

**New Zealand Alpine Club**

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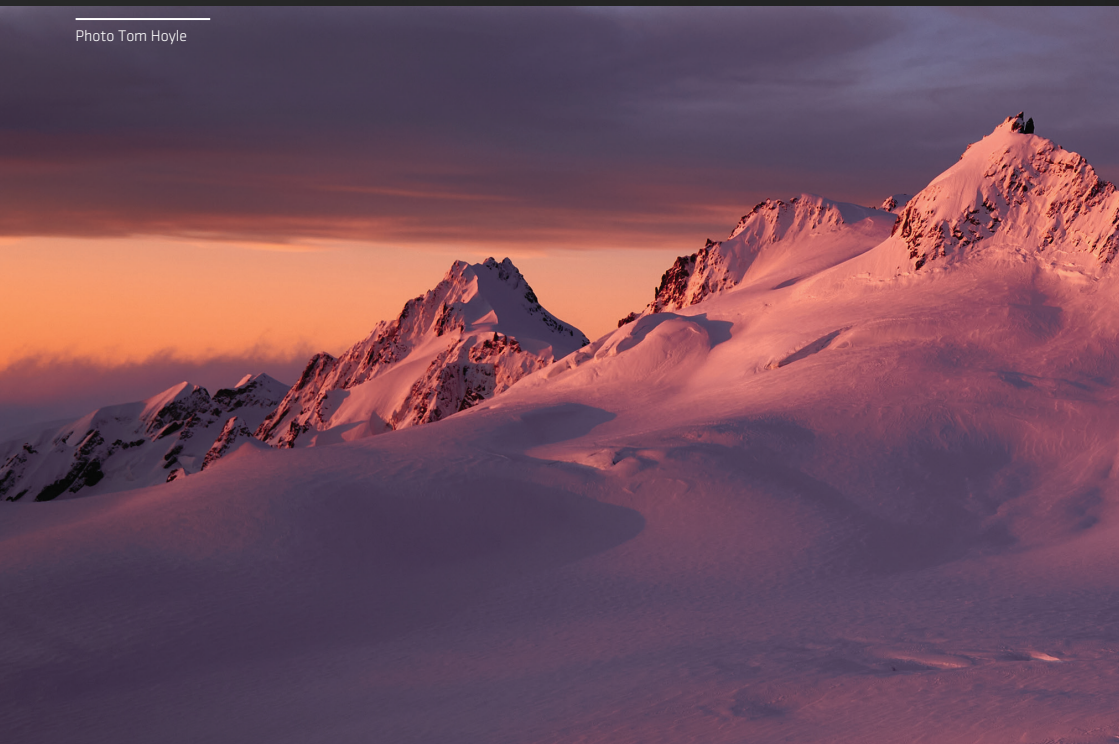
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# New Zealand Alpine Club

**Our vision:** *NZAC champions the pursuit of climbing, enabling skilled and active adventurers. We provide inspiration, information and seek to enable a vibrant climbing community.*

**Our core purpose** *is to foster and support climbing.*

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Taranaki Ranges.  
A fine example of goblin  
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Photo Peter Laurensen.

## ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE CLIMBING

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On a fresh autumn day, a group of keen Club members, contractors, funders, Alpine Club staff, supporters and volunteers gathered in the Matukituki Valley to officially open the newly refurbished Aspiring Hut. A superb achievement for our Club and its members.

Tēna koutou, tēna koutou, tēna koutou katoa.

It is my privilege to present the 2022/2023 New Zealand Alpine Club Annual Report, on behalf of the Board, to our members and stakeholders.

The 31st of March 2023 opening marked the conclusion of many years of planning and preparation by a team dedicated to preserving Aspiring Hut for future generations of adventurers.

There is more to be said on this project further in the Annual Report, but I must reflect that this achievement would not have occurred without the generosity, foresight, enthusiasm and sheer stubbornness of many volunteers, staff, contractors, and funders. In particular I would like to acknowledge Derek Crombie and John Cocks for their leadership of this project. Thank you very much to all who have been involved, our Club is very grateful for each of you

for your mahi on this project and I hope that a visit to the Hut fills you with pride and pleasure at the taonga you have helped create in this lovely valley.

Aspiring Hut has been an ambitious project. Conducted in a remote area, using a new construction technique and in the economic headwinds of rising costs and interest rates, there was potential for it to go awry. There were definitely challenges along the way, but solutions were found, and the project proceeded.

The financial implications of the Hut refurbishment are explained in the Financial Report, but it has been a substantial budget to manage, only made possible by the funding from individual member donations and loans through to substantial bequests, Back Country Trust Jobs for Nature Funds, the Tōpiki Trust, the Otago Community Trust, Sargood Bequest Trust, and Federated Mountain Club donations. Our NZAC Sections also donated to the refurbishment.

Around this project, the Club activities proceeded with Instruction courses, NiBs Bouldering Series, Banff Mountain Film Festival and Section events. Club membership has been steadily rising and our website and social media platforms have attracted more interest and interaction.



This year, a start has been made on refurbishment of the Climb NZ site to improve user experience and include some extra features. This is a staged process with pilot testing continuing before release. The current site is still operational. Climb NZ was identified in the 2023 Membership survey as an important asset of the Club and the Board fully support its development.

While the actual financial transactions will occur in the 2023/24 financial year, prior to the end of the 22/23 year the Club had started the process to freehold Porter Lodge land. The land has been rented from the Sullivan Family, with whom we have had a warm relationship, for many years. We are very grateful to the Sullivan Family for their ongoing support of the Club.

The major projects of the year have been undertaken because of the support and funding from the Tūpiki Trust. This charitable trust, established by John Nankervis and a group of like-minded Club members in 2021, has distributed funding across a number of climbing, conservation, and outdoor heritage platforms. The Alpine Club has hugely benefited from this generous funding and has been able to make progress on its big projects because of the Tūpiki Trust. The Board is very grateful for the Trust's support over the year. The Tūpiki Trust annual report is included further in this Club report, providing more information on the important mahi of the Tūpiki Trust.

The Club has continued its support for the Aotearoa Climbing Access Trust (ACAT) and we are pleased they have made steady progress on access to climbing areas. Creating relationships with landowners is key. It provides an understanding of perspectives, an ability to work on solutions and acknowledgment of the concerns landowners have about having other people using their land. I encourage members to show their appreciation to their local landowners.

The Alpine Club has made a number of submissions over the past year. Notably, building an ongoing relationship with the Milford

Opportunities Project on proposals that would impact climbers and climbing, Homer Hut and general public safety. I thank Kerry Clapham and the Southland Section for their work on this proposal on behalf of the Club.

For me, one of the highlights of my term has been our event to present Tā Tipene O'Regan ONZ with his Honorary Club membership and to have Tā Tipene and Takerei Norton, Ngāi Tahu Archive Manager, demonstrate and discuss Kā Huru Manu, the Ngāi Tahu Cultural Atlas. This fantastic resource provides rich cultural narratives and information on significant places in Te Waipounamu for Ngāi Tahu, increasing our understanding of the places we now traverse.

My term as Club President finishes at the end of September and I stay a further 12 months on the Board as Immediate Past President. I am delighted to hand over the virtual ice axe of Presidency to Jim Petersen. We will be joined on the Board by newly elected members Don Bogie and Lisa Donning and the re-elected members Ross Cullen and Myles Perry. I thank outgoing Board members Peter Hillary and Yvonne Pfluger for their service to the Club. Yvonne was one of the first Board members elected to the newly formed Board. She has contributed generously to governance of the Club. Over a number of years.

I offer gratitude to my fellow Board members for contributing their time and skills to the governance of the Club. I am also very grateful for the many members who volunteer so generously to serve on committees, at events, for Sections and on projects. Ngā mihi nui.

Thank you to Karen Leacock for her leadership of the Club during a very busy year. I also acknowledge our staff who are generous with their time and energy into bettering the Club for all members. They work as a cohesive team and support each other as needed. We are fortunate to have such an effective, friendly, and enthusiastic group of people supporting the work of the Club. E rere ana ngā mihi.

**Clare Kearney**

## GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

Every year seems like a busy year, but this past year has been particularly notable. I am immensely proud of the team and the volunteers for the way that they have dealt with the pressures and opportunities that have presented themselves.

The year was dominated by the Aspiring Hut rebuild, which was delivered alongside our business as usual – a feat that we should be proud of. As the biggest capital project in the history of the Club, delivered during a time of construction material inflation, a labour shortage and regulatory systems like we have never previously seen, our team of contractors and volunteers delivered a building which would look at home in central Wanaka. With mod cons like solar lighting, smaller bunkrooms individually named for the surrounding glaciers, and retaining the wonderful main room windows which frame the majesty of surrounding peaks, the hut is a magnificent building. Special thanks must go to John Cocks and Derek Crombie who worked almost full-time for the entire hut build, ensuring its success.

Many people have questioned why we were investing in a hut which isn't strictly a mountaineer's hut. The answer has many threads. The first is that families grow mountaineers. To be able to go into an accessible but extremely beautiful environment and stay the night at a hut of this calibre is going to provide the motivation and connection to the land needed to grow the next generation of outdoor adventurers. More than this, that connection to the land is going to be essential if we, as a country, are going to contribute our part to reducing climate change.

The Aspiring hut will also provide revenue which can be used in our other huts. As you will see in other parts of this report, our hut revenue is not growing while our expenses are increasing. Insurance is becoming difficult to obtain, and even more difficult to afford. The Board is aware of the challenges and we continue to discuss the strategy for huts going forward.

Our close relationships with our partners have again proved how we are stronger together.

Without the initial support of the Backcountry Trust and Rob Brown, the Aspiring Hut project could still be in the planning stages. Without the support of the Tūpiki Trust the hut may not have been completed. Without the support of generous donors and members we might not have the beautiful deck! We again showed our strength, and proved that the outdoor community is small, but mighty.

And while Aspiring was a great achievement, the rest of the Club went about quietly achieving, as is so often the case. Snow craft was completed with unprecedented demand. There were more trips in the last year than the previous year as we ramp up again after the disruptions from Covid. The Banff Centre Mountain Film Festival had its second biggest year ever, with increased capacity now available in the major centres, allowing for growth into the future. Work on the refurbishment of [climbnz.org.nz](http://climbnz.org.nz) was ongoing, and the first stages have now launched.

The Club also performed remarkably well in its advocacy. We submitted on the West Coast stewardship land proposal, two concessions in the Remarkables and the Milford Opportunities Project. There were also consultations around hut fee increases and discounts policies at DOC. NZAC retained and strengthened its relationship with DOC, from the field to the top offices. We are confident of our positioning for some of the tough conversations that will be happening, and that with our partners we understand our similarities and differences.

