



UPRISING

NEWSLETTER FOR CANTERBURY WESTLAND SECTION OF NZAC

OCTOBER 2024

SECTION TALK THURSDAY 7 NOV

Canterbury Westland
Section Evening

The Cashmere Club
50 Colombo Street
Sydenham

Thursday 7 November 2024
Doors open: 7pm
Talk starts: 7:30pm

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.

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>



NOVEMBER SECTION TALK

Nic Low

The Southern Alps from a Māori point of view.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS](#)

Future Section Evenings. Save these dates...



WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER
ROB FROST

PROFILER

GET TO KNOW OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS
& AMAZING VOLUNTEERS

Nick Hanafin. Instruction Team



Rock climbing has been a foundation of my adult life. Of course the amazing places, people, experiences... but also that weird kinda fun in between pulling onto the start holds to clipping the anchor, where you really don't know how much time has passed, and you often do things you didn't think you could.

I enjoy sharing this awesome sport with others and particularly the safety habits that have taken me over 20 years to learn and develop. I have been teaching mainly trad and multipitch climbing for the club for about 8 years now. I

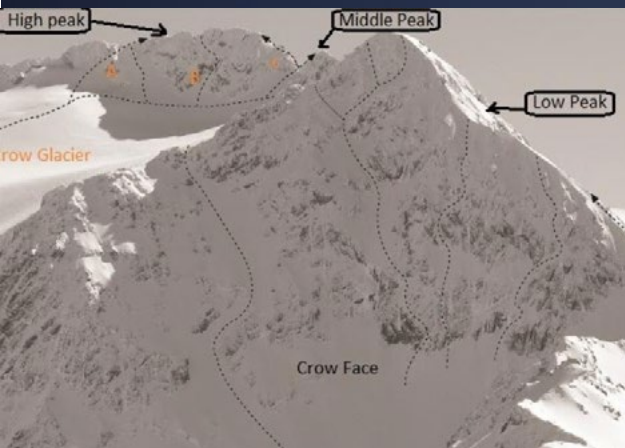
am excited to be getting back into the alpine side of climbing at the moment, and starting to do some winter instruction with the club also. Yoga, running and environmental activism are my main other pastimes, with occasional MTB and skiing.

Over recent years my climbing focus broadened to include ascending strange industrial objects like vessels, skyscrapers, oil rigs, cranes etc. This brings some extra thrills compared to legal climbing, and feels useful in the effort to protect Papatūānuku. I also love teaching this type of climbing :)

***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***

MT ROLLESTON

TRIP REPORT OCT 2024



MOUNT ROLLESTON TRIP. OCTOBER 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.*




We set out early in the morning to climb Mt. Rolleston via the Rome Ridge, eager to tackle this iconic peak. A 4:30am start on the mountain meant early alarms at the Arthurs Pass lodge and headtorches for our approach via the coral track. The initial approach was promising, with clear skies with few stars visible and mild temperatures.

The forecast leading up to the trip was marginal with lots of conflicting information but it was clear we were going to get a pretty high winds. However, we were all pretty excited to get on the mountain and climb via rome ridge.

Our steep approach through the bush line left us pretty warm and shedding a few layers but we were rewarded with a stunning sunrise and panoramic views of Arthurs Pass. It was pretty clear to see why this route is a classic as we gained the ridge proper after a short ramp section of climbing on some firm snow.

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Once on the ridge heading towards the Gap it was pretty clear that the forecast was accurate, detailing high winds as we were battered constantly whilst traversing the narrowing ridge reaching a few hundred metres short of the Gap. Conditions were average with deep snow covering the ridge.

After a brief discussion, we made the tough decision to turn back with cloud and precip rolling in with the gusting winds. It was disappointing to abandon the summit attempt, but we happy to make the call to head back down the mountain planning our next attempt on Mt rolleston.

Thanks to Adam for organizing a great trip nethertheless!

