



## MINARET STATION

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To our valued industry friends and colleagues.

It is with heavy hearts that we must advise that our brother, colleague and dear friend Matthew (Matt) Wallis was involved in a tragic accident on Saturday July 21, at Lake Wanaka, New Zealand.

The operation quickly turned from one of rescue, to that of recovery. We are so incredibly grateful for the efforts of the New Zealand Police, Royal New Zealand Navy, LandSAR, as well as a huge number of volunteers, including many of Matthew's closest friends.

Late last night, Matthew was able to be brought home to his wife Alice and young son Arthur.



Matthew played a critical role in the development and operations of the Minaret Station tourism business. As so many of you know first hand, he was passionate about providing guests from all corners of the globe with the most quintessential of New Zealand experiences. He was an exceptional host and a highly skilled outdoorsman.

Matthew left a lasting impression on everyone he met. His warm character and huge smile filled a room. He always took the time to make others feel special.

As you will know, Matthew was one of four very tight brothers. We worked closely and laughed loudly together. He was an adored son of Prue & Tim. Above all other things, he was a wonderful husband to Alice and proud father to young Arthur.

Minaret Station has a very strong, experienced and resilient team. Whilst we are all equally heartbroken at this sad news, our team is truly committed to continuing on with the legacy that Matthew helped create at Minaret Station. He would be furious if we did anything but that.

Our focus at this point is on supporting Alice and Arthur.

Thank you for your many kind messages and your ongoing support.

Best regards,

Jonathan, Toby & Nick Wallis  
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