

Newsletter March 2019

Hello RMCA member clubs.

No doubt most club committees have resumed meetings after the summer break and are preparing for their AGM and their lodge for the winter season. This newsletter provides some information regarding insurance, water testing and the RMCA Forum.

Insurance:

The RMCA has heard from some clubs that insurance remains a large part of their expenditure and early indications for this year's insurance renewal does not look promising. I certainly encourage clubs to start your renewal process early. If your club is considering getting an updated valuation; looking back at RMCA records, the companies who undertook most of the lodge valuations back in 2015 was Boyes James Mckay Ltd and Doyle Valuations Ltd. Insurance will be a discussion topic at the Forum in April.

Water Testing:

The Food Act requires facilities that supply food to their paying members and/or guests to complete a drinking water test at least every six months. Hills Laboratories provide a DIY collection kit that can then be couriered to them for testing. The kit provides instructions and a courier container. Click on the link below, then on 'DIY Sampling Kit', then 'Water & Effluent', then 'Food Safety Kit (for testing water)'

<https://portal.hill-laboratories.com/catalogue/category>

RMCA Forum:

The bi-annual RMCA forum will be on Saturday 6th April, 9am – 5pm, at the DoC Visitor Centre, Whakapapa. As at previous Forums, we hope to see most clubs represented. Please advise the names of the people attending from your club, by Friday 29th March. Email to secretary@rmca.org.nz Cost will be \$25 Per person and helps to fund catering for the day.

The agenda will include updates from:

- Department of Conservation
- Ruapehu Alpine Lifts
- The Lines Company
- Ruapehu District Council

And, discussion topics are expected to include:

- Wastewater treatment plant and discharge
- Long Term plan for Whakapapa and Iwikau
- Food Act compliance
- Insurance challenges
- Progress on gondola construction
- Waste and Recycling
- Grocery room
- Bus transport up Bruce Road
- And more

If you have any questions or feedback, please do contact either myself (linda.rmca@gmail.com) or our secretary (secretary@rmca.org.nz)

Regards

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