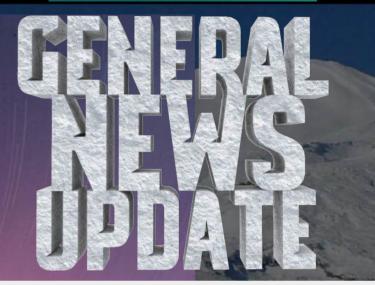
# Whakapapa Mountain Club BULLETIN ISSUE No. 176 October 2024







**Kim Needham** 



### The Valley is Still Open!

Members were booking in last minute after the dumping we had late September just in time for Whakapapa Club Sports. The club was absolutely buzzing full of people of all ages and stages. Flick through the newsletter to get all of last month's news and some important end of season coms.

Check out this picture taken from Waikato Ski Lodge, absolutely incredible evening on the mountain.





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**2024 Subscriptions** 

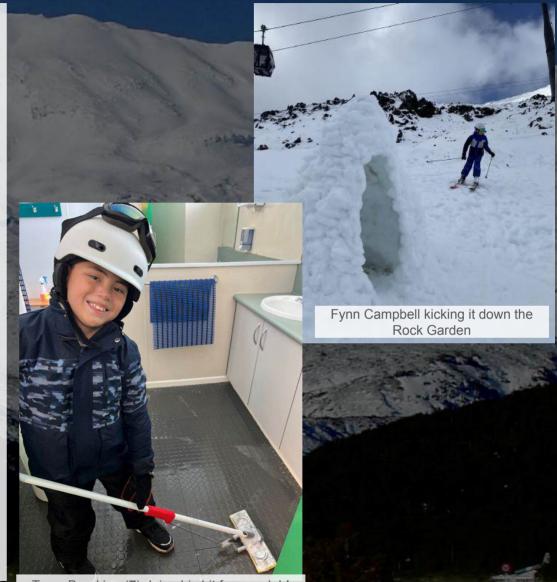
A handful of subs are still outstanding, thank you to everyone who has submitted theirs already we really appreciate it. Please be aware **your membership may be cancelled** if your subscription fees remain outstanding. Contact Angus at <u>whakapapamountainclub@gmail.com</u> regarding subscriptions.

### **End of Season Work Party**

What dates work for you, let us know!

Unfortunately we're nearing the end of the season but it's a great time to come together for one last hoorah. Work party dates have not yet been set so please reach out to the committee to propose a date that works for you, get involved, we're looking forward to seeing you there!

Please remember all members are required to complete a work party to solidify their membership.



Tama Brooking (7) doing his bit for our club!



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### The Aussies Come to Whakapapa

Feature piece - Nathan Brooking

Just thought we'd share our recent trip to the Hut with my sons, Toa (9) and Tama (7). Living on the Gold Coast, this was their first ski trip, which they'd been excited about for months, so dad and Koro took the boys to the Mountain while my wife, Terina visited friends and family in Whakatane. Though the season had been light on snow, we got lucky with snowfall on the forecast. The sight of snow got the boys jumping out of their seats, so we made a guick stop at Scoria Flat to play before heading to the hut.

Our first couple of days were spent indoors due to strong winds, but we enjoyed the games room, sledding, and riding the gondola. A highlight was discovering butter chicken at the café. Cousin Don arrived and dove into some epic arm wrestling with Tama while we all enjoyed the new snow. On Saturday, we woke to blue skies and no wind. We hit Happy Valley with a group of kids and parents. Toa, Tama, and Don skied like pros on their first day, and we even ran into some rugby mates from Australia. The day wrapped up with races in Happy Valley, won by Don and Toa.

Saturday night was packed with games like Heads and Tails and a Potato Spoon Relay. After an epic dinner (thanks chefs) the kids (and a few adults) hit the basin for sledding chaos. After piles of goodies and a million jugs of raro the kids eventually got to bed. Sunday was cloudy with some snow showers, but we returned to Happy Valley. The boys confidently did laps on their own, occasionally stopping for lollies from Koro. We had a bit of excitement late in the day when a storm came through with lightning closing the chairlift; something I've never seen before.

Before heading home, Toa found butter chicken pizza at the café. Koro took us for a hot swim in Reporoa, wrapping up a wonderful trip. It was great to see everyone up the hut and spend some time together, it was a special time for us. My favourite part was all the kids hanging out and getting up to all the fun things we did as kids. Hopefully we will have a bit more certainty with Whakapapa and skiing into the future, it's such a wonderful place. I know two boys who can't wait to get back and do it all again.

See you all again next time - flick through the next pages for some incredible photos of the trip.

