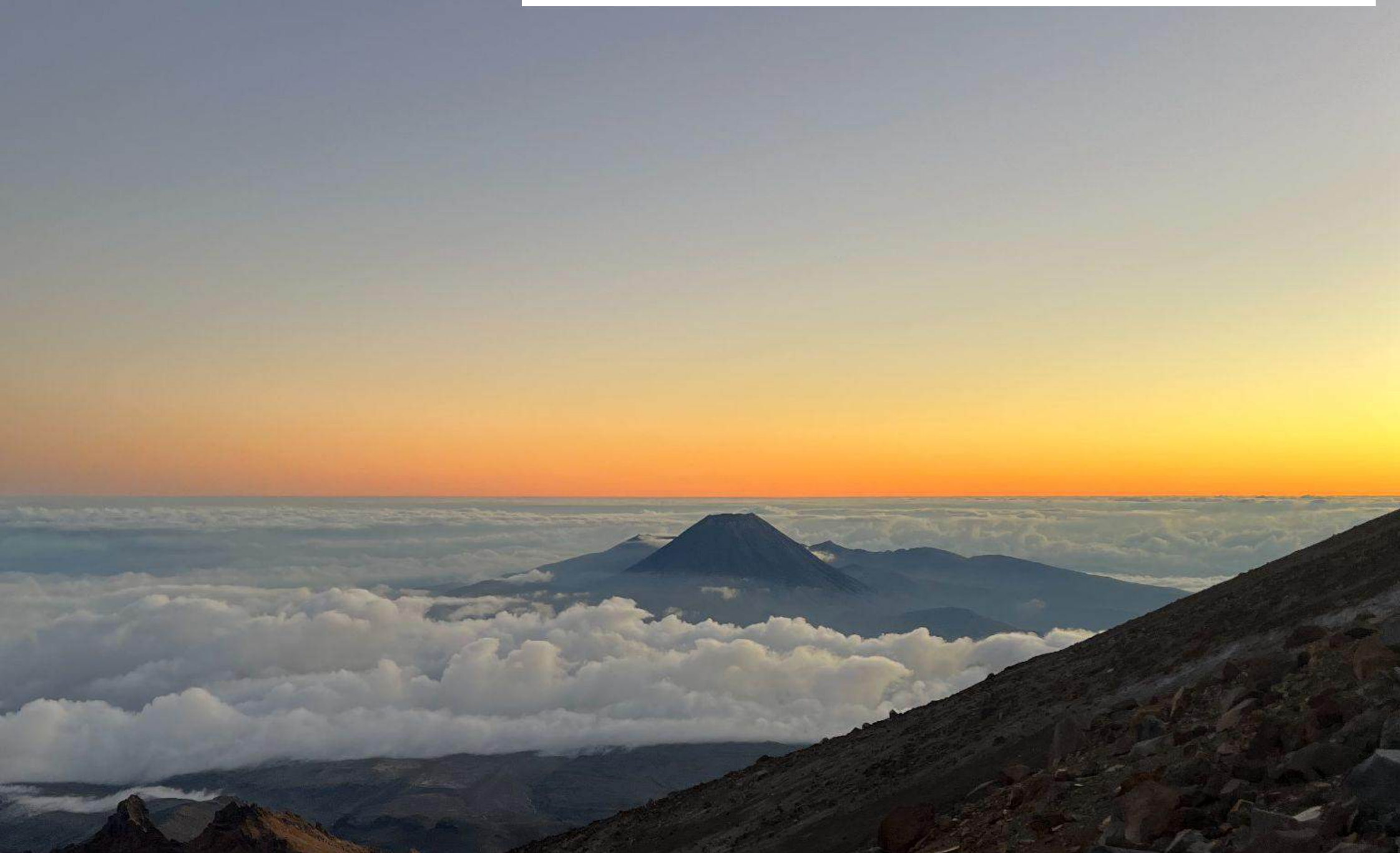


**Whakapapa Mountain Club
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Peter Lawrence Scholarship

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.

Junior and youth members are invited to apply in writing to the committee before 30 May 2026. 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.

Workparty/mountain clean up

Louis Verboom is leading a pack up the mountain on Friday the 29th of May to do their new members working party and general hut tidy up before the winter season gets underway. There is also a mountain cleanup on the 30th of May starting at 1pm. If you are keen to go up and lend a hand please get in touch with Louis.



