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NEWSLETTER FOR CANTERBURY WESTLAND SECTION OF NZAC



OCTOBER 2023

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SECTION MEET OCTOBER

Canterbury Westland
Section Evening
BUY/SELL Gear Night!

The Cashmere Club
50 Colombo Street

Thursday 19 October
Doors open: 6pm - 8:30pm

If you want to purchase an alcoholic drink from the bar, you must show a Guest pass. You can pick one of these up inside the room we meet in where they'll be on a table near the door.

Entry is free and everyone is welcome, you don't need to be an NZAC member to attend.

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GET TO KNOW OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS
& AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

Sam White. Committee Chair

Sam White

Formally our Winter Instruction coordinator and now our newly appointed Committee Chair for Canterbury Westland Section of NZAC

I have been a member of the NZAC for 8 years and joined the Section committee three years ago as Winter Instruction Coordinator. I feel honoured to have been selected as Chair of the Section committee last month, with the incumbent, Jim Petersen, taking up the National Presidency at the end of October.

I have been exploring the NZ mountains for nearly 50 years since my father Mike (who incidentally also served on the Section Committee in the 1970's) first dragged me up the Crow Valley when I was 5. Since then, I have dabbled in many outdoor pursuits, but these days consider myself primarily a trumper & trail runner with the occasional foray above the snowline.

We have a strong committee who I am looking forward to working with (i.e., delegating as many tasks as I can possibly get away with!) during my term.



**If you would like to join our committee or give back to the club in any way, please contact Sam White at cw.chairperson@gmail.com
We currently have a role for someone to fill as Trip Coordinator.**

Charlie Catt Memorial Trophy AND Bill Denz Award

BILL DENZ AWARD

CHARLIE CATT MEMORIAL TROPHY

At the recent September monthly section meeting of the Canterbury / Westland Section of NZAC, the **Charlie Catt Memorial Trophy** was awarded to our **Volunteer/Instructor of the Year**.

Charlie was a long serving Volunteer and instructor for the CW section who sadly passed away in December 2016.

To honor Charlie and all the fantastic Volunteers and Instructors of the CW section, a magnificent trophy was designed and made by Adam Humphries and engraved by Richard Harcourt.

This year's recipient has instructed for the CW section over a number of years in both our summer Rock climbing programme and winter Avalanche and Snow Skills courses as well as being involved on the board of ACAT (Aotearoa Climbing Access Trust) and part of the Canterbury Alpine Rescue Team.

There could be no more deserved winner of our Volunteer/Instructor of the Year Trophy than **Anna Scheirlinck**.

A huge congratulations and thanks Anna for all the amazing time you have given to the NZAC.

And a special thanks to all our other wonderful volunteers and instructors in the CW section - we very much appreciate all that you do for us.

Clayton Garbes



JIM PETERSEN (CW CHAIR) WITH CHARLIE CATT MEMORIAL TROPHY RECIPIENT ANNA SCHEIRLINCK

To start the September section meeting, our fantastic Chairman, Jim Petersen advised he will be stepping down as Chair at the end of the month and Sam White will be taking over.

We were lucky enough to have had epic nominations for the Inaugural **Bill Denz Award Presentation**. This award celebrates the spirit of adventure Denz displayed during his climbing career, as someone who showed determination, boldness, innovation and an adventurous spirit with resilience and vision.

A trophy and cash prize were presented to **Ruari Macfarlane**, our first recipient of the **Bill Denz Award**.

Ruari spoke of and shared with us photos of his 11-day traverse of the Darrans in January of this year. Delightful travel of the Fjordlands, a true trans-alpine - from Hollyford to the coast, Martin's Bay. Followed by a 'debrief' heading back along the Otago Alps, which ended up a solo trip. Ruari has been largely influenced by Dave Vass and is a lover of Bill Denz' book. This was a trip built on others experience. Ruari is a bit of a poet and shared with us a couple of his pieces from his journal. 'Smile at the wildness'. A brief mention of the number of helicopters and it not feeling as wild as it should.

Geoff Gabites then talked about how he assisted in creating the Bill Denz Award and spoke of the golden age of climbing and the influence of Bill Denz and Jan Cameron. Geoff entertained us with a fantastic history lesson on the change of climbing from the 60s, the technical gear used and how it has changed over the years, 'Jan Cameron effect'. Geoff shared with us that he's a gear collector and the great partnership he had with Bill and his requirement for said gear.

