



# NEW ZEALAND ALPINE CLUB



**2 Aug, 2023**

**Kia ora**

Nau mai, haere mai

Welcome to the NZAC August Newsletter.

This is my final newsletter as NZAC President. My term is completed at the end of September when Jim Petersen takes the reins. I will then remain on the Board for a further year. Two years have flown by. I had no major projects I wanted to achieve during my term other than strengthening the Club governance processes and supporting my fellow Board members, Karen our CEO, NZAC staff and the many volunteers, all of whom contribute to making this such a great Club to be part of. As in the Hippocratic oath, my intention was to "first, do no harm." What I have found in this role is the wide range of support available, especially from former Club Presidents who continue to be engaged in the background, helping things happen. I am very grateful to the generosity of many who have enabled me to be President.

I offer congratulations to the successful candidates for the four elected Board members and I warmly welcome you to the Board. I am also grateful for the generosity of those candidates who weren't elected. Thank you for putting your name forward and for the good work you do for the Club. Also a warm thank you to Yvonne Pfluger and Peter Hillary, the outgoing Board

members, for their contributions to the Club governance. All the results in this newsletter below.

As I write there is a solid cold front heading moving up the country from the deep South. Hopefully offering a boost to ski fields and providing some welcome snow and ice for the coming NZAC winter course series. Check out what is available here. Many sections are organising winter/spring trips for Club members. Follow these up on Section social media sites.

These organised events are a great opportunity to learn new skills, meet like minded people and to enjoy the beauty and challenges of the winter climbing environment. The Club Photograph competition is opening very soon and the judges are looking forward to viewing your perspective of the places you like to play.

For Club members who would rather play indoors the 3rd round of NiBs is this weekend at Northern Rocks in Auckland. If you're not entered, get along there to support the competition.

Kia rite, kia maia, kia kaha

Be ready, be brave, be strong

Clare

Photo: Andy Buchanan entry Alpine Landscape 2022 - Hamilton Peak from Broken River Skifield

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## Club News

The Board election was completed last week and we are very pleased to welcome Don Bogie and Lisa Donning as new members of the Board, and celebrate the re-election of Ross Cullen and Myles Perry. These four will join Jim Petersen, Clare Kearney and Joshua Schoombie on the Board from October 1st.

We also thank the unsuccessful candidates for stepping up to the election plate. Having a contested election is really important to give Club members a choice in the direction of the Club. The quality of our candidates is always exceptional, and this year was no different. We appreciate the time and effort that you have put into your applications and hope that you will stay in touch and contribute to the Club in other roles.

We also wish to extend our thanks to Yvonne Pfluger and Peter Hillary for their service on the Board, Yvonne since its inception (5 years) and Peter for one term. Their contributions have been significant and the time and effort they dedicated to these positions a testament to their own personal values of giving back to the climbing community. Thank you both.

You can familiarise yourself with the elected candidates by reading our article in Club News on our website [here](#).

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## Get Involved



### NiBS Round 3 Saturday August 5th

If you can, get along to Northern Rocks in Auckland on Saturday August 5th to take part or support the 3rd round competitors of NiBS.

Spots are filling up fast and on track to sell out, so if you want to take part best be quick and register [here](#).

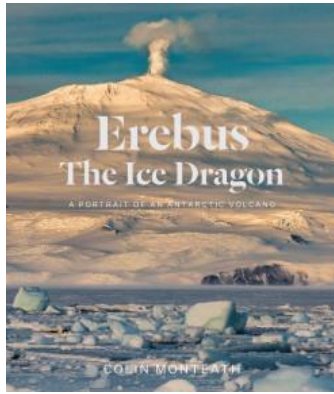


### NZAC Annual Photographic Competition Entries Open this month

Entries for our annual photo comp open on August 11th through to August 27th. There are some fantastic prizes up for grabs thanks to our sponsors [Further Faster](#), [The North Face](#), [Potton & Burton](#), [MSR](#), [Beringia](#), [Zoop](#).

Start organising your photos and check out the criteria for entry [here](#).

Image by Adam Flower of Rowan Bulpit pulling the final moves of Pitch 1 of Deep Play on the Totem Pole, Tasmania. Overall Champion Photo 2022.



### **Book Launch - Erebus The Ice Dragon**

With support from the D.O.W Hall Fund, Colin Monteath's book Erebus The Ice Dragon is being launched Friday 11th August.

Books will be available for purchase and signing by Colin at the event.

For more information and to RSVP click [here](#).



### **MSC - Avalanche Awareness Video Series**

As winter settles in around the country now is as good a time as any to watch the NZ Mountain Safety Council series on Avalanche Awareness. You can view them all [here](#).



### **The Kimi Worrell Fund Is Now Open**

The Kimi Worrell Fund was set up by Kimi's close friends and family with funds raised from the climbing community. The fund aims to replace perishable and unsafe gear around the country to prevent similar accidents to Kimi's happening in the future.

For more information and to make a donation visit the ACAT page [here](#).



### **FMC Expedition Scholarships & Training Grants 2023**

Applications for the 2023 FMC Expedition Scholarships are now open.

Two types of scholarship are available:

- Youth Expedition Scholarship

- Simon Bell Memorial Scholarship

Applications close Friday 15th September 2023.

Click [here](#) for all the information.



### **Northern Rocks renewed its status as ACAT's Top Sponsor 2023**

Northern Rocks has been a key supporter of ACAT from the outset, getting on board in the early days of 2021 through collaborative events, fundraisers and financial support.

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

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