

# UPRISING

NEWSLETTER FOR CANTERBURY WESTLAND SECTION OF NZAC



APRIL 2025

## SECTION TALK THURSDAY 10 APRIL

Canterbury Westland  
Section Evening

The Cashmere Club  
50 Colombo Street  
Sydenham

Thursday 10 April  
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>

### APRIL SECTION TALK



PAT DEAVOLL

- Lifetime member of the NZAC
- Climbed all of the 24 x 3000m peaks between 1977 and 1980
- Three winters climbing waterfall ice in Canada 1998-2000 to grade v6+
- 22 expeditions to Alaska and the Greater Ranges (Alaska, India, Pakistan, Nepal, China, Tibet, Afghanistan, Tajikistan) between 1965 & 2002
- Rock climbed to grade 28
- Waterfall ice climbed to grade 6 plus
- Kayaked to grade 6 plus
- Climbed the Sth face Hicks 11 times plus all the major sth faces in NZ

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

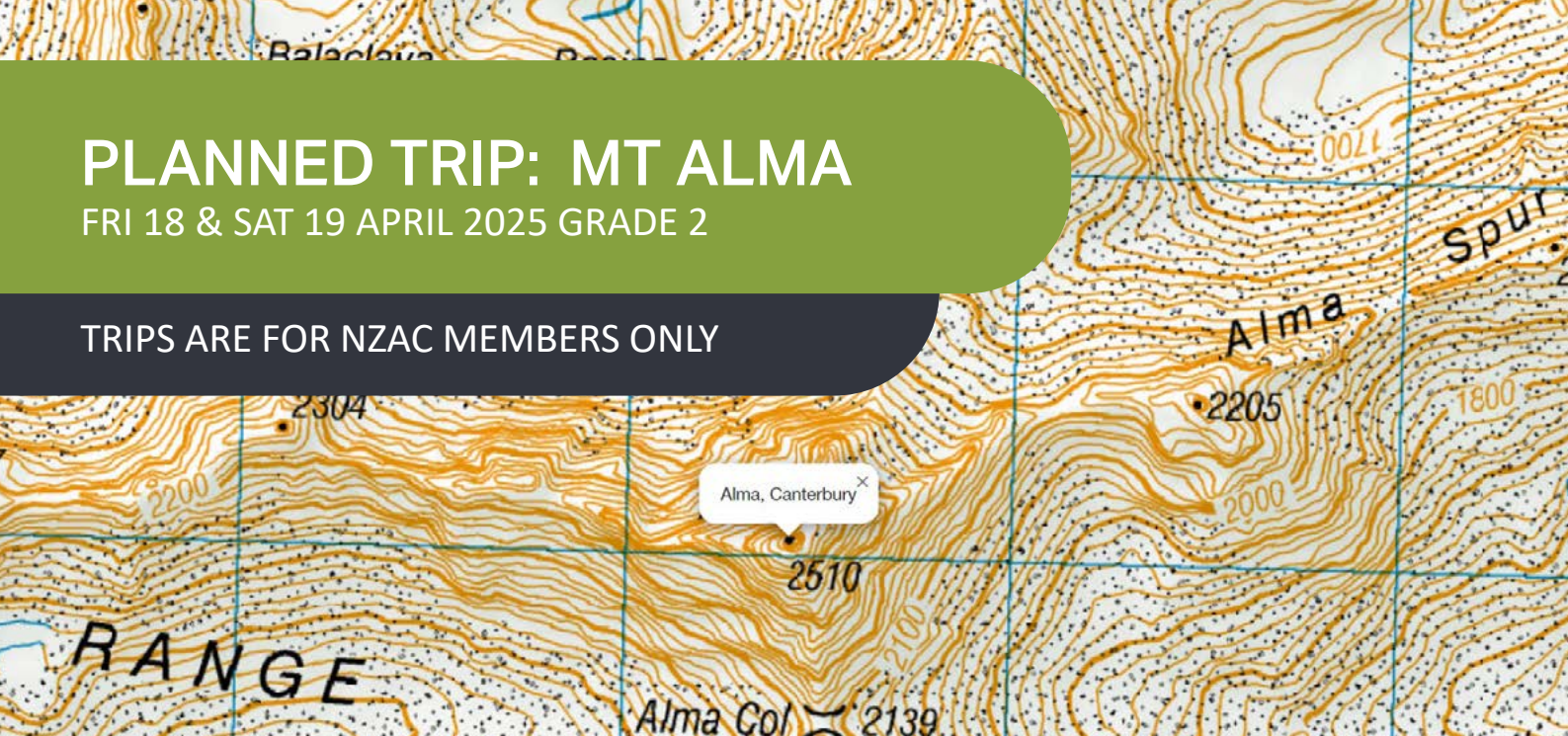


THURS 8 MAY - CHRIS AND TONI  
JUNE IS BANFF!

# PLANNED TRIP: MT ALMA

FRI 18 & SAT 19 APRIL 2025 GRADE 2

TRIPS ARE FOR NZAC MEMBERS ONLY



## MOUNT ALMA. Grade 2

Trip Leader: Matthew Buckley

**ITINERARY:** Leave Chch early on Good Friday and carpool to Mesopotamia then walk 16 km up the true right of the Rangitata River to Black Mountain Hut. Ascend Alma Stream to bivvy in the basin around 1500m. Alpine start the next morning and walk up to Alma Col by dawn, then ascend 400m directly up the South Ridge of Mount Alma. Return home the same day.

**CONTINGENCY:** Lots of bail out points. If climbers not feeling keen to climb the South Ridge, they can head down from Alma Col.

**WHO IS THIS TRIP FOR:** Club members who have suitable experience climbing.

**WHAT TO EXPECT:** A 1,900m climb is physically demanding, however not technically difficult.

**PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED:** No ropes required. Experience climbing mountains in Arthurs Pass a must, comfortable climbing Grade 2.

**GEAR REQUIRED:** Usual gear, plus bivvy bag, mat, sleeping bag, cooker. Ice axes/crampons required, no ropes.

**SHARED GEAR:** Tents, Cookers and Pots

**COST:** Fuel for Drivers

**ROUTE:** <https://climbnz.org.nz/nz/si/canterbury/two-thumb-range/alma>

**PLAN B:** Postpone trip or move to a different location. Matthew will confirm with those signed-up.

Visit our website [here](#) for the sign up form