2026 AGM Presidents Report

Thankyou all for coming this evening, the committee very much appreciate the active participation of the members, it is what makes the club tick. Special thanks to our Patron Jim Dippie, our Life members for the legacy that they and to the committee for the hard work they have put in this past 12 months with the running of the club.

2025 Season saw the new ownership take full affect at Whakapapa and it has to be said that the was a marked improvement in how the mountain was run after years of deferred maintenance and cost cutting. It was great to see investment in new snow machines which resulted in top to bottom skiing for a large part of the season, A conscious effort to achieve earlier opening times on lifts and a noted change of attitude to active support of the clubs. Including WHL looking to promote the clubs as mutually beneficial to a thriving ski field. This season you'll see a mountain map in the café's with each club depicted on it.

Two highlights of the past year for me include the successful running of the Club Sports racing, massive thanks to our club captain Nathan Brooking for bringing massive energy to this event. Despite atrocious blizzard conditions the participants had a blast and the smiles were huge on the cup winners faces at the awards ceremony.

The other was the summer working bee lead by John Needham and Steve Herdman successfully recladding the East end of the hut. This was a massive effort, not the least because John in his 80's was an absolute workhorse showing us all how it's done. A special thanks must go to John and Jill Needham who have been great supporters of the committee in recent years with equally valuable contributions, Jill with helping to audit the accounts in recent years and John with the workparty's.

Also of note was that this was the first major project that we were able to successfully secure a funding grant of \$5750 from One Foundation, thanks to the hard work and patience of Louis Vierboom who made multiple applications to several organisations before this successful one. Lastly I want to thank our vice President Kim Needham who is stepping down from the committee this year, thanks for your support of the committee Kim, you have been a part of the committee for 10 years since 2016 which is fantastic service, it really has been appreciated.

Matt Gallagher
WMC President

2026 AGM WRAP UP

Thank you to all those who came to this years AGM, The turnout numbers where larger than 2025, showing signs for a strong season ahead. I will give a quick overview of everything below but would love to see more of you here next year.

- Subs down but Hut Bookings up
- Donation from One NZ went towards the recladding
- Congratulations and a huge thank you to Rick Donaldson who is now a life member of the club through his continued work over the years for quietly plugging away doing the jobs that needed doing without seeking acknowledgement
- Thank you and hello to Ben who is joining the committee in his first year being a member of the club
- A big thank you to Kim and Craig for the help on the committee over the years, both have now stepped down
- How excited Nathan is for this years clubs sport - we hope to see the club jam packed this year



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Rally Taumarunui 2026

Taumarunui | 01 Aug

High-speed gravel action returns to Ruapehu this August!

Time: August 2026

Location: Taumarunui

Ruapehu's roads are calling! Rally Taumarunui returns with high-speed gravel action, spectacular scenery, and family-friendly fun. Watch top NZ rally teams in action from spectator-friendly viewing spots, enjoy local food and coffee, and explore community stalls. Free entry for spectators makes this an unforgettable day out. Stay tuned for route maps, competitor announcements, and community updates.

Follow the [Rally Taumarunui](#) page for the latest updates leading up to the big day.

Rally Returns to Taumarunui August 2026



These are are only a few of the events happening this season on Ruapehu - to find out more use this link:

[Ruapehu Events - Festivals, Adventures - Visit the Region](#)

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The new season is here! If you would like to hire racks and lockers for the season to store your gear at the hut, contact Angus Ferguson (027-224-1771) for enquiries.

Committee

With the AGM coming up at the end of April, we are looking for expressions of interest to join the committee for 2026. Your support helps to continue the legacy of our club and ensures things keep running!

If you're keen to join the committee, volunteer or want to learn more about how you can help, please get in contact with a committee member, we'd love to hear from you!

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14TH MAY - 19TH MAY

Today 14th May

☀️ **3.1°C** High
0.4°C Low

Clear Sky

Fri 15th May

☀️ **8.5°C** High
0.3°C Low

Clear Sky

Sat 16th May

☀️ **7.3°C** High
-2°C Low

Clear Sky

Sun 17th May

☁️ **3.4°C** High
-2.2°C Low

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It looks as if snow making has started in preparation for opening weekend on the 30th of May!!

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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!

2026 Night Rates

Members

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

Guests

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

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