

20th ANNUAL

  
NZ Mountain  
Film & Book Festival

WANAKA • QUEENSTOWN • ONLINE • NATIONAL TOUR  
June 24 to July 2, 2022

## FACT SHEET FOR THE 2022 FESTIVAL.

**Live June 24 to July 2, 2022. Online June 24 to July 24.**

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**The 2022 NZ Mountain Film & Book Festival is a combination of events over 9 days in NZ's premier alpine village of Wanaka and NZ's adventure capital, Queenstown. 2022 is the 20th year of the festival!**

The nine-day event is a celebration of adventurous sports and lifestyles presented for film and book enthusiasts, thrill-seekers and armchair adventurers alike. Celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2022, the NZ Mountain Film & Book Festival (NZMFF) sits on the international calendar alongside the world's prestigious mountain festivals and is a member of the International Alliance for Mountain Film.

Fittingly, the festival takes place at the heart of New Zealand's majestic Southern Alps in the premier alpine village of Wanaka and NZ's adventure capital, Queenstown, but reaches a nationwide audience, as well as our fans in Australia, through the popular online festival.

The 2022 event will include talks, films, art displays, live music and readings and the top entries from the Mountain Film and Mountain Book competitions. The festival is a competitive event and an opportunity for filmmakers and authors to showcase their work, receive merit and win cash prizes. In 2022 entries in the book competition have been higher than ever and 150 film competition entries were received from all corners of the globe as well as right here in Aotearoa.

Our keynote speakers are inspirational adventurers from New Zealand and Australia. The line-up includes Kiwi

mountaineer Alastair McDowell who will speak about his incredible mission to enchain New Zealand's 24 highest mountains above 3000 metres in a continuous, human-powered, 31-day transalpine journey.

Ultra-distance runner Tanya Bottomley's talk will cover her traverse of the 45th Parallel, an extraordinary, self-supported 600km journey following the circle of latitude that is 45 degrees south of the Earth's equator.

Paul Pritchard, a cutting-edge rock climber and mountaineer, spent a year in hospital and his doctors thought that he might never walk or speak again following a life-changing accident whilst climbing a slender sea stack known as The Totem Pole, in Tasmania.

Our authors include Festival Director Mark Sedon (*What Could Possibly Go Wrong?*), Shaun Barnett (*Across the Pass*), Peter Laurensen (*Khumbu*), Hazel Philipps (*Solo*) and Chris Long (*Boy from George River*).

The core of the festival continues to be the international adventure film competition submissions featuring 30 to 40 of the film finalists and several world premieres. The content includes adventure sports such as base jumping, mountaineering, climbing, skiing, snowboarding, kayaking, surfing, and mountain biking; it also investigates some of the

more sublime foreign cultures, remote travel, and environmental issues.

The festival's zero waste policy has become a regional event case study.

The event is run by a small team directed by Mark Sedon, the Festival Founder.

Contact us for more information.



### Activities scheduled include

- International adventure film makers' competition.
- International adventure book competition.
- Viewing of the film finalist.
- Awards night with films
- NZ & Australian guest speakers
- Mountain Book events
- Art displays and live music

**Live dates in Wanaka and Queenstown are June 24 to July 2.**

**Online dates are June 24 to July 24.**

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