

# Whakapapa Mountain Club BULLETIN ISSUE No. 179 MARCH 2025



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## Meet Jaden Kaempfe – Your New Publicity Contact at Whakapapa Mountain Club

Hi everyone! My name is Jaden Kaempfe, and I'm 22 years old. I've been a part of the Whakapapa Mountain Club since high school, spending most of my weekends at the hut during winter. After studying Civil Engineering in Christchurch for the past four years, I'm thrilled to be back in the area and involved with the club once again.

Although I've spent every New Zealand ski season in the South Island since I've been away, I also had the chance to ski a season at Whistler during my university exchange. Recently, I returned from an incredible couple of weeks skiing in Japan, and now I'm excited to get back to the hut for more weekends—and hopefully a full week!

As the new publicity lead, I'm excited to help share all the great things happening at the club, and I can't wait to reconnect with everyone. See you all on the mountain!

If you have any questions or ideas feel free to contact me.



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## Summer at Whakapapa Mountain Club

Now - ANZAC Weekend

This summer, we're excited to introduce our Friends and Family Bonus! From now until ANZAC weekend, all members and their guests can enjoy access to the club at exclusive member rates.

It's the perfect opportunity to share the summer experience with your loved ones and make the most of our facilities together. Don't miss out on this special offer - come and celebrate the season with us!

### Summer Night Rates Members & Guests

Adult	\$30
Youth (13 - 17)	\$20
Juniors (5 - 12)	\$15



## Whakapapa Mountain Club AGM - 6/5/2025

This years AGM is being held on Tuesday the 6th of May at the Top Shelf Bar upstairs at Detour. Arrive from 6pm for a drink, with the AGM to kick off at 6:30pm. Note that food can also be ordered.

All members are encouraged to attend as it is a great way of staying informed, giving feedback and having a say in the future direction of the club. As well as meeting new members before the ski season starts!

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## 2025 Work Party

12th - 13th April

The FIRST and ONLY working bee of the year is a couple weeks away! We would love for more people to come up and lend a hand maintaining our epic hut. Don't take it for granted, it's much better than sleeping in a freezing car! (Look at the picture of my friend and I living in a car for 3 weeks this year in Japan)

Please contact the **Paul Burton** or the committee if you are able to provide support here.

All members are required to complete a work party to solidify their membership.

If we don't receive interest we may shoulder tap those members who have not yet completed their work party.

## Summer in the Central Plateau

Explore volcanic landscapes and forests, or enjoy New Zealand's largest lake in the Central Plateau.

**State Highway 1 Tūrangi to Waiouru – including the Desert Road Desert Road will be closed from 13 January - March 2025** providing the perfect opportunity to pit stop at the club with friends and family.

Tramping in the Central Plateau

[Click Here](#)

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## Peter Lawrence Scholarships

The Peter Lawrence fund was set up through the generous donation of late member - **Peter Lawrence**. These scholarships are available to assist in the development of young members in the club, were positively re-introduced last season and we would like to offer them again.

Junior and youth members are invited to apply in writing to the committee before 01 June 2024. Please provide a brief summary of what sort of financial support you are seeking and how it will be used to develop and improve their ability on the mountain.

Funding is limited and letters written personally by the youth or junior member themselves will be considered more favourably by the committee. Support is not limited to the RAL programmes being offered this season, the committee will consider all applicants and ideas to further develop our youth so get creative!



### ***Free Season Passes for 10 and unders***

Over its history, Whakapapa has been the breeding ground for snow sports in New Zealand.

In 2025, we continue on our mission; to provide affordable and accessible skiing and snowboarding to as many children as possible, with a free Season Pass for any child aged 10 and under.

"Purchase" a free Season Pass for your child on our website in the March sale period, and rediscover with him or her the joy, excitement, and magic, of thriving on the slopes of Whakapapa.

\*Free Child Season Passes are only available during the campaign window. In-season Season Pass and Day Pass pricing will apply after the campaign ends.



## 2025 Whakapapa Season Passes - [Click Here](#)

### 2025 Season Passes

Season passes are available for purchase in early May!

In 2025, we continue our investment in the next generation of snow sports enthusiasts with our free Season Pass for children aged 10 and under. This year we also extend a free Season Pass to seniors aged 75+.

Weekday and 'Anytime' Season Passes are available. Our Season Pass renewal pricing is on offer to anyone who has purchased a Season Pass since 2020.

Invest a little more for greater piece of mind with our Season+ and SeasonFlexi pass add-ons which cover you in the case of unexpected injury or illness, or a change in priorities.

	ANYTIME			WEEKDAY		
	PASS RENEWAL <small>AVAILABLE DURING MARCH SALE PERIOD</small>	PRE-SEASON	IN SEASON <small>POST MARCH SALE PERIOD TIL SEASON END</small>	PASS RENEWAL <small>AVAILABLE DURING MARCH SALE PERIOD</small>	PRE-SEASON	IN SEASON <small>POST MARCH SALE PERIOD TIL SEASON END</small>
INFANT <small>(0-4 years)</small>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CHILD <small>(5-10 years)</small>	\$0	\$0	\$499	\$0	\$0	\$399
YOUTH <small>(11-17 years)</small>	\$349	\$399	\$499	\$249	\$299	\$399
ADULT <small>(18-74 years)</small>	\$649	\$749	\$999	\$399	\$549	\$799
SUPER <small>(75+ years)</small>	\$0	\$0	\$499	\$0	\$0	\$399
STUDENT	\$499	\$599	\$749	\$299	\$399	\$549
EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$499	\$599	\$749	\$299	\$399	\$549
SEASON+	+ \$50					
SEASONFLEXI <small>(YOUTH)</small>	+ \$100					
SEASONFLEXI <small>(ADULT)</small>	+ \$250					
PLATINUM PARKING	+ \$749			+ \$499		

Please note: the 2025 Season Pass pricing presented above is shared on behalf of Whakapapa Holdings Limited (WHL), the prospective new owner of Whakapapa from Winter 2025. In the case WHL does not operate the 2025 Winter Season, these prices could change.

