



# UNE Mountaineering Club

## O' Week Newsletter 2004

### Welcome to the Club

Our little club is a diverse group of people with a range of interests. The UNE Mountaineering Club (UNEMC) is actually a bit misnamed. We go Rock Climbing, White Water Paddling, Caving, Mountain Biking, Bushwalking, Canyoning and more.

Unfortunately we don't have any big mountains in the New England so we don't actually do any real mountaineering.

The New England region does however have heaps of great rivers, gorges, hills and countryside that a lot of people don't ever see or even know about.

The aim of this club is to provide a cheap, safe and fun way for you to get to know the wilder parts of New England. You will meet interesting people from a range of backgrounds. Learn new skills and

maintain old ones while trying out activities that would ordinarily cost you a lot of money.

On all club trips we will provide all the gear you need for free (except Mountain Bikes) and if you want to venture out on your own trip you can hire our gear very cheaply. We have a zero profit margin on gear hire. Usually all you pay is petrol money.

At the end of each term we will meet to organise the next terms events so please come along, get involved and make suggestions.

Thanks for joining our little club and we all hope you will enjoy the activities that we have lined up for you this year.

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Club President

# Meet the crew

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If you are keen to help out we would love to hear from you. Contact any of us if you or a friend could help out.

# Free or cheap gear hire

The club maintains a fair amount of gear for the activities we do. We have Canoes and Kayaks with all the associated gear, a Climbing rack and ropes, Canyoning ropes, Camping gear (tents, stoves, sleeping mats), Caving helmets and headlamps, a GPS, an EPIRB and various other bits and pieces. All of this gear is available for free if you are on a club trip or for a minimal fee for private trips.

We are a non-profit club and the fees only cover the maintenance of our gear.

## Our website

On our website you can find information about all of our activities and as we do trips we will put up trip reports and photos. If you have any contributions you would like to make please contact any of the committee members.

<http://www.une.edu.au/unemc/>

## Our email list

All members will receive a newsletter (choose either paper or email) once a term with the schedule of activities and trip reports from the last term. If you would like to be on our mailing list make sure you correctly fill out your email on the membership form. You can also join the email list at any time by visiting:

<http://pobox.une.edu.au/mailman/listinfo/unemc>

You can send a message to everyone subscribed on the list via the following email address. Feel free to ask questions on the list or use it to find people for trips etc. We are a friendly bunch and don't bite.

[unemc@pobox.une.edu.au](mailto:unemc@pobox.une.edu.au)

There is also another email list just for Mountain Biking. For more information contact Mark Trotter our MTB coordinator or visit this URL:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ArmidaleMTB/>



# Term 1 Events

## Regular events

### Indoor Climbing - 6pm Tue and Thur nights

Indoor climbing is not as hard as it looks. Just wander in and give it a go. Climbing for the year costs just \$20 and you climb for free every club night.

### Canoe polo - 7pm Thur nights

Canoe polo is a great way to practice your paddling skills and have heaps of fun. A social competition runs though the term and there is plenty of spare time to just jump in and give paddling a try

### Mountain Biking - early Wed and Fri mornings

Contact Mark or join the MTB email list for times and places or rides.

## Scheduled Trips

### Sat 6 Mar - Gara Gorge Intro Day

Come and try out paddling, caving and climbing. Go for a easy walk around the gorge rim or a harder walk down the gorge itself. Or just have a swim in blue hole. There will be a free BBQ for members.

### 13/14 Mar - Paddling at Goolang Creek

Learn how to paddle white water. A perfect for trip for beginners with easy white water.

### 20/21 Mar - Canoe polo comp at Newcastle

Either play or come down and watch the Canoe polo comp at Newcastle. If you are interested come down on Thursday night to the pool and give Canoe Polo a try.

### 27/28 Feb - Two day gorge walk

Details will be tailored to the party but will probably involve two day walk down a local gorge.

### 3/4 Apr - Caving TBA

Our first caving trip will be to an easy system with a range of fun tunnels to explore.

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