

Place naming in the Ross Sea region of Antarctica

Place names are memories on the Antarctic landscape, telling stories of human activity from the earliest explorations to modern scientific discoveries.

To propose new names or to recognise existing names, please get in touch with the New Zealand Geographic Board Ngā Pou Taunaha o Aotearoa. As New Zealand's authority on place names, we officially name places.

Why officially name places in Antarctica?

Consistent and accurate identification of place supports Antarctic science. Official place names assist with navigation and emergency responses including by use on topographic maps and hydrographic charts. They reflect our identity and represent New Zealand's enduring connection to the region.

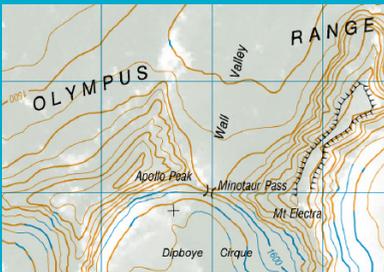
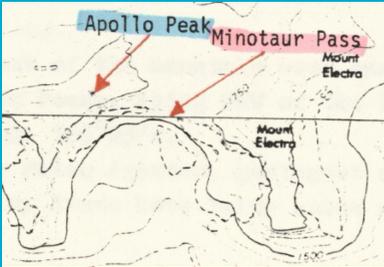
We provide authoritative information on our place names online through the **New Zealand Gazetteer**. We also contribute our official names to the international SCAR **Composite Gazetteer of Antarctica**, ensuring they are known by other nations operating in the region.



Pouwhenua at Scott Base (NZ) - credit Ash Cotter



Trevor Chinn at Biker Glacier - credit Jane Forsyth, published in the NZ Antarctic Society Bulletin v.13 no.1



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Anyone can propose a name

We encourage proposals that:

- are relevant to New Zealand
- reflect scientific discoveries in Antarctica
- commemorate events
- are uniquely descriptive
- honour people who have made a significant contribution to New Zealand's Antarctic activities

What can be named?

Geographic features such as:

- places
- nunataks
- subglacial lakes
- historic sites
- points
- streams
- mountains
- moraines
- tors
- valleys
- névés
- ice ridges
- glaciers
- bays

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