

# RMCA NEWSLETTER MARCH 2025

## RMCA Council Update

We were pleased to welcome 4 new councillors at the RMCA AGM. They are Russell Turnbull (Te Horonuku), Ian Chamberlain (Taupo), Simon Hunt (RSC) & Darian Warburton (Puketoi) to the RMCA Council. These councillors join the RMCA President Phill Thomass (RSC) and the Vice President Debbie Evans (Ngauruhoe Ski Club). We also have long standing councillor- Tony McKenna (Rotorua), Treasurer Kevin Mason (Taranaki) and Sheryl Brownlee (RSC) our secretary.

## WHL Application for a Concession to Operate Whakapapa Ski Field

Late last year DoC called for submissions on an application by WHL to maintain and operate Whakapapa Skifield. Submissions closed in early February and the RMCA submitted its support for the WHL application. The RMCA submission specifically stated it supported WHL being granted a concession to operate the Whakapapa ski field in its entirety of 580,000 hectares. The RMCA submission also stated its support of WHL being granted a concession to operate all current lifts and facilities on the Whakapapa Ski Field.

DoC hearings on the WHL application took place at the end of February. Debbie Evans and Russell Turnbull attended the hearing virtually and presented the RMCA submission of support. The timing for an announcement on the granting of a concession to WHL is most likely end of April.

## Key Stakeholder Meetings - Updates

The RMCA has engaged in regular meetings with key stakeholders. Meetings to date:

1. DoC & RMCA Hui December 2024 – attended by Phill Thomass and Debbie Evans
2. RAL Meeting December 2024 – Travis Donoghue, Phill Thomas and Debbie Evans
3. DoC and key stakeholders Hui at Whakapapa Village February 2025 - attended by Ian Chamberlain
4. Doc Hearing on WHL Submission – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February - Russell Turnbull and Debbie Evans

Our discussions with RAL have been very positive and we are heartened to hear of the work that is underway to prepare for the winter season ahead. This includes a release of 2025 season passes as soon as a concession is granted. [The timing for the release of WHL season passes is May 2025.](#)

## Club Racing

The Ral / WHL events manager Chris Bashford is currently working with clubs to facilitate a plan for club racing in 2025. Please email Chris directly: [cbashforth@whakapapa.com](mailto:cbashforth@whakapapa.com)

## RAL / WHL School Group Bookings

RAL have kicked off the 2025 season with a large amount of school group bookings. Clubs that are interested in hosting school groups are invited to email Chris Bashford, RAL Event Manager. Please provide the key information below when submitting interest for hosting school bookings.

Please email Chris directly: [cbashforth@whakapapa.com](mailto:cbashforth@whakapapa.com)

**Type of Accommodation:** On Mountain | Off Mountain

**Name of Accommodation:**

**Location/Zone:** If you are located on mountain, which area/zone are you located (i.e Salt Ridge)

**Contact Details:** How would you like schools to contact you?

**Number of bunks:**

**Custodian:** Yes | No

**Catering:** Yes | No

**Any other key details you want us to include where possible:**

## **Service Providers, Iwikau Village**

The RMCA receives requests from clubs for recommendations on service providers in the Iwikau Village. The RMCA is compiling a list of recommendations. Please do email Sheryl Brownlee- [secretary@rmca.org.nz](mailto:secretary@rmca.org.nz) if you have a recommendation. Examples of services include:

1. Fire Compliance
2. Electrician
3. Plumber
4. Chimney Sweep
5. Gas Appliance servicing
6. Tele Communications provider (Chorus advise no ASL support)

## **Incorporated Societies Act (2022 Act) – Updating Constitutions**

There will be a working session on this at the upcoming RMCA Forum. (See below for the RMCA Forum date)

The 2022 Act is new legislation that replaces the current Incorporated Societies Act which has been around since 1908 (1908 Act). The 2022 Act came into force on 6 April 2022. The 1908 Act continues to apply to all incorporated societies until they register under the 2022 Act.

- Societies can now reregister under the new Act and have until **5 April 2026** to do so.

Reregistering under the 2022 Act means a society must update their rules to comply with the requirements of the 2022 Act and then apply to the Registrar of Incorporated Societies for reregistration.

### What happens if existing societies do not reregister by 5 April 2026?

Any society that does not reregister by the end of the registration period in April 2026 will cease to exist as an incorporated society. That means that the society's committee or board will become a group of individuals who are personally liable for the commitments of the society before it ceased to exist (e.g. debts, liabilities).

## **RMCA Forum Save the Date**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May

10 am – 2 pm

Lorenzo's Café, Iwikau Village

Agenda and Key Speakers from DoC and RA / WHL will be confirmed in the next RMCA newsletter.

The RMCA would like to support DoC with a mountain clean up after the forum. Details will be shared with clubs in the next newsletter.

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RMCA President

Debbie Evans

RMCA Vice President