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Thredbo - What's New Winter 2018

Medal winning run for Thredbo

After the stellar season of 2017, Thredbo maintained the winning run by picking up top honours in a cache of industry and peer award presentations.

Thredbo placed a huge focus on providing the best full alpine experience for guests. From free entertainment, amazing après sessions, unbeatable resort activities and offering the best beginner snow programs for first timers. This approach, coupled with the natural benefits of having the mountain and the village connect has seen Thredbo pick up these snow travel accolades.

Winner - Best Australian Ski Resort – World Ski Awards

Winner – Best Australian Ski Resort – Luxury Travel Gold List

Winner – Australia’s Best Ski Resort – Snowsports Industry Australia Awards

Winner – Best Australian Ski Resort – 2017 Out & About with Kids – Best of Family Travel Awards

“These awards are testament to a great team who strive to provide guests with an exceptional experience. It’s more than just the snow, the village gives Thredbo that edge of difference, the après atmosphere, events and facilities are unrivalled in the Australian snow industry” said Jordan Rodgers, General Manager of Thredbo.

On the Mountain

Summer works in the Central Spur area will see improved traffic flow between the two main resort areas. Skiers and snowboarders will have improved access to the Catwalk with the inclusion of snowmaking and slope works around the Sponars area of The Traverse.

Snowmaking was added to the Cruiser Terrain Park giving greater reliability of snow to maintain the features and quality of this park. This also gives greater opportunities to open the park earlier and stay open later, weather permitting of course!

Backcountry Adventures new for winter 2018



Looking for a snow adventure with a difference? This year we have partnered with The North Face to offer Thredbo Backcountry Tours supported by The North Face. Take an out of resort trip into the side and backcountry of the spectacular Kosciuszko Main Range.

It's a great way to escape the resort, take in fresh mountain air, enjoy uncrowded slopes (you may not see anyone all day) all with the company of a knowledgeable backcountry expert. Split boarders and ski tourers, head high with the backcountry guides and enjoy the untracked chutes and faces of the Main Range.

Whether you are just a curious new comer to the backcountry or a regular rider there is a tour for you. Trips are graded green, blue and black and include a guide who will show you the way and share backcountry safety tips.

Adventures include:

Signature Peak – Green Tour

A two hour ski around the Karels area to familiarise yourself with gear and backcountry awareness, plus enjoy the out of resort fresh stashes.

Bogong Creek – Green Tour

Head high in to the Golf Course and Bogong Creek area, it's far enough away from the resort to enjoy people free slopes but close enough to feel comfortable. It's a great intro into the backcountry.

Mt Kosciuszko – Blue Tour

This is the tick all the boxes tour – get out of the resort, experience the majestic Main Range and stand at the very top of Australia. Imagine telling your mates you skied off Mt Kosciuszko.

Etheridge Range – Blue Tour

Head out to the Etheridge Range to cruise through unique terrain that includes sweet fall-line, giant granite tors and boulders.

Leatherbarrel Creek – Black Tour

A big day out for the experienced adventurers into untouched territory, so the fresh track factor is high.

Twin Valleys – Black Tour

This trip is packed with promise for the advanced rider, you will enjoy long, steep and playful terrain. It boasts big bowls and gullies with a line-up of ridgelines to find your line.

Tours with the Thredbo Backcountry Guides include snow and safety awareness, avalanche safety, backcountry familiarisation, basic navigation and snow survival skills.

If you are looking to step out of the resort and into the incredible Australian backcountry, team up with the Thredbo experts for a day out with a difference. Bookings can be made with Thredbo Snow Sports on 02 6459 4044.

Events

There are two great pleasures in winter life – hitting the slopes and après. This season in Thredbo there is lots to love about après with a mighty line-up of events, celebrations and entertainment both on and off the slopes. Whether it is a quiet drink by the fire with friends, layered up for FREE live music outdoors in the Village Square or dancing in your ski boots till late Thredbo has “after ski” covered in 2018.

Here are a few après highlights:

Heineken Saturdays

It's back! The Heineken Saturdays last year turned the village into an après party atmosphere like no other, with some of the best artists in Australia bringing the village and vibe to life.

First Heineken Saturday kicks off on the Opening Weekend featuring **Hot Dub Time Machine**, supported by **Young Franco**. Hot Dub, DJ Tom Loud, is famous for playing songs in a “strict” chronological order from 1954 to now with enormous mashed visuals all scratched live from vinyl turntables.

