

An aerial photograph of a vast, snow-covered mountain slope. The snow is bright white, contrasting with the dark, jagged rock peaks in the distance. In the lower right, a deep blue lake is visible. Several skiers are scattered across the slope, their shadows cast long and dark. The overall scene is one of a high-altitude, winter alpine environment.

NZ ALPINE CLUB

NELSON/MARLBOROUGH

NEWSLETTER

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Section Gear Hire

The Nelson section gear (ice axes, avo gear, locater beacon etc) is available to all section members.

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Club News

Can now be found on the website.
There are news items and trip reports from all over the country.

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Club Donations

We have a link online where members can [DONATE](#)

Members can also use our bank account 03 0502 0607822 00, or send in a cheque (NZ only).

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The Chairman's Pitch

Hi All.

Here at the committee things got off to a flying start with many trips planned and well booked up. Then we went back into lockdown. Just as the best snow and some of winters sunniest days arrived! I hope you all got out once we were back to Level 2. I have been busy learning to ski this winter.

A pressing issue is holding an AGM for 2021. Covid restrictions make running a normal AGM difficult. Instead, this year we will simply invite volunteers to join the committee. We currently have three vacant roles:

Secretary

Basic Snowcraft Course Coordinator

Newsletter

I'd also like to hear from our Marlborough based members so that we can improve access to club gear and see more activity in the area. We are a casual "many hands make light work" group so we would also like to hear from any members who might like to: communicate with our members and other sections, edit the newsletter, be a volunteer instructor, organise the Banff Film Festival, provide IT expertise, lead trips or simply join the team for a year or two before taking on specific roles.

Volunteering in the club also has its benefits such as training and development courses and funding for your personal climbing development.

Your interest can be directed to me at:

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See You Out There!

Russell Adams

Nelson-Marlborough Chairman.

Trip Reports

Mt Kahu via the Rainbow

Tuesday 28 sept

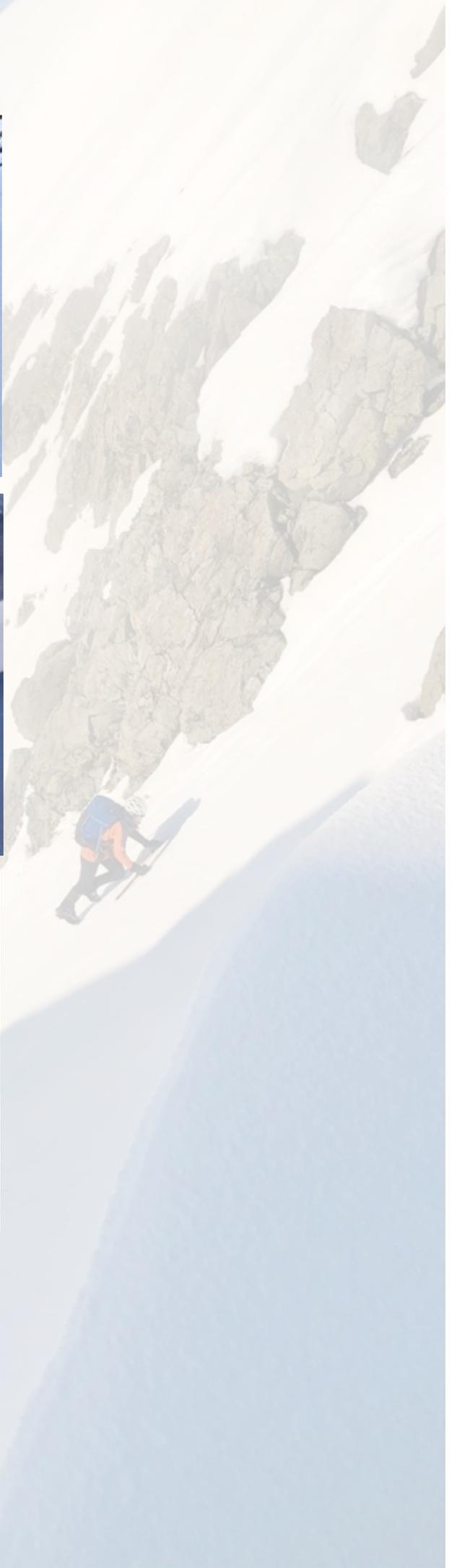
Jim Armstrong ,Tim Percival and myself enjoyed nice weather and the pleasant valley walk to the source of the Rainbow river. Arriving at the camp spot, we found the south face of Kahu Peak looking well covered. The classic South gully (our intended route) looking particularly well filled in.

