

Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Snow Chains Determination Season 2017

Determination pursuant to Alpine Resorts (Management) Regulations 2009

I, Jon Hutchins as the delegate for the Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board, (The Board) taking into consideration;

Expert advice from local and other experts; Traffic Police; the elevation, length and topography of the Great Alpine Road; existing Vic Roads Regulations concerning wheel (snow) chains; The Alpine Resorts (Management) Regulations 2009; The protocol agreed on 23 August 2012 between Vic Roads (Benalla); Victoria Police District Headquarters (Wangaratta) and the Board regarding weather events and conditions affecting the Great Alpine Road and road related areas (as defined in the road rules) in the Mount Hotham Alpine Resort; and acknowledgement that the Great Alpine Road is unique in Australia and other factors.

With authority of Part 2, Regulation 8 of the said Regulations;

For reasons of public safety and for other purposes connected with the protection, control and management of the alpine resort;

Determine that:-

1. For the duration of the declared 2017 snow season the Mount Hotham Alpine Resort is a prohibited area for vehicles not carrying or fitted with diamond pattern wheel (snow) chains of an authorised type.
2. An authorised diamond pattern wheel (snow) chain type is one which is:-
 - a) Comprised of interlocking steel links or rings.
 - b) The correct size for the wheels and tyres fitted to the vehicle.
 - c) Suitable for the wheels, tyres, weight and construction of the vehicle.
 - d) When fitted will fully enclose the tyre and which effectively grips both side walls of the tyre.
 - e) Constructed of hard high quality steel.
 - f) Of a pattern and design where some part of the chain will be in contact with the road surface at all times when fitted.
 - g) Suitable and durable enough for a road of varying gradients, sharp comers and variable conditions.
 - h) Not modified or altered from the original commercially manufactured wheel (snow) chain.
3. A driver or person in control of a vehicle must not enter the Mount Hotham Resort or upon the Great Alpine Road and road related areas as defined by Rule 13 of the Road Safety Road Rules 2009 within the Mount Hotham Alpine Resort, in contravention of this determination.

Signed

Jon Hutchins CEO MHARMB

Date..9./6./2017.

The Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board recommends the use of well constructed high quality wheel (snow) chains in good condition. Prior to fitting wheel (snow) chains the vehicle owner's manual/handbook must be consulted. Wheel (snow) chains must always be properly fitted and used in accordance with the chain and vehicle manufacturer's instructions and specifications. The Board, its employees and agents cannot be held liable for any damages, accident, injury, or fatality arising as a result of the use of wheel (snow) chains.