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**New Zealand Alpine Club**

*Our vision: NZAC champions the pursuit of adventure, enabling skilled and independent climbers. We provide inspiration, information and activities for our members and the adventure and climbing community.*

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

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Cover: Matthias Kerkmann climbing Friday's Fool (M4), during the 2012 Remarkables Ice and Mixed Festival. Photo: Troy Mattingley  
Below: Tom Riley above the Taoka Icefall, Darran Mountains. Photo: Mark Watson

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## President's report

The last year has been another big one for NZAC. Our volunteer members in the Sections and our national staff continue to achieve so many remarkable things.

To list just some of what has happened in the last 12 months: the refurbished Unwin Lodge was reopened in November 2011, an excellent online version of the *Climber* was launched, our online route database ClimbNZ kept growing to an incredible 7,000 routes entered, our Section and National Instruction courses have gone from strength to strength, new guidebooks are in the works, regular events such as the Banff Film Festival, speaker tours, Climbing Camp and the National Bouldering Series were all successfully held. And that's not to mention the dozens of trips and section evenings run by our 10 Sections around New Zealand and in Australia.

The Club's Strategic Plan has six focus areas: Shelter (Base and Mountain Huts), Climbing Community (including Publications), Supporting Climbing, Access Advocacy, Relationships, and Running the Club really well. In each of these areas we have made progress.

Unwin Lodge has been a major project. The improvements are significant (it's such a warm place in winter now) and our Lodge Managers Chas and Katrina are doing an excellent job of initiating events so that Unwin becomes a destination. The Photography and Arts Workshops have been a great success with rave reviews by those taking part. We had our first Artist in Residence: Dean Buchanan spent a month painting works in his characteristic style. His donated work looking from Nuns Veil was successfully auctioned on TradeMe as an Unwin fundraiser. Chas successfully applied for a large grant from Meridian Energy to assist with landscaping.

As always we face ongoing maintenance on our

18 huts and lodges. De La Beche was rotten and has been removed and Murchison is heading the same way. The Shelter committee believes it has a low cost option for replacements for these and other high huts, which it is exploring.

The Club's publications continue to impress with their quality and breadth. The *Climber* and guidebooks are fantastic promotion channels for the Club, but we do need to stay abreast of changing trends and particularly make sure any new guidebooks are profitable. Publishing the *Climber* online is a major step forward and builds the NZAC and *Climber* brands in cyberspace.

The Access committee has made progress with establishing a database and starting to build relationships with crag owners. This is so important but so often underrated by climbers. The AGS Rockwall (formerly known as the Quarry) in central Auckland is an excellent example of the NZAC taking leadership in advocating for access. Our national status gave comfort to the landowner that the crag will be managed responsibly. More than 400 climbers have registered to climb there.

A great deal of work has been undertaken in recent years on the National Instruction Framework, designed to clarify the Club's requirements for safe and satisfying basic instruction courses. This has been coupled with volunteer instructor training weekends run by professionals, which not only help to establish common standards across Sections but are a great way for our volunteers to improve their own climbing skills. In May, the inquest was finally held into the death in August 2010 of Paul McLachlan on a Club instruction course at Mt Ruapehu. This tragedy has deeply affected those Club members involved. It has consumed a lot of Club resource, both in financial terms and in your executive and staff's time. The Coroner's report made no recommendations and noted that the Club had

Left: Looking towards Mt Madeline from the upper south-east ridge of Mt Tutoko, Darran Mountains. Photo: David Seath



already instigated improvements in its instruction programme.

The Club does face some challenges. The operating result for this year is a loss of nearly \$100,000. This needs to be treated with circumspection – last year there was donation income of the same amount which we didn’t see in 2011–12. We are still in good financial shape, but costs are rising. For example, *Climber* publication costs are up 18%, and the insurance bill for our Shelter portfolio will cost us \$67,000 next year. This is double what it was two years ago. We need to focus on reducing the debt we owe on Unwin and the Home of Mountaineering. Sections can help by making sure they forward their funds promptly to the Club Development Fund. On the positive side, we continue to have good growth from activities such as our best-in-class NZAC travel insurance.

In early 2012 we welcomed Sam Newton as our new General Manager, replacing Ollie Clifton who led National Office for five busy years. We owe Ollie a debt of gratitude for his contribution and for his calmness in a busy role that never stops! Sam comes from a background in business and government and is already making a real contribution to the growing professionalism of the Club.

NZAC has nearly 3,200 members. The diversity and expertise of our members is impressive. But when you dig into the numbers, it is clear that growth is happening in our larger Sections such as Canterbury Westland, Auckland and Australia. For our smaller Sections membership is generally flat or declining. In late 2011 the long-established Taranaki Section voted itself out of existence. A de-

clining and aging membership led to that unfortunate decision. Other Sections are likely to face the same issue in coming years.

Our Sections are fundamental to the success of the Club. Sections maintain huts and local crags, run basic instruction, are the local organisers for events such as Banff and speakers, and of course they run Section evenings. The reality, however, is that most NZAC members these days actually have little or no contact with their local Section. These members belong to use the huts, read the publications, or just for a sense of belonging to a 121-year-old national alpine club. But not necessarily for the fraternity that local Sections offer. We need to find a way to encourage more of these members to contribute their skills and energy to the Club.

Finally, the Club Committee has implemented a governance review. This is an area attracting much attention in the outdoor recreation and sport sector, with SportNZ encouraging clubs to think through issues around structure and governance. Be assured, no changes will be made without careful consideration.

My thanks go to our staff who have worked long hours and shown a commitment to the job beyond what can be reasonably expected.

And finally to the many NZAC members who volunteer their time and skills – thank you, each and every one of you. Yours contributions are invaluable. Every one of you is making a difference.

*Stu Gray*  
*President*

Right: Cairn, Darran Mountains. Photo: Richard Thomson



**In memoriam**

- John David Atkinson 1940–2011
  - Waimaria Kirsten Erueti 1968–2011
  - John Robert Bruce Menzies 1917–2011
  - John Russell Gregory (Russell) 1928–2011
  - Walter Fowlie 1925–2012
  - Mark Roland Ellis 1988–2012
  - Walter John Ferguson Somerville 1939–2012
  - Dorothy Henrietta Smith (Dot) nee Green 1918–2012
  - Steve Romeo 1971–2012
  - Marjory Ruth Hesselyn (Ruth) 1956–2012
  - William Christopher Freaney (Paddy) 1938–2012
  - Kenneth Hamilton Tocker (Ken) 1923–2012
- Non-member and long-time friend of NZAC John Aspinall died in November 2011





## The year in retrospect

### Running the club brilliantly

Another year on and the change of greatest significance has been the changing of the guard between Ollie Clifton and Sam Newton within the role as Executive Officer / General Manager. At the time of advertising the position we changed the job title to better reflect what we see as the role of the administrator and the greater business focus this position now has. Since his arrival Sam has worked hard to come to grips with a very diverse and varied role. Elsewhere with the staff, everyone is working to a considerable task load. With help from Narina the insurance portfolio has continued to grow strongly. The overall Club administration and responsibility for the Club database and financial reporting falls with Margaret, and as ever we owe a huge debt of gratitude for the hours she works in this role. Events continue to roll out, and the Banff Film Festival and the Club's growing instruction scope make increasing demands on Pat's time and energy. Within our Club communications, Kester maintains the status of our magazine and journal at a standard unequalled in quality and content.

### Unwin Hut wardens

While seldom recognised as paid staff, the new Unwin warden relationship comes under the Club's HR function based from Christchurch. This role will be formally established with the relationship and overseeing of this role by the General Manager.

### Section relationships

The growing pressure at section level has been graphically demonstrated by the vote to close down the Taranaki Section. Failure to attract a new committee regrettably led to this action. At a core level

of activity, Sections are delivering what has always been delivered, but we need to closely examine what those members who don't interact at Section meeting level are expecting from a national club..

### Executive Committee governance

Work continues around the governance of the Club, with a proposal coming to CCM to formalise the discussions which took place at the May CCM meeting. The challenge is to develop a Club structure that provides the strongest possible input from members at all levels together with the ability to tap into the skills and interests of our members. It remains a concern that a large proportion of the Club do not engage at Section level and yet our Club delivery is largely through this means.

### Accounting services role

Much of the Club's work is delivered by volunteers throughout the Sections and we applaud and encourage this service. Where specialist skills are required or the sheer workload cannot be serviced by volunteers, the Club has been forced to resort to changing to a more professional basis.

As a club we have a turnover of more than \$1,000,000 and handle considerable assets. Our existing structure would struggle to survive in a commercial world. Over the past year the Honorary Treasurer's role has continued to grow and is now at a point where the Executive team strongly suggest that we look at how to recognise the work level, which shows no sign of lessening.

**Geoff Gabites**  
Chair executive committee

Left: Dan Pringle climbing on Mt Ruapehu. Photo: John Palmer



## Shelter

Another great year of hut activity has flown past, with many members around the country making great contributions to keeping our network of huts and lodges around the country. Volunteers making their time and skills available are invaluable and I would first like to extend the Club's thanks to all those who have been involved.

Unwin Lodge is open for business and, under the direction of wardens Chas and Katrina, we have got off to a great start this year. Wonderful events ranging from painting to photography workshops to a large mid-winter dinner have already been held. We look forward to a busy summer season this year, and I would like to encourage all members to revisit Unwin and check out the new look and feel. You'll be amazed. Thanks again to those members committing donations and loans to this very successful project.

The Canterbury Westland Section has generously not only carried out the double glazing and bathroom improvements at Arthur's Pass, but also funded them as well from Section funds. Having Section involvement with our hut and lodge network is an important core strength of NZAC, and so our thanks go to the Canterbury Westland volunteers involved.