We were reminded (or educated) of the NZAC application process that once was, and the steps it took to be accepted, which quickly phased out as more applicants excelled.

All round another great section evening.

Caitlin Erickson



JIM PETERSEN (CW CHAIR) WITH BILL DENZ RECIPIENT RUARI MACFARLANE

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THURS 19 OCTOBER 2023 6PM - 8:30PM



Where

The Cashmere Club (50 Colombo Street)



Info

\$10 per table hire or \$5 for half/shared table for those selling
*set up from 6pm

All proceeds this year will be going to ALPINE RESCUE CANTERBURY and any donations of gear to the NZAC table to be sold would be greatly appreciated.

Text Clayton on 027 446 1562 to book a table
*limited tables - bookings essential

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Mt Valiant Trip

14 & 15 October 2023

MT VALIANT TRIP - FOR NZAC MEMBERS ONLY

14 - 15th October

We have a maximum of 10 and a minimum of 4 participants on this trip

This activity is being hosted by & on behalf of current members of the Canterbury/Westland Section of the New Zealand Alpine Club. Participants will need to be totally self-sufficient in the environment and have the skills, experience and judgement to undertake alpine and related mountaineering activities consistent with the level of experience required for this trip, independently and safely. Safety is the responsibility of each individual member. This is not a guided trip, nor will it involve any instructional training or tuition of any kind being given to participants.

You need to be a current member of the NZAC, and over 18 years of age to apply. Any applications for people younger than 18 years needs to be supplied with a letter of approval from their parent or guardian.

We welcome applications from other sections, but members from our section take priority

Depending on the forecast and actual conditions, we may call off the trip, change the plan, or change the requirements of the trip. This is solely at the discretion of the Trip Leader and a call will be made on the Thursday before and you will be contacted via email or text to confirm.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Mt Valiant is a picturesque, seldom visited peak at the eastern boundary of Arthurs National Park. The trip will involve a 3 - 5 hour walk from the Hawdon Shelter to the East Hawdon Biv. The next day will be a 3 - 5hr return climb of Mt Valiant then returning to the Hawdon Shelter.

TRIP GRADE AND GRADE DESCRIPTION

This trip will involve riverbed (including river crossings), and rough bush tracks on day one. Day two will involve travel on steep scrub, scree, snow and rocky ridges. Mt Valiant is graded II,2 in the new Arthurs Pass Guide, but the technical difficulty will be dependent on snow conditions, certainly no more technical than grade 2

PREREQUISITE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Basic crampon & ice axe use. Fit enough to carry an overnight pack for up to 10 hours

CONTACT: Sam White

cw.winterinstruction@gmail.com

REGISTRATION: [Click here](#)

Sport Lead Climbing Course

SAT 4 & SUN 5 NOV

NZAC MEMBERS ONLY
LIMITED TO 8 ON THIS COURSE



Date - Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th Nov (plus a mid week evening session - date to be discussed)

This course will be run on the Port Hills in Christchurch.

Time - 8am to 5pm Saturday and 8am to 1pm Sunday with the evening session 5pm until dark.

This is a two day/one mid week evening session for NZAC Members only (non members are welcome to apply but must join the NZAC in order to be accepted onto the course - NO EXCEPTIONS), aged 18 and above. Those under 18 must have parental/guardian permission and must be at least 13 and over to attend.

If you can't attend both days and the evening session, please do not apply.

If we have any interruptions on the Saturday for rain, we will either run day one indoors or run a full day on the Sunday, plus two evening sessions so you will need to have flexibility like out instructors.

The course is designed for those either making the transition from indoor sport climbing or outdoor top rope climbing and at a minimum, you must know how to top rope belay without a gri gri.

WHAT WILL BE TAUGHT:

- * Balance, movement and technique on rock
- * Sport lead climbing
- * Lead belaying (not with a gri gri)
- * Abseiling
- * Transition at a sport anchor station/cleaning a climb
- * Knots
- * Equipment and its use

COST: \$150 will cover all instruction plus any of the equipment listed below, free of charge if requested (you will need to provide your own harness, rock shoes and chalk bag)

EQUIPMENT LIST:

- * Climbing helmet
- * ATC type belay device and large locking biner
- * Safety/Anchor chain and small locking biner
- * Small , 1.3m total untied length of prusik and locking biner.

PLEASE advise if you require to use any of the above OR, equipment can be purchased at either Aspiring Safety, Bivouac or Further Faster and all give NZAC members discounts.

