



Mount Cupola summit view to Mount Travers, photo: Peter Laurenson, [www.occasionalclimber.co.nz](http://www.occasionalclimber.co.nz)

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## Chair's update

Kia ora everyone

On Wednesday 19 March we got our club year off to good start at the Honest Lawyer. The Committee turned out strongly to discuss a full agenda, and then joined others to enjoy a fascinating presentation by Andy Buchanan about his book *A view to a climb*, which describes how he climbed 133 peaks visible from the Port Hills where he lives. Following Andy, we have a great presenter line up in coming months to look forward to.

After a couple of years as Section News Editor, due to other commitments Rob Mitchell stepped down from that role following release of the March issue. So on behalf of all Section members, a big thank you Rob for your good work. This April issue is a collaboration between me and Jasper Davidson, who has kindly agreed to take on the Editor role. You can read his initial thoughts below.

At our Committee meeting, among other topics, upcoming trips and courses were discussed, as was rapidly approaching Banff 2025 and our annual photo competition. Read on to find out more.

We're on the lookout for some enthusiastic members to take on currently vacant and 'in-holding-pattern' committee roles. If you're interested please let me know and please note that all our committee contact details are listed on the last page:

- A locally based person to represent Marlborough, currently covered on a temporary basis by Russell Adams
- Secretary, currently covered on a temporary basis by me
- Section evening Coordinator, currently covered on a temporary basis by Ross Cullen.

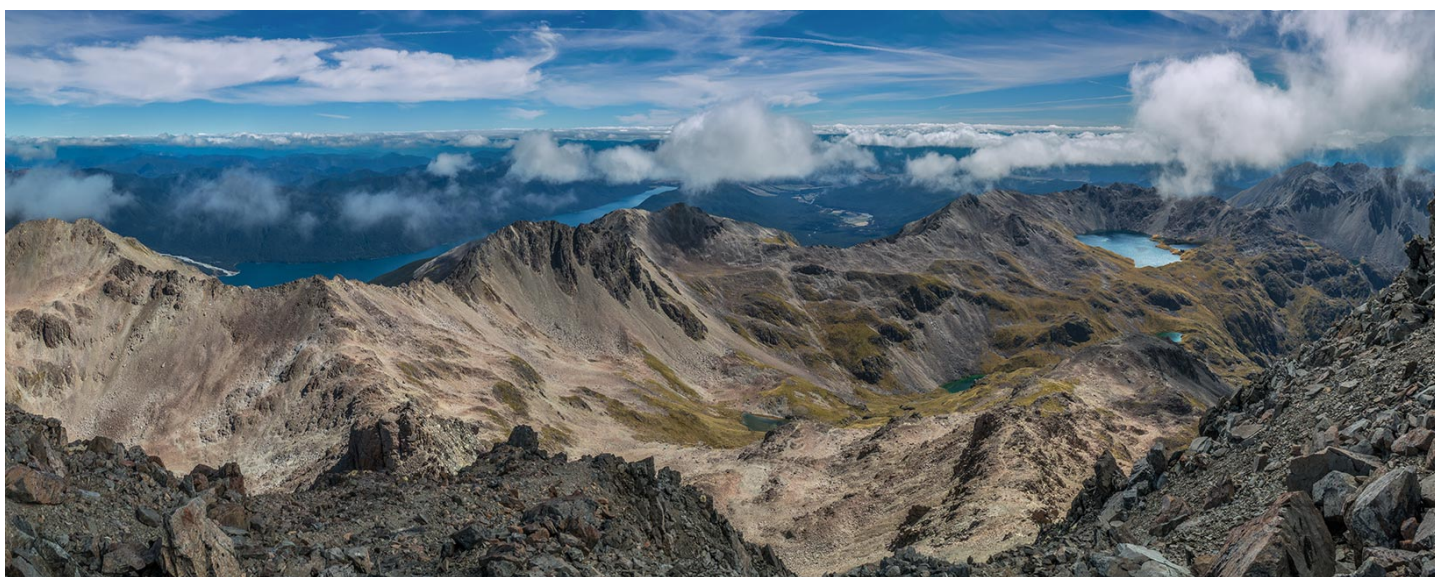
Remember to capture some of your moments out there on camera/phone so you can share them in future issues of our Section News and/or enter them into our annual photo competition, this year being judged by Bruce Davies. More details also below. I'll lead by example on that front. My latest trip was earlier in March to revisit Sunset Saddle and Angelus Peak with a Wellington-based friend. We also exited via Cascade Track, which I hadn't been down before. As always on trips in our Tasman district, I came away grinning about the sheer magnificence of our backyard. Following are a few images taken on that trip. I look forward to seeing other members' shots in coming issues and at the photo comp.

