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Ruapehu's extreme skier Jess Hotter in action in the Freeride World Tour, on her way to taking the 2022 title of female Freeride World Champion. See inside for details. Photo: Freeride World Tour.



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Ski areas set for staffing

The staffing problems that Ruapehu Alpine Lifts have faced over the last two years of pandemic have largely disappeared, says Travis Donoghue, chief operating officer for the company.

The departments where they're still looking for staff are in food and beverage and in ticket sales.

"We're encouraging people to buy online, to avoid long lines at the base."

The 'click and collect' system is working well and expanding, says Travis.

People can go to the Mt Ruapehu website and buy their day passes and book ski hire and lessons, so when they arrive at the ski area base, they can go to one of the 'Click-and-Collect' stands to print their pass.

If they already have a card, they can load their purchase and then go directly to the lift, ski hire or lesson.

"It's a quick and convenient way to pick up pre-paid passes instead of standing in queues up the mountain to purchase and pick up passes."

Click and collect machines will also be installed downtown at TCB in Ohakune and National Park Village.

The company is offering heavily-discounted midweek day passes this year, to encourage more people to ski Monday to Friday and take the pressure off the weekends.

An adult midweek pass is \$84, while a pass for a Saturday or Sunday costs \$149.

A favourable summer season saw staff carry out all lifts maintenance work well in time for the winter start, although massive rime ice caused serious damage to the cross head on one of the towers on the Giant Chairlift at Tūroa.

However, the maintenance crew have been on the job to remove

the damaged parts and replacement gear has been installed and testing under way.

"The work to repair the damage is nothing they haven't already done in other places. It would have been nice not to have it happen but it's also not unheard of."

"It's a set-back, not a showstopper," said Travis.



After two years of closed borders, Mt Ruapehu's ski areas are set to go for winter 2022. Pictured are Michelle Allbury, Kaiyah Gillbanks-Hetaraka, Renee Clark and Ella Watkins-Starrs. Photo: Mt Ruapehu.

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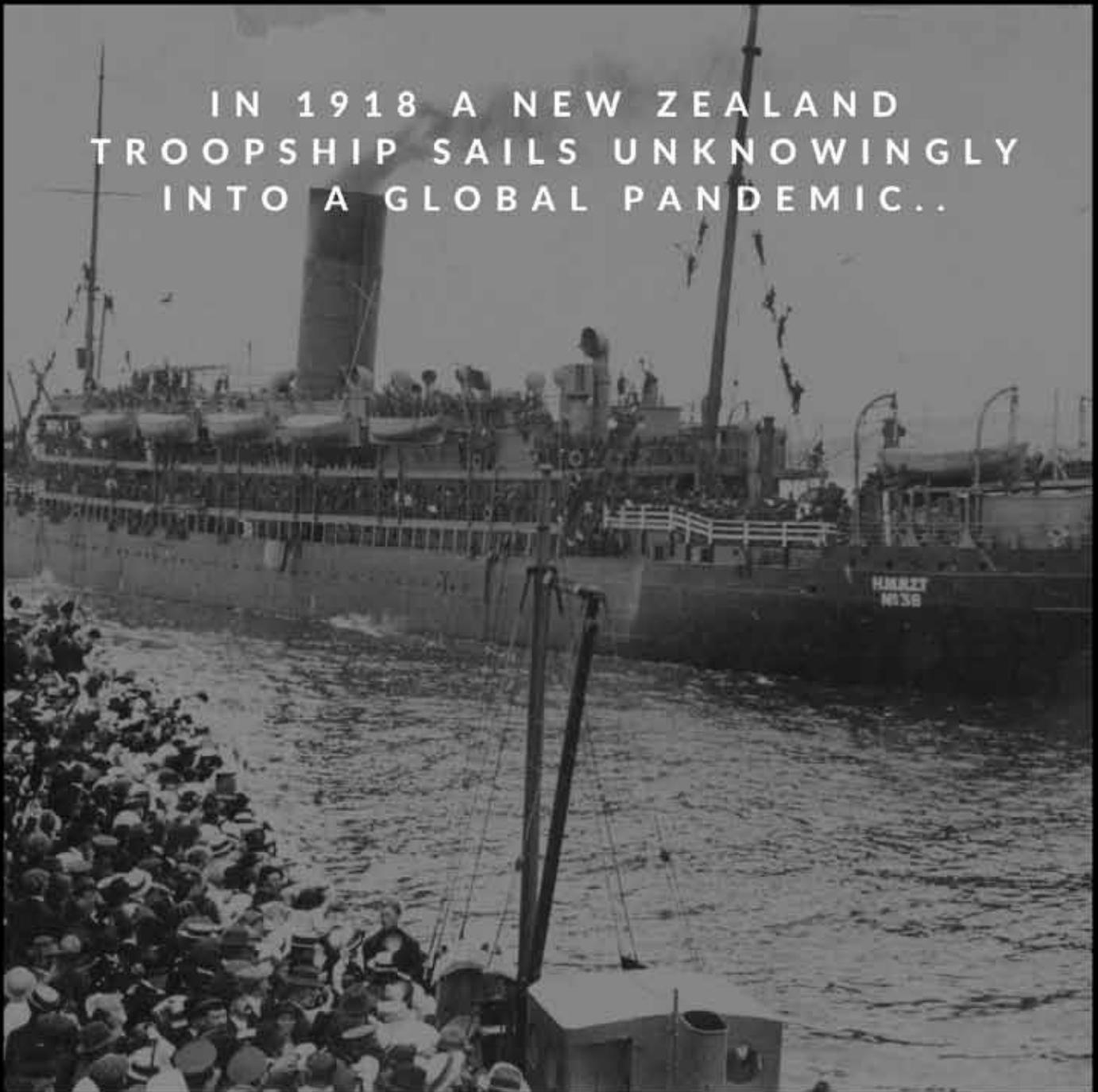
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The new Ministry of Education contract funding is called 'Enriching Local Curriculum', a new improved version of the former Learning Experiences Outside the classroom (LEOTC) activities and reflects the latest changes in the school curriculum documents.

"We are lucky to have three registered teachers on staff that enables us to have a thorough understanding of the NZ Curriculum, its values and key competencies," says Nicola Bennett, the Museum's marketing and visitor experience manager.

The teaching team aim to foster innovation, inquiry and curiosity, through critical thinking. Students are helped to develop their understanding of the concepts of equity and social justice.

"After a tough few years for everyone it's great to be welcoming schools back to the Museum in numbers.

"Our staff have good knowledge of the new Aotearoa NZ Histories curriculum and we are uniquely placed to share the stories of



School students study the National Army Museum's medal collection.

the lived experience of New Zealand soldiers and their whanau.

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Women in the *Snow Bulletin*: there needs to be more

Representation of women on snow is woefully inadequate, according to an article on the 'website www.snowsbest.com.

