



NEW ZEALAND  
ALPINE CLUB



**9 Sep, 2022**

**Kia ora,**

For the first time since I returned to New Zealand, I awoke to snow on the ground in Christchurch this week. My 18 month-old hadn't experienced snow before, so we put our gumboots on and headed outside to explore. The reaction was mixed, from pure joy at the new landscape, to quickly realising that this stuff was cold and sticky on her hands! But five minutes after coming inside, she wanted back out amongst it again.

It highlighted to me the importance of the simple acts of nature and providing experiences to our young people in the outdoors. While Emily is assured a life of outdoors pursuits, I know that not all kiwi kids are so lucky. One of the aims of our redevelopment of Aspiring Hut is to provide a facility that is accessible for young kiwi families. Somewhere that they can take that first trip to, in a relatively low risk environment, and make those lifelong connections to the land. There is a wonderful story on our website, written

by 9 year old Florence, which makes me all the more determined to have this project succeed so that there can be many more of these experiences in the future.

I thank all those that have supported the Aspiring Hut project so far. There is still some way to go with the fundraising although the work has started onsite. I again ask you to consider donating to this project. We are also now seeking members willing to loan a sum for a 5-year period to help fund the project. Please see below for more details.

I hope that everyone is having a wonderful spring so far.

Karen Leacock

**Photo: Monica Bischof Alpine Nature photo comp 2021**

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## Club News



A big thank you to the people who have already donated to the Aspiring Hut refurbishment. Work has started on the refurbishment with the establishment of camp happening this week (see images below) and a full team of builders onsite from Monday (12th) and we are looking forward to bringing you updates as it continues. It is still not too late to donate which you can do [here](#) through the Tūpiki Trust or [here](#) through the NZAC.

To increase awareness of the Aspiring Hut refurb project, we are sharing stories about how the hut has been and will be used in the future. The hut supports outdoor education and recreation, family-friendly recreation, and environmental management. Check out the stories we have shared so far and stay tuned for more stories to come:

- [Aspiring Hut - An Important Resource For The Matukituki Charitable Trust](#)
- [Our Tramp to Aspiring Hut](#)
- [Aspiring Hut Refurbishment](#)
- [Tūpiki Trust Aspiring Hut Renovation Project](#)
- [Prelude to Aspiring](#)



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### **Member Loans For Aspiring Hut**

To aid in funding the redevelopment of Aspiring Hut, we are seeking expressions of interest from people able to support us with a member loan. This scheme was successfully undertaken for the Unwin Hut project 10 years ago. We ask anyone who is willing to loan \$5000 – \$10,000 (or more) to the project to please get in touch. The loan will include interest and progress payments over an approximate 5 year period, as agreed between us. We are aiming to raise \$100,000 from this method. Please contact Karen directly for more information. Email Karen by clicking [here](#).

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## NZAC Submission on Western South Island Stewardship Land Reclassification

NZAC has submitted as part of the formal process of Stewardship Land reclassification on the West Coast of the South Island. In the interest of transparency for members of the Club, our submission can be found [here](#)

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## NZAC AGM 2022

The President & Board invite you to save the date of October 28th 2022 at 7pm for the

NZAC AGM to share the highlights of the year with you.

There will be the option of connecting via Zoom if you are unable to attend in person.

More details to come.

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## Get Involved



### High Alpine Skills Course

Spaces available on this summer's High Alpine Skills Courses:

- 15th - 20th November,
- 22nd - 27th November
- 29th - 4th December
- 6th - 11th December

Check [here](#) for more information and how to register.

**Photo: Clare Shepherd - HASC 2019**

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## **Glacier Ski Course - LAST PLACE AVAILABLE**

Last minute space  
available on Glacier Ski  
Course 28th September  
to 2nd October

Check [here](#) for more  
information and to  
register.

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## **Photo Competition 2022**

Thank you to all the contributors who  
sent in images, the sponsors for a  
great range of prizes. and to the  
judges for the difficult task of picking  
the winners.

Keep an eye on our website over the  
next week for the category winners  
and overall champion image.

**Photo credit - last year's Overall  
Champion image by Derek Cheng of  
Alisdair Armstrong on Claimjumper (27)**

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## **Community**



### **Rock Waipari Festival bought to you by ACAT**

Waipari's first climbing festival is not one to miss. Everyone is welcome and we encourage climbers from all over the country to connect with friends old and new, share stories and psyche, climb and dance the night away.

Tickets will be going on sale at the end of this week! Keep an eye on the event page [here](#) for updates

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### **Women Going To Altitude Conference**

On the weekend of 10-11 September 2022, the UIAA – in collaboration with the Swiss Alpine Club, Swiss SportClinic, SGGM (Swiss Society for Mountain Medicine) and the ISMM (International Society for Mountain Medicine) – will organise a Women Going to Altitude Conference.

Please refer the the latest programme [here](#).

While the conference is being held in Pontresina, Switzerland, there is a live stream available for watching [here](#)

Speakers: Dominique Jean (FRA), Alison Rosier (AUS), Sophie Lavaud (SUI), Monika Brodmann (SUI), Lenka Horakova (CZE), Mia Derstine (USA), Billi Biering (DEU), Linda Keyes (USA), Heleen Meijer (NED), Corinna Schön (SUI), Susi Kriemler (SUI), Jacqueline Pichler Hefti (SUI)

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### **Sky Castle Crag**

ACAT is working to open a new crag in the Waikato! We are raising funds for the infrastructure and need about \$600 more to finish the project. Check it out and donate [here](#).

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### **Golden Bay Crag Maintenance Fund 2022**

There is a small hardcore group of people based loosely in golden bay systematically rebolting and ensuring routes on public and private land are being maintained.

This is complete volunteer organisation, but we need support from large user groups to ensure the continuity of the project.

The aim is to upgrade and maintain existing climbs in the area, to a high standard, by continual monitoring and replacement of fixed equipment, and to foster high standards in the development of any new climbs, by having quality gear available.

The bolt fund is primarily for replacement of existing fixed gear: bolts, hangers, anchors.

If you have any questions or concerns about its operation, or any maintenance that needs doing to the crag, you can contact the bolt fund through the email address: - [paynesfordrebolting@protonmail.com](mailto:paynesfordrebolting@protonmail.com)



For donations, please utilise the bank account, Golden Bay Climbers 38-9023-0731886-00.

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