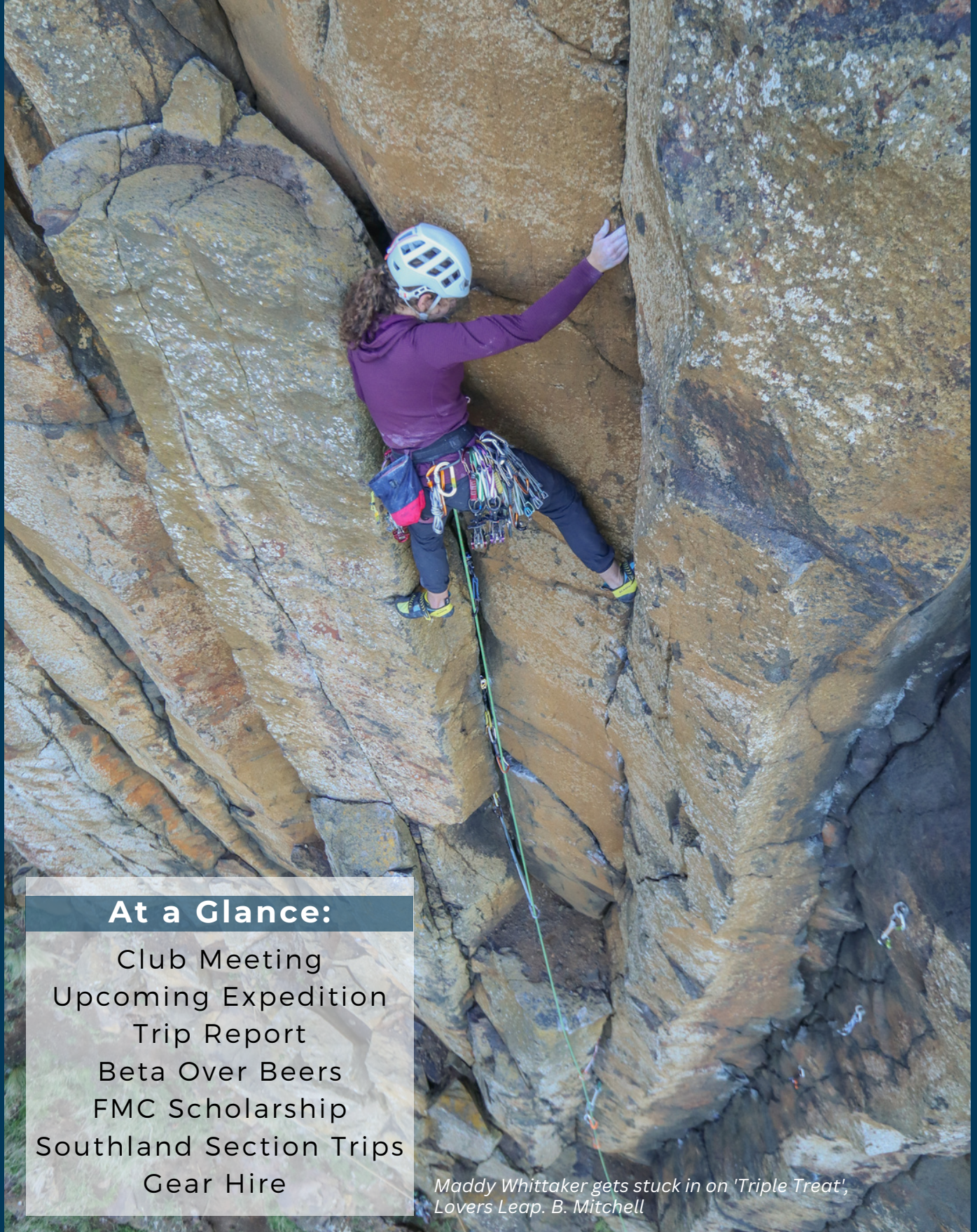


# OTAGO CLIMBER

*New Zealand Alpine Club - Otago Section Newsletter*

**JULY 2023**



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*Maddy Whittaker gets stuck in on 'Triple Treat',  
Lovers Leap. B. Mitchell*