The article, *We need to talk about female representation in ski resort and sports media down under*, exploring the media representation of women in Australia and New Zealand's snow industry, is produced by Rachael Oakes-Ash in partnership with Cardrona and Treble Cone.

The resorts did a self-audit to discover that only 29 per cent of their skiing and snowboarding content featured women in any way. Just 15 per cent of that small proportion featured women actively skiing or snowboarding, and they were usually in clips featuring mostly men.

And the *Ruapehu Snow Bulletin* is right up there (or perhaps down there) with its own statistics.

Looking at front pages over 10 years of issues, we found that there were 13 males pictured in action, but with only four females photographed – less than a quarter of the number of men. There were also four covers featuring children in the snow.

It gets worse when you consider only one of the shots of a female could be called a snow 'action shot', whereas all of the photos of male skiers were

The article quotes Ohakune's Jess Hotter, who has featured regularly in the *Ruapehu Snow Bulletin*, including the only 'action shot' of a female on the cover.

"I've gone out skiing with friends who have been shooting and they will shoot everybody but me, it reinforces that feeling you're not good enough to be on camera, it's one of the reasons there's not enough funding for female in sports because no one is putting it in the media and getting the coverage," Jess Hotter told *Snowsbest*.

"It's a never ending cycle, not getting funding, because you're not getting exposure [then] you're not getting exposure because you're not getting funding."

A number of resorts and media have made commitments to do something about the imbalance.

The *Ruapehu Snow Bulletin* relies a lot on contributions for photographic content, and a quick review of the material we were presented for last year's issue shows that there was almost zero choice of photos of female skiers or snowboarders.

But we can try to redress this imbalance – by asking our contributors to consider their choices when they head out to gather their images.

We will also keep this imbalance in mind when we head up onto the snow to take our own shots.



Ohakune's Jess Hotter competes at Fieberbrunn. Photo: Freeride World Tour.



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Tick for new entity for RAL shares

Life pass issue proposed for 2022

Refitting two chairlifts at Tūroa Ski Area will be part of a 'shot in the arm' next summer in time for the 2023 snow season, following the approval of a variation to Ruapehu Alpine Lifts' ANZ loan facility at the shareholders' AGM earlier this year.

Shareholders also voted in favour of a motion to restructure of the assets and business of the company.

"With your support we have signed the variation to the ANZ facility this afternoon that allows us to extend the life of the Tūroa lifts," RAL Board chair Geoff Taylor told shareholders after the meeting.

The decision means funds will be available to upgrade the 45-year-old Park Lane chairlift and the near-40-year-old Movenpick chairlift.

Mr Taylor said two key takeaways from the meeting were that RAL will discuss with the ANZ and MBIE a more accurate 'preparedness' description of the new entity work and that there was strong messaging from both shareholders and life pass holders to consider them in raising new capital.

"We will start that with a new life pass issue this year and we'll accelerate our thinking on



RAL has a variation to its loan facility, which will allow for refitting of Turoa's Movenpick and Park Lane chairlifts (pictured). Photo: Mt Ruapehu.

internal capital raising when we next review our funding plan after the June and July operating results of this season," Mr Taylor wrote in his post-AGM update.

He also told shareholders that the Board had taken on feedback on how they could

communicate more effectively.

The Board promised to host meetings in Wellington and to communicate the company's five-year plan to other stakeholders.

"With this in mind, the Trust has offered to

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host a meeting in Wellington so we'll follow up to develop that into an action.

He said the shareholder session had "a constructive flavour".

"We are left with good food for thought on the new strategy and optimising what we've got, the suggestions of thinking innovatively on raising capital from existing members and treating life pass investors as shareholders."

He said the Board will communicate the detail on the last two years of ANZ funding and RAL's commitments to MBIE under their "convertible note" option within last year's \$5m loan.

Election

At the AGM, an election of officers was carried out, with Geoff Taylor and John Foley re-elected, with 97.74% and 95.66% in favour respectively.

Two candidates, Sam Clarkson and Robert Eller failed in their bids to be elected to the Board.

A series of motions about the shareholding and structure of the Company were put to shareholders, with shareholders voting in favour of:

- Acquisitions of shares by the Ruapehu Alpine Lifts trust (the "Trust") (81.12% in favour).

- Approve the increase in the Trust's control percentage of voting securities following the 2019 forfeiture of shares (67.29% in favour).

- Approve of historic changes in the trustees of the Trust. (69.64% in favour).

- Approve the restructure of the assets and business of the company (96.14% in favour).

Shareholders also voted in favour of a motion: that the directors advise what action they have taken to refinance or restructure the short term ANZ debt, fully described in the notice of meeting (92.76%).

Failed

A number of motions put to the vote failed to gain traction, including:

- That Life Pass holders be issued shares until the RAL Trust shareholding returns to its original 45% (96.01% against).

- That directors issue shares and offer them to RAL Life Pass holders (95.88% against).

- That the "special resolution - restructure of the assets and business of the company" be delayed (96.26% against).



A lifetime of skiing: RAL plans to offer life passes in 2022.

Meet Johan Bergman, Tūroa manager

Tūroa's new ski area manager has his feet under the desk for his dream job, combining his love for snow sports and the mountains, and working towards a more sustainable future.

Johan lives in Ohakune with his wife and two daughters. He says he's been keen to live in Ohakune for a while, to be close to the mountains. He's been a regular visitor with his family for several years, staying at his sister's property.

"I love the community.

"I was nagging my wife to move down here but she said you need to get a proper job... then this popped up."

He has a Bachelor of Science degree majoring in Resource and Environmental Planning from Waikato University.

Johan previously worked in the local government and consulting industries where he worked as an environmental/sustainability manager.

Part of his role was to oversee bat monitoring as part of the Hamilton bypass project. He says he is in no way a bat expert but found the work fascinating and fitted well with his conservation interests.

Earlier in his working life he was a ski instructor at Cardrona and Crystal Mountain in Seattle (USA) and also spent a year at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre on a certificate in outdoors leadership.

He has been a Land Search and Rescue (SAR) volunteer for a number of years.

He says has a passion for the ski industry, in particular driving it towards a more sustainable future.

Johan's work in and for local government has included environmental sustainability projects including on the Hamilton bypass and the Mount Messenger roads project.

Prior to that, he worked for the Queenstown Lakes District Council.



Turn to Page 13 Johan Bergman, takes on his dream job.

