



10 Nov, 2022

Kia ora

October is always a busy month in the office as we complete our audit review, prepare the annual report and organise the AGM and Board meeting. These events happened last week and went really well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and volunteers who made these events run so smoothly, especially Marie Gilbert and Jim Petersen for wrangling the IT elements.

We were privileged to have [Graham Zimmerman](#), President of the American Alpine Club and a Protect our Winters advocate, join us via video link as our guest speaker. He challenged the Club to think about how we can best advocate for climate action and let us know that 'imperfect advocacy' is still better than doing nothing. Notably, on the same weekend the UIAA general assembly was also talking climate action in Banff. We look forward to a report from Stu Gray about the learnings. These topics stimulated some great conversations after the AGM and will be on the Board agenda in the months ahead.

The Aspiring Hut rebuild continues to progress at pace, with the second concrete pour being completed yesterday. The team have been doing a great job in testing circumstances. The first pour was a feat in organisation and logistics, with 4 concrete trucks, one chopper, six builders and other staff on site. The chopper completed 45 loads from Raspberry Creek carpark to the hut with a 7 minute turnaround and no incidents. This is a real credit to the planning of the contractors, pilot and volunteers on the ground, and we thank you! The timeline is a little behind, but once a good anchor has been established, we hope that the route onward will be of less

resistance. Famous last words? Maybe! Please continue to spread the word about the build as the fundraising effort is ongoing.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to the Board. It is one of the least recognised positions in the Club but takes a lot of time and thought to effectively serve. The Board meeting on Saturday was one of the most positive and forward-thinking meetings that I have attended during my time at the Club. The Board are committed to the future success of the Club and working hard to achieve this.

Hope everyone is getting out and enjoying some spring climbing!

Ngā mihi,

Karen

Photo credit: Hugh Baird - Summer Bivvy - Photcomp entry MCC 2022

## Club News

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The Aspiring Hut rebuild is progressing well. The first concrete pour happened last week in perfect weather, and the second pour happened yesterday in less than perfect weather (photo above is last week)! Materials are arriving in Wanaka for the next stage of the project, which will start upon completion of the slab. The build is a little behind schedule due to some unexpected challenges in the ground, but we don't expect it to cause any major issues at this stage. The team of builders, project managers and designers are all working really hard and we are so

impressed with their commitment to this challenging project. We are still fundraising so remember to spread the word, support us with Classic Banff, and make a donation if you are able.

### **Photo Credit: Stu Thorne**

### **Volunteer of the Year 2022 - Jim Davidson**

Nominated by the Auckland Section, Jim Davidson has given a vast amount of time and effort into the instruction and mentoring of club members. He has instructed on the section snowcraft, navigation and avalanche awareness courses and recently taken on organising our intermediate snowcraft courses. He has also attended numerous club and private trips with section members in a mentoring capacity.

Jim is an accomplished mountaineer and has given his time to pass this knowledge on to members and also using these skills to help develop the Instruction pathway with the instruction committee.

To read the full citation for Jim you can read it [here](#) on our website.

### **Life and Honorary Members 2022**

Two Honorary Memberships and five Life Memberships were awarded at the AGM.

#### **Honorary Memberships**

- Tā Tipene O'Regan ONZ
- Daniel Joll

#### **Life Memberships**

- Anne Palmer
- Penny Webster
- Nick Shearer
- Bruce Dowrick
- Gary Brehaut

Please take a few minutes to read the citations for all of the recipients on our website [here](#).

# Get Involved



## NZAC Grants and Funds

### Bolting Fund

Turiwhati Rock Climbing, this development happened under the umbrella of the West Coast Alpine Club through a negotiated community agreement with Department of Conservation and approval from Ngāti Waewae. Support was also provided to Keith from the NZAC Bolting Fund to help with completion of the project. If you would like further information you can check out this [Facebook post](#) or contact [Keith Reilly](#)

### Expedition Fund

Applications for the next round of Expedition Fund Grants are due by the end of January 2023. You can get further information and the application form on our website [here](#).



## **Less than 2 WEEKS until the Classic Adventure begins with Classic Banff!**

The 'Classic Banff' programme – a collection of much-loved Festival and World Tour films from the past decade, is a fundraiser for NZAC Aspiring Hut Project 2022.

Watch from the comfort of your home and whether it's the first time you're seeing these films or the tenth, these global audience favourites have enduring appeal. Thanks to our sponsors Rab NZ and NZ Mountain Safety Council. View [here](#) the Classic Banff Programme and Pre-Purchase \*note only available to view in New Zealand.

Still image above from the film Cold

## **Member Benefits**

For climbing equipment we have some great partners offering member discounts

- [Aspiring Safety](#)
- [Bogong Equipment \(AU\)](#)
- [Climbing Anchors](#)
- [Top Gear](#)

For more great offers from our partner organisations you can see them on our website by clicking [here](#).

**Copies of Gavin Lang & Paul Hersey's books are available to purchase via our [webshop](#).**

[Seeking The Light](#) showcases Gavin Lang's quest to climb all 24 of New Zealand's highest mountains. You can read a review of the book [here](#).

Paul Hersey's [The Cold Inside](#) takes an intimate look at what it takes to climb. A mix of adventure narrative, prose, and memoir, this book explores the psyche of climbers.

Both books would make great Christmas gifts.

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## Community



Get Outdoors Week - Nov 12-20th

Share your #GOWeekNZ adventures between 12-20 November and be in to WIN prizes! All you need to do is share a photo on Facebook or Instagram inspired by daily themes, use #GOWeekNZ, and tag @GetOutdoorsWeek in your post.

More information on how to get involved can be found [here](#).

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## 2022 FMC Expedition Scholarship and Training Grant Recipients announce

The Otago Section received a Training Grant to run a first aid course in November.

There is one round of scholarships & grants offered each year, add it in to your calendar for 2023. You can get more information on how to apply and criteria here [Scholarships](#) or [Grants](#).

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Don't forget to catch up on all our other news, reviews and info on our website