One major project this year will be the upgrade of the Ruapehu Hut toilets to a full containment system. Being high on the mountain and isolated on a ridge means that we have not connected to the Iwikau Village sewage system, but will instead use holding tanks installed under the hut, pumped out utilising RAL snowcats in the same way they do with the Far West T-bar toilets. Members from around the upper North Island are involved with this large project and other improvements to this well-used facility.

Godley Hut received some attention this year

with the replacement of lead-headed nails with modern fastenings. There is evidence that keas sharpening their beaks may have been ingesting the lead to their detriment.

A big loss for the Club which should be recorded is the removal of De la Beche Hut. Problems with moisture building up in the wooden framing of the hut caused serious rot to set in, and eventually removal was the only viable decision. It would appear that the same moisture problems are affecting the framing of Murchison Hut. Luckily, we have been able to deal with the same problem at Colin Todd Hut.

Both De la Beche and Murchison Huts are part of the important and well-loved network of climbing huts in Aoraki Mt Cook National Park. I believe that it is possible to look at replacing both in the coming years, possibly with slightly smaller bivvys which can be built off site and flown into position. This technique has already been proven with some replacement huts in the Department of Conservation's network, such as Silver Peaks and Ball Shelter huts.

With clever design, some donated labour and materials, and a modest amount of money, I believe NZAC can replace both of these huts in the near future. This will ensure mountaineers both now and into the future can enjoy the opportunities provided by these shelters from the storm.

Once again thank you to all those who have volunteered time and money towards our fantastic NZAC network of climbing huts and lodges. If you're not already, get involved, it's a fun and rewarding excuse to head to the hills.

*Richard Wesley*  
*Shelter business manager*



Right: Jane Morris on the Bonar Glacier, Mt Aspiring. Photo: Ollie Clifton

## Community

The Club's publications are first and foremost vehicles for members to share information and experiences. The vital ingredients are the stories, photographs and information that climbers contribute. So thanks to everyone who did so last year – without your efforts, little else the Club's publications team does would matter.

From this perspective, what 'publications' provides is technical support – from correcting spelling mistakes to designing guidebooks, building databases and constructing web services and multi-platform publishing systems. We are extremely fortunate to have such a smart and committed group of people providing these services.

The big news for 2012 is that the *Climber* is now online! Although the site did not launch until the start of the 2012–13 year, the behind-the-scenes work to make it happen was very much the major project of 2011–12. All content from the print magazine is published online, although features, reviews and technique articles remain accessible only to members for the three months until the next issue is published. It is great to see, too, that so many members are already using the site to discuss and comment on issues raised by articles.

Over the past year we have tried to ensure that the *Climber* better reflects both the successes of the Club and the achievements of members. I'd like to encourage all members to let Kester know how he's doing and what you value in the Club's flagship magazine: a sentence or two in an email is all it takes, or alternatively please do go online at [climber.co.nz](http://climber.co.nz) and comment there.

You'll notice that the peaks, routes, places and

## Events

The Club ran plenty of events during the 2011–12 year, starting with the 2011 Banff International Mountain Film Festival. In all, 5265 people attended the festival, spread over 11 screenings. Almost all were sold out. For the second year, the festival had

people in the online *Climber* stories all have a virtual existence. Geographic locations are collected in the [climbnz.org.nz](http://climbnz.org.nz) database, which must now be one of the best and largest databases of place names in New Zealand. We've also begun developing basic online profiles for the people who feature in the *Climber* – which is, really, all of us.

The focus in recent years on developing the Club's online services has had one unfortunate side effect: in 2011–12 the Club sold significantly fewer guidebooks than in recent years. This was not because people no longer want printed guidebooks. Rather it was because some guides were out of print and new titles were not yet ready. Ensuring the Club maintains a robust and regular guidebook publishing programme is a key focus for the current year.

Like all organisations involved in publishing, perhaps the biggest challenge the Club will face in the next few years is balancing what it has become possible to do with what we can afford to do and have the resources for. As an example, the online *Climber* undoubtedly requires additional time to publish. More work is needed to optimise the viewing experience on mobile technology. Do we need an iPad app? We cannot and should not try to do everything the new technology enables – choices have to be made. But we do need to continue to take full advantage of the great benefits that it brings in increasing accessibility and connectedness. We climb in exciting times.

**Richard Thomson**  
*Community business manager*

the support of adventure travel company World Expeditions who contributed \$5,000 towards the running of the event. By June 2012, eight of thirteen screenings of the 2012 Banff International Mountain Film Festival had run, again with sell-out

crowds. More than 7000 people attended Banff 2012, the biggest number to date.

The 2012 National Bouldering Series in February and March featured three new venues: Wanaka, Froggat Edge (Waitomo), and Turakirae Head. The final event took place at the old stalwart, Castle Hill. It was hoped the new locations would give the series a facelift and improve attendance, but Wanaka and Turakirae Head were not well subscribed. Consequently only two competitions will run in 2013, at Castle Hill and Waitomo.

In June 2011, renowned Japanese explorer and climber Tamotsu Nakamura visited Christchurch and gave a presentation on the mountains of eastern Tibet to a packed-out audience at the Cashmere Club. Tamotsu was made an Honorary Life Member of NZAC. In September 2011, 8000-metre climber Marty Schmidt gave presentations on his climbing and guiding career in Auckland and Christchurch.

## Climbing

The Winter Climbing Meet at Homer Hut, hosted by the Southland section, continues to strengthen and grow. Over a period of two weeks, dozens of climbers from across New Zealand and some visitors from abroad enjoyed a variety of conditions in the Darran Mountains. Four new routes were completed. The Winter Meet seems to have reached a tipping point in influence and popularity and the benefits are increasingly clear.

The inaugural Remarkables Ice and Mixed festival was organised by Daniel Joll and Ben Dare and held in August. More than 100 climbers attended and all had a great time. Abilities ranged from people learning basic snowcraft, right through to New Zealand's best climbers – including Steve Fortune, who was awarded the accolade of Black Diamond Alpinist of the Year. The festival raised more than \$8,000 for the NZAC Expedition Fund. Proceeds from the festival will be held in trust for five years, building a capital base for the fund. This will create a regular income stream independent of donations,

The 2011 Photographic Competition was well subscribed, with around 400 entries.

The annual 2012 Climbing Camp was held at Unwin Lodge, Aoraki Mt Cook and was hosted by the South Canterbury Section. Approximately 80 people attended and a wide range of peaks got climbed.

In April 2012, the inaugural four-day Unwin Arts Workshop was held, based at Unwin Lodge. This was a great success, with eight photographers and six painters attending under the tutelage of Colin Monteath and Jane Zusters.

Another milestone was the official opening of the newly refurbished Unwin Lodge in November 2011. Seventy people attended a dinner at The Old Mountaineer Café and then a morning tea the next morning to 'cut the ribbon.'

**Pat Deavoll**  
*Events and activities coordinator*

which will assist adventurous NZAC members on overseas expeditions. The true highlight of the festival was the collective enthusiasm and networking opportunities that were engendered. New routes were forged, hard repeats were sent, technique was workshopped, friends were made, terrain was introduced to visitors, and a great social time was had by all.

**Sam Newton**

## Instruction

The process of embedding and refining NZAC instruction has continued this year. At the beginner level, basic snowcraft and rock climbing are taught by volunteer members in courses organised by Sections. With the financial assistance of Sport New Zealand, NZAC supports these volunteer instructors by providing avalanche awareness and outdoor First Aid training. Volunteer instructors are also offered the opportunity to pursue instruction qualifications free of charge.



For the first time, 22 NZAC volunteer instructors from across the country were invited to attend an instructor development weekend at Temple Basin. Under the tutelage of professional instructors, the NZAC cadre was exposed to a variety of learning techniques and situations. The event gave a successful boost to developing Section-level instruction capability. Sport New Zealand funding also enables the Club to provide each Section's basic snowcraft course convenor with a professional mentor to guide the process of course organisation and help identify risks.

The result has been a busy and productive instruction year, with more than 100 NZAC members benefiting from volunteer-run basic-level snowcraft and rock climbing courses.

Seven National Instruction Programme courses ran over the 2011–12 summer: five High Alpine Skills courses, one Advanced High Alpine Skills, and one Mountain Skills for Women. In all 51 people were involved. A planned Multi-Pitch Alpine Rock course was cancelled because of two late withdrawals. The instruction programme was wound up significantly earlier than the previous two years to take advantage of the remaining snow. All courses were completed by mid-January.

As with previous years, all courses were instructed by professional NZMGA or IFMGA mountain guides, usually with a fully-qualified guide leading the course and a trainee or aspirant in support.

The courses continued to employ the fly in and walk out ethos with bivouacking on the way, with the exception of the Advanced High Alpine Skills course which utilised Plateau Hut.

The 2012 Winter Instruction Programme comprised the following courses: Mountain Skills for Youth, Introduction to Leading on Ice, and Introduction to Back-Country Skiing.

The three-day Youth and Ice Climbing courses ran on the same weekend at the end of June. The Youth Course went to Arthur's Pass and was run by NZOIA 2 instructors. The Ice Climbing took place

at Fox Glacier and was instructed by Fox Glacier Guides staff, as in previous years. The weather was fine and both courses got good feedback. The Youth course had seven girls and one boy.

The five-day Introduction to Back-Country Skiing employed the same model as previous years, using Mt Olympus ski area and lodge as a base. The 10 participants were instructed by Nick Cradock (the third time he has run the course) plus two other NZMGA winter guides. Despite a run of bad weather, the participants skied manically every day and everyone came home happy.

*Sam Newton and Pat Deavoll*

### **Expedition Fund**

The Expedition Fund exists to support and encourage overseas expeditions and exploratory climbing by Club members. At present, the fund depends entirely on the level of donations made by members. The fund was fortunate this year to receive a boost from the Queenstown Ice and Mixed Festival, however this is designated for longer-term investment.

Helping club members to climb overseas can give a real impetus to New Zealand mountaineers, as well as providing stimulating Section evenings and articles in the *Journal* and *Climber*. Applications are reviewed twice each year following the application deadlines on 31 January and 31 July.

