

# *The Bulletin*

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*Lovely new snow at RSC Lodge. Photo: Paula Cooper.*



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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

### New Year greetings to RSC members

You will all have seen the Member Survey we sent out in mid-February.

As I write this, there has been a modest response in terms of numbers, and accordingly it is a bit early to draw any conclusions.

Clearly, however, there is plenty of passion amongst those who have already responded.

This feedback is critical to ensuring that the Committee has a clear understanding of what our membership thinks, and there is no more important issue we face than the question posed by the Hut.

It would be fair to say that the responses received so far express diversity of opinion, which is reflected in the views held within the Committee.

However, it is already quite clear that the majority are agreed we are compelled to make some changes – the key question is what to do?

Many of our issues would be addressed if we could return to the kind of membership numbers we had 25 years ago. However, the ravages of Covid and the demise of RAL have been particularly damaging to our membership.

As much as we would like to, I don't honestly think that we could double the size of membership in the short to medium term.

I note there are many Veterans who continue to support the Club despite limited use, with patchy access via the Rangatira being a physical barrier for some.

Thankfully last season WHL made a significant effort to ensure that the Rangatira chair was available at every opportunity, and we understand that this coming season they will be doing the same – making snow on the Rockgarden and running the lift whenever the weather permits.

In the survey, options that were inferred for the Hut ranged from removal in the short term to keeping at any cost. Early indications suggest that the majority of those members who have responded support some form of action to divest ourselves of the building.

By the time you are reading this we will have had an opportunity to analyse the responses, and the Committee will be better informed when we focus on this issue at our next Mountain Meeting in May. I hope to be able to propose a pathway at the next AGM.

Over the last few months I have attended a few meetings involving RMCA and DOC and can report that all clubs are facing similar challenges to us, and that DOC is actively engaged in trying to understand the perspectives and resilience of the club community.

My observations provide me with some optimism for engagement and constructive discourse going forward, however I don't anticipate this will result in reduced DOC fees any time soon!

Meantime we are in the middle of work party season and as noted in the survey information, a small and very dedicated team are carrying almost all of the load.

We will be increasing our expectations for members to support this effort, noting Veteran members have historically contributed by virtue of at least 25 years membership.

Please bring your skills and families to the mountain over summer to assist in maintaining our buildings. It's a great opportunity to get to know other members and imbibe a bit of the old Club Spirit.

The final issue we addressed in the survey was raising the subscription fee for the 2026 season. Again, the results of the survey are very preliminary, however there is overwhelming support to hold the SGM to increase our fees this year.

Our club is in reasonable financial shape considering the challenges we have faced over the last few years. The draft accounts predict a modest shortfall for the 2025 financial year, however we have sufficient cash reserves to weather this storm, and sufficient time to develop a strong sustainable strategy going forward.

As ever our Committee is dependent on our members for their support and guidance, and we serve for the benefit of the membership and for those coming after us.

**Regards, Michael**



*The Knoll Ridge Chalet at Whakapapa at the top of the SkyWaka gondola. Photo: Catherine Gafa.*

## THROUGH THE LODGE

**Whakapapa Holdings has announced an order of brand-new TechnoAlpin snowguns for 2026.**

It said its new guns in 2025 were instrumental in holding a solid early season snow base across the Hut Flat area and down towards the Rockgarden trail.

The new guns will add a further 13 percent to its fleet while the combined 2025 and 2026 arrivals are closer a 50 percent leap.

*Long time member **Andrew Geddes** has died, aged 88. Andrew was famed for his singing and his jokes.*

*He was the guy who would ride his fold-up bicycle around the lounge inside Lodge. The guy who would wander off into a storm and bring back a trout for dinner.*

*Even after recent heart surgery, he could still walk up to the Club and spent the next day on skis. We offer condolences to his family.*

The Department of Conservation has added 22 huts and 23 campsites to its list of facilities that require booking.

The newly bookable huts include

backcountry favourites like Fenella Hut in Golden Bay and Rangipo Hut in Tongariro National Park.

DoC said the move is aimed at reducing overcrowding, improving visitor experience and supporting long-term care of the facilities.

***Crater Lake (Te Wai ā-moe)** was heating up around Christmas time, according to Geo-Net.*

*It had risen to 18C from a low of 12C in November.*

*The volcanic alert level remained at level one on a scale of 0-5.*

***White Island (Whakaari)** had its level dropped from three to two after no further eruptions were seen.*

**Lady Freyberg House** in Wellington has been sold for \$2.75 million.

Barbara Lady Freyberg, the wife of Governor-General Sir Bernard Freyberg, was the Patroness of RSC from 1948 to 1971. In 1952 she dedicated RSC Lodge as a war memorial.

Barbara initially married British MP Francis McLaren. She married prominent soldier “Tiny” Freyberg after McLaren was killed in World War 1.

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**Patroness:** Barbara Scelly.

**Auditors:** Hart and Co.

**Glacier Hut custodian:** Bernard  
Smith.

She was involved in several charities, notably The Tuis who supported NZ women whose men were fighting World War 2.

*Tiny Freyberg turned up on Hut Flat the day after his wife dedicated the Lodge, and asked to see the 1936 RSC tin Hut.*

*Members hastily rounded up anything loose and stowed it in a cupboard.*

*When Tiny (who was actually very tall) entered the Hut he headed for the cupboard and opened it, whereupon everything fell out on top of him.*

*Sir Bernard Freyberg was famed as a wartime soldier and was a national swimming champion. The Freyberg Pool public swimming facility in downtown Wellington is named after him.*

**Michael Sommerville** has published a debut novel, *The Catharsis*, which is set in the Ruapehu region.

The story follows the journey of Josh Savill, a world traveller who returns to his hometown of Ohakune burdened by unresolved grief over his sister's untimely death and a strained relationship with his parents.

As he reconnects with old friends and seeks a sense of belonging, Josh uncovers a hidden truth about his sister that challenges his perceptions and forces him to confront his past.

*Jackson Cole won The Goat trail run on the Round the Mountain track from Whakapapa to Tūroa in 2 hours 4 minutes and 51 seconds. There were 405 starters.*

*Maia Flint finished in 2:18:16 and was first woman home*

The deadline for the June Bulletin will be **Friday May 15th.**

All items should be with the Editor in Wellington by that date.

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## RSC ADMIN OFFICER

### WANTED - ADMINISTRATOR EXTRAORDINAIRE

After starting in the RSC admin role in 2023 to “help out”, sadly Mandy has decided to move onto new things and focus on being a member.

