



# UPRISING

NEWSLETTER FOR CANTERBURY WESTLAND SECTION OF NZAC

SEPTEMBER 2024

## BUY/SELL GEAR SALE THURS 12 SEPT

Canterbury Westland  
Section Evening

The Cashmere Club  
50 Colombo Street  
Sydenham

Thursday 12 September 2024  
Doors open: 6pm - 8:00pm

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 a gold coin donation. Everyone is welcome, you don't need to be an NZAC member to attend.

### LINKS TO 'CW SECTION'

Remember to 'Like' our Facebook & Instagram pages so you can be kept up to date on Monthly meetings, talks, events, trips, courses and lots more. Share your trip photos and inspire others. And check out our section website for more information.



<http://canterburywestlandalpineclub.org.nz>

CANTERBURY WESTLAND SECTION OF NZAC

## ANNUAL BUY/SELL GEAR SALE

Along with the following retailers



### Future Section Evenings. Save these dates...



10 OCTOBER: ANDY BUCHANAN  
12 NOVEMBER: NIC LOW  
4 DECEMBER: ROB FROST

CANTERBURY WESTLAND SECTION OF NZAC

# ANNUAL BUY/SELL GEAR SALE

THURS 12 SEPTEMBER 2024 6:00 - 8:00PM



GOLD COIN DONATION FOR ENTRY

## Where

The Cashmere Club (50 Colombo Street)



**Gear for rock climbing, skiing,  
mountaineering, ice climbing,  
hiking & much more!**

## 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.

To book a table contact Maxine on 021 063 7566  
\*limited tables - bookings essential



# PROFILER

GET TO KNOW OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
& AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

## Jono Tye, Committee



I joined the club in 2016 and after helping James (the previous coordinator) with the midweek climbing group for a few years I started running sessions in 2023. I wanted to give back to the local community as I've had lots of help over the years so I thought it was time to do my bit. It's nice to help people to do their first sport or trad route, or just to introduce them to other climbers so they can get out on some rock together. Plus, the social side is great- we get out a few times a week so you get to know everyone pretty well.

I've lived in lots of different countries on the hunt for a good adventure, including Italy and Australia where I worked as an adventure guide. I moved to New Zealand in 1999 and I've been lucky enough to have some great adventures here, including conquering Mt Aspiring, Mt Arrowsmith, and Mitre Peak. I also put up a new multi pitch route called Mission to Mercury on Cloudy Peak with Grubbie, another of our esteemed committee members. But I'm not just about going up things, I've also cycled the Kōpiko trail, a 1,000km+ bike trail across the north island.

If you're keen to join the midweek group, or interested in running sessions, drop me an email. You don't need to be an instructor, the group is self-sufficient, it's more about instigating climbs and, of course, beers afterwards.

*If you would like to join our committee or give back to the club in any way please send an email to [cw.chairperson@gmail.com](mailto:cw.chairperson@gmail.com)*



# TONY BURNELL

*Adios Amigos!*

Tony Burnell is a prominent name in the climbing community in Canterbury. If you're a rock climber you will have no doubt heard or seen his name, and we're sad to have to wish him 'Adios' as he is relocating to Spain. Now is a fitting time to acknowledge Tony's massive contribution to climbing here and say a massive thank you to him from us all.

