

## **RMCA May 7<sup>th</sup> Newsletter**

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### **WHL Online Workshop - Invitation to club Booking Officers and Event / Programmer planners**

WHL are hitting the ground running and Travis has asked me to extend the following invitation on their behalf to clubs. Please note this is a workshop aimed at booking officers and event or programme planners / club captains, to look at how WHL and clubs can work together to not only promote the ski field but also clubs at the same time. This could be a great opportunity to start establishing good working friendships with the WHL team.

#### **The Invitation:**

Whakapapa Holdings Ltd would like to invite club booking officers and anybody responsible for promotions (such as club social media accounts) to join the Whakapapa team **online at 7pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May**. This will be in the early days of WHL's season pass campaign and just three weeks from winter opening. Our team would love to support clubs with information on our key events across 2025, to discuss opportunities for maximising school group participation (including a look at our current bookings by week across Term 3) as well as how to boost key and important Whakapapa information into clubs, for a great winter 2025 together.

The meeting can be reached from this link and with the following ID and Passcode

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_YzhmNjk5YTItZTJmZS00MDgyLTkzYWMTYTU3MWUyNzVhNDEz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22d9b9a60c-9529-44a0-b8b7-6e53e1e7dfa9%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225db42025-94db-4e2f-9262-db30af8ec606%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YzhmNjk5YTItZTJmZS00MDgyLTkzYWMTYTU3MWUyNzVhNDEz%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22d9b9a60c-9529-44a0-b8b7-6e53e1e7dfa9%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225db42025-94db-4e2f-9262-db30af8ec606%22%7d)

Meeting ID: 462 442 712 210 2

Passcode: W6GZ3bv3

### **Copper Broadband Network at Whakapapa and Iwikau Villages**

Some clubs (not all) will have received letters or emails recently telling them that Chorus's copper network along Bruce Rd (so Whakapapa and Iwikau villages) was about to be withdrawn in July 2025, meaning that customers' copperline phone lines and broadband would also end.

This is not the case. After RMCA reached out to Chorus, they have come back to me very apologetically. Somehow Whakapapa skifield was tagged on one map as having fibre broadband (it doesn't, and currently there are no plans to install it). This in turn triggered a 'copper network withdrawal' flag for some telcos.

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Chorus have assured RMCA that there is no intention to withdraw the copper network service along Bruce Road. They will also be writing to all customers in the area to reassure people that the copper network (and therefore copper based phonelines and broadband) will remain, and are informing all telcos too.

However Chorus is intending to start retiring copper network infrastructure from 2030, so I think it could be worthwhile for RMCA Council to work with clubs on possible alternatives in the future. Given that WHL only has a 10 year concession, I would say it's unlikely to meet financial criteria for Chorus to install fibre for us (I am happy to advocate for it though!), as Chorus has to fund these network expansions themselves these days – there is no government support as there used to be.

### **Pure Turoa**

For those who haven't heard, Pure Turoa announced on Friday that Jono Dean has been appointed Chief Executive. I've worked with Jono when he took over from Ross and I was President of RSC, I've always found him a very reasonable and friendly person to work with. His appointment should bode well for the relationship between clubs and Pure Turoa going forward. Congratulations Jono!

### **RMCA Saturday May 24<sup>th</sup> Forum Update**

The Agenda for the May 24<sup>th</sup> Forum is shaping up well. As we previously said the Forum will be held at Lorenz's and fuelled by Espressos and Flat Whites courtesy of WHL (thanks Travis!).

We have guest speakers from WHL including Travis, Chris Bashford (Events and School Bookings), and Phil Lemalu (Marketing Manager). We will also have DoC attend and give us an update.

We're planning to break before lunch to do a "Mountain Clean Up" run (more information to come on this). And then after lunch we'll resume for a discussion on the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and the need to amend constitutions, running through the tools available to clubs for redoing our constitutions, incorporating the changes and requirements of the new act.

The Agenda is looking like this

#### **RMCA Forum Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

9..00am: Meet and greet (A barista will be on hand make your favourite coffee - thank you WHL

9.30am – 11am: WHL updates from Travis Donnoghue, Chris Bashford and Phil Lemalu, Morning Tea, DoC update

11.00am: Mountain Clean Up with DoC

1.00 pm: Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and Club Constitution Workshop

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