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Kia ora

As I write this, a massive low front is moving up the motu, promising hail and snow, heralding, perhaps, a promising season ahead for winter alpine activities. The NZAC is currently in full Banff Film Festival mode, providing plenty of inspiration for Alpine Club members who are planning to get out there amongst it.

For more inspiration, keep an eye on the [NZAC website](#). There are regular updates on Climbing news around the country and the world. Currently Graeme Zimmerman, Rachel Māia and Lydia Brady's achievements are highlighted.

This year is the election for the next NZAC President. Nominations close on 16th June, so not long. Many people may be put off from this role because of the perceived work involved. I have found being the President to be an interesting, positive and constructive experience, being able to contribute as best I can to the future direction of the Club. I get to work with a General Manager, Board members and NZAC staff who are professional, highly capable, friendly and focused on improving the NZAC for its members. I also get to meet so many generous, passionate and engaged members who love climbing and want to support others. I see that the Club has such an important role in connecting climbers, enabling them to learn from skilled professionals and celebrate and conserve the unique beauty of the places we love. I have access to an abundance of past Presidents who are generous in their support and advice. Being an NZAC President is a privilege for me. If you are interested, please contact me at

president@alpineclub.org.nz. I am very happy to have a chat about the role.

I want to acknowledge our Australian Section members who have not been able to exercise the full benefits of membership over the 'lockdown years'. These members are spread across the continent and have had no chance to climb in NZ and little opportunity in Australia. Thank you for hanging in there and supporting your Club. Please note the Club is underway with a full season of instruction, huts open for use, planes are crossing the Tasman now and your NZ Club members are looking forward to climbing with you again.

Thanks to the members who took the time to complete our member's survey. There is a wealth of information for us to consider and results will be reported back to members once the data has been compiled.

Finally, I offer my personal gratitude for all members who make this not only the club it is but the one it will be.

Ngā mihi nui,

Clare Kearney

Photo: Violet Lang NZAC Photo Comp 2021 Alpine Landscape

Club News



Club President nominations have been requested for the election this year - if you or someone you know is interested in the running of the Club take a look at the **Board** webpage to see what is involved and fill out an application. Nominations close 5pm 16th June 2022.

Photo credit: Tom Hoyle - Hooker River



The Aspiring Hut project is gaining momentum.

We are almost ready to submit for building consent, and once this is granted and the other associated permissions are signed off, we will be launching the project formally and starting fundraising in earnest.

To help with the communications I am collecting stories of memorable trips that people have had to the hut - whether it has provided shelter from a storm, new friends, shared memories over many years or perhaps a first experience, I would love to hear about it. I would also love to hear what makes the area special to you.

If you are happy for your story to be shared publicly, please email it to karen@alpineclub.org.nz

ACAT has it's first official sponsor - Northern Rocks!

Northern Rocks has been a huge supporter of ACAT from the outset, running fundraisers and making donations to help us get started.

Donate to the Waipari fund

Please donate to ACAT's Waipari crag fund – every dollar will go directly to improving access and the crag environment. Right now we need to raise around \$1300 for new toilets and native planting on the cliff tops. [Read more and donate here.](#)

To read the latest news on what is happening including recent issues at Kawakawa Bay visit the [ACAT website.](#)

Club Events



The opening round of the 2022 NZAC NiBS was held at Basecamp Adventures Queenstown on the 28th May. It was a great fun competition for all involved. Click [here](#) to read an event recap from one of our regular competitors and talented climbers Oskar Wolff.

For full results check out the [NiBS page](#).

Round 2 of NiBS is being held at one NZ's biggest bouldering gyms, Boulder Co Auckland, on June 18th. This will be their first time hosting NiBS and it will be an event not to be missed!

Register by clicking [here](#).

Photo credit: Lee Howell



Check out our [Courses](#) page for the list of volunteer and professionally run snowcraft, ski touring, ice climbing and avalanche courses that are scheduled for this winter.

For courses listed as 'Full', please apply to the waitlist for your preferred courses as spaces have already become available and there is always the possibility of last minute cancellations freeing up a spot.

Crevasse Rescue Course 24th- 25th September, Frankton/Remarkables

By request, the NZAC is running a 1.5 day course to brush up on glacier travel ropework and crevasse rescue skills with professional IFMGA guides. This will be useful for mountaineers, ski tourers or ambitious trampers looking to enhance or refresh their knowledge of glacier travel and crevasse rescue in order to plan and carry out their own trips over glaciers. There will be a half day practice and a full field day in the snow. Further information available [here](#).



Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival World Tour 2022 is in full momentum!

We had sold out opening nights in Christchurch and Wellington last night. Our Hamilton screening this weekend is sold out. We have multiple sold out nights coming up in Auckland but still have tickets available for 14th, 21st, 23rd June.

Ticket refunds are being processed for sold out nights so you may still get a ticket to a sold out show if you keep checking back on the ticket sales pages.

We have had fantastic feedback from attendees on this years films.

Check out the upcoming screening details below, don't miss out grab your tickets today and support your Club!!

AUCKLAND | 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st & 23rd JUNE

HAMILTON | 11th JUNE

TAUPO | 18th JUNE

NEW PLYMOUTH | 10th JUNE
WELLINGTON | 9th, 15th, 16th JUNE
NELSON | 10th, 11th JUNE
CHRISTCHURCH | 9th, 10th 11th JUNE
TIMARU | 11th JUNE
INVERCARGILL | 16th JUNE

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