Next morning after a standard 5am alpine start we headed up the frozen snow slopes to the base of the ice pitch. Indeed the gully was well filled in but with some good exposed ice in places. Out came the rope, and a combination of ice screws and ice stakes were the order of the day.

We all enjoyed the lovely relaxed climbing on beautiful plastic ice which was perfect given we all felt a little bit rusty. Fun bit done a shortish climb up the rest of the gully to the summit led to a great ridge line and superb views. However a super chilled wind kept us from hanging around on the summit for a group pic. It was down the western gully and back to camp for us!

A quick lunch, pack up and the long (are we there yet) walk back to the car filled the day out . Well done to Jim and Tim a great couple of days on one of the best mountains in NZ (I reckon)
Jerome Waldron





Hopeless Couloir

9 & 10 October

With a fine weekend forecast for the trip (a rare thing this spring) five of us caught the water taxi over to cold water hut early Saturday morning. Putting on our lightish packs we strolled up the valley to Cupola hut taking the seven hours to catch up after a long time being out of touch. After stopping at John Tait hut for lunch we arrived at cupola about 3 pm just as the predicted southerly front came through dropping the temps - perfect! Sunday morning we were walking by 3.45 am as we navigated under a clear stary night over to the base of the couloir.

Snow conditions were perfect (yeha!) and the crux near the top of the couloir was well filled in. We had such a great time soloing on the beautiful plastic ice, arriving at the top of the couloir at 7.45am . We hung about on the summit for 20 minutes on a stunning Sunday morning - EPIC!

The safe climbing plan coming together we were off the snow by 9am before things softened and started falling down.

Early lunch at the historic hopeless creek hut and back to cold water hut by 4pm to meet the water taxi at 5pm.

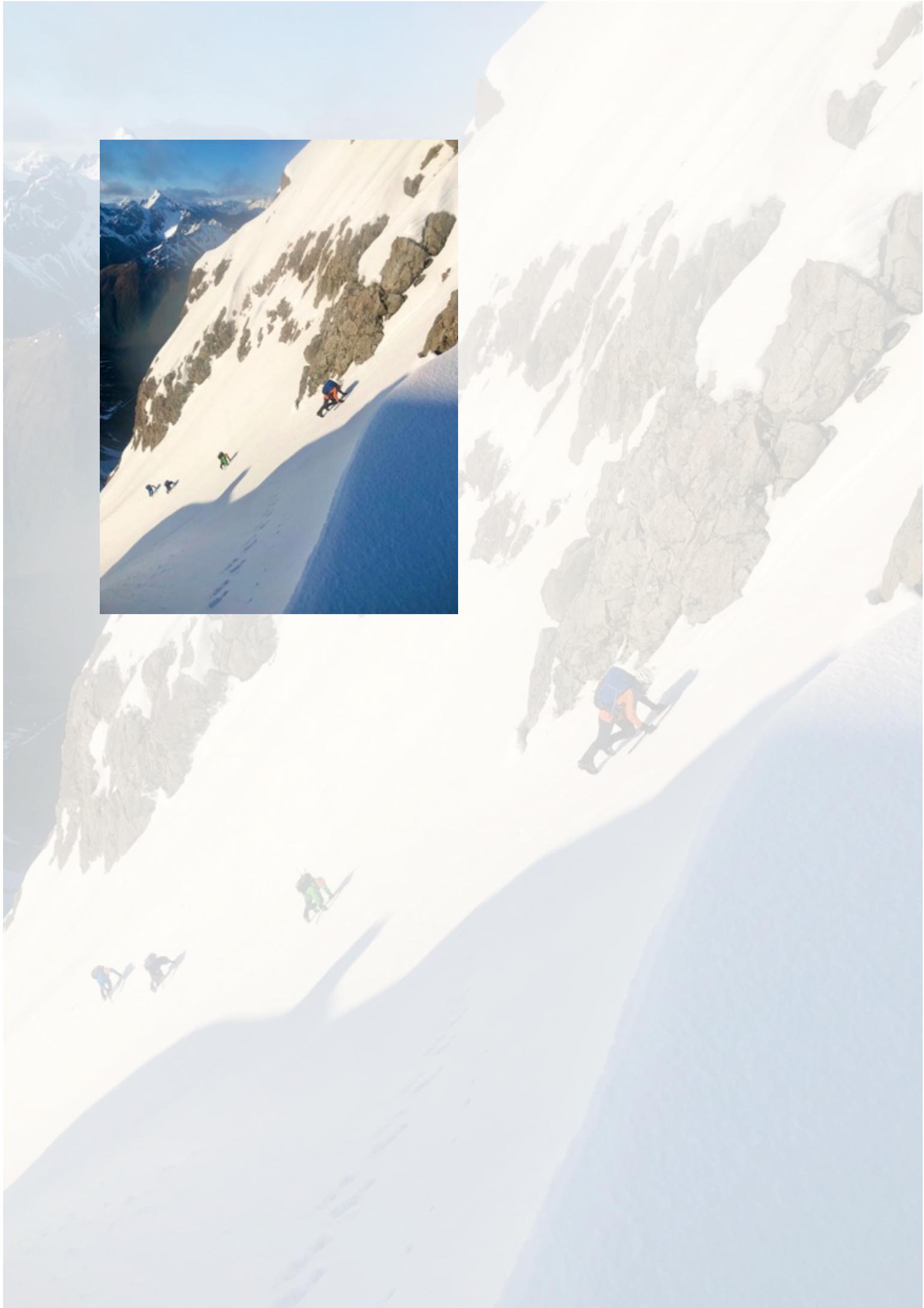
A challenging trip done in great style.

