



7 Dec, 2023

Kia ora

How are your summer mission plans coming along? Will this be the year you send your next big boulder problem? Will you tackle that remote peak you have been dreaming about for ages? Maybe you'll meet a long-lost climbing friend at the summer rock climbing meets that have just been announced? Read on for more on our big summer meet in Wanaka, our summer office hours, contributing to our funds, and cool North Island volunteering opportunities for next year's Banff Film Festival screenings - and more.

More on meets. Did you see the North Island Waipari meet announcement? They need help and I'd love to see our members exhibit that volunteering spirit we are known for. I hope my climbing buddies in the North Island are filling up their carpool channels with rideshare offers and requests to get to that one. I might even hook a plane or ferry ride up for that one and consult our [online climbing trip emissions calculator](#) to help me make the sustainable choice.

Speaking about keeping in touch, I'm loving all the new comms channels sections are using to keep everyone in the loop about all the club activities. Make sure you join your local WhatsApp, Google Group or Chat Space to stay up with the play and go play!

Jim
President

Photo: Nancy Collis entry Alpine Nature Photocompetition 2023.

Club News



Office Hours Over The Holiday Period

The NZAC Head Office is closed over the Christmas / New Year period from 12pm Friday 22nd December 2023 through to Monday the 8th January 2024.



Hut Bookings Over Holiday Period

Don't forget to make your bookings online [here](#). For huts with door codes you will need to pay with a credit card to get the door code as the office won't be processing bank transfer payments in the holiday period.

Homer Hut is now on the booking system, and plenty of you are planning trips down there. Thank you for using the system to book. Our wardens will be in place as usual over the busy high period. We are still sorting French Ridge on the DOC system, so it is still first in, first served and payment can be made via our Hut web page.

Arthur's Pass has a new electronic door lock and cameras installed (foyer and carpark). The door code will still come through straight away with a credit card paid booking.



Wānaka Crag Fest 15-17 March 2024

NZAC and Wānaka Climbing Club are pleased to announce the first edition of Wānaka Crag Fest.

Come enjoy the climbing with friends new and old, learn some new skills at the climbing clinics, and enjoy the evenings with events and social gatherings, leaving plenty of time to tell all those tall stories from the day of activity.

We hope to have the registration available before Christmas so keep an eye out for more information through your email and social media channels.

Note: This date has changed from our previous teasers in this newsletter, but the date is now confirmed.

Photo: Tom Hoyle - Marc Lesaicherre at Te Papa, Wānaka

Get Involved



Waste Survey

A huge thank you to the hundreds of people who completed the online Waste Survey. The UC facilitators are grateful for all of the information received.

At the end of the survey was the opportunity to enter a prize draw for one of 3 x \$100 Macpac vouchers.

The lucky winners will be contacted soon.

ClimbNZ Engagement Growing



ClimbNZ has had great engagement since the revamped version was launched in October. We are so pleased you are using the system to find routes and make updates.

One of the improvements was to include better functionality on a mobile phone, so if you need info at the crag give it a try via this [link](#).



Volunteer Opportunities for Banff Mountain Film Festival NZ Tour

We would love your help to make this fundraising and community event a success! We are looking for a volunteer with Digital Marketing expertise that might be keen to offer their skills and knowledge and/or support the digital marketing for the 2024 NZ Tour.

Are you located in Whangarei or Rotorua and keen to bring the Banff Mountain Film Festival NZ Tour to your community? We are looking for volunteers keen to coordinate possible screenings at these locations for 2024.

Email events@alpineclub.org.nz with any questions and for more information about volunteering.

NZAC Bolting Fund



The New Zealand Alpine Club supports the development of climbing in New Zealand, maintenance of climbing areas in Aotearoa New Zealand, and access to the New Zealand climbing areas.

We do this through the Bolting Fund Grants. To help with the Fund you can make a donation by clicking [here](#).

If you have some maintenance projects in mind, read more about the Fund and how to apply [here](#).

Retro bolting has been a popular topic recently, we had a letter to the editor followed by robust discussion on our webpage [here](#).

Community

Aotearoa Climbing Access Trust (ACAT) AGM



ACAT will be holding its second Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm on Monday 11th December 2023.

All ACAT supporters and interested climbers are welcome to attend online.

For the meeting info and the link to join in click [here](#).



Waipari Climbing Festival 29-30th March 2024

ACAT is excited to bring back the Waipari Climbing Festival! The first edition of the festival was held in October 2022, and since then ACAT has been working hard behind the scenes to deliver an even better festival for the second edition... The ACAT Climbing Festival at Waipari will be held from 29-31 March 2024. Save The Date!!

If you want to volunteer at the event [click on this link](#) for details and who to contact.

Photo: Melody Letfus

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