This year, grants were approved for the following expeditions, all attempting new routes and first ascents:

- Rob Frost, Ben Dare, Scott Blackford-Scheele, and Andrei van Dusschoten. Attempt on Anidesha Chuli (6808 m) aka White Wave, Kanchenjunga region, Nepal (April–May 2013).
- Pat Deavoll. Attempt on Rahozone Zom (6535 m), Wakhan Corridor, Afghanistan (with Maryrose Fowlie and Bill Byrch).
- Graham Zimmerman. Attempt on south-west face of Asperity and south-west face of 'The Blade', Waddington Range, British

Columbia (with Blake Herrington and Scott Bennett).

- John Nankervis, Geoffroy Lamarche, Nicholas Shearer, John Cocks, Paul Maxim, and

### **Access**

It has been a busy year, as the Club recognised the national importance of ensuring continued access to climbing areas and appointed me as Access manager. In the coming year we plan to take advantage of the Club's recent investments in information technology and web services to develop a database of crags, landowners and their contact details, crag contact people, particular issues, maintenance requirements, and other ways the Club can help, whether that be signage or an annual bottle of scotch for the farmer.

Access depends on goodwill, good communication, cooperation on the part of climbers and, perhaps most importantly, the locals who work to ensure climbing at their crags remains accessible. Here are a few of the areas where the Club has had recent wins or is working to resolve problems:

**AGS Rockwall:** At least in terms of the amount

### **UIAA**

The Club is a founder member of UIAA (International Mountaineering and Climbing Federation). UIAA continues to face financial challenges but, assisted by better budgeting and strict cost control procedures, it looks likely to break even in the current financial year. Furthermore there are encouraging prospects of sponsorship for one or more UIAA activities. The Club needs to take better advantage of the services that UIAA offers, but equally we should be prepared to contribute in areas where we have particular expertise. The coalface of the UIAA is the work of its commissions. Currently Club members or close associates are full or corresponding members of five UIAA commissions: Youth, Medical, Mountain Protec-

Martin Hunter. Exploration in Yangma valley, Nepal, with ascents of Chaw Peak (6404 m) and Suyaokang (5960 m).

*Paul Knott*

of work put in by Auckland Section members, in particular Pete Cammell, the reopening of the Mt Eden Quarry at Auckland Grammar School, now known as the AGS Rockwall, has been a highlight.

**Port Hills:** Lindsay Main, John Entwisle, Joe Arts, and Simon Middlemass have been out on the Port Hills investigating crags and clearing hazards after the 2010–11 earthquakes. It seems clear that regaining access to closed crags will require a proactive approach.

**Redcliffe:** Discussions are taking place to resolve issues at this minor mid-Canterbury crag around the landowner seeking to charge for access.

**Waipapa:** We are still hopeful that full access to these cliffs can be restored.

*Chris Burtenshaw*  
*Access business manager*

tion, Safety, and Access. For more information on what UIAA is doing, visit its excellent website at [www.theuiaa.org](http://www.theuiaa.org). John Nankervis represented the Club at the 2011 General Assembly in Kathmandu and, as the Oceania representative, at management committee meetings in Kathmandu, and Budapest in April 2012. Since Kathmandu, UIAA has operated with a smaller than optimal executive board and this has called for more than usual input from management committee members. At the next general assembly in mid-October it is expected that a strategic plan will be adopted.

*John Nankervis*  
*Overseas climbing committee*





## New Zealand climbing activity

*This report covers developments in the New Zealand mountains from October 2011 to October 2012.*

### Darran Mountains

A number of new alpine rock routes were established in the Darran Mountains over the summer of 2011–12. Tom Williamson and Ian Brown climbed a new route on the south-west face of Mt Crosscut's west peak. The 10-pitch climb has been named *The Wrongest Day*, with the hardest pitch going at grade 20. Dave Vass and Richard Thomson established *The Subalpine Route* (III, 20) on the east face of Karetai, that after climbing a 500-metre new route on the Donne Face of Revelation named *The Big Easy* (IV, 22). During the same period, Mark Watson, John McCallum and Alan Thomas found a new eight-pitch line on the south-east flank of Karetai. *The Brown Spider* has a crux of 19.

Not quite in the Darrans, but near enough to count, Danilo Hegg, Nina Dickerhof and James Thornton climbed a new route on the south face of Terror Peak. The party walked in and out via Sinbad Gully.

Also not in the Darrans, but nearby, Steve Skelton, Shana Payne and Keith Brown put up two new routes on the Borland Bluffs: *Feature Face* (21) and *The Finger* (16).

Daniel Joll and Steve Fortune made first ascents of two routes from the Ngapunatoru Plateau. *The Kaipo Kid* (18) is on an outlier peak to the Kaipo Wall. The *Fortune/Joll* (21, A1) is on the right-hand side of the main Kaipo Wall.

Nick Cradock, Murray Ball, John Entwisle, and Dave Shotwell added a line to the Moir's Mate massif. *Shot in the Dark* has six pitches, ranging in difficulty from grade 17 to 24. Nick and Dave also climbed three new pitches just to the left of the previous route: the line is called *First Steps*.

The winter of 2012 was similarly blessed with enthusiasm for new routing in the Darrans. The bulk of activity occurred once again during the NZAC Darrans Winter Meet in July. In the upper reaches of MacPherson Cirque, Steve Fortune and Reg Measures climbed *The Road* (III, 4) while Tim Steward and J Harrison established *The Crossing* (III, 4), both on the left-hand wall. Reg Measures shifted his attention rightwards to the centre of the upper cirque wall, and with partners V Wills and H James climbed a three pitch route which they named *Bombay Sapphire* (III, 4). Shifting things further right again, Reg teamed back up with Steve for the first ascent of *Geezers Need Excitement* (IV, 6) on the south face of Talbot. Reg and Steve also climbed *Sign of the Times*, on the Cirque Creek side of Mt Crosscut, pushing the route to the summit of the West Peak (the original ascensionists climbed only to the snowfields on the south shoulder at two-thirds height).

New routing on ice and snow continued into the spring in 2012. During September, Guy McKinnon soloed a line on the other side of Cirque Creek. *The Troubled Land* ascends the west face of the North Peak of Mt Christina and bears a technical grade of 4+.

Then in early October, Daniel Joll and Steve Fortune headed into the Marian Valley to have a look at the south face of Mt Sabre. The pair inadvertently climbed a new line left of *The Big Corner*, thinking they were on that route. *Walk the Line* climbs six pitches before joining the west ridge, the hardest at WI5+.

Left: Matt Scholes climbing Stone Free (M5), on the west face of the Telecom Tower, Remarkables. Photo: Troy Mattingley



## Wakatipu

Summertime in the Wakatipu basin was a fine affair and produced a slew of new routes on the west side of the Remarkables. In the Valley of the Oceans, Guillaume Charton, along with multiple partners, established *Poseidon*, a fully-bolted, eight-pitch, grade 23 route on the Ocean Wall. Daniel Joll and Ben Dare climbed nine new pitches on the Pacific Wall, named *One Day Ocean Crossing* (17). Daniel and Ben then enlisted Danny Murphy to help them with *Walking the Plank* (20) on the Indian Ocean Wall. On the upper west face of the Remarkables Peaks, Daniel, along with Steve Fortune, Anna Ruotsi, Allan Uren, Cris Vanyo, Brett Gilmore, and Erika Tovar established *Blow Up, ET Goes Home*, *Los Indignados* and *Breaking In Brett*.

On the south face of Single Cone, Steve Barret and partner climbed *Barrett's Route* (18), Daniel Joll and Danny Murphy climbed *Got No Shoes* (17) and Daniel and Paul Angus climbed *Uncle Al's Retro Rack* (17). *Big Bouncing Boulders* (17) was climbed nearby and Ben Dare soloed a new line next to it, called *Blame the Rabbit* (18).

On the other side of the range, Rupert Gardiner

and Dave Bolger did two new routes: *Rambles Crack* (20) and *Diamond Dogs* (16).

When winter arrived, the usual suspects went to work putting up new ice and mixed lines on the south and west sides of the Remarkables. *Alejandro el Bicho le Gusta Sexo Duro* (350 m, M3/4) was climbed early in the season by Alex Corpas and Daniel Joll. In August, the inaugural Remarkables Ice and Mixed Festival drew 115 climbers from around New Zealand to participate in winter climbing activity at the Remarkables. A total of 14 new winter routes were climbed on the west faces of the Telecom Tower and Double Cone and the south face of Single Cone during the festival; all were climbed using traditional protection and ranged in difficulty from M3 to M8.

Daniel Joll, Jono Clarke, Matthias Kerkmann, Jamie Vinton-Boot and Danny Murphy found four good new ice routes in the north branch of the Route Burn.

Nearby, in the Polnoon Burn, Allan Uren, Lionel Clay and Malcolm Brown climbed a new 120-metre W13 route.

sey, Jamie Vinton-Boot, and Troy Mattingley made the first ascent of the west face of Mt Conrad in the Murchison Valley. The climb comprised three pitches of pleasant slab climbing.

On to winter: in July, Steve Fortune and Jamie Vinton-Boot spent a weekend climbing a new route on the south face of Mt Sealy. *Ice Gangsters* is a nice grade MC4 climb on the left side of the face.

Up in the Balfour Glacier, two new routes were climbed on the Torres massif. *Lost in Translation* is a grade W15, M5 route on the south face, put up by Daniel Joll and Alex Corpas in June. *Degrees of Illness* is six pitches, A14 and on the south face of the west rib, climbed by Brendan Maggs and Kirill Talanine in September.

