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Kia ora everyone,

Naumai, Haere mai to our new look newsletter, *Boots*. Matariki has been, snow has come, and the AGM is done for another year. I have taken over from Mary Trayes, who recently stepped down, always big shoes to fill! Like any great artist says, its a work in progress! Enjoy!



Ramesh T belaying Aaron G on the Dolomite point crag, Punakaiki mid May.
 Photo. Adele Reweti.

What's been happening in the Club?

Getting out rock climbing has been high on some of our minds after a pretty poor summer. Plenty of members have been out there as much as we could for the months of May and June. Bullock Creek crags and Punakaiki saw a bit of traffic over these past months. Climbers Jase, Brittany, Aaron, Adele, wee Peata, Ramesh and Jess C were amongst others enjoying the wonderful weather on various days at various crags. Some of the new climbers to the club, Rangi, Johanna and Jess G are enjoying the delights of the area too. Meg Rowlands is back on the coast and managed to get herself on a caving trip over the Queen's Birthday Caving Weekend in Charleston. She went on a trip through Hollywood cave. She tells me she loved it and can't wait for more. The same weekend I sped through Te Tahi cave. Ex WCAC member and new Dad Phillip Gunderson and I squeezed our way through in under an hour. We past many children crawling around underground and we found babies waiting happily on the surface. We found a "baby friendly" trip the next day into Venturer cave up the Nile River the following day. A trip that needs mention is Tate Bradley's' *elusive Mt Smart trip*. Apparently they set off in the fog, spent the night under a small biv rock where it rained and dripped and had a great adventures along the way. Good on them! Tate told me that was all I needed to know. A while ago, Jonny Horrox told me he had been out several weekend in a row tramping with the kids, and then just last week he said they were off to Tekapo on a ski trip. There's some great snow down there. Have fun! Jess Curtis in Westport, has been out adventuring. Thanks for the pic of your latest! This is the least graphic image.



Ramesh Tiawari also got married back earlier this year, and we are all looking forward to meeting his wife. Congratulations!

The Club Hut in Arthurs Pass is all stocked with coal for winter thanks to Aaron and Jase for that, along with a new sturdy table which is ideal for traversing. Let us know if you are new and want to help out with any club hut maintenance.

On a much sadder note, two WCAC members Sarwan Chand and Conor Smith died in late April. Several members attended these funerals performing a guard of honour. Read more in their Obituaries further below.

If you are new and have been out and about let me know, send me a pic and Ill pop it in for news! Ka kite ano.

Committee Korero

I couldn't attend the first committee meeting after the AGM. The minutes for the meeting will be distributed after they are approved at the next committee meeting. In the meantime, I had a quick look at the meeting minutes and summarised them below. You may want to wait for the actual minutes for an accurate account, rather than my take on meetings.

It's a shame we don't meet at Speights anymore. There's no beer, chocolate sundaes or plates of chips being gobbled up at the Civic Centre. It appeared to be all business for 2 hours on July 10th 2017.

Matters arising usually reminds people of tasks they haven't yet completed. I hate that bit. Tara was reminded once again to send Jonny Horrox a Thank you card. At this point most of us would have forgotten what we were thanking him for. It is probably all the hut work, as he does a lot. The Paparoas and mountain biking were mentioned, not much more on that front once again.

On to new business. The new committee was welcomed, contact details, admin type stuff. If had attended at this point I would have just sat there and nodded accordingly, trying to look interested. Troy was there and he probably did that, Tara might have had a concerned look on her face too. Jase would have used some massive word to describe a really simple process. But, I always learn a new word from Jase. Moving on, Hot news, there is sub-committee, (for Climbing Wall management), because whats a committee without its sub-committee. People discussed the year ahead, it usually at this point people get excited to plan the events for the year. There was lots of other discussion around youth expedition funds which was discussed at the same meeting last year. The meeting ended two hours later. Some people had jobs/tasks to do. I did and I didn't go. That's the way it should be I guess. Probably best you just read the minutes.

Obituaries

Sarwan Chand and Conor Smith died while climbing in the Darrans April 22nd, 2017.

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Sarwan Chand on his way to winning the Annual WCAC Tuatara Trail Run, he is still the current record holder for this race.



Conor Smith.



"June 30th or thereabouts. 3 of us headed up Mt Haast above the Rahu Saddle. Mt Haast is one of my favourite winter climbs. Its nice and short but with great views. Just enough snow to make for an interesting descent. We timed it well with the weather as most of the climb was in the sun and a fresh wind keep us cool." Alan Jemison
Above picture: Jess G and Nikita, Mt Haast Summit.



25 July 2017 WCAC Wall Celebration

The evening celebration of continuance of the WCAC wall at the Civic Centre was a wonderful mix of dress-ups, spinning vinyl, pizza and climbing. The polytech outdoor students looked splendiferous in their dress up, living up to the high dress standards set of tempestuous tights and hedonistic hats.