# CLUB MEETING

*Come and hear about this amazing journey and bring your friends!*



*Drs Gareth Andrews (left) and Richard Stephenson (right).*

**DR RICHARD STEPHENSON**

## Unsupported Trip to South Pole

In November 2022 Richard and friend Gareth Andrews set off from the north coast of Berkner Island, on the shores of the Weddell Sea, each towing a 165kg sled with all the supplies and equipment they would need for an expedition to the South Pole. 66 days later they reached the South pole, having endured howling winds, freezing temperatures and minimal visibility along the way.

They also carried equipment along that collected climate and meteorological data, which was continuously beamed to the Landsat 8 satellite — something never before done.

It will now be studied by scientists around the world, and Dr Stephenson hoped it would give them crucial insights into the planet's present climate and enable them to predict future climate behaviour — perhaps even help fight climate change.

**UNIVERSITY STAFF CLUB**  
**Wednesday 2nd August, 7.30PM**

Check [Facebook](#) for event page soon.

# MT WORSLEY EXPEDITION

***Local Dunedin Climber Lily Green gets ready to embark on an expedition to South Georgia Island!***



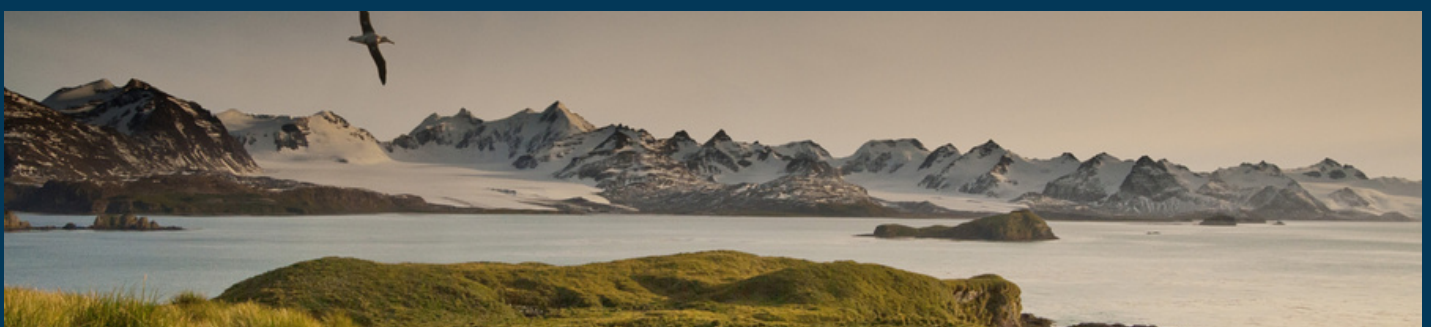
*Lily on a training mission, Mt Topheavy in back.*

## ***Words by Lily Green:***

I am still lost for words about this opportunity to go to South Georgia. I loved meeting the crew last weekend in Auckland, such a diverse bunch from all over New Zealand. There is huge amounts of knowledge, passion for nature and unique perspectives. We have experts in fields such as meteorology, healthcare, arts, education, advocacy and we all share dedication to exploration, discovery and conservation. I cannot wait to build friendships with these amazing humans!

We depart from Auckland International Airport as a team on the 28th of September this year. We will travel via Santiago and Punta Arenas, Chile to the Falkland Islands where we will hop aboard the Magellan Explorer operated by Antarctica21 for a 14 day voyage exploring South Georgia. On the expedition, we will cruise in inflatable Zodiac boats, drop us mountaineers off and pick us up, visit vast king penguin rookeries, seal covered beaches, and many important historic sites connected to Shackleton, including his final resting place.

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*An albatross soars over South Georgia at sunset ©iStock.com*



The Antarctic Heritage Trust is a New Zealand-based not-for-profit with a vision of 'Inspiring Explorers'.

