

Some early snippets of the clubs history.

Arlberg was born out of the ideas from a few keen men!

Harvey Thompson, Laurie Holloway, Ken Mc Donald, John Waters, Kevin Crooks, Alec Weir, Tony LeGrice.

These young 22 to 23 year olds were all members of the Howick Scott club.

In 1962 they had the idea to build a club on the newly opened Mt Ruapehu.

Their first decision was which site on the mountain to set our club up on. (the loop road not being there at this stage) next was the style of club; open dormitory or bunkrooms, with this quickly decided Alec Weir the architect started to plan the club.

The next hurdle encountered was lack of money, therefore they posted an add in the Auckland Saturday sports paper "The 8 o'clock"

Interested parties were to contribute ten pounds per member to join the club. Some even paid 20 pounds debentures!

This gave them the necessary injections of interested parties and cash to continue. With this in hand they went to the bank to open an account, signed as guarantors and makeup their own common seal. They were underway.

In 1963 a very generous donation by Sir William Stevens enabled them to accept a quote by Lockwood and start the foundations on which to build the club.

With picks and shovels in hand they arrived but to their surprise an electrical mains cable was in the way. Nothing was too big a problem so they turned the club around 90 degree clockwise to rest where it is today.

After many working bees and even more work parties the foundations were laid.

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