Judging of the best dressed male and female proved a tough task for the judges, Sophie Richardson and Paul Caffyn, who sadly had to exclude themselves from the best dressed awards. It was a tough decision between Callum, who was wearing a green leotard and camo tights, and Ryan who wore a pink crop top and shiny blue tights, but Ryan took the day.

Karen Grant was the best dressed of the women, with an elegant steam punk costume, complete with top hat and goggles. Huge blocks of Whittaker chocolate were awarded as prizes.

Tate Bradley brought along his flash record player for a night of spinning vinyl, with a mixture of LPs from his and Paul's collections.

Ramesh did the pizza delivery, for a spiffing feed at about 8:00 pm, and climbing wound up about 9:00pm.

It was a wonderful night of celebration, with lots of smiling and laughs. Thanks to all who participated and dressed up. *Paul Caffyn*



Photo by Paul Caffyn. His caption was, **"A night of celebration, some lovely tights on the boys!"**

CLUB CAPTAIN-TRIPS AND EVENTS.

Hi Guys, I'm Jessie and I have taken over the role of club captain following our recent AGM. A huge thank you to Tara Muller who has done an excellent job as our club captain prior to me.

We have a few trips coming up in August:

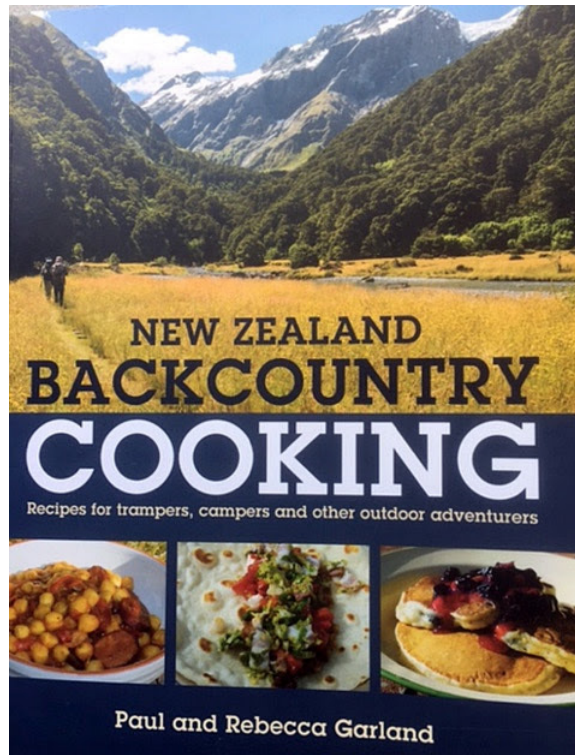
August	Trip/Activity Information	Leader/Contact Details
Monday 7 August 2:30pm	Coal Creek Falls Walk – Meet at the Coal Creek carpark for an easy afternoon walk to Coal creek falls	Jessie Reid – 0223062024
Monday 14 August 2.30pm	Point Elizabeth Walk – Meet at the car park on the Cobden side of Point Elizabeth for a walk along the Point Elizabeth track	Jessie Reid – 0223062024 jessiemlott@gmail.com
Monday 21 st August 7pm	Alpine Club Committee Meeting – 7pm at the civic centre. Our meetings are open to all WCAC members, and you can email Brittany Jenkins, secretary@westcoastalpineclub.org.nz if you want anything added to the agenda	Brittany Jenkins – secretary@westcoastalpineclub.org.nz
Monday 22 nd August – Friday 8 th September	We are bringing back the WCAC photo competition . This opens on the 22nd August, and an email will be sent very soon with more information about this.	Jase Blair – president @westcoastalpineclub.org.nz

There will also be a couple of other trips in August, but confirmation of dates will be dependent on weather and tide times. These will be sent via email and put on our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/249895021785547/> when they are confirmed so keep an eye out.

If you are interested in leading a trip, email me at trips@westcoastalpineclub.org.nz or give me a call on 0223062024 and We can get some exciting plans in place

Other Stuff to know: I'm sure that many of you have enjoyed time at Mt Brown hut. This is a community maintained hut, and they are currently having a fundraising campaign to support the upkeep of the hut. There is a give a little page for this: <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/permolatremotehuts>

See ya,
Jessie



Book Review

For the latest book review from Paul Caffyn check it out below.

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General Club information like contacts, club hut information and gear hire find it by clicking below.

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That's all from me for now, I'll be back in your Inbox in Spring, if you head out and have a cool pic, a blurb, a video or story to tell send it to me at boots@westcoastalpineclub.org.nz.

Looking for any sweet footage of your latest trips in the hills.

Til then stay safe and enjoy the hills.

Haere rā,

Adele Reweti, *Boots* editor

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