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Change
units

km/h

Snow map
More

1s cm

mm

max°C

min°C

chill°C

Humid%

Freezing
level (m)

5000m

Tuesday 26			Wednesday 27			Thursday 28			Friday 29			Saturday 30			Sunday 31		
AM	PM	night	AM	PM	night	AM	PM	night	AM	PM	night	AM	PM	night	AM	PM	night
some clouds	light snow	some clouds	some clouds	some clouds	some clouds	some clouds	snow shwrs	mod. snow	light snow	light snow	light snow	light snow	light snow	heavy snow	mod. snow	mod. snow	heavy snow
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-2	-2	-2	0	1	0	2	0	-5	-5	-6	-6	-3	-3	-6	-7	-8	-11
-2	-5	-6	-4	-2	-4	-4	-9	-16	-16	-17	-17	-12	-13	-18	-19	-21	-26
56	81	57	27	44	61	19	32	75	75	91	87	89	85	96	91	98	98
1900	2100	2000	2200	2450	2550	3050	3100	1900	1550	1550	1400	1700	1900	1700	1400	1150	900
5000m																	

THE MOUNTAIN IS OPEN!

Delta chair, Sky Waka and Valley
T-Bar are now open!

A huge forecast of snow is on its
way this coming week, which is
expected to give the field enough
snow to open more lifts and runs.

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DAILY REPORT

Last updated: 6:12am Tue 26th Aug

Ka hari te Rātu katoa (Happy Tuesday everyone) from a fine and clear Whakapapa, with views stretching all the way to Taupō.

The snow guns were humming overnight, with a solid effort up high laying down fresh cover where it counts.

Sky Waka is spinning from 8am, with Knoll Ridge Chalet also opening early for your morning brew. From 9am, Happy Valley, Rangatira, Delta, and Valley T lifts will be up and running. There's a light dusting around this morning, but with warmer temps on the way, expect a bit of early slush out there classic springlike turns incoming.

No capacity watch outs this morning plenty of space to ski and ride.

It's Day 2 of the North Island Primary School Ski Champs today, with racing underway on Staircase. Skiing and snowboarding will remain open during the event, but please slow down around the course and give racers plenty of space to shine.



◀ ▶ **Te Heuheu Valley**

Select time
Tue, Aug 26, 03:45 PM

Forecast

26TH AUGUST - 31ST AUGUST

Thu 28th August



5.5°C High
-0.5°C Low

Fair

Fri 29th August



1.3°C High
-1.6°C Low

Snow

Sat 30th August



1°C High
-2.1°C Low

Snow

Sun 31st August



0.5°C High
-1.5°C Low

Heavy Snow

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The school holidays will be here before you know it—why not make the most of them on the mountain? Week-long ski lesson programs are a fantastic way for kids (and adults) to sharpen their skills, build confidence, and have fun in a supportive environment. Whether you’re looking for your children to join in, or keen to jump into a program yourself, it’s the perfect opportunity to combine learning with plenty of time on the slopes and in our amazing hut.

“HOLIDAY CREW - JOIN A WEEK LONG PROGRAMME IN THE HOLIDAYS

Introducing our Holiday Crew – the ultimate adventure for young snow enthusiasts! Running Monday through Friday during every week of the New Zealand School Holidays, our program promises a thrilling journey on the slopes.

Each child is paired with a seasoned instructor, guaranteeing personalised guidance tailored to their age and skill level. Whether they're beginners or seasoned pros, our focus is on building technique, confidence, and mountain knowledge.

Join us for an unforgettable experience where every turn is a chance to learn, grow, and most importantly, having a blast with new ski buddies!”

WEEK 3 - MONDAY 22ND TO FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER (LEVEL 1-6)

Ski / 6-12 yrs	\$549	BUY NOW →
Ski / 13-17 yrs	\$549	BUY NOW →
Snowboard / 8-12 yrs	\$549	BUY NOW →
Snowboard / 13-17 yrs	\$549	BUY NOW →

WEEK 4 - MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER (LEVEL 1-6)

Ski / 6-12 yrs	\$549	BUY NOW →
Ski / 13-17 yrs	\$549	BUY NOW →
Snowboard / 8-12 yrs	\$549	BUY NOW →
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There are many options available, so check out the Whakapapa website:

[Whakapapa](#)

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SERAC SKI CLUB PRESENTS:

THE WHAKAPAPA SNOWMAN CUP BATTLE OF THE LODGES 2025

WIN PRIZES SPONSORED BY WHAKAPAPA SKI AREA

Get ready for:

Epic snowmen • Wild lodge rivalries • Cheering
kids • Freezing fingers • And 100% snowman
making bragging rights

LIMITED ENTRIES AVAILABLE
SIGN UP YOUR TEAM NOW!

SPECIAL DADS PRIZE
CATEGORY:

Battle of the Dad's
(& their kids)
MOST FUN DAD OF
THE MOUNTAIN
award & other
spot prizes



Saturday, September 13th 2025

9:00 AM Check-in / Prizegiving: 11:00 AM

There are many events happening at the mountain over the season. Two noticeable ones coming up are

- The Whakapapa snowman cup
- Ngauruhoe trophy race

Be sure to keep up to date with the 'RMCA WHAKAPAPA CLUBS COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD' facebook group, as well as our monthly newsletters for any upcoming events!

**NGAURUHOE
TROPHY
RACE 2025**

**SATURDAY 30 AUGUST
VALLEY RACE COURSE
WHAKAPAPA**

RACING
Racing starts at 10am

Junior (under 19), Open, & Masters (40+)*
Combined teams of 5, at least 1 female per team
4 fastest times are counted. *Age as of 1.1.25

Entries to clubcaptain@ngauruhoeskiclub.org.nz
Entries on race day at Knoll Ridge Cafe from 9am

PARTY & PRIZEGIVING
Festivities kick off 7.30pm
Ngauruhoe Ski Club, Iwikau Village

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Racks and lockers

The season is here! We have plenty of racks and lockers for the season available, so please contact Angus Ferguson(027-224-1771) for enquiries.

**Thanks to everyone who
has already paid their
subs – we really
appreciate your support!**

If you haven't sorted yours yet, please do so as soon as you can. It helps us keep everything running smoothly for the season.

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

Treasurer

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donate \$1000
to Whakapapa
Mountain Club



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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 for both weeks			
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
NGAURUHOE trophy race	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 - Snowman Cup 13th	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

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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 Positions

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

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

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