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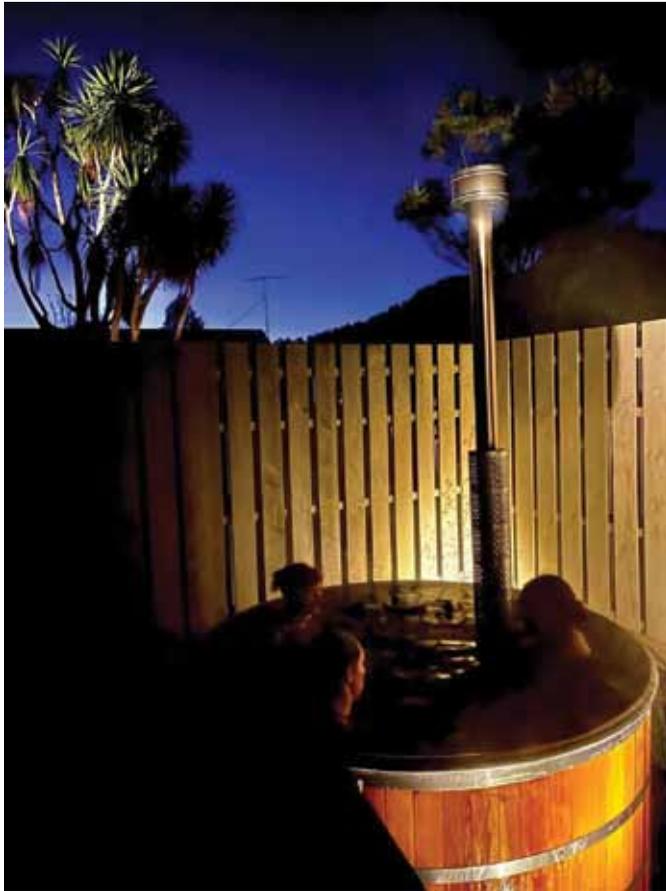
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The 'hottest little business' in town is open for fine soaking – Ohakune Hot Tubs in Rimu Street at the Junction.

Proprietor, Braden Allen, has five wood-fired hot tubs available to the public, each in a secluded but open-air space with their own changing shed.

After a day on the snow, or riding the local trails, people can book a tub online (see advertisement) and an hour later, turn up and climb in.

Guests can enjoy the 38°C tub, listen to the crackle of the fire and look up at the stars.



Secluded ambience at the Junction.



A competitor takes on The Goat. Alongside the event, a trail run for kids is planned for the Mangawhero Forest Track for the next event.

Kids back for The Goat

The 19th annual Goat trail run, from Whakapapa to Tūroa is on again at Wellington Anniversary Weekend in January 2023, with a children's event included alongside the event.

Organisers said 600 people had already registered for the main event, when entries opened on 1 July.

The 'Kid's Run' will be a 2.5km run on the Mangawhero Forst Loop at the bottom of the Ohakune Mountain Road – and is designed to encourage families to visit and to better connect with the community.



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Meet Johan Bergman, Tūroa manager

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Johan is enthusiastic about Ruapehu Alpine Lifts' moves to become more sustainable in their operations.

The company is aiming to have zero waste going to landfill by 2027 and to be carbon neutral by 2030.

"We're starting with the low hanging fruit ... and we'll be doing a lot more recycling."

Only recyclable cans and plastic and compostable food serving utensils, plates and cups will be used in the cafes.

There will still be some glass bottles at Tūroa for this season but the aim is to also be glass-free in the future.

Recycling bins will be provided for visitors – with everything sold on the ski area able to be composted or recycled.

But there will not be any general waste bins – if people bring their own food and drink they'll be asked to take it home.

"We're encouraging people to follow the 'pack it in, pack it out' ethos."

Making Tūroa carbon neutral will be a much harder goal – most ski area machinery runs on diesel.

"I've only really been here five minutes so I don't know exactly how everything's going to work.

"Obviously offsetting (carbon emissions) is going to be part of it."

But technology is changing rapidly – there are already electric groomers as well as hydrogen-powered groomers.

"It's a challenge, for sure, but I think it's achievable."

"It's something I'm really passionate about – working towards those goals."

The company is also looking at ways to reduce the carbon footprint of their visitors on their way up to the ski areas.

Discussing Tūroa's world-famous rime ice problem, Johan says this is an ongoing issue.

"We're open to anything. If anyone's got any useful ideas we'd be keen to hear them."

A trial is under way this season, using a vibration device to stop ice building up on trial structure.

He says he wants his staff to take the opportunity to enjoy the snow, saying most people choose to work on the mountain so they could ski or snowboard.

As well as doing their jobs really well, he said he's "really keen for the staff to enjoy themselves".



Happy staff, and ideas for de-icing: two of Johan Bergman's goal for Turoa Ski Area. Pictured is de-icer Margie Townsend. Photo: Mt Ruapehu.



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Twin Peaks chalet up for award

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The small (378m²) hill site falls 6.5m over roughly 20 meters. To take full advantage of the site, views and to reduce earthworks to a minimum, the design follows the landscape. 7

Seven different floor levels are staggered up the hill and all levels are connected by short sets of stairs.

“Through this design the house offers different views on every level and to all sides, from a rural outlook to a view of Mount Ruapehu,” says Maurice.

“This is a holiday home that will keep you fit.”

The two slices of this building have roofs that go opposite ways. One segment houses the living, dining, kitchen and garage (underneath), the other has bedrooms and bathrooms.

The main stairs cut through the middle of the segments. The master bedroom at the top level features a built-in bed with a skylight above, for some well-earned stargazing at night.

Exterior cladding is a combination of a trapezoidal metal and horizontal larch weath-



The Twin Peaks chalet features several different floor levels including a master bedroom with a built-in bed.

erboard. The metal has a soft green hue that represents the colours of wilderness/nature and goes well with the orange tinted timber.

“We have used protruding vertical battens

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"It's a call to action for all viewers—get stoked, be prepared, because the season so many live for is here," says Micah Abrams, VP Content for Warren Miller Entertainment.

It chases North America's winter from coast to coast, from Alaska's Prince William Sound, where the only fresh tracks encountered belong to bears, to Maine's community of craftsmen and women devoted to sliding on snow.

From kids with huge Olympic dreams to adaptive shredders who leave even the most able athletes in the dust.

Viewers will road trip with big mountain skiers Marcus Caston and Connery Lundin as they chase winter all the way to Alaska, before catching up with speed riding legend JT Holmes, and meet new friends like Madison Rose and Vasu Sojitra.

It takes viewers on a journey to the highest peak in America, to the best groomed trails at beloved resorts, and to the "moms and pops" who have stood their ground throughout the everchanging ski world.



The mountains attract all sorts of people and Warren Miller films has been there for 72 years to capture their adventures. Photo: Ted Hesser.

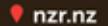
"The film is an homage to every skier who lives for the thrill and finds solace on the chairlift.

"If we learned anything from last year's most unusual winter, it's that skiing and snowboarding and life in the mountains provide a release and a reprieve and a reminder of what

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Mountain films

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We Don't Usually Have Ice Creams with not “your average pensioner walking group” who don't believe in tracks or bridges. They scale untracked ridges, ford or swim rivers, scramble up waterfalls, abseil over bluffs and seldom get home before dark.

The Great Alpine Highway is a film following local skiers as they pile into Rongo – a converted school bus – and explore some of New Zealand's best terrain.

The Long Way Home is about three Kiwi women living in Switzerland who decide to skip the airplane and take the long way home – by bicycle. They set out on two wheels to cover the 20,000km through Europe, Asia and the length of New Zealand.

