



**16 May, 2022**

**Kia ora,**

Autumn is here and the days are drawing in.

Current world events—such as the Russian invasion of the Ukraine—are appalling and disturbing. The UIAA (International Climbing and Mountaineering Federation) have made two recent position statements detailing restrictions on Russian athletes and officials participating in their sanctioned events and supporting climbers and climbing organisations in Ukraine. As a foundation member of the UIAA, NZAC supports their position. The statements are published on the NZAC website [here](#).

The UIAA has a firm stance on climate degradation and mountain protection. The recent NIWA report has highlighted the stark reality of glacial retreat in our own alpine environment. Read the report [here](#).

Many Alpine Club members are in the unenviable position of witnessing this degradation first hand and feel this loss. Please take the time to read the UIAAs guidance for members on climate change.

The NZAC, in its strategic plan, states that a key purpose is to protect and revere the places climbers go. I am interested in members views on what they expect from the NZAC in terms of guidance and leadership with this purpose.

The member survey is included with this newsletter, see below for the link. It is a chance for you to make suggestions on how the NZAC can best meet your expectations as a member. This is your Club.

I am very grateful for the mahi of all our member volunteers who contribute so generously to making the Club the community that it is.

Heads up! The election for NZAC's next President is this year. If you have always wanted to write a newsletter like this, now is your chance. I am very happy to discuss the role with anyone who is interested in standing for the position. Feel free to contact me.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge Karen and the NZAC team for their exceptional work on behalf of members over the past few months. Thank you.

Enjoy your Easter adventures

Ngā mihi nui

Clare Kearney

**Photo credit: Rasmus Altenkamp 2021 Photo Comp**

## Club News



### **NZAC Membership Survey 2022**

Complete the NZAC membership survey by April 20th and be in to win a \$150 voucher from Macpac!

As we make plans for the next financial year, we would love to hear how you think we are doing at supporting climbers and climbing. This is your chance to have your say!

Click [here](#) to go to the survey.

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### **Covid-19 Accommodation Policy Update**

New Zealand has recently had an update to the guidelines for the Covid-19 Protection Framework. In accordance with these updates, New Zealand Alpine Club has lifted the My Vaccine Pass requirements for accommodation. You can review the Government updates [here](#).

This means anyone staying or using an NZAC hut or lodge will no longer have to show a My Vaccine Pass.

The NZAC is committed to mitigating the impact of Covid-19 and Omicron is in the community, visitors will need to make their own decisions whether they use Club huts and lodges. If you are feeling unwell, stay at home.



### **NZAC Bolting Fund**

The New Zealand Alpine Club supports the development of climbing in New Zealand, maintenance of climbing areas in New Zealand, and access to New Zealand's climbing areas.

Unfortunately, some of the fixed equipment at our crags is ageing and/or requires replacement due to corrosion.

The New Zealand Alpine Club is committed to helping the New Zealand climbing community replace substandard equipment, helping with other amenities at climbing areas that help to foster good relationships between climbers and landowners, and supporting community actions that encourage access to climbing areas.

If you want to apply for a Bolting Fund Grant read all the details [here](#).

If you would like to support the Bolting Fund by making a donation click [here](#).

**Photo Credit: Tom Hoyle - Derek Thatcher on Centrifuge (32), The Cave**



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### **President Election**

This year we hold an election for a new President of the Club. Do you or someone you know have what it takes to lead our esteemed organisation? Have a read of the requirements [here](#) and get in touch if you have questions.

This is another way that you can influence the direction of the Club and leave a lasting legacy in the climbing community. The official timeline for nominations and elections will be announced in the coming months.

### **Member Discounts**

The New Zealand Alpine Club enjoys a close relationship with many outside organisations; indoor climbing wall, accommodation and travel providers; ski-fields; publishers; gear and clothing retailers.

A full list of all the discount providers can be found on the Member Discounts page [here](#).

Help support the partners that support the Club.

## **Club Events**



### **Presentation by Greg Mortimer on Antarctica**

Greg Mortimer well known for climbs in the Himalayas including Everest, K2 and currently leading Aurora Expeditions trips to Antarctica will provide the story behind an early expedition to Mt Minto in in Antarctica.