## Barron Saddle to Mount Brewster

After climbing their route on Conrad, Shelley Hersey, Paul Hersey, Jamie Vinton-Boot, and Troy Mattingley kept walking, all the way to the Otoko valley, where Jamie and Shelley climbed a route on the north face of Mt Hooker. They didn't climb to the summit, instead finishing on the icefield just below the north-east ridge. Over in the South Temple Valley, Ross Cullen climbed *Hangups Need Company* (MC2) on the south face of Pakeke Peak, and then with Nick Shearer climbed *Taurus* (MC2),

## Other areas

In September Steve Fortune and Kieran Parsons went to have a look at the south face of Mt Tapuae-o-Uenuku, in the Inland Kaikoura Range, and came away with a good new MC4/4+ ice route.

Over the Christmas holidays, Geoff Spearpoint, Rob Frost, Claire Gibbs, Tim Church, and Yvonne Pflüger completed the first complete traverse of the Selbourne Range in South Westland. The party took six and a half days to get from the coast to the Dispute Lakes.

on the east face of Mt Calvin. Rupert Gardiner, Dave Bolger, Greg Larkin and Rodger Hodson did a trip to the Ben Ohau Range, where they made the first ascent of *Face to Face* (16), on the Pyramid Face of Mt Lloyd. In the North Huxley valley, Rob Frost and Ben Dare found a new route on the south-west face of Peak 20554 – a subsidiary peak of Mt Fraser. The climb is called *Aldous* and has a crux of grade 16.

Rob Frost and Claire Gibbs climbed a new route on Mt Oates at Arthur's Pass in December. *I May Be Some Time* (MC2+) is on the south-west spur.

Matt Thom, Rob Addis, and Steve Fortune added some new winter lines on the right-hand side of the south face of Matihao (Cathedral Rocks) on Mt Ruapehu.

*Kester Brown*

## Aoraki Mount Cook and Westland

On 18 November 2011, Felix Landman and Llewellyn Murdoch climbed a new route on the south face of Nazomi. *No Country for Old Men* is a popular route name (it has been used four times so far in New Zealand). Here it denotes a seven-pitch grade MC5 route.

In December some attention was focussed on alpine rock route development above the western neves. Stefan Sporli and Jude Spancken put up four new route, on Mts Humdinger and Haast. They are: *Kahu*, *Red Planet*, *Eurostar* and *Sun Circle*. Stu Holloway and a group of students from the Melbourne University Mountaineering Club found a new line between Aigrette and Jervois from the Franz Névé, which they named the *Egg Memorial Route* (17).

Later in the summer, Shelley Hersey, Paul Her-



Climber on the east ridge of Aoraki. Photo: Tony Rac





## New Zealanders overseas

New Zealanders continued a strong tradition of small, exploratory expeditions to interesting and remote mountain locales the world over during 2012.

In February, Aaron Halsted led a group of four to the summit of the highest point on Bouvet Island, in the Antarctic Convergence. The interior of the island had never been visited before Aaron and his team visited. The ascent was achieved mid-way through a 34-day ocean journey from Cape Horn to Cape Town.

In May, Erik Monasterio teamed up with Gregg Beisley to climb two new routes in Bolivia.

First up, the pair tackled the south face of Charquini (5400 m), coming away with the first ascent of a sustained, five-pitch mixed line in a 10-hour round trip. Next, Erik and Gregg climbed the east face of Pico Italia (5740 m) in the Huayna Potosi area, a difficult route which they graded MC5/5+.

In August, Pat Deavoll and Maryrose Fowlie made the first ascent of Koh-e-Rank (approx 6000 m), in the Wakhan Corridor region of north-

east Afghanistan. Theirs was the first trip into the area since a French team visited in 1968.

New Zealand women have been very successful on the world climbing stage this year. Early this year, Chris Burke became the first Kiwi woman to complete the Seven Summits (Chris climbed the Bass list).

In October 2011, Mayan Smith-Gobat became the second woman to freeclimb the *Salathe Wall* on El Capitan in Yosemite, USA. The *Salathe Wall* is a 35-pitch route, the hardest pitch of which is grade 29. Mayan returned to Yosemite in early 2012 to,

first, set a women's speed record on *The Nose* and then link both *The Nose* and the *Regular* north-west face of Half Dome in a day. Her ascents have prompted American magazine *Rock and Ice* to label her 'the best female big wall free climber in the world'.

Karl Schimanski also had a successful season in Yosemite. He freeclimbed the *Regular* north-west face of Half Dome and also *Freerider*, a variation to the *Salathe Wall*.

*Kester Brown*

Left: Steve Fortune on FitzRoy, Argentina, Cerro Torre behind. Photo: Daniel Joll

Below: Crowds! What crowds? NZAC Photographic Competition Photojournalism Acceptance. Photo: Pete Cammell







## Treasurer's report

The result for the 2011–2012 year of a loss of \$99,313 is disappointing and a large turnaround from the previous year. However, the previous year included specific donations for the Unwin development project of over \$100,000. Variance analysis has been undertaken to determine the major areas contributing to the loss this year and to consider improvements and options for changes to meet the 2012–2013 balanced budget adopted.

The 2010 Ruapehu fatality has added \$17,300 to the loss this year. The Coroner's inquest was held over the balance date period, but legal expenses associated with this enquiry have been accrued into the 2011–2012 year. Our thanks go to Alison Douglass for agreeing to a very reasonable fixed fee and to the Wellington Section who agreed to help head office subsidise additional legal fees for the instructors. Without these and hours of voluntary labour the cost of the inquiry would have been much higher.

Our insurance costs have also increased significantly and these affect both the 2012 and 2013 financial years. The insurance costs on huts and HOM has increased from approximately \$30,000 p a in 2011, to \$42,500 in 2012. This will increase to \$67,000 in 2013; more than double the expense in 2011. The Canterbury earthquake has been a major reason for the increase, with the Unwin redevelopment also providing a higher level of cover.

Publications have experienced a downturn in sales this year. Apart from an 18% increase in the cost of printing the *Climber*, several of our good selling books were sold out and unavailable for part of the year. This is now being rectified, and development of new books in topics of high demand is under way. An increase in costs of producing *Climber* and the *Journal* always puts pressure on an increase in subscriptions which is considered annually at CCM. More advertising in these maga-

zines or reducing printing costs through reduction in quality are two other alternatives being considered. Stock writedowns/writeoffs of \$7,000 were expensed this year as prudent measures were made to value saleable stock.

Further investment has been made in the Club websites this year and this will continue as the Club expands its online engagement with members. Online sales of NZAC products are now possible, but the downside of this is a significant increase in bank merchant fees which are not charged on to members. An investment has also been made in installing a new membership database which is still in the process of being adapted before it is able to take over the present unsupported database. Further funds have been allocated to both the website and the database in the 2013 year.

Accrual accounting has been undertaken more vigorously this year end to correctly reflect the matching of income and expenses for Banff Film Festival and for national instruction courses. Previously, as they both run over balance date, the accounts have reflected the income and expenses as they occur. This year these have been matched so the accounts correctly reflect the position of those events as they occur, but this has meant a timing mismatch from the previous year has had to be absorbed this financial year. In addition, professional indemnity insurance has been required for guides contracted to teach our instruction courses and this has been a new unexpected expense to the value of \$5,000. The Sport NZ grant of \$48,000 remains a vital part of funding towards our instruction programme.

The 2011–2012 financial year has required significant funds outflow with the bulk of the Unwin payments being made before and after opening in October 2011. As expected, the opening of Unwin before summer has been essential in improving hut

Left: A Bit Reachy, NZAC Photographic Competition Rock Climbing Acceptance. Photo: Derek Cheng



income this year, with a corresponding increase in costs. SBS Bank have supported the Club's financial requirements by allowing us to only draw down funds as required and pay on an interest only basis. Interest paid on member loans, SBS Bank, and the Canterbury Community Trust together increase the interest paid out from the previous year. Correspondingly, interest income is \$21,000 less than last year, as a consequence of members' loans being used for the Unwin rebuild, rather than being held on short-term deposit. A grant from Meridian Energy has been received towards the landscaping at Unwin. This grant has been deferred as income until the 2012-13 financial year as our policy is to recognise grants in the year that the conditions are satisfied. This landscaping work is currently in progress.

Additions and changes in staff have allowed the club to provide further benefits to the Club. Narina joined our administration team part time with prime responsibility for managing the travel insurance programme. This has proven to be very popular with large growth every year. Narina's salary is easily covered by the increase in sales and she is also able to provide additional support to Margaret. Pat moved from part-time to full-time during the year allowing her more time to organise the national instruction programme, the Banff Film Festival, Unwin workshops, and other activities for members. With Ollie resigning and Sam taking on the general manager's role, a hand over period was necessary, incurring double salaries for a month.

Depreciation charges for the year have decreased overall. This is a reflection of no depreciation being charged on Unwin Lodge for the year, in line with a decision by CCM. The sundry asset

depreciation has increased \$7,000 which is due to a full year depreciation allowance for the 2011 website upgrade, and depreciation on the 2012 website upgrade and other new assets purchased. As the website is depreciated at 30% p a this has a significant impact. The membership database has not been depreciated this year as it is not operational.

It is important to note that the cashflow from operating activities is positive by \$63,000. The Club is managing to limit the funds available from SBS Bank of \$125,000 to a maximum of half the available funding thereby reducing interest costs. Present cashflow indicates that this will continue to be well managed. Sundry asset investment of \$44,000 has been undertaken during the year, and the Canterbury Community Trust loan has been reduced by \$25,000. This loan will be repaid in another four years.

Section donations, derived from the Banff Film Festival, to the Club hut fund are vital to the maintenance of the hut network. Additional donations from Sections to the Development Fund are required to advance the strategic objectives of the Club. Our focus has been, and must remain, on reducing debt associated with the rebuild of Unwin Lodge.

Ashton Wheelans Ltd have performed a review this year and their report is attached. The Club remains in good financial position, despite the loss, and close monitoring of all aspects of its activities is important to ensure the 2013 year is a successful one.