Follow *The Light* shows sunsets over dramatic landscapes to the illumination of hot air balloons and the warm ambience of the Middle East

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Link Sar is the compelling story of the gruelling first ascent of a massive unclimbed mountain in Pakistan's Karakoram range, Link Sar. Standing 7041m tall, the mountain had been attempted unsuccessfully nine times before.

Legacy On The Muir: Tom Herbert revisits his father's footsteps on his famous El Capitan route The Muir Wall.

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Award-winning mountain films, at the mountains

The New Zealand Mountain Films are on tour again this winter, with two shows planned for Ohakune (see advertisement).

The tour selection includes two award-winning films – *Traversing the Night*, which won the prize for the best New Zealand-produced film; and *House of The Gods*, which won the overall film festival prize.

Directed by Matt Pycroft, UK, the latter features the “great northern prow of Mount Roraima soars from the depths of the Amazon rainforest like the prow of a gigantic ship, shrouded in cloud, drenched by torrential rain and guarded by vertical jungle, deep mud and overhanging cliffs”.

Traversing the Night, directed by Maddy Whitaker, features four “New Zealand Alpine Kids” (as they called themselves) setting off from Arthur’s Pass. The dream was to traverse the spine of the Southern Alps for the next three months until they reached Fiordland. The mountains are wonderful, beautiful and healing – but they are also healing because they make us confront things that get drowned out in regular civilisation.

The other films are:

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***Traversing the Night* follows four ‘alpine kids’ as they traverse the Southern Alps.**

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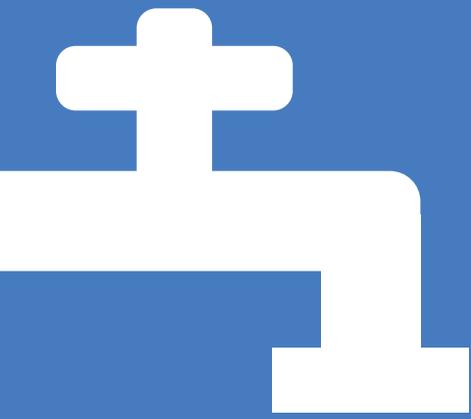
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Ruapehu cycle trails 'the best'

The Ruapehu region is home to some of the best cycle trails in Aotearoa, says Lynley Twyman, Mountains to Sea and Timber Trails manager.

“Yes, we’re a little biased but the growing numbers suggest that riders from all walks of life agree.”

With hundreds of kilometres of connecting rides, there is something for everyone, from short half day excursions for the whole family to longer adventures.

“Rich in history, stunning ecology and views there are no excuses not to jump on your bike and go.”

Most can all be ridden at any time of the year, with some of the most stunning riding in the middle of winter.

To make the planning and navigating simpler the Mountains to Sea – Ngā Ara Tūhono team have been working hard rolling out brand new trail guides, wayfinding signage and maps.

Each section of the trails (Ngā Ara Tūhono means connected pathways) has their own personality and stories and can be ridden either as their own journey or connected together.

The new trail guides can be collected from bike hire shops, some cafes and accommodation and the helpful staff at the iSites.

“Heading for the Ohakune Old Coach Road? Then grab the dark blue brochure and follow the



Kerry and Dave Darby, from Whanganui, are pictured checking out the new signage and corresponding map for the Ohakune Old Coach Road section of the Mountains to Sea trail.

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C'mon, get Retro

Retro Day is fast approaching and we all know the best skiing and boarding in New Zealand in spring is at Mt Ruapehu so what better way to celebrate than to raid the drawers, shed or your aunty's closet and dust off gear from days gone by and get retro on it?

Retro Day has always been "Welcome to Spring at Ruapehu" – in the first weekend of September – but Retro Day 2022 is being planned for Saturday 1 October. The move to the new date in 2021 proved to be a very successful change with daylight saving offering a warmer, longer evening that was user friendly for everyone.

The day starts early on the mountain with the Retro team welcoming skiers and snowboarders at Tūroa. Anyone in retro gear is "fined" for their taste in clothing and snow gear. Great 80's tunes and dad jokes flow throughout the day. This year we will have another DJ station at the Giant Cafe to continue the Retro vibe on the mountain for the day.

At 4.00pm, the festivities move to the Village Green on Thames Street in the Junction where retro fans are given the opportunity to play a variety of games including toss the carrot bag, air guitar and the always popular chocolate éclair eating competition.

It is a big day with live entertainment, games and prize giving with thousands of dollars' worth of prizes being handed out, including a 2023 season's pass for Ruapehu, gear from Head and Marmot, Scott and Vuarnet with support from a variety of local businesses.

There will be a dedicated "Yeti" zone for the kids, Retro games zone and hospo zone with food trucks and beverages for all tastes this year.

There is no cost other than a sense of bruised fashion pride and a whole lot of fun in the best little snow town in New Zealand. Get planning now and sort out your gear and be ready to have some Retro fun. #retrodayohakune.

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Mia Fowler and Isaac Walsh know how to Retro. Photo supplied.

Ruapehu cycle trails 'the best'



Visiting riders on the new ramp and track that now links the railway station with the starting gate of the Ohakune Old Coach Road

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markers and signs that match.

“Marton Sash and Door – with its new surfacing and more signage – is a striking sky blue.”

The team are constantly working to improve and develop the trails, with the help of volunteers and other support.

“Every time you ride our trails, they deliver a new experience.

“If you want to help ensure we keep developing and have funding support, the one thing anyone riding any section of your trails can do is complete the trail survey – and on behalf of the entire Ruapehu community we thank you for making that difference.”

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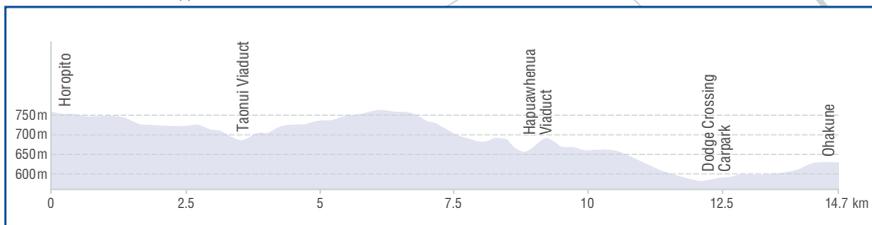


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Ruapehu's Jess on top of the World!

Ohakune skier Jess Hotter is top of the world in extreme skiing, having lifted the Freeride World Tour trophy after topping the points table in March.

Her success in the 15th edition of the Tour is despite crashing at the final event on the “steep, gnarly slopes of the Bec Des Rosses venue” at Verbier in Switzerland. Several other riders crashed on the extreme course, which featured numerous cliff drops and variable snow conditions including hard-pack, soft crust and deep snow.

She was on most media outlets around New Zealand soon after lifting the airline baggage-over-limiting trophy, including on Lisa Owen’s Radio New Zealand programme, where she asked Jess how does it feel to be ‘top of the world, top of the mountain’.

