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**11 Oct, 2022**

### **Nau mai, haere mai Marie,**

The Aotearoa Climbing Access Trust (ACAT) recently notified climbers that the landowners had decided to close Pakeho Crag, Waikato. This is a loss for climbers, not only in the central North Island, but across the country.

Graciously, the landowners gave some very sound reasons why they had come to this decision and ACAT have published an article about this on their website [here](#).

This is a wake up call to all of us who have the privilege of enjoying climbing and bouldering on private and public land. Access is a privilege, not a right and it can be undone quickly.

Landowners are concerned about liability. They are also concerned about damage, open gates, rubbish, dogs and visitors disrespecting the property. Building a relationship with the owners of these places is important to

continue to have the privilege of access. It may not be us who are causing the grief but we can do something proactive to mitigate it.

Sections and individuals are working well with many landowners. It is worth going the extra mile. Have working parties, clear gorse, set traps, plant trees. Show them a meal somewhere, maintain the climbing hardware so it still works, pay a donation, thank them on social media, keep up to date with legislation and discuss this with the land owners on site. Have a contact person who keeps in touch with the landowner.

I invite members to share photos, stories and ideas of what is being done to support landowners, on the NZAC website .

Pat Prendergast, 2021 Volunteer of the Year, at the AGM commented, after listening to the ACAT presentation, that one way her group ensured access to their favoured spots was to assist the landowners with removal of wilding pines.

The NZAC AGM is coming up at the end of this month, and the 2022 Volunteer of the Year will be awarded. I invite members to come along and find out who this will be. Details of the AGM below.

Hei konā mai

Clare Kearney

Photo Credit: Adam Flower of Rowan Bulpit pulling the final moves of Pitch 1 of Deep Play on the Totem Pole, Tasmania. Winner of the 2022 Rock Climbing and Overall Champion

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## Club News



The start of October marks the change of positions within our NZAC Board. I wish Lindsay Smith all the best in his future endeavours and sincerely thank him for all the hard work that he has put into the NZAC during his Presidential term. It has been a challenging few years and he always provided wise counsel and steady leadership.

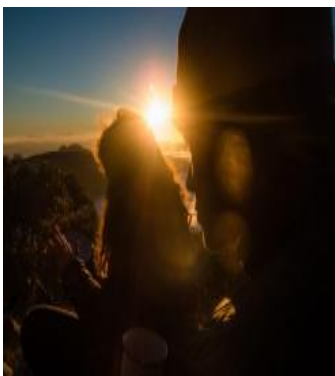
It is a pleasure to welcome Jim Petersen to his new role as President Elect. We look forward to working with you through the next 4 years of your term.



### **Aspiring Hut Refurbishment**

Aspiring Hut is progressing well. After the first month of building the hut has been gutted, one wall removed and the form work to prepare for concreting is nearly complete. The fundraising also continues. We are pleased to announce a grant of \$10,000 has been received from the NZCT to go towards the cost of the windows, but we are still approximately \$96,000 short of our target. You can support us by spreading the word, making a donation to the [Tūpiki Trust](#) or [NZAC](#) or supporting our Classic Banff online fundraiser - see article below for all the details on how to 'attend'.

If you have already donated to the project we appreciate your contribution.



### **New Zealand Alpine Club AGM**

Will be held at Exch Cafe 376 Wilsons Road, Waltham, Christchurch 7pm Friday 28th October.

Following Club business there will be a presentation from Graham Zimmerman NZAC Member and President of the American Alpine Club.

There will be a bar available to purchase drinks and light refreshments will be provided.

You can join the meeting via this [Zoom link](#)

**Meeting ID: 875 6235 2477**

**Passcode: 883698**



### **Section Amalgamation**

The Central Otago section has amalgamated with the Otago section. On the ground not much will be noticeable with Winter Beta Over Beers, Gear Rental Wanaka and Queenstown, Winter snowcraft courses and local speaker nights all continuing as long as there is

volunteer support to ensure they can run.



### Homer Hut

There will be ground work going on at Homer Hut in early December to put in a new tank for waste water. No confirmed dates at this stage - as firm information becomes available we will let you know.

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## Get Involved



The much anticipated NZAC Calendar for 2023 featuring images from this years Photographic Competition is now available for purchase in our web shop [here](#)



### NiBS Final Round - Hangdog Climbing

Another rad series comes to an end. For the round four report and all the winners check our post [here](#)

We would like to thank all the venues: Basecamp Adventures Queenstown, Boulder Co Auckland, Uprising Christchurch and Hangdog Wellington for hosting a round, the best route setters from all around the country adding the spice to the problems, the MCs for keeping stoke high and to our sponsors for supporting the NZAC National Indoor Bouldering Series Uprising Industries, The North Face, Bivouac Outdoor and La Sportiva.

**Photo Credit: Ameka Weston**

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## Classic Banff Online Programme

In celebration of all things Classic, NZAC brings to you this Classic Banff Programme – a fundraiser for the NZAC Aspiring Hut 2022 Refurbishment Project. Take a trip down memory lane, and to remote corners of the world and help contribute to rebuilding one of NZAC’s Classic Huts! Don’t miss a collection of much-loved Festival and World Tour films from the past decade. Whether it’s the first time you’re seeing these films or the tenth, these global audience favourites have enduring appeal. Funds raised from your purchasing of this programme will support the major refurbishment of NZAC Aspiring Hut.

Viewing period: 16th – 30th November 2022.

[Check out the programme and pre-purchase here now.](#)

You’ll receive an email reminder when the screening becomes available to view. Once you click 'Watch now', you’ll have unlimited access to watch for 72 hours.

*Thanks to the Sponsors of the NZ Classic Banff Programme: the NZ Mountain Safety Council and RAB.*

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## Community



### Whanganui Bay Road Repairs

The famous Bay Road suffered significant storm damage in the first week of October, with 7 slips one of which has closed the road.

On behalf of climbers ACAT is collecting donations to contribute to road repair costs. Click [here](#) to get more information and to see how you can donate.

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## Member Benefits



We have some great supporters of the club who offer discounts to members, you can see all the deals on our website [Member Discounts](#).

If your summer kit needs a revamp check out

[Earth Sea Sky](#) for 15% off or [Cactus Outdoor](#) for 10% off (some exclusions apply)

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

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