

2023 Report – Tower Above the Snow Line

; The Rural Community Group’s 450th Tower Broadband Site



This year, we celebrated RCG’s 450th rural mobile tower going live since the Rural Broadband and Mobile Blackspots Programmes started in 2017.

RCG quite literally went above and beyond to successfully attach a small cell site to an existing building at the Mt Olympus Ski Club in North Canterbury. Located 1,620 meters above sea level, the club has accommodation, a bar, New Zealand’s highest hot tub, and now: mobile coverage.

The site, installed in late June 2023, serves the ski club’s accommodation and ski slopes, and performs a vital public safety role for this remote outpost. Its successful installation, like the other 449 sites delivered through this programme, is a testament to the knowledge, innovation, and skill that RCG brings to providing infrastructure solutions that benefit rural New Zealand.

Congratulations to RCG on this programme milestone and to the project’s WISP partner Ultimate Broadband, which provided a backhaul link to connect the site.