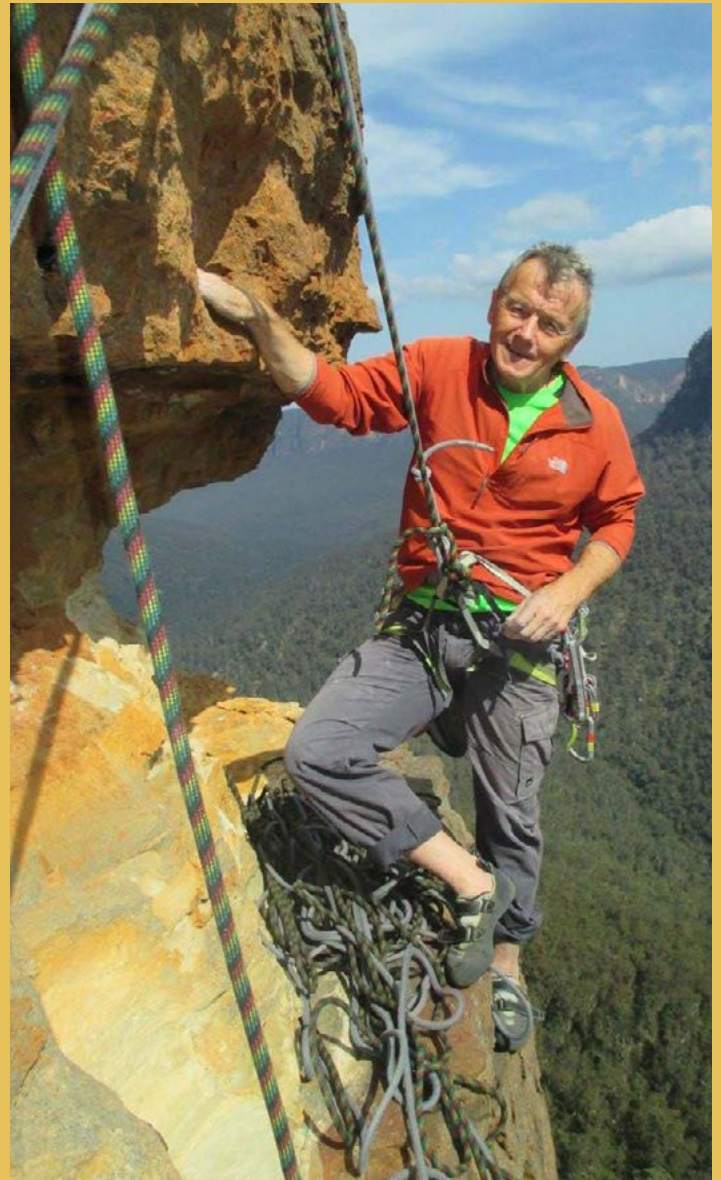
Tony & his wife, Eileen, emigrated from Leeds in Northern England in the mid nineties. Tony moved here with an already impressive climbing C.V with skills that he gained in England and a list of other overseas destinations.

Over the last 30 years in New Zealand Tony has amassed around 600 first ascents of new routes ranging from the Port Hills, Banks Peninsula, Queenstown to Tonga and beyond. This is a massive legacy in its own right and quite a few dollars worth of gear. All of us rock climbers are very appreciative of what Tony has developed. We will remember Tony when we see some of the routes he named that reflect his great sense of humour. Tony is ruthlessly efficient when it comes to setting new routes. One day, as legend goes, Tony set up a rap station, rappelled down 3 lines bolting them all and then asked for a belay so he could climb the 3 routes he had just set.

Tony has helped the climbing community in lots of other ways too. He has done a lot of volunteer work with the Flying Geckos and run youth climbing camps at various places throughout New Zealand. Tony can take a bow with some of the climbing prodigies he has helped produce, with some going on to climb at very high levels.

The Port Hills climbing website <https://porthillscimbing.nz/> has been a very useful tool for the climbing community in New Zealand and Tony took lots of time to unbungle and photograph lots of crags in the region, building something that is now much easier for us all to follow. Not only that, he also did a lot of peripheral work around the actual crags by making them more easily accessible by working on the tracks and replacing sub-standard, fixed gear.

To top it all off Tony was the creator of the 'Port Hills 300', an event in which participating climbers would try to get 300 points across 15 climbs at 3 different crags. A great climbing day out in Christchurch's own backyard.



New Zealand climbing is losing one of its great movers and shakers and a great character. The climbing community owes a lot to Tony for what he has done. Here's a massive thank you to you, Tony, from us all! It is sad to see you go, but we wish you and Eileen all the very best on your next adventures.

*Grant Piper aka 'Grubbie'*



## Colin Monteath August Section Meeting talk Beyond Cape Horn – from Cerro Torre to Mont Français

Despite it being on a Wednesday (to avoid clashing with CMC's monthly Thursday evening), 70 people assembled at the Cashmere Club to listen to Colin talking about a winter adventure in Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego, followed by a yachting trip to attempt Mont Français, highest peak on the northern Antarctic peninsula.