CONTACT: Clayton Garbes on cw.summerinstruction@gmail.com with your full name, age, NZAC members details, a brief climbing history and if you require any of the listed equipment.

Double check you are available to attend both weekend days and one evening session mid week (let me know if there are certain evenings you definitely can't attend and we will try to suit all participants).

If I haven't replied within 72 hrs, please first check your junk mail, then text me on 0274461562.

REFUND: A full or partial refund will only be given if you have a genuine reason for withdrawing from the course, or allowing enough time to find a replacement for your spot

Limited to 8 on this course

Basic Navigation Course

SAT 26 NOV

NZAC MEMBERS ONLY
LIMITED TO 8 ON THIS COURSE

Save the date! Basic Navigation Course 26th November 2023

This is a one-day basic navigation course open to NZAC members and part of the NZAC Snowcraft & Mountaineering Pathway.

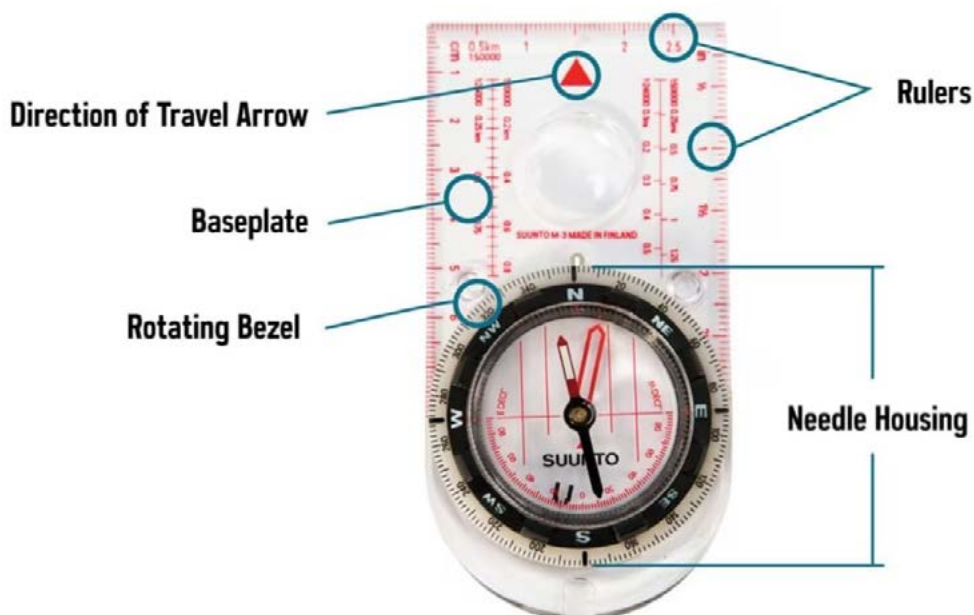
The exact location for the course is still to be determined but it will be within an hour's drive of Christchurch. Carpool will leave Christchurch at 8.00 a.m. and the expected return time 5.30pm.

Cost: \$60.00 plus fuel koha to drivers

What will be taught:

- Map & compass use
- Pacing
- Terrain selection & identification
- Route finding
- Basic use of GPS devices

Registration and more details can be found [here](#)



COMPASS ANATOMY

Intro to Trad Climbing Course

SAT 2 & SUN 3 DEC
& SAT 27 JAN

NZAC MEMBERS ONLY
LIMITED TO 8 ON THIS COURSE



Intro to Trad (Traditional) Climbing Course
(3 day course. Two days in December & one day in January 2024)

Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December 2023 8am to 5pm AND SATURDAY 27 JANUARY 2024!

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY and note, that this is a three-day course so you must be available for all three days - NO EXCEPTIONS!

Day one and two will be at Te Ahi-a-Tamatea (Rapaki Rock) on the Port Hills of Christchurch and Day three (with wet weather back up Sunday 28th), will be at Gibraltar Rock, on the Port Hills (both these crags can be found on climbnz.org.nz for further info)

This course is for NZAC Members only, aged 18 and above (non-members are welcome to apply but must be signed up as a NZAC member before final acceptance onto the course.

COST: Just \$300 will cover three days of instruction at a 1:4 ratio by qualified, experienced Instructors, all trad climbing equipment, quick draws, ropes and anchor set-up equipment.