So we are looking for a new Admin and Bookings person for this upcoming season.

Being a Club member is a great benefit to this role, so we would like to offer it to RSC members first.

Your Club is looking for a dedicated individual with a passion for the club and skills in administration and customer service, and a willingness to figure things out. Having the patience of a saint is a very helpful trait.

The role is based on flexible hours, with summer being much quieter than during the snow season July to October. Some weeks may be just a few hours checking emails and other weeks may have days of full time juggling priorities.

The Admin Officer is primarily focussed on ensuring that bookings for accommodation run smoothly - whether from members or from our increasing number of third-party groups.

Booking policies and procedures are largely governed by Clubman. However, it is the exceptions that the Admin role gets to deal with.

Other aspects of the role include oversight of food orders, liaison with the cooks and management of minor maintenance issues.

Promotion of the Club facilities to prospective members and groups also form an important part of the role

If you are interested or know someone who may be interested, please contact [admin@rsc.co.nz](mailto:admin@rsc.co.nz)

**Michael Webb-Speight, President, Ruapehu Ski Club Inc**

## CHATEAU DISCUSSIONS

The Government is considering steps to do up Chateau Tongariro, whilst confirming demolition remains an option on the table.

A response to a petition from Ruapehu Mayor Weston Kirton, calling for assistance to save the derelict Chateau Tongariro, has been published by the Government.

It states the Minister of Conservation Tama Potaka has directed the Department of Conservation (DoC) to engage with interested commercial parties and iwi around the terms for restoration and operation of the Chateau as a hotel once again.

Ruapehu Mayor Weston Kirton is hopeful. “We have an investor, a New Zealander who has experience in high-end hotels, five-star hotels and heritage buildings and has a history around this type of activity.

“The investor is willing to put down about \$100 million of private money to refurbish and repair the Chateau. But he is asking for a 120-year lease, which is significantly more than the Government usually allows.”

## WINTER OLYMPICS

NZ won three medals but no gold at the 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Italy.

Zoi Sadowski-Synnott won two silver medals. With five career medals Zoi becomes the most decorated Olympic snowboarder for any country. Luca Harrington won one bronze medal.

Mischa Thomas aged 17 came eighth in the freeski halfpipe final. This was easily the best result for any RSC member in the Olympic Games.

## BUNK BOOKING RULES UPDATE 2026

These rules apply to the Club's high-level alpine buildings located at Hut Flat on Whakapapa Ski Field, the Lodge and Hut, which are bookable during the ski season.

Additionally, they apply to the Chalet at Whakapapa Village and Turoa Lodge at Ohakune which are bookable year-round.

The Committee has the discretion to close any building at any time of the year, usually for maintenance, or group/school bookings. Group/school bookings and non-member bookings please contact the Admin Officer.

1. **Bookings** for accommodation and the payment of subscriptions and locker fees should be paid through our on-line App **Clubman**. Subscriptions are sent out at the end of March and will be due in April. Winter bookings are open once you are fully paid up with the club for the current year.
2. **Who can make a booking** – Only fully paid up, Senior, Young Adult, Associates, Veteran, Honorary, Life and Summer members can book accommodation. Fully paid up also means having paid for any lockers that you are currently using. An admin fee maybe charged if the accommodation booking is done via admin.
3. **Children – under 18, either guests, Members Children, Juniors or teens-** must be accompanied by a senior member, either a parent or a sponsor for the duration of their stay. Admin is not permitted to arrange sponsors for junior members or non-members. Children under four years of age may not stay in the Lodge or Hut at any time.
4. **Nightly Rates** – These are set by the Committee and are shown on the back of the Bulletin, as well as under membership on the website. A

booking begins and ends at midday.

5. **Non – members** – All members eligible to make a booking, can bring up to 10 non-member guests without Admin approval. This can be booked directly in Clubman by members. Non-member guests must be accompanied for the duration of their stay by senior member sponsors. The number of non-members visits are not restricted; the non-member should be encouraged to join the Club.
6. **Sponsors** - are responsible for the behaviour of their guests (be they non-members or junior members), for briefing them on Club rules, and for ensuring they comply with the rules.
7. **Summer/Associate members** - can book the buildings during winter, but will pay non-members rates.
8. **Other Bookings** - Whole building booking – Hut, Chalet, and Turoa, Large group bookings, and School group bookings please contact admin for rates, rules and payment process.

### Using Clubman

- **Accessing Clubman** is via the RSC website, ([www.rsc.org.nz](http://www.rsc.org.nz)) on the menu bar – “Member Booking”, or directly [www.clubman.app](http://www.clubman.app) and login.
- **First time users** - will get an invite to Clubman, where you can set up your login and password. If you remain logged in, you will go directly into the booking page every time you go to Clubman.
- **2 Factor Authentication** - If you choose to use 2 factor authentication, which is a personal choice and not compulsory, you will need to get the code from an authenticator App.
- **Please Book before arriving at the buildings** - All bookings must be made and paid in full before arriving at any of the buildings. The Clubman booking system does

not do retrospective bookings, and bunks need to be allocated, along with duty rosters during the season.

- **Time in advance of your stay you need to book** - when there is a cook in the Lodge, we would like bookings to be made **at least 24 hours** in advance of the night staying, to give the cook time to plan for the number of members he/she will need to cater for at the evening meal.
- **Last minute bookings** – bookings within **24 hours** at the Lodge during the ski season will need to be approved by Admin and you may need to self-cater your evening meal on arrival.
- **Extending your stay** - if you are already at the building and decide to extend your stay the 24-hour rule does not apply. In this case, also please speak with the Cook. However, you must put in your booking immediately and pay for it to secure your booking.
- **Meals first night** - During the season when a Cook is employed in the Lodge, please remember to tick the box if you require a meal on your first night.
- **Confirmation of booking** - All bookings are confirmed when paid for via credit card or direct debit from your bank. There may be a \$5 set up fee for direct debit, depending on your bank, and credit card fees will apply. You will also receive an email confirmation of your booking.
- **Bunk Authority** – during winter, approximately 48 hours before your booking starts, you will receive a **trip list** from Clubman. The trip list has a link to the bunk allocations for your booking. Please check this before arriving as there may not be a current bunk list on the board.