*Gillian Crombie*  
Honorary Treasurer

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT**  
To the Members of the **New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated**

We have reviewed the financial statements of the New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated for the year ended 30 June 2012 in accordance with the Review Engagement Standards issued by the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants. The financial statements provide information about the past financial performance of the club and its financial position as at 30 June 2012.

**Club Committee's Responsibilities**  
The Club Committee is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which fairly presents the financial position of the club and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

**Basis of Opinion**  
A review is limited primarily to enquiries of the club's personnel and analytical review procedures applied to the financial data and thus provides less assurance than an audit. We have not performed an audit and, accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

**Review Opinion**  
Based on our review, we make the following observations:

- The Club's accounting policy for revenue recognition of certain income streams including subscriptions is on a cash basis. Generally accepted accounting practice requires the matching of income and expenses, and these financial statements do not incorporate any adjustment for subscription income received at balance date which proportionally relates to periods past 30 June 2012.
- There is no system of control over income received in cash except for grants 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.
- The Club's accounting policy is to revalue its club based lodges to government valuation. This policy is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice which requires the revaluation of fixed assets to be done by independent valuation. There were no changes in valuations in 2012.
- The Club's accounting policy is to depreciate all fixed assets except library books. For the year ending 30 June 2012 the Club Committee has elected to not depreciate the Unwin Lodge which was redeveloped during the year. This is a departure from the Club's accounting policy to depreciate club huts; had this adjustment been made the net deficit of the club would have increased by \$64,000.

Other than with respect to the matters outlined above nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying financial statements on pages 26 to 33 do not fairly reflect the financial position as at 30 June 2012 and results of its operations for the year ended on that date.

*Ashton Wheelans Ltd.* 6 October 2012  
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# Statement of Financial Performance for Year Ended 30 June 2012

	12 Months ending 30 June 2012	12 Months ending 30 June 2011
	\$	\$
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>		
<b>Members' Income</b>		
Subscriptions	226,041	209,464
Section levy	20,286	23,844
	<b>246,327</b>	<b>233,308</b>
<b>Publications</b>		
Climber	53,394	58,546
Journal	7,892	6,597
Club publications	28,814	53,081
General guidebook publications	33,628	23,624
	<b>123,728</b>	<b>141,848</b>
<b>Accommodation</b>		
Base lodges	113,526	84,445
Aoraki Mt Cook alpine huts	252	2,140
Westland alpine huts	19,351	18,952
Aspiring alpine huts	65,552	55,917
Backcountry huts	504	477
Reciprocal	700	800
Donations and grants	37,168	145,498
Interest	1,534	23,636
	<b>238,587</b>	<b>331,865</b>
<b>Club Activities</b>		
National grants (note 8)	48,000	53,000
Travel insurance	159,844	101,970
Expedition Fund	2,914	3,942
Rockclimbing Fund	2,425	1,517
Annual Climbing Camp	1,874	2,128
Banff Film Festival	20,246	25,738
National and section instruction	59,848	49,244
Unwin workshops	12,739	0
Rockclimbing general	6,770	4,835
National speaker tour	571	11,468
Other national events	2,038	17,889
DOW Hall Publications Fund	1,057	912
Other donations, grants and bequests	691	704
Interest	592	631
	<b>319,609</b>	<b>273,978</b>
<b>Administration</b>		
Publications postage recovered	7,836	6,984
Interest	768	542
	<b>8,604</b>	<b>7,526</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>936,855</b>	<b>988,525</b>

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	12 Months ending 30 June 2012	12 Months ending 30 June 2011
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Publications</b>		
Climber	60,346	50,186
Journal	27,386	28,366
Club publications	18,960	29,787
General guidebook publications	26,177	26,441
National office admin cost	97,525	93,638
	<b>230,394</b>	<b>228,418</b>
<b>Accommodation</b>		
General costs	2,170	4,887
Base lodges	84,663	37,555
Aoraki Mt Cook alpine huts	5,731	5,273
Westland alpine huts	23,749	21,149
Aspiring alpine huts	70,557	76,176
Backcountry huts	3,677	1,890
Reciprocal	569	619
Depreciation buildings	41,517	79,240
National office admin cost	48,062	34,624
	<b>280,695</b>	<b>261,413</b>
<b>Club Activities</b>		
Committee expenses	8,793	9,691
National instruction	76,021	34,856
Section instruction	5,141	3,258
Expedition Fund grants	2,424	4,520
Recreation advocacy	0	240
Annual climbing camp	856	2,955
Banff Film Festival	17,470	26,197
Photo competition	210	90
Travel insurance	131,524	85,179
FMC subscription	6,957	8,307
UIAA subscription	5,402	5,581
Other subscriptions	0	150
Rockclimbing	5,270	4,131
Rockclimbing Fund grants	1,235	1,400
DOW Hall Publications Fund grants	0	2,828
Bouldering competition	1,323	5,830
National speaker tour	1,401	7,399
General national events	4,329	12,943
National library	173	97
Ruapehu accident inquiry	17,288	0
Unwin workshops	11,143	0
National office admin cost	87,511	75,193
	<b>384,471</b>	<b>290,845</b>
<b>Subscriptions</b>		
Section levies	23,763	22,842
National office admin costs	33,145	39,377
	<b>56,908</b>	<b>62,219</b>
<b>Administration</b>		
Salaries and employment related expenses	225,096	187,991
Postage	15,390	15,025
Standing charges: rates, insurance, power	9,768	5,997
Depreciation: office equipment	23,968	16,627
Telephone and tolls	3,941	4,007
Printing and stationery	16,144	10,428
Audit fees	2,900	2,900
Bad debts	0	0
Bank fees	16,574	11,246
Computer	6,399	5,931
Mortgage interest charges	12,181	8,338
General	4,912	4,811
Home of Mountaineering depreciation expense	12,669	12,669
less National Office admin costs apportioned	(266,242)	(242,833)
	<b>83,700</b>	<b>43,137</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,036,167</b>	<b>886,033</b>
Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(99,312)	102,493

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statement and the accountant's review report.

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Statement of Movements in Equity for the Year Ended 30 June 2012

	30 June 2012 \$	30 June 2011 \$
<b>Equity as at 1 July 2011</b>	<b>1,569,801</b>	<b>1,467,308</b>
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	(99,312)	102,493
Total Recognised Revenues and Expenses for the Year	(99,312)	102,493
<b>Equity as at 30 June 2012</b>	<b>1,470,490</b>	<b>1,569,801</b>

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Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2012

	30 June 2012 \$	30 June 2011 \$
<b>FUNDS AND RESERVES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Expedition Fund (note 9)	14,600	13,775
Club Hut Fund (note 9)	20,000	85,840
Development Fund (note 9)	58,272	136,000
Aoraki Mt Cook Hut Fund (note 9)	1,173	1,158
Westland Hut Fund (note 9)	30,155	35,463
Aspiring Hut Fund (note 9)	21,592	15,969
DOW Hall Publications Fund (note 9)	8,088	6,864
Rockclimbing Fund (note 9)	5,015	3,734
<b>Total Club Funds</b>	<b>158,894</b>	<b>298,803</b>
<b>Hut revaluation reserve</b>	<b>704,000</b>	<b>704,000</b>
Opening accumulated funds	566,999	426,599
Fund movements	139,909	37,907
Current year earnings	(99,312)	102,493
<b>Closing accumulated funds</b>	<b>607,596</b>	<b>566,999</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS &amp; RESERVES</b>	<b>1,470,490</b>	<b>1,569,801</b>
Represented by:		
<b>Net assets</b>		
Current assets		
Cash at bank	88,819	514,345
Debtors and accruals	56,635	52,550
GST refund due	0	12,789
Stock	49,221	55,927
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>194,675</b>	<b>635,611</b>
Less current liabilities:		
Creditors and accruals	123,215	65,707
GST payable	11,896	0
Non current liabilities – current portion (notes 3, 4)	17,411	24,898
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>152,522</b>	<b>90,605</b>
<b>Net working capital</b>	<b>42,153</b>	<b>545,006</b>
Fixed assets:		
Huts, lodges and buildings (note 6)	1,657,484	1,240,393
Sundry assets (note 6)	94,236	74,243
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>1,751,720</b>	<b>1,314,636</b>
Less non current liabilities:		
Member loans (note 3)	225,000	225,000
Canterbury Community Trust loan – term portion (note 4)	47,454	64,841
SBS loan (note 5)	50,929	0
<b>Total non current liabilities</b>	<b>323,383</b>	<b>289,841</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,470,490</b>	<b>1,569,801</b>

These financial statements were approved by the Executive Committee on 6 October 2012.

These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accompanying notes to the financial statement and the accountant's review report.

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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 18 mountain huts for its members, and publishes many climbing guides.

There have been no changes in the nature of the Club's activities for the period ended 30 June 2012.

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

These financial statements are a general purpose report and comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice except certain income streams are recorded on a cash basis (refer to revenue accounting policy) and the revaluations of the club base lodges which are based on government valuation where available.

Specific Accounting Policies

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

Revenue Accounting Policy

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

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

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at their estimated net realisable value.

Stock

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

Income Tax

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

Differential Reporting

The Club is a qualifying entity within the Framework for Differential Reporting. The Club qualifies on the basis that it is not large according to Differential Reporting exemption criteria. The Club has taken advantage of all differential reporting concessions.

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

Depreciation has been charged on a straight line basis at the following rates:

Club huts	5%	SL
Office equipment	40%	SL
Fixtures and fittings	10%	SL
Computer equipment	40%	SL
Website	30%	SL
Library books	Not depreciated	

Goods and Services Tax

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

Donated Goods & Services

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

Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes to accounting policy this year. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with prior periods, except for the application of the depreciation policy for Club huts where the executive decided to not depreciate Unwin Lodge in the current year (see note 6).

