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Dear Members,

The season has started, Glenn is on duty, the new rooms are ready and we have snow on the ground.

According to an article in the Sydney Morning Herald early in May, long-range snowfall forecaster John Moore was tipping there would be snow on the ground for the Queen's birthday opening weekend of the Victorian ski season. "I think there will be skiable snow for the opening weekend," Mr Moore said.

Time has proven him to be correct.

The same article points out that Mt Buller will become the first ski resort in the world to use recycled water for snowmaking, producing up to two million litres of water a day for man-made snow. Hmmm! it adds new meaning to the phrase, "Don't eat yellow snow."

This newsletter brings you an introduction to our new (recycled) lodge manager, Glenn Frost (in Glenn's own words).



Over the last summer David and Andrew Walker both worked as ski instructors in the USA, David at Heavenly and Andrew at the Canyons in Utah. Their father, John, and myself took

the opportunity to visit both resorts and experience some high altitude skiing. Pictured above are John (left) and David on the Nevada side of Heavenly. If you look closely you may see the Maranatha beanie.

Enjoy your skiing
Kevin Donegan
Publicity Officer

From your Manager, Glenn Frost.

Hi everyone, welcome to the 2007 Ski season.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. For those of you who are new to the club or probably more to the point not old enough to remember, I managed Maranatha in 1977 and 1978. Since then I have had a few changes of career, I spent the 1979 season at Barina Milpara in Perisher. Had a few years cooking at QANTAS Flight Catering before having a complete career change and joining the NSW Police Force where I spent the next 20 years, eighteen of which in Criminal Investigation in Sydney metropolitan area and on the Far North Coast. After retiring from the Police Force I took on growing macadamia nuts full time until recently when I sold my plantation.

I have lived the past sixteen years on the Far North Coast, at Alstonville, Tregagle (near Lismore) and more recently Ballina, with my wife of 27 years, Jenny, and our three children Luke, Hayley and Jordan.

After having a short time in semi-retirement and having each of my children leave home to pursue their respective careers I decided I needed to 'do' something which has now taken me the full circle back to Maranatha.

During the past 30 years I have not lost contact with snow skiing, having regularly skied in Australia and overseas with my wife and kids.

I am looking forward to re-acquainting myself with the members of the '70's and meeting the members of the '80s, '90s and 2000's. For those of you that are a bit concerned at this stage, I am not really a 'Dinosaur'.

Please, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any special requests for your stay at Maranatha this season, whether it be dietary / special food

requirements or just a snow, road or weather report. I will only be happy to assist you.

The lodge renovations are finished and look great, I have stocked the pantry, taken a refresher course in cooking, just joking!!! The lodge is ready to go. There is snow on the ground, not much, but it is there.

So I hope to see you all soon....

Glenn

Special Announcement



A date has been set for the end-of-season function. Mark the date in your diary now.

When: 27th October 2007

Where: Portofino Function Centre 26 Atchison St. Wollongong

Entertainment by Graham Wilson from the Four Kinsmen

Our Social Secretary, Gai Curtis will bring you more details as they are finalised.

News from the Committee

Our new rooms were ready for the beginning of the season and all reports they look fantastic. Our Maintenance Officer, Kevin Masters, and all involved have done a great job and deserve congratulations from all of us. (Remind me to get a more recent photo of the lodge for the front page of the next newsletter- or better still send me your favourite photo of the lode in winter.)

The addition of these two rooms has led to a renumbering of all the rooms. So if you discover you have been allocated room 1, you are not in the old room 1 just above the boiler room, but in one of the new rooms. The old room 1 is now labelled room 3 and so on. So when you arrive late at night and check your room allocation make sure you turn off the auto pilot and avoid the mistake of going to the wrong room and wondering why there is already someone sleeping in “your” bed.

A decision has been made by the committee **not** to provide wine with dinner. So those of you who like to enjoy a glass or two of red or white with your meal will need to make your own arrangements. We apologise for any inconvenience, but we hope that this notification will allow you to make the necessary arrangements before leaving home.

Make sure you visit the club’s website frequently to get updates on availability of accommodation and other information.

The next newsletter is planned for September.

Ski you on the snow
