

President's Update: Sem1 we're done

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Running ten club trips, four social events, weekly pool training, and more AUCC packed alot into Sem1 2019. Thanks everyone for getting involved, I'm stoked that you; were a beginner crushing your first G2, pushed up to G3/4, went rafting for the first time, got amongst and so much more.

Recent Events

Tongo After cold nights in the Mohaka river valley, plans to camp for April Tongo were concerning. As the nights clouded over they were surprisingly comfortable. That disappeared as I put on the water, and was completely gone after we held up the entire river for an hour with a pin 10 minutes in. Crushing Sunday without any raft pins on Access 14 was welcome for sure.

Kaituna Also hitting McLaren Falls and the Wairoa it was a strong weekend out on the water with a changing group. Great initiative getting the rafts into the glow worm caves and swindling a tour guide. Stopping past ACams parents I never made it out again, regrets? Maybe, but from the stories I'm not sure one more would have fit.

NZSL Round two crushed expectations, with an even hearing split and a new location, everyone was able to enjoy new experiences on and off the whitewater. It is a great opportunity for both AUCC and the deaf community, big thanks to Nic and Zac.

Beginners Trip With thirty five in attendance, Saturday had our groups impressing slalom BOP up and down the Kawerau course. The following day there was an expeditionary twist as we put on upstream. While there was some attrition across the weekend, I was impressed by my groups on the water and the commitment to the study table back at the hall.

Club Dinner An absolute heater back at Pizza Pizza. Great to see members new and old get amongst as we sold out. There are some big stories of nights that followed but you'll have to find someone closer to the source.

There are many more stories that won't fit; mainly thanks to Tyler who was back in the North Island and always up for an adventure.

To look forward to

Exams You know the drill, a month of lost weekends. Lost as you procrastinate. Lost as you find that exam room in old government house. All my best everyone.

Intersemester With no club trips just reach out, people will be sure to be boating as rain hits. Look out for weekend missions.

Re-Oweek Back at it like a bad habit, get in touch if you want to get involved with the club or any events.

Notable Firsts

Charz - Access 10

The Judds - First Tongo

HayDon - Getting deeper into that G4

Philly - Kaituna and catching up to that mad talk

Notable Swims

Holding up over 100, Charz stood on the side as her instructor swam off of a rock. Unheeded warnings were a theme of the Kaituna weekend, after the caution, "don't plug it down the middle", Donny stuck it down the middle and swam out of the hole. While kayakers took safety away from our rafts, they all crushed it, even the party raft who were hell for leather with paddles flying before they even reached the lip of Tutea.

See you out there,
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