



# Sub-committees of Climbing NZ

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As part of our 2026 Strategic Plan, CNZ is seeking to review and refresh all of our sub-committees and is now calling on our wider stakeholder group to take up roles. For context, this paper sets out the current members of CNZ's Committee, its sub-committees and other CNZ appointed representatives and where we have gaps that need filling.

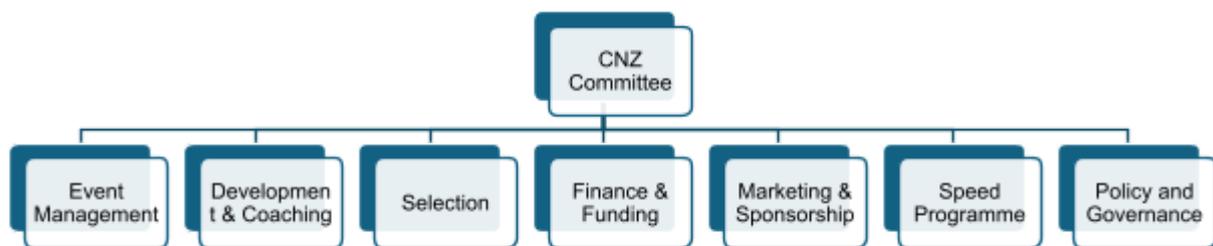
In summary, we are seeking expressions of interest from people in our community who want to make a positive contribution and to share in the administration of our sport to join the following sub-committees:

- Event management – three further members sought
- Development and coaching – two further members sought; administrator/manager also sought
- Selection – interest for possible future appointment sought; administrator sought
- Marketing and sponsorship – three further members sought
- Finance and funding – three further members sought
- Policy and Governance – two further members sought

Please get in touch with any of the existing CNZ committee members if you wish to discuss further details. Otherwise, please express interest via the EOI form.

## Overview

The permanent sub-committees of CNZ that operate under a delegation from the CNZ Committee and report to the CNZ Committee are:



In addition, the CNZ Committee:

- Oversees and agrees to the appointment of delegates to **represent CNZ in international forums**, including the Oceania Council for Sport Climbing and at the World Climbing General Assembly. At present, the New Zealand representatives at the Oceania Council are Stéphane David, Roi Rangi and David Sanders. The CNZ Committee has also recently approved David Sanders to attend the next World Climbing General Assembly as our NZ rep.
- Oversees and will delegate specific functions to a **Disciplinary Sub-Committee**, which is a committee that the CNZ Committee would constitute as/when disciplinary matters arise and circumstances require it.

- Is considering establishing a **Clubs reference group** as a forum for club input and feedback on CNZ initiatives that would report to the CNZ Committee. This may be developed at a later date.
- May further delegate specific functions/roles to other **ad-hoc sub-committees** established from time to time to advance specific projects. An example may be a website refresh project team.

## 2026 Membership

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### Main CNZ Committee – all elected September 2025

#### Members

Dion Clapperton, President  
 Jaron Faber, Treasurer  
 Kit Dergilev, Secretary  
 JJ Niles, Athlete rep  
 Chris Warburton, member  
 Rob Moore, member  
 Jenny Stevens, member

### CNZ sub-committees

#### 1. Event management sub-committee

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This is an oversight sub-committee responsible for overall CNZ event management planning and coordination. Smaller teams come together to manage and run each specific event under the supervision and with the assistance of this committee.

#### Members

Dion Clapperton (Convenor)  
 Kit Dergilev  
 Jenny Stevens  
**[Three further members sought]**

#### 2. Coaching and Development sub-committee

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CNZ is looking to significantly increase its work on coaching and development pathways, including a high-performance pathway and seeks active and engaged committee members to drive forward workstreams directed at this. In addition to the high-performance programme, this sub-committee focuses on the development of coaching programs, facilitating training and certification opportunities for coaches; enhancing grassroots engagement; supporting athlete progression and ensuring alignment with high-performance pathways.

#### Members

Chris Warburton (Convenor)  
 Rob Moore  
 Dion Clapperton  
**[Two further members sought]**

**In addition**, within this area (and also associated with selection matters below), CNZ is seeking to appoint a person to assist with the wider administration and management of our athletes attending overseas competitions. **We seek expressions of interest for this.**

### 3. Selection sub-committee

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The members of this committee are appointed by the CNZ Committee in accordance with the current CNZ selection policy criteria. While no further members are currently sought for longer-term planning and succession management, CNZ would be interested in hearing from anyone with coaching and comp experience who would be comfortable applying the principles of the selection policy in an impartial way and seek expressions of interest in this. An administrative assistant to the current Committee members to assist with recording decisions, communicating with athletes etc may be beneficial, and we seek expressions of interest for this.

**Members**

Duncan Kenderdine (Convenor)

Chris Warburton

Rob Moore

Pete Lofthouse

**Administrator sought**

### 4. Marketing and Sponsorship sub-committee

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CNZ is seeking further members for this sub-committee, ideally with skills or contacts in marketing and/or sponsorship to advance work on our external presence. The work of the Committee would include developing and executing marketing strategies to promote CNZ and its events; seeking sponsorship and funding to support organisational growth; managing CNZ's public relations and social media presence; and fostering partnerships with key stakeholders and industry partners.

**Members**

Dion Clapperton

Jaron Faber

Kit Dergilev

**[Three further members sought]**

### 5. Finance and Funding sub-committee

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This is a new sub-committee to be established (and separate from sponsorship and marketing) to look at wider funding options/opportunities and to more broadly examine and provide recommendations for CNZ's overall continued financial sustainability. This sub-committee will take a longer term perspective on how best to build greater financial stability for the organisation and to set the organisation up for growth and expansion of its initiatives.

**Members**

Dion Clapperton

Jaron Faber

Jenny Stevens

**[Three further members sought]**

### 6. Speed programme sub-committee

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This sub-committee has a specific focus on nurturing and developing the speed aspect of our sport, including managing and overseeing athletes and funding. No further members are sought.

**Members**

Rob Moore (coach)  
Kim David (secretary/treasurer)  
Sarah Soprenson (Manager)

## 7. Policy and Governance sub-committee

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This sub-committee has the primary role of drafting, reviewing and updating CNZ policies, including ensuring best practice and compliance with national sports governance standards. It also has oversight of CNZ's Constitution and should assist in training and supporting committee members on governance best practice. Further members are sought, ideally with a wider background in sport governance (e.g. to be able to draw on knowledge from another sport), legal skills or wider drafting skills.

### **Members**

Jenny Stevens (convenor)  
Roi Rangī  
**[Two further members sought]**