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Section Evening

This month's social get together will be accompanied by a presentation by local rock legends Craig Houston and Matt Holcroft at **7:30pm on Wednesday 9th November 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 gives a brief report back about having 70-80 people climbing at Kawakawa Bay, and laments over the fact no one is sending him anything to publish.



Introducing Craig and Matt

by Michael Donovan

If there's one thing I seem to be good at, it's co-opting people into doing things they aren't so keen to do. This generally involves co-opting unwilling belayers into following me up a few pitches of choss with questionable gear, but this week it involves co-opting two local rock legends to open their mouth about what they've been up to this year.

Both incredibly strong sport climbers, they have spent the last year focused on bouldering, particularly in the Grampians, Victoria, and down at Castle Hill, Canterbury. So, come along too Little George this Wednesday night and hear what they've been up too.



Above: Matt Holcroft carrying everything as usual

Below: Craig Houston sending Under Siege (V14) at Grampians

Left: Craig Houston training hard.



Public Service 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.

Kawakawa Bay – Labour Weekend

by Michael Donovan

Looking around the NZAC AGM and 125th Anniversary Dinner in Christchurch on the Weekend you could easily be mistaken to think climbing is on the way out, with just Jaz Morris (Otago Chair) and I representing the under 25 age bracket. Thankfully, the weekend before was Labour Weekend and 70-80 climbers made the commute from Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Hawke's Bay, Taranaki, Palmerston North, France and Chile to Kawakawa Bay for a rad weekend of climbing.

We were a mixed bunch, with Auckland University Rock and Alpine Club (AURAC) and Massey University Rock and Alpine Club (MURAC) represented by about 25 climbers each. The remainder was the mix bunched of souls that have come together over this year, representing the North Island and organising themselves through Facebook events and a flurry of messages each Thursday (normally telling the Aucklanders to man up and ignore the weather forecast).

With so many people, it's near impossible to remember everything sent. But highlights have to be Rafael and I accompanying 4 Frenchman up the Odyssey (3 pitch trad route, Grade 22) in 3 hours, then listening to the epic of 5 AURAC Members taking 7 hours to climb Captain Caveman (3 pitch sport route, Grade 20).



ABOVE: *Visiting French bouldering strongman Matthias Jezequel experiencing his first multi-pitch trad route, the Odyssey (22).*

BELOW LEFT: *Rafael Whyte attempting to hitch home on Monday*

BELOW RIGHT: *Matt Holcroft attempting to onsight Lizard King (24)*



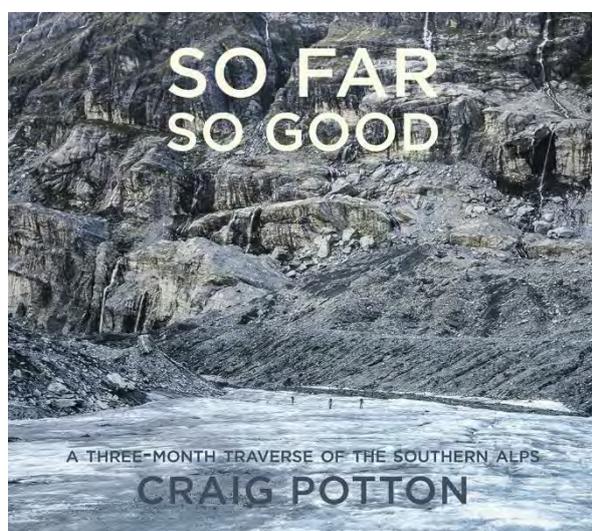
Trip Dates

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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Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) is seeking feedback on proposed changes to the price of its paper topographic maps as well as the way they are printed.

LINZ recognises the need for paper maps, especially for recreation and use in the backcountry. However, as digital maps grow in popularity, fewer paper maps are being sold and the price LINZ charges for them can no longer cover the costs of producing them.

LINZ is proposing to raise the wholesale cost of paper maps, and to make greater use of other printing methods. It would also print fewer maps at a time so that they are more up to date. But before any changes are considered, it wants to hear from map users.

LINZ produces the Topo50 and 250 series of maps for New Zealand, and its off shore dependencies. It sells paper copies and makes them available for download via its website.

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