Wednesdays are busy at the Cashmere Club. Although we didn't have to compete with the usual Thursday martial arts evening in the hall next door, the weekly Wednesday quiz night was a bit of a distraction prior to the talk. This didn't worry Colin, Sam White or Caitlin Erickson who were wrestling with the issues of connecting a Macbook to our projector without the right cable. Big thanks to Felix who stepped in and saved us.

From the first slide it was obvious to all that Colin takes some stunning photographs. There were some great images of Cerro Torre, and a riveting description of his trip on the glacier in the dark with the two Geoffs (Gabites and Collie). They had decided the route would be easy to follow as they could follow

the crampon scratch marks on the ice they had made the day before, and that if they kept a safe distance from each other, all would be okay. However this got forgotten while a good story was being told, so two of them fell together through the glacier into water and had to dog-paddle and grovel their way out. Colin said the wet clothes weren't too bad, except in the crotch and elbows...

There were some beautiful images of Tierra del Fuego, including the Beagle Channel, which has some beautiful mountains, and Ushuaia itself, which is also surrounded by mountains, which I had no idea about. My geographical knowledge about down there is very poor, and I could have done with a map to show me these places, along with where the Ross sea is in relation to the Antarctic Peninsula.

Colin has been involved as a lecturer and guide with a number of small groups travelling in older Russian vessels, and he had some fascinating videos of breaking through the pack ice in the Ross sea, avoiding the huge icebergs. He pointed out that icebergs were made of fresh water, not sea water, so were lighter and



## Beyond Cape Horn – from Cerro Torre to Mont Français cont...

would travel independently through the pack ice, so were a particular danger. Some dramatic photos and videos of ploughing through the Drake Passage were probably enough to put off a few seasick sufferers.

One of the more spectacular mountains Colin had photos of was Mount Herschel, a stunning peak close to the sea and pretty well due South of New Zealand. He talked about the first ascent carried out some years before by Mike Gill and others, with Hillary also part of the team. It turns out that the father (Mike) of Sam White (NZAC CW chairperson) was also on this climb and summited!

Colin's final photos were from a yacht trip he made to the Antarctic Peninsula with a small group. One of the goals was to climb Mont Français, which is near the tip of the peninsula, but weather thwarted this. There were some videos of offloading the gear into a Zodiac, where everyone is so cold they sound slightly drunk. And a video of travelling in the Zodiac, where the dangers of even small pack ice to the propellor of the Zodiac make it quite a challenge.

He also touched on the increasing tourism. The 40 guest Russian boats have now been replaced with 150 passenger versions, and there was a trend for some tourists to just fly in to Antarctica and take a boat trip for 5 days.

We're very lucky to have Colin give up his time to talk to us. He last talked to the section about his Four Journeys to Mongolia, and his passion and enthusiasm come out in how he recounts his trips, backed up by a very professional display of his fabulous photographs. If you want to see some of his photographs and publications, go to <https://www.colinmonteath.nz/>

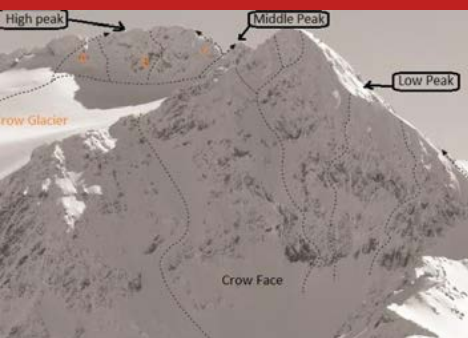
*Article by John Roper-Lindsay*

# UPCOMING TRIPS

OPEN TO NZAC MEMBERS



## MOUNT ROLLESTON: 20-21 SEPTEMBER 2024



**TRIP LEADER:** Adam

**TRIP GRADE:** 2/2+

**ROUTE:** Via the Otira valley and up the ramp to low peak. High peak summit depending on conditions.

*Click [here](#) for more details*

## CASSIDY-BLIMIT TRAVERSE: 21 SEPTEMBER 2024



**TRIP LEADER:** Neil

**TRIP GRADE:** 1/1+

**ROUTE:** This route can be done in either direction, either starting or finishing via the Temple Basin lodges. It's an excellent circuit on easy terrain.

