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Kia ora,

Welcome to the NZAC June Newsletter.

On May 29th, 1953, NZAC Club member Ed Hillary and Tenzing Norgay were the first to summit Mt Everest. The members of the Club were ecstatic. The editorial of the 1953 New Zealand Alpine Journal, written by Mr J.P. Glasgow was dedicated to the successful summit.

He noted that Club members, E.P.Hillary and W.G.Lowe, were part of the 1953 British Expedition.

The final two paragraphs read as follows:

“Our joy at this first ascent of Mount Everest is no less than our personal pleasure that a New Zealander, a member of this Club, a mountaineer for whom the Club was able to obtain the introduction to an Everest expedition, is one of the two who have stood on the summit of the world’s highest mountain. New Zealand mountaineering has come of age. The name of Sir

Edmund Hillary will endure as a son of New Zealand, and his achievement as a tribute to the Southern Alps wherein he was trained as a mountaineer.

And so, with all mountaineers, with all New Zealanders, with all people everywhere who thrill to the story of human adventure and endeavour, The New Zealand Alpine Club joins in warmest congratulations to the successful 1953 British Everest Expedition.”

Sir Edmund Hillary, at the time, was an active and engaged Club member. The Journal includes a comprehensive report on the 1952 British Himalayan Expedition jointly written by E.P. Hillary and W.G. Lowe. Sir Edmund was an Officer of the Club, serving on the Committee and he was also Vice Chairman of the Auckland Section. Later in 1953, he was awarded Life Membership to the New Zealand Alpine Club and went on to serve as Club President in 1965.

The newsletter has details of upcoming events that celebrate the 70-year anniversary of Sir Ed and Tenzing Norgay's achievement.

You don't have to climb Mt Everest to be on the Board of the New Zealand Alpine Club. The Club is calling for nominations for four elected positions on the Board for a two-year term commencing in October 2023. Details of the commitment required, and ideal experience are found in the newsletter. We are looking for people who represent the diverse voice of our Club membership. If you don't think you have quite the experience required, we encourage you to stand.

I am very happy to discuss the role if you are interested. Thank you to those who have contacted me recently.

If you want to participate in the Club in other ways, there are plenty of opportunities ahead. There is a full schedule for the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, always a great evening made possible by the hard work of volunteers, staff and our sponsoring partners.

The NiBs series is underway; head along to events in Wellington, Auckland, and Christchurch over the next few months to see our boulderers in action.

Winter courses are also underway, with details of events around the motu in this newsletter.

Finally, our sister organisation ACAT is looking for a Trustee and a Fundraising/Marketing Manager. ACAT has worked quietly away to secure access to some key climbing venues, the recent successful trial season at Whanganui Bay is as a result of their key stakeholder work. This organisation is doing great things for climbing access. Read more about this in the newsletter.

I would like to thank all the volunteers, our staff and our supporting sponsor partners for contributing to the Club.

E rere ana ngā mihi/ I can't thank you enough

Clare

Club News

Board Member Nominations - We Need You!

While climbing Mt Everest is not a required skill to serve the Club at Board level, we seek people who are engaged in NZAC activities and who will be a voice for our diverse membership.

Commitment:

- This is a volunteer role.
- The Board meets 7 times a year. Two of these meetings, in April and October, are attended in Christchurch and occupy a full day. Expenses are reimbursed. The remaining meetings are held remotely.
- The term of office of board member is two years. Members can stand for further terms.
- Nominees must be NZAC members.

Experience: Any and all of these skills - and experience performing them effectively - are valuable:

- Health and Safety and the outdoor industry
- Stakeholder Relationship management
- Fiscal and operational risk management
- Digital business (Website, e-commerce) and social media management or development

Governance experience or a willingness to develop governance skills

For all the information on the Board responsibilities and to complete a nomination form click [here](#). Nominations are to be returned to us by 19th June 2023.

If you would like to discuss these positions further, please contact NZAC President, Clare Kearney (president@alpineclub.org.nz).

Get Involved



The New Zealand tour of the Banff Film Festival is in progress!

Another major event of the year is now underway, with the **Banff Film Festival** having had screenings in Queenstown, Dunedin, Wellington and Christchurch. Next week it moves up to Auckland and a host of other locations. You can find the full screening **schedule here**, and view a superb range of **film trailers** here.

Not only does this annual event serve to bring the world's best mountain films to audiences in New Zealand, but it also operates on a non-profit basis to raise funds for a wide range of development programmes for members of our outdoor community.

Once again, we're honoured and grateful to have the support from a diverse range of excellent sponsoring partners; **La Sportiva**, **Cycle Journeys**, **Mountain Safety/Plan My Walk** and **Zoop**.

Image above from Flow showing in the Aoraki & Ruapehu Programmes, view the **trailer here**.



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Highlight on the Club D.O.W Hall Fund

The Club has provided financial assistance in a grant to Ray Salisbury for his book EPIC - Adventures Across Aotearoa, *a book covering feats of endurance across New Zealand*. The expected publication date is October 2023.

Read more about the **D.O.W Hall Fund here** and how to apply.



The 2023 National Indoor Bouldering Series is underway!

The first round of the 2023 National Indoor Bouldering Series took place last month, in Dunedin, on 20th May. You can check out event report and fab photos online [here](#).

And round 2 is just around the corner, in just 2 weeks time the event will move to Wellington at the Hangdog Climbing Centre. Check out the links below for details and registration info;

Round 2: 24-25th June, Wellington, Hangdog Climbing Centre

Round 3: 5th August, Auckland, Northern Rocks

Round 4: 2nd September, Christchurch, Uprising

The NZAC National Indoor Bouldering Series is delighted to have the support of The North Face, La Sportiva, Uprising Industries and Bivouac Outdoor.

Photo credit: Tom Hoyle from round one at Resistance Climbing Gym in Dunedin



Our Winter Courses Are Filling Up Fast!!

There has been great interest in the winter programme this year and applications have been flowing in. There are limited places on the Leading on Technical Ice, Intro to Back Country Skiing and Women's Intro to Backcountry Ski Touring Courses. Complete an [application here](#), don't delay to grab one of the last places!

Community



ACAT Are Hiring (paid role)

ACAT are looking for a Fundraising and Marketing Manager. For more information on the role and how to apply click [here](#).



Expression of Interest: ACAT is seeking a new Trustee

If you are passionate about climbing and wanting to make a difference to climbing access in Aotearoa/New Zealand click [here](#) to get in touch with ACAT.



Himalayan Trust Everest 70th Anniversary Celebrations

May 29th 2023 is the 70th anniversary of the first ascent of Mount Everest—the world's highest mountain—by Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay.

There are two events being held in New Zealand that you are welcome to attend, click [here](#) for more information.



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ACAT Tax Rebates with Supergenerous

We recently passed the end of the tax year and ACAT will be sending out donation tax receipt summaries to all supporters shortly. ACAT is a registered charity and every time you donate you are entitled to claim a 33% tax credit!

However, the IRD process for claiming your tax credit is not user-friendly, and 60% of donors never claim their rebates - and the money is lost. So this year we are partnering with Supergenerous, an organisation that takes the hassle out of claiming your rebate.

Sign up with Supergenerous by clicking **here**, it only takes a couple of minutes!

Please consider re-gifting your tax rebate to ACAT - this will grow your initial donation at no cost to you. That's more love for our crags.

Thanks again for all your support over the past two years - you are the reason this organisation exists.

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

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