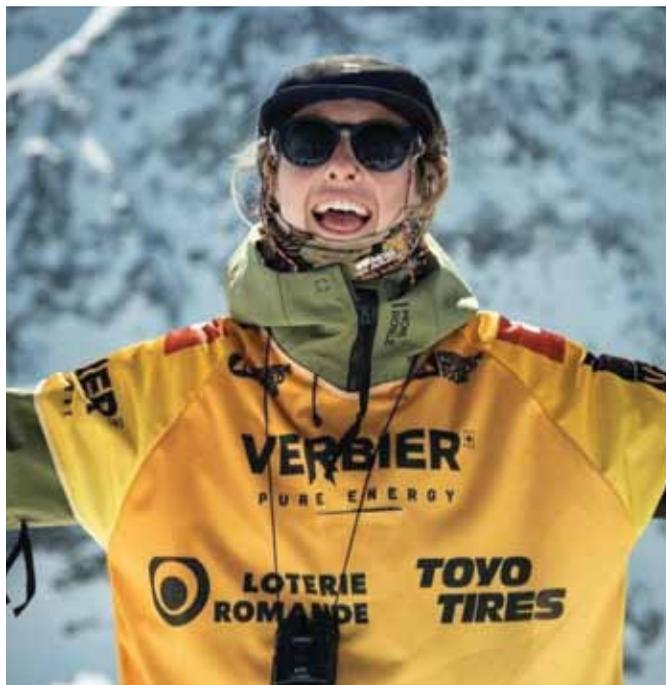
“Top of the mountain? Scary as hell. Top of the world? At the moment – there’s no words. I’m super, super happy, super stoked.”

Her first competition in freeride was in 2018, at the Remarkables.

She said it’s been a pretty long journey but she’s met some pretty amazing people and had so many amazing experiences along the way so “it’s all worth it”.

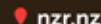
Jess’s earlier wins at Fieberbrunn in Austria and at Ordino-Arcalis in Andorra, plus a second-place at Kicking Horse resort in Canada secured the top spot.

Though Hedvig Wessel (NOR) chased her all season, Jess was out of reach in the overall ranking. Hedvig was placed second at Verbier, but needed a first place to match Jess on points. Hedvig finished with 28,000 points.



Ohakune & Ruapehu's Jess Hotter, after being named World Freeride Female Champion. Photo: Freeride World Tour.

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Simply Exquisite!

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Built just over 10 years ago for its current owners, this relaxed and stylish Yurt is ready now for you to come and enjoy just as much as they have. 3 double bedrooms (master with ensuite), spacious living, double glazed and a heatpump for warmth on those cooler days. This property benefits from low maintenance, native landscaping and eye catching Cedar cladding that has just been freshly oiled. There aren't many chalets on the market where you have the opportunity of purchasing easy care, fully furnished, warm, ready to walk in and enjoy in a great location.

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Ruapehu's Jess on top of the World!

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All four leaders, including Jess, were first-time winners of the Tour.

Jess's total points of 30,500 were made up of 12,500 points from Fieberbrunn; 10,000 from Ordino-Arcalis, 8000 points from Kicking Horse British Columbia, 4095 points from Verbier in Switzerland, and 1340 points from Baqueira Beret in Spain.

Long road

Jess started in freeride – otherwise known as extreme skiing – at the Remarkables near Queenstown. She had entered a 'two-star' event, but was then allowed to enter the four-star event as a wild card entry, gaining third place.

She had earlier been skiing in Japan with a freeride coach who, on seeing her style of skiing, encouraged her to try the skiing discipline.

Jess then skied in the qualifying circuit in North America and Europe, doing really well. She also won several events in New Zealand.

Jess won three qualifier events in 2019 for the 2020 season but the tour was cut short due to the Covid pandemic. She was placed 4th overall from the events that had taken place, putting her into the Tour for 2021 but missed that season because she couldn't travel due to the pandemic.

She was back into the 2022 tour, based on her earlier results, leading to her top of the world results.

At the time of her Remarkables event, she was working on ski patrol at Whakapapa and Ruapehu Alpine Lifts gave her a \$500 bonus after her podium finish.

But she and her parents Luigi and Jude have said that it's been a struggle financially for Jess to keep going in the sport. She has had some sponsorship and, once on the tour, her travel between events was paid for, but not to the first event, or home again afterwards.

Jess has automatic entry into next year's tour and plans to take that on. She also wants to do more ski filming jobs – she completed one in North America between events on this tour.

Longer term, she wants to help get more people into skiing by making it more accessible for others.



Jess Hotter skiing to the podium at Kicking Horse. Photo: Freeride World Tour.



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Smooth operation for ski area maintenance for 2022

Maintenance on the ski lifts at Whakapapa and Tūroa ran ahead of schedule for summer, setting up the ski area for winter 2022..

The first snowflake fell on Happy Valley in March, a whole month ahead of previous years.

Whakapapa's Snow Factory at Happy Valley has the capacity to produce 200 cubic metres of snow a day and RAL ramped up snowmaking efforts earlier this year, to support snow coverage and protection from weather and warmer temperatures.

Snowmaking set up Happy Valley for opening at Queen's Birthday weekend.

The maintenance crew's mammoth task for summer was replacing the bullwheel bearing on the West Ridge Quad, a task required every 15-20 years.

"We are stoked to see the Quad shored up for another 15-20 years."

The West Ridge Café will reopen for 2022, says RAL.

At Tūroa, the team has refitted the motor on the High Noon Express, following its complete overhaul. The bullwheel bearings were replaced last year, a job that required lift manufacturers Dopplemayr to camp out at the return station for almost a week.

They have also replaced the bullwheel bearings on the Park Lane.



Guns ablazing all over the maunga ski areas have been helping set up the slopes for 2022 winter. Photo: Mt Ruapehu.

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If Ruapehu erupts...

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People downwind of the volcano will remember that the main nuisance as being ashfalls – especially Waiouru, the Desert Road and Turangi and further afield on the east coast.

Those upwind of the prevailing westerly winds recall very little ashfall.

Of course there were the victims of the Tangiwai Disaster, caused by a lahar down the Whangaehu River, and William Pike who was badly injured at the Dome Shelter in the 2007 eruption.

But most witnesses to the 1995-1996 eruptions remember the period as a spectacular

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Skiing on grey snow was a thing in 1995: ash from the Mt Ruapehu eruptions regularly dusted the slopes. Photo: Ruapehu Bulletin, 31 October 1995.



Where Town Meets Country

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This has long been a delightful family home of generous proportions on a huge residential section in Raetihi. Options here from subdivision potential through to being a goldmine for the avid gardener. The garden opens up to a fully fenced paddock at the rear. Three bedrooms and a good-sized bathroom, plenty of living space that spills out on to a large back deck. The home is heated with a heat pump and a Kent wood burner on a wetback. A refreshed interior which is crispy clean, light and bright with a recent interior paint job and new carpet as well as a new coloursteel roof.