- **Door Code** - This will be emailed to you when you receive your confirmation email. and will be on the trip list.
- **Unpaid bookings** - will only last for 24 hours. If you do not pay for the booking within this time frame it will be automatically cancelled, and you will need to rebook. You can find this booking under your membership profile then booking requests and it can be resubmitted.
- **Changes to a booking** - can only be made by a member up until it is paid for. After this any change to the booking will need to be done through the administrator.
- **To check bunk availability** - go to Clubman home page and click on the availability button. This will show you how many bunks are still available in your chosen building. There is no need to check with admin.
- **Unsuccessful bookings – due to full buildings** are kept on a wait list and filled if cancellations are made.

### Cancellations and Refunds

- All cancellation and refunds need to be done via the Administrator, admin@rsc.org.nz
- For a full night refund, the cancellation needs to be made 48 hours prior to the first nights booking eg Wednesday midday for a Friday night booking, and Thursday midday for Saturday night booking. Bookings run from midday of the night book to midday the following day.
- Any fees associated with original cancelled bookings are unable to be refunded.
- As of February 2026, refunds can be refunded or transferred to another booking, or held for another booking. But this must be done via Admin.

## 2026 WINTER OLYMPICS THREE MEDALS WON

New Zealand skiers and snowboarders won three medals at the 2026 Olympic Winter Games in Milan Cortina (Italy) in February.

**Zoi Sadowski-Synnott** won a SILVER MEDAL in snowboard big air.

**Luca Harrington** won a BRONZE MEDAL in freeski slopestyle.

**Zoi Sadowski-Synnott** won a SILVER MEDAL in snowboard slopestyle.

NZ sent a team of 17 to the Olympics in northern Italy. Women's alpine racing was at Cortina. The men's alpine racing was at Bormio. The park/pipe contests were at Livigno.

Zoi S-S and Ben Barclay carried the flag for NZ at the opening ceremony.

**SILVER MEDAL.** Zoi Sadowski-Synnott crashed on her first slopestyle run but it is best two runs out of three to count, and she landed both of them to take her fourth career Olympic medal. Kokomo Murase (Japan) won the gold with a score of 179.00. Zoi was second with 172.25 and Yu Seungeun (South Korea) was third on 171.00

“Oh my goodness, that was amazing. I've never been so nervous for a competition before. It was scary,” Zoi said.

**BRONZE MEDAL.** Luca Harrington won a bronze in freeski slopestyle, his first Olympic medal. Birk Ruud (Norway) won with 87.28 points. Alex Hall (US) was second on 85.75 and Luca was third on 85.15. Cloudy conditions made it hard for the skiers as Luca, aged 21 from Wanaka, moved from 11th to third with his final run.

**SILVER MEDAL.** Zoi rose from fourth to second with her last run to claim

her second silver medal. She now has five Olympic medals and among Kiwis only canoeist Dame Lisa Carrington has more. Mari Fukada (Japan) won the gold with 84.48, a fraction ahead of Zoi on 87.83. Big air winner Kokomo Murase (Japan) was third in 85.80. Zoi said: “I came into this event in challenging conditions. I'm just so grateful.” Zoi at 24 is now the most-decorated Olympic snowboarder of all-time.

**ALPINE SKIING.** Alice Robinson was the only alpine ski racer in the NZ team and she finished eighth in the super-G. Alice said the course was bumpy and difficult. The winner was Federica Brignone (Italy). She also finished eighth in the giant slalom, also won by Brignone.

**HALFPIPE.** World champion Fin Melville Ives crashed heavily on both his runs in the qualifying round, and broke his collar bone. Of the four Kiwis in this event only Ben Harrington made the final, where he came ninth.

**Zoi Sadowski-Synnott** – SILVER MEDAL in snowboard big air, SILVER MEDAL in snowboard slopestyle.

**Lucia Georgalli** – 24th in snowboard big air and 20th in slopestyle.

**Luca Harrington** – BRONZE MEDAL in freeski slopestyle and sixth in big air.

**Ben Barclay** – eighth in freeski slopestyle and 19th in big air.

**Lucas Ball** – 20th in freeski slopestyle and 24th in big air.

**Alice Robinson** – eighth in alpine ski super-G, eighth in giant slalom.

**Dane Menzies** – sixth in snowboard big air and seventh in slopestyle.

**Lyon Farrell** – eighth in snowboard big air, 15th in slopestyle.

**Rocco Jamieson** – ninth in snowboard big air, 17th in slopestyle.

**Ruby Star Andrews** – 17th in freeski slopestyle, 24th in big air.

**Sylvia Trotter** – 20th in freeski slopestyle, 21st in big air.

**Cam Melville Ives** – twelfth in snowboard halfpipe.

**Fin Melville Ives** – DNF men's freeski halfpipe.

**Ben Harrington** – ninth in men's freeski halfpipe.

**Gustav Legnavsky** – 14th in men's freeski halfpipe.

**Luke Harrold** – 15th in men's freeski halfpipe.

**Mischa Thomas** eighth in women's freeski halfpipe.

### Alpine ski champions were:

**Men's downhill:** Franjo von Allmen (Swiss).

**Men's super-G:** Franjo von Allmen (Swiss).

**Men's GS:** Lucas Pinheiro Braathen (Brazil).

**Men's slalom:** Loic Meillard (Swiss).

**Team event:** Switzerland.

**Women's downhill:** Breezy Johnson (US).

**Women's super-G:** Federica Brignone (Italy).

**Women's GS:** Federica Brignone (Italy).

**Women's slalom:** Mikaela Shiffrin (US).

**Team event:** Austria.

**NZ did not compete in the Winter Olympics this year in these events:**

Cross-country skiing, ski or board cross, aerials, moguls, ski jumping, figure skating, speed skating, ice hockey, curling, biathlon, bobsleigh, toboggan, skimo.

## OLYMPIC SNIPPETS

**NZ alpine skier Piera Hudson** competed for UAE. Now based at Ski Dubai, the world's biggest indoor skifield, she carried the UAE flag. Hudson has a long connection with the UAE as she has family there. Results: DNF in GS. 39th in slalom.

**Lucas Pinheiro Braathen (Brazil)**, who has trained in NZ lately, won a gold medal in alpine skiing giant slalom. It was the first Winter Olympics medal for anyone from South America. He used to ski with Norway. His mother is from Brazil.

**Lindsey Vonn (US)** aged 41 crashed heavily in the women's downhill and broke a leg. She has probably finished her stellar career.

**Australia's star freestyle skier Jakara Anthony** finished only eighth when defending her title in the freeski moguls (bumps) singles. She bounced back to win a gold medal in the dual moguls.

**Cooper Woods (Aussie)** won the men's moguls singles and **Josie Baff (Aussie)** won the women's snowboard cross.

**Charlottee Banks and Huw Nightingale** won Great Britain's first ever gold medal in snow sports, taking out the mixed pair snowboard cross.