In last year's annual report, I discussed a decline in membership. I am happy to report that membership has grown in this financial year, although at around 4300 it remains below pre-Covid levels of 4500. We continue to focus on providing value to our members, while also planning for the future needs of our current and potential members.

I would like to make a special mention to the staff who have supported and run much of this work this year. It hasn't been an easy year in the office with quite a few changes. Thanks to Ashlee Peeters, Lena Gaghis and Jackson





Photo Derek Cheng

Griffith for their work on our events. Thanks also to Tim Steward and Gregg Beisly for their steering of the instruction programme. To Lisa Wang, Tom Hoyle and Marie Hessey, thank you for all your hard work, picking up extra duties when needed and for assisting and supporting through the changes. We are truly lucky to have such a committed group of staff who are very clear on their purpose and motivation for making the Club a great community.

Thanks also to Clare Kearney, for her outstanding leadership and kind support in moments of difficulty. I thank outgoing Board members Yvonne Pfluger and Peter Hillary for their mahi and look forward to working with our new members Lisa Donning and Don Bogie.

Most of all, thank you to you members, for making the Club the wonderful place that it is. Long may the community thrive.

For now, I leave a challenge. The Club is facing many challenges in the next few years, but there are also lots of opportunities. What does a modern alpine club look like in the face of climate change, demographic change and high costs of living? Are we meeting the needs of current and future members? What are those needs? I encourage you to talk to people, have the curious conversations and be leaders for the Club. Every conversation with a non-Club member could help us build and grow to ensure that we are the strong modern alpine Club that we are always striving for, now and in the future.

**Karen Leacock** - General Manager NZAC

## PUBLICATIONS: RECORD, INFORM, INSPIRE, ENTERTAIN

On the crags that line Christchurch's Port Hills, there are 126 rock climbs with a grade of 22. They include *Victim of Ravishment* at Lyttelton Rock, and many people who have climbed that route swear it is actually 23, but differences of opinion as to difficulty have been rife among rock climbers for as long as people have been climbing rocks, so let's not get sidetracked before we've really even got started. Of those 126 routes, 63 are sport climbs, needing only a set of quickdraws (a minimum of two and no more than nine). To climb another 57 of these routes you'll need to know how to place natural protection – although several of these routes only need one or two pieces and are otherwise protected with bolts. Just 21 of the 57 are climbed entirely on trad gear.

Only seven grade 22s on the Port Hills are considered worthy of three stars. The reserved, diffident character for which Cantabrians are famous could explain this relatively low proportion. Almost certainly, many of the other 119 routes are equally worth climbing. Many argue star ratings are nothing more than subjective opinion or even unhinged prejudice. But there is a good range of climbing styles to choose from among these three-star climbs. Three are sport routes, two are bolted but also need some trad gear and two are pure trad climbs.

I found all this out from a quick search on [climbNZ.org.nz](http://climbNZ.org.nz). As I write, a major redevelopment of the site is undergoing initial user testing. By the time members read this report, the site will be live and you will be able to run your own search queries.

Rebuilding ClimbNZ has been the single biggest project for Club publications in the last year. In-depth work began in 2021/22 and continues into 2023/24. As well as funding through the Club Development Fund, we are extremely grateful to have had the support of Tūpiki Trust. This project simply wouldn't have been realised to the same level without Tūpiki support and is an excellent example of the

impact the Trust is making in supporting and promoting climbing in Aotearoa.

Readers with basic arithmetic will have noticed there appear to be six Port Hills 22s that are neither sport nor trad routes. How can that be? Well, several reasons. Perhaps the person who added them to the database forgot, or didn't bother, to list the number of bolts or to check the box to indicate trad gear is needed. Perhaps there's just no protection at all. (Is a route with no protection at all a trad route? Maybe. Soloing could be said to be the oldest tradition of all in climbing.)

The point being: the data can always be improved. So here's a plea: if something isn't right, leave a comment or better still fix it yourself.

There are other areas where there is still work to do. One of those three-star routes is Mossguard, a sparsely protected John Allen trad route on the Tors. Well, at present the landowners have forbidden access to this crag, something it'd be useful to know before chucking a sparse rack into a pack and biking up there. Better information about access status, conditions and potential hazards is a priority for the next stage of development. We are working closely with ACAT to ensure this happens in a way that supports their work and is useful for all climbers.

If you're a grade 22 Port Hills climber, you might have prepared your own spreadsheet of 126 climbs, ticked the ones you've done and highlighted the ones you might still be bothered to try. Providing that kind of function on ClimbNZ is also high on the to-do list. And although a basic principle underpinning the site has always been that information should be accessible to all, services like this will be available to Club members only – along with being able to compile your own lists of routes and places, and download information for offline use. That recognises the contribution members are making to the site (both through



providing information and financially) and that the Club community is in many ways the bedrock of the wider climbing community in Aotearoa.

One of the reservations fairly regularly expressed about websites such as [climbNZ.org.nz](https://climbNZ.org.nz) is that anyone can get on there and add, edit or delete information and where, actually, is the quality control that an editor brings to the work? Based on roughly a decade's experience now, here are several points in response. First, most people are extremely cautious about changing anything. Too cautious, a lot of the time. All revisions are recorded so it's not hard to revert to the previous information in the unlikely event that someone goes overboard with their enthusiasm. Second, climbers already use the site to add new routes and this goes a long way to solving a particular problem that is one of the bane of any guidebook editor's life. Third, we're implementing a specific role on the site for moderators, editors, caretakers (call them what you will) to have oversight of specific crags or areas and be recognised and acknowledged for their contribution.

The death of print is another anxiety that as well as contributing to the ongoing decline in civic values is frequently blamed on the internet, but that doesn't mean there isn't a grain of truth, so it's worth reflecting on how best this can be addressed. While the Club doesn't sell guidebooks at the rate it did 10 or even 20 years ago, the demand is still there.

Revised editions of *Avalanche Awareness and Backcountry Ski-touring* are just published, as well as a revised *Aoraki Tai Poutini* to try and keep up with the retreating glaciers. All new guides to the Aspiring Alps and Darrans rock are near.

The issue is more acute for clubs that have directed money earned from guidebook sales towards local crag upkeep and development. Does making information accessible online affect guidebook revenue? Almost certainly it does, although this is really hard to quantify. And it's not a problem that is going to just go away. Many of our most popular crags and climbs feature on international route-guide websites. Beyond that, there's value in ensuring local ownership and management of information is retained through a local presence online. The Club has worked with both Wānaka Climbing Club and Queenstown Climbing Club to support local guides through providing publishing expertise and, where appropriate, upfront funding. We'll continue to offer that as well as using ClimbNZ to acknowledge the work done by local clubs and crag developers and to encourage climbers to purchase local print guides.

If you haven't already, I heartily recommend making a visit to [climbNZ.org.nz](https://climbNZ.org.nz) and setting yourself up a user account. I think you'll be informed, inspired and entertained.

**Richard Thomson**

Publications Committee Convener

There were 146,288 sessions on the NZAC website

Returning visitors 17.4%  
New visitors 82.8%

Most visited web pages

Home page  
Unwin lodge  
Courses  
Member login  
Member join

Publications / Information	2023	2022	2021	2020
Books printed	1000	2180	1600	800
Book sales	1921	1925	2,007	2,048
Journal	3331	3150		

## DONATIONS TO NZAC FOR 2022 - 2023

### Organisational grants and donations

Tupiki Trust	Aspiring Hut	370,294.08
Back Country Trust (Jobs for Nature)	Aspiring Hut	321,053.16
Otago Community Trust	Aspiring Hut	100,000.00
Tupiki Trust	Human Waste Project	62,121.65
Sargood Bequest	Aspiring Hut	50,000.00
Forest and Mountain Trust	Aspiring Hut	20,000.00
NZ Community Trust	Aspiring Hut	10,000.00
Tupiki Trust	Webshop upgrade	10,000.00
Aotearoa Gaming Trust	Aspiring Hut	8,302.75

### Individual supporters

Estate Roderick Thomas Thomson	General donation	10,000.00
Peter Squires	Aspiring Hut	10,000.00
Estate Arnold and Jan Heine	Club Development Fund	10,000.00
B&C Hodgson Sub-Trust	General donation	1,000.00
Graeme Woodfield	Club Development Fund	1,000.00
Graham Langton	Aspiring Hut	1,000.00
Backtothe Wild	General donation	677.00
Anonymous	Aspiring Hut	500.00
Robin & Bernice Southern	Aspiring Hut	500.00
Barry Barton	Aspiring Hut	300.00
Gillian Marks	Club Hut Fund	250.00
Clare Kearney & family	General donation	200.00
Paul Cooper	General donation	200.00
Barry Barton	General donation	200.00
Graham Desborough	Club Hut Fund	200.00
Paul Cooper	Club Hut Fund	200.00
Andrew Stokes	Club Hut Fund	200.00
Jo Morgan	Aspiring Hut	200.00
Jean Jack	Aspiring Hut	200.00
Peter Curzon	Aspiring Hut	200.00
Paul Cooper	Expedition Fund	200.00
Graham Desborough	DOW Hall Publications fund	200.00
PV Weber Wools	Club Hut Fund	198.00
PV Weber Wools	Aspiring Hut	198.00
Bernard Wicht	Bolting fund	185.00
Emily Harding Memorial Fund	Bolting fund	171.00
Karlo Svant	General donation	150.00
Richard Chandler	Aspiring Hut	150.00



## SECTION COUNCIL REPORT

2023 has been a year of transition for the Section Council with a number of members coming and going throughout this time period. As a result of these movements, the Section Council has not been able to maintain the momentum it would have hoped when progressing its proposed work plan.

Len Caley has stepped down from his position as Section Council Chair. We thank him for his mahi in this position. In his stead, Neil Hamilton (Canterbury Westland Section) has been appointed. As Section Council Chair, Neil will also become a member of the NZAC Board.

Neil is keenly aware of the importance that access to the outdoors plays in ensuring NZAC members are able to pursue their passions. Additionally, Neil has some great ideas as to how the club can retain and grow its membership base in an environment of competing interests and priorities.

With Neil as Section Council Chair, the Council is looking forward to the coming year and representing its members at a national level.

### Joshua Schoombie

Section Council Board Rep



Photo Geoff Marks

## INSTRUCTION REPORT

The National Instruction courses have been well attended. In June and July Instructor Training and Refresher courses were run with 26 current and prospective instructors attending in the North and South Islands. These courses continue to be important for the development of the club's volunteer instructors, who in turn train many novice climbers in the foundational skills they need for safe mountain travel.

In August and September, Backcountry Avalanche, Leading on Technical Ice and Intro to Backcountry Ski courses were run with 46 participants. Most of the courses were full, with

the back country ski courses being somewhat disrupted by a last-minute instructor injury.