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History repeats with new bakery

Ohakune’s newest eatery, Birchhill Bakery has a few historical connections – the main one being the link with the name to Derek Allomes’ grandfather’s farm at Karioi.

Len Falk started farming at Karioi around 1943, calling it “Birchhill”.

Later, he decided to take on market gardening, putting in 17 acres of carrots. At the end of the season Len had made enough money to buy a 30cwt New Bedford truck – a well-known local vehicle at the time that features in a huge photograph in the new shop.

Derek Allomes had switched to a bakery at his other business, the Blind Finch, in response to the pandemic and it’s been hugely successful, outgrowing the small building opposite the fire station.

When the BNZ moved out of their space, he took the opportunity to take on the much bigger space to transfer the bakery.

And the success continues to grow. Derek says they broke their gourmet pie record on the recent Mardi Gras Saturday, then broke that record on the Sunday.

One feature of the move has been to include a serving window at the front – in case pandemic lockdowns return – but it has been unexpectedly well-received, with people enjoying the convenience.

“It sounds like a small thing, but tradies and farmers like being able to order their coffee and pies without having to take their boots off.”

Another return to history that a lot of locals have pointed out is that the space is a bakery building again. The whole block used to be a Homestyle bakery, serving the whole region.

The other part of Birchhill is as a ‘bodega’ – a Spanish word for convenience store and delicatessen. Derek will add stock to this store over time, with the aim being for people to come in and buy their baked goods along with everything else they need to take home and enjoy their food.

The move doesn’t mean the end of Blind Finch – it’s actually gone back to its beginnings as a sit-down hamburger restaurant, with 50 craft beers and 30 different gins on offer.

Blind Finch isn’t opening for brunch – which was a popular feature earlier, but may return later, says Derek.

“The last two years (through the pandemic) has been incredibly emotional,” says Derek, who adds that the pandemic had set back his business plans.

“We’re really grateful for everyone’s support.”



Derek Allomes at his new bakery, dubbed Birchhill in honour of his grandfather, a local market gardener and farmer.



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JULY 2022

Mt Ruapehu Ski Field Opens – Tūroa **8 July**
Tūroa is scheduled to open for the 2022 season, snow and weather permitting. Mt Ruapehu look forward to seeing you for a fantastic winter season.

Mini X-Games – Whakapapa **18-19 July**
It's a great way for young skiers & boarders to show off their skills & enter an event for the first time. All abilities are welcome for children aged 5 – 12 years. It's ideal for kids new to competition events to give it a go! There will be loads of great prizes from Mt Ruapehu to be won, so grab the family & join us for a great day on the snow! See www.mtruapehu.com for details.

Ohakune Snow Festival **24 July – 7 August**
The kids have gone ... the snow's great ... come and enjoy all that Ohakune and surrounds has to offer. See Facebook page for details.

AUGUST 2022

Better Beer Week **1 – 8 August**
Various venues in Ohakune celebrating all things beer to compliment a big day on the slopes. Matching local beer with food. IPA Day, International Beer Weekend, Local Brew Tap Take Overs, NZIPA challenge tasting. See betterbeerweek.co.nz for more info.

NZ Mountain Film Festival **4 August**
Come and see the award winning selection of films from the NZ Mountain Film Festival. Kings, Ohakune Junction. See Ruapehu Now for details. Sponsored by Ruapehu Now.

Tūroa Slopestyle Mini Shred (under 14) **13 August**
The Tūroa Slopestyle Mini Shred is a great way for young skiers & riders to be introduced to competitive snow sports in New Zealand. Using a combination of hits, skiers & boarders put together two runs to impress the judges & throw down for the crowd. Two best runs will be judged.

Special Olympics **TBC**
Tūroa is excited to welcome the Special Olympic Training Team for 4 days of on-snow coaching along with their support crew. Make sure you welcome them with a great big Tūroa welcome!

Waikato Secondary School Ski & Snowboard Comp **26 August**
Waikato Secondary School Ski & Snowboard Competition at Tūroa. Details and registration can be found by emailing haigsnowboard@gmail.com. See our Facebook [WAIKATOSKIBOARDCOMP](https://www.facebook.com/WAIKATOSKIBOARDCOMP)

Tūroa Parks Rail Jam **27 August**
Riders are given a timed window to hit the park where they will be judged on style, difficulty, execution, variety & overall impression. Categories: male and female; snowboard and ski, open age group. The Tūroa Rail Jam is a fun exciting event for every keen park rider. There will be beginner and advanced features.

AUGUST 2022

Hospo Snow Mash **29 – 30 August**
Hospo celebrating the snow and beyond, enjoy the slopes and meet new friends. Learn some new tricks in the park with local crew. Race your buddies or a team on the banked slalom course. Just hang at the "Hospo Zone" and have a few beverages, great food and awesome music. Maybe even hook up with some locals and get some local knowledge. Hit the Apres in the Junction and get ready to party. Prizegiving followed by great sounds and heaps of fun. Tuesday get rid of that hangover starting with some great coffee and breakfast and then into another awesome day at Tūroa.

Fallout Festival **27 August – 11 September**
Music, Media, Mayhem. The Fallout Festival is a two-week long agenda of comedy, music and outright fun in Ohakune. You can catch a range of entertainers and activities at various bars, cafes and restaurant venues in the main township and at the Junction. See Facebook page for details.

NIPS North Island Primary School Ski Champs **29 Aug – 1 Sep**
Held annually at Whakapapa run by North Island Primary & Intermediate Snow Sports Inc. Teams of 5 ski competitors or 5 snowboard competitors from schools all over the North Island gather at Mt Ruapehu for this event. It is now one of the largest single sport primary schools sporting events in New Zealand and the largest skiing event held on Mt Ruapehu with over 300 competitors. Years 1-6.

SEPTEMBER 2022

Yetis Birthday Party **4 September**
It's birthday time and we get to celebrate with our ageless friend. Yeti will rise and shine and be available in the Tūroa plaza to greet all and share cake.

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Tūroa SSNZ Slopestyle **10 September**
The SSNZ Freestyle Series comes north to the Tūroa parks. SSNZ combine events from the best terrain parks across NZ to find and award the SSNZ Freestyle Series Champions! Athletes can compete at any number of events to earn points on the series. All levels of athletes welcome.

NIPS North Island Primary School Ski Champs **12 – 15 September**
NIPS week 2 is an event run by Mt Ruapehu, with teams of Year 7 – 8 competitors. All schools around the North Island are encouraged to enter! Team entries are no longer limited. You may enter as many teams as you wish, providing you meet the entry date deadlines and criteria.

Events



SEPTEMBER 2022

NI Secondary School Ski Champs 19 – 20 September

The largest skiing event in the Southern Hemisphere and probably the biggest single competition organised by one college. The event is spread across both ski areas, with ski racing taking place at Whakapapa on Monday and slopestyle being held at Tūroa on Tuesday, making for an exciting two days for competitors.