**Johannes Hoesflot Klaebo (Norway)** won six gold medals in cross-country skiing, bringing his career tally to a Winter Olympic record 11 golds. Norway won 40 medals (18 gold) at Milan-Cortina.

**Eileen Gu (China)** won one gold medal and two silver medals in freeski big air, slopestyle and halfpipe events.

## OLYMPIC MEDALLISTS

NZ Olympic medallists include:

9 - Dame Lisa Carrington, canoe.

5 - Zoi Sadowski-Synnott, snowboard.

5 - Ian Ferguson, canoe.

5 - Paul MacDonald, canoe.

5 - Sir Mark Todd, equestrian.

4 - Dame Valerie Adams, shot put.

4 - Blyth Tait, equestrian.

4 - Ellesse Andrews, cycling.



**Upper:** Members of the NZ park and pipe team at the Olympic Winter Games. Photo: SSNZ. **Lower:** Luca Harrington with his bronze medal. Photo: FIS.



**Upper:** Zoi Sadowski-Synnott (NZ) jumps to a silver medal at the Olympic Winter Games. **Lower:** Zoi with her medal and her parents Robin Sadowski and Sean Synnott. Photos: FIS.

## ALICE IN WONDERLAND

NZ alpine skier Alice Robinson aged 27 from Queenstown had a golden run just before Christmas on the famous World Cup tour known as the White Circus.

She won three gold medals, one silver and one bronze.

First she won giant slalom races in both Colorado and Canada and had a third place in Canada when one mistake cost gold.

Then she won a World Cup super-G race at St Moritz. This was a fabulous result for Alice because it is her second best discipline.

It was her seventh career win. The others were all in giant slalom. It was the first win ever by a Kiwi in the faster discipline.

She then came second in another super-G but when she reverted to giant slalom she crashed, twice. Next she crashed again, in a super-G just two gates away from a podium finish.

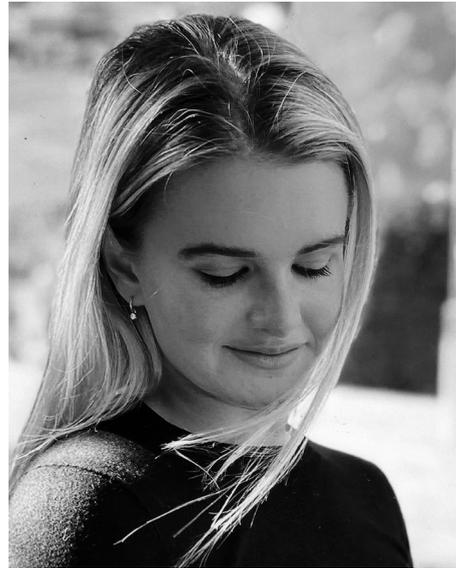
Alice Robinson (NZ) was 13th in her next giant slalom. After crashing in her three previous races she finished OK but was a bit cautious. She then bounced back somewhat with a sixth placing in a super-G.

World Cup GS results this season:  
8-1-1-3-0-0-13.

World Cup Super-G results this season: 1-2-0-6.

Please note: The Winter Olympics are not part of the FIS World Cup tour.

\*\*\* At the Olympics, Alice was eighth in both the super-G and giant slalom. She was unable to recapture the form she showed before Christmas when she led the world in both disciplines.



*Alice Robinson*

## ALICE IS UNPLUGGED

NZ alpine ski racer Alice Robinson was one of seven athletes chosen to divulge their career thoughts on a new podcast called *Alpine Pulse – Unplugged*.

This is the official podcast of the skiing World Cup and is rapidly emerging as one of the most innovative storytelling projects of the year, offering unprecedented, in-depth access to the athletes.

Each episode is hosted by veteran commentator and storyteller Nick Fellows who guides listeners into the emotions, challenges, and behind-the-scenes realities that define life at the highest level.

Episodes deliver an intimate, almost documentary-like portrait, revealing sides of the athletes that are rarely seen: fears, motivation, loneliness on the road, the struggle of comebacks, and the appreciation for the teams that support them.

## SUCCESS FOR MISCHA

Mischa Thomas (RSC-NZ) finished fifth in a freestyle skiing World Cup halfpipe event at Aspen (Colorado) on January 10th.

This was her best ever result and plainly the best ever in skiing by an RSC member. It was her third top 10 result.

The winner was Fangluei Li (China).

It was wonderful skiing by 17 year-old Mischa who jumped up two places with a superb second run.

Earlier Mischa aged 17 finished seventh in a freestyle skiing World Cup halfpipe in China and followed this with sixth at Copper Mountain (Colorado) just before Christmas.

The first event was her World Cup debut in very windy and cloudy conditions and the second was held in gently falling snow.

The winners were Eileen Gu (China) at Beijing and Zoe Atkin (GB) at Copper.

Well done Mischa.

\*\*\* A triplet, Mischa was taught her to ski by her parents at RSC when she was three. In 2020 Mischa decided to focus on freestyle skiing.

At the beginning of 2020 Mischa went overseas with her parents and her brother to Copper Mountain, Colorado and spent a lot of time skiing in the terrain park.

When she returned to NZ she came down to Wanaka for the winter trained with the Cardrona High Performance Centre.



Mischa Thomas

## MISCHA FOR CORTINA

Mischa Thomas (RSC) aged 17 was chosen in January to ski for NZ in the 2026 Olympic Winter Games at Cortina (Italy).

Mischa finished eighth in the women's freeski halfpipe event, a fine performance.

\*\*\*Previously 11 members of RSC have competed in the Winter Olympics.

The most recent were Todd Haywood (skiing) in 2002 and James Hamilton (snowboard) in 2010.

The other Olympians in RSC were Bill Hunt, Margot Blakely, Stuart Blakely, Mike Dennis, Fiona Johnson, Scott Kendall, Brett Kendall, Robert Palmer and David Scott.

RSC members who were managers of NZ teams at the Olympics were Roy McKenzie, Stan Blakely, Arnold Cooper and Murray Laird.



*Snow scenes at Turoa during 2025. Photos: Pure Turoa*



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Long time RSC skier Rita Carter at 92 made a nostalgic trip back to Ruapehu for a ride on SkyWaka. From left: Rita Carter, her daughter Fiona Lovelock, Richard, Mike Lowery and Ian Collins. Photo from Fiona.



The summit and crater of Mt Ruapehu. Photo: Peter Otway.

