECTS

2. a. The objects of the club are to encourage mountaineering, rock climbing and allied activities and the enjoyment and conservation of mountain and rock climbing regions; and to bring together those interested in climbing.
- b. The club aims to provide services for climbers, protect the interests and safety of climbers, and promote climbing activities.

### MEMBERSHIP

#### 3. Classes and Entitlement

- a. The club shall consist of life, honorary and subscribing members, all of whom are entitled to attend and vote at general meetings and take part in all club activities.
- b. Subscribing members shall be issued with a current club membership card on payment of their annual club subscription.

#### 4. Applications for Membership

- a. The club shall have a standard form to be completed for membership application.
- b. The completed form and the accompanying payment for the annual subscription shall be forwarded to National Office for processing at which point the applicant shall be deemed a member of the club.

### 5. Life and Honorary Members

- a. Upon the recommendation of a committee of the president and not less than three past presidents convened by the president, the Club Committee may elect to life membership any member who has made an outstanding contribution to mountaineering or rock climbing or to the club; and to honorary membership any person distinguished in mountaineering or rock climbing or related activities.
- b. Life and honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of subscriptions but shall be issued with current club membership cards and shall enjoy all rights of membership.

### 6. Resignations

Any member may resign from the club by giving National Office written or email notice.

### 7. Expulsion

After first giving the person an opportunity of being heard, the Club Committee may reprimand, suspend for any period, or expel from the club any member who in the Club Committee's judgment has wilfully infringed these rules or any regulation made thereunder or is guilty of conduct rendering that person unfit to be in the club.

### SECTIONS

#### 8. Formation of sections

- a. Geographically based sections may be set up by the Club Com-

mittee, which shall have power to approve additional sections or alter or disband existing sections.

- b. A member who does not reside in New Zealand or Australia shall be deemed to be an overseas member unless electing in writing to remain a member of a section.
- c. Each section shall be managed by a section committee consisting of a chairperson, vice chairperson, honorary secretary and/or honorary treasurer and a committee of not less than three, elected at the annual general meeting of the section.

### 9. Section Rules and Voting

- a. Sections shall hold annual general meetings at least one calendar month before the club's annual general meeting, for the purpose of electing section officers. Annual reports and financial statements shall also be presented at section annual general meetings, and sent to National Office as soon as possible thereafter.
- b. Sections may make their own rules, which shall not be inconsistent with these rules.
- c. Members shall have the right to vote at meetings of the section to which they belong.
- d. Section officers and committee members must be section members.

### MANAGEMENT

#### 10. Club Committee

- a. The power of overall management, direction and policy mak-



ing for the club shall be vested in the Club Committee.

b. The Club Committee shall comprise the president, immediate past president (for the year immediately following his/her last year of office as president), president elect (once appointed), honorary secretary, honorary treasurer, convenors of standing subcommittees and section representatives. Club Committee meetings shall be chaired by the president, or in his/her absence by the president-elect, or the immediate past president, or such other person as the meeting decides. The chairperson shall have an original as well as a casting vote.

c. The Club Committee shall meet face to face at least twice a year, and may also meet as required by means of telephone or video conferencing.

e. Twelve members of the Club Committee shall form a quorum.

f. The agenda and papers for Club Committee meetings shall be sent to section representatives at least one calendar month before the meeting date.

#### **11. Subcommittees and Convenors**

a. There shall be four standing subcommittees of the Club Committee: Finance, Executive, Accommodation and Publications. The convener of the Finance Subcommittee shall be the honorary treasurer. The convenors of the other three standing subcommittees shall be elected officers of the club, and

ex officio members of the Club Committee.

b. The Finance Subcommittee shall oversee the club's investments and financial position; ensure that Club Committee members receive timely, comprehensive and clear financial statements and projections at least on a quarterly basis; ensure the club's compliance with all taxation requirements and any other legislation relating to financial matters; and advise the other subcommittees and the executive officer. The Finance Subcommittee shall, in addition to the convener, be the president and three other club members appointed by the Club Committee on the recommendation of the honorary treasurer.

c. The Executive Subcommittee shall oversee the work of club's executive officer; ensure that National Office as a whole acts within these rules and the directives, policies, strategies, plans and budgets adopted by the Club Committee, and ensure the club's compliance with all legal requirements relating to employment and workplace safety. The Executive Subcommittee shall, in addition to the convener, be the president, the immediate past president or the president-elect, the honorary treasurer, the honorary secretary and two other club members appointed by the Club Committee on the recommendation of the Executive Subcommittee convener.

d. The Accommodation Subcommittee shall oversee the

management of the club's capital assets, and ensure that their integrity and value to the club are enhanced by adequate short and long term plans for maintenance and repair; and plan for the construction of new buildings. With the Finance Subcommittee, the Accommodation Subcommittee shall develop long term financial strategies as part of these plans. The Accommodation Subcommittee shall, in addition to the convener, be representatives of any sections which have buildings undergoing major works in their areas, and other club members (up to a total of seven) appointed by the Club Committee on the recommendation of the Accommodation Subcommittee convener.

