

RMCA NEWSLETTER MAY 2025

Kia ora koutou / Hello everyone,

Whakapapa Concession

You may have already seen the news, but in case you haven't yesterday afternoon DOC announced that Whakapapa Holdings Ltd has been granted a 10 year concession to operate the Whakapapa skifield. The concession gives WHL the ability to operate the ski field, as well as use six buildings in Whakapapa village for staff accommodation and a water pipeline easement. DOC will be closely monitoring the ski field activity to ensure everything is running smoothly.

No matter what preference people had for the management of Whakapapa the certainty this decision offers clubs will be a welcome relief to everybody, enabling us all to move ahead with some confidence over the future of snow sports at Ruapehu. RMCA looks forward to working with the team at WHL on behalf of clubs going forward and we congratulate them on achieving this milestone.

With the concession being granted yesterday was the last day for RAL, with all assets being transferred to WHL who are operating from today. They hope to have passes on sale towards the latter half of next week, before they can do that they need to make some adjustments to payment systems and such.

So now everyone just needs to cross their fingers and toes that we have a great snow season!

RMCA Forum

A reminder that the RMCA Forum will be held on Saturday May 24th, in Lorenz's. We're just finalising the agenda now, which we'll then get out to people asap. One thing we do know is that a barista will be on duty, courtesy of WHL – thanks Travis!

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President, RMCA