A world leader in cold climate heritage conservation, the Trust cares for the expedition base huts and 20,000 artefacts left behind by early Antarctic explorers including Captain Robert Scott, Sir Ernest Shackleton, Sir Edmund Hillary and Carsten Borchgrevink.

The Trust encourages the spirit of exploration through its Inspiring Explorers™ programme to engage and inspire a new generation and shares the legacy of exploration through outreach programmes.



This is the Trust's ninth Inspiring Explorers Expedition™ following a crossing of South Georgia in 2015, an ascent of Mount Scott in Antarctica in 2017, crossing the Greenland ice cap in 2018, kayaking expeditions on the Antarctic Peninsula in 2019 and 2020, a New Zealand-based ski traverse in 2022, and skiing almost 1000km to the South Pole in 2022.

***READ MORE HERE:***  
**Climber set to scale Mt Worsley**

*All the best Lily, we can't wait to hear about the trip!*





# TRIP REPORT

*Matariki Weekend, Mid Winter Christmas Party - Aspiring Hut*



*Aspiring Hut 2023 (left) and valley plodding (right).*

## **Words by Keith Moffat:**

After some coming and going we had 17 people head into Aspiring Hut for Matariki weekend. Most people walked in on Friday afternoon and the rain kept away. It was surprisingly warm for July and the snow was still quite high on the hills. The shared potluck meal on Friday night was a success it was quite impressive what you can produce with a billy and gas cooker.

The rebuilt Aspiring Hut was great to stay in. It is spacious warm and well laid out. The only problem was the new hi-tech double chamber wood burner did not work well. It had two pages of complicated instructions. This has been recognised by the club and a replacement unit is in the hut ready to be installed in the spring.

The rain held off on Saturday until about midday. People headed off in all directions to explore, to head of valley, Liverpool hut, French Ridge hut, Cascade Saddle track. There was heavy rain on Saturday night, but it stopped in time for us to walk out on Saturday morning.

**People on the trip:** Eve O'Brein, John Goulstone, Kirsten Simonsen, Duncan Grant, Sarah Stephen, Lindsay Smith, Keith Moffat, Joanne Inder, Sonia Mariano, Will Gibson, Richard Hudson, Phil Somerville, James Hayers, Alex Tupps, Riley Smith and others.



# PHOTOS

*Matariki Weekend, Mid Winter Christmas Party - Aspiring Hut*



*(above L-R): Back from Scots Biv, Passing time at Aspiring hut. - Keith M. Up to Liverpool Hut in the rain. - Riley S*





Central Otago:

# BETA OVER BEERS

*Second Tuesday of Every Month!*



## **CARGO GANTLEYS - ARTHURS POINT QUEENSTOWN, 7-9PM**

Beta over Beers is a regular social night hosted by the New Zealand Alpine Club for mountaineers, ski tourers and climbers. Join us for drinks and meet like-minded people. Discuss the latest conditions in the mountains, find a buddy for your next adventure or get some inspiration for future trips. All welcome!

**NEXT MEET: AUGUST 8TH**

*Oskar Wolff clips the chains on  
'Perfect Skin', Long Beach*

Check [Facebook](#) for updates.



# FMC EXPEDITION SCHOLARSHIP

FMC, with the support of the FMC Mountain and Forest Trust, wants to help you to have an experience of a lifetime with scholarships of up to:

# \$1,500 cash

Applications close 15 September.



Photo: Naeco Lami, FMC Youth Expedition Scholarship recipient, 2022

For information on how to apply, and to check your eligibility criteria, see [www.fmc.org.nz/scholarship/](http://www.fmc.org.nz/scholarship/)





# SOUTHLAND TRIPS

*Upcoming Southland Section Climbing Trips Invitation*



**GET OUT CLIMBING!**

Image sourced from <https://planmywalk.nz/tracks/eldrig-peak-route>

We have been invited by the NZAC Southland Section to join any upcoming trips their team is running. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and explore areas you may not have visited before with some experienced locals.

