

Whakapapa Mountain Club

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Words from Whakapapa

A new chapter begins.

Whakapapa has been in operation since 1953. It is woven into the fabric of Aotearoa, contributing significantly to the region both socially and economically.

The last three years have been challenging, with the future of Whakapapa uncertain. However, April 2025 marked a major turning point — with a new 10-year concession granted by the Department of Conservation for continued operation.

This milestone brings new energy, fresh direction, and a future we can move toward with confidence.

2025 PRE SEASON CAMPAIGN

**Buy your 2025 Winter Season Pass during our pre-season campaign and save!
Until the 8th June only.**

EXPLORE OUR DAY PASS OPTIONS

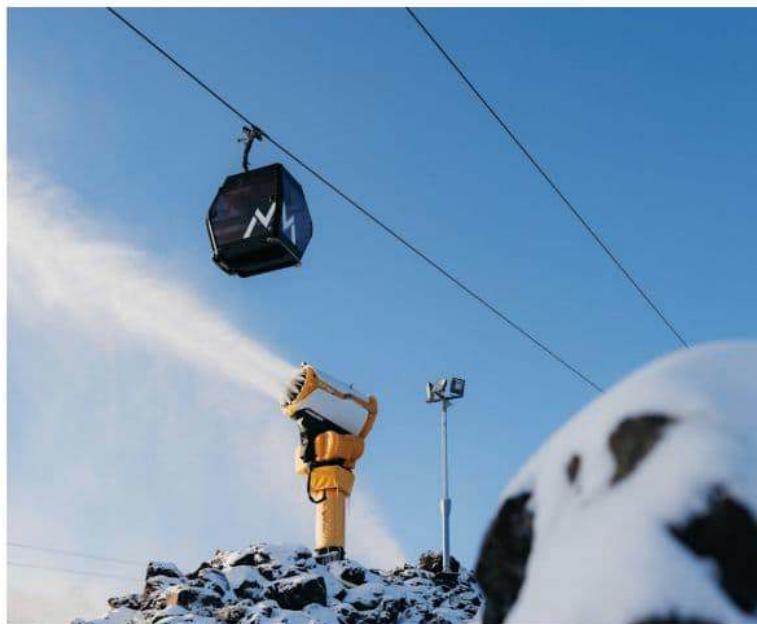


New stewardship

Whakapapa is now proudly operated by Whakapapa Holdings Limited (WHL), a new private entity formed with the sole focus of restoring certainty and momentum to the ski area.

WHL was established in 2022 by a group with a deep understanding of the ski and tourism industries, the rohe, and the values that underpin this place. Since its inception, WHL has remained committed to protecting the long-term value of Whakapapa for the region and the communities it supports.

The new leadership team — made up of three directors with over 75 years of combined industry experience — works alongside the existing senior management and mountain team, who together hold more than 350 years of collective expertise at Whakapapa.



2025 Season Passes

Our best value Season Passes will be available to purchase from the 12th of May. You can explore our 2025 Season Passes via the link below and consider the best choice for you.

In 2025, we continue our investment in the next generation 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 will be available to purchase. A Season Pass renewal price 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.

2025 SEASON PASSES →



Link here: [Whakapapa](#)

	ANYTIME			WEEKDAY		
	PASS RENEWAL	PRE-SEASON	IN SEASON	PASS RENEWAL	PRE-SEASON	IN SEASON
INFANT (0-4 years)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CHILD (5-10 years)	\$0	\$0	\$499	\$0	\$0	\$399
YOUTH (11-17 years)	\$349	\$399	\$499	\$249	\$299	\$399
ADULT (18-64 years)	\$649	\$749	\$999	\$399	\$549	\$799
SENIOR (65-74 years)	\$349	\$399	\$499	\$249	\$299	\$399
SUPER (75+ years)	\$0	\$0	\$499	\$0	\$0	\$399
STUDENT	\$499	\$599	\$749	\$299	\$399	\$549
EMERGENCY SERVICES	\$499	\$599	\$749	\$299	\$399	\$549
SEASON+				+ \$50		
SEASONFLEXI (YOUTH)				+ \$100		
SEASONFLEXI (ADULT)				+ \$250		
PLATINUM PARKING	+ \$749			+ \$499		

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Summer at Whakapapa Mountain Club

Now

This summer, we're excited to introduce our Friends and Family Bonus! 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



We are looking for someone to represent the club at the RMCA forum on Saturday 24th May

Statement from RMCA 'We look forward to seeing you at Lorenz's Cafe, Top of the Bruce. We start at 9am with barista made coffees kindly provided by WHL. Morning tea is provided by the RMCA.'

First up is the WHL team. We will be joined by Travis Donnoghue, Chris Bashford and Phil Lemalu. Then Libby O'Brien from DoC will give us an update. We plan to work together and have a mountain clean up just before lunch.

After lunch, we move into an open working session on the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and the updating of club constitutions.'

Please let myself or Matt know if you are interested in attending.

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Racks and lockers

As the season is close to kicking off, it is a great time to think about securing racks and lockers for the season. We have plenty of each available, so please contact Angus Ferguson(027-224-1771) for enquiries.



