

Information Sheet 2018

What's new in 2018 – it's the year to learn!

This is the year to get that feeling of true freedom, and learn to ski or board at the Remarkables. Why? Because the popular 385ha ski field 40 minutes from downtown Queenstown in New Zealand is scheduled to grow the learner terrain **by 70 percent**, installing a new conveyor to access the area.

The additional 8,000m² of learner's terrain directly accessible from the base building, will improve the experience for novice riders massively, says The Remarkables Ski Area Manager Ross Lawrence.

"The learner experience is about progression, so providing another step will get guests feeling even more comfortable and capable as they gradually move up the mountain."

A 160m conveyor is in the planning, accessing this new area, located where the old base building was and close to Alta Chair. It is another degree steeper than the first learner slope.

Alta is a four-seater chair lift accessing a beginner run, and is usually the first chair novices will take.

A trail left of the new area will provide skiers access down to existing Shadow Basin lift.

Remarkables is the home of progression with its parks program including the new Remarkables Snow Sports Academy for youth launched last year, and the Ski Queens and Snow Broads camps for female riders, run throughout the season.

Last year, The Remarkables enclosed its main double learner's conveyor lift with a gallery, a slinky-style transparent tunnel to keep guests dry and protected as they head up the slope.

Also new in 2018 at The Remarkables is a better food and beverage operation, investment in roading and transport, upgrades to the kids Kea Club space, new rental stock and better progression signage. Here are the details:

- To keep up with demand for favourites such as pies, chips and pastries, there are new hot cabinets and a larger prep area at the "grab & go" side in the base building food court to enable faster refills. Fine tuning of the barista bar will also provide an even more efficient coffee service.
- The popular Ice bar is getting purpose-built BBQs to keep bacon butties and other yummy bites cooking in almost all weather conditions.
- For the kids, the Kea club dining area gets its own cabinets and cubbyhole storage plus a hot drink stand for easier delivery of drinks and coordination of hot food by staff. This will create a larger, tidier space for 4-17 year olds in The Remarkables Kea program.
- A brand new purpose-built grit tuck will enable more efficient removal of snow on the sealed section of road.
- The state of the art rental system replaces 20% new stock in the rentals operation including skis, boots, poles, helmets, boards & boots.
- Trail signage will now highlight **red** sitting in between black and blue runs. Red denotes a steeper gradient than blue runs but not as steep or intimidating as black runs for advanced skier and boarders.
- The transport fleet adds a MAN 4WD bus to accommodate greater numbers of guests using the convenient town-to-mountain bus service. The fleet now stands at 12 for The Remarkables and its sister field, Coronet Peak.

Significant new features from 2017

- The Remarkables' terrain increased following demolition of the original base building and the redevelopment in recent years. It now boasts 385 hectares of terrain with more to come thanks to a new learner area under construction.
- The double conveyor lifts in the learners' area has been fully enclosed with New Zealand's first-ever double conveyor gallery. This keeps users protected from weather but still able to see friends or family giving it a go themselves.
- The medical facility was relocated to the bottom the Curvey Basin lift, providing easier access for pedestrians and ambulance, in 2017.
- 5.5km more road was tar sealed so that three quarters of the road is now sealed.
- Remarkables Snow Sports Academy, a new freeski and snowboard development programs offering season-long and school holiday development programs for kids aged 6-18 years, was launched.

Other key features

- Member of The Mountain Collective, a group the world's 13 best ski resorts
- A member of NZSki offering discounts across Mt Hutt, The Remarkables and Coronet Peak.
- New base lodge (opened 2015) features decks on three sides, indoor seating for up to 644 people, even more outdoor seating, a wide variety of grab 'n go foods, healthy options and hearty meals on offer, and convenient direct access to the purpose-built beginners slope (three surface conveyor lifts) and to the Curvey Basin express chair lift
- Capacity for 940 vehicles after an additional 150 car parks on upper road area in 2015
- Extensive freestyle features across three dedicated terrain parks
- Huge big mountain off piste terrain with superb natural chutes and big open bowls
- Free day lift passes for children aged 5 years and under

Mountain stats, dates and time

Targeted opening date: Saturday 9 June, 2018

Anticipated Closing Date: Sunday 7 October, 2018

(Subject to weather conditions)

Elevation: 1943m, 468m vertical drop

Skiable Area: 385 hectares

Lifts: 1 high-speed six-seater chair, 3 quad chairs, 5 surface conveyor lifts including a double covered conveyor

Terrain: 30% beginner, 40% intermediate, 30% advanced

Average Snowfall: 3.67m per annum (excl. snowmaking)

Snowmaking: Extensive automated system comprising 100 guns covering beginners' area, Alta Green, Casterway, Gotham City, Curvey, Turquoise, Waterfall, and terrain parks

Access: 28km, 40min from Queenstown (10k sealed and 3 km unsealed access road)

Children's program: Kea Club from 4-17 years of age

Shuttles: Multiple daily services on the Snowbus from the Snow Centre with pick up enroute and hotel pick-up service available

Operating Hours: 9am to 4pm

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