



Pioneering Australian climber Rick White founded Mountain Designs in 1975 with the aim to provide quality gear and equipment to adventures like himself.



Rick White on takes a break on the first Australian ascent of El Capitan, Yosemite National Park, California.

MOUNTAIN DESIGNS SPONSORED EXPEDITIONS OF THE SIX HIGHEST MOUNTAINS ON EARTH



1. MT EVEREST 8848m

1st Australian ascent 1984 Tim Macartney-Snape & Greg Mortimer

The first Australian ascent of Everest in 1984 by Tim Macartney-Snape and Greg Mortimer, by a new route (White Limbo) up the North Face central couloir, without supplementary oxygen. A climb that is still unrepeatable to this day.



2. K2 8611m

1st Australian ascent 1990 Greg Child, and Greg Mortimer

Greg Child and Greg Mortimer climbed K2 via the North Ridge, a rarely climbed route, without supplementary oxygen.



3. KANGCHENJUNGA 8598m

1st Australian ascent 1987 Michael Groom & John Coulton

Michael Groom after an epic ascent of Kangchenjunga in 1987, which resulted in the loss of all his toes, went on over the next decade to climb the rest of the six highest peaks in the world, without oxygen.



4. LHOTSE 8501m

1st Australian to climb over 8000m 1982 Fred From

Lhotse is located at the border of Tibet and Khumbu and is connected to Everest via the South Col. The South Face is one of the steepest in the world, rising 3 kilometres in 2.3 kilometres.



5. MAKALU 8481m

High Point reached 7600m 1983 Fred From & Mark Moorhead

The fifth highest mountain in the world, Makalu, is an isolated mountain and is located on the border of Nepal and China. Makalu is an isolated peak located 22.5km East of Mt Everest.



6. CHO OYU 8201m

1st Australian ascent 1990 Michael Groom

Michael Groom (pictured) on Cho Oyu, was the first Australian to summit the mountain. Located 20km from Everest, Cho Oyu lies in the Himalayas on the border of Nepal and China.