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Cousin Don hanging out with Tama and Toa



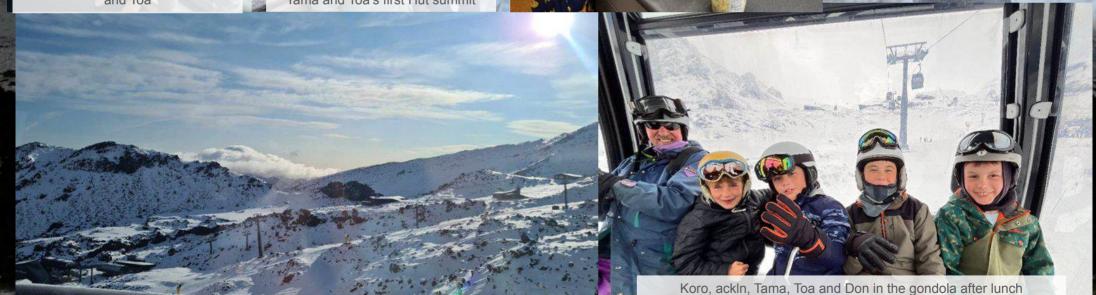
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Tama and Toa's first Hut summit



Toa Brooking at Scoria Flat









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# The Aussies Come to Whakapapa

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Rugby on Dan's Duvet



Whakapapa Potato and Spoon Relay

Tama, Frankie, Don and Toa





 Midnight Sledding

Dad, Toa and Tama after a great hot swim





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2:00pm 10:00am

### **Serious Snow**

For those who had a feeling Ruapehu skiing was done for good, this season showed there's still more to be had!

Check out these two photos taken on the same day, you could argue there was some Whakapapa pow to be found hiding in under the Pinnacle's and some of us were lucky enough to find it.

The Valley T is still running this weekend for the last day of the season if you want to get out there and have a laugh, the little rock drops and bowls are super playful at the moment.





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Today 22nd October

(10.8 High 3.5 Low

Partlycloudy

<u>9.5</u> High

Fair

Wed 23rd October

2.5 Low

Thu 24th October

7.7 High  $\sim$ 1.7 Low

Cloudy

Fri 25th October



### This Week's Report <u>Click Here</u>

**Lift's Open:** Sky Waka Gondala Valley T-Bar - until 27 October

> Facilities Open: Whakapapa Shop Pataka Cafe Coffee Corner

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### **2024 Club Calendar & Shared Meal Plan**

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| Events   | Saturday               | Hut Themes              | Saturday Night Shared Meal Plan         |
|--|------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| School Holidays  | Saturday, 13 July      |                         | Sausages   Mash   Vegetables            |
| School Holidays  | Saturday, 20 July      |                         | Lasagne   Salad                         |
|  | Saturday, 27 July      |                         | Chops   Wedges   Salad                  |
| A Start Start A North  | Saturday, 3 August     |                         | Beef Stew   Mash   Vegetables           |
| all all all and all all all all all all all all all al   | Saturday, 10 August    | Card Games Night        | Beef Nachos                             |
| and the second sec | Saturday, 17 August    |                         | Curry   Rice                            |
| Intermediate NIPS Championships - cancelled  | Saturday, 24 August    | Pool Championships      | Steak   Chips   Eggs                    |
| Primary NIPS Championships - cancelled   | Saturday, 31 August    |                         | Soup   Garlic Bread                     |
| Rangatira Alpine Trophy Race - cancelled   | Saturday, 7 September  |                         | Chicken Pasta Bake                      |
| Fairfield College Group Booking   11 - 13 Sept   22-24 people  | 9                      |                         |   |
| Tongariro Jnr's Club Race  | Saturday, 14 September | Quiz Night              | Roast Chicken   Veggies   Apple Crumble |
| Ngaruruhoe Club Race   Whakapapa Club Sports   | Saturday, 21 September |                         | Burgers   Wedges                        |
| School Holidays   Skiwi's/Jnr's Club Race   Turoa, Retro Day   | Saturday, 28 September | Table Tennis Tournament | Chicken Tacos                           |
| School Holidays   Turoa, Peak to Powderkeg Race  | Saturday, 5 October    | Snowman Competition     | Schnitzel   Coleslaw   Chips            |
| Kindy Week   07 Oct - 11 Oct   |                        |                         |   |
| School Holidays   Whakapapa Club Sports Backup   | Saturday, 12 October   |                         | Pizza   Wedges                          |
| School Holidays  | Saturday, 19 October   | Pyjama Party            | Spaghetti Bolognese                     |
| and the second   | Saturday, 26 October   |                         | Shepherds Pie   Salad                   |



- **Drop Zone 5-minute Parking**
- **Overnight Parking Club Member Parking**
- Day Parking Only Locked 5pm-7am for De-icing
- **Authorised Parking Only Next to the Medical Centre**
- Platinum membership parking only Next to the lwikau Shelter



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Youth (13 - 17)

Juniors (5 - 12)

Adult

### **2024 Night Rates**

**Members** 

Guests

\$30

\$20

\$15

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Whakapapa Mountain Club Committee 2024

#### **Position**

| President:      |  |  |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Vice President: |  |  |
| Treasurer:      |  |  |
| Secretary:      |  |  |

| Hut bookings:             |
|---------------------------|
| Membership:               |
| Subscriptions:            |
| Hut Maintenance:          |
| Health & Safety:          |
| Cups & Trophies:          |
| Club Captain   Publicity: |
| Ski Racks & Lockers:      |
| Hut Stores   Supplies:    |
| Support   Legal:          |
|                           |

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#### Adult \$50 Youth (13 - 17) \$40 \$30 Juniors (5 - 12)

Please add your family name and initial into the reference National Bank 06-0489-0014327-00

Click here for Bookings -Whakapapa Mountain Club **Booking System**