



ALPINE CENTRAL

July 2017



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Section Evening

This month's social get together will be at **7:30pm** on **Wednesday 12th July** at **Little George**.

Have an event that you want to promote or review, a trip report, section or club news?

Get in touch with Robert Scott, or post something directly to the Section's Slack channel #newsletter.

In this month's newsletter, a USA Road Trip report by Cliff Ellery (separate attachment, great photographs), crag closures and openings and a brief reflection on my time in the Blue Mountains last month.

Editor's Note

by Robert Scott

So I spent a few weeks at the end of last month over in 'straya, climbing (or at least, aspiring to climb) in the Blue Mountains. A week of beautiful sunny weather followed by a week of rain, to say the least we got the full New South Wales experience, and spent a lot of time riding the trains. Hence the early/late newsletter, on with it!

Notices

Spare NZAC Journals

Eric Saxby (Christchurch) has NZAC Journals to give away from the period 1967-2013. If interested please call: 03 980 3130

Squawk Squad

Want to do more to protect New Zealand's birdlife? Check out: <https://squawksquad.co.nz/>

MACPAC – discount to NZAC members

MACPAC have extended their NZAC member 30% discount to online sales (formerly was only available in-store). Discount is off RRP and is for Macpac branded items only. Please log into the NZAC website where the code will be visible to members here:

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/company/macpac-2/> .

The MACPAC Adventure Partnership Fund (MAP) additional 5%, allocated to the NZAC as an additional donation, will still be applied via reporting done on the code use. Our thanks to MACPAC for their continued support.

Bivouac Outdoor Discount

Bivouac Outdoor continue to offer a discount to NZAC members nationwide, for more information on the discount visit: <https://alpineclub.org.nz/company/bivouac-outdoor/>

Ice Axe seeks original owner

“Hello, I have an old wooden handle climbing pick, it's about one meter long and has the initial P.E.A inscribed on the handle. Would anyone have an idea who this belonged to?

Regards Roy Peters 0274 513 785”

Knowledge of current member whereabouts sought

Looking for 50yr Veteran Club member Don Whitfield, formerly of Havelock North.

Any advice on his whereabouts, please contact margaret@alpineclub.org.nz thanks.

NZAC Members in Queens Honors List

DINGLE, MR GRAEME, ONZM, MBE

For services to youth

Mr Graeme Dingle was appointed an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to youth in 2001.

Mr Dingle established the first Outdoor Pursuits Centre in New Zealand in 1972, now known as Hillary Outdoors. He established Project K in 1995, which is now known as the Graeme Dingle Foundation where he continues to serve. More than 150,000 young people have benefitted from the Foundation's programmes. These programmes encompass Kiwi Can (life skills and attitudes for 5-12 year olds), Stars which helps the transition to high school and builds leadership in the senior school; Project K (a 14 month mentoring programme for those with low self-confidence); Career Navigator which helps school leaders find career purpose and direction, and MYND (a referral programme for youth offenders). In 2016 the Foundation's programmes had 22,000 participants and in 2017 the Foundation will reach 25,000 young people around the country. Mr Dingle has published 11 books, one of which was the winner of the Biography Section of the 2006 Montana Book Awards.

HONOURS

Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit, New Year 2001

Member of the Order of the British Empire, Queen's Birthday 1988

MCNEILL, MR ROBIN GUSTAV

For services to conservation

Mr Robin McNeill is an engineer who has a long history of advocating for conservation values and the public's right to access and use public conservation lands for outdoor recreation.

Mr McNeill is on the board of New Zealand Walking Access Commission and was President of Federated Mountain Clubs (FMC) from 2012 to 2016. During his tenure he was instrumental in FMC joining with the New Zealand Deer Stalkers' Association and Trail Fund New Zealand to form the New Zealand Outdoor Recreation Consortium. The consortium has utilised the voluntary efforts of its members to help maintain public huts and tracks in remote and little used locations on conservation land. He was appointed to the Southland Conservation Board for 10 years and served as Chair. As a Board member he made a significant contribution to the development of the Rakiura National Park Management Plan and the concurrent review of the Stewart Island/Rakiura Conservation Management Strategy. He is editor of 'Moirs Guide South' and author of 'Safety in the Mountains'. Mr McNeill was elected Fellow of the Institution of Professional Engineers New Zealand for his

contribution to the application of engineering and technology in the community both locally and internationally.

SPEARPOINT, MR GEOFFREY BRIAN (GEOFF)

For services to outdoor recreation

Mr Geoff Spearpoint has made a significant contribution to conservation and outdoor recreation in New Zealand through writing various books and maintaining hut facilities.

Mr Spearpoint's first book 'Waking to the Hills: Tramping in New Zealand' was published in 1985. He went on to edit 'Moirs Guide North' (1998) and has co-authored 'The Canterbury Westland Alps: A Climbing and Transalpine Guide' (2010), 'Shelter from the Storm: The Story of New Zealand's Backcountry Huts' (2012) and 'A Bunk for the Night: A Guide to New Zealand's Best Backcountry Huts' (2016). He has also written numerous articles for club journals and Wilderness magazine. He was a guide on the 2004 TVNZ series 'Explorers' and in 2012 and 2013 he was the lead guide and an advisor to the TVNZ series 'First Crossings'. In recent years he has made a significant contribution to maintaining and restoring Department of Conservation backcountry huts. He has lead projects such as restoring the Tunnel Creek Hut, Roaring Billy Hut and Thomas River Hut in South Westland. He played a significant role supporting the Canterbury University Tramping Club project to restore Avoca Hut near Arthur's Pass. Mr Spearpoint is a Life Member of the Hutt Valley Tramping Club and the New Zealand Alpine Club.

The Queen's Service Medal

BMC Climbing Meet Trip Report

Alice Thompson and Rick McGregor attended the BMC International Climbing Meet as NZAC members in Cornwall this past May.

See Rick's report on the meet: <https://alpineclub.org.nz/trip-report-bmc-international-climbing-meet-cornwall/>

Banff Film Festival 2017 Grand Prize Winner Announced

From over 8,000 entries across 23 screenings in 12 cities this year we have a winner of the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour NZ Grand Prize draw! A big congratulations to Ali Ward who attended one of our Christchurch screenings and scored an awesome prize pack.

More info: <https://alpineclub.org.nz/banff-film-festival-2017-grand-prize-winner-announced/>

Thanks to everyone who came along to Banff this year, to all our NZAC volunteers and to all our sponsors for the great prizes. We look forward to bringing you more awesome mountain and adventure films in May & June 2018!

Crag Updates

AGS Rockwall

As many already know the AGS Rockwall (Mt Eden Quarry) is currently closed due to a handful of incidents. Negotiations are under way with the school board, which still supports climbing on the premises.

Pakeho Crag

Thanks to the negotiation efforts this crag is open again to the public.

Anyone who wishes to climb there must email pakehocrag@glowing.co.nz for permission to access the land. No dogs, no rubbish, leaves gates as found.

Waipapa Dam

After many years of restricted access the Lakeside and Cracks walls are open again, thanks to a lack of knowledge of who actually has jurisdiction over these walls. Cracks wall has been somewhat reclaimed by the bush but Lakeside looks beautiful as ever.

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