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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.
- 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



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- This months CNI meeting is Wednesday April 8 at 1930. As always, the venue is the scrumptious [Good George](#), 07 847 3223, 32A Somerset Street, Frankton, Hamilton. Click for [Menu](#) or [Directions](#).

- Australian Section Annual Climbing Meet 2015. The Australian section committee would like to invite every member of the NZAC to our newly revamped "Australian Section Annual Climbing Meet" for 2015. The 2015 meet is going to be held at the famous "Arapiles" climbing mecca in the Victorian countryside. Avoid the crowds by climbing in June and a bonus this time of year is that you are allowed to have open camp fires. So grab your trad rack and come and climb any of the thousands of routes at every grade. Free BBQ. Cost: \$10 per night p/p camping fee. All NZAC members are welcome, RSVP by 2015-03-31.

Date 2015-06-29 – 2015-07-05
Location Mt Arapiles, Victoria Australia
Organiser Australian Section NZAC
Contact Terry Cole <australia@alpineclub.org.nz>
0455 255 662
URL [https://alpineclub.org.nz/system/files/Annual Climbing Meet 2015.pdf](https://alpineclub.org.nz/system/files/Annual%20Climbing%20Meet%202015.pdf)

- BMC International Summer Climbing Meet - The BMC is pleased to announce that next year's BMC International Summer Climbing Meet will be located in the majestic Llanberis Pass of North Wales which has some of the best traditional climbing in Britain. You are invited to put forward two representatives from your country to attend this event. Preference will be given to people who have not attended a BMC International Meet before.

Date 2015-05-10 – 2015-05-17
Location North Wales, Olanberis Pass
Organiser British Mountaineering Council
URL <https://alpineclub.org.nz/event/2015/05/10/bmc-international-summer-climbing-meet>

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Will Gadd climbing Louise Falls, Banff National Park © Kennan Harvey

<http://banff.nz>

Hamilton	May 2 nd	1830 PWC Lecture Theatre, Waikato University, 144 Hillcrest Rd, Hillcrest, Hamilton 3216
Taupo	June 6 th	1830 Great Lake Centre, 5 Story Place, Taupo 3330
Tauranga	June 19 th	1900 Holy Trinity Church, 215 Devonport Rd, Tauranga 3110

From the Desk of the General Manager, Sam Newton

- **Aoraki Mount Cook Huts Forum**

This month, NZAC hosted a forum for various stakeholders at Unwin Lodge to discuss Huts within the Aoraki Mount Cook National Park. The park management plan is up for a renewal in the next two years, so it was great to discuss various views and ideas amongst some very informed people. It was sadly acknowledged that Gardner Hut is damaged, probably beyond repair. With usage so low, it will be difficult for DoC to justify its replacement. The future of the old Hooker Hut is also up for debate – it needs to be relocated before it falls down the moraine wall. The recent deterioration of Kelman Hut is also an issue that hangs over DoC. We must also recognise that both the glaciology and geology of the area is incredibly dynamic. Huts must be built and maintained with flexibility in mind.

- **Hut projects**

Over the summer, NZAC has been the grateful recipient of Community Conservation Partnership funding, allocated by the Outdoor Recreation Consortium of FMC, NZDA and Trail Fund. Combining that external funding and the enthusiasm and expertise of NZAC volunteers we have been able to undertake the following projects:

Homer Hut– Al Walker and other Southland Section volunteers have replaced the freshwater tanks and installed a new solar electricity system.

Cascade Hut– Martin Curtis is replacing the roof with ColourSteel.

Centennial Hut– Max Dorfliger and Dick Brazier spent a week repairing the door, deck, windows and water system. They also installed new LED lights.

New Beetham Hut– NZAC has been granted \$40k to build a heli-portable biv, to be placed in the Beetham Valley. NZAC members Johnny Macfarlane and Ben Ellis have been managing this project, in part via pro-bono time donated by their employer, Beca. The hut will be built in the next few months and stored at Unwin Lodge before being sited next summer.

Projects in the pipeline include some work on Ruapehu Hut and Daisler Biv.

- **Kachenjunga – 50th anniversary of the first ascent**

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the first ascent on the world 3rd highest peak by Joe Brown, George Band, Tony Streater and our own Norman Hardie. An ex-President of NZAC and a life member of the Club, Norman will be the star of the show at an event that NZAC is hosting at midday on Wednesday the 6th of May, in Christchurch. Following a light lunch, Norman will be showing his slides and giving an account of the Expedition.