# GIVE BACK TO YOUR CLUB

JOIN THE CW SECTION COMMITTEE!

## CURRENT VACANCIES BELOW

### MIDWEEK CLIMBING COORDINATOR

We're looking for someone to get involved in coordinating the Midweek Climbing sessions. You don't need to be an instructor or a guide, just someone with a passion for bringing people together and some knowledge of local crags. Organisers do not provide any guiding or instruction and individuals within the group are responsible for their own safety whilst taking part in climbing activities. If you're keen to get involved we would love to hear from you.

### TRIP COORDINATOR

Are you passionate about the outdoors and looking for a way to give back to the community? We are seeking a volunteer trips coordinator to help organise our trips for members. As the trip coordinator you will be responsible for coordinating a variety of trips into the mountains. You will work with club members to determine trip locations and ensure that all safety protocols are complete before the trip. This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved with a vibrant community and help others explore the stunning landscapes of Canterbury Westland region.

### SOCIAL MEDIA SUPERSTAR

Are you a social media superstar? We need help with our social media pages, Facebook & Instagram. Everything will be created and uploaded for you. We just need someone with the know-how to share these posts, like & share the retailers' posts who support our community, maintain settings in the background, plus anything else you can think of. This is so our followers get the best experience possible. Help our section from the comfort of your chair!

If you have time to do this on your phone or computer, even for just a few minutes each day, we would love to hear from you.

### CLUB SECRETARY

The Secretary role involves taking the minutes at the committee meeting and typing them up and sending out the agenda for the next committee meeting. This role involves being at committee meetings once a month. First Monday of the month usually and generally only take an hour! Cover can happen for you on sporadic occasions. The role is small and doesn't involve too much, you can get involved as much as you like with other events and activities.