## RSC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 2026	21-22	Working parties
Mar 2026	21-22	Working parties
Apr 2026	18-19	Working parties
May 2026	1 23-24	Ski season bunk bookings open Working parties
June 2026	? 20-21	Ruapehu ski season opens Working parties
July 2026	?	Upper mountain season opens
Aug 2026		
Sept 2026		
Oct 2026	?	Ruapehu ski season closes

## DES PETERS

Des Peters ONZM of Taranaki, who was a true pioneer of the New Zealand ski industry, has died at Christchurch aged 81.

Des was certified with an internationally recognised ski instructor qualification. He helped establish the first professionally accredited and operated ski school at Mt Taranaki.

During the mid 1970s, he introduced the first stone grinding machines and snow making equipment on New Zealand ski slopes, innovations that helped extend seasons and improve conditions for skiers and snowboarders across the country.

Scores of RSC members sent their skis off to Taranaki for renovations by Des.

From 1974 to 1987, Des served as secretary, treasurer, and national committee member of the NZ Snowsports Instructors Alliance (NZSIA).

He went on to serve as President and Vice President of the NZ Snow Industries Federation (1991–1997) and as chairman

of the Ski Areas Association of NZ (2005–2015).

His work helped shape professional standards, governance, training pathways, and collaboration across ski fields including Ruapehu (Whakapapa and Tūroa) and Cardrona.

Des's leadership, innovation, and commitment lifted the industry and supported generations of instructors, operators, and mountain professionals.

## HALBERG AWARDS

Snowboard champion Zoi Sadowski-Synnott was named Sportswoman of the Year at the annual Halberg Awards for NZ sport.

World and Olympic high jump champion Hamish Kerr was named Sportsman of the Year and also took out the Supreme Award.

The NZ women's event rugby squad were named Team of the Year.

Teenager runner Sam Ruthe won the Emerging Talent award.



**Upper:** King's School team for NIPS skiing at Whakapapa. **Lower:** Jada Watson (RSC) ready to race in NIPS.

## **RUAPEHU RACING**

**By Keat Cervin, RSC Junior Member**

In August 2025, the North Island Primary and Intermediate School Ski Champs (NIPS) were held at Whakapapa for the first time since 2019.

It was my second year of ski racing representing King's School. We had competed in Queenstown the previous year but without sufficient snow, NIPS wasn't possible in 2024 and had to be cancelled.

On the days leading up to the two 2025 racing days, snow conditions weren't great. Due to a warm start to winter, early snow had solidified into lots of hard, icy lumps that covered most of the Valley and Knoll Ridge.

Hopes weren't high for racing conditions, despite the knowledge that the race track would be cleared somewhat of that debris.

Day one was giant slalom for the intermediate age skiers, with each competitor racing two runs down the Pinnacle Valley.

We were all aiming to race as quickly as possible, with our fastest time dictating where we would place for the dual slalom the following day.

Surprisingly, snow conditions were better than expected, thanks to the hard working team from Whakapapa that cleared and prepared the course in the morning.

Despite this, as the day progressed, bright sunshine combined with the number of skiers skiing the racecourse, snow conditions changed at an alarming rate.

This condemned many racers to fall, myself being one of the victims, as well as another racer from my team.

The dual slalom race course on day two was set up on the Staircase slopes just up

above the RSC Lodge. I was racing against a team mate, which while not ideal for maximising team points, was a lot of fun.

Another RSC member was also competing; Jada Watson was there representing her school in the Primary category.

Jada said the best part of the competition for her was racing dual slalom, with her biggest challenge having to race on two different courses, where one side was harder than the other.

For me, having familiarity with Mt Ruapehu and the runs I raced on provided better confidence and knowledge of the course and ultimately a better overall time.

The many times I had skied the Pinnacle Valley course paid off when faced with the racetrack, and I enjoyed being able to stay at the Lodge for the competition.

I was really proud that our team pushed through the challenges, being the overall winners of our category, and winning some of the individual medals.

Although I won't be competing again this year, Jada will be back. She said she wants to do it again because it's fun racing at NIPS and staying in the Lodge.

I encourage other RSC members to give it a go, no matter their skiing ability or experience.

## **WONDERFUL DRONES**

TV companies covering international alpine skiing have made wonderful use of drones to bring us specular coverage of the races.

While the skiers are roaring down the slope at 160 km/h (mile a minute) the drones have been right behind them. Big air TV also used drones.

Besides skiing, TV drones have also been used for luge, bobsleigh and speed skating ice racing.



**Upper:** Hut Flat during 2025. Photo: WHL. **Lower:** Turoa's groomer is snowed in. Photo: Pure Turoa.



**HISTORIC PHOTO.** For the first time NZ skiers were first and second in a World Cup event. From left: Luke Harrold (NZ) second and Fin Melville Ives (NZ) first. Photo: FIS.



Franjo von Allmen (Switzerland) won three gold medals in alpine skiing at the Olympic Winter Games 2026. He equaled the feats of Toni Sailer in 1956 and Jean-Claude Killy in 1968. Photo: FIS.

## SNOWY SCOREBOARD

**Please note: The Winter Olympics, Paralympics, X-Games and Snow League are not part of any FIS World Cup tour.**

### GREAT KIWI QUINELLA

NZ skiers finished first and second in a freestyle skiing World Cup halfpipe in China.

World champ Fin Melville Ives won with 90 points and Luke Harrold was second with 89. Third was Hunter Hess (US) on 86.25. Great skiing by the Kiwi pair.

It was the first time NZ competitors have been together in any World Cup event for skiers or snowboarders.

Fin Melville Ives (NZ) then won another gold medal by winning a freestyle skiing World Cup halfpipe event at Aspen (Colorado). It was the third World Cup career win for Fin.

He took a big lead on his first run and was so far in front that his second run was a lap of honour. The TV commentator called his win “a legend in that making”.

Luke Harrold (NZ) did not start in this event, due to a minor injury.

### SNOW LEAGUE

Luke Harrold (NZ) finished second in the first outing of ski halfpipe in the new professional Snow League invented and promoted by snowboard legend Shaun White (US).

It is contested on invitation by skiers and snowboarders. Brendan Mackay (Canada) beat Luke for the first prize.

### ASPEN X-GAMES

NZ athletes won six medals (two gold, four silver) at the invitational Winter X-Games held at Aspen (Colorado) in January.

NZ skier Luca Harrington won his third X-Games career gold medal.