OTHER EQUIPMENT: Other personal climbing equipment can also be provided if requested from the gear below but you must provide your own harness, rock shoes, belay device (not a gri gri) and large locking biner and chalk bag (optional)

A personal safety/anchor chain and small locking biner and prusik (1.4m total untied length) and locking biner are also required but can be provided free of charge if requested.

WHAT WILL BE TAUGHT:

- Trad equipment and its use
- Leading on trad equipment
- Cleaning a climb
- Anchor set ups
- Knots
- Trouble shooting and useful tips

REQUIREMENTS: This is not a beginner's course and at a minimum, you will need to have sport lead climbed confidently, lead belayed (with something other than a gri gri), and abseiled before.

Grades are not relevant to this course as you will be trad leading at a level you are comfortable at.

CONTACT:

Please email Clayton Garbes at

cw.summerinstruction@gmail.com

with your full name, age, phone number, NZAC member details (or if a non-member), where you are based/will be attending from and a brief history on your climbing, belaying and abseiling.

Numbers limited to just 8 x spots so DONT MISS OUT!

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Dunedin Adventure Weekend

Canterbury Anniversary Weekend (November 17th to 19th 2023)

The C/W sections most popular long weekend event and running for over 10 years. A weekend for all abilities and interests and you don't have to be a NZAC member to attend.

COST - \$50 This covers three nights camping fees and full use of the hall and if there is enough \$ left over, we will put a barbecue on one evening. Please state your vegetarian and gluten free options if applicable when putting your name down to attend.

Activities will include rock climbing (sport and trad at all grades), bouldering, tramping, mountain biking and exploring all of what Dunedin has on offer (all weather conditions catered for so the weekend will go ahead, no matter what).

NOW is the time to book the time off on Thursday 16th November as we will have car pooling options leaving between 3pm and 5.30pm (to allow for the 4 to 4.5 hr drive).

We will be based in Long Beach as always, tenting/camping/staying at the Community Hall which we have booked out.

Please contact Clayton at cw.summerinstruction@gmail.com with your phone number, what activities you would like to do over the weekend so we can get you into groups of like-minded people and an idea on what time you can leave and if you need a ride or can provide a vehicle?



Almost GRADE 1



9/9/23 Avely Voore, Richard Ainley, Mathew Harris, Hannah Zhang, and Geoff Spearpoint.

Almost Grade 1. Mt Harper from the Hakatere Basin.

On our daytrip we settled down to lunch just under the summit. A cold breeze niggled away at us as they can high up, and we put on more layers. It was 1pm, so it had taken us three and a half hours to make the 1150m climb. The views were magnificent. Aoraki/Mt Cook (Big Jim) looming in the background, The Two Thumbs, Alma, D'Archiac, cloud rolling over McClure, Cloudy Peak, more cloud rolling over the Divide around the Gardens country further north, the Armoury Range and the Arrowsmiths. So many great mountains!

Hannah enjoyed her 360 degree selfie stick, Mathew and Richard chatted about bothy bag options, Avely revelled in it all and powered down ahead as we left, and i ate my lunch. All in all a great day out despite some disappointment that recent weather had stripped a lot of snow away. Having come up a northern spur on Mt Harper, we descended to the south west, on big curving flatish tops that dropped us to Balmacaan Saddle. Here we added a plus to the trip grade by grovelling through matagouri and spaniards that took their toll on legs and hands. However, we soon found the track. We were down at the cars by Lake Camp by 5pm, where the wind was strong, cold and gusty. Nice to be back and heading home with conditions deteriorating. A wonderful day out with excellent company.

Trip Leader: Geoff Spearpoint



Climbing on private land?

Remember... to do the right thing!

- Call the landowner to state your intentions & get permission
- Can't reach them? Find another crag to climb
- All numbers are listed on www.climbnz.org.nz

The landowners do not mind you calling, they are very approachable. Not calling will lead to the whole climbing community missing out on these great crags.

VOLUNTEERS ON ROLLESTON, LOW PEAK

JIM PETERSEN & SAM WHITE
ARTICLE & PHOTO CREDITS: PENNY WEBSTER



In 1891, the Low Peak of Rolleston received its first ascent, and the NZAC held its inaugural meeting to elect a committee. Since that time, volunteer committees have remained the essence of the NZAC governance, and the Low Peak, it has become a local classic.

