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## Thredbo Announces Winter Season Opening Date of 22 June

**THREDBO RESORT, NSW** – Skiers and snowboarders, start tuning your edges and melting wax, this is the news snow lovers have been waiting for. With the easing of regulations, Thredbo is thrilled to announce it is planning to open for the winter season from 22 June 2020, conditions permitting.

To enable the resort to open for skiing and snowboarding, Thredbo will be implementing a revised operating model that has been developed under the advice provided by the NSW Health Department and the State and Federal Governments. The revised model includes reduced daily capacity limits by up to 50% on usual capacity at this stage and the implementation of a range of social distancing and sanitisation measures.

On the mountain, daily capacity will be limited to enable the resort to open under the Government restrictions. As a result, all guests will need to pre-purchase day lift passes or multi-day passes prior to arrival. Season Pass holders will be offered the choice of a refund or credit for their pre-purchased passes and will be provided with access to discounted day passes\*. Thredbo will be communicating with all Season Pass holders by Thursday 4 June in relation to their options. Throughout the season, guests will be encouraged to use contactless payment using MyThredbo cards across all Thredbo outlets.

Other measures include 1.5m 'ski tip to tail' social distancing in lift queues and a limit of two per quad chair, two per gondola cabin and one per T-bar. Given the limited capacity, it is expected that skiers and snowboarders will incur wait times similar to a normal season. In addition, only private skiing and snowboarding lessons are able to be offered. Thredboland will be unable to open at the time of the season opening, but this will continue to be monitored as restrictions ease. Restaurants and bars will operate in alignment with Government restrictions as they continue to evolve.

The resort has invested in best practice hygiene and sanitisation measures including installing sanitisation stations throughout the resort and has incorporated new procedures to effectively sanitise high use areas including chairlifts, gondola cabins and rental equipment. The resort has also enhanced its stringent approach to cleaning all resort facilities and venues.

Thredbo Resort General Manager Stuart Diver says the resort is looking forward to welcoming guests back and has implemented an operating model to allow guests to ski and snowboard this winter.

“The wellbeing of our guests and our people is always our highest priority at Thredbo. We have worked hard with the relevant authorities to be able to open Thredbo this winter, which will look quite different to previous years. Our revised operating model is necessary for us to operate within the NSW Government’s social distancing restrictions and capacity restraints, to allow us to open.

“We would really appreciate if guests could exercise patience as we navigate through the season and play their part in respecting social distancing requirements. We’ll be communicating all safety messages to our guests prior to arrival and remind guests they should not visit the resort if they are unwell.

“After such a challenging start to 2020 with the bushfires and now COVID-19, we are so pleased to open and we’re confident we will continue to deliver Australia’s best skiing and snowboarding this winter. We will be opening our new Merritts Gondola, Australia’s only alpine gondola, as well as the enhanced ‘Dream Run’ experience with a new snowmaking system installed along with increased car parking.”

Thredbo’s revised product offering including day passes, private lessons, ski and snowboard rental and accommodation will be available for pre-purchase from 11.59pm on Wednesday 10 June 2020 by visiting [Thredbo.com.au](https://www.thredbo.com.au)\*\*.

Thredbo is providing a flexible COVID-19 cancellation Policy (terms & conditions apply), allowing a cancellation, change of dates or credit for pre-purchased lift, lesson, rental products and/or accommodation purchased via Thredbo Resort Centre or The Thredbo Alpine Hotel if:

- Thredbo is closed due to COVID-19 or;
- Government policies due to COVID-19 prevent guests from travelling on intended dates.

For more information, visit: <https://www.thredbo.com.au/about-thredbo/covid-19-update/>

See you on the slopes! Now we know when we can open, it’s a date.

*\*A portion of the daily inventory of tickets will be allocated to Season Pass holders at the discounted rate. Season Pass holders will also be given access to a program that offers a greater discount on the daily rate the more days that are purchased.*

*\*\*Updated Terms and Conditions of visiting Thredbo will include requirements for guests to comply with COVID-19 restrictions during their visit.*

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#### **ABOUT THREDBO**

Thredbo is Australia's premier alpine resort. Voted Australia's Best Ski Resort in the World Ski Awards for three consecutive years, Thredbo boasts some of the best alpine terrain in the country and plays host to close to around 750,000 visitors each year. Located at the heart of the Australian Alps and nestled in the foothills of Australia's highest mountain Mt Kosciuszko, Thredbo is Australia's highest adventure destination in both summer and winter.

In winter, Thredbo offers Australia's longest snow runs and a vertical drop close to double that of any other Australian resort with a gorgeous European-style village. In summer, Thredbo has Australia's largest network of gravity mountain bike trails, as well as some of the best hiking trails in the country including the iconic Mt Kosciuszko walk.