



The South Canterbury Climber

November 2019

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NZAC NEWS



Upcoming trip - Mount Dark 2496m

Details inside...



Welcome to the **November 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 from emailing: Kelly@wildfiresolutions.co.nz

Monthly Meeting – Thursday 21st November, 7pm

Please note: The Section will join the Forrest & Bird at the end of year meeting.

Speaker: Simone Cleland

“Te Manahuna Aoraki — No regrets and a 20-year vision”



Where: St Johns Hall, Wai-iti Road, Timaru

Cost: Please bring a gold coin donation for entry (to cover hall costs)

When: The start time is 7 pm, which will begin with a social time. Please bring plate of finger food to share. Tea, coffee and juice will be provided. Simone's talk will start about 7.45 pm.

Te Manahuna Aoraki, is the large-scale conservation project focused on restoring the iconic natural landscapes and threatened species of the upper Mackenzie Basin and Aoraki National Park. Simone is the Project Manager for Te Manahuna Aoraki.

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 Polytechic, 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

Poo Pots – Change of supplier and improvements

We have recently changed our poo pot supplier to Pharmapac who is an Enviro-Mark Diamond certified organisation. This means they have a robust Environmental Management System (EMS) in place. This ensures plans and policies are followed and any opportunities for improvement identified. Responsibility comes from the top with management committing to the EMS and ensuring every individual in the organisation buys into the exacting standards. Enviro-Mark Diamond certified organisations even exceed the requirements of ISO 14001, one of the world's best-known environmental standards. We will be stocking two of their larger sized pots 1500ml and 2050ml which are HDPE code 2 and so recyclable in NZ. Pots include biodegradable and compostable corn-starch bags and can be purchased from our online shop: <https://bit.ly/2qAiYnG>

NZAC Joins Terracycle – writing instrument recycling

The NZAC National Office has joined TerraCycle's partnership with BIC for their 'Writing Instrument Recycling Programme'. TerraCycle is Eliminating the Idea of Waste® by recycling the "non-recyclable." Whether it's coffee capsules from your home, pens from a school, or plastic gloves from a manufacturing facility, TerraCycle can collect and recycle almost any form of waste. See the following online news item on this programme to see how to support this great initiative to recycle those odd items that usually end up in the waste bin. At the National Office we are recycling writing instruments but the link at the bottom of this linked news item will take you to both a locator map of NZ and one for Australia that shows where your closest collection points are for all the various recyclable items. <https://alpineclub.org.nz/terracycle-writing-instrument-recycling/>

Radio NZ interview

RNZ interview about 'The Great Unknown' new title.

Geoff Spearpoint: a love letter to the Southern Alps

https://www.rnz.co.nz/audio/player?audio_id=2018720592

Aspiring Safety Products – new discount provider

Aspiring Safety have just joined our list of discount providers to NZAC members with 10% off and free shipping (on orders over \$120). Please support this New Zealand made brand. Full details on the NZAC website. An online discount code is viewable to members when logged in <https://alpineclub.org.nz/company/aspiring-safety/>

While you are online, please check out our other providers to support continued discounts to NZAC members <https://alpineclub.org.nz/membership-benefits/member-discounts/>

NZAC 2020 Calendars

NZAC 2020 calendars are now on sale. Better than a Christmas Card and online purchase price includes postage anywhere in the world. Please be in quick as we sold out last year.

<https://alpineclub.org.nz/product/nzac-alpine-calendar-2020/>

Upcoming Trips

Trips	When	Contact
Mount Dark 2496m The plan is to travel to Unwin Lodge Friday Evening. Mt Dark will be approached from Twin Stream just before the Glentanner Station. The walk into a bivi site is a good mix of boulder hopping and matagauri, about 3 or 4 hours from the Road.	23-24 November	Gary Brehaut
Mt McKenzie &/or Mt Strauchon from Brodrick Pass, North Huxley River, Lake Ohau	Late March – 3-day trip	Syd Woods
Any ideas?	...Well, let us know!	Committee

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