- **Guidebooks – binding issues**

The printer of the two most recent NZAC guidebooks – Wanaka Rock and Rock Deluxe North have accepted responsibility for a production issue that resulted in some of those books having poor binding quality. If your copy of either Wanaka Rock or Rock Deluxe North has issues with the glue by which it is bound, please **get in touch with us** here at HQ. We will have it collected from you and replace it with a copy that has been checked and passed by the printer.

- **Unwin Easter Rock Meet – Aoraki Mount Cook**

This 4-day festival of rock climbing based at Unwin Lodge is filling up fast. We have committed 6 extra beds to the attendees so if you want to snap up one of the last places, be quick:

Meet Info–**Register Here**

The multi-pitch and transitions course is now full, but you can still join Guy McKinnon on a led alpine rock day ascent if you are comfortable leading on trad gear, or just get out and sample some of the newly developed multi-pitch climbs with the others at the meet!

- **Banff Mountain Film Festival – Dates and new website!**

www.banff.nz

2015 will be the biggest year for Banff in NZ with 20 screenings over 11 cities including, for the first time, Tauranga and Invercargill. We are also stoked to welcome a new sponsor on board, MacPac, who joins World Expeditions and Adventure South to provide more prizes than ever this year. Visit our new website **www.banff.nz** and elect to be emailed as soon as tickets are on sale in your city, and while you're at it go into the draw to win a trekking holiday in Austria!

- **National Indoor Bouldering Series**

NZAC is once again organising this series, with events being held in Christchurch (May 23rd), Wellington (June 27th), Hamilton (August 1st) and Auckland (Sept 12th). The NiBS is a fun, all-abilities series of bouldering events – a highlight of the winter indoor season. Entry is just \$15, and there are thousands of dollars of awesome category and spot prizes from our generous sponsors ChalkyDigits, Uprising and Bivouac/Outdoor to give away. Check out www.nbs.org.nz

- **Anzac Weekend at Unwin Lodge**

Experienced yoga instructor and renowned climber Andrew Trotter will be leading an Ashtanga Yoga workshop at Unwin Lodge. Suitable for all, from those interested in trying yoga out to experienced practitioners. Only a handful of spaces now remain.

[Workshop Info—Register Here](#)

- **Winter National Instruction Courses Preview**

In addition to the volunteer-led courses provided by **your local section** there will be a host of courses co-ordinated from head office through winter and early spring. Here's what's in the pipeline, email sefton@alpineclub.org.nz to be notified as soon as course info and registrations are confirmed:

Leading on Technical Ice

July dates TBC – Wye Creek

Intro to Backcountry Skiing

30 August – 3 September – Mt. Olympus

Glacier Skiing Course – New!

September dates TBC – Tasman Glacier

Mountain Skills for Youth Course

September dates TBC – Arthur's Pass NP

- **Expedition Fund Grants**

Expedition Fund grants have been awarded to Daniel Joll and Ben Dare for their planned first NZ ascent of Torre Egger, Patagonia and to Graham Zimmerman and Scott Bennett for their Expedition to the South face of K6 Central (7100m), Pakistan. Congratulations guys and best of luck.

- **Recreational Advocacy Committee**

The 2014 NZAC membership survey confirmed that NZAC members are keen on recreation advocacy, and want to see the Club continue to advocate for our alpine areas and the backcountry. Over the years NZAC has built up good advocacy relationships with both FMC and DoC, so we can now offer each other good support on backcountry issues.

For the past 7 years Pete Barnes has been the Convenor of the Recreation Advocacy Committee. He's taken the lead on meeting with developers, keeping members updated, drafting submissions, appearing in hearings and crunching-out compromise positions amongst sometimes fired-up members!

However, Pete says that after 7 years, it was time for a new Convenor with fresh ideas and energy. Pete will remain on the Committee, and still provide advocacy advice when appropriate.

If you feel you have the requisite skills and enthusiasm for the important function of Recreational Advocacy, please contact sam@alpineclub.org.nz to explore a role on the committee.

Thanks for being part of a great club.

Since 1891,

Sam Newton
General Manager
New Zealand Alpine Club

From HQ

- [Kawakawa Bay Fire Restrictions \(DOC media release\)](#)

New fire restrictions have been put in place at Kawakawa Bay following an increase in use of the popular bay west of Kinloch on Lake Taupo.

New signs erected at the lake edge by the Department of Conservation prohibit any form of fire in the bay: that means no open fires, no camp fires, and no fireworks. Only controlled gas cookers are permitted.