*Click [here](#) for more details*

## MOUNT ROLLESTON: 14-15 OCTOBER 2024



**TRIP LEADER:** Sam

**TRIP GRADE:** 1/1+

**ROUTE:** Climbed from the East Branch of the Hawdon River. From the Hawdon Biv follow the spur at the confluence of the streams until clear of the small gorge, then sidle towards the saddle at the head of the valley between the peaks.

*Click [here](#) for more details*

EVER THOUGHT ABOUT LEADING A TRIP?  
FIND OUT WHAT IS INVOLVED ON [PAGE 21](#)  
OR CONTACT NATASHA MEALING AT  
[nzac.cw.trips@gmail.com](mailto:nzac.cw.trips@gmail.com)



## We need someone to organise our Labour Weekend Dunedin Meet

We are seeking help to run our Dunedin Meet over Labour Weekend. Unfortunately the current organiser has had to step down and without someone stepping in, we will not be able to run the meet for 2024.

This is the C/W sections most popular long weekend event and running for over 10 years. It is a weekend for all abilities and interests. Activities will include rock climbing (sport and trad at all grades), bouldering, tramping, mountain biking and exploring all of what Dunedin has on offer. We need someone to take the reigns of being the organiser down in Dunedin as we can support with the pre-organisation as most of this has already been done. Think you can help?

**[If you can help please click here to contact: Nat](#)**

If the kudos of being awesome isn't enough, our friends at Aspiring Safety are offering a \$100 voucher to the person who takes the reigns and helps NZAC out!





# Upcoming **COURSES** for NZAC members



## **BEGINNERS TOP ROPE COURSE** Full Day 19 Oct & Evening 22 Oct 2024

**8 SPACES**

A two-day course designed for those either making the transition from indoor top rope climbing to outside or for complete beginner climbers. Topics: Balance, movement and technique on rock, Safe top rope belaying, Top rope climbing, Abseiling, Knots, Equipment and its use.

[Click here for full details & to sign up](#)



## **INTRO TO LEAD SPORT CLIMBING** 23 & 24 November 2024

**8 SPACES**

A two-day course designed for those either making the transition from indoor sport climbing or as the next step on the climbing pathway from top rope climbing to independent sport climbing. Topics: Balance, Movement and technique on rock, Safe top rope belaying, Top rope climbing, Abseiling, Knots, Equipment and its use.

[Details coming soon](#)



## **LADIES INTRO TO TRAD CLIMBING** 30 November & 1 December 2024

**4 SPACES**

A two-day course to the introduction for Traditional Rock Climbing. This is not a beginners course and at a minimum people need to be confident sport lead climbing, lead climbing and abseiled before. Topics: Trad equipment and it's use, leading on trad, cleaning a climb, anchor set up, trouble shooting and useful tips.

[Details coming soon](#)



## **SPORT MULTI PITCH & ROPE RESCUE COURSE** 14 & 15 December 2024

**6 SPACES**

A course is suitable for those who have a sport climbing background - know how to sport lead climb, lead belay and abseil (this is NOT a beginners course). Topics: Multi-pitch sport leading, setting anchors for multi-pitch, managing the anchor station, swinging leads, belaying consideration including guide mode, multi-pitch descents, and rope management.

[Details coming soon](#)

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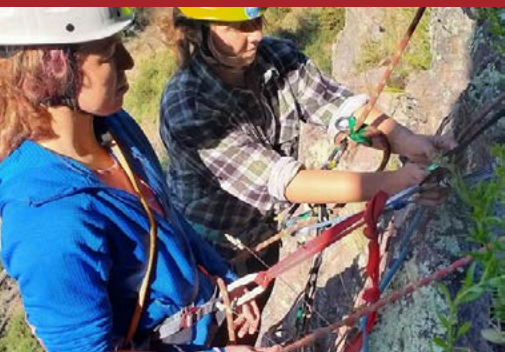


## INTRO TO TRAD CLIMBING 1 & 2 February 2025

**8 SPACES**

A two-day course to the introduction for Traditional Rock Climbing. This is not a beginners course and at a minimum people need to be confident sport lead climbing, lead climbing and abseiled before. Topics: Trad equipment and it's use, leading on trad, cleaning a climb, anchor set up, trouble shooting and useful tips.

