

## RMCA NEWSLETTER – March 2023

### **RAL voluntary administration - process update**

When we last updated clubs in November 2022, the idea of crowd funding for Whakapapa and Turoa ski areas needed to be quantified and we asked clubs to encourage their members to complete the MBIE (for life pass holders) and/or the PWC (for anyone) surveys. The results of the surveys have not been released, however PWC have indicated that the results of their survey were positive.

We also asked clubs to let us know if they would consider (without commitment) investing in a NewCo and, if so, an estimate of amount. So far, ten clubs have said they would consider an amount totalling \$495k. At this stage, it is unclear whether a mechanism for crowd funding/investment will eventuate as MBIE currently appear focussed on life pass holders ahead of any other groups such as club members or locals.

RMCA wrote to the Minister for Regional Development Hon Kiri Allan in late February asking for an update from MBIE's Regional Development Unit regarding their progress on supporting the future operations at the two ski-fields. We expect to receive a response this month and did welcome last week's news of a RAL season pass campaign. However, we acknowledge the uncertainty over future operations is challenging for many clubs.

The PWC administrators continue to work closely with RAL operations and provide updates to the creditors committee. PWC updates to public are on their website.

<https://www.pwc.co.nz/services/business-restructuring/voluntary-administration/ruapehu-alpine-lifts-limited>.

The key date for the process is the watershed meeting planned for Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

### **RMCA Forum 13th May 2023**

The forum provides an opportunity for clubs to hear and discuss ideas and concerns such as insurance, financial viability, attracting and retaining members, maintenance, and operating costs.

We have deliberately planned the forum for the first Saturday after the planned PWC/RAL watershed meeting in the expectation that we will all know more about the future of Whakapapa and Turoa ski fields.

We will be inviting guests from PWC, MBIE, RAL, DoC and at least one insurance broker. We'll provide more information as we confirm the venue and speakers.

### **Club work-parties**

If clubs need/want to co-ordinate with others to save on costs such as helicopter lifts, we suggest putting a post on the [RMCA Community Facebook page](#).

Ski clubs are responsible for ensuring that they follow DoC's procedures for operating in the Tongariro National Park. i.e. requesting vehicle permits and making notifications for helicopter use and basic maintenance.

The basic maintenance procedure is DoC's notification process for capturing like-for-like repair or replacement. Works approvals will still be required for work that does not fit for the basic maintenance criteria. If your club needs to liaise with DoC, get in touch with the Senior Community Ranger Anna Atchley 027 2207682, or the relevant email identified in the procedures.

Below is the link to DoC's procedural website for clubs within the Tongariro National Park:

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/tongariro-community-procedures>

**Insurance building re-valuations**

For clubs seeking building re-valuations, we suggest you ask for a desk-top valuation from the company who last completed your building re-valuation.

Regards

RMCA Executive Council