Upcoming courses are Glacier Ski, High Alpine Skills and Multi pitch rock. The ski and high alpine courses are already fully subscribed, with the rock courses about to be advertised.

The club is fortunate to have some of NZ's most skilled and experienced climbing and ski guides instructing these courses. Their commitment to the National Instruction programme and the effort and passion they bring to it is much appreciated.



Photo Avery Chen

EVENTS REPORT

The National Office is proud to support and assist local section volunteers and our membership with quality events. The NZAC has continued to run a successful calendar of events during 2022/2023, notably the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, the National Indoor Bouldering Series (NIBS) and the National Photographic Competition. Each of these events has an established history and presence in the NZ climbing community, solidified this year by high levels of attendance and quality engagement.

This year was our 21st hosting of the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour and achieved our second highest attendance to date with 13,346 people attending, down 7% from our bumper year in 2022. We added more screenings this year (28 in total) across more locations (13). We're attracting an increasingly younger crowd to the Banff screenings, with over 1/3 of attendees under 35 years old. More than half of attendees are female. We're also grateful for high satisfaction scores in the post

event survey, with 96% of attendees happy to recommend the event and 89% rating the events as Good or Excellent value for money. There is room to grow attendance and in 2024 we'll look at greater use of digital marketing channels.

The 2023 National Indoor Bouldering Series (NiBS) attracted 1,028 participants across Auckland, Christchurch, Dunedin and Wellington, the first time this event has exceeded 1,000 competitors. The event awarded prizes in 48 categories this year and it remains a huge asset to the community, with extensive involvement in youth categories.

Our annual Photo Competition concluded in September with over 300 exceptionally high submissions, which was whittled down to 6 prize winners in various categories. We were quite amazed and humbled by the stunning images that made the winning roster, which will be used across our digital channels and in our print calendar for 2024.



Photo Tom Hoyle

NZAC EVENTS					
Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, New Zealand					
Number of attendees	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	12,741	7,912	12,944	14,728	13,346
National Indoor Bouldering Series (NIBS)					
Number of attendees	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	713	810	972	983	1,028





## EXPEDITION FUND REPORT – 2023

The Fund is in a healthy state financially, since it benefits from the generous \$100k donation made in 2022 by the estate of John Nankervis.

Despite the constraints on travel imposed by Covid-19, the Fund has recently supported the following expeditions:

- 2021: \$1000 awarded to Graham Zimmerman (with overseas participant Chris Wright): K2 alpine style with new direct finish (Pakistan). The outcome is reported in NZAJ 74.
- 2022: \$900 awarded to Owen Ta-yuan Lee (with overseas participants Maria Parkes and Neil Chelton): new routes on Mt Loki and Mt Turnweather, Auyuittuq National Park, Baffin Island, Canada. The trip was successful with reporting in progress.
- 2023: \$4800 awarded to Alastair McDowell, Matthew Scholes, Matthew Clark and Hamish Fleming for an alpine-style attempt on Makalu (8481m), Nepal, by a new route variant via the NW spur and N ridge. (in progress at the time of writing)

Funding criteria and application materials were updated during the year to reflect contemporary styles of expedition. The Fund supports overseas expeditions with defined and significant climbing or mountaineering objectives, and particularly encourages applications from new teams of younger NZAC members and those from under-represented demographics.

## ACCOMMODATION

2023 has been a big year for Accommodation with the million dollar plus refurbishment of the Aspiring Hut. You can read more about this significant project in the relevant section of the annual report. Aspiring Hut is a fantastic gateway to the Matukituki Valley and Aspiring National Park, which is also served by the Club's other huts - Colin Todd and French Ridge. Many were involved in making this project possible and a success, including donors, contractors, Karen and her team in the national office. I would, however, like to make a special mention and thank Derek Crombie and John Cocks whose contribution in both time and skill was immense. Thank you.

With the ongoing growth in world class climbing in the Darrans, Homer hut experienced a very busy summer season 2022/3. A working group has come together to develop short and long term plans to ensure the hut meets the needs of club members and the climbing community now and into the future.

Whilst some huts experienced busy periods, in 2022/3 overall our Accommodation income was still down on pre Covid levels. At the same time, the expense of operating and maintaining our huts and lodges continues to increase, including but not limited to the relentless increase in insurance premiums (approximately a fifth of our Accommodation annual income pays for insurance and we only have cover in place for half of our huts/lodges); the cost of flying waste out from our alpine huts; and increasing costs of maintenance/construction with compliance, consent and material inflation.

Hut fee avoidance is not a new topic and is a challenge with remote huts that are open to the public for the safety of the climbing community. Please play your part in supporting the Club's Accommodation. When you use the

club huts and lodges pay your hut fees and politely advocate that others do the same.

The Club is introducing some changes in 2023/4 with a wider roll out of a booking system for huts and lodges (i.e. booking and paying for a given date, as opposed to paying a fee that is not specific to a date). With improved data coverage and uptake in technology, it feels sensible to make this change and we hope it will help with the challenge of hut fee avoidance and problems that have been experienced with overcrowding at some huts at peak times.

In October 2023 the Club, with support from Tupiki Trust, has purchased the land on which Porter Lodge resides in Fox Glacier Village. Thanks to the Sullivan family and Tupiki Trust the Club has secured Porter Lodge as a gateway for the climbing community from the west coast into Westland and Aoraki National Parks into the future.

Finally, a huge thanks to all those who have dedicated time and effort into keeping these great facilities going for the good of the whole climbing community. Thank you to those who have volunteered as hut wardens and helped at working parties, those in Sections who assist with Accommodation, members of the Accommodation Committee (including special mention to Richard), Simon and Pip (our Unwin Lodge managers), and the wonderful staff at the national office.

**Richard Wesley** - Accommodation Convenor



Photo Maddy Whittaker

## ASPIRING HUT PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT 27 SEPTEMBER 2023

### Introduction

The refurbished Aspiring Hut was opened on Friday 31st March, 2023. The original hut form and stone walls remain, as illustrated above. New foundations and the structure within the stone walls comply with 100% NBS building code and provide secure, well insulated accommodation in four bunk rooms.

The club has a new state-of -the-art 32-bunk hut in the West Matukituki Valley, one of the most popular places in the New Zealand backcountry.

### Background

In 1989, NZAC and DOC established an agreement under which DOC manages the hut on behalf of NZAC. Over this period hut usage has increased to well over 3,000 visitors per year and diversified to include many day and overnight visitors.

A structural assessment in 2013 determined the hut posed a seismic hazard to occupants and presented remedial options. Subsequent investigations determined that other work was needed to make the hut code compliant. NZAC representatives, with DOC, explored refurbishment options and costs and reported to the board.

Back Country Trust (BCT) secured sufficient funding through a KFN application to begin planning for refurbishing the hut 2019. The board sought member views about the hut future via a newsletter. The majority valued the hut and supported refurbishment. A full project cost estimate was prepared using the preliminary design document. Significant, time-consuming obstacles were negotiating a solution to the known geotechnical hazard and securing funds in addition to the KFN funding after DOC funding was withdrawn.

After further funds were secured, the board was able to approve construction.

### Construction

Work started in September 2022 and the hut became operational after the opening.

Stages of work were site establishment, foundations, timber panel erection, roofing, double glazed windows and internal fitout including a state of the art solar electrical system to power lights and utilities. Notable activities were preparing for the foundation concrete pour; several concrete pours involving 124 helicopter loads; and erecting large and heavy timber panels in exacting placements.

Whilst inclement weather posed challenges, no significant disruption resulted from it, largely due to the incredible commitment of Karl Boomsma and his team of builders.

### Personnel

Many people contributed to the success of the project during the years of preparation, overcoming obstacles and gaining funding and approvals, and the efficient and relatively short construction period.

Amongst these people were the design team of Red Gecko and PTL Structural Engineers, Davie Robinson (materials and site logistics), the building team, KJB Contracting, and site coordination and chef team, Stu and Heather Thorne. Knott Homes built and installed the bunks and Jeremy Shearer generously provided quantity surveying on a voluntary basis.

The Aspiring family, Aspiring Station, provided materials transport. DOC established a new wastewater system, maintained the access road, and provided temporary huts for the builders.





NZAC GM Karen Leacock and Club members John Cocks and Derek and Gillian Crombie filled some essential roles to ensure the site team were supported.

## Funds

Major funders were Kaimahi for Nature (KFN) via BCT and the Tupiki Trust. Other funders or contributors included the Sargood Bequest, Otago Community Trust, and FMC Forest and Mountain Trust. The New Zealand Community Trust, Aotearoa Gaming Trust, Mitre10 and Templeton Engineering.

NZAC funded from its national reserves and regional section donations.

Many individuals donated, significantly the estate of Terry Crippen, the Sidey family, the Crombie family and Peter Squires.

The new hut is expected to last over 50 years and withstand major weather and seismic events providing a comfortable base and amenity for many generations of young people to experience the joy of the outdoors in one of the most spectacular environs in New Zealand.

## Derek Crombie and John Cocks

Club representatives under the NZAC-DOC Aspiring Huts Management Agreement

PURPOSE	To foster climbing				
	To inspire, inform and educate climbers				
	To enable a vibrant, sustainable climbing community				
	To revere and conserve maunga, crags, boulder fields and all climbing areas				

Climbing n. all forms including mountaineering, ice and mixed climbing, ski-mountaineering, traditional rock climbing, sport climbing, bouldering and indoor climbing					
OBJECTIVES					
1. Encourage and promote climbing		2. Promote respect for and conservation of climbing areas		3. Bring climbers together	
				4. Provide services which enable and support climbing	
				5. Develop climber skills and enhance their safety	

Our code: safe, responsible, friendly, reliable, inclusive and honest – like any good climbing partner					
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES					
1.1 We are recognised as the NZ authority for climbing related activities.		2.1 We advocate for climbing areas, for access and retention of their special character.		3.1 We support and encourage local and regional climbing events, trips and meets.	
1.2 We create and maintain high quality climbing information.		2.2 We promote environmental sustainability in all climbing activities.		3.2 We are growing the diversity of our membership	
1.3 We run national events to promote the Club and climbing.		2.3 We engage with associated organisations, iwi and hapū in a spirit of good faith and partnership.		3.3 We foster volunteerism within the Club	
				4.1 We maintain NZAC's long term sustainability.	
				4.2 We have effective membership management in operation.	
				4.3 We ensure our investment in the hut network benefits members.	
				5.1 We provide a national, standard framework for all NZAC climbing activities.	
				5.2 We provide opportunities for individual climbers to develop their skills and experience.	

