

Alpine Search and Rescue Workshop

Agenda

Tuesday 11 June, Wānaka

We would like to welcome individuals and teams from across the SAR sector to take part in the Alpine SAR Workshop Day scheduled for June 11 (the day before SHAC) in Wānaka. This event is a collaborative effort between NZSAR, the DOC Aoraki Search & Rescue Team and the Land Safety Forum.

The theme for the day is “innovation” and will highlight the changing nature of Alpine SAR. You’ll have opportunities to see and discuss new equipment, rescue techniques, technology, and approaches to alpine search and rescue work.

The day will incorporate representation from across the tiers of alpine rescue within New Zealand. The aim of the Workshop is to integrate learning, facilitate discussion and promote best practices between the SAR Secretariat, the tasking authorities and the technical teams that conduct mountain rescue. Ultimately, we are looking to improve interoperability and standardisation across the sector.

The day will be split into morning and afternoon sessions, starting at 8am.

Morning Session: Lake Wānaka Conference Centre

Presentations:

- Inspector Craig Rendel, Manager: Operations & Emergency Management, Major Operations Group, Police National Headquarters
- Michael Clulow, Operations Manager & Justin Allan, General Manager – Maritime New Zealand, RCCNZ
- Nico Fournier, LandSAR Group & Volunteer Support – Specialist groups

Morning tea (provided) – vendor displays and networking

- Matt Wheble, Senior Advisor, NZSAR – Emerging SAR Technology
- Aoraki Search & Rescue Team – Avalanche Readiness
- Aoraki Search & Rescue Team, Lionel Clay NZ Alpine Team/Wānaka ACR – Big Wall Rescue in NZ

Lunch (provided)

Afternoon Session: Aspiring Helicopters

Transport to Aspiring Helicopters (provided)

SAR Aviation – Static Display of Rescue Airframes and Equipment

- Aspiring Helicopters
- Heliworks QT
- Otago Rescue QT
- Southern Lakes Air Rescue
- The Helicopter Line Aoraki Mount Cook
- Police RPAS Operators

Live flying display of specialist techniques.

Afternoon tea (provided)

Attendee choice between 3 workshops:

1. Dr. Dick Price, Hypothermia Staging – How to approach hypothermia in an austere environment.
2. Aoraki Search & Rescue Team – Small team tactics, crevasse rope rescue.
3. Search & Rescue Dogs Avalanche (SARDA) – Avalanche response.

Return transport (provided) returning you to Wānaka for around 5pm

Optional dinner

Dinner and drinks at Lake Bar (self-funded) – from 6pm.