3 Members’ Loans

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Home of Mountaineering	0	8,000
Unwin Redevelopment Project	225,000	225,000
	225,000	233,000

Members loans totalling \$0 (2011:\$8,000) provided for the Home of Mountaineering project are on an interest free basis. Members loans totalling \$225,000 (2011 \$225,000) were received towards the Unwin Redevelopment Project. Interest is payable 6 monthly from 9 July 2010 at 3% per annum on \$215,000 of these loans. One loan of \$10,000 has been requested to be interest free.

All loans are un-secured, and payment terms non-current.

4 Canterbury Community Trust Loan

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Current	17,411	16,898
Non-current	47,453	64,841
TOTAL	64,865	81,739

The Club has a 10-year loan from the Canterbury Community Trust maturing on 31 January 2016 when it is expected to be fully repaid. The interest rate is 3% (2011: 3%), and secured by a first mortgage over the Home of Mountaineering building.

6 Fixed Assets

	2012			2011		
	Cost or Valuation	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value	Cost or Valuation	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value
Land	75,786	0	75,786	75,786	–	75,786
Buildings	2,535,428	953,730	1,581,698	2,064,152	899,545	1,164,607
Total land & buildings	2,611,214	953,730	1,657,484	2,139,938	899,545	1,240,393
Fixtures & fittings	13,364	5,678	7,686	10,496	4,398	6,098
Computer equipment	66,804	44,794	22,010	44,496	38,528	5,968
Website	68,827	34,288	34,540	50,043	17,866	32,177
Library books	30,000	0	30,000	30,000	0	30,000
Total sundry assets	178,995	84,759	94,236	135,035	60,792	74,243
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	2,790,209	1,038,489	1,751,720	2,274,973	960,337	1,314,636

In the 2011–2012 Financial Year, in accordance with the CCM decision, Unwin Hut has not been depreciated. The effect of this equates to a benefit of \$64,000 to the current years result.

7 Operating Lease Commitments

The Club has lease commitments to Department of Conservation for Annual Fees for Homer Hut, Ruapehu Hut, and the Westland, Aspiring and Mt Cook Huts, and Porter Lodge land. In June 2009 a photocopier lease was entered into for 48 months.

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Current	7,798	7,831
Non-current	8,500	12,758
TOTAL	16,298	20,589

5 SBS Bank Loan

	2012	2011
Non-current	50,929	0

A loan facility with SBS Bank was drawn down in October 2011. The term of the loan is for 10 years with the first 12 months on an interest only basis at 6.15% interest. The loan principal available is \$125,000 with \$50,929 drawn as at 30 June 2012. The balance drawn by 30 September 2012 was \$77,169. The terms of this loan are currently being negotiated and a portion of this loan will become current in the 2012–13 Year.

8 Grants

The Club gratefully acknowledges the support of Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC). For the current financial year funding of \$48,000 was received. This is the second year's payment of SPARC funding totalling \$149,000 for the years 2011–2013. A Grant of \$20,000 (GST Incl) from Meridian Energy was received in this Financial Year towards landscaping at Unwin Lodge. In accordance with the Clubs Accounting Policies, this income has been deferred until the 2012–2013 Financial Year when the purpose of the Grant has been satisfied.



9 Club Fund Movements

2012

Fund	Expedition	Club Hut	Aoraki Mt Cook Huts	Westland Huts	Aspiring Huts	DOW Hall Publishing	Rock climbing	Total
Opening balance at 1 July 2011	13,775	85,840	1,158	35,463	15,969	6,864	3,734	162,803
<b>Movements into Funds</b>								
Members donations	2,914	22,966				1,057	2,425	29,362
Section donations		12,308						12,308
Grants received		2,000						2,000
Hut reserve transfer		13,431	0	(5,752)	5,623			13,302
Interest	335	1,075	15	444		167	91	2,126
Total movements in	3,249	51,780	15	(5,308)	5,623	1,224	2,516	59,098
<b>Movements out of Funds</b>								
Grants made	(2,424)						(1,235)	(3,659)
Capital expenditure on huts		(117,620)						(117,620)
Total movements out	(2,424)	(117,620)	0	0	0	0	(1,235)	(121,279)
Balance as at 30 June 2012	14,600	20,000	1,173	30,155	21,592	8,088	5,015	100,622

2011

Fund	Expedition	Club Hut	Aoraki Mt Cook Huts	Westland Huts	Aspiring Huts	DOW Hall Publishing	Rock climbing	Total
Opening balance at 1 July 2010	14,014	213,654	1,058	34,396	28,482	8,573	3,532	303,709
<b>Movements into Funds</b>								
Members donations	3,942	15,677				912	1,517	22,048
Section donations		6,848						6,848
Grants received		20,000						20,000
Hut reserve transfer		12,474		(2,197)	(12,513)			(2,236)
Interest	339	20,272	100	3,264		207	85	24,267
Total movements In	4,281	75,271	100	1,067	(12,513)	1,119	1,602	70,927
<b>Movements out of Funds</b>								
Grants made	(4,520)					(2,828)	(1,400)	(8,748)
Capital expenditure on huts		(203,086)						(203,086)
Total movements out	(4,520)	(203,086)	0	0	0	(2,828)	(1,400)	(211,834)
Balance as at 30 June 2011	13,775	85,840	1,158	35,463	15,969	6,864	3,734	162,803

Combined movements into the four Hut Funds total \$138,430 (2011 – \$138,430) reflecting budgeted depreciation, donations from members and sections, and additional operating surpluses for the year.

The cash relating to these reserve funds are held in Cash at Bank.

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Development Fund Movements

2012

Section	Nelson/ Marlborough	Australia	North Otago	Southland	Taranaki	Auckland	CNI	Wellington	Canterbury/ Westland	Otago	South Canterbury	Total
Opening balance at 1 July 2011	33,500	1,000	1,500	1,000	5,000	30,000	10,000	20,000	12,000	12,000	10,000	136,000
Movements In	—											
Donation	—	—										
Loan	—											
Total movements in	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Movements out												(77,728)
Balance as at 30 June 2012	33,500	1,000	1,500	1,000	5,000	30,000	10,000	20,000	12,000	12,000	10,000	58,272

2011

Section	Nelson/ Marlborough	Australia	North Otago	Southland	Taranaki	Auckland	CNI	Wellington	Canterbury/ Westland	Otago	South Canterbury	Total
Opening Balance at 1 July 2010	24,500	1,000	1,500	1,000	5,000							33,000
Donation	5,000					—	10,000	—	12,000	12,000	5,000	44,000
Loan	4,000					30,000		20,000			5,000	59,000
Total Movements In	9,000	—	—	—	—	30,000	10,000	20,000	12,000	12,000	10,000	103,000
Balance as at 30 June 2011	33,500	1,000	1,500	1,000	5,000	30,000	10,000	20,000	12,000	12,000	10,000	136,000

The Development Fund was established in May 2010 to reflect section contributions towards Strategic Plan club projects. The Unwin Redevelopment Project is the first project these funds have been applied to.

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

Access Fund for safeguarding access and other rock climbing projects

10 Related party transactions

Two members of the current Club Executive have made loans towards the Unwin Redevelopment Project. These loans have been made on the same terms as other Club members making loans towards this project.

11 Contingent Liabilities

The Club is unaware of any contingent liabilities that may have been undertaken in the normal course of its activities.

12 Commitments

Outstanding commitments as at 30 June 2012 are \$Nil (2011:\$430,893). The 2011 commitment was the remaining contract value to Henderson Building Ltd for the Unwin Redevelopment Project. In addition, an agreement to uplift a loan of \$125,000 from SBS Bank as funding to complete the Unwin Redevelopment was entered into. This loan was uplifted by 3 October 2011, and is for a term of 10 years at 6.15%.

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Appendix 1: Fixed asset schedule