It will all start Poolside from 2pm with Michelle Owen preparing those Heineken vibes.

Saturday 25th August will see a second Heineken Saturday with a poolside session featuring Lisse before escalating to the Thredbo village square where **Tigerlily** will headline the stage, supported by **Kinder**.

First Base Vintage Après Soirée

It's time to dust off the retro colour wear, one piece ski suits, bad sweaters and of course...the fluro sunnies, First Base is hitting Thredbo for its second undertaking, which is set to be nothing short of ‘the best après session’ to hit the Australian Alps.

With thanks to Falcona and Canadian Club, this winter Tom Tilley & Hugo Gruzman are bringing some special guests that are coolest cats in the Australian music scene to bring the non-stop party vibes to Thredbo. Look out for – **Joy Ride**, **Touch Sensitive** and **CC Disco** providing guest appearances.

Corona Sunset Poolside Sessions

Summer vibes is what comes to mind when you first think of sipping back on a Corona...or two. However, have you ever experienced a sunset in the Australian Alps? Some say, it's the best sunset you can enjoy, top it off with a bucket of Coronas, mates and some of the Australia's best live artists...it makes for a pretty awesome way to finish off your day in the mountains. This season's impressive line-up features **North East Party House** and **Running Touch** with the support of **Magnifik**.

Rainbow Mountain adding colour to the event line-up

Thredbo has partnered with Heaps Gay to present Rainbow Mountain where a line-up of events and activities will be as big as the mountain itself. Rainbow Mountain is a festival for members of the LGBT+ community and friends to come together and celebrate gay pride in Australia's number one resort.

With a huge line up of events both on and off the slopes, there's plenty to look forward to including:

- Hosted by some of Australia's favourite drag queens who are sure to fire up the Rainbow Mountain week.
- Aspen Cloud 9 pop up at Kareela Hutte
- Morning rave yoga, wake up swims and 80's Aerobics
- Racing with a twist
- Drag Bingo
- Lip sync karaoke
- Spa Confessions
- Live entertainment
- Poolside parties... plus much more...

Rental Rewards

With exploring the backcountry becoming more and more popular, Thredbo Sports has a brand new fleet of backcountry options for 2018.

For skiers - jump on a pair of Volkl VTA 80's with mohair skins, they are incredibly low weight and super impressive in variable conditions. Prefer to snow shoe? Tubbs Flex Snow Shoes are designed for easy exploring, they are lighter and more flexible making it alot more comfortable. The whole family can head out as the new range includes sizes specifically for children.

Clothing rental at Valley Terminal get an upgrade

The adult rental clothing range has received a premium upgrade at the Valley Terminal location. All of the adult clothing options will come from the Spyder pro fleet range.

Spyder Quandary jackets are perfect for weekends on the slopes offering warmth, durability and 10/10 waterproofing. Spyder Ripper pants suitable for both skiers and boarders with 10/10 waterproof and breathable fabric and secure zippered hand pockets.

Solar Powered Leisure Centre

As part of Thredbo's continued commitment to the environment a large scale solar system was installed on the curved roof of the Thredbo Leisure Centre. With around 290 panels, the system is 20 times the size of one at your average house and is set to supply close to 20% of the centre's electricity.

New resort added to Mountain Collective

New for 2018/19 season Big Sky, Montana has joined The Mountain Collective™ family as a full partner. Big Sky offers more than 2,000 hectares of skiable terrain and a vertical of 1,325 metres.

Big Sky joins Alta, Aspen Snowmass, Banff Sunshine, Coronet Peak – The Remarkables, Jackson Hole, Lake Louise, Mammoth, Revelstoke, Snowbird, Squaw Valley Alpine Meadows, Snowbasin, Sugarbush, Sun Valley, Taos, and Thredbo in this alliance of 16 iconic destinations along with Global Affiliate Resorts - Valle Nevado, Chile, Niseko, Japan and Chamonix Mont Blanc, France.

Thredbo Premier Season Pass Holders will again be able to enjoy exclusive discounts – including 50% off day passes at full member Mountain Collective Resorts. And 50% off up to 5 days at Global Affiliates.

A full set of highlight images are available [here](#)