e. The Publications Subcommittee shall oversee the club's publications, and ensure the timely production of quality books, guidebooks, magazines and journals relating to climbing. The Publications Subcommittee shall, in addition to the convener, be four club members appointed by the Club Committee on the recommendation of the Publications Subcommittee convener.

f. The Club Committee may specify tasks or responsibilities in addition to those specified in these rules.

g. The Club Committee may set up other subcommittees for specified purposes, and appoint convenors and members for them. These convenors shall as far as possible be section

representatives, and shall not otherwise be ex officio members of the Club Committee.

h. Convenors may co-opt other members to their subcommittees as required.

i. Subcommittees may advise and make recommendations to the Club Committee within their areas of responsibility, and shall also advise the executive officer as required, but cannot make decisions which bind the club outside of the directives, policies, strategies, plans and budgets adopted by the Club Committee.

j. Convenors of standing and other subcommittees may meet together as convened by the president to discuss and formulate recommendations to the Club Committee about the overall activities of the club and the priority to be given to these activities, and the short and longer term financial implications of their recommendations.

#### **OFFICERS**

##### **12. President**

a. The club shall have a president who shall serve for a two year term commencing immediately after the annual general meeting and ending at the close of the annual general meeting two years later.

b. Should the office of president fall vacant the Club Committee shall appoint the president elect for a term expiring at the close of the third annual general meeting after the appointment. If there is no president elect the Club Committee shall

appoint as president one of the vice presidents for a term expiring at the close of the third annual general meeting, or such shorter term as it may determine.

c. The president shall be a member ex officio of all section committees of the club.

d. The president shall ensure that the club fulfils the objects in Rule 2 and acts within these rules and the directives, policies, strategies, plans and budgets adopted by the Club Committee.

##### **13. President Elect and Immediate Past President**

a. For the year prior to the termination of a president's term of office, the club shall have a president elect, who shall become the president at the end of that year. For the year following the termination of a president's term of office, he/she will be immediate past president.

b. The president elect and the immediate past president shall ex officio be members of the committee of the section to which they belong.

##### **14. Vice Presidents**

The club shall have two vice-presidents, one for the North Island and one for the South Island, with special responsibilities for assisting and acting on behalf of the president as requested, maintaining contact and cooperation between sections in their areas, and supporting sections in need of assistance.

#### **15. Section Representatives**

a. Each section shall have one representative on the Club Committee.

b. Section representatives must belong to the section they represent, and shall ex officio be members of their section committees.

c. Section representatives shall have one or more votes, in accordance with the following formula:

Up to 200 section members: 1 vote  
200 and up to 400 section members: 2 votes  
400 or more members: 3 votes

d. Section representatives shall ascertain their sections' views on significant matters to be discussed at the Club Committee meeting and convey those views to the meeting, and report on the meeting to their sections; and shall, at all other times, act as liaison between their sections and National Office.

e. Section representatives as members of the Club Committee shall act in a manner which they believe is in the best interests of the club.

#### **16. Election and Appointment of Officers**

a. The president elect shall be elected at the Club Committee meeting held in conjunction with the annual general meeting one year prior to end of the president's term of office.

b. The honorary secretary, the honorary treasurer and the executive, accommodation and

publications conveners shall be elected for the ensuing year at the annual general meeting, and may be re-elected annually, for a maximum period of five years.

c. Any member may nominate a candidate for the positions in 16.b by sending, with the candidate's prior consent, a nomination to National Office at least one calendar month prior to the meeting at which the election is to take place, but no member may be nominated for or elected to more than one of these positions.

d. The Club Committee may fill until the next annual general meeting a vacancy occurring for any of the positions in 16.b.

e. Section representatives shall be elected by their sections, at the section annual general meeting. The Section Committee may fill until the next section annual general meeting a vacancy occurring in this position. Section representatives shall hold office for a minimum of two and a maximum of five years.

f. Vice presidents shall be appointed by the Club Committee on the recommendation of the president, and must be section representatives at the time of their appointment.

g. Conveners of subcommittees that are not standing subcommittees shall be appointed by the Club Committee, and shall as far as possible be section representatives at the time of their appointment, but will not otherwise be members of the Club Committee.

h. All officers under this rule must be club members when nominated and while holding office.