## **TRIP DATES:**

### **September**

23rd Single Cone (TBC)

### **October**

28th-29th Upper Princhester, Clare Peak

### **November**

18th Mount Burns-Eldrig Peak traverse

### **December**

2nd-3rd Spence Peak, Takitimu Traverse

For more information please contact the Southland Section at: **[southland@alpineclub.org.nz](mailto:southland@alpineclub.org.nz)** or check out their **[Facebook page](#)**





# GEAR HIRE

## **PLBs (Personal Locator Beacons)**

The Otago Section has two PLBs based in Dunedin for use by Otago Section members. Rental is free for NZAC members and \$5 per day for non-members. Fill out the online booking form [here](#) then contact Keith Moffat to arrange to collect a unit via [moffat.k172@gmail.com](mailto:moffat.k172@gmail.com)

## **Avalanche Equipment and Snowshoes**

Available for rent from Hunting and Fishing, Dunedin (141 Crawford Street). Snowshoe rental is \$5 per day for members and \$10 per day for non-members. Avalanche equipment rental is \$10 per day for members and \$10 per day for non-members. Members are welcome to collect the gear on Friday and return on Monday and two day's rental will apply. If you have any issues with rental gear please contact the Section or Keith Moffat as the Hunting and Fishing team are doing us a huge favour running the rentals; please don't hassle the staff!!

**Guidebooks....we have a small selection available in Dunedin for members to borrow. Contact Keith Moffat (same email as above) to arrange pick up.**

## **Guide Books Available**

The Section has an up-to-date set of guidebooks available to members. Priority goes to trip leaders, however, these are available to all members. Contact us to arrange use

**Aoraki Tai Poutini, Rob Frost, 4th ed, 2018**

**Backcountry Ski Touring in New Zealand, Shane Orchard 1st ed., 2018**

**Barron Saddle- Mount Brewster, Ross Cullen, 2nd ed., 2002**

**Mount Aspiring Region, Allan Uren and Mark Watson 4th ed., 2016**

**The Otago Southern Alps, Danilo Hegg & Geoff Spearpoint, 8th ed., 2013**

**Queenstown Rock, Ice & Boulders, Guillaume Charton 3rd ed., 2018**

**Rock Deluxe, Ivan Vostinar and Kate Sinclair, 2nd ed., 2015**

**Wanaka Rock, 7th ed., 2014**



# GEAR HIRE



## NZAC – QUEENSTOWN, WANAKA GEAR HIRE



### GEAR HIRE CONDITIONS

- To hire gear and organise pick up/drop off, fill in the form at <https://tiny.cc/gearhire>. You MUST email Chris (Wanaka) or Bryce (Queenstown) to let them know you have requested gear. They will respond with payment and pick-up arrangements.
- Minimum hire is 2 days.
- When hiring the Avalanche set (transceiver, shovel, probe), please supply your own 1 x AA alkaline non-rechargeable battery.
- Gear is hired with the expectation that it will be returned clean and tidy, if gear is lost or damaged, replacement cost will be charged
- Gear can be reserved in advance by paying in full via bank transfer
- All gear must be paid for on booking.

If you have issues with gear or the rental, email [cosnzac@gmail.com](mailto:cosnzac@gmail.com).

### NON-MEMBER GEAR HIRE CONDITIONS

NZAC Members may hire on behalf of non-members joining the same trip knowing that the NZAC member is responsible for any loss or damage. The non-member pays non-member prices.

### PLEASE NOTE

The NZAC is not responsible for providing any technical advice regarding the fitting or use of the gear hired; this is solely the renter's responsibility.

