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Kia ora Marie,

May and June = Banff. It's that simple. It's the most fun you can have when you're not on the crag or in the mountains. I joined the crew at Hokitika for a big night out a couple of weeks ago and we had a blast. We watched some big adventures unfold onscreen, had lots of laughs, a few gasps, and shared heaps of spot prizes with people from one end of the West (best) coast to the other!

I hope you and all your outdoor film friends have booked your local Banff Film festival screening tickets. Big towns that have more than one screening have two separate collections of stunning adventure films to enjoy, so bring twice the joy into your world by attending both sessions!

As you will read below, that's not all we do at this time of the year.

NIBS 2025 is underway. Reports from my spy in Dunedin said the venue was (ahem) wall-to-wall with climbers. Christchurch, you're up next, on 14 June.

Your local winter course instructors are reviewing their notes, and the coordinators are posting course registration forms. If you are ready to add a bunch more skills to your kete, check out our advanced skills courses. They include high alpine mountaineering, ski-touring, technical ice climbing. See our [courses page on the website](#).

Read on for all the news and links to detailed information about what's going on in and around your club. I hope to see you at the Christchurch Banff films screenings this week, or out on the mountains this winter.

Mā te wā

Jim Petersen

President

Photo: Andy Woods-Torres Del Paine.

Honours in Alpine Landscape NZAC Photographic Competition 2024

Club News



Board Nominations 2025

The nominations for Board candidates are open until the 20th June. Please have a think about who you would like to see on the Board, where we are strong and where you would like to see better representation. For more information on being on the Board, contact the [President, Jim Petersen](#). Board Responsibilities can be read [here](#). Check out some insights from current Board member Lisa Donning about joining the board and what to expect if you are considering a nomination. [YouTube Lisa Donning](#)



Upcoming Hut Capital Works

The Club has been planning a series of capital works on our base huts around the country. Unfortunately, it isn't going to be a cheap exercise! With major projects at Ruapehu, Homer and Unwin all in the pipeline, we would love to hear from people with expertise, ideas and/or time to dedicate to commercial partnerships or major fundraising campaigns. Please contact Karen [here](#). Also, you can make a donation anytime via the [NZAC Hut Fund](#) or the [Tupiki Trust](#) (with a note that it is for a specific NZAC project).



Winter Guides & Manuals

If you are heading out into the alpine environment over winter, now is the perfect time to sharpen your skills and knowledge with our winter guides.

- Backcountry Ski-Touring in New Zealand
- Avalanche Awareness in Aotearoa New Zealand
- A Climbers Guide to NZ Mountaineering Techniques
- Alpine Guides Technical Manual

We caught up with Avalanche Awareness in Aotearoa New Zealand author Penny Goddard back in 2023 when the updated version came

out. You can watch the video [here](#).

Get Involved



NiBS 2025 is underway!

NiBS 2025 kicked off Round 1 at [Resistance Dunedin](#) in early May. Results are up on the [NiBS website](#). You can also register for the other 3 rounds still to come.

Check out a recap of Round 1 by clicking [here](#).

Next stop is [Uprising](#) in Christchurch on the 14th & 15th June. It's always a great weekend and high stoke finals at an Uprising round so don't miss out.

Thanks to sponsors [ClimbCraft](#), [Bivouac Outdoor](#), [La Sportiva](#) and [The North Face](#) for amazing prizes and all the volunteers who help make NiBS a successful nationwide event.



BANFF Mountain Film Festival World Tour 2025

The Banff Tour has ticked off Hamilton, Tauranga, Napier, Hokitika, Nelson, Queenstown and Dunedin. Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch are running screenings now. Coming up soon are New Plymouth, Taupo, Timaru and Invercargill.

If you can't get along to an in person screening Online Viewing will be open 3rd July to 31st July.

We are grateful to our sponsors [Cycle Journeys](#), [Osprey](#), [Mountain Safety Council](#) and [La Sportiva](#) for supporting the screenings and providing amazing prizes.

[BUY TICKETS HERE](#)

Wānaka CragFest Reminiscing



With winter setting in, we are having flashbacks to Wānaka CragFest in March. A fantastic sunny 3 days of community, climbing and connection.

With the support of **Fest Partners** [Mad Rock](#), [Scarpa](#), [Black Diamond](#) & [Petzl](#), **Fest Supporters** [Bivouac Outdoors](#), [Further Faster](#), [Wānaka Mountain Guides](#), [La Sportiva](#) and **Clinic Sponsors** [Basecamp Adventures](#), [Wānaka Mountain Guides](#), [Aspiring Guides](#) the weekend was a blast.

Check out our [YouTube CragFest](#) video if you want to reminisce with us.

We are looking forward to bringing you CragFest 2026!

Community



ACAT IS HIRING!

ACAT is welcoming applications from people of all backgrounds to fill two positions within the Trust.

Deputy General Manager and Interim General Manager. If you are interested you can get more information about the positions [here](#).

Deadline for applications is June 13th.



Whanganui Bay Reopens for 2025

Whanganui Bay reopened for the 2025 season on Saturday 31st May. Don't forget to register and pay, and please follow the access rules.

[Whanganui Bay Climbing](#)



Tūpiki Trust New Board Member

The Tūpiki Trust is delighted to welcome Shelley Hersey to their Board. Shelley has been an active member of the New Zealand Alpine Club for more than 25 years, has climbed extensively throughout Aotearoa, and has taken part in expeditions to the Indian Himalaya, Nepal, and South America. She has worked as an educator, writer and videographer and has been able to share her passion for the outdoors and environment through teaching, online education programmes, books and videos. Shelley is especially motivated to inspire and empower rangatahi to undertake their own adventures and conservation projects and she will be a great addition to the Tūpiki team.



Tūpiki Trust Survey

The Trust is also grateful for all those who took the time to respond to their recent survey – giving them useful information to help with future planning. Copies of Riley Smith's rock climbing guide "Southern Faces" are on their way to 10 lucky survey respondents as a thank you. The Tūpiki Trust will report what they learned from the exercise in their Winter Newsletter due out in a few weeks. In the meantime, check out the latest on their website www.tupikitrust.org.nz or on their Facebook page.



NZ Mountain Film & Book Festival Wānaka & Queenstown

Get ready for an unforgettable adventure at the NZ Mountain Film & Book Festival!

This year's festival runs 20–24 June in Wānaka and 26–27 June in Queenstown, showcasing world-class films, inspiring speakers, and thought-provoking books. Legendary climber Beth Rodden (USA) headlines an incredible lineup, alongside Kiwi adventurers Nick Pascoe and Sam Smoothy sharing epic backcountry tales. If you can't make the festival in person, be sure to check out the Online Festival where you can watch all 64 of the festival films from the comfort of your own couch from 1 – 31 July.

Full programme and tickets available at mountainfilm.nz

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

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