## 17. The Executive Officer and National Office

a. The Executive Subcommittee may, after consultation with the Club Committee, appoint an executive officer to be responsible, under the Executive Subcommittee's supervision, for the day-to-day operation of the club within these rules and the directives, policies, strategies, plans and budgets adopted by the Club Committee.

b. The Executive Subcommittee shall, subject to consultation with the Club Committee, develop and maintain a schedule of duties, delegations and performance criteria for the executive officer.

c. The Executive Subcommittee shall review the performance of the executive officer at least annually, and shall, subject to consultation with the Club Committee, make any salary adjustment or take any other action (including disciplinary action) that may be necessary arising from this review, or any other performance-related matter or work misconduct.

d. The executive officer shall review the performance of National Office staff at least annually and shall, subject to consultation with the Executive Subcommittee, have the authority to make any salary adjustment within the year's budget, or take any other action (including disciplinary action) which may be necessary arising from these reviews, or any other performance-related matter or work misconduct.

## 18. General meetings

a. The club shall hold an annual general meeting as soon as possible after the end of its financial year for the election of officers for the ensuing year, the presentation of the annual report and financial statements and other business.

b. The Club Committee may at any time call a general meeting of the club.

c. A general meeting shall be called upon a requisition to National Office signed by 25 members specifying the resolutions to be moved at the meeting requisitioned. Notices of the meeting shall be posted within 21 days of National Office receiving the requisition. The general meeting shall be held within 60 days of the receipt of the requisition.

## 19. General Meeting Notice and Quorum

a. At least one calendar month's notice of a general meeting (including an annual general meeting) shall be sent by mail, fax or email to every member stating the time and place, and the business to be transacted at, the meeting.

b. Three members present at a general meeting may elect a chairperson and adjourn the meeting but no business shall be transacted unless 25 members are present.

## 20. General Meeting Chairperson

a. At all general meetings of the club the chair shall be taken by the president or, in the president's absence by the president elect

or by one of the vice presidents. If within 15 minutes of the time the meeting was notified to begin neither the president, the president elect, nor any of the vice presidents are present, the meeting shall elect a chairperson from members present.

b. The chairperson shall have an original as well as a casting vote.

## 21. Voting and Proxies

a. Voting at a general meeting shall be by a show of hands or, if either the chairperson thinks it necessary or it is requested from the floor, by a secret ballot.

b. Any member unable to attend a general meeting may vote by proxy, written notice of which must be received in National Office by post or fax by the day before the meeting.

c. A proxy vote must nominate another club member attending the meeting to act on that person's behalf.

## 22. Postal Voting

a. On receiving a written requisition for a postal ballot signed by 25 members and identifying the issue to be voted on at least 21 days before a general meeting, National Office shall immediately send out ballot papers to all members.

b. Ballot papers sent to members shall clearly indicate the question to be voted on, the manner of voting and the date by which votes must be received by National Office. Votes may be sent by post or fax.

c. The Club Committee shall

appoint 3 members to be scrutineers, and at the voting deadline National Office shall hand the ballot papers to the scrutineers.

d. The validity of any vote shall be in the absolute discretion of the scrutineers and they shall count the votes and report the result to the Club Committee in time for the general meeting.

## FINANCIAL

### 23. Financial Year

The club's financial year shall, subject to obtaining any approval required, run from the first day of July to the last day of the following June, commencing on the first day of July 2008 or the next practicable year after that. Until that commencement date the club's financial year shall continue to run from the first day of March to the last day of the following February, adjusted as necessary to enable the transition to the changed financial year.

### 24. Auditor

The club's annual financial statements shall be subject to either audit or review by a member of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants elected at the annual general meeting whose report shall be included in the annual report.

### 25. Financial Statements

a. Copies of the club's annual financial statements shall be included with the annual report sent to members with the notice of the annual general meeting. If the statements are unaudited

when sent the auditor's report shall be presented at the annual general meeting.

b. Accounts shall be prepared in accordance with New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants standards from time to time.

## 26. Subscriptions

a. The Club Committee shall in each financial year fix the annual subscription rates for members, due and payable at the start of the next subscription year for each member.

b. A member whose subscription is not paid 2 months after the start of the subscription year for that member shall be deemed to have resigned at the end of the previous subscription year.

c. The Club Committee may fix reduced subscriptions for the following members:

- full-time primary, secondary or tertiary students who can produce evidence of their student status;
- those under 25 years of age;
- seniors over 65 years of age;
- veterans who have been members of the club for more than 35 consecutive years.

d. Subscriptions may be waived for veterans who have been members for more than 50 consecutive years, without loss of their membership rights.

e. Overseas members' subscriptions may be increased to include an extra postage charge.

f. Members who are part of the same family, and who reside at the same address, may pay a group subscription and receive a



single copy of the *New Zealand Alpine Journal* and other club publications. When choosing the family option, the primary member in the family shall pay the appropriate subscription fixed under this rule. Other family members may pay half the appropriate subscription fixed under this rule. Club correspondence and publications will be addressed to the primary member.

g. The Club Committee may in appropriate circumstances refund in whole or in part the subscription of any member.