CREDENTIALS

1973	1st Australian ascent El Cap Yosemite USA (Nose and Salathe)	Rick White	1987	Minto Peak, Antarctica	Greg Mortimer, Lincon Hall	2000	Cho Oyu (8201m) Tibet	AAA (Army Alpine Association Members)
1974/5	Patagonia, Nth face Fitzroy	Rick White, Rob Staszewski	1987	Kangchenjunga (8598m) Nepal	Michael Groom, John Coulton	2000	Cho Oyu (8201m) Tibet	Duncan Chessell
1977	Australians climb Yosemite USA	Rick White, Greg Child	1988	Helicopter Flight North Pole	Dick Smith	2000	Jannu (7710m) Nepal	Andrew Lindblade, Athol Whimp
1978	Dunagiri (7066m) Peak in India	Tim Macartney-Snape	1989	Ice Walk North Pole	Robert Swan	2000	Mt Vinson (4897) Antarctica	Robert Geier
1979	Andes Patagonia	Rick White, Greg Child, Paul Edwards, Ken Joyce	1989	Icewalk - The International North Pole Expedition (Ski)	Graeme Joy	2001	Shishapangma (8046m) Tibet	Sue Fear
1979	Andes Peru, Ali Ratna Tibba (5750m) India	Lincoln Hall & Tim Macartney-Snape	1990	Mt Everest (8848m) (Sea to Summit)	Tim Macartney-Snape	2001	Mt. Everest (8848m)	Duncan Chessell, Mark Auricht
1980	Kitchener Spire, Alaska	Greg Child	1990	Cho Oyu (8201m) Tibet	Michael Groom	2001	Mt. Everest (8848m)	AAA (Army Alpine Association Members)
1981	Shivling (6543m) India	Greg Child & Rick White, George Bettemburg (FR), Doug Scott (UK)	1990	K2 (8611m) Pakistan	Greg Child, Greg Mortimer, Steve Swanson	2001	Mt. Everest (8848m)	Paul Murray
1981	Ama Dablam (6854m) Nepal	Tim Macartney-Snape, Lincoln Hall, Andy Henderson	1991	Mt Denali (Mt McKinley), Alaska	Ian Ferrier, Ross Mansfield	2001	Young Australian Adventurer of the year	Tim Cope
1981	Anyemaqen (6282m) China	Geoff Bartram, Lincoln Hall, Andy Henderson, Tim Macartney-Snape	1991	Balloon over Mt. Everest	Chris Dewhirst and Team	2001	1st Place - Australia & New Zealand Continental Cup (skiing)	Andrew Peacock, Greg Mortimer, Geoff Robb, Brian Laursen
1982	Changabanga (6864m) India	Roddy MacKenzie, Mark Moorhead, John Muir, Craig Nottle	1993	Mt. Everest (8848m)	Michael Groom	2002	Shishapangma (8046m)	Duncan Chessell and party
1982	Lhoste (8501m)	Fred From	1993	K2 (8611m) Pakistan	Andrew Lock	2002	Manaslu (8163m)	Sue Fear
1983	Annapurna II (7937m) Nepal	Lincoln Hall, Andy Henderson, Tim Macartney-Snape, Greg Mortimer	1994	Shisha Pangma (8046m) China	Michael Groom	2002	Lhakpa Ri (7045m) Tibet	Andrew Peacock, Greg Mortimer, Geoff Robb, Brian Laursen
1983	Lobsang Spire (5715m) Baffin Island, Antarctica	Greg Child, Doug Scott (UK), Pete Thexton (UK)	1995	Lhotse (8501m)	David Hume	2002	Aconcagua (6960) Argentina	Duncan Chessell and party
1983	Makalu (8481m) west ridge	Fred From, Peter Hillary, Mark Moorhead, Bill Denz	1995	Makalu (8481m)	Michael Groom	2002	Mt Cook NZ youngest ascent	Duncan Chessell and party
1984	Mt. Everest (8848m)	Tim Macartney-Snape, Greg Mortimer	1996	Mt. Everest (8848m)	David Hume, Mark Auricht	2002	Cho Oyu (8201m) Tibet	Christopher Harris age 12
1984	Mt. Everest (8848m) west ridge	Fred From, Peter Hillary, Craig Nottle, John Muir	1998	Polar Challenge (North Magnetic Pole)	Peter Bland	2002	1st Place Australian Skiing Championships	Ian Robinson
1985	Mustagh Ata (7546m)	Rick White, Steve McDowell	1998	Cho Oyu (8201m) Tibet	Sue Fear	2002	Cho Oyu (8201m) Tibet	Paul Murray
1986	Gasherbrum IV (7925m) Pakistan	Greg Child, Tom Hall-Hargis (USA), Tim Macartney-Snape	1998	Ama Dablam (6854m) Nepal	Duncan Chessell, Mark Auricht	2003	Everest (8848m) North ridge Tibet	Duncan Chessell and party
			1999	Ice Cat Challenge (Antarctic Peninsula)	Terry Travers, Robin Chamberlin	2003	Gasherbrum IV west face	Athol Whimp, Andrew Lindblade
			1999	Antarctic Affliction Expedition	Duncan Thomas, Alex Hill, Dave Adams	2003	1st Place Australian Skiing Championships	Paul Murray
			1999	Makalu Expedition (8481m) Nepal	Michael Groom, Lincoln Hall, Matt Rolfe, Paul Adams & Darren Manson	2003	Cho Oyu (8201m) Tibet	Duncan Chessell and party
			1999	Shishapangma (8046m) Tibet	AAA (Army Alpine Association Members)	2004	1st Place Australian Skiing Championships	Matt McFadyen
			2000	Kusum Kanguru (6370m) Nepal	Duncan Chessell	2005	Cerro Aconcagua (6962m), South America	Duncan Chessell and party
						2005	National Geographic Adventurer of the year	Tim Cope
						2006	1st Place - GeoQuest	Team Mountain Designs
						2007	Mount Vinson (4892m) Antarctica, 1st sea to summit	Duncan Chessell
						2009	North Pole Expedition - 1st West Australian	Tom Smitheringale