



# ALPINE CENTRAL



## General Communications

All members are encouraged to communicate their opinions and to drive CNI forward.

Share your ideas via:

- [Facebook](#) – Official news. World news. Announcements.
- [Section Website](#) – Official news.
- [Google Groups](#) – Ad hoc email, quick trip plans, rock or alpine, anything, any time. NZAC membership not required. Includes a [calendar](#) of upcoming events.
- Social Indoor Climbing – For those into Rock and are close to Hamilton, stop by [Extreme Edge](#) Tuesday evening and you'll most likely run into club members as it is a regular event. Don't forget to bring your NZAC club card for a discounted rate.
- After Work Rock Climbing – Send an email via the Google Groups email list and invite yourself to the semi-regular weekly after work climbing events.
- E-mail, text or call – For when you want to talk to a specific individual.

If you have had a great trip or a special idea you want to share, get some pictures and a story and send it to the Newsletter contact below.

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## Upcoming Events

- CNI Meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm: November 12. As always, the venue is the scrumptious [Good George](#), 07 847 3223, 32A Somerset Street, Frankton, Hamilton. Click for [Menu](#) or [Directions](#).
- If you haven't heard the news yet, the annual NZAC Summer Climbing Camp is happening at Tukino Lodge this January. This is only the fourth time in the past 30 years the camp has been held in the North Island. We are looking for helpers to make this an unforgettable event, so please contact Mike Greer (above). <https://alpineclub.org.nz/national-climbing-camp-2015>
- National AGM was held the weekend of November 1. More information next issue. <https://alpineclub.org.nz/club/agm-ccm>.

## 2014 NZAC CNI AGM

Mark Smith



The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm at the Waikato Osteopathic Centre, 646 River Road, Hamilton. Thanks go out to member Marcus Daws for the venue. Present were:

David Addison  
Norbert Abel  
Marcus Bai  
Michael Greer  
Ray Long  
Scott Robertson  
Dennis Sanders  
Mark Smith

As promised by Michael Greer, beer and pizza was present. Some points discussed include:

1. New assignments for the upcoming year can be seen in the contact list above.
2. It was pointed out that the annual NZAC Summer Climbing Camp is happening at Tukino Lodge this January. This is only the fourth time in the past 30 years the camp has been held in the North Island. Helpers are required to make this an unforgettable event. Please contact Michael Greer. For more information:  
<https://alpineclub.org.nz/youth-rock-climbing-camp>  
<https://alpineclub.org.nz/national-climbing-camp>
3. Norbert Abel volunteers for to take care of the website.
4. There was a discussion on Risk/Responsibilities regarding club trips and gear rentals.
5. Whangaehu Hut trip report was discussed. See Climber magazine for more details. Some additional work and discussions to be discussed still.
6. Banff was sold out and did quite well. Perhaps, there will be more showings. To be discussed.
7. Snowcraft courses were sold out. We could hold more courses if there were more instructors available.
8. New equipment purchased to replace aging equipment including axes, crampons, helmets, shovels, probes, transceivers, and carabiners.

Revenue/Deficit financial issues include:

1. Snowcraft courses profits were reduced by some unanticipated expenses and a reduced charges.
2. Banff profit did well.
3. Donations made to NZAC Central.

Issues that need to be raised at the NZAC AGM by Michael Greer when he goes:

1. Issues pertaining to locking and booking out the Whangaehu hut.
2. Request for advice regarding liability concerns about gear rental from inappropriate renters.

# Mangaokewa Scenic Reserve Restoration Project

By Steven Gavin

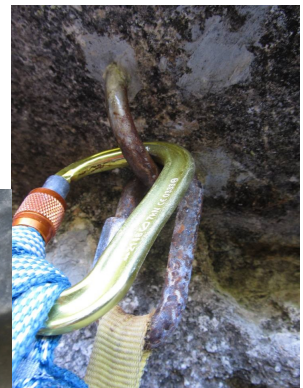
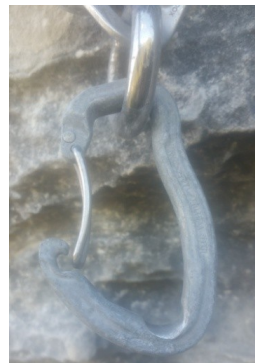


We are a whole lot of individual climbers who have got together to preserve climbing in the Mangaokewa Reserve for all to enjoy. Currently we have climbers from Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Rotorua, Wellington, the South Island and even overseas all donating to this wonderful cause.

The developers of the Mangaokewa crag decided that all over hung routes should have fixed draws. In my opinion this is one of the main attractions of this crag as you can climb above your level and not have to worry about placing draws and cleaning routes.

This is also the downfall of the crag as the Aluminium draws have now worn to the point where the sharp edges will sever a rope causing a server injury at best.

Other situation that are needing to be taken care of is the replacement of problematic bolts. We are working through every bolt by recording is current condition, replacing the nuts with nyloc nuts and making recommendations to follow through. Some of the main problems we are encountering are galvanic corrosion, loose bolts and loose nuts on Tru bolts.



Our vision is stainless steel fixed draws and glue in P bolts as replacements. This will ensure an extended life expectancy of all fixed gear on some great classic routes in this great crag.

So how do we achieve this?

What we need is for people who like our vision to join our Facebook group "Mangaokewa Restoration Project", add people who you think would also appreciate what we are trying to achieve and donate funds to our cause.

Some form of sponsorship or gear supply (whether its free or at cost) would help this project greatly. Currently we are almost half way to our estimated target of \$4,000.00

Feel free to contact me at [stevenjasongavin@gmail.com](mailto:stevenjasongavin@gmail.com) or donate directly to 12-3287-0378652-50

## Quick Reference

National Climbing Camp 2015	<a href="http://goo.gl/vSNtWt">http://goo.gl/vSNtWt</a>	
Youth Rock Climbing Camp	<a href="http://goo.gl/oWyFL1">http://goo.gl/oWyFL1</a>	
National Climbing Camp	<a href="http://goo.gl/uI1aXQ">http://goo.gl/uI1aXQ</a>	
Mangaokewa Restoration Project	<a href="http://goo.gl/sPVY07">http://goo.gl/sPVY07</a>	
Facebook	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/alpinecentral">https://www.facebook.com/alpinecentral</a>	
Section Website	<a href="http://www.alpinecentral.org.nz/">http://www.alpinecentral.org.nz/</a>	
Google Groups	<a href="http://tiny.cc/nz-cni-climbers">http://tiny.cc/nz-cni-climbers</a> <a href="http://goo.gl/dr4hw7">http://goo.gl/dr4hw7</a>	
Google Calendar	<a href="http://goo.gl/UEJxS0">http://goo.gl/UEJxS0</a>	

## NOTICES

- Climber Ben Luke Windsor was climbing at Mangaokewa Scenic Reserve, Waitomo Sunday October 26 and his wife's wedding ring was misplaced. If you've seen it, please contact him at 021 050 6259 or [benwinza@gmail.com](mailto:benwinza@gmail.com). Good luck Ben.
- Whakapapa Ski Area is now CLOSED for the 2014 Winter Ski Season but will re-open on November 8 for Summer Sightseeing.
- Turoa will OPEN for Snovember skiing & riding from tomorrow 28th October through to 9th November 2014 with lifts operating from 10am-4pm each fine day.