- [Centennial Hut project has been completed.](#)

For pictures and story go here: <https://alpineclub.org.nz/hut/centennial/history>

- Bold Beyond Belief reprinted.

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/product/bold-beyond-belief-bill-denz-nzs-mountain-warrior>

- [Guidebooks available](#)

Purchases can be made online – log in first to get member rates.

<http://alpineclub.org.nz/shop>

1. Rock Deluxe North
2. Rock Deluxe South
3. Wanaka Rock
4. The Comprehensive Castle Hill Climbing Guide – Matt Pierson and Alan Davison



A WEEK OF FUN

Last month I was lucky enough to go to the NZAC Youth Rock Climbing camp. This was the first time the camp was held in the North Island. The camp was based at Bryces Rock Climbing Shop at Wharepapa. The ages of the

participants were between 11 and 15 years, I being the youngest, with people attending from all over New Zealand. We were lucky to have John Entwistle, Nathan Kelly and Erica Gatland as our instructors.

On the first day of camp we went down to Froggatt Edge and did a few climbs. The three main climbs were pretty hard for a short guy like me! But there were some easier climbs as well. The following day we went down to Pakeho Crag in Oparure near Te Kuiti. This would have to be my favourite crag. Fortunately I had been there before so I knew what I could and couldn't do. The climbs there were reaching to a height of 30 metres. Not recommended for someone who is scared of heights!



The following Monday we all travelled to Kinlock in Taupo. We got to practise trad climbing as

well as some great sports routes. Afterwards we had a nice long swim in the lake. The next day we climbed at Bailey Road in Te Awamutu. There were plenty of hard climbs although a little sharp on the hands, but there was a nice river to cool off in. On the Wednesday we returned to Froggatt Edge where we did some great climbing. John helped me a lot with my foot work that day. We started at the main cliff and then went to Animal Biscuit Valley where there were a few really easy climbs and some welcome shade!

A rest day followed with swimming in the pool, bouldering in Bryce's cave and practising clearing routes with the instructors. The final day dawned hot

again and we headed out to Sheridan Hills at Wharepapa. There were some neat high climbs but the sun was too hot to do too much.

We averaged 10 climbs every day so when we returned to Bryce's we would get straight into our togs and shoot up to the school swimming pool. We would stay there for an hour or so cooling off. There were also fantastic meals prepared by Kirsten every day. I made some great friends and I can't wait until next year to do it all again. A huge thank you to all the people who made this camp possible. An awesome adventure!



Kerry Long (Age 11)

