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ALPINE CENTRAL

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Section Evening

This month's social get together will be at most a handful of drinks among everyone but me, at **7:30pm** on **Wednesday 14th December** at **Little George**.

Have an event that you want to promote or review, a trip report or any section or club news? Get in touch with Michael Donovan, or post something directly to the Section's Slack channel #newsletter.

In this month's newsletter, Michael Donovan just makes excuses and wishes everyone well for the new year. See you all in February, and prepare yourselves for bi-weekly Wharepapa trips and bi-monthly Kawakawa Bay trips.

Editor's Note

by Michael Donovan

Well another year is drawing to a close, and I'm guessing everyone is at least as busy as me. This month's newsletter is just a series of notices that Margaret from Head Office. In 118 hours I will be finished with my university studies forever; 7 years of wasting my life almost over. So, no time for a proper newsletter, must finish my final paper.

Tune in from next month, I've finally been fired and Robert Scott, new to the section from Auckland (and AURAC, but we won't judge him ok?) will be taking over the newsletter. Don't get too excited, I'll still be around seeing as I am chairman and all...

No organised meeting this month either, but feel free to use the upstairs of Little George for some drinks. I'll be in my study cave.

Crag Announcements

Bayleys Road Crag Closure:

Bayleys Road Crag, Wharepapa South is closed until further notice. The CNI Section of NZAC is negotiating the future of the crag with respect to recent changes in liability law.

Pakeho Crag Closure:

As of November, Pakeho Crag will be closed to the public. The new owners have made the decision due to conflict with their own tourism operators.

Whanganui Bay Partial Closure:

Climbing at Whanganui Bay is restricted to Whekenui until at least next April. Wellington is onto it, with John Palmer continuing negotiations to maintain access.

BMC International Summer Climbing Meet



The Count House, Bosigran, Cornwall

13 to 20 May 2017

The 2017 BMC International Summer Climbing Meet will be located at the Count House in Cornwall, a 200-year-old building perched above Cornwall's finest granite cliff, Bosigran.

Your federation is invited to nominate two (one female and one male) experienced trad climbers from your country. Preference will be given to climbers who have not attended a BMC International Meet before.

Please note that if the meet is oversubscribed, places will be reduced to one per country.

Please complete the online application form by Monday 16 January. <https://alpineclub.org.nz/bmc-international-summer-climbing-meet/>

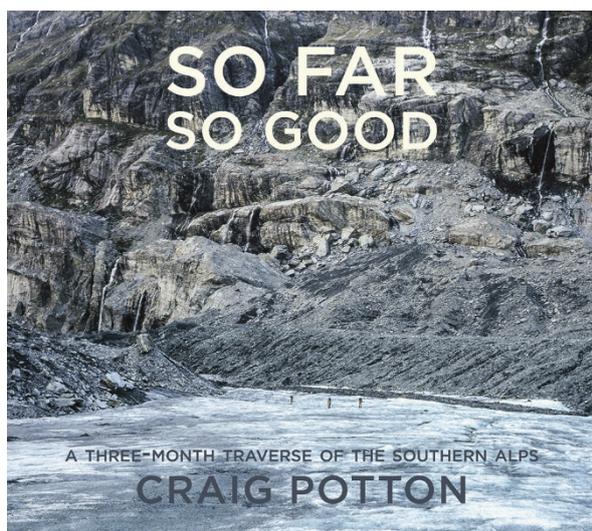
Trip Dates

South Island 26th December 2016 to 10th February 2017:

I'm heading to the South Island for just over a month leaving Boxing Day. I have an epic schedule planned and if you are looking at Paynes Ford, Charleston, Arthurs Pass, Castle Hill, Wanaka or the Darrans, get in touch. You must know who with by now. There are a lot of people quite keen on at least a part of this trip, so even if you don't like climbing with me (reasonable excuse), there'll be others around.

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So Far So Good by Craig Potton - \$49.99

In 1980, pre-eminent New Zealand landscape photographer Craig Potton completed a three-month traverse of the Southern Alps, an extended tramping and mountaineering trip that began near Milford Sound in Fiordland and finished in Nelson Lakes National Park.

*Now, over 35 years later, Craig Potton recounts the experience in *So Far, So Good*. In part this is the story of four friends embarking on a youthful adventure, dealing with all the challenges of rough terrain and wild weather that travelling in the mountains presents.*

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/product/so-far-so-good/>



Hand-Printed Limited Edition Freda du Faur Poems - \$120.00

Freda Du Faur (born in Australia, 1882–1935) was the first woman to climb Aoraki-Mt Cook (1910). The ascent made in six hours broke the record at the time. Together with guides Peter Graham and Darby Thompson she also accomplished the first Grand Traverse of all three peaks of Aoraki-Mt Cook. This climb is still regarded as an arduous and daring feat.

Freda defied convention bivouacing unchaperoned overnight with male guides. She rejected the social constraints around dress, designing her own climbing apparel with comfort and safety in mind. Her climbing achievements demolished the notion that high altitude climbing was out of bounds for women, making it easier for women mountaineers who followed in her wake.

Poet Rhian Gallagher has written this work in response to Freda's four seasons climbing in the Southern Alps and in response to the extraordinary environment of the Alps themselves.

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NZAC Life Insurance

One item mentioned in many responses to services the Club could provide was life insurance that covers mountaineering and climbing. We have looked into this and thanks to Peter Garrett of Alpine Risk Management a voluntary group policy has been brokered which is underwritten by Sovereign Insurance.

This policy is only available to NZAC members.

Sovereign is prepared to underwrite life/trauma/accidental death cover worldwide for members who engage in mountaineering, and will discount standard life premium rates by 10%.

For those interested in obtaining life insurance, please email pbgarrett@xtra.co.nz. When emailing Peter, please let him know your full name, date of birth, contact phone number(s) and best time of day to call. He will then arrange for a Sovereign Authorised Financial Adviser to get in touch with you.

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/living-in-new-zealand/life-insurance/>