[Details coming soon](#)



## SPORT MULTI PITCH & ROPE RESCUE COURSE 22 & 23 February 2025

**6 SPACES**

A course is suitable for those who have a sport climbing background - know how to sport lead climb, lead belay and abseil (this is NOT a beginners course). Topics: Multi-pitch sport leading, setting anchors for multi-pitch, managing the anchor station, swinging leads, belaying consideration including guide mode, multi-pitch descents, and rope management.

[Details coming soon](#)



## TRAD ANCHORS & ROPE RESCUE COURSE 5 & 6 April 2025

**8 SPACES**

A course designed to upskill and refresh on the finer points of trad climbing anchors and placements and basic rope rescue skills needed in a multi-pitch environment. Topics: Multi-directional trad anchors and trad placements, transfer the belay, release a top loaded belay (escape the belay), tandem abseil, simple hoist, troubleshooting.

[Details coming soon](#)

**For sale For sale For sale For sale**

# For sale

**OFFICE DESK AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP FROM NZAC HEAD OFFICE AT:**

**6/6 Raycroft Street,  
Waltham, Christchurch.**

**Corner Desk: can only be set up as a corner desk, good condition.**

**Dimensions: Longest Side 240cm  
Shortest Side 212cm**

**Pick up only: heavy and will require tools to take apart**

**Available for viewing**

**Price: Make an offer**

**Contact Marie: [nationaloffice@alpineclub.org.nz](mailto:nationaloffice@alpineclub.org.nz) or 03 3777595 for more info**