## 2025 Pure Turoa Season Passes - [Click Here](#)

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## Committee Vacancies

The committee are seeking passionate individual/s to join our team. This is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to the Whakapapa Mountain Club, play a vital role in decision-making, and support our community.

Previous experience is welcome but not required and meetings occur monthly.

To express interest or for more details, please contact the Whakapapa Mountain Club committee.

**Vacancies:**

**Club Captain**

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## This Week's Report [Click Here](#)

### DAILY REPORT - WHAKAPAPA

Its looking rocky, however, thats because our Whakapapa Summer season is still running until 27 April 2025, weather dependent.

Alpine conditions can be changeable so please keep an eye on the current and forecast weather conditions, including our webcams.

You can find some more information on preparation and keeping yourself safe while exploring our 10km of marked trails [here](#).



Today 23rd March

 **10.8** High  
**5.8** Low

Fog

Mon 24th March

 **12.9** High  
**5.3** Low

Partlycloudy

Tue 25th March

 **10.7** High  
**6.7** Low

Cloudy

Wed 26th March

 **12** High  
**3.9** Low

Cloudy

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## 2025 Proposed Club Calendar & Shared Meal Plan

Events	Saturday	Hut Themes	Saturday Night Shared Meal Plan
School Holidays   Proposed Kindy Week   7 - 11 July			
School Holidays	Saturday, 12 July		Sausages   Mash   Vegetables
	Saturday, 19 July		Lasagne   Salad
	Saturday, 26 July		Chops   Wedges   Salad
	Saturday, 2 August		Beef Stew   Mash   Vegetables
	Saturday, 9 August	Card Games Night	Beef Nachos
	Saturday, 16 August		Curry   Rice
Intermediate NIPS Championships - dates TBC	Saturday, 23 August	Pool Championships	Steak   Chips   Eggs
Primary NIPS Championships - dates TBC	Saturday, 30 August		Soup   Garlic Bread
Rangatira Alpine Trophy Race - dates TBC	Saturday, 6 September		Chicken Pasta Bake
Tongariro Jnr's Club Race - dates TBC	Saturday, 13 September	Quiz Night	Roast Chicken   Veggies   Apple Crumble
School Holidays   Ngaruruhoe Club Race - dates TBC	Saturday, 20 September		Burgers   Wedges
School Holidays   Skiwi's/Jnr's Club Race   Turoa, Retro Day	Saturday, 27 September	Table Tennis Tournament	Chicken Tacos
School Holidays   Proposed Kindy Week   29 - 03 Oct			
School Holidays   Whakapapa Club Sports - dates TBC	Saturday, 4 October	Snowman Competition	Schnitzel   Coleslaw   Chips
	Saturday, 11 October		Pizza   Wedges
	Saturday, 18 October	Pyjama Party	Spaghetti Bolognese
	Saturday, 25 October		Shepherds Pie   Salad

Kindy weeks are open to change depending on demand

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**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 Iwikau Shelter

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## Whakapapa Mountain Club Committee 2025

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**Email:** [whakapapamountainclub@gmail.com](mailto:whakapapamountainclub@gmail.com)

### Committee Positions

<b>President:</b>	Matt Gallagher	021-838-280	<a href="mailto:galma513@gmail.com">galma513@gmail.com</a>
<b>Vice President:</b>	Kim Needham	027-338-7272	<a href="mailto:kimbok224@gmail.com">kimbok224@gmail.com</a>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Craig Rowe	027-554-1465	
<b>Secretary:</b>	Nick Twaddle		
<b>Club Captain:</b>	VACANT		
<b>Hut bookings:</b>	Louise Paulsen	022-364-2638	<a href="mailto:wmcbookingofficer@gmail.com">wmcbookingofficer@gmail.com</a>
<b>Membership:</b>	Louise Paulsen	027-215-9900	
<b>Subscriptions:</b>	Angus Ferguson	027-224-1771	
<b>Hut Maintenance:</b>	Paul Burton	027-571-0050	
<b>Publicity:</b>	Jaden Kaempfe	022-197-5464	
<b>Health &amp; Safety:</b>	Louis Vierboom	027-705-0516	
<b>Cups &amp; Trophies:</b>	Kim Needham	027-338-7272	
<b>Ski Racks &amp; Lockers:</b>	Angus Ferguson	027-224-1771	
<b>Hut Stores   Supplies:</b>	Rick Donaldson	021-227-5969	
<b>Support   Legal:</b>	Gene Tomlinson		

### Committee Vacancies

Expressions of interest are welcomed and encouraged. Please reach out to the committee, we look forward to hearing from you!

## 2024 Night Rates

### Members

Adult	\$30
Youth (13 - 17)	\$20
Juniors (5 - 12)	\$15

### Guests

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

Please add your family name and initial into the reference

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