Name	Opening total value	Original opening cost	Total revaluations	Total opening depreciation value	Additions, disposals and revaluations	New additions months depreciation	Rate	Method	Depreciation	Total movement	Closing total value	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$				\$	\$		
Land and Commercial												
Arthur's Pass Lodge Land	24,000	11,000	13,000	24,000			0%		0	0	24,000	
Home of Mountaineering - Land	51,786	51,786		51,786			0%		0	0	51,786	
Home of Mountaineering - Building	186,190	253,379		253,379			5%		(12,669)	(12,669)	173,521	
Base Buildings, Lodges, and Huts												
Aspiring Hut	3,500	70,000	50,000	120,000			5%	S/L	(3,500)	(3,500)	0	
Arthur's Pass Lodge	36,474	17,003	46,000	63,003			5%	S/L	(3,150)	(3,150)	33,324	
Porter Lodge	12,150	75,835	75,000	150,835			5%	S/L	(7,542)	(7,542)	4,608	
Homer Hut	108,577	114,003	45,000	159,003			5%	S/L	(7,950)	(7,950)	100,627	
Ruapehu Hut	24,046	28,707	34,500	63,207			5%	S/L	(3,160)	(3,160)	20,886	
Unwin Lodge	556,271	399,636	344,000	743,636	471,277		5%	S/L	0	471,277	1,027,548	
Unwin Wardens Quarters	94,609	60,034	85,000	145,034			5%	S/L	0	0	94,609	
Unwin Bunkrooms	0		9,000	9,000	0		5%	S/L	0	0	0	
Unwin Other Buildings	0		2,500	2,500	0		5%	S/L	0	0	0	
Unwin Furniture & Fittings	670	2,426		2,426			10%	S/L	(243)	(243)	427	
Alpine Huts												
Centennial Hut	15,073	94,347		94,347			5%	S/L	(4,717)	(4,717)	10,356	
Pioneer Hut	31,256	61,598		61,598			5%	S/L	(3,080)	(3,080)	28,176	
Colin Todd Hut	0			0			5%	S/L	0	0	0	
French Ridge Hut	63,358	122,709		122,709			5%	S/L	(6,135)	(6,135)	57,223	
De La Beche Hut	0	14,368		14,368			5%	S/L	0	0	0	
Murchison Hut	175	21,820		21,820			5%	S/L	(175)	(175)	0	
Backcountry Huts												
Esquilant Biv	4,797	8,972		8,972			5%	S/L	(449)	(449)	4,348	
Whangaehu Hut	27,461	28,314		28,314			5%	S/L	(1,416)	(1,416)	26,045	
Godley Hut	0						5%	S/L	0	0	0	
Cascade Hut	0						5%	S/L	0	0	0	
Elcho Hut	0						5%	S/L	0	0	0	
TOTAL LAND & BUILDINGS	1,240,393	1,435,937	704,000	2,139,937	471,277		0	1	0	(54,186)	417,091	1,657,484
Sundry Assets												
Library Books	30,000	30,000		30,000			0%	S/L	0	0	30,000	
Library Shelving	3,568	7,382		7,382			10%	S/L	(738)	(738)	2,830	
Library Security Doors	630	1,050		1,050			10%	S/L	(105)	(105)	525	
Shelving and Desks	1,445	1,140		1,140			10%	S/L	(114)	(114)	1,331	
HOM Table & Chairs	456	924		924			10%	S/L	(92)	(92)	364	
Computer Mac (G5)	0	5,401		5,401			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Data Projector	0	3,150		3,150			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Polycom Soundstation	0	1,560		1,560			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Sonic Firewall and Hub	0	860		860	0		40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Computer Monitor 21"	0	2,080		2,080			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Telephone PABX	0	3,113		3,113			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Computer Software	0	2,000		2,000			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Computer Mac (G4)	0	4,535		4,535			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Computer PC (DC 7100)	0	2,895		2,895			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Scanner	0	2,404		2,404			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Monitor (Publications)	0	444		444			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Scanner (Publications)	0	781		781			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Backup System	0	2,407		2,407			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Website Upgrade 2009	6,327	16,873		16,873			30%	S/L	(5,062)	(5,062)	1,265	
Website Upgrade 2010	7,089	12,888		12,888			30%	S/L	(3,866)	(3,866)	3,223	
Windows Server 2008 HP ProLiant ML110	917	3,059		3,059			40%	S/L	(917)	(917)	0	
Computer HP Compaq dc5850	682	2,556		2,556			40%	S/L	(682)	(682)	0	
Computer HP Probook 6450B	1,639	2,732		2,732			40%	S/L	(1,093)	(1,093)	546	
Computer Mac Quadcore G5	2,373	3,955		3,955			40%	S/L	(1,582)	(1,582)	791	
Computer Monitors (2)	357	564		564			40%	S/L	(226)	(226)	131	
Website Upgrade 2011	18,761	20,282		20,282			30%	S/L	(6,085)	(6,085)	12,676	
Website Upgrade 2012					18,784	3	30%	S/L	(1,409)	17,376	17,376	
Computer HP 6200 PRO SFF SAUD12701R7					1,937	12	40%	S/L	(775)	1,162	1,162	
Computer HP 6200 PRO SFF SAUD14503R4					1,816	8	40%	S/L	(484)	1,332	1,332	
Desk					965	11	10%	S/L	(88)	877	877	
Membership Database					14,342	0	30%	S/L	0	14,342	14,342	
Design Software Upgrade (Climber)					1,460	2	30%	S/L	(73)	1,387	1,387	
Sonicwall TZ100 WirelessN					669	7	40%	S/L	(156)	513	513	
Data Projector for Unwin					2,084	4	40%	S/L	(278)	1,806	1,806	
Banners for Events					1,903	3	30%	S/L	(143)	1,760	1,760	
TOTAL SUNDRY ASSETS	74,244	135,035	0	135,035	43,960				(23,968)	19,992	94,236	
	1,314,636	1,570,972	704,000	2,274,972	515,237				(78,154)	437,083	1,751,720	

A valuation for insurance purposes was carried out on the Unwin and Arthurs Pass buildings dated 25 June 2009. The indemnity values are:

Unwin Lodge	\$503,000
Unwin Wardens Quarters	\$231,500
Unwin Bunkrooms	\$37,200
Unwin Other Buildings	\$23,400
Arthur Pass Lodge	\$218,400



Appendix 2: Statement of cashflows

	12 Months to 30 June 2012	12 Months to 30 June 2011
	\$	\$
<b>Cash from operating activities</b>		
Cash was provided from:		
Receipts from members and customers	812,384	896,354
Interest received	2,894	24,809
GST received	69,492	0
Grants received	48,000	53,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>932,770</b>	<b>974,163</b>
Cash was applied to:		
Payments to suppliers and employees	(849,501)	(731,296)
Interest paid	(12,181)	(8,338)
GST paid	(7,432)	(32,564)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(869,114)</b>	<b>(772,198)</b>
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>63,656</b>	<b>201,964</b>
<b>Cash from investing activities</b>		
Cash was applied to:		
Fixed asset purchases	(515,237)	(237,902)
Cash from financing		
Cash was provided from:		
SBS mortgage	50,929	0
Members loans (Unwin Redevelopment Project)	0	195,000
	<b>50,929</b>	<b>195,000</b>
<b>Cash from Financing</b>		
Cash was applied to:		
Members loans repaid	0	(10,000)
Canterbury Mortgage Trust loan	(24,874)	(16,408)
	<b>(24,874)</b>	<b>(26,408)</b>
<b>Net Cash from Financing Activities</b>	<b>26,055</b>	<b>168,592</b>
<b>SUMMARY</b>		
Cash from operating activities	63,656	201,964
Cash from investing activities	(515,237)	(237,902)
Cash from financing activities	26,055	168,592
<b>Net cash movement</b>	<b>(425,526)</b>	<b>132,655</b>
Opening cash balance	514,345	381,690
<b>Closing cash balance</b>	<b>88,819</b>	<b>514,345</b>
<b>Reconciliation of net operating surplus (deficit) to operating cash</b>		
<b>OPERATING PROFIT/(LOSS)</b>	<b>(99,312)</b>	<b>102,493</b>
Add back:		
Loss on sale – Unwin demolition	0	7,283
Depreciation	78,154	108,536
	<b>(21,158)</b>	<b>218,311</b>
Plus/(less) working capital changes:		
Trade debtors movement	(4,085)	(14,362)
Trade creditors & accruals movement	57,507	15,879
Stock	6,706	4,051
GST	24,685	(21,914)
<b>Operating surplus</b>	<b>\$63,655</b>	<b>201,966</b>
Less:		
Capital expenditure	(471,277)	(210,369)
	(7,966)	(7,251)
	(18,784)	(20,282)
	(14,342)	0
	(2,868)	0
Canterbury Community Trust loan principal repaid	(24,874)	(16,408)
Members loans (net HOM and Unwin redevelopment)	0	185,000
SBS mortgage	50,929	0
<b>Increase/(decrease) in cash available</b>	<b>(425,527)</b>	<b>132,656</b>
Add opening cash balance	514,345	381,689
<b>CLOSING BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>88,819</b>	<b>514,345</b>

