



NEW ZEALAND ALPINE CLUB



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Kia ora,

The end of financial year is always a busy time in the office. Not only are we tidying up finances and confirming plans for the year ahead, but the Banff Film Festival is wrapping up and winter courses are ramping up. Coupled with the lure of fresh snow on the hills and my skis calling to me from the garage it is all a bit of a juggling act!

This year, for the first time in a few years, I am genuinely excited about the year ahead. While the Club has lost a few members in the last year, the work programme for the year ahead is ambitious and progressive. The plans for Aspiring Hut are progressing at pace and the redevelopment of ClimbNZ has been confirmed. Playing an integral role in the confirmation of these projects is the support of the recently launched NZAC Tūpiki Trust. This trust promises to be a great support for the Club, safeguarding large donations and bequests for the good of climbers and climbing now and into the future. As part of its launch announcements, the Trust has pledged \$200,000 in support of the redevelopment of Aspiring Hut. This gives us

real confidence in our ability to complete the project and we thank the Trust for its very generous support.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Jim Petersen to the role of President Elect from October. The Board have been really busy of late confirming our plans for the year ahead. I have no doubt that Jim will do a wonderful job of continuing the positive work begun by his predecessors when the time comes.

There is so much happening that this newsletter is pretty jam packed. I'll leave it to you to discover all the other exciting news from the Club and community below.

Enjoy the early winter snow!

Ngā mihi,

Karen

Photo: Ben Ellis - Bonar Glacier Coxcomb Ridge & South Face of Mt Aspiring - NZAC Photo comp 2019

Club News



We are pleased to introduce the President Elect - Jim Petersen. Jim is the current chair of the Canterbury Westland Section and a Section Council rep on the Board. You can read Jim's profile [here](#).



The North Otago Section NZAC built Elcho Hut, in the Hopkins valley, in 1938. The section has carried out regular maintenance traditionally scheduled around the winter solstice. The timing gives the best chance of 4WD access as the freezing temperatures generally mean the river levels are low. The Hopkins river has a reputation for swallowing vehicles.

The work parties have been increasingly popular over the last few years and we had 18 people arrive at the hut by lunchtime on Saturday. Many of our active members now have families, and we encourage them to bring their children—these are our future volunteers. We also like to have along volunteers who have given their time at the local climbing wall. This year we had representation from six nations, a 50/50 gender balance, a 72 year age range, three generations of the Shearer family and the NZAC president.

To read the full report click [here](#)



Volunteers Needed

The Department of Conservation has started the process for reclassifying conservation stewardship land. The first area to receive attention is the West Coast, with proposals for the reclassification of over 500 parcels of land. We are looking for volunteers to work collaboratively with our Board and partners as we examine the suggested classifications and prepare a submission. Submissions are due 26 July so time is short!

Please get in touch with Karen [here](#). More information on the process can be found [here](#).



Tūpiki Trust

We are pleased to announce the launch of the NZAC Tūpiki Trust. The trust has registered charitable status and is thus able to accept donations and bequests from anyone who would like to support climbing, and to protect New Zealand maunga, crags and climbing areas into the future. Tūpiki Trust has been founded by John Nankervis, Geoff Gabites, Dave Bamford and Ross Cullen, who all have a long-involvement both with NZAC and the New Zealand mountains. Past President of NZAC, Lindsay Smith, has come onto the Trust board to join the founding trustees, who have lost foundation chair John Nankervis in January this year. Margaret Fyfe has agreed to be Patron of the Trust.

The aim of Tūpiki Trust is to accumulate funds in order to make grants to support New Zealand Alpine Club projects and other mountain-related ventures. This has been evidenced at launch with a \$200,000 commitment to support Aspiring Hut restoration, commitment to provide funding for the ClimbNZ upgrade project and commitment to support Mature Mountaineers meets in a further four centres.

A website is now live at www.tupikitrust.org.nz and it contains information on how to apply for a grant or contribute to the Trust.



The Will Kennedy/Andy Anderson Alpine Scrapbook 1925-1952

Early this year Warwick Anderson delivered a scrapbook filled with newspaper clippings to the New Zealand Alpine Club. He found it while clearing out the estate of his father, Andy Anderson, some years prior. Andy had been a friend of Will Kennedy an early NZAC & CMC stalwart.

Grant Hunter was called upon to cast an expert eye over the scrapbook and accompanying loose clippings. There was no hesitation in calling for the preservation of this historical and diverse collection of articles dating from the 1920's through to the 1950's.

Read the full report from Grant [here](#) and see how you can get a copy.



Member Survey 2022 Results

The results from the 2022 Member Survey are now available for viewing on our [website](#). The data shows that our members undertake a diverse range of climbing and snow sports. They are generally satisfied with the range of services offered and use many of these services, as it suits them.

Get Involved



Banff Mountain Film Festival

We loved bringing the tour to venues across New Zealand however we want to make sure our screenings can reach everyone across the country. Following on from our live events we have a unique programme of films screening online that we are sure will inspire you to get out on your own adventures.

The viewing period is open from 18th - 24th July.

Read all the film synopsis' and pre purchase tickets [here](#).



NiBS is heading to Christchurch on July 30th. Uprising will be hosting the 3rd round of this exciting series. Last year's event was the biggest indoor climbing event in New Zealand, so don't miss out on what is likely to be another huge round!

Registrations are still open for all rounds [here](#), enter now for the opportunity to take home great prizes from sponsors Bivouac Outdoor, La Sportiva, The North Face & Uprising Industries.



This winter's professional instruction courses are full but still get in touch to get on waitlists.

Still spaces available on: **Introduction to Backcountry Skiing**: 9th - 12th September 2022

Dates for this summer's High Alpine Skills Courses are already available on the website and more information will be released soon.

Please get in touch with **Tim** to register your interest.

Community



Please support the Aotearoa Climbing Access Trust

Over the past two years NZAC has helped to establish the Aotearoa Climbing Access Trust (ACAT) and we have worked closely together on crag access issues around the country.

ACAT needs financial support directly from climbers so it can grow and succeed. Many NZAC members are keen rock climbers and we want you to support ACAT to help keep our crags open.

The best way you can help is by signing up for a monthly or annual donation to ACAT here: www.acat.org.nz. Ongoing donations provide ACAT with the reliable funding it needs. ACAT is a registered charity so all donors are eligible for a 33% tax credit.



Tukino Ski Field partners with the NZAC by hosting many of our courses and they also offer member discounts at Tukino Lodge & ski field. They are installing solar panels to help reduce their impact on climate change. You can read more on this fantastic project and donate to the fund [here](#).

Don't forget to catch up on all our other news, reviews and info on our website [here](#).

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