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

Kim Needham

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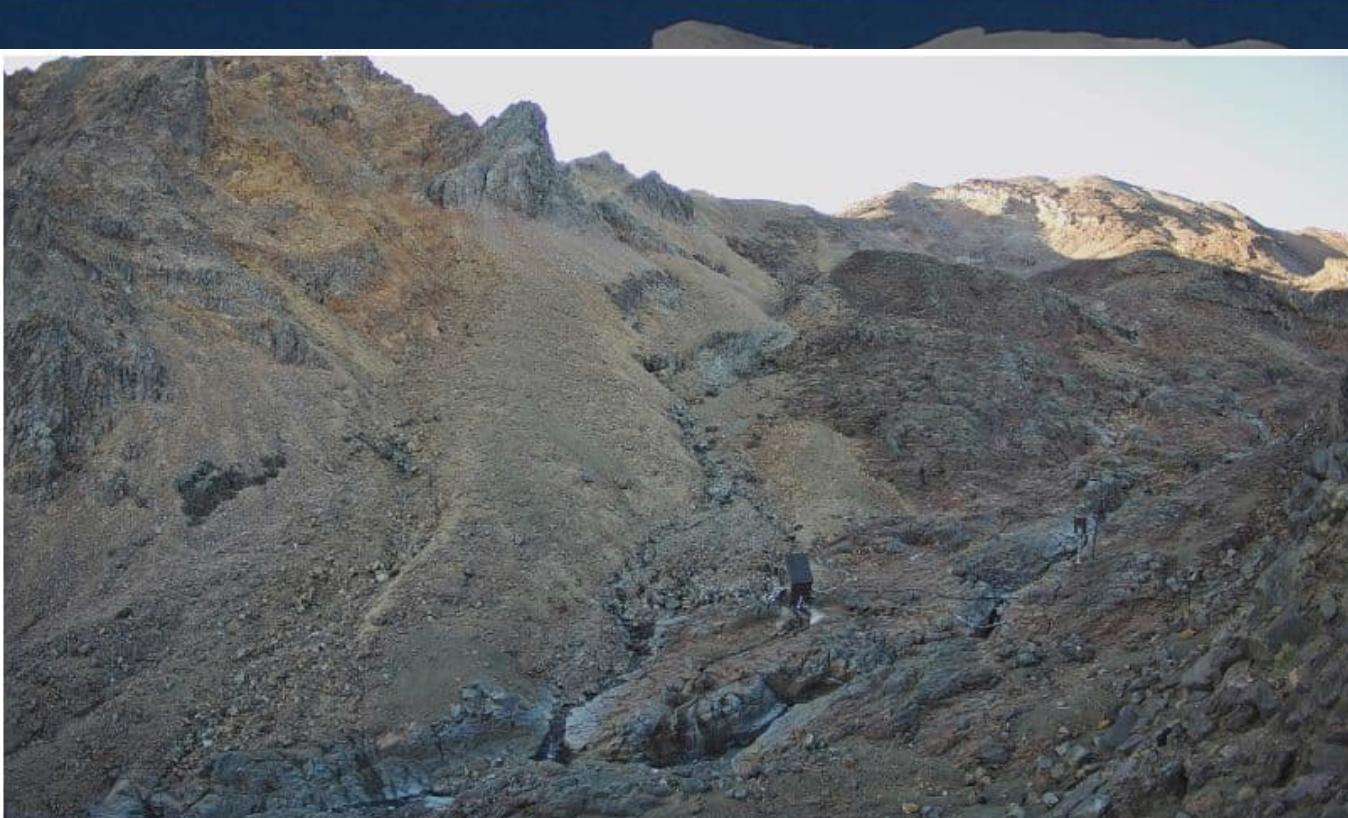
List and sell your home with Kim and she will **donate \$1000 to Whakapapa Mountain Club**



Kim Needham
027 338 7272

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◀ ▶ Te Heuheu Valley

Select time
Sat, May 17, 08:00 AM

Sat

 **5.6** High
2.4 Low

Partlycloudy

Sun

 **6.8** High
3.8 Low

Heavyrain

Mon

 **6.2** High
1.3 Low

Fair

Tue

 **3.1** High
-3.1 Low

Partlycloudy

Current status

We on!

[Whakapapa 2025 Season Passes](#) are on sale now.

The magic never left. It's still here — and this winter, so are we.

On sale now until 8 June — Anytime or Weekday. Free Child (10 and under) and Senior (75+) Passes.

Held a pass between 2020–2024? Log in to unlock your exclusive 2024 price-freeze offer, and save up to \$150.

RAL Life Pass Holder? The Three-Year Pass is now available — \$999 for adults.

Flexi and refund-backed add-ons. Student Passes. On-mountain and partner perks.

Sightseeing and sledding start 30 May. Happy Valley opens by King's Birthday weekend.

Lock in your pass before 8 June and step into the season.

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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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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 Iwikau Shelter

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Whakapapa Mountain Club Committee 2025

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Committee Vacancies

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

2025 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
National Bank
06-0489-0014327-00

[Click Here to Book!](#)

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