FIRST ASCENT OF ROLLESTON LOW PEAK, NOVEMBER 1891

Four mountaineers, including NZAC Journal Editor and ex officio member of the committee, Guy Mannering, take the evening train to Springfield, board their American wagon with two horses and ride a bumpy twenty miles to Castlehill. The next day sees them pass through Arthurs Pass where they stock up on food and calibrate their aneroids with the government barometer at the Post Office. They then set up camp near Goldney Ridge. Collecting firewood, preparing food and checking the equipment (an ice axe, rope and hobnailed boots) fills the evening.

The next drizzly morning at 4.30am, three climbers (one had the flu) start up the Goldney Ridge. According to Mannering,



VOLUNTEERS ON ROLLESTON, LOW PEAK

they encounter precipices, tooth like projections, steep pinches and impassable faces of rock — all exaggerated by mist effects. Determined and tenacious, the mountaineers persevere and summit at 11.10am. They mark their first ascent with a large stone man and the deposit of a metallic, ornate matchbox with their calling cards (an indispensable fashion item) inside. The return journey takes nearly six hours.

The following morning the team pack up soggy gear, then scurry down the Bealey to cross the dreaded Waimakariri before it floods. At nightfall they pitch a comfortable camp in Murderers Gully, and the fourth day sees the team back home in Christchurch.

Team Members: Messrs. A.M.Ollivier. D. Wood, M.H.Lean and Guy Mannering.

LATEST ASCENT OF ROLLESTON, LOW PEAK SEPTEMBER 2023

Five mountaineers, including NZAC National President Elect Jim Peterson, leave Christchurch late Saturday afternoon, for Rome Ridge on the Low Peak. The 147km drive to the comfortable NZAC Arthurs Pass Lodge takes less than two hours. Relaxed but excited, the group enjoy either a subway or homemade meal, discuss the gear list (full shank boots, crampons, ice axe, ice hammer, rope, snow stake, bothie bag, windburner, slings). Tea and chocolate biscuits replace Mannering's formality — the evening pipe.

The unavoidable early start, to catch the firm conditions at the Gap, is part of every Rome Ridge climb. We started up the Coral Track at 3.30am and make steady progress through the two prominent buttresses to the Gap. Several exposed moves and some mixed climbing see us through the crux and onto the main ridge without needing the rope. Six hours after leaving, we celebrate the summit with yahoos, chocolate and the ubiquitous selfies. On Mannering's expedition Wood carried his whole plate camera all day — for nothing. There wasn't enough light exposure for the heavyweight.

We leave the summit, leaving no trace — except our footprints. Lower down we pick up the Otira Valley track, cross the quaint footbridge and regroup at the carpark. Ten hours after leaving the Coral Carpark, President Jim P and Sam pick up their gear from the lodge and head back to Christchurch in time for dinner with their wives.



Team Members: Jim Peterson, Sam White, Julie Wagner, Jim Davidson and me.

First ascent or the latest ascent. . . one day or four days . . . the Low Peak of Rolleston will always remain a great mountaineering adventure.

And NAZC volunteers . . . they will always be appreciated. I wish Jim P the best in his new role as the NZAC Elect President, and Sam White in his role as the CW Section President.

Penny Webster

WINTER INSTRUCTION 2023

It's a wrap!

The Winter instruction programme finished up with the **Intermediate Snowcraft course** held at Temple Basin at the end of August and two follow up climbs for the Basic Snowcraft graduates in September.

The **Intermediate Snowcraft Course** kicked off a day early with two students from Nelson Marlborough Section coming down a day early for a warmup climb with me up Avalanche Peak

on a bluebird day. The rest of the team including our fabulous instruction team of Paul Aubrey and Asher March drifted into the Arthurs Pass Lodge on Friday evening and plans were made for the weekend activities.

Saturday & Sunday were spent up at Temple Basin learning the intricacies of building snow anchors in variable snow and pitching techniques.



Paul Aubrey (centre) critically analysing the construction of a T Slot anchor with a group of attentive students.

WINTER INSTRUCTION 2023

It's a wrap!



Descending Foggy Peak. Castle Hill Peak is the high point in the distance (Photo Credit Pablo De Nadai)

Numbers attending our **Basic Snowcraft Course follow up climbs** were limited, but those that did make it were in for a treat! Penny Webster and I led a small crew of 3 students to the summit of **Castle Hill Peak** in early September. It was a cloudless day but a bit windy in places. Crampons were donned from the summit of Foggy Peak, and cramponing conditions were near perfect for the 4km of ridge travel to Castle Hill Peak – an ideal opportunity to consolidate skills learnt on the course in August.

