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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.*

Cover photo: It's all in the eyes. Photo Derek Cheng

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In 2017 the membership of NZAC hit 4000 for the first time ever. This is a remarkable achievement in an era when many outdoor clubs are struggling to maintain their membership, let alone grow. We must be doing something right! Somehow, our uniquely kiwi combination of great huts, publications, instruction courses, section meetings, mountain advocacy and most of all the friendships and fellowship that develop from spending time together in our beautiful mountains and crags is hitting the sweet spot. As well as the good news, 2017 has also been a year of consolidation, challenges and questions for NZAC.

The Accommodation Committee has had some is-

sues to face with the recent report from GNS Science - leading to the closure of Murchison Hut because of overwhelming evidence of slope instability attributed to glacial ablation. This hut has been a welcome refuge for many a climber and skier and big decisions about the options will be required. Work continues on the Mid-Tasman Hut and when in place this will also offer a much-needed haven.

The Publications Committee have embarked on a distribution agreement with Potton and Burton which will offer broader possibilities for marketing and sales of our guidebooks and other publications. The publication of The Climber 100 was a landmark worth celebrating - this highly regarded magazine is an important feature of NZ's climbing literature.

The Climbing and Instruction Committee has continued to provide leadership for our core activities, especially around the volunteer instruction programme. This is a valuable component of our service to members where we have a long tradition, but one that continues to be challenging as we manage the training and support of our volunteer instructors in the face of increasing pressure from the regulatory environment. The annual Instructor Development Course held at Temple Basin is a key part of this and in 2017 it also included modules for supporting section trip leaders. Our Club is about enabling members to get out and climb, and we have had some good debates around how we distinguish between formal instruction courses, structured section trips, mentoring, and informal groups of members getting together to go climbing. It used to be very simple, but as our world becomes more complex we are having to think through the niceties of these distinctions and what they mean for our Club activities.

Recreational access issues are always going to be topical in NZ, ranging from the environment (as our glaciers recede and mountains topple) to permission (as crag landowners take fright in the face of perceived concerns about health and safety issues) to regulation (as several National Park Management Plans come up for review). We know our members care about these matters and the Club's role in advocating for them, and the Recreational Access Committee is now well organised and taking a leading role. Crag access issues have become more acute and have received some high-profile air time - the Club is making progress on these matters as well.

After an up-and-down year in 2016 in the office at the Home of Mountaineering we have now had General Manager Karen Tait in her role for almost a year. It has been a busy time for her, especially as she has had a full complement of staff in the office for only about two months of that time. Kester Brown completed the landmark issue 100 of The Climber and has moved on to new challenges, including fatherhood. Ashlee Peters has taken on the role of Programme Coordinator, and Tom Hoyle is our new Publications Manager. Margaret McMahon and Narina Sutherland continue their excellent service and have provided a base of institutional knowledge and continuity.

The question of Club governance comes and goes, and in 2017 it has definitely come. Our governance body, the Club Committee (CCM), meets twice a year and now comprises around 22 people once all the club officers, committee convenors and section representatives are assembled. It is too large and not sufficiently nimble to deal with the complex governance issues that arise with our growing membership and complex operations. The November 2016 CCM agreed that we should embark on a governance review and this is now underway, led by President-Elect John Palmer.

Decisions about the way forward will be taken in late 2017 and early 2018, and an integral part of the process will be opportunities for member feedback on any proposed changes.

Another question that has emerged is our overall capacity. Now that we are 4000 members strong, and our activities span publishing, huts from sea level to mountain tops, a voice for mountain advocacy and access issues, volunteer and professional instruction, and insurance sales, we need to ask how we manage the capacity to deliver all these services for our members. We have five staff in our HOM office and we need to ask the question: are we volunteer-led and staff supported, or staff-led and volunteer supported? What do these mean, and how do they apply to us? Where should the boundary lie between what our staff do versus what our volunteers do? Once our governance review is complete then our next task will be to consider these questions about how we operate.

This report has not mentioned the names of the many individual members who have provided years of leadership within and service to the Club. I will mention just a few who have recently received external accolades. NZAC volunteers and programmes scooped three of the six categories at the New Zealand Recreation Association Outdoor Awards. NZAC received the Outstanding Event Award for the Sustainable Summits Conference 2016 (John Cocks and Dave Bamford) and the Outstanding Programme Award for the NZAC National Youth Camp (Tony Burnell, John Entwisle and John Hammond) while former NZAC President John Cocks was awarded the Outstanding Volunteer Award, highlighting his substantial contribution to the organisation and outdoors community over a 40-year period. NZAC members featured in the 2017 Queen's Birthday Honours - Sir Graeme Dingle KNZM for services to youth, Robin McNeill MNZM for services to conservation and Geoff Spearpoint QSM for services to outdoor recreation. Together, these folk epitomise what NZAC is all about - congratulations!

My two years as President have flown by, as several wise heads warned me they would. I have really enjoyed the opportunities to meet members in all twelve sections - I will have visited all of them by the time this is published - to hear first-hand about their mountain and crag adventures and their enthusiasm for the Club, and to be able to thank personally all the volunteers who make such a difference to the Club. I have appreciated the dedication, hard work and tremendous support from the staff at HOM. My personal highlight was the enormous privilege of a nine day journey in December 2016 in which I visited the Harper Glacier, Mt Mannering, Mannering Glacier, Forrest Ross Glacier and Harper Saddle, paying my own tribute to the founders of this wonderful, 125-year old Club.

- Penny Brothers

THE YEAR IN RETROSPECT

Running the Club brilliantly

Staffing

The Club is an employer and as such the employment process is an ongoing commitment. Reference to staff work loads and the need for change to this have been a constant and have been an area successive General Managers have had to deal with.

As Ashlee Peeters arrived at the start of the Banff film cycle, it was deemed prudent that Pip Walter retain and continue that function, allowing Ashlee to be mentored into that aspect of the job. Over the 2016-2017 summer Simon Middlemass filled in the role of Instruction Oversight and the Club is indebted to both Pip and Simon for the excellent work they delivered.

After 8 years as Publications guru, Kester Brown has moved on with his career and we started the daunting task of finding his replacement. As is common within a Club like ours, the network kicked in and Tom Hoyle has accepted the challenge of following on from Kester. Despite being Wellington based, Tom has proposed a very supportive working regime that involves regular and lengthy time based out of Christchurch.

Communications

A Club of this size (now 4000+) relies on regular and meaningful communication between the 'face' of the Club and the members. Penny Brothers and Karen Tait continue to provide informative missives which back up the regular Climber magazine and the section newsletters.

Administration processes and IT

The Club administration and in particular the IT system continues to exist on a 'system patch' basis when we need to respond to a breakdown of the model. Plans to provide the remedy and support for staff are part of current work programmes but there will be no quick solution. It is evident that using our Club membership structure and endeavouring to find a programme capable of dealing with the complexities, is not an easy fix. Our administration staff have worked under a difficult setting for some time and we acknowledge the frustrations they work under.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee continues to meet monthly to provide the interface between the staff and the wider Club Committee, providing for the management decisions that are relevant and required to be made to support Karen Tait as General Manager. The committee deals with day to day issues plus any matters delegated to it by the Club Committee.

EQC repairs

As Christchurch works through the tapering end of Earthquake Repairs, our Home of Mountaineering is yet to address the repairs involved. We are part of the Body Corporate covering the units and have within this considerable expertise. The decision has been made based on legal and professional recommendations to accept the insurance payout and to proceed with the repairs. No detail is yet available for exactly what this may involve or how long it may take.

