



The South Canterbury Climber

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Mera Peak, Nepal Talk this Thursday!

Details inside...

Welcome to the **August edition** of the NZAC South Canterbury Section's newsletter. The section runs a variety of alpine, climbing and other trips and courses throughout the year and new members are always welcome.

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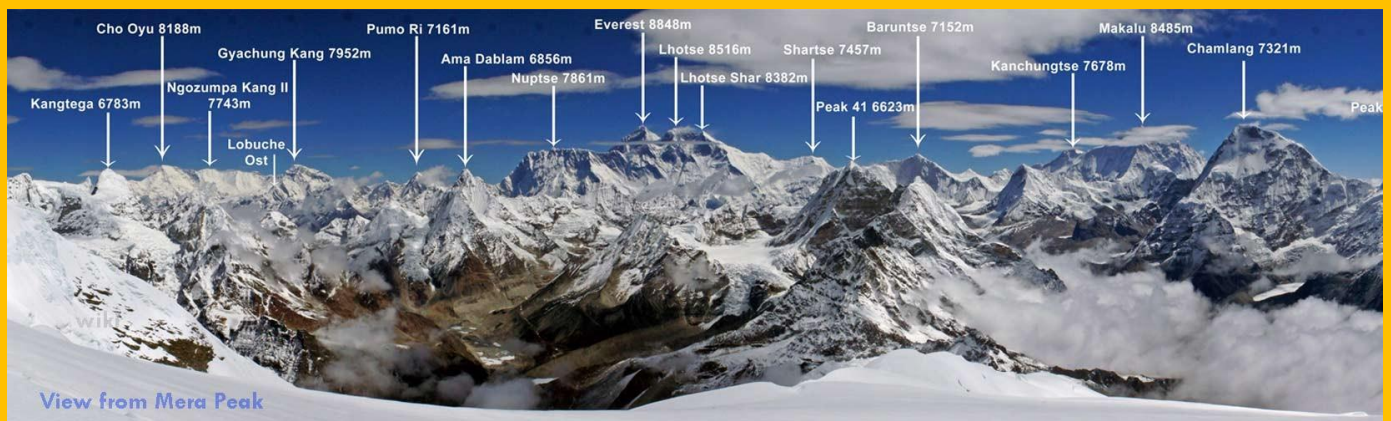
Is there anything you would like to see in the newsletter? Do you have a suggestion for improving the newsletter? If so, drop us a line, we're keen to hear from you. Alternatively, we love getting

submissions from members – whether they be Trip Reports, Items for Sale or rants. Just send your material to the editor by the 20th of the month preceding. Contact Kelly Cooney from emailing: Kelly@wildfiresolutions.co.nz

Monthly Meeting – Thursday August 22nd, 8pm

Speaker: Andrew Stevens

'Mera Peak Adventure, Nepal - May 2019'



Andrew Stevens will talk about his trek to Mera Peak (6,461m/ 21,190 ft). It is an exciting, scenically stunning mountain becoming popular among trekkers and climbers as it is the highest trekking peak in Nepal in Khumbu (Everest) Valley. Situated on the edge of famous Khumbu Region and dominated by Mt. Everest, climbing Mera peak is an opportunity to all the adventure seekers who are physically fit. Lifting the eyes from Mera and keep on lifting them until, above the clouds, the mighty frieze of the world's 8000 meter Mountains-Everest, Kanchenjunga, Makalu, Lhotse, Cho-Oyu and many other peaks is an unforgettable experience. Climbing Mera peak is a truly amazing climbing experience at the end of the Hinku valley. Mera peak is a unique and special climb up to 6,476m, standing high in the Himalaya's at 21,246 feet..'

Our meetings are held from February through to November in the Police Social Room, North Street, Timaru (Top floor of the Police station, access via back door adjacent to the vehicle entrance on North Street).

Come & be inspired!

Speakers

Your Committee welcomes ideas of topics and speakers. Please send them in ASAP to any Committee Member, we look forward to receiving them! Do not be shy to offer yourself (Contacts at bottom of Newsletter).

Library – Books Available

Did you know that the Section has a number of Alpine related library books available in our meeting room? Including guide books etc- Please see attached for list.

Wall/Crag Climbing

There are public climbing wall sessions at Ara Polytechnic, Timaru.

For more Information: <http://www.ara.ac.nz/services-and-support/recreation-and-sport/climbing-wall>

For Hire

The section has ice axes, crampons, snow shovels, avalanche transceivers, snowshoes, snow stakes and now, a second Personal Locator Beacon for hire. Contact Gary Brehaut (03) 688 9399.

Keep up to date with the latest local news, photos and events by connecting with us on Facebook! www.facebook.com/groups/NZACsouthcanterbury



National News

After Everest deaths, Nepal panel proposes new rules for climbers

Nepal must make training and experience in high-altitude climbing mandatory for all climbers on Mount Everest and other high peaks, a government panel has said following the deadliest climbing season in four years.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/08/everest-deaths-nepal-panel-proposes-rules-climbers-190815154750349.html>

New discount provider

A new 10% discount offer to share from FMC that Potton & Burton are giving members on selected titles: <https://alpineclub.org.nz/company/potton-and-burton/>

Ohau – Landsborough Guidebook - Request for information

James Thornton, Nina Dickerhof and Ross Cullen are working on the Ohau-Landsborough guidebook which will replace the Barron Saddle – Mt Brewster guidebook. NZAC aims to publish the new guidebook in spring 2020. Over 100 new climbs have been completed in the region since the 2nd edition of the Barron Saddle – Mt Brewster guidebook was published in 2002. Many of those new climbs have been listed on climbz.

The authors are requesting information, such as errors and omissions in the 2nd Barron Saddle-Mt Brewster edition changes to access, huts, existing routes, new routes. Any information/comments greatly appreciated. As well, we seek photographs for use in the new guidebook which will be published in colour. Please send information on new climbs, corrections and updated to: j.m.thornton@live.com; rosscullen.kiwi@gmail.com; nina.dickerhof@gmail.com

Winter Book Clearance

We've just discounted some more NZ Climbing Literature titles. Please login online for member rates and check out the following. In addition, past Journal issues have been added for early years that weren't available previously. Numbers are limited:

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/product-category/specials/>

Upcoming Trips

<i>Trips</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>Contact</i>
Ski Touring Day	2019 season	Gary Brehaut
Any ideas?	...Well, let us know!	Committee

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