

# New Zealand '86 High Country

Preserved by Otago's extremes of temperature — from harsh cold winters to sweltering dry summers — these goldmining ruins at Bendigo lie before the snow-covered Pisa Range. Once a hive of goldmining activity, Bendigo is today deserted, although these legacies of the past live on.

Across the Clutha Valley, the Pisa Range rises nearly 1500 metres. While the valley below often roasts in summer heat, the range summit has an arctic-like climate, with severe frosts throughout the year. Special plants and animals are found in the tundra vegetation on the range top, yet grazing still occurs to the crest of the range. Near the summit, at

Lake Mackay, is a refuge for nesting colonies of black-backed gulls.

This magnificent scene is just one of a number to be found in the Society's 1986 High Country calendar, which can be ordered now at a special pre-publication price of \$8.95 (down from \$9.95). Photography is by Barney Brewster, one of New Zealand's outstanding natural history photographers and responsible for the much acclaimed 1984 Friends of the Earth calendar about the Oparara area. Proceeds from the sale of the calendar will help with the Society's pastoral lease campaign — remember, this is the Society's major fundraising campaign for the year.



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