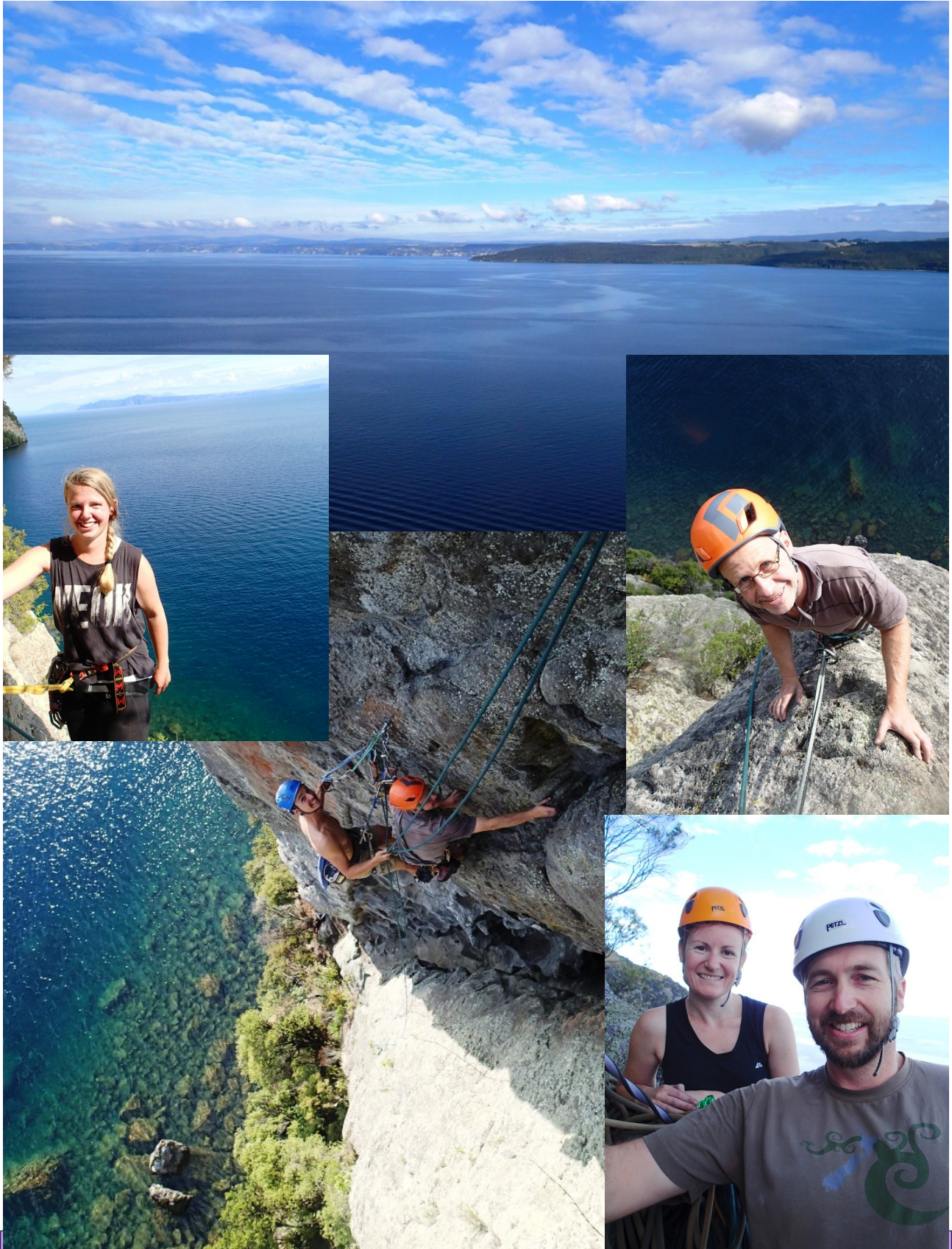
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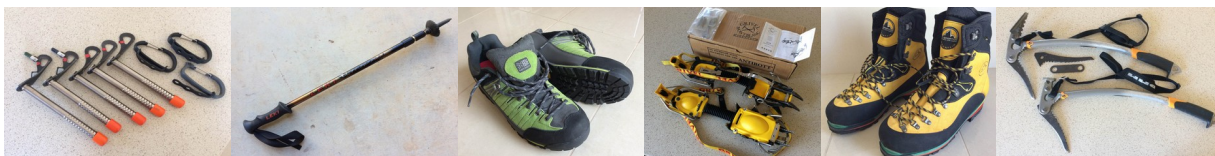
Kawakawa Bay Trip

On March the 21st and 22nd, a contingent of Google Group followers meet at Kawakawa Bay for some well needed rock climbing. With more than 20 people attending and perfect weather over the two days, much sport and trad routes were conquered. See attached photos.

If anyone wants to arrange another trip in the near future, please post ideas/arrangements on the Google Group.



Buy or Sell Gear (<http://climber.co.nz/forum/buy-sell>)



- Top of the Range Meindl Tramping Boots for Sale
Member Katie Nimmo from Christchurch is selling a pair of Meindl tramping boots. Only used for 8 hours on one trip, but is the wrong size. It was purchased new for \$540 in December of 2014. Size is UK 5.5, US 8, Euro 38.5. Asking price is \$320 with free postage to the buyer. Contact Katie directly at: 03 3890 115, 0274144 058, or katie_nimmo@hotmail.com.

Lost and Found (<http://climber.co.nz/forum/lost-and-found-gear>)

The Climber has a forum for lost and found gear.

Club Discounts

- New Zealand's Wilderness Heritage by Les Molloy and Craig Potton. NZAC members 20% discount until 2015-02-28. See here for details:
<https://alpineclub.org.nz/news/2014/new-zealands-wilderness-heritage-20-member-discount>
- A new member discount offer from Top Gear. Top Gear operates a specialized Auckland store which is located at 215 Rosedale Road, Albany, Auckland 0632. Telephone 07 415 8145. Email: info@top-gear.co.nz. They offer members 10% discount off their prices. Show your card in-store or order online using the discount code on the members' only page:
<https://alpineclub.org.nz/membership/members-only>
- Cactus offers a 10% discount (excluding discounted and promotional items). In store at 90 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch use your NZAC card. Members can also apply online to become pro-team members for online discounts (<http://www.cactusoutdoor.co.nz/pro-team-pricing/>). Cactus also donates a percentage of sales profit to NZAC for the club's Expedition Fund. We thank them for this ongoing extra support.
<http://www.cactusequipment.co.nz/>

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Lost and Found Forum	http://climber.co.nz/forum/lost-and-found-gear
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