

## **June 2019 RMCA Newsletter - Rangatira Chair Foot Passenger Access**

At the RMCA Forum in April we heard from RAL, that there would be no down-loading on the Rangatira Chair at all and that there would also be no foot traffic uphill on the Rangatira Chair. This news was a concern for several clubs at the top of Tenants, Top of Rock Garden and Hut Flat.

During May and June there has been several points of engagement with RAL between RMCA, RSC and WSC. We believe it has resulted in the best agreement we could get and recognise that the result for the winter 2019 season means a change for the affected clubs.

The following is important for Club Committees to share with ALL your club members, their guests and the club custodian.

1. Uploading on skis / snow board is ok with a manageable backpack at any time and remains unaffected.
  2. No Downhill traffic whatsoever on the Rangatira Chair - the reconfiguration of the chair and queuing makes this unsafe.
  3. Uphill foot traffic with or without a manageable pack/bag will be allowed once per day at the end of the ski-day.
  4. Passengers must wear sturdy footwear and report 5 minutes prior to 4pm, or in the event of night skiing, then 5 minutes prior to 8pm. If night-skiing is cancelled due inclement weather, the upload will occur at 4pm.
  5. Passengers must have a valid season or life pass or a Rangatira Upload Pass.
  6. There will be a safety briefing which must be attended every day the passenger wants to up-load.
  7. Passengers must not have in their packs or with them any combustible materias.
  8. This is a TRIAL for the winter season and will be reviewed in mid-August and the end of the season, with the RMCA, RSC and WSC.
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1. There are significant ramifications, including suspending the Trial should any Club member, their guest a Custodian demonstrate bad behaviour toward the RAL staff in relation to the Rangatira Trial.
  2. There are ramifications should club members, guests or custodians deliberately seeking to damage RAL's reputation over this trial.

A more detailed letter from RAL to RMCA has been sent to club committees via the normal channel. Please liaise with your club committee should you want to read it. Any feedback about this trial is best channelled through your club committee in the first instance.

RAL will be providing the Rangatira Chair Upload pass prices, terms and conditions shortly.