



The South Canterbury Climber

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Section Meeting...

On Biking Across South Africa - All Welcome!

Welcome to the **August edition** of the NZAC South Canterbury Section's newsletter. The section runs a variety of alpine, climbing and other trips and courses throughout the year and new members are always welcome.

Climber Content

Is there anything you would like to see in the newsletter? Do you have a suggestion for improving the newsletter? If so, drop us a line, we're keen to from you. Alternatively, we love getting

submissions from members – whether they be Trip Reports, Items for sale or rants. Just send your material to the editor by the 20th of the month preceding. Contact Kelly Cooney via hear email: kellymuirden@gmail.com

Monthly Meeting –Thursday 22nd August, 8pm start

Speaker: Kate Jeaffreson & Syd Woods

Title: Biking Adventure Race Across South Africa



Come and hear about Syd & Kate's unforgettable adventure race 2,150km by bike into remote parts of South Africa, where they experienced the true splendour of the country and the warm hospitality of its people. With the route unmarked they had to navigate by means of maps and compass - no GPS was allowed.

Please note the later time of 8pm start for this meeting.

Our meetings are held in the Hospice rooms, cnr of Orbell and Ruby Street, Timaru.

Our meetings are held from February through to November.

Come & be inspired!

FMC Bulletins

Rob Moffat has the FMC bulletins which come out quarterly, these used to be sent out with the climber. They will be available at the section evenings, but if you can't attend the meeting, then you can contact Syd Woods and we will work out a system to get them to you.

For Hire

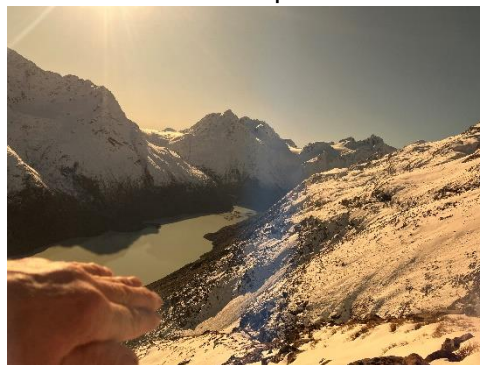
The section has ice axes, crampons, snow shovels, avalanche transceivers, snowshoes, snow stakes and now, a second Personal Locator Beacon for hire. Contact Gary Brehaut, Cell: 027 497 8952.

Section Trip - Matariki weekend

With low river levels and little snow, this was a good opportunity to visit the Godley Hut. It has been close to ten years since I have been here and it has changed colour and gained a solar lighting system. The hut dates back to 1934 and that would suggest a party will be warranted in ten years time.



Cameron, Rob and Andrew climbed the ridge behind the hut and went far enough to get views of the lake and how much it has increased. The photo was taken through my sunglasses with one hand blocking the sun reflection from the lake, meaning that Cameron had to lend a hand to push the button. At this spot, we came under very close scrutiny from a falcon doing a fly past.



The two Moffatts have their namesake peak behind them . A very beautiful sharks tooth.



Our party was the Cooney family, Cameron and Rob Moffat, Ian Rodgers and Andrew Steven. Our first night had gentle rain on the roof and a convivial atmosphere with the energy and delight from having young Marley and George present.

All trips into the mountains should provide ideas for the next trip and there are many adventures to be had in this valley. We really need to get a boat onto the lake so that it can become a highway rather than a barrier.

Library – Books Available

Did you know that the Section has a number of Alpine related library books available? Available from our Gary Brehaut's house. Please ring first to arrange a time, Cell: 027 497 8952.

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National News

NZAC Photographic Competition 2024

The 2024 NZAC Photographic Competition opens for entries on the 16th August!

For 2024 we have a change up in the mix. We are adding a theme to the Mountain & Climbing Culture Category and we ask for you to enter a photo story with your images.

The 2024 theme will be Huts.

All other categories will remain the same. Check out all the competition details [here](https://alpineclub.org.nz/nzac-photographic-competition): <https://alpineclub.org.nz/nzac-photographic-competition>



Upcoming Trips

Trips	When	Contact
Fire wood – Cutting wood at Twizel and Delivering to Unwin hut. Staying the night and having a walk the next day.	24 th & 25 th August	Andrew Stevens
Stony Basin This is a large area of moderate slopes in the lower Macauley valley and suitable for skiing or snow shoeing. This would be a day trip and leaving early. There is some interesting geology in this area with a coal seam , clay and iron pyrites.	31 st August	Andrew Stevens
Mount Taylor	TBC	Geoff McCrostie
Any ideas?	...Well, let us know!	Committee

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