NISSC Freestyle Park Comp – Tūroa 20 September

We welcome North Island Second School Skier to contest in the Tūroa parks.

Tom Campbell Memorial Big Air – Tūroa 24 September

See some of Mt Ruapehu's & New Zealand's best skiers and snowboarders throw down on the North Island's largest jump. Located at the High Flyer Park, this will be a spectacle not to be missed and is certainly one you'll want to watch! Stay tuned for more details - this a must see event right here at Tūroa! #TCBigAir #TCGC

NI School Snowboard Champs 26 – 28 September

North Island Primary and Secondary School Snowboard Championship and senior Primary School students are back in the Tūroa parks to compete. More details and registration can be found by emailing haigsnowboard@gmail.com. See our Facebook K2NISSC

Ladylike Movement spring event date TBC

One-day all female park day combining freestyle skiing and snowboarding. Our purpose is to inspire and empower women to lift each other up and be the best they can be through free skiing and snowboarding. Our event focus points are – empowerment, confidence, progressions, etiquette, determination, community and fun. Ages 8 and over, no park experience is necessary but must be able to confidently ski or snowboard through a blue run.

Tūroa NZ Junior Freeride Tour 29 Sep – 2 Oct

Last stop of the 2022 series is Tūroa big maunga terrain. We will see junior athletes gather for last time in the competition. See top riders drop.



OCTOBER 2022

Retro Day 1 October

A celebration of spring skiing and snowboarding at Ruapehu. It's time to celebrate so break out your dad's old one piece or maybe try and fit into your old fluoro pants because the Retro Police will be out and about handing out fashion fines that could win you and your outfit some stunning prizes. Games, fun and prizegiving at Thames Street, opposite The Powderkeg from 4pm. See Facebook page for details. #RETRODAYOHAKUNE

Whakapapa Pond Skim 1 October

Celebrate Spring with a great day of skimming the pond at all costs. Sink or skim it's up to you. It is fancy dress day at Whakapapa so come dressed in your wackiest outfit, togs, bikinis or board shorts as it's going to get wet! Helmets are COMPULSORY!

Pink Ribbon Bikini Downhill Tūroa 8 October

Pink is the colour of the day to raise money for Breast Cancer Foundation. Dust off those bikinis, mankinis or fancy dress and help Tūroa raise heaps of money for the Foundation. Spot prizes to be won.

Peak 2 Powderkeg Triathlon Tūroa 8 October

The iconic and unique triathlon is back again for 2022 and celebrating it's 30th year. Starting on the slopes of Tūroa, this multi sport event sees competitors race down the mountainside by snow, foot and bike to the Powderkeg in Ohakune for the fourth and final stage of the event – sculling a beer (or soft drink if underage).

Tūroa Pond Skim 22 October

Will you sink or skim!? You don't know until you try! You can attempt this as many times as you like, so why not come and give it a go! Remember to check the weather report at mtruapehu.com from 6:30am for any updates. Helmets are MANDATORY!

Ohakune Blues & Roots Festival 23 October

Ohakune Events Charitable Trust's NEW event on Labour Weekend 2022 – the inaugural Ohakune Blues & Roots Festival. This family friendly festival will appeal to music lovers of all ages. See www.oect.co.nz for updates.

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Isolated ski lodge closed down



Downhill Ski Club lodge: out on its own, now looks set for demolition.

Demolition of a ski club lodge on the western side of Whakapapa ski area looks to be the only option, after the Downhill Ski Club went into liquidation late last year.

The lodge near the bottom of the West Ridge Quad is locked up and left to liquidators to deal with, after it became isolated by the removal of the National Downhill chairlift.

There is also no formed track access to the Downhill Ski Club, meaning users have to hike for an hour and a half across very rocky ground to get to the lodge.

The club went into liquidation on 29 November 2021.

The Downhill Ski Club was founded by members of the Professional Club in Auckland in the early 1960s. The lodge was built above McMillan corner on the National Downhill Slope, the area to the west of the Top o' the Bruce. The Club got its name after the national downhill championships were held there in 1932.

A 1000m rope tow was installed by Jimmy John and Roy Turner of Ski Services Ltd on the National Downhill in 1960.

In 1965 the Tongariro National Park Board gave Jimmy John permission to replace his tow with a T Bar and also permitted RAL to install an access chairlift and a poma lift to the west of the area. In 1975 RAL bought John's National Downhill operation.

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If Mt Ruapehu erupts...

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nuisance, with ash disrupting the ski season, affecting farm stock and landing on washing and affecting their gutters.

Photos from those years show children playing in the snow, with ash clouds billowing up and away from the Crater. Others show people skiing on ash-grey snow.

For more recently arrived residents – and their concerned families away from the area – they are understandably nervous and some quite rightly want to know what to do, should there be another large eruption.

Apart from grabbing your camera, there is advice available, from the Department of Conservation, GNS and Civil Defence.

If Ruapehu erupts, what are the potential volcanic hazards it would generate, and how far might they travel?

The new Ruapehu VAL 2 volcanic hazard map poster from DOC and GNS Science (see this page) has the answers.

It shows the possible impacts of an eruption, how to reduce the risk of being exposed to volcanic hazards, and what to do if you're on the mountain when it erupts.

The primary impacts expected from an eruption at Ruapehu are fast-moving clouds of steam and hot ash and flying hot rocks across the Summit Plateau and parts of the 2km Exclusion Zone. Lahars (volcanic mudflows like a flash flood) are likely to occur in key catchments draining off the mountain.

Large areas of Tongariro National Park would be unaffected by eruptions at Ruapehu. All DOC tracks and huts in the Park remain open

during VAL 2 due to their distance from the active crater.

To reduce the risk of being exposed to volcanic hazards while visiting Ruapehu: Minimise time in valleys and rivers that are known lahar paths; Cross potential lahar paths quickly; Minimise time in the 3km Summit Hazard Zone; Do not enter the 2km Exclusion Zone.

Civil Defence Manawatū Whanganui has also provided general advice, including reiterating the Crater Lake hazard zones advice.

“Just like any other natural hazard emergency event, we should all be prepared and know what to do in the event of an eruption,” says CD Manawatū Whanganui.

Here are a few tips on how to respond:

- Don't panic, stay calm and get indoors as soon as possible.
- If you are caught in an ash fall, wear a mask and protect your eyes with goggles, keep your skin covered and seek shelter.
- Listen to your radio and follow any evacuation orders issued by authorities.

If you are in the projected ash fall radius:

- Close doors and windows.
- Place damp towels at door thresholds and other sources of draughts.
- Protect sensitive electronics with plastic wrap.
- Disconnect drainpipes and spouting from gutters.
- Disconnect any rainwater collection system you use for water supply.

For more information on how to respond in a volcanic eruption, head to <https://getready.govt.nz/emergency/volcanic-activity>



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Winter arrives, stay safe



Ngauruhoe in snow. Photo: Katie Snowden.