STRATEGIC ASSETS					
Community standing   Volunteers   Home of Climbing   Sections   Huts   Publications   ClimbNZ					
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES		KEY FOCUS		MEASURE OF SUCCESS	
1. Encourage and promote climbing					
1.1 We are recognised as the NZ authority for climbing related activities		NZAC enhances relationships with associated organisations, Iwi, Government departments, NGOs and media organisations.		Board reports show effective growth in relationships and exposure.	
1.2 We create and maintain high quality climbing information		NZAC Editor, publications, guidebooks and ClimbNZ are supported and funded.		Annual publishing programme agreed, included in Annual Plan and achieved.	
1.3 We run national events to promote the Club and climbing		NZAC organises and supports a range of national events to enhance funding and to promote Club and climbing.		Annual national events programme agreed, included in Annual Plan and achieved.	

2. Promote respect for and conservation of climbing areas					
2.1 We advocate for climbing areas, for access and retention of their special character.		• Access support capability established and used to build effective partnerships with landowners, DOC, NGOs, Māori and Aborigine representatives.		• Access support established. • Funding established. • Access actions completed.	
2.2 We promote environmental sustainability in all climbing activities		• Create or link to exiting sustainability information and distribute to climbers.  • Encourage climbers to volunteer for local/national conservation campaigns.		Board reports shows distribution of relevant information.  Section reports identify contributions to environmental and conservation events.	
2.3 We engage with iwi and hapū in a spirit of good faith and partnership.		• Identify and actively build relationships with relevant iwi and hapū - and Aboriginal people where appropriate.  • Encourage and promote the use of te reo Maori by the Board, staff and membership of NZAC.		Feedback indicates that the Club is positively engaging with iwi and hapū.  The Journal, Club Newsletters and Board communications to members use simple Maori terms where appropriate.	

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	KEY FOCUS	MEASURE OF SUCCESS
<b>3. Bring climbers together</b>		
3.1 We support and encourage local and regional climbing events, trips and meets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NZAC supports Sections to run local and regional climbing events to benefit members, create climbing communities and encourage new membership.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Section reports demonstrate an increasing number of events with increasing member attendance and new-member signups.</li> </ul>
3.2 We increase the diversity of our membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create more pathways into climbing for youth.</li> <li>Increase proportion of women: climbers, club members, Section, Board and sub-committee members.</li> <li>Develop and implement programmes which evolve NZAC membership to reflect New Zealand population demographic.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reporting shows decreasing average membership age.</li> <li>Annual reporting shows increasing representation by women in all areas.</li> <li>Programmes implemented which expose climbing to wider range of participants and potential members.</li> </ul>
3.3 We foster volunteerism within the Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create and implement policies and practices to support volunteerism.</li> <li>Develop and implement volunteer support and recognition procedures in line with industry best practice and NZAC needs.</li> <li>Volunteer development resourced to foster capability and encourage long-term membership commitment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policies and practices supporting volunteerism are developed and in use.</li> <li>Annual reporting shows NZAC volunteers are well-supported, have increased capabilities.</li> <li>Annual reporting shown increasing proportion of long-term NZAC members.</li> </ul>

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	KEY FOCUS	MEASURE OF SUCCESS
<b>4. Provide services which enable and support climbing</b>		
4.1 We ensure NZAC's long term sustainability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen club funding by creating alignment with funder requirements where appropriate</li> <li>Staffing plan and succession plan developed and approved</li> <li>Maintain and strengthen NZAC-Banff relationship.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective relationships provide opportunities for successful funding applications.</li> <li>Approved staffing and succession plan implemented as programmed.</li> <li>Long-term Banff contract maintained and strengthened.</li> </ul>
4.2 We have effective membership management systems and processes in operation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staged upgrade programme developed and approved.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approved project stages successfully implemented on time and within budget</li> </ul>
4.3 We ensure our investments in NZAC huts and lodges benefit members and users.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Members and users value NZAC huts and lodges</li> <li>Strengthen NZAC hut management partnerships with DOC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reporting shows increasing usage and high member and user satisfaction.</li> <li>Partnership reporting notes value of long term NZAC-DOC relationship.</li> </ul>

<b>5. Develop climber skills and enhance their safety</b>		
5.1 We provide a national, standard framework for all NZAC climbing activities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop and implement standard framework for all NZAC instruction</li> <li>Develop and implement a standard framework for all NZAC trips and events</li> <li>Develop and implement a national, standard incident register as a learning tool.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standard frameworks for instruction, trips, events and incident reporting implemented and used consistently by all Sections</li> </ul>
5.2 We provide opportunities for individual climbers at several levels to develop their skills and add experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climbing pathway development material created and made available to support individual climbers with their personal climbing growth and safety.</li> <li>A range of courses to develop climber skills and experience are organised and delivered by NZAC each year.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Material available and publicised.</li> <li>Annual reports show numbers of NZAC members gaining skill and experience via participation in NZAC courses and trips.</li> </ul>



## ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30 JUNE 2023

The Financial Report this year shows a surplus of \$943,120 against a budgeted surplus of \$940,883, a variance of \$2,237. The large surplus was because of a significant increase, which was expected, in grants and donations for the rebuild of Aspiring Hut, and the Human Waste Solutions project. These grants/donations have principally been from Back Country Trust, Tūpiki Trust, Sargood Bequest, Otago Community Trust, NZ Community Trust, and Section and member donations. Member loans received have been recorded as a liability and repayments have commenced.

With Covid 19 restrictions lifted the Club has endeavoured to build income sources back up to pre-Covid levels. As expected, accommodation improved, despite Aspiring Hut being closed from September 2022 to March 2023 while the refurbishment took place. Publications income has remained steady, Banff has had another successful year almost returning to 2021 level of income to National office, and subscriptions have improved again. Sport NZ has reduced its grant funding to \$15,000 this year.

The Aspiring Hut rebuild was completed in March 2023 at a cost of \$1,323,200 which has been added to the Fixed Asset Register.

Other assets purchased included 2 computers and the new Banff website. Work in Progress consists of interim payments for Climb NZ website and 2 books.

Members Loans for Unwin Hut were finally repaid or donated this year. Member loans were called for the Aspiring Hut project, and \$100,000 was raised with conditions of repayment over 5 years, paid 6 monthly, and an interest paid at a rate of 5%. As at year end \$10,000 had been repaid and a further \$10,000 was repaid in October 2023.

The cost of living increases have impacted cashflow, with costs and wages increasing. However a concerted effort is being made to ensure these expenses are being managed effectively. The Club insurances have been paid up front for the 2023-2024 year while cashflow allowed for this, and for the first time in several years this has eliminated the finance cost which would otherwise have been incurred.

Lisa Wang, who was appointed as the Club Accountant last year in a half time role, provides competent processes and reports to management and the Board.

**Gillian Crombie and Lisa Wang**  
Accountants



Photo Sarah Morrison



Photo Derek Cheng





## IN MEMORIAM

<i>Name</i>	<i>Born</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Section</i>
Geoff Harrow	20/12/1926	16/01/2023	Canterbury/Westland
John Gates	11/07/1927	5/03/2023	Wellington
C Brian Duncan	1/01/1940	12/07/2023	Auckland
Bruce Alexander	30/01/1932	3/08/2023	Canterbury/Westland
Don Church	26/12/1937	18/08/2022	Canterbury/Westland





## INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Members of The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated (the Club) on pages 23 to 30, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2023 and the statement of financial performance and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### The Board's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Board is responsible on behalf of the Club for

- a) the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements which comprise the statement of financial performance, statement of financial position, statement of cash flows, statement of accounting policies and notes to the financial statements in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board, and
- b) for such internal control as the Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Assurance Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial statements based on our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (New Zealand) (ISRE (NZ)) 2400. *Review of Historical Financial Statements Performed by an Assurance Practitioner who is not the Auditor of the Entity*. ISRE (NZ) 2400 requires us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements taken as a whole, are not prepared in all material respects in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit). This standard also requires that we comply with ethical requirements.

A review of the financial statements in accordance with ISRE (NZ) 2400 is a limited assurance engagement. We will perform procedures, primarily consisting of making enquiries, of those responsible for financial and accounting matters and others within the Club, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluate the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the financial statements.

Other than in our capacity as Independent Assurance Practitioner, we have no relationship with, or interests in, The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated.

### Emphasis of Matter - Government Valuation of Fixed Assets

The Club's accounting policy states club base huts with a government valuation available are recorded at this value as at 2005 and subsequently depreciated. No subsequent revaluation has been applied; any adjustment if made would affect fixed assets and the asset revaluation reserve only with an adjustment to depreciation. Our conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter.

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**Emphasis of Matter**

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The Club's rules state the accounts shall be prepared in accordance with Chartered Accountant Australia and New Zealand Standards. The club has applied Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) for the preparation of its financial statements however the board have not yet adopted the statement of service performance as there is no statutory obligation to prepare this statement. Our conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter.

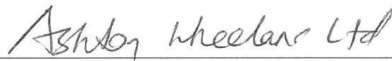
**Basis of Qualified Conclusion**

The Club's accounting policy for revenue recognition of subscriptions is on a cash basis. Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit) requires any subscriptions received in advance of the period to which they relate should be recorded as income in advance. There is no adjustment for subscription income received at balance date which proportionally relates to periods past 30 June 2023, and we are unable to quantify the effect of any adjustment.

There is no system of control over income received in cash (donations including hut fees) which we could rely for the purpose of our review and there were no satisfactory review procedures that we could adopt to confirm independently that all cash income was properly recorded.

**Qualified Conclusion**

Based on our review, except for the possible effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Conclusion paragraph, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements on pages 23 to 30 do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated as at 30 June 2023, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Accrual (Not-For-Profit).