Thanks John, Liz, Jim and Andrew it was a pleasure.

Cheers

Jerome Waldron









Mt Manukau

Firstly apologies to those looking forward to trip to the dark side of Mt Tapuae o Uenuku which had to be cancelled because access is declined during the lambing period (something I was unaware of when choosing the trip dates).

However (not to be put off) and still keen to stay Marlborough and remote I chose to offer a trip to Mt Manukau to those who might be still keen and enjoy a decent challenge.

With the weather forecast looking not bad (definitely best to be out east) Jim, Greg, Guy and myself after meeting at my place set off for Kaikoura. Parking at the Parsons Rd car park we set off up the Hapuku river heading for a spot in the north branch (just below the now buried Barrett's bivvy site)

At this point we change to dry boots because the work begins. Looking up the slightly daunting climb to surveyor spur and beyond was enough for Guy and Greg (worried about the size of their packs and their knees) to say yeh nah (a great spot to camp) .

Jim and I keen to carry on left them basking in the sun (agreeing to catch them up the next night). After a bit a 900+m snorter we arrived at the high camp site (1600m) a bit after 6 pm. Annoyingly there was no snow handy (to melt for water). Eventually across from camp about 400 m we managed to find snow in a shady gut "pew"

This camp site is truly worth the effort though we were rewarded with fantastic views of the Kaikoura peninsula and surrounding coast (gorgeous). A Couple of hours after settling in to our wee tent conditions outside became very windy giving us quite a rough night. Abating finally at 5am we were encouraged to get on the move. Conditions dawning fine and clear we set off up the ridge to about the 1900m mark then a straight forward traverse Over a series snowy gullies and scree covered ribs to the Manukau ridge feeling we were doing well and heading for a good day we arrived at the ridge only to be blasted by a strong face burning northwest wind (bugger).

Deciding to carry on in the Hope of some improvement we pushed on sadly the now sun exposed snow became annoyingly difficult to boot which made keeping ones feet super hard work.

Persevering to about the 2400m mark we finally made the call to turn around (super bad luck for Jim this was his third attempt, guess we all have our nemesis peak)

Happy our decision was a good One but hard not to, as we both trekked back to camp not to be a bit disappointed but good effort from a couple of 60 +ers I reckon
Having enough time left in the day we broke camp and descended to catch up with the others who were enjoying a lovely relaxing day in the sun. Good to catch up and enjoy some good company and some evening chat at camp.

Quick breakfast and back to the car, a coffee by the sea and all home by lunchtime.

Great to meet Guy and Greg and especially well done Jim.

Ps Trips are what we are about at the N/M section the committee are always happy to get your trip suggestions in. ...Seems there is a lot demand we would also be keen to hear from potential trip leaders as well
Anyway all the best for the summer

Hopefully you will be getting out doing stuff.