- Geoff Gabites

IN MEMORIAM

Name	Born/Died	Section
Geoffrey Burton	2/7/1934 - 12/10/2014	AK
Alan Shaw	3/4/1927 - 3/9/2016	CW
Bruce White	11/11/1955 - 18/11/2016	CW
Richard McElligott	04/11/1947 - 19/11/2016	OT
Charlie Catt	15/06/1947 - 01/12/2016	CW
Ralph Willis	23/10/1925 - 27/12/2016	SC
Philip Booth	20/04/1946 - 30/12/2016	NM
Ralph Miller	23/04/1935 - 18/01/2017	SO
Thomas (Tom) Alton	19/4/1983 - 23/2/2017	CW
Clinton Smith	22/9/1990 - 6/4/2017	AK
Kenneth (Ken) Mason	30/08/1945 - 17/04/2017	OT
Benjamin Letham	01/04/1991 - 22/4/2017	OT
Conor Smith	26/12/1994 - 24/4/2017	CO
Sarwan Chand	12/2/1990 - 24/4/2017	CW
John (Johnnie) Richards	22/5/1932 - 25/4/2017	NM
Ian Jeffrey	18/7/1930 - 12/7/2017	SC
Graeme Nuttridge	23/7/1958 - 15/7/2017	CW
Arthur O'Kane	c.1930 - 17/7/2017	NO
Alan (Mick) McNaught	31/10/1931 - 28/8/2017	NO



Looking Down at Civilisation. Photo Sam Ruddenklau.



Mt Fitzroy in April. Photo Gemma Kean



Doolans. Photo Anna Partridge

ACCOMMODATION

The Club's 16 huts and lodges have received generally steady patronage over the year with Aspiring Lodge having record high numbers. The Club has agreements for discounted rates for members at Tukino Lodge and DOC's Plateau Hut and Liverpool Bivvy.

Income from the huts and lodges for the year was 3% up on last year. Expenditure was 4% down on last year.

Activities during the year have included: a new water tank liner and other work at Ruapehu Lodge involving Michael Richardson, Mark Tootill and Chris Munro, new windows and other work at Arthur's Pass Lodge involving Keith Dekkers and John Visser, work on Murchison Hut and Porter Lodge by Max Dorfliker, new windows and other maintenance work at Godley Hut involving Ian Rogers and others; snow battens on the roof at Unwin Lodge involving Chas Tanner and Simon Middlemass, which are proving effective;

new windows and new internal lining at Cascade Hut involving Martin Curtis, and a magnificent new table and other work at Homer Hut involving Ron McLeod, Al Walker and others. Indeed all huts have had attention one way or another thanks to continued work from those above and other volunteers.

The new mid Tasman portable alpine hut is almost complete, only awaiting windows and a door. Establishing foundations and a toilet facility is now the focus of the project.

The Accommodation Committee lodged pre-draft consultation submissions on behalf of the Club for Aoraki/Mt Cook and the Westland Tai Poutini National Park Management Plan Reviews in respect to huts.

The Outdoor Recreation Consortium (ORC) has funded work at Ruapehu, Cascade and Godley Huts. We greatly appreciated continued support from

the ORC. Also, we greatly appreciate the support of DOC in operating Club huts under management agreements for our West Coast alpine huts and our huts in the Matukituki Valley and Esquillent Bivvy.

Our committed staff secured funds for new mattresses at Pioneer Hut from the West Coast Community Trust yet, in spite of multiple applications, have not yet secured funds for an emergency generator at Unwin Lodge. We'll keep trying. We thank our staff along with our Unwin Lodge managers, huts wardens and hut caretakers for the essential work they do in keeping our huts running.

Work by University of Otago National School of Surveying and GNS identified, alarmingly, significant movement of the Murchison Hut and the potential for cascading collapse of the entire slope from just above the hut all the way down to the glacier. The

hut has been closed.

Earthquake repair work has yet to be done on the Home of Mountaineering building.

Volunteer Club members and other volunteers put in countless hours of work to keep our huts operational. Please accept the warm thanks of the Club for your dedication and hard work. Every little bit helps keep our network of huts and lodges operating smoothly and ensures secure places of refuge of all of us who use them.

Finally, I wish to thank members of the Accommodation committee - John Cocks, Richard Knott, Simon Middlemass, Michael Richardson, Ian Rogers, Chas Tanner, Phillip Tree, Alastair Walker and Pip Walter - for their contributions to the committee and the work they do at huts.

– Richard Wesley



Footstool Summit Vista.
Photo Peter Laurensen

EVENTS

A diverse range of events were hosted throughout the past year, from national to section level, and all would not have been possible without the huge time commitment and enthusiasm of our NZAC volunteers. Club events are an excellent avenue to encourage and inspire member activity in the mountains and to provide an opportunity to fundraise so that the interests of our members can be supported and protected.

It was excellent to see recognition of the dedication of NZAC volunteers as NZAC walked away with three awards at the annual New Zealand Recreation Association Outdoors Awards evening in Wellington. John Cocks won the award for Outstanding Volunteer of the year, reflecting his sustained volunteering commitment to the Club for almost 40 years. The Sustainable Summits conference organised by John Cocks, Dave Bamford and a team of volunteers, won the Outstanding Event award and the NZAC Youth Camp run by Tony Burnell, John Entwisle and John Hammond took out the Outstanding Programme Award. The 2017 National Youth Climbing Camp was held in Queenstown with 16 youth getting out and advancing their rock skills.

After providing excellent support for Club events in the role as Programme Manager, Sefton Priestley moved on from the role and a change in support proceeded. Pip Walter stepped in to manage Banff and then Ashlee Peeters joined the NZAC Team as Programme Coordinator in May. Sefton couldn't get away that easily though, with his volunteered time towards the National Indoor Bouldering Series (NiBs) 2017 allowing for an outstanding event and exciting final. Congratulations to our Open category winners - Erica Gatland and Joe Ward. Also, well done to the winners of both the U18 and U16 categories, Abby Gebert and Kade Allen. The Masters competition was taken out by Maree McCandlish and Zane Bray.

The Banff Mountain Film Festival was another outstanding feat of NZAC volunteer time and commitment, as growth in the event continued, with a total of 23 screenings and around 12,500 people in attendance. A big thanks to Pip Walter, who did a superb job in organising the event and supporting the local section Banff coordinators. Statistics gathered from a nationwide audience survey identified that around 80% of people in attendance are not NZAC members, and so, the event provides an excellent opportunity to promote the Club to a wider audience and there is potential to develop this further. Banff Mountain Film Festival is an important fundraiser for the Club supporting Club operations, section development, the Club development fund and other areas of importance to the Club.

The 2017 National Climbing Camp was hosted by the Otago Section with thanks to Keith Moffat for taking the lead. The Darran's Winter Climbing Meet based out of Homer Hut was ably, as always, organised thanks to Al Walker. Al has indicated that after many years of organising the meet he will be stepping aside and he will be happy to provide a hand over to his volunteer successor. The NZAC Photographic Competition provided some inspiring images and stiff competition. NZAC Unwin Lodge hosted NZAC Photography Workshops to support members in capturing the beauty of the NZ mountains. NZAC sections provided superb opportunities for members to socialise and to be motivated by the monthly talks, gear sales, Reel Rocks screenings, book signings to name a few.

All Club events, including those not mentioned in this report, are of significance on the Club calendar and they are an essential benefit to our members. An important thanks to the sponsors who support the NZAC events across the country as many would not be possible without this support.

– Ashlee Peeters



Winter on the Sundial.
Photo Luke Welch

PUBLICATIONS

Publication of issue 100 of The Climber in winter 2017 was a noteworthy event; the articles and photography in the Winter issue sustained The Climber's outstanding record of reporting climbing-related matters established by the series of editors and their support teams, authors and photographers during its first 25 years. Well done all who have contributed since the first issue appeared in 1992 to the success of New Zealand's dedicated climbing magazine.

