



# summit 8000

Andrew Lock, one of Australia's most accomplished high altitude mountaineers, is set to become a member of the world's most elite group of climbers.

**A**ndrew Lock successfully reached the summit of Annapurna 1 in the Nepal Himalaya region earlier this year. At 8091m, Annapurna is the 10th highest peak but is generally regarded as the most dangerous due to avalanche-prone slopes, remoteness, high altitude and unstable weather.

On this expedition, Lock joined with a number of experienced climbers from around the world, but when all bar two others in the team withdrew, Lock knew that the challenge would be even greater.

"The three of us were constantly assessing the dangers and risks," said Lock, "and, whilst we knew that it was a much more dangerous enterprise than any other mountain we'd been on, we also knew that if we overcame our fear and assessed

the climb objectively, then we just needed to be careful and maintain our motivation."

They spent only minutes at the top before retreating in deteriorating weather conditions, and descending to their base camp over several days.

With this summit, Lock has now successfully climbed 12 of the world's 8000-metre peaks, leaving just two more climbs in his bid to summit all 14. Just 12 men in history have climbed the 14 highest peaks, and Lock aims to be the first Australian.

The 'Summit 8000' project is set to continue next year when Andrew attempts the final two climbs. Lock is seeking funding to complete the last two climbs of Makalu (Nepal) and Shishapangma (Tibet).

More information can be found about the project and Andrew Lock on [www.andrew-lock.com](http://www.andrew-lock.com)