The following weekend saw us on **Hamilton Peak** with an even smaller crew of only two students! At the start of the week nearly ten had registered, but as the weather forecast deteriorated during the week most pulled out. With the forecast of north westerlies gusting 130kmh I didn't hold much hope of getting very far beyond Camp Saddle. However, whilst windy we were able to summit in 3hrs from the car. Again, this trip provided a good opportunity to consolidate cramponing skill on the windswept frozen snow slopes and ridgeline above Camp Saddle. Thanks to my good friend Tom Hu for helping out on this trip.

That's it from me, the section winter instruction coordinator role is being passed into the very capable hands of Neil Hamilton for 2024 and I wish him all the best!

Sam White
Outgoing Winter Instruction Coordinator /
Incoming Section Chair



On the snow slopes above Camp Saddle looking across Castle Hill Basin (photo credit Evan Caygill)

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THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2023
Doors open at 6:30pm. The film starts at 7:00pm
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Introducing the Climbing Film Tour, formerly known as the Vertical Life Film Tour. Brace yourself for an even more thrilling and adrenaline-pumping experience, showcasing the most captivating Australian vertical adventures on the global stage. Get ready to be inspired by tales of courage, unsung heroes, and climbing icons, fueling your passion to conquer new heights and fulfill your wildest dreams. Join us for an exhilarating journey like no other!

A NEW LINE – LUCY STIRLING: Join Lucy Stirling, Olympic rock climber, on a personal quest to rediscover her passion for outdoor climbing. Taking a break from competition, Lucy embarks on a month-long road trip to the Blue Mountains, a renowned climbing destination. Through her journey, she seeks to redefine the meaning of climbing and find deeper emotional connections in nature and her own life. Experience Lucy's compelling story as she strives to reignite her fire and pursue her outdoor climbing goals.

TRANSCENDENCE: At age 21, Adrien Costa was a professional cyclist at the top of the professional circuit when he decided to leave the sport and pursue climbing. Six months later, he had an accident in the mountains that changed his life forever... The film follows his recovery from the accident and journey to the cutting edge of adaptive climbing, taking on an ambitious alpine climbing goal in Washington with a revered mentor.

IF IT'S EASY, IT'S NOT FUN: Liv Sansoz, climbing World champion, and Zeb Roche, paraglider and guide, invite filmmaker and photographer Aurelie Gonin on an adventure in Jordan's Wadi-Rum desert. Together, they aim to conquer big walls, capture breathtaking photos, and tackle the challenging Jihad wall. Follow their captivating journey through mesmerizing landscapes, exhilarating climbs, and adrenaline-pumping paragliding flights. Experience the fusion of action, culture, and friendship in "If It's Easy, It's Not Fun" an ode to the thrill of adventure.

STIRLING RANGE HIGHLINE: Join a tight and passionate group of highliners as they visit the beautiful Stirling Ranges in Western Australia. This new film will showcase the logistics, camaraderie, fear, excitement and stoke of highlining in this epic location.

ELECTRIC AVENUE: Right next to Aiguille du Midi, situated in a sea of mountains at an altitude of 3842m, stands proudly the 50m high granite monolith Gendarme des Cosmiques. For the past 30 years, it hosted only 2 climbing routes, Digital Crack (8a) and Arête des Cosmiques (8a), but this changed on the 10th of August 2022.

*Films may vary between screenings.
For more updates go to climbingfilmtour.com*



A NEW LINE



TRANSCENDENCE



IF IT'S NOT EASY, IT'S NOT FUN



STIRLING HIGH RANGE



ELECTRIC AVENUE

Midweek Rock Climbing

To join the midweek rock climbing group send our midweek climbing coordinator, Jonathan Tye, an email to nzacmidweekclimbing@gmail.com and you'll be sent a Google form for emergency contact details, and then added to the Google group.

WELCOME TO MIDWEEK CLIMBING!

Keen for a climb? Join the Midweek Climbing group to organize rock climbing related missions, meet new people and explore the outdoors. Depending on the time of year, there will be regular sessions after work, during the weekend, or just send an email if you're going out or looking for a belay. Mostly in and around the Port Hills with day trips to the Banks Peninsula and occasionally beyond.