Soon after publication of Climber 100 Publications Manager Kester Brown advised he would move on from that role. Kester excelled during his eight-year tenure, editing The Climber # 68-100, NZAJ 2009-2016, completed design and layout of six guidebooks and many other publication challenges. We were pleased to appoint a new very capable Publications Manager; Tom Hoyle began work in September and has already edited issue 101 of The Climber.

Plenty of effort has been applied in the last year to reprints and new editions of NZAC guidebooks and reprints were completed of the Aspiring Region and Moirs North. However, progress has been frustrating on new editions of Backcountry Skiing New Zealand, and Aoraki Tai Poutini guidebooks. The former is to be published during November and the latter in Autumn 2018. Writing and publishing guidebooks is reliant on input from a number of people (writers, editors, photographers, design and layout, printers) and our ability to coordinate their efforts and work to a timeline needs to improve. Work Programme guidelines have been developed to assist on those challenges and will be used as we work on updates or new editions of six NZAC guidebooks during 2018-2020.

At mid-year we commenced a new arrangement with Potton and Burton to distribute a wider range of NZAC guidebooks than previously. NZAC will

continue to sell its publications directly to members, and we expect that distribution of guidebooks via P&B will enable us to reach a much broader range of readers, improve stock turnover rate and shorter payback time on the investment NZAC makes in each guidebook we publish.

NZAC has invested in an upgrade of the climbnz site to ensure the platform is supported, and the information on 11,500 routes can be regularly updated by climbers. Thanks to Erik Bradshaw and Jonathan Hunt for leading work on this much-valued asset.

Publications Committee agreed to broaden its range of responsibilities during 2017 and now provides oversight of NZAC archives, oral history recording, resale and upcycling of climbing books from members. We welcomed new committee members Tom Riley and Grant Hunter to assist us and support the work Limbo Thomson has completed on oral history. One task we tackled is compilation of a list of all New Zealand climbing guidebooks; our goal is to assemble a set of all guidebooks for reference uses.

In 1987 NZAC published an Index to the New Zealand Alpine Journal. An update of the Index has recently been completed and provides coverage of NZAJ 1892-2016. It will soon be available as a pdf on the NZAC website, and users will be able to search the 7000+ rows using the Search function in Adobe Acrobat Reader.

Two grants were made during the year from the DOW Hall Fund: To Laurence Fearnley and Paul Hersey for An Anthology of New Zealand Mountain Writing 1830 – 2015 (publication target late 2018), and to Paul Maxim for Aotearoa 25 (publication target 2019).

– Ross Cullen

CLIMBING/INSTRUCTION

Thank you to Pete Cammell, who recently resigned from the Climbing and Instruction Committee (CIC), for his invaluable technical input and enthusiasm, as convenor of the committee. A new convenor will be appointed and in the interim Penny Webster and Ashlee Peeters have completed the 2017 annual report.

The Alpine Instructors Development Course (IDC) was at Temple Basin in June, a new three-day format was trialled and well received. It was excellent to see the commitment of the volunteer instructors from the sections and their passion to support the Club with volunteer instruction. All instructors in attendance received a Club logo embroidered microfleece top from Macpac as a small token of the Club's appreciation. Alternative options to the Alpine Instructor Development Course are currently being explored as sections have identified the preference for a location/section specific course. Volunteer Instructor Training is still under discussion with the CIC members being asked to collate ideas from their sections regarding appropriate instructor skill development. The National Office is currently working on a national register of volunteer instructors with their experience and qualifications, a step towards identifying and recognising the fantastic instructors the Club has.

The National Courses run by the NZAC National Office have remained popular. Thanks to former Programme Manager, Sefton Priestley, for his time at NZAC HOM spent further developing excellent National courses. These courses provide members with strong skills to continue their progression in the alpine environment. Simon Middlemass provided great support over the 2016/2017 Summer allowing the High Alpine Skill Courses and Peak Performance courses to continue after Sefton's departure. Leading on Technical Ice Courses and Glacier Skiing Courses were a highlight on the winter calendar. Unfortunately, the Intro to Backcountry Skiing Course was

cancelled this year due to low interest, however plans to adapt the course for next year are in motion.

NZAC Sections organised and ran professionally led courses which operated under the NZAC Safety Management System (SMS) including an Advanced Alpine Course, Avalanche Awareness and Snowcraft Intermediate. NZAC Sections also ran professionally led external courses such as advanced rock climbing courses. External providers were valuable particularly in Australia where legislation has until now made running courses and trips difficult.

The SMS is an inherent part of the NZAC organisation and enhances safety practices. The CIC agreed that some of the current SMS documents are cumbersome and wordy and are therefore at risk of being 'imposing and hindering' for Club volunteers. The Volunteer Instructors Policy and Procedures (VIPP) are currently under review with the objective of producing documents which will maintain the current safety standard while being more intuitive to the user.

In the monitoring and continual improvement areas, the CIC has moved that a pool of Technical Advisers (TA) be appointed. These TAs will be qualified professionals who will provide advice/guidance to the sections surrounding their instruction and trips. Some sections already have TAs they consult and we are hoping to strengthen these existing relationships where possible.

The NZAC Trip Worksheet is a new document prepared by Chris Munro to assist trip leaders in planning, collecting necessary documentation and reporting. It is an exciting, user-friendly document and feedback from testers has been positive. With the last tweaking taking place, the document will be available to sections and Club individuals via the website. A big thank you goes to Chris for the huge number of hours he has put into setting up this document.



William Elliot in a mentored role on Mt. Temple (Trip Planning module, IDC)

There has been consensus that NZAC offer a comprehensive instruction programme however there appear to lack of suitable follow up trips (more noticeable in some sections). Participants from courses were often moving onto other Clubs to gain alpine experience. The CIC would like to focus on encouraging sections to run a greater number of easier trips. It has been proposed that Trips guidelines be created to provide guidance on more technical NZAC trips.

The current CIC members respect the importance of a systematic approach to safety. Whilst there are less professionals on the committee since its inception, it is healthy for the Club to have younger

enthusiastic CIC members who are taking the time to read, review and continually improve documentation. CIC respect and appreciate the recommendations and technical advice of professionals who currently work in the field.

Let us make the NZAC SMS a dynamic model of how volunteers and professionals can work together in adopting and implementing a 'safety and quality culture based on best practice'. We thank all the past year's CIC members for their hard work and commitment.

- Penny Webster and Ashlee Peeters

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 inspiring Section evenings and articles in the Alpine Journal and NZ Climber. The Fund committee consisting of myself, Brian Alder, John Nankervis and Sean Waters reviews 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 and hosts reports from previously funded trips.

This year, we awarded a total of \$3950 to the following expeditions:

- Llewellyn Murdoch, Allison Swintz, Nick Cradock and David Shotwell – New routes on Never Seen Tower (5750m), Miyar Valley, Himachal Pradesh, India (\$2000).
- Graham Zimmerman – First ascent of Muchu Chhish (7453m), Pakistan Karakoram (with Chris Wright)(\$750).



The Towers at Dusk.
Photo Tim Ritson

- Daniel Joll, Steve Fortune and Matthew Scholes – New route on Cholatse (6440m), Khumbu region, Nepal (\$1200).

Thank you to all the donors who made this support possible.

- Paul Knott, Fund convenor

DONATIONS TO NZAC FOR 2016-2017

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.