## 27. Section Levy

a. In order to finance section activities the Club Committee shall in each financial year fix the annual section levy for members.

b. The annual section levy shall be uniform across all sections and shall form part of, and be due for payment at the same time, as the club subscription.

c. National Office, on receipt of the members' subscription shall forward this levy to the sections on a regular basis.

d. Section Committees may utilise or refund any part of this levy as their finances allow.

## 28. Club Funds and Bank Accounts

a. The Club Committee shall control all club funds, except those held by sections in their own right, and shall open or authorise the opening of such bank accounts as it deems necessary.

b. All the club's funds, except those held by sections in their

own right, shall be paid into the club's bank accounts, and shall be accessible only by authorised signatories following procedures set down by the Finance Subcommittee.

## 29. Investments

a. The Finance Subcommittee may, subject to any directives, policies, strategies, plans and budgets adopted by the Club Committee, invest any of the club's funds for such terms as it may think fit and, in doing so, it shall act prudently to:

- optimise investment returns while balancing risk and return considerations;
- ensure investments are liquid;
- preserve capital invested and, where possible, achieve capital growth.

b. The Finance Subcommittee shall furnish activity reports on any investments and reserve funds held to the Club Committee meetings.

d. A statement detailing investments and reserve funds held shall be included in the notes to the financial statements.

## 30. Borrowing Powers

The Club Committee may borrow for and in the name of the club such sums and upon such terms as it deems necessary and may give as security for the repayment of the sums borrowed and interest thereon such security as it deems appropriate.

## 31. Assistance to Members

The Club Committee in its

discretion and upon such terms as it sees fit shall have the power to provide assistance to members in distress or otherwise requiring such assistance, in connection with mountaineering or rock climbing activities in New Zealand or overseas, provided that no part of the income and other funds of the club is used or available to be used for the private pecuniary profit of any member.

## GENERAL

### 32. Execution of Contracts

a. Contracts and other enforceable obligations in writing shall be executed by the club:

- by affixing the common seal of the club to the document pursuant to a resolution of the Club Committee in the presence of the honorary secretary and two members of the Club Committee, all of whom shall sign the document to which the seal is affixed; or
- where the document is not required to be executed under common seal, by the executive officer signing on behalf of the club pursuant to authorisations and delegations approved by the Club Committee.

b. The common seal of the club shall be held at National Office.

### 33. Minutes

a. The honorary secretary shall record the minutes of general and Club Committee meetings, but in his/her absence the meeting shall appoint a member present as a minute secretary.

b. The conveners of subcommittees shall ensure that minutes of

their meetings are kept.

c. Minutes of general meetings shall be sent to all club members for confirmation at the next general meeting. Minutes of other meetings listed above shall be sent to respective committee and subcommittee members for confirmation at their next meetings. Subcommittee minutes shall also be sent to all members of the Club Committee.

### 34. Notice

a. Where notice under these rules is sent by post, service shall be deemed to have been effected on the day after the date of posting.

b. Notice periods specified in these rules exclude the day on which the notice is served or deemed to be served, and the day of the meeting.

### 35. Rule Changes

a. Any member or section desiring to change the club's rules shall submit in writing the proposed rule change to National Office for consideration at the next meeting of the Club Committee.

b. National Office, following the meeting of the Club Committee, shall send the proposal together with the Club Committee's comments and/or recommendations on it to sections.

c. At the discretion of the Club Committee or upon a requisition to National Office signed by 25 members, a postal vote of members shall be held to decide upon the proposed rule change.

d. If a postal vote is not required the proposed rule change shall then be included in the business to be transacted at the next annual general meeting, or at a special general meeting, and notice of the proposed rule change given accordingly.

e. No rule may be made, altered or deleted except by a majority of two thirds of the votes cast in a postal vote or of members present or represented by proxy at a general meeting.

f. No rule alteration, deletion or addition to the rules shall have the effect of altering the amateur sports promotion status of the club.

## 36. Liquidation

a. Provided all its liabilities have been discharged the club may be put into liquidation if the club, at a general meeting of members, passes a resolution appointing a liquidator, and the resolution is confirmed at a subsequent general meeting called for that purpose and held not earlier than 30 days after the date on which the resolution to be confirmed was passed and the provisions of the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 shall apply to such resolutions and the liquidation of the club.

b. After being put into liquidation the funds and property of the club shall be paid or transferred to an incorporated society or societies which have objects similar to those of the club, as set out in the resolution referred to in Rule 36.a.

c. No resolution to put the club into liquidation shall be valid unless it determines to which incorporated societies the club's funds and property are to be paid or transferred.

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A group of climbers pauses to take in the view after a days bouldering in the Rocklands.  
Photo Lars Hansen



Pete Harris sliding cornices and snow mushrooms on an attempt at the West Ridge of Taulliraju, Peru. Photo Jaz Morris



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