If interested, please send an email to Jonathan Tye at nzacmidweekclimbing@gmail.com and you'll be sent the sign-up form. All are welcome and you don't need to be a NZAC member to join.

PLEASE NOTE

Mid week climbing organizers do not provide guiding or instruction and individuals within the group are responsible for their own safety.

You will need a harness, rock shoes, belay device, locking carabiner, and helmet. Please also let the person in charge know what equipment you have and if unknown to them your climbing experience.

Cheers,
Jonathan



NZAC CANTERBURY WESTLAND SECTION

GEAR HIRE

FOR NZAC MEMBERS ONLY

HIRE

EQUIPMENT LIST

- Crampons (12 x pair, fully adjustable)
- Walking ice axes (12 from size 60cm to 70cm)
- Technical ice axes and hammers (5 pairs of various brands)
- Avalanche kits (12 transceiver, shovels & probes. Transceivers use 3 x AAA batteries - not included)
- Helmets (12)
- Snow shoes (2 pairs of MSR evo ascent & 2 pairs of MSR lightning ascent)
- Snow stakes (8 with mid clip wire)
- Ice screws (16 screws, various sizes 13cm to 22cm)

NZAC members can hire gear on behalf of non-members on the same trip they are attending with the knowledge that the NZAC member is responsible for any loss or damage.

PRICING

Prices:

- \$20 per day for Avalanche Rescue Kits
- \$10 per day, for ice screws & pitons: two items
- \$10 per day, per item for all other items
- Payment is by bank transfer

CONTACT

CONTACT BEN SCOTT:

Text: 021 236 8413

Email: cw.gearhire@gmail.com

Please give your full name, membership number, equipment you require and the dates you require it for. Please do not ask to hire equipment on a Friday or Saturday at the last minute.

Other Gear hire options in Christchurch include:

Bivouac at Tower Junction – click [here](#)

Further Faster in Sydenham – click [here](#)



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SECTION LIBRARY

Section Library: Did you know that the Section has its own library and that you can borrow the books in the Section library?

Every section meeting I will bring a good selection of the hundreds of book in the library along with the DVDs.

The contents of the C/W Section library can be found on line [HERE](#)

(There is a list of DVDs on the second tab of the spreadsheet). If you would like to borrow a book or DVD then please email me and we'll sort something out.

Library policies: You must have a current NZAC membership card to borrow

- Books are generally to be returned within 2 months, but new purchases will be expected to be returned within 1 month
- DVDs are expected to be returned within 2 weeks

Returns: Books/DVDs can be returned in one of 4 ways.

- Return at the next Section meeting
- Drop them off at National Office and tell whomever you speak to that they are for C/W library
- Email text/phone me to arrange handover some other way
- Drop them off at Boffa Miskell office on the 1st floor in Lane Neave building at 141 Cambridge Tce, marked for "Yvonne"

Email: John Roper Lindsay
john@roperlindsay.com
or call/text 021 395 513



WEEKLY ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Lead a Trip: If you would like to lead a trip for the club, alpine, rock climbing, cycling or otherwise, please contact Findel Proebst
cw.tripscoordinator@gmail.com

Midweek mountaineering: The midweek group are mainly fairly mature mountaineers who still manage to plod up a few peaks, usually on Wednesdays, weather permitting. Most of the trips are not technical climbing but scrambling at a fairly relaxed pace. If you are interested in joining us, please contact
Pat Prendergast on 337 0079 or email
pat@slingshot.co.nz

Mid Week Rock Climbing: Keen for a climb? Join the Midweek Climbing group to organize rock climbing related missions, meet new people and explore the outdoors. Depending on the time of year, there will be regular sessions after work, during the weekend, or just send an email if you're going out or looking for a belay. Mostly in and around the Port Hills with day trips to the Banks Peninsula and occasionally beyond.

- Helmets are compulsory when climbing and belaying (if you don't have a helmet, please source one or talk to the climbing coordinator and they will try and have one available)
- For those new to climbing and belaying, we can assist in this so please ask if you are not sure
- Two top rope kits (each with a rope, biners and slings are available each week for the person in charge to use rather than their own equipment and for those climbers who don't want to lead but top rope instead.

Climbing will usually run from approximately 4.30 pm onwards, outdoors during daylight savings hours, or indoors in winter, or if the weather is no good. We also welcome and would appreciate people assisting from time to time on a roster basis rather than relying on the same people every week having to look after the climbing group so please contact Clayton if you are able to help out (it's not too difficult!)