DONATIONS

The Club funds: Expedition; Club Huts; Access; DOW Hall Publications and General

- Paddy Cotter \$3000 (Hut)
- Michael Gill \$1000 (Hut)
- Ian Rogers \$650 (Godley Hut)
- Peter Squires \$500 (\$250 ea Hut and Access)
- Bernard Wicht \$400 (\$200 Expedition; \$100 Access; \$100 Hut)
- Roderick (Bill) Hodgson \$320 (General)
- Alpine Recreation \$300 (Unwin Lodge)
- Ben Winnubst \$300 (Hut)
- Dog Tucker Group (Bill Hood and Co.) \$260 (Hut)
- Robin Southern \$250 (Hut)
- John Pybus \$250 (Hut)
- Geoff Spearpoint \$250 (DOW Hall)
- Gordon and Hilary Hasell \$250 (\$150 Hut, \$50 Access, \$50 Expedition)
- Norman Hardie \$200 (DOW Hall)
- Andrew Grant \$200 (DOW Hall)
- Ben Winnubst \$200 (Hut)
- Bill Gordon \$200 (Hut)
- George Grindley \$200 (Hut, Access, Expedition, DOW Hall)
- Ashley Cunningham \$200 (Hut, Access, Expedition, DOW Hall)
- Ian Jeffery \$200 (General)
- Penny Brothers \$200 (Expedition)
- John Nankervis \$150 (Expedition)
- Splitn2.com Richard Harcourt \$150 (Hut)
- Ross Cullen \$150 (DOW Hall)
- Bill Beaven \$120 (Hut)
- Arend Merrie and Fiona Mairi Turner \$100 (Hut)

- Brian Cleugh \$100 (Expedition)
- Jim Hannan \$100 (Hut, Expedition)
- Nathalie Giraudon \$100 (Access)
- John Allison \$100 (General)
- Jack Woodward \$100 (General)
- Peter Pohl \$100 (Access)
- John McKinnon \$100 (Expedition)
- Julia Christie \$100 (Access)
- George Caddie \$100 (Hut)
- Peter Strang \$100 (Hut)
- Brian Cleugh \$100 (Expedition)
- Bruce Galloway \$100 (Hut)
- Geoff Harrow \$100 (General)
- Geoff Spearpoint \$100 (Hut, Access, Expedition, DOW Hall)
- Jim Hannan \$100 (General)
- Keith Moffat \$200 (\$100 Hut and \$100 General)
- Mark Hawkins \$100 (Hut)
- Mervyn English \$100 (Hut)
- Penny Webster \$100 (Hut)
- Peter Robinson \$100 (Hut)

- Journals and books - family Richard McMurray
- Books and climbing gear - family of Peter Manning
- Books - Mike and father Donald Dunn
- Framed image of the CMC Expedition to Masherbrum 1955 - Grant Hunter
- American Alpine Club for donating missing back issues of the American Alpine Journal to the NZAC Reference Library

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 are vital supporters that keeps the Club running smoothly for the benefit of all its members.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The 12 months ending 30 June 2017 has resulted in a surplus for the year of \$73,348. With a year of significant volunteer input from an administration perspective to assist with management and staff changes it is pleasing that the finances have been rigorous enough to maintain cashflow and business as usual.

As with last year, the Financial Report has been presented under the 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". The new standard requires that the Statement of Financial 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. Executive Committee will continue to monitor the detail on a monthly basis.

A positive aspect this year is that the SBS and members loans have been reduced by \$61,104. When the two fixed term loans with SBS came up for review the Club repaid one and fixed the other at a low interest rate of 4.89% for a further two years. There is currently unused head room on the Floating Mortgage with SBS which gives the ability to cover cashflow if required over months when the cashflow is lean. Members Loans are being repaid principal six monthly, and the Estate of another member gifted his remaining balance of the loan during the year and this generosity is very much appreciated.

Work on the Mid Tasman Hut was undertaken during the year with grant funds received in previous years allocated to this project. Grant funds not expended for projects are held on the Statement of Financial Position as Unexpended Grants. The hut costs are recognised in the Statement of Financial Position as Work in Progress as it is not yet complete. We have also been fortunate to have received

grants from The Meridian Waitaki Community Fund(a defibrillator at Unwin), and the FMC/DoC Community Fund for repairs to Godley Hut. The intended completion of the Mt Cook Aoraki Guide and Back Country Skiing books were further delayed so the benefit of this new publication has not eventuated this year.

An increase in tourist numbers to New Zealand have been reflected in the hut network income, and this is particularly evident in the Aspiring Agreement numbers supplied by the Department of Conservation. Of course, this also adds pressure on the expenses for operational and maintenance expenses which are reflected in the accounts.

Travel Insurance and Banff Film Festival continue to be popular and well managed. While some National Instruction courses were cancelled the remainder were financially viable. The Sport NZ grant received during the year is instrumental in supporting this and section instruction activities. Sport NZ funding has been halved for the 2017-18 year as their parameters around funding have changed, so Club funds generated from other sources are required to support instruction activities. Additional funds have been allocated to improve the support of section instructors training. Employee costs were less than the previous year due to a time operating without a General Manager and an Events Programme Manager. This was partly offset by contract or temporary staff, but volunteers, Executive Committee members and existing staff worked hard to keep the Club running in the interim.

The 125th celebration for the Club was well supported with merchandise sold to members during the year. Sponsorship for events supported by the Club enabled the profile of the Club to reach a wider public which has assisted with an increase in membership. A new Sponsorship Policy has been developed to ensure this is managed appropriately. FMC fees were increased significantly this year after several years little change.

The 2017-18 budget has been approved and is in place. It is a balanced budget indicating a very modest surplus. CCM in May this year agreed on a

wish list of capital and operational expenses which were then ranked in importance and included in the budget. However, the ability to cashflow all these activities is dependent on anticipated donations received from section surpluses.

Ashton, Wheelans Ltd has performed a review of the Financial Statements. Currently this remains the most appropriate method to provide comfort that

nothing has come to their attention that the financial statements are not fairly presented.

NZAC is well positioned for future opportunities and it is exciting to see the enthusiasm and drive from enthusiastic and generous members.

Gillian Crombie

Honorary Treasurer



Mountains and Goats.
Photo Chris Kavazos

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INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Members of THE NEW ZEALAND ALPINE CLUB INCORPORATED

We have reviewed the performance report of The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated on pages 19 to 24, which comprise the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2017 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 when cash is received however amounts received in advance of the period to which they relate should be recorded as a liability. There is no adjustment for subscription income received at balance date which proportionally relates to periods past 30 June 2017 and we are unable to quantify the effect of any adjustment.

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.

ASHTON WHEELANS

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

Qualified Conclusion

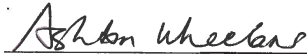
Based on our review, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Conclusion paragraph, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements on pages 19 to 24 does not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated as at 30 June 2017, 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 states club base huts with a government valuation available are recorded at this value as at 2005 and subsequently depreciated. No subsequent revaluation has been applied; any adjustment if made 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. Public Benefit Entity 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 or entity information has been prepared.



Ashton Wheelans
Level 2, 83 Victoria Street
Christchurch

20 October 2017



The Approach. Photo Chris Kavaros

The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated Statement of Financial Performance for Year Ended 30 June 2017

Note	12 Months ending 30 June 2017 \$	12 Months ending 30 June 2016 \$
Income		
Grants, Donations and Fundraising:		
Sport NZ Grant	55,000	55,000
Community Trust Grants	12,431	27,236
Banff Section Donations	9,941	50,756
Reserve Fund Donations	19,886	40,113
Other Donations	26,421	15,223
	<u>123,680</u>	<u>188,328</u>
Providing Goods and Services:		
Membership	302,408	281,794
Publications	142,595	137,628
Accommodation	290,756	300,097
Events & Activities	247,847	216,328
	<u>983,606</u>	<u>935,847</u>
Investment:		
Interest	<u>3,632</u>	<u>1,602</u>
Other	<u>25,859</u>	<u>9,767</u>
Total Income	\$ 1,136,776	\$ 1,135,544
Expenses		
Wages & Volunteer Expenses	302,838	320,956
Fundraising - Banff Film Festival	47,778	49,784
Grants, Marketing and Sponsorship	35,746	22,014
Providing Goods & Services	585,271	603,034
Interest	11,013	15,292
Depreciation	59,741	73,515
Other	21,041	18,684
Total Expenses	\$ 1,063,428	\$ 1,103,280
Net Surplus	\$ 73,348	\$ 32,265