Join the Australia Section online via Zoom

Tuesday April 19th

7.30pm Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney time

Via the Zoom link [here](#)

Meeting ID: 874 8210 9590



**2022 Banff Center Mountain Film Festival Tour New Zealand kicks off this May and Tickets are on Sale Now!**



**Tickets are currently available for the following regions:**

Queenstown - Queenstown Memorial Centre | 4th - 5th May

Rotorua - Holiday Inn Stage | 29th May

Auckland - SkyCity Theatre | 7th - 23rd June

Christchurch - Aurora Centre | 8th - 11th June

Wellington - The Embassy Theatre | 8th - 16th June

**Tickets coming soon for these regions:**

Dunedin - Regent Theatre | 1st June

New Plymouth - Citywest Church | 10th June

Nelson - Annesbrook Church | 10th - 11th June

Hamilton - Waikato University Lecture Theatre | 11th June

Timaru - Mountain View High School Auditorium | 11th June

Invercargill - SIT Centre Stage Theatre | 16th June

Taupo - Great Lake Centre | 18th June

Come with us as we travel to remote vistas, analyzing topical environmental issues, and bring audiences up-close and personal with adrenaline-packed action sports through the Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour.

Get your tickets today and be taken away to the most captivating places on earth.

Click [here](#) to book your tickets.

The NZ Banff Center Mountain Film Festival World Tour is hosted by the New Zealand Alpine Club and is presented by [Macpac](#), [Uprising Industries](#), [La Sportiva New Zealand](#) and [Double Vision Brewing](#).



**The National Indoor Bouldering Series is heading back to a gym near you this coming winter!**

Queenstown - Round 1 - 28th May Basecamp Adventures, Queenstown  
<https://nibs.nz/event/nibs-2022-round-1-queenstown/>

Auckland - Round 2 - 18th June Boulder Co. Auckland  
<https://nibs.nz/event/nibs-2022-round-2-auckland/>

Christchurch- Round 3 - 30th July Uprising, Christchurch  
<https://nibs.nz/event/nibs-2022-round-3-christchurch/>

Wellington - Round 4 - 27th August Hangdog Climbing Centre, Wellington  
<https://nibs.nz/event/nibs-2022-round-4-wellington/>

Join in New Zealand's largest climbing competition!  
This all ability event is the perfect opportunity to test out your skills,  
compete amongst your friends or just have a great day out!  
Registrations are now open.

See you there!  
The National Indoor Bouldering Series is supported by:  
[La Sportiva New Zealand](#)  
[The North Face - Australia & New Zealand](#)  
[Bivouac Outdoor](#)  
[Uprising Industries](#)

**Photo credit: Tom Hoyle**



### **NZAC winter Instruction Courses are back for 2022**

We are pleased to announce that registrations are now open for two of our Backcountry Avalanche courses.

Course 1 (17th - 20th July)

Course 2 (23rd - 26th July)

These courses are designed for climbers and mountaineers to further develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of avalanches and how to avoid them.

It is the perfect course for those regularly travelling in snow-covered alpine terrain. This course is primarily aimed at Trampers, Climbers and Mountaineers.

This course is sure to fill up quickly so for more information or to register now click [here](#)



**Watch out for our other winter courses coming back for 2022!**

- ◆ Leading on Technical Ice course - August
- ◆ Introduction to Backcountry Skiing course - August
- ◆ Women's Backcountry Ski Skills course - September
- ◆ Glacier Skiing course - September/October

More details coming soon!

Keep an eye on the Courses page [here](#).

**Photo Credit: Oliver Edwards**

### **Price Increase Courier**

2022 continues to be a tough year for many businesses, our service providers have faced rising prices of fuel, labour and operational costs. To cover these cost increases we will have to implement a price increase to orders being sent out. The price increase will come into effect from the 1st of May 2022.

### **Membership Profile Details**



Check your membership details, as below, are all up to date so the Autumn edition of the New Zealand Alpine Journal will make it's way to your door in June.

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