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Dear Alyson

Thank you for asking me to supply a reference for the Wakatipu Ski Club.

I have a longstanding association with the club having completed the original drawings for the present club on Coronet Peak while working for architect John Blair in the early 1980's .

I am a lifetime member and all 4 children of my family have been brought up enjoying the use of the club, its lessons, its camaraderie and sausage sizzles on the deck.

I can think of no other club that has given me lifelong friendships across all age groups and memories like the Wakatipu Ski Club. We have babysat each other's children, we have held wonderful evening dinners, we have celebrated birthdays in this wonderful environment. We have sheltered from the storms, we have slid in the snow, we have enjoyed a glass of wine by the fire.

The location of the club is its greatest asset. Being so close to facilities and parking it has been a warm haven for families with young babies and a wonderful introduction to snow and the great outdoors. The membership is strong, and the club can build close links with the Wakatipu community it serves and NZSki which operates the mountain. Many great NZ skiers have been nurtured by the club and I hope that DOC enables these wonderful traditions of introducing families to the world of skiing and snow to continue by extending the lease.

Kind Regards

Gillian Macleod