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 2017

		30 June 2017	30 June 2016
		\$	\$
FUNDS AND RESERVES	Note		
Expedition Fund	8	7,907	9,422
Club Hut Fund	8	0	0
Development Fund	8	25,475	21,073
Aspiring Hut Fund	8	140,820	119,445
DOW Hall Publications Fund	8	11,222	9,193
Rockclimbing Fund	8	7,467	10,570
Total Club Funds		<u>192,892</u>	<u>169,704</u>
Hut Revaluation Reserve		<u>704,000</u>	<u>704,000</u>
Opening Accumulated Funds		758,816	761,619
Fund Movements		(23,189)	(35,068)
Current Year Earnings		<u>73,348</u>	<u>32,265</u>
Closing Accumulated Funds		<u>808,975</u>	<u>758,816</u>
TOTAL FUNDS & RESERVES		<u>1,705,867</u>	<u>1,632,520</u>
<i>Represented by:</i>			
NET ASSETS	Note		
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank		168,700	117,110
Aspiring MDS Account		140,820	119,445
Debtors & Accruals		76,667	102,367
Work in Progress		21,506	3,908
Stock		<u>70,612</u>	<u>76,125</u>
		<u>478,305</u>	<u>418,955</u>
Less Current Liabilities			
Creditors and Accruals	9	158,702	149,012
GST Payable		4,341	9,817
Unexpended Grants	7	37,512	43,147
Member Loan Liabilities - Current Portion	3	23,250	26,250
SBS Bank Loan - Current Portion	4	<u>5,525</u>	<u>11,093</u>
		<u>229,329</u>	<u>239,319</u>
Net Working Capital		<u>248,976</u>	<u>179,636</u>
Fixed Assets	5	<u>1,629,540</u>	<u>1,678,068</u>
Less Non Current Liabilities			
Member Loans	3	133,875	164,875
SBS Loan	4	<u>38,773</u>	<u>60,309</u>
		<u>172,648</u>	<u>225,184</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>1,705,867</u>	<u>1,632,520</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Executive Committee on 19 September 2017.

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 2017

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 FMC, 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 16 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 2017.

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) in respect of the preparation of its financial statements and disclosures on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of equal to or less than \$2,000,000. There is no statutory obligation to adopt Public Benefit Entity Standards and therefore no statement of service performance or entity information has been prepared. 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

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 Sections Banff donations)

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
Defibrillator	21%	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

There have been no changes in accounting policies this year. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with the prior year.

3) **Members Loans**

		2017	2016
		\$	\$
Unwin Redevelopment Project	Current	23,250	26,250
	Non-Current	<u>133,875</u>	<u>164,875</u>
		<u>157,125</u>	<u>191,125</u>

Members loans totalling \$157,125 (2016 \$191,125) remain owing on the Unwin Redevelopment Project. Interest is payable 6 monthly from 9 July 2010 at 3% per annum on \$120,875 (2016 \$162,625) of these loans. Four loans totalling \$37,000 (2016 \$28,500) have been requested to be interest free. One member generously donated their loan balance of \$8,500 (2016 \$13,875 donated by 2 members)

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.

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4) **SBS Bank Loan**

	2017	2016
Current	5,525	11,093
Non-Current	38,773	60,309
	<u>44,298</u>	<u>71,402</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 5.79% at Balance date, and one separate fixed term loans at 4.89%. The balance on a third loan split was repaid during the financial year. At 30 June 2017 the facility balance available was \$54,405. Security is held over the Arthurs Pass Lodge and land.

5) **Fixed Assets**

	2017				2016			
	Cost or Valuation	Depreciation for the year	Accumulated Net Book Depreciation Value		Cost or Valuation	Depreciation for the year	Accumulated Net Book Depreciation Value	
Home of Mountaineering	305,165	2,534	102,663	202,502	305,165	2,534	100,129	205,036
Base Buildings, Lodges & Huts	2,361,435	25,801	1,009,354	1,352,081	2,358,934	27,246	983,555	1,375,379
Total Land and Buildings	<u>2,666,600</u>	<u>28,335</u>	<u>1,112,017</u>	<u>1,554,583</u>	<u>2,664,099</u>	<u>29,780</u>	<u>1,083,684</u>	<u>1,580,415</u>
Fixtures & Fittings	17,541	1,088	13,011	4,530	14,314	1,098	11,923	2,391
Computer & Office Equipment	41,442	4,449	35,509	5,933	36,638	2,876	31,740	4,898
Website	209,337	25,870	174,844	34,493	209,337	39,762	148,973	60,364
Library Books	30,000	0	0	30,000	30,000	0	0	30,000
Total Sundry Assets	<u>298,320</u>	<u>31,407</u>	<u>223,364</u>	<u>74,956</u>	<u>290,289</u>	<u>43,736</u>	<u>192,636</u>	<u>97,653</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>2,964,920</u>	<u>59,741</u>	<u>1,335,380</u>	<u>1,629,540</u>	<u>2,954,388</u>	<u>73,516</u>	<u>1,276,320</u>	<u>1,678,068</u>

6) **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 photocopier lease was entered into for 48 months.

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Current	2,916	3,566
Non-current	4,350	6,257
	<u>7,266</u>	<u>9,823</u>

7) **Grants Received**

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Opening Balance Unexpended Grants	43,147	50,430
Sport NZ	55,000	55,000
DOC Community Fund	-	14,114
The Southern Trust	-	2,688
The South Canterbury Community Trust	-	4,348
	<u>98,147</u>	<u>126,580</u>
Expended portions	(64,432)	(83,433)
Unexpended Grants	<u>33,716</u>	<u>43,147</u>

8) **Club Fund Movements**

2017 Fund	Expedition	Club Hut	Aoraki Mt Cook Huts	Westland Huts	Aspiring Huts	DOW Hall Publications	Rockclimbing	Development Fund	Total
Opening Balance at 1 July 2016	9,422	0	0	0	119,445	9,193	10,570	21,073	169,704
Movements into Funds:									
Members Donations	1,815	9,749	650			4,010	995	0	17,219
Section Donations			5000					13,066	18,066
Grants Received			5,635	0					5,635
Hut Reserve Transfer		(7,341)	(11,285)	0	18,190				(436)
Interest	20	93			3,185	20	23	46	3,387
Total Movements In	<u>1,835</u>	<u>2,501</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,375</u>	<u>4,030</u>	<u>1,018</u>	<u>13,113</u>	<u>43,872</u>
Movements out of Funds:									
Grants Made	(3,350)					(2,000)	(4,121)		(9,471)
Capital Expenditure on Huts		(2,501)						(8,711)	(11,212)
Total Movements Out	<u>(3,350)</u>	<u>(2,501)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>(4,121)</u>	<u>(8,711)</u>	<u>(20,683)</u>
Balance as at 30 June 2017	<u>7,907</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>140,820</u>	<u>11,222</u>	<u>7,467</u>	<u>25,475</u>	<u>192,892</u>
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	<u>4,315</u>	<u>7,445</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,725</u>	<u>3,630</u>	<u>1,286</u>	<u>31,329</u>	<u>52,730</u>
Movements out of Funds:									
Grants Made	(5,500)					(4,283)	(434)		(10,217)
Capital Expenditure		(7,445)						0	(7,445)
Total Movements Out	<u>(5,500)</u>	<u>(7,445)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(4,283)</u>	<u>(434)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(17,662)</u>
Balance as at 30 June 2016	<u>9,422</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>119,445</u>	<u>9,193</u>	<u>10,570</u>	<u>21,073</u>	<u>169,704</u>

Combined movements into/(from) the four Hut Funds total \$21,375 (2016 \$4,725) 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 CCPF 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.