Peter Laurenson





The southern-most of the two large tarns at 1600m, above the steepest section of the Sunset Saddle route



Angelus Peak summit view to Lake Angelus (right) and Lake Rotoroa (distant centre)



Sunset view from the northern side of Lake Angelus



## Events

### **Our next section evening: Adventures in Karakoram**

Wednesday 16 April, 7.00pm, The Honest Lawyer, Stoke

Pam Henson, committed environmentalist, experienced tramper, caver and kayaker, will discuss her experiences over six seasons as an English teacher in Shimshal, a remote village in the foothills of the Karakoram Range in northern Pakistan. There is a postscript too: a long term commitment to helping local youth.

If you have suggestions for future Section evening presentations please let Ross Cullen know. We're still on the lookout for a September presenter.

### **Banff 2025**

Ticket sales are underway for our upcoming 6 and 7 June screenings. Don't forget to book your tickets! [Tickets — Banff Mountain Film Festival Tour - New Zealand](#) This is our club's most important fund raising event of the year, so please share, share, share this link with friends and family.

### **Annual photo competition**

Set for our August Section evening, with entry close off end July.

We're on the lookout for prize contributions, so if you have any ideas please let Bruce Davies know.

## Courses

Our highly popular Basic Snowcraft Courses are scheduled as follows for 2025:

- 9 July - theory and gear evening, 2.5 hours. Venue the Banquet Room, Honest Lawyer
- 8-10 August - Course 1
- 15-17 August - Course 2

Contact Russell Adams.

## Trips

Upcoming trips now on our books:

- Ives Peak Trip, 25-27 April, contact Russell Adams, Jasper Davidson
- Mount Technical, end August, contact Hoss Kohestani.

Find out more about upcoming trips linked to our webpage <https://alpineclub.org.nz/region/nelson-marlborough>

Contact Seb Head if you have ideas or enquiries about other trip possibilities.

## From the Editor

Kia ora

I'm excited to be taking over from Rob as Editor. We're looking in to a more seamless way to put together and distribute our Section News. So watch this space. In the meantime, if you have information or ideas you'd like to share with members I'm keen to hear about it, such as:

- Trip reports and images
- Alpine issues or concerns
- Social activities
- Gear, book and video recommendations.

Copy deadline: 25th of each month.

Send your contributions to Jasper Davidson.

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**NELSON MARLBOROUGH SECTION**  
 **NEW ZEALAND ALPINE CLUB**

WHAT WE DO	FOR MEMBERS	FOR MEMBERS AND WIDER PUBLIC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Facilities</li> <li>* Huts</li> <li>* Gear</li> <li>* Library</li> <li>* Discounts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Training</li> <li>* Level 1 &amp; 2 winter skills</li> <li>* Summer rock</li> <li>* Instructors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Climbing trips</li> <li>* Section</li> <li>* National</li> <li>* International</li> <li>* Photo comp</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Publications</li> <li>* Website</li> <li>* Social media</li> <li>* Newsletter</li> <li>* Guide books</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Events</li> <li>* Banff Mountain Film Festival</li> <li>* Reel Rock</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Networking</li> <li>* Section nights</li> <li>* Conferences and meetings</li> <li>* Lobbying</li> </ul>
HOW WE DO IT	Organise, encourage, support, enable	Inform, entertain, promote
OUR RESOURCES	Volunteer time and capabilities, income from events and gear hire, national office support, sponsorship	
WHY WE DO IT	Connecting & developing more climbing & mountaineering people, knowledge, skills & experience, thereby ...	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>... building lifelong friendships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>... protecting and improving access to alpine places</li> </ul>
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