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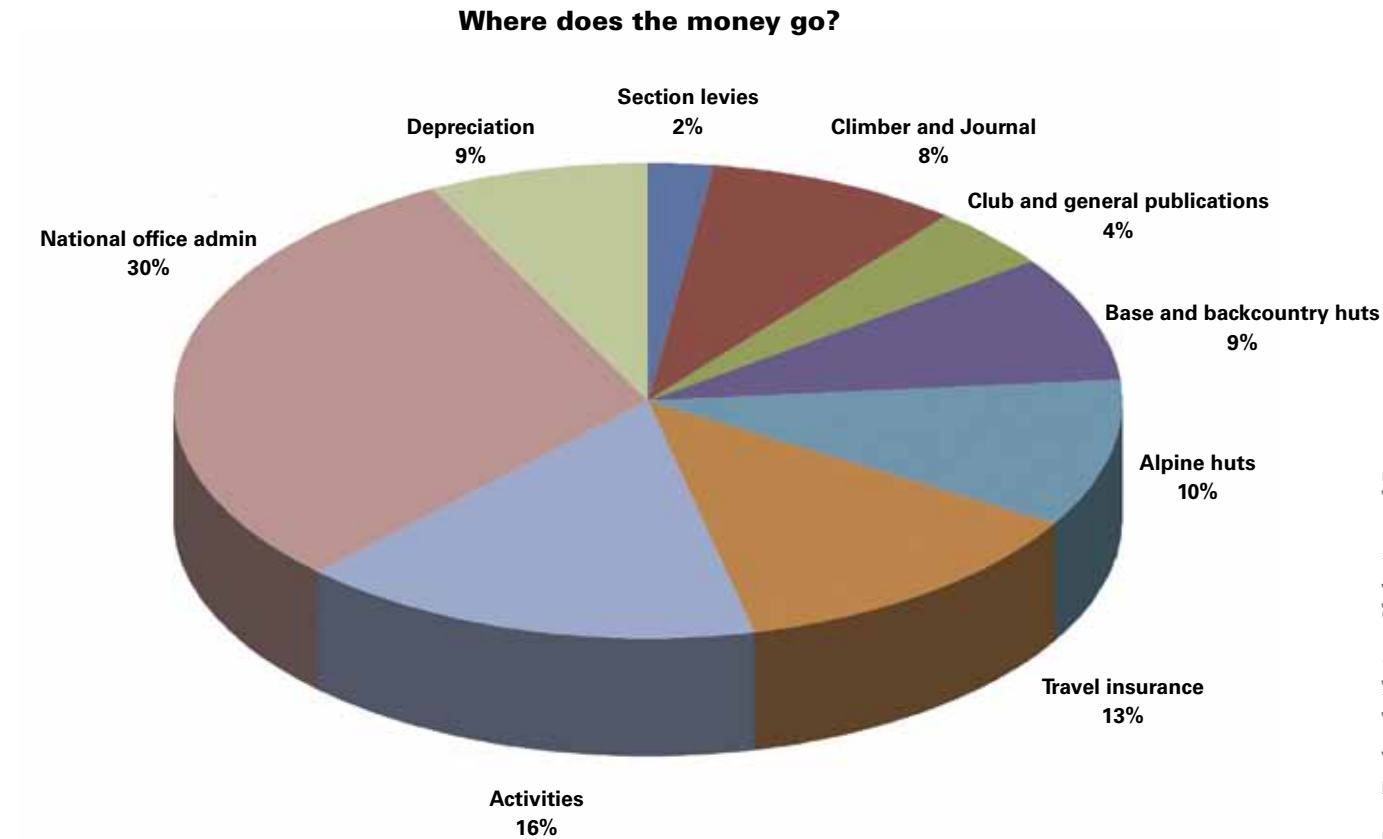
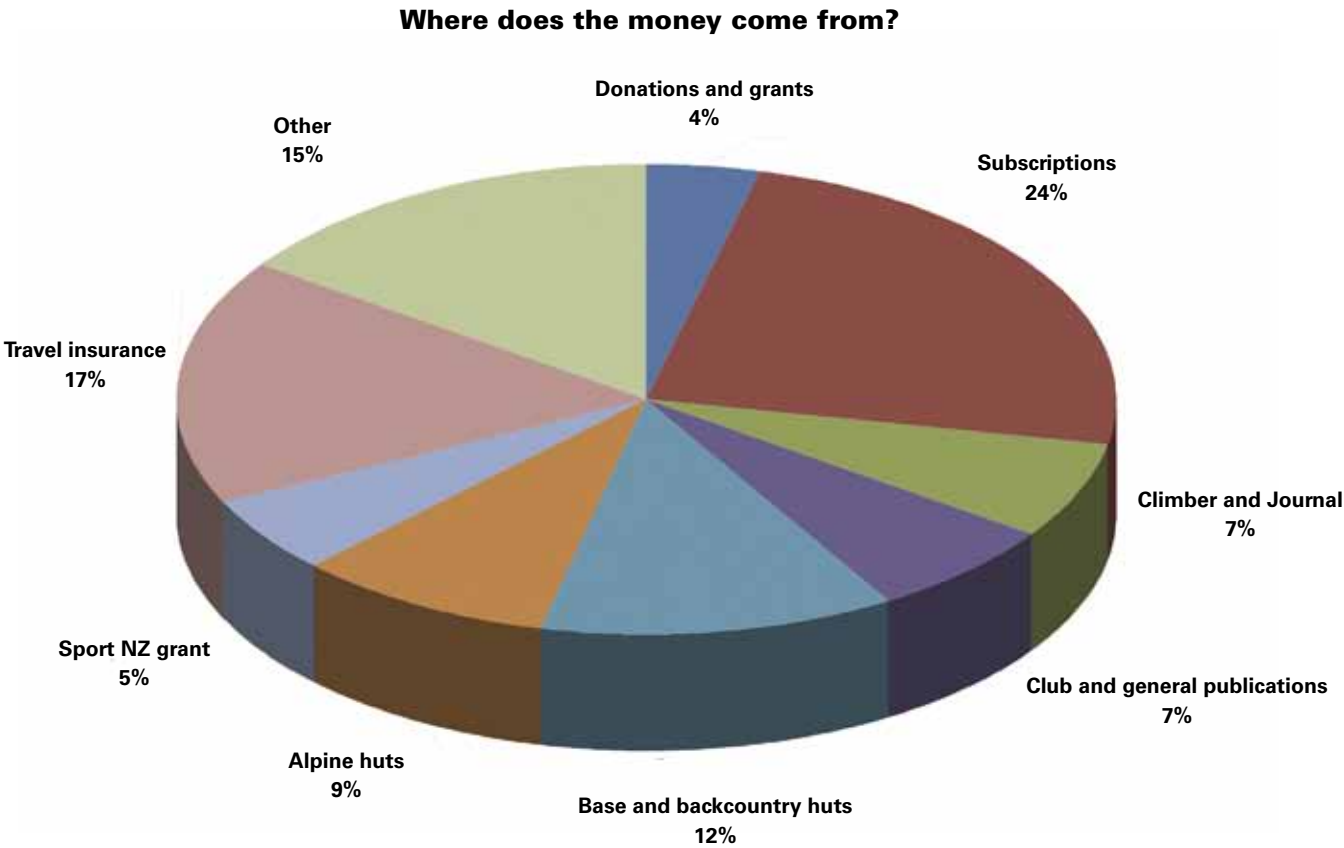
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Appendix 3: Financial graphs



Appendix 4: Annual General Meeting 2012

Friday 26 October, 7pm  
at the Cashmere Club, 88 Hunter Terrace  
(main entrance off Colombo Street), Christchurch

Agenda:

1. Apologies

2. Proxies

3. Confirmation of the minutes of the 2011 AGM

4. Presentation of the president’s report

5. Obituaries

6. Summary and questions from other items in the Annual Report
7. Presentation of the financial report

8. Election of club officers:

▶ Honorary Secretary

▶ Honorary Treasurer

▶ Publications Subcommittee Convener

▶ Accommodation Subcommittee Convener

▶ Executive Subcommittee Convener

9. Appointment of auditor

10. NZAC Volunteer of the Year Award

11. General Business

12. Panel discussion: ‘Mount Everest: It should still be on your bucket list’

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 to nominate somebody else that is at the meeting to have your vote as well. This is often the chairperson of the meeting.

Club Rules concerning proxy votes

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

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

PROXY VOTE FORM

Full Name . . . . .

Membership Number. . . . .

Section . . . . .

Name of Appointed Proxy . . . . .

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

Appendix 5: Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Alpine Club held on Friday 4 November 2011 at 7pm at the Cashmere Club, Colombo Street, Christchurch.

1. Attendance:

The President, Peter Cammell, presided over a well-attended meeting of over 60.

2. Apologies:

Gillian Crombie, Richard Pearson, John Nankervis, Dave Bamford, James Broadbent, Neil Pilbrow, Nick Shearer

3. Introduction:

The President welcomed all to the Annual General Meeting, and to the debate following entitled: ‘Where are climbing expeditions going in the next 10 years?’

4. Presentation of life memberships:

Life memberships were presented by Peter Cammell to Geoff Spearpoint and Lindsay Main.

5. President’s report:

Peter Cammell presented his report which pointed to the successes of the Unwin Lodge rebuild and the intermediate instruction courses now offered by NZAC, along with a caution to members about the importance of access issues for the future. He finished his speech by thanking Ollie Clifton for his five years of excellent service to the Club and presented him with a gift, which was in turn reciprocated by Ollie. Peter Cammell then handed the meeting over to the new President, Stu Gray.

6. Confirmation of minutes:

It was moved: ‘That the minutes of the 2010 AGM of the Club be accepted as a true and accurate record.’ Peter Cammell/ Phil Tree CARRIED

7. Obituaries:

Stu Gray read out a list of Club members known to have died during the past year and a minute’s silence was observed by the meeting.

8. Financial report:

Ollie Clifton presented the Statement of Financial position. There was discussion on repayment of loans – Stu Gray emphasised the future importance to the Club’s finances of Unwin Lodge usage and membership retention, to which events was added by Peter Cammell. It was moved: ‘That the financial report for the 2010–11 year be adopted.’

Stu Gray/ Ross Cullen CARRIED

9. Election of officers

The following nominations for office bearers were received:

Honorary Secretary – Helen Wilton  
Honorary Treasurer – Gillian Crombie  
Publications Convenor – Richard Thomson  
Accommodation Convenor – Richard Wesley  
Executive Subcommittee Convenor – Geoff Gabites  
It was moved: ‘That all the nominations be elected.’ Stu Gray/ Phil Tree CARRIED

10. Appointment of auditors

It was moved: ‘That the existing auditors Ashton, Wheelans and Hegan be appointed for the coming year.’

Stu Gray/ Chris North CARRIED

11. NZAC Volunteer of the Year Award

The ice axe trophy and certificate were awarded this year to Grant Piper (Grubbie) of the Canterbury Westland Section. The award was presented by Ollie Clifton.

12. General business:

There was no general business, apart from a jocular proposal for a Club tie from Peter Cammell, allegedly supported enthusiastically by John Nankervis.

13. Panel discussion:

Panellists Yvonne Pflüger, Jamie Vinton-Boot, Graham Charles, Marty Schmidt, Chris North, and Richard Wesley discussed the proposition: ‘Where are climbing expeditions going in the next 10 years?’

The debate was lively and humorous, with many using photo and video to back their arguments.

Some interesting points were raised:

- ▶ we should be psyched about the possibilities in New Zealand climbing

▶ make sure you keep hold of your ethics (conquest equals consumption)

▶ exploration of the greater world is in all of us

▶ overseas expeditions, while not without difficulties, are ‘character-building’

▶ expeditions are ‘inconvenience well-considered’

▶ to push attitudes go overseas

▶ New Zealand climbing produces great generalists.

The meeting was closed at 10.05 pm.



## Appendix 6: Rules

### NAME

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

### OBJECTS

2. **a.** The objects of the Club are to encourage mountaineering, rock climbing and allied activities and the enjoyment and conservation of mountain and rock climbing regions; and to bring together those interested in climbing.

**b.** The Club aims to provide services for climbers, protect the interests and safety of climbers, and promote climbing activities.

### MEMBERSHIP

#### 3. *Classes and Entitlement*

**a.** The Club shall consist of life, honorary and subscribing Members, all of whom are entitled to attend and vote at general meetings and take part in all Club activities.

**b.** Subscribing Members shall be issued with a current Club membership card on payment of their annual Club subscription.

#### 4. *Applications for Membership*

**a.** The Club shall have a standard form to be completed for membership application.

**b.** The completed form and the accompanying payment for the annual subscription shall be forwarded to 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 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 Secretary 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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