The Development Fund was established in May 2010 to reflect section contributions towards Strategic Plan club projects. Funds have been applied to Capital Expenditure and Strategic initiatives as approved by CCM

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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

9) **Creditors and Accruals**

	2017	2016
Creditors	47,406	34,458
Accruals	103,026	101,160
Special Purpose Donations	8,270	8,270
PAYE Owing	-	5,124
Total Creditors and Accruals	<u>158,702</u>	<u>149,012</u>

10) **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.

11) **Contingent Liabilities**

The Club is unaware of any contingent liabilities that may have been undertaken in the normal course of its activities (2016: \$Nil)

12) **Commitments**

Outstanding commitments as at 30 June 2017 are \$Nil (2016: \$Nil).

13) **Subsequent Events**

There were no known material events subsequent to Balance Date that would affect the reported financial position (2016: \$Nil)

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Frozen Cascade. Photo Lachlan Shaw

The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated
Statement of Cashflows

Cash from Operating Activities

Cash was provided from:

	12 Months to 30-Jun-17 \$	12 Months to 30-Jun-16 \$
Subscriptions from members	302,408	281,794
Receipts from providing goods & services	732,756	611,413
Interest Received	3,632	1,602
Grants, Donations and Fundraising	118,045	182,242
Total	1,156,841	1,077,051

Cash was Applied to:

Payments to Suppliers and employees	(982,949)	(998,610)
Interest Paid	(11,013)	(15,292)
Total	(993,962)	(1,013,902)

Net Cash from Operating Activities 162,880 63,149

Cash from Investing Activities

Cash was Applied to:

Aspiring MDS Fund	(21,375)	(4,725)
Fixed Asset Purchases & WIP	(28,810)	(14,809)
	(50,185)	(19,534)

Cash from Financing Activities

Cash was applied to:

Members Loans Repaid	(34,000)	(28,875)
SBS Mortgage	(27,104)	(16,217)
Canterbury Mortgage Trust Loan	0	(9,438)
	(61,104)	(54,530)

Net Cash from Financing Activities (61,104) (54,530)

SUMMARY

Cash from Operating Activities	162,880	63,149
Cash from Investing Activities	(50,185)	(19,534)
Cash from Financing Activities	(61,104)	(54,530)
Net Cash Movement	51,591	(10,915)

Opening Cash Balance	117,110	128,026
Closing Cash Balance	168,700	117,110

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

Name	Opening Total Value	Original Opening Cost	Total Revaluati ons	Total Opening Depn Value	Additions, Disposals and Revaluati ns	New Addition Months Deprn	Rate	Method	Depreciati on	Total Movt	Closing Total Value
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$				\$	\$	
Land and Commerical											
Arthur's Pass Lodge Land	24,000	11,000	13,000	24,000					0	0	24,000
Home of Mountaineering - Land	51,786	51,786		51,786					0	0	51,786
Home of Mountaineering - Building	153,250	253,379		253,379					(2,534)	(2,534)	150,716
Base Buildings, Lodges, and Huts											
Aspiring Hut	0	70,000	50,000	120,000				2%	S/L	0	0
Arthur's Pass Lodge	28,284	17,003	46,000	63,003				1%	S/L	(630)	(630)
Porter Lodge	0	75,835	75,000	150,835				1%	S/L	0	0
Homer Hut	83,137	114,003	45,000	159,003				2%	S/L	(3,180)	(3,180)
Homer Hut Water Tanks	2,205	2,405		2,405				5%	S/L	(120)	(120)
Ruapehu Hut	61,214	79,218	34,500	113,718				2%	S/L	(2,274)	(2,274)
Unwin Lodge	821,352	695,913	344,000	1,039,913				1%	S/L	(10,399)	(10,399)
Unwin Wardens Quarters	201,056	181,734	85,000	266,734				1%	S/L	(2,667)	(2,667)
Unwin Bunkrooms	19,906	20,800	9,000	29,800				1%	S/L	(298)	(298)
Unwin Other Buildings	31,450	32,500	2,500	35,000				1%	S/L	(350)	(350)
Unwin Furniture & Fittings	4,011	9,318		9,318	2,501	7	10%	S/L	(1,078)	1,423	5,434
Unwin Water Tanks	5,262	5,351		5,351				5%	S/L	(268)	(268)
Unwin Fire Alarm Monitor System	2,085	2,094		2,094				5%	S/L	(105)	(105)
Alpine Huts											
Centennial Hut	0	94,347		94,347				2%	S/L	0	0
Pioneer Hut	21,400	61,598		61,598				2%	S/L	(1,232)	(1,232)
Colin Todd Hut	0			0				2%	S/L	0	0
French Ridge Hut	43,726	122,709		122,709				2%	S/L	(2,454)	(2,454)
Murchison Hut	0	21,820		21,820				2%	S/L	0	0
Backcountry Huts											
Esquillant Biv	3,362	8,972		8,972				2%	S/L	(179)	(179)
Whangaeahu Hut	22,931	28,314		28,314				2%	S/L	(566)	(566)
Godley Hut	0			0				2%	S/L	0	0
Cascade Hut	0			0				2%	S/L	0	0
Elcho Hut	0			0				2%	S/L	0	0
TOTAL LAND & BUILDINGS	1,580,417	1,960,099	704,000	2,664,099	2,501		0	0	(28,335)	(25,834)	1,554,583
Sundry Assets											
Library Books											
Fixtures & Fittings	30,000	30,000		30,000				0%	S/L	0	0
Library Shelving	0	7,382		7,382				10%	S/L	0	0
Library Security Doors	105	1,050		1,050				10%	S/L	(105)	(105)
Shelving and Desks	875	1,140		1,140				10%	S/L	(114)	(114)
HOM Table & Chairs	0	924		924				10%	S/L	0	0
Desk	493	965		965				10%	S/L	(97)	(97)
Banners for Events	0	1,903		1,903				30%	S/L	0	0
Margarets Workstation	918	950		950				10%	S/L	(95)	(95)
Unwin Heartstart FRX Defibrillator					3,227	12	21%	S/L	(678)	2,549	2,549
Computer & Office Equipment											
Data Projector	0	3,150		3,150				40%	S/L	0	0
Polycom Soundstation	0	1,560		1,560				40%	S/L	0	0
Sonic Firewall and Hub	0	860		860				40%	S/L	0	0
Telephone PABX	0	3,113		3,113				40%	S/L	0	0
Monitor (Publications)	0	444		444				40%	S/L	0	0
Scanner - Epson (Publications)	0	781		781				40%	S/L	0	0
Backup System	0	2,407		2,407				40%	S/L	0	0
Windows Server 2008 HP ProLiant ML110	0	3,059		3,059				40%	S/L	0	0
Computer - Mac Quadcore G5	0	3,955		3,955				40%	S/L	0	0
Computer Monitors (2)	0	564		564				40%	S/L	0	0
Computer HP 6200 PRO SFF SAUD12701	0	1,937		1,937				40%	S/L	0	0
Computer HP 6200 PRO SFF SAUD14503	0	1,816		1,816				40%	S/L	0	0
Sonicwall TZ100 WirelessN	0	669		669				40%	S/L	0	0
Data Projector for Unwin	0	2,084		2,084				40%	S/L	0	0
Satellite Phone	939	2,013		2,013				20%	S/L	(403)	(403)
Telephone System	0	1,100		1,100				67%	S/L	0	0
Apple Computer - for Sefton	430	1,843		1,843				40%	S/L	(430)	(430)
Membership Card Printer	1,313	1,970		1,970				40%	S/L	(788)	(788)
Lenovo Computer(Nanina)	725	1,036		1,036				40%	S/L	(414)	(414)
Lenovo Laptop Computer (Karens)	1,491	1,597		1,597				40%	S/L	(639)	(639)
Apple 22" iMac &USB (Kester)					4088	12	40%	S/L	(1,635)	2,453	2,453
Lenovo ThinkCentre S500 (Margaret)					1396	3	40%	S/L	(140)	1,256	1,256
Website											
Website Upgrade 2009	0	16,873		16,873				30%	S/L	0	0
Website Upgrade 2010	0	12,888		12,888				30%	S/L	0	0
Membership Database	0	40,671		40,671				30%	S/L	0	0
Climber.co.nz Website	0	12,146		12,146				30%	S/L	0	0
ClimbNZ Website	0	1,460		1,460				30%	S/L	0	0
Website Upgrade 2011	0	20,282		20,282				30%	S/L	0	0
Website Upgrade 2012	0	18,784		18,784				30%	S/L	0	0
New ICT Website ex Publica	60,363	86,233		86,233				30%	S/L	(25,870)	(25,870)
TOTAL SUNDRY ASSETS	97,652	289,609	0	289,609	8,711				(31,407)	(22,696)	74,956
	1,678,068	2,249,708	704,000	2,953,708	11,212				(59,741)	(48,529)	1,629,540