# National Winter Courses



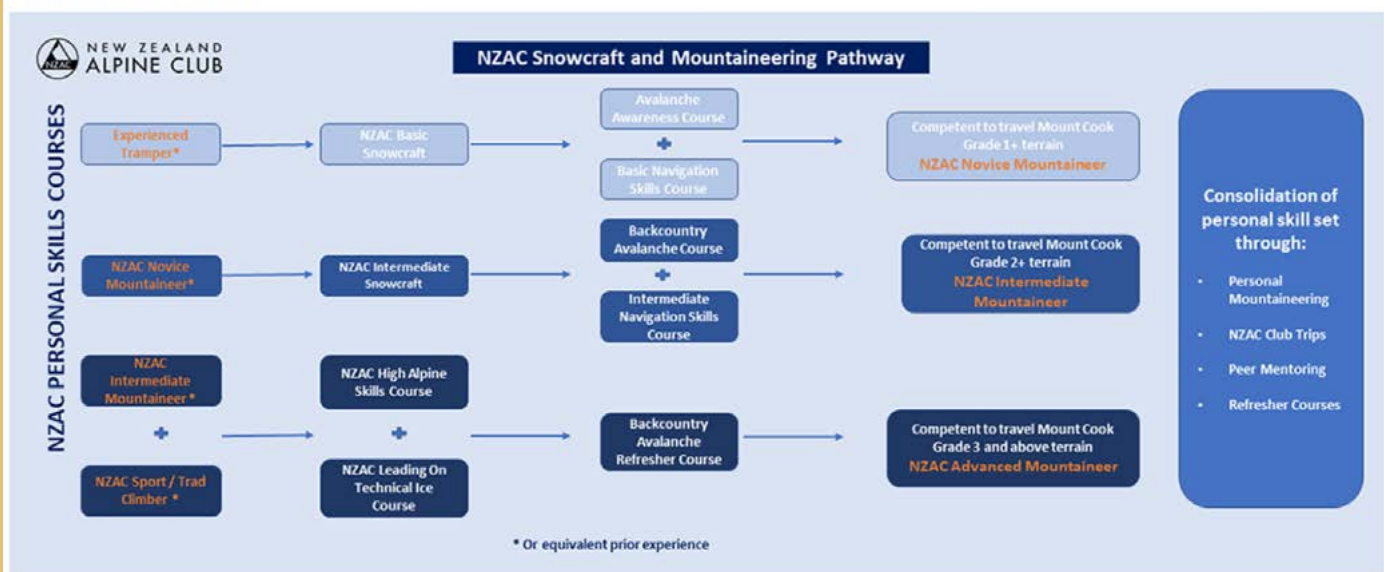
**NZAC MEMBERS ONLY**

## ADVANCED

- SKI TOURING AORAHI / MT COOK NATIONAL PARK, Glacier Ski Course  
28th September - 2nd October 2024, 5th October - 9th October 2024
- ALPINE AORAHI / MT COOK NATIONAL PARK, High Alpine Skills Courses  
12th - 17th November, 19th - 24th November, 26th November - 1st December

**CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS**

## Alpine Climbing Pathway



# Information Links

*Click on a circle to get the full information that you require.*



## Monthly Section Talks

[CLICK HERE](#)

Our Section talks are held each month, usually on the second Thursday. Everyone is welcome and you don't need to be an NZAC member to attend.



## Midweek Mountaineering

[CLICK HERE](#)

The midweek group are mainly fairly mature mountaineers who still manage to plod up a few peaks, usually on Wednesdays, depending on the weather.



## Midweek Rock Climbing

[CLICK HERE](#)

Join our midweek crew for a variety of local climbing opportunities year-round. Whether you're up for a quick indoor session post-work or eager to hit the hills for some outdoor rock action, we've got you covered.



## Section Library

[CLICK HERE](#)

Did you know that the Canterbury Westland Section has it's own, very extensive Library with both books and DVDs? You just need to be an NZAC member to be able to borrow.



## Gear Hire

[CLICK HERE](#)

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.



## Bealey Spur Trapline

[CLICK HERE](#)

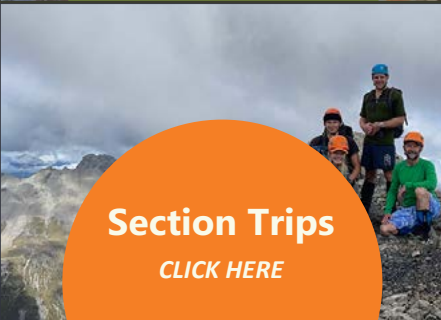
The section helped to establish this trapline and has serviced it since 2020. For your safety and instruction on how to service the trapline, you must attend one of the training days, which are held from time to time. It's a rewarding day out helping to remove introduced predators and assist our native wildlife to thrive.



## Section Meets

[CLICK HERE](#)

Section Meets are hosted by & on behalf of current members of the CW Section of the New Zealand Alpine Club. You don't need to be a current member of the NZAC to participate but the safety is the responsibility of each individual. These are not guided meets, nor do they involve any instructional training or tuition of any kind.



## Section Trips

[CLICK HERE](#)

Trips are hosted by & on behalf of current members of the CW Section of the New Zealand Alpine Club. You need to be a current member of the NZAC to participate. 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, independently and safely.



## Becoming a Trip Leader

[CLICK HERE](#)

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 and 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.



## Section Courses

[CLICK HERE](#)

The club runs instruction courses covering rock, snow, avalanche awareness and navigation. These courses are for NZAC members only, you must have an in date membership to sign up for a course.



## Arthur's Pass Lodge

[CLICK HERE](#)

In the heart of Arthurs Pass National Park, this warm little lodge provides a great base for exploring the surrounding mountains with peaks suitable for beginners to advanced climbers alike.



## Newsletters Past & Present

[CLICK HERE](#)

Sign up to have our monthly newsletters delivered to you by email. You can also read past newsletters on our website.



## Member Discounts

[CLICK HERE](#)

One of the benefits of being an NZAC member is discounts from all the wonderful retailers you will find by clicking on this link. Please support them as they support us.

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