ASHTON WHEELANS LIMITED  
Chartered Accountants  
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20 October 2023



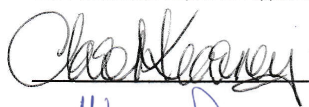
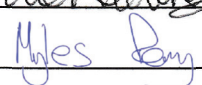
Photo Matthew Chan

**The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated**  
**Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2023**

FUNDS AND RESERVES	Note	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
		\$	\$
Development Fund	7	315,297	400,529
Club Hut Fund	7	64,308	0
Aspiring Hut Fund	7	52,200	185,082
Expedition Fund	7	113,577	115,520
Rockclimbing Fund	7	6,898	4,664
DOW Hall Publications Fund	7	12,158	14,514
Total Club Funds		<u>564,438</u>	<u>720,309</u>
Hut Revaluation Reserve		<u>704,000</u>	<u>704,000</u>
Opening Accumulated Funds		1,110,756	1,126,990
Fund Movements		155,871	(352,903)
Current Year Earnings		943,119	336,669
Closing Accumulated Funds		<u>2,209,746</u>	<u>1,110,756</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS &amp; RESERVES</b>		<u><b>3,478,184</b></u>	<u><b>2,535,065</b></u>
<i>Represented by:</i>			
NET ASSETS	Note		
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at Bank		881,845	1,064,371
Debtors & Accruals		132,321	46,551
Work in Progress		16,042	34,071
Stock		81,653	74,848
		<u>1,111,860</u>	<u>1,219,842</u>
<b>Less Current Liabilities</b>			
Credit Card		3,385	3,206
Creditors and Accruals	8	428,504	265,808
GST Payable		7,079	27,094
Unexpended Grants	6	0	0
Member Loan Liabilities - Current Portion	3	20,000	22,250
		<u>458,968</u>	<u>318,358</u>
<b>Net Working Capital</b>		<u>652,892</u>	<u>901,483</u>
<b>Non Current Assets</b>			
Fixed Assets	4	2,895,292	1,633,582
		<u>2,895,292</u>	<u>1,633,582</u>
<b>Less Non Current Liabilities</b>			
Member Loan Liabilities - Term Portion	3	70,000	0
		<u>70,000</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u><b>3,478,184</b></u>	<u><b>2,535,065</b></u>

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The Performance Report was approved for and on behalf of the Club by the Board:

  
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Date

President 20 October 2023Board Member 20 October 2023

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## The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated

### Statement of Financial Performance for Year Ended 30 June 2023

	Note	30 June 2023 \$	30 June 2022 \$
<b>Income</b>			
Grants, Donations and Fundraising:			
Grants Received	6	916,772	20,000
Donations Received		238,454	447,479
Government Wage Subsidy - Covid-19		-	12,700
		<u>1,155,226</u>	<u>480,179</u>
Providing Goods and Services:			
Membership		331,005	297,212
Publications		85,327	89,782
Accommodation		242,527	219,184
Events & Activities		320,622	368,945
		<u>979,481</u>	<u>975,123</u>
Investment:			
Interest		<u>8,517</u>	<u>1,740</u>
Other		<u>32,140</u>	<u>9,674</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		<u>\$ 2,175,364</u>	<u>\$ 1,466,716</u>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Wages & Volunteer Expenses		337,624	345,659
Fundraising - Banff Film Festival		216,138	221,911
Grants, Marketing and Sponsorship		79,528	10,024
Providing Goods & Services		503,737	473,045
Interest		1,508	416
Depreciation	4	66,880	59,036
Other		26,828	19,956
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<u>\$ 1,232,243</u>	<u>\$ 1,130,047</u>
<b>Net Surplus</b>		<u>\$ 943,119</u>	<u>\$ 336,669</u>

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These Financial Statements are unaudited; they should be read in conjunction with the accompanying note accounts and the Independent Assurance Practitioner's review report.

## The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated

### Statement of Cashflows for the year ending 30 June 2023

	30-Jun-23 \$	30-Jun-22 \$
<b>Cash from Operating Activities</b>		
Cash was provided from:		
Subscriptions from members	331,005	297,212
Receipts from providing goods & services	635,820	727,337
Interest Received	8,517	1,740
Grants, Donations and Fundraising	1,155,226	480,179
Total	<u>2,130,567</u>	<u>1,506,468</u>
Cash was Applied to:		
Payments to Suppliers and employees	(1,052,145)	(1,063,988)
Net GST	(20,015)	7,335
Interest Paid	(1,508)	(416)
Total	<u>(1,073,668)</u>	<u>(1,057,069)</u>
<b>Net Cash from Operating Activities</b>	1,056,899	449,399
<b>Cash from Investing Activities</b>		
Cash was Applied to:		
Aspiring MDS Fund	0	180,755
Fixed Asset Purchases & WIP	(1,310,560)	(31,978)
	<u>(1,310,560)</u>	<u>148,777</u>
<b>Cash from Financing Activities</b>		
Cash was provided from:		
Members Loans	100,000	0
Total	<u>100,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Cash was applied to:		
Members Loans Repaid	(32,250)	(28,125)
SBS Mortgage	0	(476)
	<u>(32,250)</u>	<u>(28,601)</u>
<b>Net Cash from Financing Activities</b>	67,750	(28,601)
<b>SUMMARY</b>		
<b>Cash from Operating Activities</b>	<b>1,056,899</b>	<b>449,399</b>
<b>Cash from Investing Activities</b>	<b>(1,310,560)</b>	<b>148,777</b>
<b>Cash from Financing Activities</b>	<b>67,750</b>	<b>(28,601)</b>
<b>Net Cash Movement</b>	<u><b>(185,911)</b></u>	<u><b>569,575</b></u>
Opening Cash Balance (including Credit card Balance)	1,064,371	491,590
<b>Closing Cash Balance (including Credit Card balance)</b>	<u><b>878,459</b></u>	<u><b>1,061,165</b></u>

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**The New Zealand Alpine Club Incorporated**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ending 30 June 2023**

**1) Constitution and Activities.**

The New Zealand Alpine Club (Inc) was established in 1891 to "encourage mountaineering, rock climbing and allied activities and the enjoyment and conservation of mountain and rock climbing regions; and to bring together those interested in climbing".

The Club provides services to members as either part of their membership entitlement or on a fee paying basis. Membership services include the receipt of the NZ Alpine Journal, four copies of The Climber, membership to FMC, reduced rates for guidebooks, Club huts & climbing walls, subsidised instruction courses, climbing camps, various competitions, supports for overseas expeditions and access to the Club library and archives. The Club owns and operates 16 mountain huts for its members, and publishes many climbing guides.

There have been no changes in the nature of the Club's activities for the year ended 30 June 2023.

**2) Statement of Accounting Policies.**

**Reporting Entity**

The New Zealand Alpine Club is an incorporated society registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. These financial statements are for the New Zealand Alpine Club only, while Section representatives are elected to the board, the sections are not consolidated as they are considered to operate independently and not under the control of the club.

**Measurement Base**

The New Zealand Alpine Club (Inc) has elected to apply PBE-SFR-A (NFP) Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting - Accrual (Not For Profit) in respect of the preparation of its financial statements and disclosures on the basis that it does not have public accountability and has total annual expenses of equal to or less than \$2,000,000. There is no statutory obligation to adopt Public Benefit Entity Standards and therefore no statement of service performance or entity information has been prepared. All transactions in the Performance Report are reported using the accrual basis of accounting except for subscriptions which are accounted for on a cash basis. The Performance Report is prepared under the assumption that the entity will continue to operate in the foreseeable future.

**Specific Accounting Policies**

The following specific accounting policies that materially affect the measurement of financial performance and financial position have been applied:

**Revenue Accounting Policy**

Revenue is recognised on an accruals basis except for the following income streams:

- 1) Subscriptions - on a cash received basis
- 2) Hut Income - on a cash received basis
- 3) Grants - if for a specific purpose, then deferred until the conditions are satisfied
- 4) Donations - on a cash received basis (including Sections Banff donations)

**Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable are stated at their estimated net realisable value.

**Stock**

Stock is recorded at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

**Income Tax**

No income tax is accounted for as the Club has an Income Tax exemption from Inland Revenue Department.

**Fixed Assets**

Club base huts with a government valuation available are recorded at this value as at 2005 and subsequently depreciated. All other fixed assets are recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation.

**Depreciation**

Assets are not depreciated until the asset is in use. Depreciation has been charged on a straight line basis at the following rates:

HOM	1% and 2%	SL	
Base Buildings, Lodges & Huts	1% and 2%	SL	
Hut Water Tanks	5%	SL	
Office Equipment	20%, 40% & 67%	SL	
Fixtures & Fittings	10% - 13.5%	SL	
Computer Equipment	40%	SL	
Website	30%	SL	
Defibrillator	21%	SL	
Library Books	Not Depreciated		

**Goods and Services Tax.**

These financial statements are prepared on a GST exclusive basis except for debtors and creditors balances which are recorded inclusive of GST where appropriate.

**Donated Goods & Services**

The work of the Club is dependent on the substantial voluntary services of many members. As these services are generally not purchased by the Club and because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, donated goods & services are not recognised.

**Changes in Accounting Policies**

There have been no changes in accounting policies this year. All policies have been applied on a basis consistent with the prior year.

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**3) Members Loans**

		2023 \$	2022 \$
Aspiring/Unwin Redevelopment Projects	Current	20,000	22,250
	Non-Current	70,000	0
		<u>90,000</u>	<u>22,250</u>

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Members loans for the Unwin redevelopment have been fully repaid. \$100,000 in members loans were received for the Aspiring Hut redevelopment project to be repaid in equal instalments over 5 years. The first payment of \$10,000 was made in April 2023. Interest is payable at 5% per annum.

**4) Fixed Assets**

	2023				2022			
	Cost or Valuation	Depreciation for the year	Accumulated Net Book Depreciation Value		Cost or Valuation	Depreciation for the year	Accumulated Net Book Depreciation Value	
Home of Mountaineering	305,165	2,534	117,866	187,299	305,165	2,534	115,332	189,833
Base Buildings, Lodges & Huts	3,813,407	34,000	1,175,350	2,638,056	2,490,207	27,960	1,141,351	1,348,856
<b>Total Land and Buildings</b>	<b>4,118,572</b>	<b>36,533</b>	<b>1,293,216</b>	<b>2,825,356</b>	<b>2,795,372</b>	<b>30,494</b>	<b>1,256,684</b>	<b>1,538,688</b>
Fixtures & Fittings	24,862	1,165	21,701	3,161	24,862	1,177	20,535	4,327
Computer & Office Equipment	55,491	3,498	50,404	5,087	52,301	1,901	46,906	5,395
Website	296,416	25,684	264,728	31,688	294,216	25,464	239,045	55,172
Library Books	30,000	0	0	30,000	30,000	0	0	30,000
<b>Total Sundry Assets</b>	<b>406,770</b>	<b>30,347</b>	<b>336,833</b>	<b>69,936</b>	<b>401,379</b>	<b>28,543</b>	<b>306,486</b>	<b>94,893</b>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>4,525,341</b>	<b>66,880</b>	<b>1,630,049</b>	<b>2,895,292</b>	<b>3,196,751</b>	<b>59,036</b>	<b>1,563,170</b>	<b>1,633,582</b>



## 5) Operating Lease Commitments

The Club has lease commitments to Department of Conservation for Homer Hut, Ruapehu Hut, and the Westland, Aspiring and Mt Cook Huts, and Porter Lodge land. In April 2021 a photocopyer lease was entered into for 60 months.