If interested, please send an email to:
nzacmidweekclimbing@gmail.com
and you'll be sent the sign-up form.

All are welcome, including non members.

WE NEED YOU

The NZAC Canterbury/Westland section is looking for volunteer trip leaders

A club trip is a great way to spend time with like minded people, share some adventures and give back to the outdoor community. Most trips involve moderate to intermediate mountaineering but they can include anything from tramping, rock climbing to mountaineering objectives. The trip leader is not a professional guide or instructor, as a trip leader you organise and lead the group only.

What is involved?

- Pick an objective and date
- Use this trip leader worksheet to plan your trip
<https://alpineclub.org.nz/resources/organising-trips/>
- Get in contact with the trip coordinator (see details below).
- Your trip needs to be signed off to make sure all points are ticked off. The trip coordinator can also help you with any questions you have regarding the planning
- The trip gets advertised in the newsletter and/or to the Cant/Westland facebook page
Email: Shannon at nzac.cw.newsletter@gmail.com
- You organise the participants and do pre-trip preparations

This list is a suggestion of day or overnight trips which could be both run during summer or winter. All these trips are achievable in a weekend. If you have another objective in mind just get in contact with the trip coordinator. Thanks for leading a trip for the club!

Volunteer trip coordinator email: VACANT POSITION

Email

Some Ideas! Mt Aiken, Binsler, Avalanche Peak, Mt Cloudsey, Torlesse, Avalanche-Bealey Traverse, Castle Hill Peak, Longfellow, Avalanche Peak-Crow Valley, Mt Oates, Murchison, Temple-Phipps Traverse, Mt Somers, Mt Guinevere, Mt Rolleston, Mt Philistine



KEEN TO SHARE YOUR OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE?

Keen to share your outdoor experience?

Caitlin Erickson, our section meeting co-ordinator, is the person to contact.

Caitlin organises speakers to share their outdoor experiences with the rest of our community. If you have any outdoor adventures to share or know someone who has a story to tell, then please contact Caitlin either by phone or email.

Email: cerickson717@gmail.com



TRIP GUIDELINES

An important part of the NZAC is volunteer organised trips. If you're thinking of joining or organising a trip, here are some guidelines on what to expect. Check out the NZAC Trips page for resources to assist you with planning a section trip. <https://alpineclub.org.nz/resources/organising-trips/>

Responsibilities of a Trip Organiser:

- Trips should be fun for everyone. Choose a mountain, peak, hill, traverse, route, crag, or whatever and get out there and meet some keen club members!
- You cannot be responsible for the safety of every member of the group, but you should aim to empower every group member with enough knowledge to make their own informed decisions about the proposed trip both before, and during the trip.
- Choose a realistic goal for the time available and give prospective group members an idea of the amount of effort required.
- Set a group size limit based on your experience, the goal, time available and the groups individual fitness and experience.
- Let the group know what skills & equipment are needed when they sign up.
- Provide the trip Participants with a copy of the NZAC waiver form

and have them understand, sign and return it to you in advance of the trip.

- Organise travel arrangements at the earliest opportunity and let everyone know how much they can expect to pay for transport costs - petrol, wear & tear.
- Prepare detailed trip intentions and leave them with at least one responsible individual.
- If someone on the trip voices their concern about a situation it is up to you (with the help of the group) to find a safe solution.
- Give priority to NZAC members
- Find someone on the trip to write an interesting trip report for the Section Newsletter and email it to: nzac.cw.newsletter@gmail.com

Responsibilities of a Trip Participant:

- You are responsible for your own safety. If you are uncomfortable with any situation, let your trip organiser know straight away.
- Be prepared to drive or contribute to transport costs incurred (petrol, wear & tear)
- Make sure you have a clear idea of the trip's goals and what will be

required of you. Obtain a relevant map and know where you are going, the terrain, what gear you will need, and how to use it.

- If you discover that you cannot go on the trip then let the Trip organiser know as soon as possible so that another person can take your place.
- Read, understand and return the signed copy of the NZAC waiver form to the Trip Organiser.

BENEFITS FOR NZAC MEMBERS

Benefits for NZAC Members

NZAC Membership gives you access to many discounts with the following retailers. You may be asked to present your active NZAC membership. To see full terms and conditions and other benefits of being a member, please visit... <https://alpineclub.org.nz/membership-benefits/>

To visit any of the retailers below, click on their logo.



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