MT ROLLESTON

TRIP REPORT OCT 2024



TRIP REPORT: Matt Thomas

CASTLE HILL PEAK

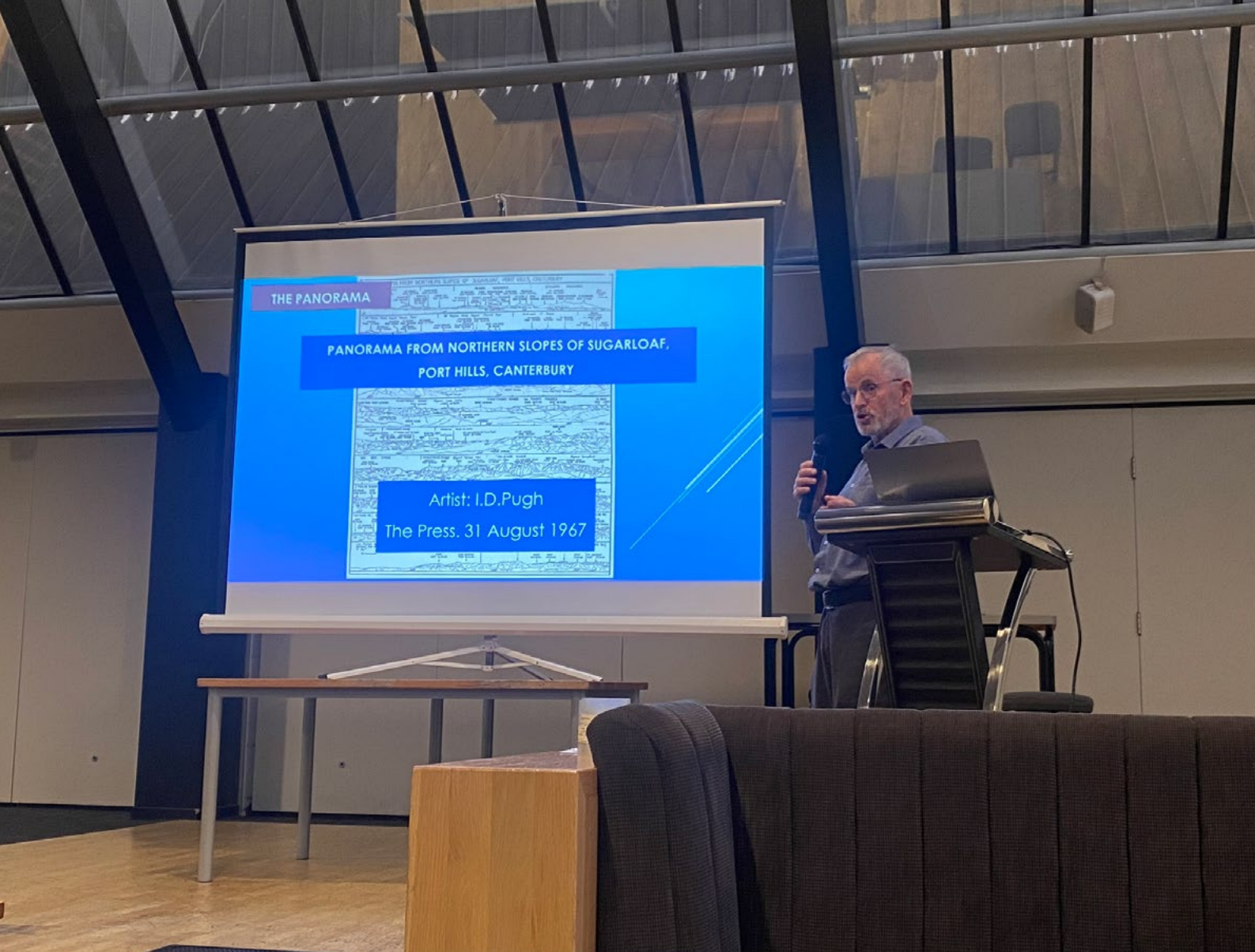
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Trip report - Castle Hill Peak 12 October

The planned Mt Valiant trip was changed to a day trip on Castle Hill Peak as Sunday's weather forecast was looking awful. With the change of venue, and a date clash with the postponed Mt Rolleston trip, the eight signed up whittled down to just the three of us. The trudge up to Foggy Peak was hampered by strong wind, we could barely stand on the summit. However it was relatively calm just a few metres below the summit on the lee side. This gave us hope to continue on, and so it proved. In fact, on the summit of Castle Hill Peak it was calm enough to have lunch and enjoy the surroundings. The snow is disappearing fast but was relatively good cramponing conditions - an ideal opportunity for Basic Snowcraft graduates Jack and Liam to consolidate their newly acquired skills.

Photo: Liam & Jack approaching the summit

Trip leader & report: Sam White



SECTION EVENING: ALPINE PANORAMA. A VIEW TO A CLIMB. ANDY BUCHANAN.

Inspired by Ivan (I.D.) Pugh's hand sketched panorama of the peaks that accompanied an article in the Press in 1967; and looking for a project in retirement. Andy set out to climb all 134 peaks in the panorama and write a book about it.

