



THIRROUL SKI CLUB LTD. MARANATHA LODGE NEWSLETTER

Well its nearly the start of the snow season, there has been some falls in the mountains particularly at the start of the last working bee, 20cms of lovely dry snow surrounding the lodge. Hans Buettner the 1st arrival at the lodge had to leave his car in the Perisher car park and walk to the lodge in shorts and thongs but then Hans is a tough old bloke so I don't think it would have worried him. Speaking of snow it was so thick that we couldn't see the recent delivery of firewood in front of the lodge. Kevin Masters was concerned that we had paid for a delivery but it was not there, but as the snow thawed on Monday afternoon the wood materialised so all was good.

WORKING BEE ACHIEVEMENTS:

The Working Bee was attended by Kevin Masters, Mavis Williams, Hans Buettner, Marty Barnes, Mal Laurie, Ian Gregory, new members Bill Wessel, Chris Boddington, Ken Lucas, Jill Lucas and Glenn Frost made a guest appearance.

Work completed: the old green carpet in the stairwell was removed, the fridges and freezers in the laundry were moved to the old ski room and new power points and racks for food etc installed, new ski racks fabricated by Wayne Masters and cut to size by Bruce Norton were installed in the old laundry, we can now rack 34 skis and 6 snowboards so Remember this Year when you arrive in the middle of the night the new ski room is the old laundry where the Thunder Down under is!!!!!!! Various other little jobs were done to prepare the lodge for this season such as moving the wood rack so our wood doesn't disappear in a snowdrift again, finishing off the airlock etc. The Stairwell will probably remain bare this year it will be project for next season, thanks to everyone who gave of their time especially Kevin and Mavis who because of circumstances ended up spending a 2nd week at the lodge. Various Meetings were held during the time at the

lodge with DIPNR to finally sign off on the development application for our extensions (its taken 3 years with lots of changes and heartache but we finally got there – well done Kevin), and NPWS to discuss our forthcoming commitments to the building fire regulations upgrade, more on that later and 1 last meeting with NPWS about our road where we were told we will have a concrete turning circle in front us, Oldina and Bonoona by 2009 to be called Billy Button Rd. So folks we will have to have a competition to see who is the 1st to find out who was Billy Button and what did he do – send your answers to feedback@thirroulskiclub.com.au not sure what you will get as a prize maybe a mention in this venerable newsletter.

BOOKING INFO:

This year the opening weekend of the season is full, does this mean those people booked in know there is going to be early snow OR is it a party weekend to kick back and enjoy Glenn's cooking, and the next lot 2 is fully booked as well so maybe there is a early powder fall going to happen. The Junior Development has vacancies as well as lots 3, 4, 5, 6 and lot 12 the rest are nearly full or full so it's looking like a record year for our lodge bookings. But cancellations do happen so keep your eye on our website www.thirroulskiclub.com.au as Karen always posts the latest info there.

OTHER THINGS

If you think your child is eligible and would like to participate in our Junior Development Program ring Astrid Kreilis on 0414 973 599.

I have to apologise getting you all excited about snow making and fresh tracks each morning on Mt P – well it's not going to happen this year but next year, so we can all sleep in a bit longer and have a leisurely breakfast instead of screaming out the door to be 1st to ski Towers on Mt P and I'm talking about you here Zoe.

I hope to see you all on the slopes and around the fire at the lodge I will be at the senior races, I have to redeem myself from coming last last year.

Yours in Skiing and Boarding Ian Gregory
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