Winter has arrived and skiers and boarders are starting to return to the slopes of Tongariro National Park.

“While the mountain looks enticing with lots of early season snow, it’s important to remember that surface conditions can be firm and icy in early winter,” says the Department of Conservation.

“It’s early days, and still very slick out there.”

Slips and falls are a serious risk. Surface conditions are currently more suited to crampons and ice axes than skis.

“So before you rush up the hill for some early season turns, consider waiting for more snow to arrive and surface conditions to improve – it’ll be worth it.

“If you are planning a skiing, boarding or climbing trip to Tongariro National Park, check out the local Avalanche Advisory before you go: <https://www.avalanche.net.nz/region/1>

“The advisory describes surface and snowpack conditions as well as the current and forecasted avalanche hazard, so you know what to prepare for.”

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12 years since Ohakune Old Coach Road opened



It's 12 years this month since the Ohakune Old Coach Road cycle trail was opened - the first section of the National Cycleway as proposed by then Prime Minister John Key. He's pictured cutting the ribbon at the Ohakune Junction, with then-mayor Sue Morris and Atihau Incorporation chairman Dana Blackburn. Above: cyclists on the Hapuawhenua Viaduct.



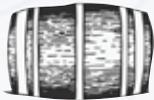
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stir-fry crispy pork belly with red curry paste, bamboo shoot, green beans, served with steamed jasmine rice (df)(gf)

STIR-FRY YELLOW CURRY SQUID

stir-fry yellow curry with eggs, squid, spring onion, red pepper and celery, served with steamed jasmine rice

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authentic Thai green curry with chicken, served with steamed jasmine rice (gf)(df)(vo)

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a classic Thai street food bowl of deliciousness, this fall-apart meat or chef special roasted duck noodle soup boasts a fragrant broth and steamed market vegetables.

Skin cancer risks raised on the snow

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to highlight the risk skiers may face,” she says.

Dr Sharma says it is important to mitigate the exposure to UV by protecting your skin and eyes.

“There are a range of ways skiers can protect themselves this winter: the most fundamental of which includes using a good quality sunscreen with maximum SPF you can buy plus a SPF lip balm and UV protective eye gear.

“Even while skiing, sweat will reduce the effectiveness of sunscreen and so it is important to reapply it every two hours, even if you have a water resistant one.

“To help prevent ocular melanoma and cataracts, it is also recommended that skiers use wraparound goggles that are labelled as UV protective – rather than sunglasses which can let reflective UV in and also make sure they cover their neck with clothing that is UV rated,” she says.

Dr Sharma says the earth’s elliptical orbit means countries are exposed to more sunlight than Northern Hemisphere counterparts.

“We know that New Zealanders are already seeing around 13% more UV exposure than the countries above the equator on the equivalent latitude – along with the clean air and our outdoor lifestyles it is one of the reasons we have the world’s highest prevalence of skin cancer.

“It is essential that Kiwis, particularly those with common risk factors such as fair skin, red or blond hair or a history of sun damage get screened regularly to prevent the development of melanoma.

“This can be done by your GP or through a skin cancer surveillance service such as MoleMap,” she says.

Defunct ski lodge

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The lodge had the highest swimming pool in the country and a diesel fired boiler was used to heat both domestic and pool water. The pool was decommissioned in 1973 due to the oil crisis and a floor was built over it, turning it into a games room with a pool table and table tennis table. The pool still exists and was used to store firewood.

Debentures were raised in the early 1980s to fund a major revamp of the lodge. The bedrooms were rebuilt, the kitchen was moved, new couches were purchased and the lodge was fully carpeted. The drying room was enlarged and a new ski workshop created. All the windows were repositioned and replaced, the building was re-clad and given a new roof.

In 1989 the club purchased a second lodge in National Park. This allowed members to ski Tūroa more easily and avoid the late night tramp into the Ruapehu lodge on Friday nights. Over the years the National Park Lodge has been extensively enlarged and renovated.

In 1994 the West Ridge Quad and the Far West T bar were electrified and the Ruapehu lodge was connected to the national grid.

In October 2006 the National Parks Act came into effect and black water (sewage), even if treated, was no longer allowed to be discharged anywhere in a National Park. Due to the distance from Iwikau village, DOC decided it was impractical to connect the Downhill Ski Club to the new sewer line. As a result the Downhill Ski Club and two other clubs was given a five-year extension to sort out an alternative. The Club installed an incinerating toilet in the 2012 ski season.

After years of trying to hand control of the Whakapapa lodge to anyone who would take it, the club decided to relinquish its licence to occupy the site. The site has to be cleared so the club decided to wind up with the proceeds of its assets going to DOC to pay for demolition.

Source: Downhill Ski Club website.

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Thousands of skiers at elevated risk of skin cancer - dermatologist

Experts say new data showing New Zealand's air quality is ranked as one of the world's highest will contribute to an elevated risk of skin cancer for thousands of skiers this season.

According to latest air quality data from Yale and Columbia Universities, New Zealand has the world's seventh-cleanest air when compared with 180 countries. However, dermatologists say the lack of pollution significantly increases exposure to UV - particularly at altitude.

New Zealand also has the world's highest rates of melanoma with 4000 Kiwis diagnosed and over 350 dying from this form of cancer every year.

Around 318,000 New Zealanders ski or snowboard each year.

Dr Niyati Sharma, MoleMap dermatologist, says research shows UV exposure on a New Zealand ski field is up to 30% higher than at sea level.

She says most skiers are unaware of the level of elevated risk they face for every hour spent on the mountain.

"What we know about leisure activities at altitude is that there is decreased atmospheric shielding from UV radiation, which leads to significantly more UV exposure than at sea level.

"For every 1000m increase in altitude the UV radiation level will increase about 10%. New Zealand's highest ski field is over 2300m and the peak exposure levels could be three times higher than at sea level.

"This means the level of UV exposure while



Dr Niyati Sharma, dermatologist, advises mountain visitors to take snow UV exposure seriously.

skiing in the winter is equivalent to playing a round of golf in the summer.

"Unfortunately for many of us, winter is synonymous with less sun, which tends to lead to a high level of complacency among regular skiers.

"The reality is that UV exposure levels are much more damaging at altitude than most skiers would realise," she says.

Dr Sharma says research shows the surface of snow acts as a mirror reflecting up to 80% of the sun's rays back at us - intensifying the levels of UV absorbed through the skin.

"We know that spending time around reflective surfaces like snow and ice means you are getting up to 200% more harmful UV exposure than at the beach.

"This can result in permanent damage to areas of the upper torso not commonly exposed to UV - such as the underside of the chin.

"Research has found that those who work on ski fields and spend long periods of time at altitude have higher rates of actinic keratosis, a precancerous lesion found on sun-damaged skin, than the general population - which tends

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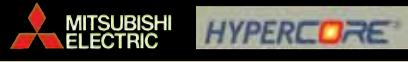


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