Andy gave us an entertaining and informative talk, including a some of the ascents but also an insight into what a huge project producing a book of this quality is. Andy said it took him five years to climb the peaks (he hadn't already done), including Aoraki - Mt Cook (yes apparently you can see him from the Port Hills!), and then a further five years to produce the book. The book itself is a beautiful publication including stunning photography and reproductions of Andy's original artwork.

The Section has purchased a copy of Andy's book and it is available for members to borrow. However, it is a fine volume for any Canterbury trapper or

mountaineer to have in their own bookshelf to dip in and out of; serving as both inspiration, and information for those seeking local adventures.

Report by: Sam White



Andy's book can be purchased [here](#)

Brittan Crag



There have been a few enhancements carried out at Brittan Crag lately which the CW section has supported.

Richard Kimberley, has been the main instigator of regenerating some native trees, mainly around the approach track, from the downhill end below Mt Pleasant Left Crag, which is mainly planted with kanaka, and also mixed natives below the Alcove. The idea is these plants will grow up and shade out the gorse. The cages are aimed at keeping the sheep out, and have added to the cost of the exercise.

Richard has also installed some possum traps, which are getting results, and carried out lots of track work, so now the track goes from Brittan all the way through to Cattlestop, which I think is a great initiative. There has been a chain and ladder rungs installed in the gully between the Spyglass and Gorse Walls. The plan being that it will encourage people to climb at the forgotten end of Brittan Crag.

The closest car parking is at Upper Major Hornbrook road, or at Summit road entrance of the John Brittan Reserve.

Also a shout out to Bernie Frankpitt, who helped install the gear.

Grant Piper



Brittan Craggs



For information on climbing in this area click [‘here’](#)

WANAKA ROCK CLIMBING WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 16 - 17

Wanaka rock climbing weekend

November 16 - 17 (Christchurch Show Weekend)

Get out of town this Christchurch Show weekend and join the Otago sections 'Wanaka Rock Climbing weekend'.

You need to register by Sunday 10 Nov by emailing Rob McLaren.

You can find Rob's email and all other details by going to the Otago sections [website](#)



Got a Bolt Loose?

All you need is for someone in your climbing group to have a 17mm spanner.

Remember... 'lefty loosey - righty tighty'

A wire brush or a nylon bristle dish brush is also handy for cleaning holds. Be proactive and do your bit to help the climbing community.



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.

Upcoming **COURSES** for NZAC members



NAVIGATION COURSE 17 November 2024

7 SPACES LEFT

A course aimed at teaching or improving bush navigation. The NZAC Basic Navigation course is designed for trampers and mountaineers who are looking to gain additional skills in order to safely navigate through untracked alpine terrain. Designed for anyone looking to learn essential navigation techniques or brush up on their current skills this course will be great fun.

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



INTRO TO LEAD SPORT CLIMBING 23 & 24 November 2024

1 SPACE LEFT

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.

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



LADIES INTRO TO TRAD CLIMBING 30 November & 1 December 2024

WAIT LIST ONLY

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 its use, leading on trad, cleaning a climb, anchor set up, trouble shooting and useful tips.

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



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

CANCELLED

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.

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

Upcoming

COURSES

for NZAC members



INTRO TO TRAD CLIMBING 1 & 2 February 2025

ONLY 3 SPACES LEFT

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.

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



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

4 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.

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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](#)

UPCOMING CANTERBURY WESTLAND SECTION TALK
WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER
(IN CONJUNCTION WITH CMC)



ROB FROST: VOLTA GLACIER & REFLECTIONS ON RISK

Rob Frost will tell a story about a recent trip to the Volta Glacier that he did with two friends, using a newly-discovered access route inspired by some legends of the Aspiring region. This trip led to some reflections on risk which Rob will also touch on, in particular the risks of transalpine tramping vs other types of trips, and risk tolerances when parenthood is involved. Rob's enjoyed being involved in both the NZAC and CMC so is really happy to have the opportunity for this combined talk.

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.



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Member Discounts

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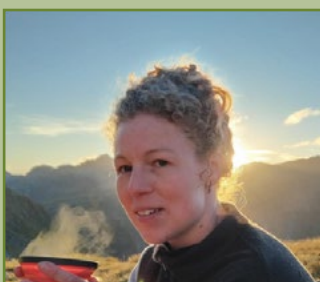
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VACANT**

GENERAL

WE WANT YOU