**Luca Harrington (NZ)** won GOLD in freeski slopestyle. Second was Colby Stevenson (US).

**Zoi S-S (NZ)** won SILVER in snowboard slopestyle. The winner was Mia Brookes (GB).

**Luca Harrington (NZ)** won SILVER in freeski big air. The winner was Mac Forehand (US).

**Rocco Jamieson (NZ)** won SILVER in snowboard big air. The winner was Hiroto Ogiwara (Japan).

**Zoi S-S (NZ)** won SILVER in snowboard big air. The winner was Cocomo Murase (Japan).

**Fin Melville Ives (NZ)** won GOLD in freeski halfpipe. Nick Goepper (US) was second.

**Luke Harrold (NZ)** was sixth in freeski halfpipe.

\*\*\* Zoi has now won 14 medals in the X-Games.

## SHIFFRIN VICTORIES

Mikaela Shiffrin (US) improved her status as he best ever alpine ski racer by winning seven of the eight World Cup slalom races she contested before the Olympics.

She has now won 108 races on the World Cup programmes.

## ODERMATT A LEGEND

Swiss alpine ski racer Marco Odermatt has been named a legend of the sport after winning Switzerland's great race the Lauberhorn Downhill at Wengen for a record fourth time.

The race was shortened due to a howling gale at the top. A massive crowd of 25,000 attended despite them all having to travel up by mountain railway or helicopter.

Vincent Kriechmayer (Austria) was

second and Giovanni Franzoni (Italy) was third.

## **DOWN UNDER TRIO**

Two Aussies and a Kiwi made up the podium in a snowboard World Cup halfpipe event at Laax (Switzerland).

Scott James (Aussie) was first. Cam Melville Ives (NZ) was second. Valentino Guseli (Aussie) was third.

## **WIN FOR PETERS**

Corey Peters (NZ) won a gold medal in the sitting division of a para alpine skiing downhill at Santa Caterina (Italy) in the lead-up to the Winter Paralympics. It was his third World Cup downhill win and the 21st podium of his career.

Adam Hall (NZ) was seventh in a para alpine skiing slalom at St Moritz (Switzerland). Then he won two bronze medals in slaloms at Feldberg (Germany).

## **WORLD CUP RESULTS**

Recent top 10 results by NZ snow sports competitors in World Cup events were:

### **ALPINE SKIING**

Alice Robinson eighth in GS at Sölden (Austria).

Alice Robinson GOLD MEDAL in GS at Copper Mountain (Colorado).

Alice Robinson GOLD MEDAL in GS at Tremblant (Canada).

Alice Robinson BRONZE MEDAL in GS at Tremblant (Canada).

Alice Robinson GOLD MEDAL in super-G at St Moritz (Switzerland).

Alice Robinson SILVER MEDAL in super-G at Val d'Isère (France).

Alice Robinson sixth in super-G at Crans Montana (Switzerland).

### **FREESTYLE SKIING**

Luca Harrington BRONZE MEDAL in big air at Secret Garden (China).

Lucas Ball sixth in big air at Secret Garden (China).

Sylvia Trotter seventh in big air at Secret Garden (China).

Sylvia Trotter tenth in slopestyle at Stubai (Austria).

Luca Harrington SILVER MEDAL in big air at Beijing (China).

Fin Melville Ives GOLD MEDAL in halfpipe at Secret Garden (China).

Luke Harrold SILVER MEDAL in halfpipe at Secret Garden (China).

Mischa Thomas seventh in halfpipe at Secret Garden (China).

Luca Harrington BRONZE MEDAL in big air at Steamboat (US).

Mischa Thomas sixth in halfpipe at Copper Mountain (US).

Fin Melville Ives SILVER MEDAL in halfpipe at Calgary (Canada).

Ben Harrington eighth in halfpipe at Calgary (Canada).

Luca Harrington eighth in slopestyle at Aspen (US).

Ben Barclay tenth in slopestyle at Aspen (US).

Fin Melville Ives GOLD MEDAL in halfpipe at Aspen (US).

Gustav Legnavsky ninth in halfpipe at Aspen (US).

Mischa Thomas fifth in halfpipe at Aspen (US).

Madeleine Disbrowe eighth in slopestyle at Laax (Switzerland).

### **SNOWBOARDS**

Lucia Georgalli ninth in big air at Secret Garden (China).

Dane Menzies fifth in big air at Beijing (China).

Lyon Farrell tenth in big air at Beijing (China).

Lyon Farrell ninth in big air at Steamboat (US).

Dane Menzies BRONZE MEDAL in slopestyle at Aspen (US).

Cam Melville Ives SILVER MEDAL in halfpipe at Laax (Switzerland).

Lyon Farrell seventh in slopestyle at Laax (Switzerland).

## GUCCI IS INTO SKIING

Italian fashion house Gucci has stepped into alpine territory with its first dedicated winter sports collection, Gucci Altitude.

It has expanded its array of sports and outerwear to cater to those who like to carve it up, introducing the impeccably styled collection.

Fronted by global brand ambassador and Italian tennis pro, Jannik Sinner (who was, a junior ski champion), the new campaign offers winter sports wear with unparalleled elegance and ease.

Ski pants and jackets take centre stage complemented by a covetable array of gloves, socks and ski boots.

Engineered with cutting-edge technology, as well as that sophistication Gucci is renowned for, garments feature breathable three-layer construction, water-resistant fabric plus functional details such as ski-pass pockets and touchscreen interiors.

In partnership with Head skis, the brand also dips into a selection of sporting equipment such as skis, ski poles, snowboards, sports bags, and helmets.

## YODELING RECOGNISED

The UN's cultural agency UNESCO has recognised Swiss yodelling in its new list of activities making up the world's cultural heritage.

The list is different from the UNESCO World Heritage list which enshrines protections for physical sites such as the pyramids in Egypt that are considered important to humanity.

The Swiss government pushed the candidacy with UNESCO, and promoters insist it is far more than the mountain cries of yesteryear by falsetto-bellowing male herders in suspenders on green mountainsides.

Some 12,000 yodelers take part through 780 group of the Swiss Yodeling Association.

Yodeling had its origins in the call from mountain to mountain, the communication from alp to alp. Recognisable from the very first few notes, this alpine music has the love for nature and home as its central themes.

Yodeling is a form of singing that involves singing with repeated changes in pitch from the chest register to the head register without using words that mean anything.

Although yodeling was probably being used back in the Stone Age, the choir singing of the yodeling songs only developed in the 19th century.