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Current	3,286	3,286
Non-current	4,340	6,659
	<u>7,626</u>	<u>9,945</u>

## 6) Grants Received

	2023	2022
	\$	\$
Opening Balance Unexpended Grants	0	0
Sport NZ	15,000	20,000
Tupiki Trust	442,416	0
Back Country Trust	321,053	0
Aotearoa Gaming Trust	8,303	0
FMG grant	20,000	0
NZ Community Trust	10,000	0
Otago Community Trust	100,000	0
	<u>916,772</u>	<u>20,000</u>
Expended portions	(916,772)	(20,000)
Unexpended Grants	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

## 7) Club Fund Movements

2023 Fund	Expedition	Club Hut	Aoraki Mt Cook Huts	Westland Huts	Aspiring Huts	DOW Hall Publications	Rockclimbing	Development Fund	Total
Opening Balance at 1 July 2022	115,520	(0)	0	0	185,082	14,514	4,664	400,529	720,308
Movements into Funds:									
Members Donations	841	6,017			137,928	565	2,740	10,000	158,091
Section Donations		0			102,000			21,370	123,370
Grants Received		0	0	0	879,650			72,122	951,772
Members Loans					100,000				100,000
Hut Reserve Transfer		80,278			(17,763)				62,515
Interest	2,016	274	0	0	0	253	81	3,398	6,022
Total Movements In	2,857	86,569	0	0	1,201,815	818	2,821	106,890	1,401,770
Movements out of Funds:									
Grants Made	(4,800)					(3,174)	(587)	(192,122)	(200,683)
Member Loan repayments & Interest		(22,261)			(11,497)				(33,758)
Capital Expenditure on Huts					(1,323,200)			0	(1,323,200)
Total Movements Out	(4,800)	(22,261)	0	0	(1,334,697)	(3,174)	(587)	(192,122)	(1,557,641)
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2023</b>	<b>113,577</b>	<b>64,308</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52,200</b>	<b>12,158</b>	<b>6,898</b>	<b>315,297</b>	<b>564,438</b>

2022 Fund	Expedition	Club Hut	Aoraki Mt Cook Huts	Westland Huts	Aspiring Huts	DOW Hall Publications	Rockclimbing	Development Fund	Total
Opening Balance at 1 July 2021	14,994	(0)	0	0	180,755	14,037	4,470	153,150	367,406
Movements into Funds:									
Members Donations	101,307	6,386			3,000	466	2,092	232,901	346,152
Section Donations								42,935	42,935
Grants Received			0	0					0
Hut Reserve Transfer		(6,412)	0	0	-				(6,412)
Interest	120	26			1,327	11	3	144	1,631
Total Movements In	101,427	0	0	0	4,327	477	2,095	275,979	384,305
Movements out of Funds:									
Grants Made	(900)					0	(1,902)		(2,802)
Capital Expenditure on Huts								(28,601)	(28,601)
Total Movements Out	(900)	0	0	0	0	0	(1,902)	(28,601)	(31,403)
<b>Balance as at 30 June 2022</b>	<b>115,520</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>185,082</b>	<b>14,514</b>	<b>4,664</b>	<b>400,529</b>	<b>720,308</b>

Combined movements into/(from) the four Hut Funds total (\$68,574), (2022: \$4,327) excluding depreciation, but including donations from members and sections, and additional operating surpluses for the year.

The cash relating to these reserve funds are held in Cash at Bank.

The Development Fund was established in May 2010 to reflect section contributions and members significant donations towards Strategic Plan club projects. Funds have been applied to Capital Expenditure and Strategic initiatives as approved by the Board

## Club Reserve Funds are designated for:

Expedition Fund	For support of climbing expeditions
Club Hut Fund	For maintenance and replacement of existing huts (excluding specific Hut Funds)
Development Fund	For advancement of Strategic Plan club projects
Aoraki Mt Cook Hut Fund	For maintenance and replacement of these huts
Westland Hut Fund	For maintenance and replacement of these huts
Aspiring MDS Hut Fund	For maintenance and replacement of these huts
DOW Hall Trust 1974 Fund	Publications assistance fund
Rebelling and Rock Climbing Fund	For rebelling and other rock climbing projects

## 8) Creditors and Accruals

	2023	2022
Creditors	183,136	62,200
Employee Entitlements	34,075	19,222
Sundry Accruals	60,967	41,995
Accrued Instruction Income (Deposits & Full Payments) FY2023/24	40,974	35,135
Banff 2022 Accruals	101,177	99,081
Special Purpose Donations	8,175	8,175
<b>Total Creditors and Accruals</b>	<b>428,504</b>	<b>265,808</b>

## 9) Related party Transactions

Donations received from the sections are disclosed in the statement of financial performance and Note 7. \$442,416 have been received from NZAC Tupiki Trust in 2023 (2022: \$0). There is a service agreement between NZAC and NZAC Tupiki Trust which is conducted at arms length for the year amounting to \$13,774, (2022:\$0)

## 10) Contingent Liabilities

The Club is unaware of any contingent liabilities that may have been undertaken in the normal course of its activities (2022: \$Nil)

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11) **Commitments**

One outstanding commitment is in place for the completion of the Snow and Scrambles book \$1,500, (2022: \$Nil).

12) **Subsequent Events**

There have been no subsequent events that would have a material effect on these financial statements.

13) **Going Concern**

There are no events or conditions identified which may cast significant doubt on the Club's ability to continue as a going concern

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**Supplementary Information**  
**Fixed Assets as at 30 June 2023**

Name	Opening Total Value \$	Original Opening Cost \$	Total Revaluati ons \$	Total Opening Depn Value \$	Additions, Disposals and Revaluations \$	New Additions Months Depn	Rate	Method	Depreciat ion \$	Total Movt \$	Closing Total Value \$	
<b>Land and Commercial</b>												
Arthur's Pass Lodge Land	24,000	11,000	13,000	24,000			0%		0	0	24,000	
Home of Climbing - Land	51,786	51,786		51,786			0%		0	0	51,786	
Home of Climbing - Building	136,047		253,379		253,379		1%		(2,534)	(2,534)	135,513	
<b>Base Buildings, Lodges, and Huts</b>												
Aspiring Hut	0	70,000	50,000	120,000			2%	S/L	0	0	0	
Aspiring Hut Renovation					1,323,200	3	2%	S/L	(6,616)	1,316,584	1,316,584	
Arthur's Pass Lodge	24,504	17,003	46,000	63,003			1%	S/L	(630)	(630)	23,874	
Porter Lodge	0	75,835	75,000	150,835			1%	S/L	0	0	0	
Homer Hut	64,057	114,003	45,000	159,003			2%	S/L	(3,180)	(3,180)	60,877	
Homer Hut Water Tanks	1,484	2,405		2,405			5%	S/L	(120)	(120)	1,364	
Ruapehu Hut	47,569	79,218	34,500	113,718			2%	S/L	(2,274)	(2,274)	45,295	
Unwin Lodge	758,958	695,913	344,000	1,039,913			1%	S/L	(10,399)	(10,399)	748,559	
Unwin Wardens Quarters	185,053	181,734	85,000	266,734			1%	S/L	(2,667)	(2,667)	182,386	
Unwin Bunkrooms	18,118	20,800	9,000	29,800			1%	S/L	(298)	(298)	17,820	
Unwin Other Buildings	29,350	32,500	2,500	35,000			1%	S/L	(350)	(350)	29,000	
Unwin Furniture & Fittings	0	11,819	0	11,819			10%	S/L	0	0	0	
Unwin Water Tanks	3,655	5,351		5,351			5%	S/L	(268)	(268)	3,387	
Unwin Fire Alarm Monitor System	1,456	2,094		2,094			5%	S/L	(105)	(105)	1,351	
<b>Alpine Huts</b>												
Centennial Hut	0	94,347		94,347			2%	S/L	0	0	0	
Pioneer Hut	14,008	61,598		61,598			2%	S/L	(1,232)	(1,232)	12,776	
Colin Todd Hut	0			0			2%	S/L	0	0	0	
French Ridge Hut	29,001	122,709		122,709			2%	S/L	(2,454)	(2,454)	26,547	
Murchison Hut	0	21,820		21,820			2%	S/L	0	0	0	
Beetham Hut	123,002	125,941		125,941		12	2%	S/L	(2,519)	(2,519)	120,483	
Beetham Hut - Installation for Stainless Toilet	2,820	2,831		2,831		12	5%	S/L	(142)	(142)	2,678	
<b>Backcountry Huts</b>												
Esquiline Biv	2,287	8,972		8,972			2%	S/L	(179)	(179)	2,108	
Whangaeu Hut	19,534	28,314		28,314			2%	S/L	(566)	(566)	18,968	
Godley Hut	0			0			2%	S/L	0	0	0	
Cascade Hut	0			0			2%	S/L	0	0	0	
Elcho Hut	0			0			2%	S/L	0	0	0	
<b>TOTAL LAND &amp; BUILDINGS</b>	<b>1,538,689</b>	<b>2,091,372</b>	<b>704,000</b>	<b>2,795,372</b>	<b>1,323,200</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(36,533)</b>	<b>1,286,667</b>	<b>2,825,356</b>	
<b>Sundry Assets</b>												
<b>Library Books</b>	30,000	30,000		30,000			0%	S/L	0	0	30,000	
<b>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</b>												
Library Shelving	0	7,382		7,382			10%	S/L	0	0	0	
Library Security Doors	0	1,050		1,050			10%	S/L	0	0	0	
Shelving and Desks	191	1,140		1,140			10%	S/L	(114)	(114)	77	
HOM Table & Chairs	0	924		924			10%	S/L	0	0	0	
Desk	0	965		965			10%	S/L	0	0	0	
Banners for Events	0	1,903		1,903			30%	S/L	0	0	0	
Margarets Workstation	348	950		950			10%	S/L	(95)	(95)	253	
Unwin Heartstart FRX Defibrillator	0	3,227		3,227			21%	S/L	0	0	0	
Everest Rise and Fall Electric Desk	480	916		916			10%	S/L	(92)	(92)	388	
Dakini Heatpumps x 2 Inverter Models	3,307	6,405		6,405			13.5%	S/L	(865)	(865)	2,442	
<b>Computer &amp; Office Equipment</b>												
Data Projector	0	3,150		3,150			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Sonic Firewall and Hub	0	860		860			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Telephone PABX	0	3,113		3,113			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Monitor (Publications)	0	444		444			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Scanner - Epson (Publications)	0	781		781			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Backup System	0	2,407		2,407			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Windows Server 2008 HP ProLiant ML110	0	3,059		3,059			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Computer - Mac Quadcore G5 Publications Editor	0	3,955		3,955			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Computer Monitors (2) Accountant	0	564		564			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Computer HP 6200 PRO SFF SAUD12701R7	0	1,937		1,937			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Computer HP 6200 PRO SFF SAUD14503R4	0	1,816		1,816			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Sonicwall TZ100 WirelessN	0	669		669			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Data Projector for Unwin	0	2,084		2,084			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Satellite Phone	0	2,013		2,013			20%	S/L	0	0	0	
Telephone System	0	1,100		1,100			67%	S/L	0	0	0	
Apple Computer - Baniff Macbook Pro	0	1,843		1,843			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Membership Card Printer	0	1,970		1,970			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Lenovo Computer Administrator	0	1,036		1,036			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Lenovo Laptop Computer General Manager	0	1,597		1,597			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Apple 22" iMac & USB Publications Editor	0	4,088		4,088			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Lenovo ThinkCentre S500 Accountant	0	1,396		1,396			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Membership Card Printer	0	2,359		2,359			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Lenovo Think Pad Laptop Events/Instruction	0	1,885		1,885			40%	S/L	0	0	0	
Lenovo Think Pad E480 Notebook General Manager I	46	1,380		1,380			40%	S/L	(46)	(46)	0	
3 x Eden Spectrum HOM Office Chairs \$613.04 each	1,549	1,839		1,839		12	10.5%	S/L	(193)	(193)	1,356	
MacBook Pro 16-inch (Editors Computer)	3,799	4,956		4,956			12	40.0%	S/L	(1,982)	(1,982)	1,817
Laptop- Lenovo15" Administrator					1,595	12	40.0%	S/L	(638)	957	957	
Unwin Laptop- Lenovo14"					1,595	12	40.0%	S/L	(638)	957	957	
<b>Website</b>												
Website Upgrade 2009	0	16,873		16,873			30%	S/L	0	0	0	
Website Upgrade 2010	0	12,868		12,868			30%	S/L	0	0	0	
Membership Database	0	40,671		40,671			30%	S/L	0	0	0	
Climber.co.nz Website	0	12,146		12,146			30%	S/L	0	0	0	
ClimbNZ Website	0	1,460		1,460			30%	S/L	0	0	0	
Website Upgrade 2011	0	20,282		20,282			30%	S/L	0	0	0	
Website Upgrade 2012	0	18,784		18,784			30%	S/L	0	0	0	
New ICT Website ex Publica	0	86,233		86,233			30%	S/L	0	0	0	
Membership Database 20/21 CIVI	40,722	62,649		62,649		12	30%	S/L	(18,795)	(18,795)	21,927	
Website Upgrade Drupal 20/21	14,450	22,230		22,230		12	30%	S/L	(6,669)	(6,669)	7,781	
New Banff website					2,200.00	4	30%	S/L	(220)	1,980	1,980	
<b>TOTAL SUNDRY ASSETS</b>	<b>94,893</b>	<b>401,380</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>401,380</b>	<b>5,390</b>				<b>(30,347)</b>	<b>(24,957)</b>	<b>69,936</b>	
	<b>1,633,581</b>	<b>2,492,751</b>	<b>704,000</b>	<b>3,196,751</b>	<b>1,328,590</b>				<b>(66,880)</b>	<b>1,261,710</b>	<b>2,895,292</b>	

