



The South Canterbury Climber

May 2016

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NZAC NEWS

**Volunteers needed this Sunday 22nd
Wood cutting session for Unwin
Details inside...**

Welcome to the **May 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.

Climber Content

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 by emailing: Kelly@wildfiresolutions.co.nz

Monthly Meeting – Thursday 19th May, 8pm 2016. All Welcome!

“Everest” 2015, Film



A 1996 climb on Mount Everest is devastated by a severe snow storm- with New Zealand climbers Rob Hall and Andy Harris. Challenged by the harshest conditions imaginable, the teams must endure blistering winds and freezing temperatures in an epic battle to survive against nearly impossible odds.

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).

Wall/Crag Climbing

Outdoor climbing has now finished. We now have access to Roncalli wall Monday nights 730-9pm.. I'm just waiting on the key for access, will put up on Facebook when all go. Please contact Kelly on 0212437381 if you are keen to climb.

www.facebook.com/groups/NZACsouthcanterbury

Wood for Unwin Lodge

We will be having a wood cutting session at Syd Woods on Sunday May 22nd. Please meet at Pleasant Valley Road, in the paddock opposite Pleasant Valley Hall. If possible bring a chainsaw, axe etc.

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

Discounts

New Indoor Wall discount for NZAC members at Basecamp Wanaka:

https://alpineclub.org.nz/indoor_climbing/basecamp-wanaka/

For our other providers: <https://alpineclub.org.nz/indoor-climbing/indoor-wall-directory/>

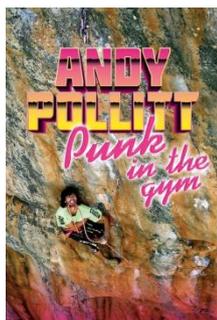
We're always looking for new discount providers for any climbing/outdoor relevant industry, so please let us know if you hear of any not already listed, or perhaps put the word out to members to ask around. We recently added this Australian altitude training facility as an example. This discount was sourced by an Au NZAC member using the service for himself and then asking if a discount could be made available to all NZAC members:

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/company/ontic-ontic-health-and-fitness/>

Information Request

Does anyone know the name of a mountain in Sikkim about 40 km (25 – 30 miles) north of the city previously called Darjeeling? It has a Buddhist pilgrimage place in a cave on a scree on its slopes called something like Lariong Fook. My grandpa Dr Joubert and another man called Tanner(?) tried to climb it about 1883.

Any info welcome please reply to Anne via email: amarch08@gmail.com



New book for sale

Punk in the Gym by Andy Pullitt is now available online at:

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/product/punk-in-the-gym/>

New Zealand Alpine Club announces appointment of new General Manager

Friday, 29th April 2016

Keith Gilby has been appointed to the role of General Manager of the New Zealand Alpine Club (NZAC), replacing outgoing General Manager Sam Newton.

"After an extensive search, Mr Gilby was selected to fill this critical outdoor leadership role, and to continue to guide the club forward as it celebrates its 125th celebration," said Past President John Cocks.

"Mr Gilby was selected from a strong range of candidates with superb skills and backgrounds. Given the complexity and nature of the NZAC, we were seeking strong leadership, financial and project management skills and Keith best suited the mix," he said. Mr Gilby has worked for 30 years in the electricity industry and since returning to Christchurch with his family in 2014 has been working as General Manager Southern for Switch Utilities. His move to the NZAC combines a passion for the outdoors and his management skills, to guide the club in its own unique developments.

"Joining the NZ Alpine Club is a fantastic opportunity to combine business and leadership skills with the personal passion I have for mountaineering and the NZ outdoors. The NZ Alpine Club holds a special place in the provision of development, training and leadership within all facets of climbing and backcountry sports," said Mr Gilby. "Taking on the role of General Manager during the Club's 125th anniversary year is a legacy that is both a privilege and a challenge."

"I'm looking forward to working with a great team of full time staff and dedicated volunteers to further develop and deliver our world class instruction programmes, facilities, publications and benefits for members. Looking to the future of climbing in NZ, I'm also keen to work with the club to develop a wider youth programme, increasing the membership base and providing the platform for elite development within the sport," he said. "At a national level NZAC is increasingly being called on to provide leadership and advocacy on access and sustainability issues alongside our partners such as the Federated Mountain Clubs (FMC)," he said.

Mr Gilby will commence in the role on May the 9th.

Volunteers Needed for Eyes4Everest



Eyes4Everest is looking for seven people to raise funds for eye care services in the Everest and region and in return they can take part in an 18 day trek in the area.

'You don't need to be an optometrist, just anyone who's got the heart to help out, and in return we will take you on a trip of a lifetime to Everest Base Camp,' said President and foundation member of Eyes4Everest, Sydney Behavioural optometrist Shaun Chang. 'This is a fundraising project where you have the chance to give back to Nepalese people who have limited access to eye care. It is also your chance to make a difference, accomplish the mental and physical feat of reaching Everest

Base Camp, and gain cultural insight into the peaceful life within the mountains.

To find out more and register for the Trekking Challenge, visit www.eyes4everest.org.au/challenge or contact team leader Hong Chang hong@eyes4everest.org.au for more information.

Upcoming Trips

Trips	When	Contact
Wall/Crag Climbing	Text 021 243 7381 if you want to climb.	Kelly Cooney
Wood cutting at Syd Woods	10.00am on 22 nd May	Syd Woods
Mt Forbes, 2 days	Late May	Syd Woods
Winter Avalanche Awareness Course	July	
Any ideas?	...Well, let us know!	Committee

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