## TARANAKI PREDICTION

An eruption of Mt Taranaki could bring the region to a standstill, knock out regional infrastructure and cause up to \$16 billion worth of damage, a new study has found.

Researchers across New Zealand undertook a five-year study weaving together volcanic science, dynamic risk modelling, economic analysis and mātauranga ā iwi to project what would happen if the volcano erupts.

The programme began because researchers knew there is a 30-50 percent chance that Taranaki could erupt in the next 50 years.

Researchers developed nine eruption scenarios. They range in size and duration to show what small, medium, or large eruptions may look like over months.

The research revealed how a disruption to the electricity system could cascade through the oil and gas industries, transport networks and water systems, causing widespread impacts across the region and nation.



Freeride World Tour drop-in at the top of a mountain in Spain. Photo: FWT.

## FREERIDE GOLD BEN RICHARDS

Ben Richards (Wanaka-NZ) won the gold medal in skiing during the first ever freeride skiing and snowboard world championships held at Ordino Arcalis (Andorra) in the Pyrenees in February.

Ben scored 91.07 points. Second was Ugo Troubat (France) on 86.00 and third was Kai Jones (US) on 76.67.

Conrad Niven (NZ) was 13th in the snowboard division. Jess Hotter (NZ) did not finish in the women's ski division. She suffered a knee injury in major crash and was flown out by helicopter.

This was an historic milestone for the sport of freeride skiing and snowboarding.

Freeride is not yet in the Olympics but is sanctioned by the International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS).

The event brought together 65 of the

world's best freeride skiers and snowboarders from 17 nations.

It was run at the Ordino Arcalis ski area and used the legendary Basser Negre face which is 2687 metres long with a vertical drop of 470 metres and an average slope angle of 36° (reaching a maximum of 47°).

The basis of freeride is that competitors choose their own routes down steep and rugged mountains. They are not allowed practise runs and use binoculars and drones to scope the terrain.

They are judged on their runs and their scores are then adjusted for the degree of difficulty in their chosen route.

Freeride is popular in NZ and events at Queenstown each year act as qualifiers for the world tour.

Warm-ups for the champs in January were Freeride World Tour (FWT) contests at Baqueira Beret (Spain) and Val Thorens (France). Ben Richards (NZ) claimed victory at both venues.



South Island skifields. Mt Hutt (upper) and Cardrona.



**Upper:** Tongariro Ski Club lodge as seen from the Rockgarden. Photo: TSC.  
**Lower:** The Northern ski group at Snowplanet.

## WORLD SKI NEWS

**Lucas Pinheiro Braathen** made skiing history as he delivered Brazil's first-ever World Cup alpine skiing victory in a thrilling slalom race at Levi (Finland).

Pinheiro Braathen, who has switched allegiance from Norway to Brazil, held a commanding 0.41-seconds lead from the first run and held on in the second run.

His mother is from Brazil and he skis for that country, after falling out with Norway. He has trained in NZ after deciding to make a comeback. He won five times in the colours of Norway, three times in slalom and twice in giant slalom.

Pinheiro Braathen was presented with the traditional prize for a winner in Levi, a reindeer. He gets to name the reindeer but it will live on a farm in Finland.

***Mikaela Shiffrin (US)** won her ninth Levi reindeer, in her 102nd World Cup win.*

*Shiffrin named her reindeer in honour of her mother and coach Eileen Shiffrin.*

*Pinheiro Braathen honoured his father Bjorn Froelich Braathen.*

**No luck for Swiss.** The Swiss alpine ski team had three Olympic women champion skiers badly injured in December.

**Lara Gut-Behrami**, who won Olympic gold in super-G, tore her left knee in a giant slalom at Copper Mountain (Colorado) and was out for the season.

**Michelle Gisin**, a-time Olympic champion, crashed heavily while training for downhill racing at St Moritz. She needed neck surgery.

**Corinne Suter**, an Olympic downhill gold medallist, crashed also at St. Moritz, tearing a muscle in her left calf and fracturing a bone in her right foot.

***Lindsey Vonn (USA)** aged 41 won an alpine skiing World Cup downhill*

*at St Moritz (Switzerland). She beat Magdalena Egger (Austria) by 0.98 sec.*

*In her 409th World Cup start she became the oldest winner man or lady since the famous White Circus began in 1967.*

*Didier Cuche (Swiss) was the previous oldest, being 37 in 2012.*

**FATAL FIRE:** Police said 40 people were killed and 116 others were injured after an explosion and fire at a New Year's Eve nightclub party in a Swiss ski resort.

Crans-Montana is one of Switzerland's most exclusive locales, known for sweeping vistas stretching from the Matterhorn to Mont Blanc.

Officials said the event was a fire, not a terror attack.

Multiple helicopters and ambulances were deployed to assist the injured and 150 medical personnel were mobilised.

Witnesses said the fire was started by sparklers that were put into a champagne bottle. They set fire to the ceiling. The waitress who carried them died in the fire.

A criminal investigation has been launched into the French couple who managed the bar, a venue known to be popular with a younger crowd in the ski resort town.

***The FIS has launched "I love snow – Passion Beyond Limits,"***

*It is a global storytelling and fan-engagement campaign celebrating the universal love of snow.*

*It also aims to bring fans closer than ever to the athletes, their passion, and the work behind every performance.*

*Spanning every FIS discipline, the campaign unites Olympic and Paralympic journeys through one shared force: the love of snow, beyond limits.*

*FIS President Johan Eliasch said: "The passion for snow sport transcends labels, languages, generations, and disciplines, it is what connects us all."*



RSC Lodge custodians Louise and Andrew celebrate Swiss national day with ski instructor Sereina Bislin. Photo: Carl Burling.



Alice Robison (NZ) winning an alpine skiing World Cup giant slalom race in Canada in December. Photo: FIS.

## ACROSS THE SKIING WORLD

**John Lee**, an Otago businessman and Wanaka farmer who founded the country's biggest ski area, has died aged 89.

A second-generation Waiorau farmer, Lee grew up in the tough alpine climate of the Cardrona Valley's Pisa Range.

Lee and his wife Mary bought the historic Cardrona Hotel in 1970 and Mt Cardrona Station a year later and spent the following years developing a ski area at Cardrona.

Then they crossed the valley and opened the Snow Farm cross-country skifield as well as the winter proving grounds for testing cars and tyres.