A valuation for insurance purposes was carried out on the Unwin, Arthurs Pass, Centennial Hut and Porters Lodge buildings dated 4 October 2016. The indemnity values are:

Unwin Lodge \$892,600  
Unwin Wardens Quarters \$220,000  
Unwin Family Rooms \$30,300  
Unwin Other Buildings \$36,900  
Arthur Pass Lodge \$188,600  
Centennial Hut \$225,300  
Porters Lodge \$188,500





The NZAC Tūpiki Trust has contributed strongly to New Zealand climbing during its second year of operation, thanks to the generosity of donors, including substantial support from the John Nankervis estate, and many others. We have capable support via our service agreement with New Zealand Alpine Club. I acknowledge the work of Trust's board members.

Our principle activities are fund raising and grant making and we call for funding applications twice each year. After consideration of the many applications received Tūpiki Trust approved grants to support projects totalling \$1,070,564 during 2022-2023 and they are paid progressively as each project proceeds, in some cases over two years.

New Zealand Alpine Club	\$370,294.08	Aspiring Hut rebuild
Southern Lakes Sanctuary Trust	\$122,935	Young Valley biodiversity
Leaning Lodge Trust	\$25,000	Leaning Lodge Hut rebuild
Aspiring Biodiversity Trust	\$16,635	Alpine weather data
Ben Shunfenthal	\$4,569.17	Castledowns rebolting
New Zealand Alpine Club	\$23,199.29	ClimbNZ redevelopment
Heritage Hokitika	\$3,450	"Mr Explorer Douglas" reprint
NZ Mountain Film Festival	\$1,000	Adventure writing workshop
Backcountry Trust	\$8,000	South Huxley bivvy renovation
Aotearoa 25	\$10,000	History of climbing research
Hillary Outdoors	\$250,000	Climbing wall construction
New Zealand Alpine Club	\$10,000	Webshop development
Backcountry Trust	\$20,000	Whitbourn Bridge
New Zealand Alpine Club	\$62,121.65	Human Waste Solutions
Greenstone TV	\$143,360	Te Ara/The Path

Grant recipients are required to provide a report on completion of each project. Notable outcomes to date include completion by NZAC of the superb new 32 bunk Aspiring Hut, major expansion by SLST of trapping and monitoring in the upper Young Valley, weather-tight shell completed at Leaning Lodge, launch in mid-September 2023 of upgraded [www.climbnz.org](http://www.climbnz.org) site. Tūpiki Trust initiated a Greenstone TV production Te Ara - The Path which was part funded by JM Nankervis estate. The four part documentary screened to critical

acclaim on Stuff network and at NZMFF where it received the People's Choice Award. Tūpiki Trust board committed \$10,000 to support the expansion of Mature Mountaineers meetings to Auckland, Wellington and Dunedin, seeking to emulate the success of the Mature Mountaineer events held since 2006 in Christchurch. We have now hosted three Auckland events, two Wellington event and one Dunedin event. These events are popular, held at convenient times and locations, are valuable social occasions for older climbers.



The Tūpiki Trust board met 12 times during the second year of operation. We advertised during the year for additional trustees and were pleased to welcome Sam Newton to the board at our May 2023 meeting, strengthening the experience and knowledge of the team. Sam is well known from his time as General Manager of the New Zealand Alpine Club and his current role as Advocacy Manager at Recreation Aotearoa.

In line with our trust deed two trustees Geoff Gabites and Lindsay Smith will

complete two year terms as trustees in September 2023. As both are eligible and willing, they will serve for further four year terms from that date.

Tūpiki Trust and New Zealand mountaineering are deeply fortunate the estate of John Nankervis has provided a series of large gifts to support projects approved by the trust board. The table below lists significant donations received for the year ending 30 June 2023, and highlights the magnitude of gifts from Nank's estate for specific projects.

#### Donations received for year ending 30 June 2023

Estate JM Nankervis	\$408,036	Neil Pilbrow	\$250
Michael Sidey	\$25,000	Penny Webster	\$250
Derek and Gillian Crombie	\$25,000	Paul McCullaugh	\$250
The Gift Trust	\$10,000	Tony Oliver	\$250
Anonymous	\$10,000	Nicola McPherson	\$200
Ross Cullen	\$6,550	Vida Watson	\$200
Andy Rattenbury	\$5000	JL Woodward	\$200
Brian McGlinchy	\$2000	Geoffroy Lamarche	\$200
Stuart Gray	\$1500		
Peter Strang	\$1162	Additional,	
Anouk Minnaar	\$1000	smaller donations	\$1730
Chris Horne	\$1000		
Anonymous	\$500	<b>Total donations</b>	
AM Wiffen group	\$440	to Tūpiki Trust	<b>\$357,358.32</b>

Notwithstanding the generosity of the many donors above, a significant challenge for the board in the coming year is to contact and encourage members of the New Zealand outdoors community to consider if they can gift funds annually or leave a bequest to the trust that will ensure it can provide continuing support to New Zealand mountaineering.


We have made good progress during our second year of activity and Tūpiki Trust is well positioned thanks to the generous support of many donors and the estate of our founder chair John Nankervis, to continue making significant contributions to New Zealand mountaineering.

Ross Cullen  
Chair, The NZAC Tūpiki Trust

Performance Report

Entity Name

For the year ended



The NZAC Tipiiki Trust

30-Jun-23

Entity Information

Entity Identifier

CC59794

Type of entity

Charitable trust

Entity's purpose or mission

The NZAC Tipiiki Trust aims to foster and support climbing in Aotearoa New Zealand, to promote access to and the sustainability of our climbing areas and mountains.

Entity structure and governance arrangements

The NZAC Tipiiki Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees, who operate by following the guidance of the Trust Deed. This document sets our aims and objectives and documents the operating procedures needed to ensure the Trust is seen as a trusted partner of the New Zealand Alpine Club and the wider climbing community.

Entity's main sources of funds and other resources

The NZAC Tipiiki Trust gains its income from donations and bequests from the climbing community and then uses those funds to benefit that community and the whenua on which we climb. Donations and bequests are sought using advertising, direct marketing, social media, fund-raising events and by direct approach to appropriate members of the climbing community.

Entity's reliance on volunteers and donated goods or services

The NZAC Trust is operated entirely by unpaid volunteers at a governance level. However, where necessary, the Trust will obtain professional services to ensure all quality, regulatory or statutory requirements are met. The Trust uses the foundational grant received from the Estate J Nankervis to operate a Service Agreement with the New Zealand Alpine Club to provide efficient and effective administrative services.

Statement of Service Performance

What key activities did the charity do during the year?

Description of outputs (key activities)

	Quantity of outputs	
	Current year	Last year
Grants or donations to New Zealand Alpine Club	442,416	0
Grants or donations to other organisation	130,141	0
Grants or donations to an individual	14,569	0

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Statement of receipts and payments

	Current year	Last year
Operating receipts (money deposited into the bank account)		
Donations, fundraising and grants	359,968	390,050
Fees and other receipts from members	0	0
Receipts from selling goods or providing services	0	0
Bank account interest and other investment income	4,577	31
Other receipts	0	10
Total receipts	364,565	390,091
Less operating payments (money withdrawn from your bank account)		
Fundraising costs	0	0
Payments to employees and volunteers	0	0
Payments related to providing goods or services	0	0
Grants and donations paid	596,126	0
Other payments	24,252	5,212
Total payments	620,378	5,212
Operating surplus/(deficit) for the year	-255,812	384,879
Plus opening total of all bank accounts and cash on hand	384,879	0
Closing total of all bank account balances and cash on hand	129,067	384,879

Performance Report

Entity Name

For the year ended

The NZAC Tipiiki Trust

30-Jun-23



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Statement of resources and commitments

Schedule of Resources

Other than amounts in the bank and on hand, what other significant resources (things you own) does the entity have? This includes any things it owns, such as land, buildings, vehicles or other equipment. You are only required to list significant resources. You are also required to report their value but only if it is practicable to obtain. You can report either the amount it cost or how much you could sell it for now.

