



11 Dec, 2024

Kia ora

Christmas is a big deal in my house, because I have a 3-and-a-half-year-old. In the spirit of blazing hot hours waiting for the Santa parade, Christmas trees and letters to the old boy himself (of which we have written a few already), I thought I would make a Club Christmas wish list. However, it is fair to say that my wishes are perhaps a little less materialistic than the toddler...

1. I wish that all our members have a safe, adventurous and happy holiday period.
2. I encourage members to spread the word to others about not only the great services the club offers, but also the important mahi that the Club undertakes. Word of mouth is our best recruitment tool, and I believe we are stronger together.
3. I hope that people take time to reflect on the importance of connection with nature and reflect on how lucky we are to have such magnificent places to play. However, I hope people also reflect on the tenuous protection of open access to this land, and how hard Clubs like ours are having to advocate to protect it. FMC, NZAC, ACAT and others are all working hard in this space, but with consultations on everything from hut fees and bookings, paid access to national parks, health and safety rulings, conservation law reform and the introduction of the fast-track bill, the work in this space is more important than ever. Something to ponder, perhaps, as you are gravel bashing up another endless hot riverbed over summer.

So, enjoy your Christmas lunch, and work it off with some epic adventures and contemplation into the New Year. We will be away on our own adventures and the office will be closed from lunchtime on 24th December, reopening on Monday 6th January.

Meri Kirihimete,

Karen

Photo: NZAC Photographic Comp Youth Winner - Nat Warburton. Fiona Warburton focussed on the Gentlemen's Club White Pepper

Club News



Office Holiday Hours

National office will be closed over the holidays.

Closed 12pm Tuesday December 24th

Reopen 8.30am Monday January 6th



Unwin Lodge Manager Position

We are still looking for our next Unwin Lodge Managers, no applications have been received so if you are interested click the link below and send in your information.

Pip and Simon will be completing their tenure at Unwin Lodge in June 2025. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to become kaitiaki of our most important asset, Unwin Lodge. Situated in Aoraki Mt Cook National Park, Unwin Lodge consists of a 48-bunk lodge and a 3-bedroom manager's house. It is used by members, groups, commercial guiding companies, schools and the public, as a base for further exploration of this special National Park.

For more information please read the Unwin Lodge Manager Information [here](#).

Planning a Stay at Ruapehu Hut?

Well, you will sleep easier next winter with the planned installation of brand-new mattresses. Thanks to the hard work of the Auckland Section volunteers and a generous Auckland based donor, all the mattresses will be replaced this summer.

If you are interested in helping to get them into the hut, please contact the Auckland Section directly. Many thanks to the donor for making this happen and saving all our backs another night on the thinning mattresses! New mattresses and squabs are also on the cards at Arthurs Pass, so if anyone feels like gaining some good hut karma by assisting with donations for that, or anything else, please get in touch with the office [here](#) or CW Section [here](#).

NZAC Hut Wardens Incoming for Summer

Homer Hut wardens are back on duty from the 8th December.

We are introducing wardens at Arthur's Pass Lodge this year after an increase in hut usage during summer. Wardens will start from the 15th December.

If you are heading to these huts (& huts in general) have either a copy of your booking or the ability to login to your profile to show your confirmation.

A big thank you to all the members who have taken up our request to be a warden.

Get Involved



Mark your calendars-Wānaka Crag Fest 2025 is coming!

Registrations open December 20th, and you won't want to miss this epic weekend of social climbing, both youth-focused (13-18) and general climbing clinics, sustainability projects, and loads of extra activities. From quizzes and clinics, to yoga, cold dips, and plans for an epic party, there's something for everyone!

Plan a group trip with your NZAC section or climbing crew. Book your camping early at Glendhu for a 10% discount. Stay tuned here and on our [website for updates!](#)

Thanks to our Fest Partners Black Diamond, SCARPA, and PETZL for helping to bring Crag Fest to you in 2025!



Book Sale Ends 17th December

If you are struggling to think of a gift for the climber in your life (or want some summer reading yourself), take a look through our web shop, we have some guidebooks on special, 2025 calendars, a new book A Wild Life by Shaun Barnett.

[SHOP HERE](#)



Climbnz

If you notice anything amiss while you're out climbing this summer, you can put an alert on climbnz.org.nz to let others know. It could be anything from a loose bolt hanger or block to rock fall or track damage. Log in and check

out <https://climbnz.org.nz/faq> for more details or go straight

to https://climbnz.org.nz/node/add/climbnz_alert. Climbnz is a community-led project – the more you contribute, the better it gets.

We are also improving how Climbnz displays access information, with notifications about conditions of access and temporary or permanent closures. If you see access information on the site that's out of date, please leave a comment.

Community



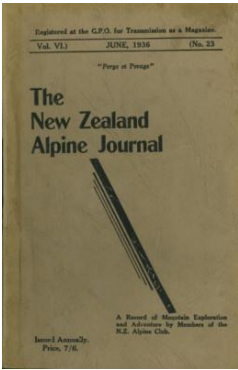
West Coast Te Tai o Poutini Conservation Management Strategy Review Survey

Have your say on development of a new Conservation Management Strategy (CMS) for Te Tai Poutini West Coast. Fill in the DOC survey by 16 December 2024.

DOC, Poutini Ngāi Tahu (Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae and Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio) and the West Coast Tai Poutini Conservation Board are working together in partnership to develop a new CMS for Te Tai Poutini West Coast.

Help shape the future of conservation on Te Tai Poutini West Coast.

Complete the survey [here](#).



NZAJ Archive

For all our researchers and history buffs, the NZAJ Archive has a new URL, if you have it saved on your computer you will need to update it to <https://app.transkribus.org/sites/nzaj-archive/>

NZAC Tūpiki Trust



The NZAC Tūpiki Trust ends its third year on a high, thanks to the support of the climbing community in Aotearoa New Zealand. They wish all their supporters a wonderful festive season and many good climbs over the break. For a look back on their last year, just visit their website at www.tupikitrust.org.nz for their recent newsletter, Annual Report and Financial Statements. And if you have a project needing financial support, the current grants round closes on 1 March 2025 – so your application needs to be in by then.



FMC November 2024

You can keep up on FMC's submissions on LINZ's long-term plan 'Pathways to Resilience', draft Te Hiku o Te Ika-a-Maui/Far North Conservation Management Strategy, Conservation Access for All, and much more on their website via [this link](#).

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