*Swiss citizens have overwhelmingly voted against a proposal for all people to perform civic duty. Officials said 84.1 percent of voters said no.*

*Citizens also voted 78.3 percent against a proposal to increase inheritance tax. All cantons voted firmly against the two initiatives.*

*The "For a committed Switzerland" initiative called for a reform of the existing system of compulsory service, which is limited to men serving in the army or civil defence.*

*The initiative wanted to extend this system to women, who can currently join voluntarily.*

**German engineer Karl Kässbohrer** had an epiphany while skiing in the Dolomites in 1967.

With the wind in his face and snow all around, his mind turned to how vehicles made by his firm might one day help to clear the slopes.

Within two years his company added snow groomers to its stable. By 1972 these were busy at work at the Sapporo Winter Olympics in Japan, nudging the company ahead of the competition and into global expansion as alpine tourism gained momentum.

Over the next six decades, it industrialised slope grooming. The sector is now worth \$US 400 million of which Kässbohrer's products account for 60 percent.

*Mt Cheeseman Ski Club in Canterbury opened a givealittle page following a poor season in 2025 when it opened for just two days due to lack of snow.*

*"As a small club operated ski area, our fixed costs continue regardless of snowfall. Power, maintenance, insurance, equipment servicing and compliance requirements all need to be paid whether we open for two days or 62. After such a limited season, our reserves are extremely stretched."*

*At 96 years old, Cheeseman is approaching its centenary.*

**An ambitious \$AU700 million project to build Australia's first indoor ski resort is getting ready to hit the slopes after securing the backing of a leading Chinese operator.**

Winter Sports World has signed a memorandum of understanding in the Chinese city of Guangzhou with BonSki Group, the world's biggest indoor ski operator.

The development in Penrith in western Sydney is being billed as the biggest tourism construction project in Australia, with a 300 metre ski run, a 4.5-star hotel and restaurants.

Construction should start in a few months, with an opening set for 2028. The project is shovel-ready after a 10-year approval process.

*Nine back country skiers died in an avalanche at Lake Tahoe in California in February, making it the deadliest avalanche in the US for 40 years.*

*Search and rescue crews raced to the scene after a 911 call said 15 skiers were hit by the avalanche.*

**A new partnership deal in the ski industry aims to tap into the booming**

### **Chinese market.**

NZSki and Sunac-BonSki have signed on, giving New Zealand direct access to 13.5 million active skiers in China.

NZSki CEO Paul Anderson said that while the New Zealanders and Australians make up the bulk of skiers, he has seen an increasing number of Chinese visitors to ski areas, particularly Queenstown.

They are no longer the traditional bus tours of groups that came through from China, but high spending free independent travellers.

*Armand Marchant became the first skier from Belgium to win a medal in the alpine skiing World Cup when he came second in a slalom at Gurgl (Austria).*

*The race was won by Paco Rassat (France) who came from 14th on the first run to score his first World Cup victory. Atle Lie McGrath (Norway) was third.*

### **A Swiss study says no helmet protects your head when skiing or snowboarding at real speed.**

Researchers collected 16 models of helmets from various brands which all meet the European standards for protection against impacts of speeds up to 20 km/h.

An analysis of skiers and snowboarders revealed that skiers and snowboarders typically travel far faster than that, with 75 percent of skiers descending slopes at more than 50 km/h.

Researchers said it is probably impossible to make helmets that are effective up to 50 km/h, but 40 km/h is possible.

*A teenage skier badly injured after falling off a cliff at Ruapehu is facing this year in a wheelchair as his prolonged hospital recovery continues.*

*Charlie Lane, 13, fell eight metres off a cliff while skiing at Whakapapa on October 3.*

*The Ōamaru-based teen suffered multiple injuries, including fractures to his spine and both legs.*

*His mother said while Charlie has shown some big improvements, he still faces a lengthy and uncertain rehabilitation.*

A woman was suspended and dragged by her ski boot after it became trapped in the doors of a gondola cabin at **Park City Mountain (Utah).**

The woman attempted to board the gondola late. As the cabin doors closed, she placed her foot in the doorway, causing the doors to clamp onto her ski boot.

The gondola continued moving, dragging the woman 15 metres uphill before the lift was stopped. She was left hanging upside down in the air, supported only by her trapped boot.

Skiflift staff ran to the site with a ladder and released the skier. She was not hurt and the gondola was stopped for just 10 minutes.

*German international footballer Sebastian Hertner, aged 34, was killed in a ski-slope chairlift accident in Montenegro.*

*He died at the Savin Kuk ski resort after a double chairlift became detached from its cable and collided with the seat behind it, throwing him off.*

*His 30-year-old wife, who was riding with him, was left trapped in the chair and had to be rescued by emergency services. She suffered a broken leg.*

**The International Ski and Snowboard Federation (FIS)** has suspended two Norwegian ski jumping coaches and the team's suit technician for 18 months for manipulating suits during the world championships last year.

Investigation and litigation has become a cause for national shame in Norway and forced FIS to revamp its enforcement protocols.

The trio were caught on video inserting illegal non-elastic stitching into the crotch area of the suits of two star jumpers. This served to make the area of the suits larger, smoother and more aerodynamic.



## CLUB ITEMS & SERVICES FOR SALE

**RSC Administration Office, P.O. Box 8064, Newmarket, Auckland 1149**

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**email: [admin@rsc.org.nz](mailto:admin@rsc.org.nz)**

### Lockers

Ski and gear lockers are available in the Hut, Lodge and Turoa buildings.

Please email [admin@rsc.org.nz](mailto:admin@rsc.org.nz) for current availability.

### Annual Locker Rental Rates:

Charged at the date of allocation.

Ski Locker           \$63.25

Gear Locker         \$32.62

### Club Items

(Add \$3 for each order to be posted)

Name Badge (free to new members)   \$12

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 Turoa                 06-385-8767

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Attend two working parties.  
 Annual senior subscription                 \$310  
 Annual sub young adult, junior,  
 associate, veteran                             \$130  
 Joining Fees - \$49 for seniors  
 and juniors, maximum \$150 per family.

## ACCOMMODATION FEES

### Bunk Night Rates 2026

	Summer Chalet and Turoa (uncatered)	Winter Chalet and Turoa (uncatered)	Winter Lodge (catered)
Senior	\$ 35.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 72.00
Young Adult	\$ 35.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 72.00
Teen	\$ 30.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 63.00
Junior	\$ 23.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 47.00
Member Child	\$ 18.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 36.00
Senior Non-Member	\$ 45.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 130.00
Young Adult Non-Member	\$ 45.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 130.00
Teen Non-Member	\$ 39.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 113.00
Junior Non-Member	\$ 29.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 84.00
Child Non-Member	\$ 23.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 65.00