### GEAR AVAILABLE

Avalanche set:  
*transceiver, shovel, probe*  
Walking ice axes  
Crampons  
Helmets

Members price:  
\$10/day – Avalanche set  
\$5/day – any other item

Non-members  
renting via a member:  
\$20/day – Avalanche set  
\$10/day – any other item

Payable prior to pickup  
No refunds

Current NZAC  
Membership card  
required at pick up  
\$100 bond required in  
cash

### Gear pick up & drop off

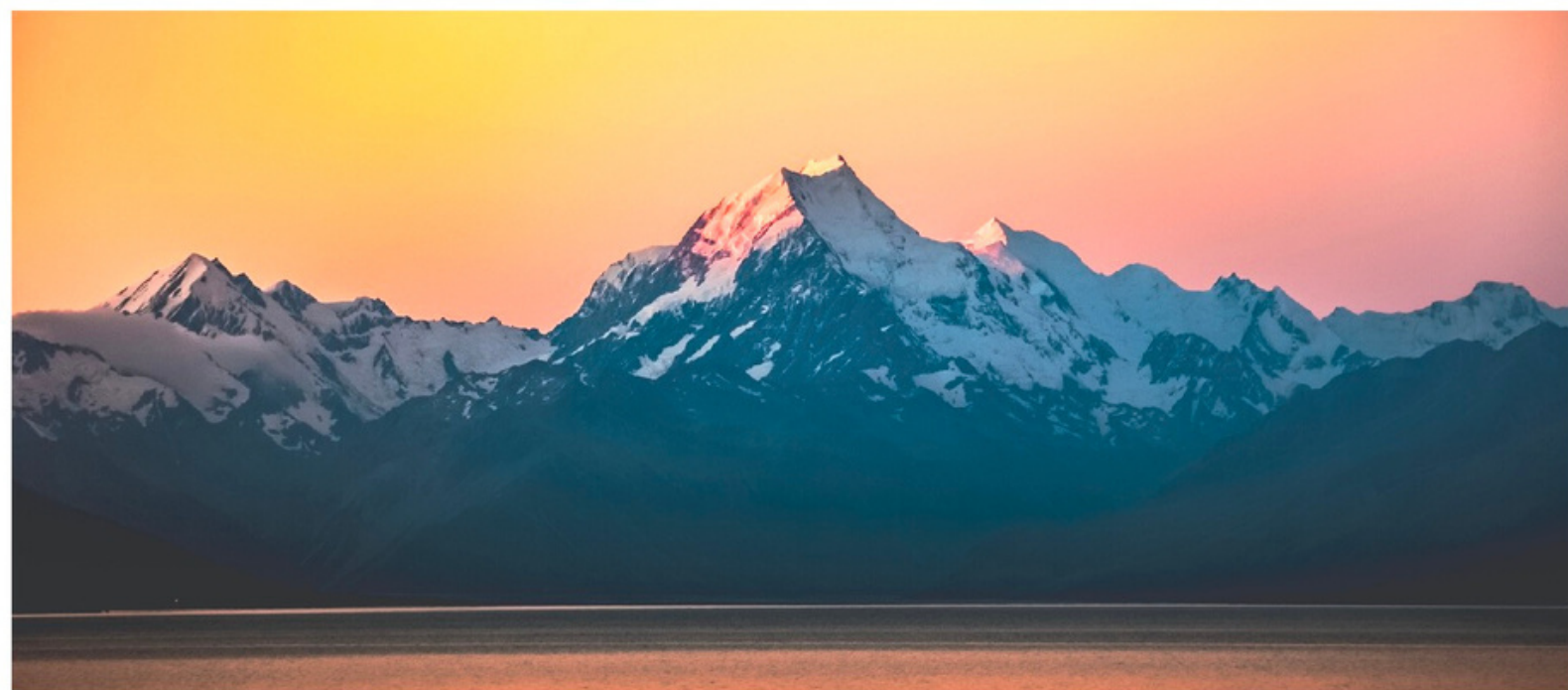
#### Queenstown contact:

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[bawood13@gmail.com](mailto:bawood13@gmail.com)

#### Wanaka contact:

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Trip info & booking: [www.osonzac.org.nz](http://www.osonzac.org.nz)

## Get involved!

Committee member meeting  
second Wednesday each month.  
We are always looking for more  
volunteers to share the load of  
section leadership. Please get in  
touch if you'd like to come along  
to a committee meeting.

To find out more, contact us at  
[otago.climber@gmail.com](mailto:otago.climber@gmail.com)

## **NZAC DISCOUNTS**

NZAC members get up  
to 50% off selected  
shops & activities.

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