Description of significant resource	Source of value (if applicable)	This year	Last year

Schedule of Commitments

Does the entity have any significant commitments (things you owe)? You are only required to list significant commitments. In other words list any significant amounts owed to others - for example - commitments to purchase land or buildings, grants approved but have not yet been paid, loans from a bank or other lender, or funds held on behalf of others.

Description of significant commitment	This year	Last year

Schedule of Other Information

You are required to list any grants or donations received with any conditions attached over how they be used. Where these conditions have not been met at the reporting date, the grants received should be listed and how much has not been spent at the reporting date.

Description of grant and its condition or restriction	This year	Last year

Performance Report

Entity Name	The NZAC Tūpaki Trust
For the year ended	30-Jun-23

Notes

Basiss of preparation This Performance Report is prepared on a cash-basis in accordance with XRB's Tier 4 Simple Format Reporting Requirements. The charity is eligible to apply these requirements and has elected to do so.

Treatment of GST not gst registered

Related party transactions Provide a description of significant amounts received from or paid to related parties during the period (specify the amounts). If any services were provided for free by or to related parties during the period also describe these here.

Related parties include anyone that has influence over the operations of the entity (for example, officeholders, committee members, trustees and senior management positions).

Describe related party	Describe transaction	This year	Last Year
NZAC	Aspiring Hut	372,389.38	
NZAC	Other projects	102,121.65	

Events after the balance date Describe any significant events occurring after balance date (i.e. your year-end) and before the performance report is approved and how they have affected the entity.

This performance report has been approved by those charged with governance.

Date 26 October 2023  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Ross Cullen  
Position Trust Chair

Date 26 October 2023  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Position \_\_\_\_\_

Date 26 October 2023  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Lindsay Smith  
Position Trustee

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Rime-coated tussock  
near Arete Hut.  
Photo Peter Laurensen

The NZAC Tūpiki Trust  
Profit & Loss Statement for the Period Ended 30 June  
2023



	Actual YTD	Last YTD
<b>Donation Income</b>		
Donation Income - General	20,112	15,050
Donation Income - Aspiring Hut project	172,500	200,000
Donation Income - Empress Hut work	2,000	0
Donation Income - Establishment Grant	0	75,000
Donation Income - Specific Projects	28,465	100,000
Donation Income - Climbriz	23,199	0
Donation Income - Small Projects	40,200	0
Donation Income - Tech Projects	10,890	0
Donation Income - Waste Projects	62,122	0
Donation Income - Leaning Rock project	500	0
<b>Total Donation Income</b>	<b>359,988</b>	<b>390,050</b>
<b>Interest Income</b>		
Interest Received - Cheque Account	1,821	31
Interest Received - Term Deposit	2,756	0
<b>Total Interest Income</b>	<b>4,577</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>364,565</b>	<b>390,081</b>
<b>Less: Donation Payments</b>		
Donation Payment - NZAC (Aspiring Hut Project)	370,294	0
Donation Payment - Leaning Lodge Trust	25,000	0
Donation Payment - Southern Lakes Sanctuary Trust	33,465	0
Donation Payment - Small Projects	29,019	0
Donation Payment - Tech Projects	10,890	0
Donation Payment - Waste Projects	62,122	0
Donation Payment - Waipari Crag Project	65,336	0
<b>Total Donation Payments</b>	<b>596,126</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Less: Operating Expenses</b>		
Annual Return Filing Fee for Charities Services	51	0
Bank Charge Fees	0	0
Board Meeting	1,535	612
Computer & Website Expenses	739	1319
Depreciation Expenses	1163	125
Event & Meeting Expenses	1,418	0
Legal Fees	1484	0
Merchant Fees	786	3
NZAC Monthly Service fees	14,400	0
Printing & Photocopying	0	722
Rent	493	0
Subscription	91	0
Travel & Accom	2,220	684
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>24,380</b>	<b>3,465</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>620,506</b>	<b>3,465</b>
<b>Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>-255,940</b>	<b>386,616</b>

The NZAC Tūpiki Trust  
Statement of Financial Position  
As at end of Jun:2022/23



CAPITAL		This Year	Last Year
Opening Accumulated Funds		386,615.58	0
Fund Movements		10	10
Current Year Earnings		-255,939.77	386,615.58
		130,685.81	386,625.58
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDS</b>		130,685.81	386,625.58
REPRESENTED BY			
CURRENT ASSETS			
Tupiki Current Account		129,066.32	44,878.29
Deposit Account-0129306-0001		0	340,000.00
		129,066.32	384,878.29
LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		0	0
<b>NET WORKING CAPITAL</b>		129,066.32	384,878.29
FIXED ASSETS			
Computers & Website		2,907.10	1,872.10
Provn Deprn: Computers		-1,287.61	-124.81
		1,619.49	1,747.29
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		130,685.81	386,625.58



## AOTEAROA CLIMBING ACCESS TRUST

2022-23 has been a period of consolidation for ACAT, building on the initial effort to set up the new organisation over the previous 12 months. We have been 'building the ship as we sail it', with ongoing work occurring to develop robust finances, governance, and systems, even as we have continued to respond to urgent access issues and provide reliable, up-to-date information for climbers.

### Access

It has been another busy year for ACAT on the access advocacy front, and I want to thank all our volunteers who have put in a huge effort around the country. The number of new and ongoing crag access issues continues to show the need for stronger relationships with iwi, farmers, and local and central government. Our access work in the 2022-23 year included:

- **Whanganui Bay** – The 2022 trial season was a success and saw no major issues. We also ran a fundraiser for emergency works on the Whanganui Bay road, which raised \$3,000 for Ngāti Te Maunga. We are thrilled to have subsequently agreed a 2023 climbing season from June to November.
- **Milford Opportunities Plan** – Engagement has kicked off to test the 2021 Plan's proposals, which include potential restrictions on vehicle access and parking. ACAT has had positive engagement with the MOP team and is working closely with NZAC and FMC to represent the recreational community's interests.
- **Sky Castle** – We helped to open a new Waikato sport climbing and bouldering crag by raising funds and installing a new carpark, toilet and signage.
- **Pakeho** – This crag was unfortunately closed due to insufficient support from the climbing community. ACAT is working with the land-owners toward a potential re-opening.
- **Kimi Worrell Fund** – ACAT has taken over administration of this Fund which was set up to support safer climbing in Aotearoa. Grants criteria have been established and the grant application process is now open.
- **West Coast Stewardship Land reclassification** – ACAT made a high-quality submission on the reclassification proposals, working closely with the West Coast Alpine Club to identify any existing or potential crags affected.



Photo Tom Hoyle

- **The Quarry** (aka AGS Rockwall) – We are actively working to re-open the Longside with assistance from John Dixon KC who is fronting discussions with the School.
- **Waipari** – We put a lot of work into developing a legal agreement and climbing access easement framework. While the agreement has not yet been concluded, the framework developed is a great resource that we may be able to use as a template for other crags.
- **Maungarei Springs** – ACAT/NZAC successfully applied to Auckland Council for funding for ecological restoration work around the crag, and are working to implement planting.
- **Canterbury crags** – We have been working to put together a ‘crag database’ to identify access issues and opportunities in Canterbury, with assistance from the NZAC Canterbury-Westland Section and CMC.

## Finances

ACAT had a sound financial year, receiving \$125,000 (approx.) income from a mixture of one-off and recurring donations by individuals, support from NZAC and other clubs, sponsorship, event income, and even a bequest. Our recurring (monthly and annual) donors increased moderately from 160 to around 180. We established a great relationship with Northern Rocks gym as our main sponsor, with the relationship entering its second year. We also received significant support from Uprising gym through the Summer Sends Series. We achieved a surplus of \$49,000 (approx.), which has given us the confidence to increase funded work hours from 20 to 32 hours per week, increasing ACAT’s capacity to make an impact for climbers. We also welcomed a renewed commitment by NZAC, which committed to a further three years of financial support once the initial seed funding runs out in March 2024. This will

strongly support ACAT’s financial sustainability as we continue to grow and develop.

## Events

In October 2022 we ran the inaugural Waipari Rock Festival, which was a success despite challenging weather. It was a difficult decision as to whether to go ahead, but in the end the rain largely held off on the Saturday and around 200 participants were able to get out climbing and enjoy the evening. The Festival was a good fundraiser for ACAT and an enjoyable event. We thank the landowners Merry and Emma for their support. The Auckland Boulder Series was another highlight, a great community event that ran in both 2022 and 2023 under the experienced eye of Zane Bray.

## Organisation development

2022-23 continued to provide some ‘firsts’ for ACAT as a young organisation. We established our first Budget and Annual Plan and held our first AGM. We successfully completed the Charities’ Services reporting requirements for continued registration as a charity.

We also completed a comprehensive set of financial policies, with thanks to NZAC and to Eva Duncan for her voluntary work on these. We also thank founding volunteer John Pitcairn for all his work to continue developing ACAT’s website.

We have seen our first round of succession at a Trust Board level, with founding Board member Sam Newton stepping down to take a position on the Tupiki Board. We are grateful for all of Sam’s contributions particularly in establishing sound governance procedures, and are now excited to welcome new Board members James Gunn and Erin Stewart.

We continue to have good engagement on social media posts, the ACAT website, and our e-newsletter, supporting our mission to inform and educate climbers.

**Edwin Sheppard** - General Manager ACAT



## NZAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Come join us to celebrate the 2022/2023 year at our Annual General Meeting. We will discuss the year that was, and give a little insight into what is coming up. Of course, this is also a great chance to ask questions and tell us what you think!

### The details...

- Date: Friday, 27th October, 2023
- Time: 7 pm
- Venue: Burnside Rugby Club Rooms, 342 Avonhead Road, Ilam

### Agenda

- Apologies
- Proxies
- Confirmation of the minutes of the 2022 AGM
- Presentation of the President's Report
- In Memorium
- Presentation of the Financial Report
- Appointment of the Auditor
- Awarding Honorary and Life Memberships
- NZAC Volunteer of the Year Award
- General Business
- Close of the official meeting

The meeting will be available online – link to be circulated closer to the date.

There is parking on the street at the venue. Light snacks will be provided and there is a bar to purchase drinks.

Megan Dimonzantos, President of the Federated Mountain Clubs, will be presenting at the conclusion of Club Business.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Ngā mihi nui,  
Karen

Photo: Mandy Whittaker



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