Cheers

Jerome W





Notices

We Would like to acknowlegde and thank Don Mcfadzien for his donation of three helmets to the club. These have been added to the gear available to members.

Club Finances

Notes to 2021 Accounts

Due to COVID, 2 BANFF film festivals occurred in the same financial year, one in October 2020 and the second in June 2021.

Traditionally 50% of the net profits from BANFF ticket sales go to head office. For the BANFF held in October 2020 \$2,000 was forwarded to Head Office. For the BANFF held in June 2021, we anticipate forwarding around \$6,500.

Traditionally we have also made a donation to the Rescue Helicopter, the amount subject to committee approval.

The Snowcraft Course to be held in July 2021 was cancelled. The 2021 BSCC Income in Advance of \$2,200 was refunded in September 2021.

Accounts Payable include \$3,137.62 of BANFF expenses not paid at balance date and \$4,833.45 of equipment ordered but not paid for.

Taking into account the accounts payable, BANFF proceeds due to Head Office and BSCC refunds due, the club has about \$16,700 still in funds.

Detailed BANFF Income and Expenses for Financial Year ended 30th June 2021

BANFF October 2020

Revenue		
Ticket Sales	13740	
Net Food Sales	<u>329</u>	14069
Less Expenses		
Advertising	76	
Courier	21	
Venue Hire	3165	
Cognita - Projector Hire	2803	
BANFF Fees to National Office	<u>3584</u>	9649
Surplus		<u><u>4420</u></u>

BANFF June 2021

Revenue		
Ticket Sales	23276	
Net Food Sales	<u>690</u>	23966
Less Expenses		
Advertising	103	
Cable	15	
Venue Hire	3614	
Cognita - Projector Hire	2838	
Volunteer Expenses	174	
BANFF Fees to National Office	<u>3088</u>	9831
Surplus		<u><u>14134</u></u>

NZAC Nelson Marlborough Section

Statement of Financial Performance

For the Year Ended 30th June 2021

	2021	2020
	\$	\$
BANFF INCOME		
BANFF Income 2020	13,740	-
BANFF Income 2021	23,276	-
Total Sales	<u>37,016</u>	-
LESS BANFF EXPENSES		
BANFF Expenses 2020	9,649	-
BANFF Expenses 2021	9,831	-
BANFF Expenses 2019	-	403
Total	<u>19,480</u>	<u>403</u>
GROSS BANFF SURPLUS(DEFICIT)	<u>17,536</u>	<u>(403)</u>
OTHER INCOME		
Basic Snow Craft Course	2,800	2,450
BANFF Food Sales Profit 2021	690	-
BANFF Food Sales Profit 2020	329	-
Interest Received - Cheque Account	4	18
Interest Received - Term Deposits	130	185
NZAC Section Levy	535	925
Donations	100	-
Total Income	<u>22,124</u>	<u>3,175</u>
Less Expenses		
Basic Snow Craft Course Expenses	1,650	2,189
Donation - Nelson Marlborough Rescue Helicopter	-	1,000
HASC Subsidy	-	400
First Aid Course Subsidy	480	205
Equipment Purchases	4,846	52
NZAC Development Fund Contribution	2,000	4,500
Meeting Expenses	296	296
Section Levies Refunded	-	925
Venue Hire	650	300
Total Expenses	<u>9,922</u>	<u>9,867</u>
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u><u>\$12,202</u></u>	<u><u>(\$6,692)</u></u>

NZAC Nelson Marlborough Section
Statement of Financial Position
As at 30th June 2021

	<i>2021</i>	<i>2020</i>
	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Westpac Account	33,374	4,764
Kiwibank Term Deposit	-	6,263
Kiwibank Online Call Account	-	2,016
2020 BSCC Expenses in Advance	-	358
Total Current Assets	<u>33,374</u>	<u>13,401</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>33,374</u>	<u>13,401</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	7,971	-
2020 BSCC Income in Advance	-	2,400
2021 BSCC Income in Advance	2,200	-
Total Current Liabilities	<u>10,171</u>	<u>2,400</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>10,171</u>	<u>2,400</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>\$23,203</u>	<u>\$11,001</u>
Represented by:		
EQUITY	<u>\$23,203</u>	<u>\$11,001</u>