A valuation for insurance purposes was carried out on the Unwin, Arthurs Pass, Centennial Hut and Porters Lodge buildings dated 4 October 2016. The indemnity values are

Unwin Lodge	\$892,600
Unwin Wardens Quarters	\$220,000
Unwin Family Rooms	\$30,300
Unwin Other Buildings	\$36,900
Arthur Pass Lodge	\$188,600
Centennial Hut	\$225,300
Porters Lodge	\$188,500

A separate Registered Valuation of Arthurs Pass Lodge was carried out on 30th August 2013. The market valuation on this property was \$210,000

NZAC Annual General Meeting 2017

Friday 27 October, 7pm. CMLC Clubrooms, 110 Waltham Rd, Christchurch

The business to be transacted at the meeting includes proposed changes to rules 21b and 22b to include email correspondence. Please see full notice of the proposed changes included in Appendix 1.

The agenda is as follows:

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| 1. Apologies | 7. Election of Club Officers |
| 2. Proxies | 8. Appointment of Auditor |
| 3. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2016 AGM | 9. NZAC Volunteer of the Year Award |
| 4. Presentation of the President's Report | 10. Proposed NZAC Rules change |
| 5. Obituaries | 11. General Business |
| 6. Presentation of the Financial Report | a. Presentation of awards |

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

- Any Member unable to attend a general meeting may vote by proxy, written notice of which must be received in the National Office by post or fax by the day before the meeting.
- A proxy vote must nominate another Club Member attending the meeting to act on that 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.

Appendix 1: NZAC Annual General Meeting 2017

Changes to Club Rules for Proxy and Postal Voting

Introduction

The Club rules provide for member voting in two discrete circumstances:

- At a general meeting (either in person or by proxy)
- In a postal vote

It has been identified that the process specified in the Club rules for proxy voting and postal voting does not permit the Club to utilise modern digital communication forms (eg. email).

At its meeting in May 2017, in discussion regarding the extant governance review, Club Committee noted and resolved as follows:

"...a preliminary rule change to include email/electronic vote as a means of voting [was

proposed]. It was agreed that this rule change should be proposed and voted on at the AGM. It was moved that:

"The Club amends rule 22b to allow for other means of recording votes".

Jaz Morris/Shane Orchard Carried"

Club Committee did not, in terms of Club rule 35c, determine that a postal vote was required.

Following that meeting, further examination has identified that both Club rule 21b and rule 22b should be amended to permit the use of modern digital communication forms for voting.

It is noted that the proposed changes are broadly in line with Club rule 19a (which provides for General Meeting notices to be issued by email).

Proposed rule changes

The proposed rule changes for voting at the Club AGM on 27 October are as per the underlined changes below:

21. Voting and Proxies

- 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.
- Any Member unable to attend a general meeting may vote by proxy, written notice of which must be received in the National Office by post or fax, email or other form of digital communication as may be approved in advance by the Club Committee by the day before the meeting.
- A proxy vote must nominate another Club Member attending the meeting to act on that person's behalf.

22. Postal Voting

- 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.
- 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 the National Office.

Votes may be sent by post or fax, email or other form of digital communication as may be approved in advance by the Club Committee.

The Club Committee shall appoint 3 Members to be scrutineers, and at the voting deadline the National Office shall hand the ballot papers to the scrutineers.

- 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.

Extra notes Appendix 1 – Process for Rule Changes

35. Rule Changes

- Any Member or Section desiring to change the Club's Rules shall submit in writing the proposed rule change to the National Office for consideration at the next meeting of the Club Committee.
- The 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.
- At the discretion of the Club Committee or upon a requisition to the National Office signed by 25 Members, a postal vote of Members shall be held to decide upon the proposed rule change.
- 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.
- 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.
- No rule alteration, deletion or addition to the rules shall have the effect of altering the amateur sports promotion status of the Club.

Appendix 2: Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Alpine Club

Held on Friday 4 November 2016 at 7:30 pm at the Cashmere Club, Colombo Street, Christchurch.

Welcome

1. The President, Penny Brothers welcomed Karen Tait as the new NZAC General Manager and Jocelyn Douglas as Minute taker. She apologised for the late circulation of the Annual Report and Minutes.

- A challenge has been put out to members to identify and visit geographical features with the name Harper, Ross or Mannering over the 2016/17 summer.

- (ii) The Taranaki Section was welcomed back into the fold.

- (iii) A very successful Sustainable Summits conference was held at Aoraki/Mt Cook in August. It focused on practical solutions to sustainability issues in the mountains to protect our future mountain environment.

- (iv) All activities during the year have been very successful, including Section trips, Banff, the photo competition, and the national and volunteer instruction Courses. All committees have been very engaged and have active convenors.

- (v) Challenges for the Club have included the redevelopment of three websites, alpineClub.org.nz, climber.co.nz and climbz.org.nz. The first two of these have been launched and, while largely successful, there have been some negatives. As an example, there is now no function to invite members to make donations when renewing their membership online and this has had an impact e.g. on the Expedition Fund capital. Development of the climbz.org.nz route database is on hold while the governance and financing of the project is considered.

- (vi) Staffing. Unexpectedly, the Club has had to recruit two new General Managers within six months and for several months during the year has run without a General Manager. There has been one other staff resignation and staff have taken leave. This has led to huge workloads for staff and the Executive Committee. Thanks especially go to Geoff Gabites for his oversight during the interim periods.

- (x) The IT and staffing challenges have raised questions about Club governance, including issues around the governance/management interface and succession planning and job descriptions. A proposal to hold a governance review is to be considered at the November 5-6 Club Committee Meeting (CCM).

Attendance

2. Penny Brothers presided over a meeting of 40 other members from throughout New Zealand and Australia.

Apologies

3. Apologies were received from Sam Newton, Donald Lousley, John Nankervis, Rob Mitchell, Chris Munro and Derek Crombie.
4. It was moved: *"That the apologies be accepted."* Sean Norman/RossCullen. Carried

Matters Arising from the 2015 Minutes

5. It was moved: *"That the Minutes of the 2015 AGM of the Club be taken as read."* Greg Siddells/Jaz Morris Carried
6. Norman Hardie advised that Hilary Harrington, who was listed in the obituaries in the Minutes of the 2015 AGM, was better known as Larry Harrington. This will be amended to read Hilary (Larry) Harrington.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the 2015 AGM

7. It was moved: *"That the Minutes of the 2015 AGM of the Club be adopted as a true and accurate record."* John Cocks/Nick Shearer Carried

President's Report

8. It was moved: *"That the President's Report be taken as read."* Greg Siddells/Simon Williamson Carried
9. The President spoke to her report, especially noting the following.
 - (i) 125th anniversary celebrations:
 - These are running from March 2016 to March 2017
 - The anniversary dinner is to be held November 5, 2016

- (xi) The above issues have delayed the Strategic Planning exercise.