Committee members meet once a month on a Monday

Please contact me at [cw.chairperson@gmail.com](mailto:cw.chairperson@gmail.com) if you are interested in either of these roles.



# UPCOMING MAY SECTION TALK



## MAY SECTION TALK Toni Torepe & Chris North

### **Bridging The Gap Between Climbers And Mana Whenua**

This talk dives into a research project trying to bridge the gap between climbers and Mana Whenua. First, we explore how the Arowhenua whānau perceive Aoraki and mountaineering activities. We reveal Arowhenua perspectives on our highest peak and how they feel about mountaineers being up there climbing. Next, we break down a survey of mountaineers that reveals some differences among four types of climbers, especially when it comes to climbing attitudes and handling human waste. Finally, we use the tuakana-teina (older sibling-younger sibling) framework to show how spending time together can lead to mutual learning and better understanding between Arowhenua whānau and mountaineers.

Toni is a senior lecturer and Māori academic in the Faculty of Education at UC with tribal affiliations across the Ngāi Tahu region. She identifies Arowhenua as her whānau home. Growing up in a small South Canterbury town, she was raised in a multigenerational household with her grandparents, who shaped her identity, worldview, and confidence as a bicultural and bilingual woman. Toni successfully navigated an

education system that did not always recognise her ways of knowing and being, an experience she knows is not shared by all Māori. This understanding has inspired her career in both education and research where she aims to make positive contributions to Māori advancement. In this research, Toni worked closely with her Arowhenua whānau to gain a better understanding of different ways that Arowhenua feel about Aoraki, and mountaineers. She was also a participant in the knowledge exchange week between mountaineers and Arowhenua whānau.

Chris North is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Health at UC and teaches and researches in the areas of outdoor education practices, environmental education and initial teacher education. In his free time, Chris has been a keen climber and mountaineer and loved the outdoors. This project sits well alongside his research and personal interests because it is trying to improve environmental outcomes in mountain environments and also to find ways to connect well with Mana Whenua.

**CHRIS NORTH**



# CHRISTCHURCH JUNE 2025

Aurora Centre  
Burnside High School  
151 Greers Road, Burnside

- Wed 4th June, 7pm
- Thurs 5th June, 7pm
- Fri 6th June, 7pm
- Sat 7th June (matinee), 2pm
- Sat 7th June (evening), 7pm

**Click here  
for tickets!**

# Upcoming COURSES

for NZAC members



Please note: Due to instructor availability dates for the Trad course have been changed



## TRAD ANCHORS & ROPE RESCUE COURSE 12 & 13 April 2025

2 SPACES LEFT

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.

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



## BASIC NAVIGATION COURSE Sunday 6 April 2025

WAIT LIST

This is a one-day basic navigation course open to NZAC members and part of the NZAC Snowcraft & Mountaineering Pathway. For more information on what will be taught check out the [Basic Navigation Course Outline](#)

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



## SPORT LEAD COURSE 3 & 4 May 2025

Our sport lead climbing course is designed for climbers who are looking to transition from outdoor top-rope or indoor sport climbing to lead climbing. Lead climbing involves the climber clipping and placing the rope into pre-placed protection as they ascend the route, requiring a higher level of skill and technique. By the end of the course you will have the knowledge and confidence to safely lead on your own.

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

# 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](#)

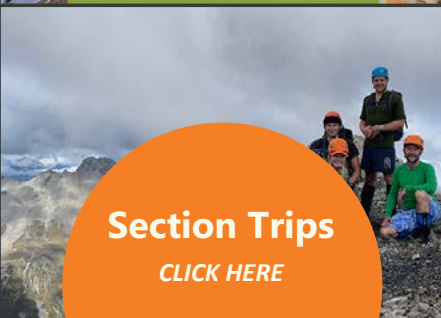
The section helped to establish this trapline and has serviced it since 2020. For your safety and instruction on how to service the trapline, you must attend one of the training days, which are held from time to time. It's a rewarding day out helping to remove introduced predators and assist our native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