- (xii) There is a need to address the Club's obligations under the new Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 for both staff and volunteers, especially as our core activities do carry some risk. There is a need to embed a culture of safety in all our activities.

- (xiii) Finally, the President thanked members for donations during the year. She also thanked Geoff Gabites as Executive Chair, John Cocks (for the past four years as President Elect, President, and Immediate Past President), Gillian Crombie as Hon. Treasurer and George Edwards as Hon. Secretary. Overall the Club has a very hard working and committed staff, very supportive volunteers and a large and engaged membership.

10. It was moved: *"That the President's Report be accepted"*. Greg Siddells/Chas Tanner Carried

Obituaries

11. A minutes silence was held to remember those Club members who had died during the past year. These were:

Mallory McCornish	George Goodyear
H Tom Barcham	Steve Dowall
Paul Wood	Nicola Andrews
Dale Thistlewaite	Stuart Holloway
Eric Jacomb	H Dion Ambler
Gergo Verhas	Roger Barrowclough
Robert (Bob) Entwisle	Ian (Dick) Seddon
Colin Putt	Desmond (Des) de Terte
Russell Braddock	Howard (Howie) McGhie

Financial Report

12. It was moved: *"That the Financial Report be taken as read."* Ross Cullen/Greg Siddells Carried
13. Gillian Crombie presented the highlights, in particular noting the following:

- (i) CAANZ (previously NZICA) imposed a new standard for Not for Profit Organisations with respect to accounts. We are obliged to comply with this and hence the accounts now have a shorter format.

- (ii) The Operating Surplus for 2016 is \$32K. We

budgeted for a \$31K loss so have done better than expected. This is a result of: an increase in membership; an increase in grants and donations; and an increase in revenue from hut fees and from instruction and events.

(iii) Expenses 2016: there has been an increase in employment costs; an increase in the costs of providing services and activities; an increase in grants and sponsorship given out, including Sustainable Summits and marketing; and an increase in depreciation (ICT Project amortisation).

(iv) Capital Expenses and Loans and Stock Movements: the Club has decreased the loan balance by \$54K; has made fixed asset additions (computer upgrades, Unwin water tanks and security); and has decreased book stock levels by about \$10K.

(v) Loans and Repayments: as of January 2016 the Home of Mountaineering is now mortgage free; the SBS Bank reducing loan has been reduced by \$16K – and subsequently reduced further; the pay-back of member loans for the Unwin rebuild started in January 2016 and is continuing. It was noted that two members have converted their loan balances to donations.

(vi) Gillian noted the highlights as being: a further increase in National Instruction Courses and Banff; Travel Insurance being maintained with a new provider – more expensive but still well subscribed; a good growth in subscriptions; Huts and Lodges doing well; reductions in loans; and the Photography and Yoga workshops.

(vii) External funding: The DoC Community Fund for the mid-Tasman Hut – building is progressing. The Southern Trust provided funds for mattresses for Porter Lodge and the South Canterbury Community Trust provided funds for mattresses for Unwin. Grants have also been received for maintenance projects for Godley, Pioneer, Elcho and Dasler Huts. The Sport NZ fund remains the same for the 2016-17 year, but an application needs to be lodged in December 2016 for following years funding.

(viii) Summary: the cash flow is \$11K; SBS and member loans have decreased; the Home of Mountaineering loan is repaid; reserve funds are

positive; and publications monies are down though some publications are still in progress.

14. Queries from the floor

(i) Dave Ellis noted that interest hadn't reduced by very much even though loans are being paid back. Gillian advised that significant repayments were made in the second half of the year and the reduction in interest will be more apparent this year.

(ii) Pete Cammell noted that Gillian Crombie has done an excellent job as Hon. Treasurer. He asked what caused the significant increase in accommodation income. Gillian advised that tourist numbers nationally were up about 20% from last year, and this was impacting on hut numbers especially at Ruapehu, the Aspiring group, Homer and Unwin. Pete Cammell asked about future priorities – Gillian suggested paying off debt.

(iii) Gillian noted that banks will not lend on huts that are not on our own land. Arthur's Pass Hut and the Home of Mountaineering are on our own land so we can borrow on these.

(iv) Do accounts include funds held by Sections? Gillian replied that they do not as the HOM does not control the Sections. HOM does not know what funds the Sections hold. The auditors considered this as part of their review and accepted that this is not required.

(v) Geoff Gabites asked the value of the Home of Mountaineering. The rateable value is greater than \$400K.

(vi) Greg Siddells noted that no fees are paid to the Hon. Secretary. He feels the Club should consider this. Penny Brothers explained that the Hon. Treasurer gets no payment but Gillian Crombie carries out an accounting function as well and has been remunerated for this at a low rate for the last four years. It has already been agreed that the Minute taker be paid, but this is separate from the Hon. Secretary position which is unpaid.

(vii) Chas Tanner asked what we owe on Unwin and the timeline for paying. We owe about \$175K.

(viii) It was noted that the website was completed in 2015 but is not entirely satisfactory. Erik Bradshaw has set up a small committee to consider ways it can be improved. He considers about six months more work is needed.

15. It was moved: *"That the Financial Report for the year be accepted."*

Jaz Morris / Yvonne Pfluger Carried

16. It was moved: *"That the Annual Report be adopted"*.

Greg Siddells/John Jordan Carried

Election of Officers

17. It was noted that nominations were meant to be received one month prior to the AGM. As this did not happen, the nominations will be confirmed at the CCM (as allowed by the Rules).

18. It was moved: *"That the Clubs officers be confirmed by the Club Committee"*

Penny Brothers/Greg Siddells Carried

Auditor

19. It was moved that: *"Ashton Wheelans continue as Club auditor."*

Gillian Crombie/Greg Siddells Carried

20. Pete Cammell congratulated and thanked Gillian Crombie for her work over the years. Penny endorsed this.

NZAC Volunteer of the Year

21. This year the award goes to Richard Brazier and Max Dorflinger for their work on Centennial and Pioneer Huts.

General Business

22. Chas Tanner noted that Rule 11 lists the Standing Committees. He would like to see the Climbing and Instruction and Recreation Access Committees included in the list.

23. Penny Brothers said that these committees are given the same status as those actually constituted under the Rules. She noted that several Rules need to be modified to reflect what the Club actually does. This will be considered at the CCM.

24. Simon Williamson noted that changes to Rules need to be approved at the AGM but need to be notified in advance. This will be discussed at the CCM.

25. John Cocks noted that since Sam Newton had resigned there has been an enormous load on volunteers. John thanked them, especially Penny Brothers and Geoff Gabites.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated Rules

1. Name

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

2. Objects

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 the 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 the 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 Committee, 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 making 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, conveners 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 Conveners

- 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 Conveners 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 the 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 for the standing subcommittees in addition to those specified in these rules.

g. The Club Committee may set up other subcommittees for specified purposes, and appoint conveners and members for them. These conveners shall as far as possible be section representatives, and shall not otherwise be ex officio members of the Club Committee.

h. Conveners 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. Conveners 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 President 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 the 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 the 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 the 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 the 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 the 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



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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 the 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 the 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:
 - i. full-time primary, secondary or tertiary students who can produce evidence of their student status;
 - ii. those under 25 years of age;
 - iii. seniors over 65 years of age;
 - iv. 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. The 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:
 - i. optimise investment returns while balancing risk and return considerations;
 - ii. ensure investments are liquid;
 - iii. 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:
 - i. 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 Secre-

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- tary and two members of the Club Committee, all of whom shall sign the document to which the seal is affixed; or
- ii. 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 in the 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 the National Office for consideration at the next meeting of the Club Committee.
- b. The 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 the 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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