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THE THIRROUL SKI CLUB LIMITED

MARANATHA LODGE

PERISHER VALLEY

KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK

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May 2019

Dear Members,

The first snow has fallen in Perisher Valley. Let's hope there is a lot more

The Club's AGM was held at the Russell vale Golf Club on Sunday 31st March.

We have already reported that the following were elected unopposed to the committee:

President Bruce Norton

Vice President Gai Curtis

Secretary Amie Archer

Assistant Secretary Evelyn Jelercic

Treasurer Rupert Blatch

Publicity Officer Kevin Donegan

Committee members

Sarah Blatch

Ian Eddy

Rasma Kreilis

Kevin Masters

Mavis Williams

Mark Phillips

At the April committee meeting the following portfolios were assigned:

Catering Officer – Sarah Blatch (Sarah will liaise closely with Clark)

Social Secretary – Gai Curtis

Sports Captain – Mark Phillips

Junior Sports Captain – Heath Barnes (volunteer non-committee member)

Bookings officer – Ian Eddy

NSWSA/ Slopes – Mavis Williams

Assistant Treasurer – Evelyn Jelercic

Maintenance Officer – Kevin Masters

Website manager – Nicola Curtis (volunteer non-committee member)

Enjoy your skiing

and your summer activities

Kevin Donegan

Publicity Officer

Vale Lionel Frankum

Barb Frankum's beloved father Lionel passed away last week at the age of 97. You probably remember that Barb was our manager for nine years and is now a member. Many of us got to know Lionel quite well as he stayed at Maranatha many times. We got to appreciate his sense of humour and the undeniable love he had for his family including his wife, Flo, who predeceased him. We offer Barbara and Bruce and all the family our condolences at this difficult time.

News from the committee

Top of the list this time so you can mark it in your diary is our VIP night at Steve's Snow Store. In the past our members have snared some good bargains. Don't miss out.

If anyone is interested, we could have dinner at a nearby restaurant afterwards. (provided we still have some money left after our shopping for ski gear) My suggestion is Kinn Thai (just across the road, it's BYO and there is a Liquorland nearby). Let me know numbers by 28 May so we can book.

Oops, I'm probably taking over the Social Secretary's job, but I hope she won't mind.



**Illawarra Ski Clubs
V.I.P Night
Thursday 30th May 2019**

**10-50% Off
Storewide**

Shop 12 Wollongong Central
steve'ssnowstore.com



If you can't make it on the night, remember that Steve offers 10% off for members all the time.

While not wanting to steal Steve's thunder, **Rhythm SnowSports** in Jindabyne offer a 15% discount to our members as well. Just mention Thirroul Ski Club.

Other News

The Committee has been busy over the summer months. We have done a stocktake of our linen (sheets, pillowcases and towels). We have listened to comments from members and guests and from our hard-working manager, Clark. We have purchased a lot of new linen and while Clark should certainly appreciate the larger numbers and colour coding to make his job easier, members will hopefully appreciate the feel of new sheets and towels. Castors have also been purchased to make it easier for guests to move the beds and make the job of making the bed easier.

50th Anniversary

We have already mentioned that 2019 is our 50th anniversary as a club and that it is worth celebrating. We have asked for suggestions and (guess what) we have received none. Current feeling among the

committee is we have a lunch time picnic, possibly at Sublime Point, where we put on a BBQ and members bring their own salads and drinks. I know a couple of members would prefer to do a cruise on Sydney Harbour.

What do you think? Do you like the idea of a picnic where costs are kept under control? Is a picnic more family-friendly? Do you want to splash out and go to a 3, 4 or 5 star restaurant or on a cruise? With the picnic you can have a very nice wine (or a couple of beers) BYO without it costing a fortune. You would hopefully be able to mingle with fellow members a lot more than you could in a restaurant.

The committee can only do what YOU want if you let us know what you want. Contact Gai at gmcurtis@optusnet.com.au

Website photos

Our Webmaster, Nicola Curtis, would like to liven up our website with some new photos. If you have any photos that you think would be appropriate, preferably relating to snowsports and/or Maranatha, please send them in. You can use Gai's email address for this.

Cost of sending out printed publications

Following the recent AGM our Treasurer and former treasurer have noted the significant cost of sending printed copies of the business papers. This could be reduced if more (preferably all) members elected to receive an electronic copy. Please consider requesting an electronic copy by sending an email to either the secretary or assistant treasurer. Just this once I will allow sending a reply to my email for that purpose.

The Defibrillator

Most of you will be aware that we have had an AED (automatic External Defibrillator) in the lodge since 2012 (wow! is it that long?). We have taken the decision to replace this with a brand new one of the same brand.

I have tracked down the following resources for this AED. I encourage all our member to familiarise themselves with the device before going to the lodge. The minutes you save could make the difference in saving someone's life. Maybe it could be my life, maybe it could be your life or the life of someone you love.

<http://zonemedical.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Saver-One-Brochure.pdf>

<http://zonemedical.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Saver-One-Semi-Automatic-Defibrillator-Parts.pdf>

<http://zonemedical.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Saver-One-Defibrillator-User-Manual.pdf>

<http://zonemedical.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Saver-One-Quick-Start-Guide.pdf>

TSC Working Bee Report May 2019

The working bee is now complete with all work achieved, in a safe manner during mixed weather conditions.

The lodge is ready for winter and I will list the major work carried out as follows:

- **New lounges** transported to the lodge by Ian Gregory saving us \$1000 in transport costs. The new lounges look good with the exception of the wooden legs than need to be a different colour. The armrests are a convenient place to position drinks so we need to consider whether we have a lots of coasters to protect the lounges. We had 3 incidents of people kicking their toes on the wooden legs.

The old lounges were taken to the Jindabyne dump at a cost of \$38.00. We decided to relocate a 3 seater lounge to level 3 and dump one 2 seater from level 3 which was in worst condition. We have retained several leather cushions in case we have a ripped lounge upstairs .as an extra seat.

- **Vacuum Cleaners** .We found several vacuums chock a block full of dust and when one of the Dysons was started it would not operate so Mark Phillips bought it back to Wollongong and

repaired it , thermal overload trip Saving \$669 for a replacement .We need to put a system in place where guests empty the vacuum cleaners when they are full .

- Firewood, We stacked 7 cubic metres of firewood as well as cut down several trees that were overhanging the lodge.
- Pest Control Inspection. Inspection carried out and passed with flying colours. All compliance certificates for gas, water, electricity and pest control have been handed to Karen Field at NPWS on 6th May 2019.
- Test & Tag register. Ian Eddy and Geoff Young identified all electrical appliances so can have better control on test and tagging equipment.
- Defibrillator. Found to be faulty on arrival at the lodge. Changed battery and unit would not respond. Sent faulty unit to Sydney agent and after discussions with agent and decided it is more economical to get a new one rather than send unit to Italy for repair.
- Rendering of hall wall level 2 completed by John Hefko, looks good, a new trap door is being organised.
- Water Leak. arrested a major source of water ingress into lodge above the entrance foyer door (a major job).
- Insulated wall panel above level emergency exit door.
- Repaired level 3 ceiling cornice avoiding the use of contractor as Ken Lucas arranged free scaffolding a saving of in the order of \$1500.
- Use a camera to check cavity between level 3 roof and ceiling and there is no insulation installed. Ian Eddy and Amie`s husband are evaluating options for improved heating and insulating as it was freezing in the lounge last weekend .
- Currently organising for a new skidoo windscreen from USA as our repairer did not get a screen as he only wants to sell us a new skidoo.
- Linen, Blankets, Pillows. Bruce did a sterling job of sorting out all the linen etc, we now have all blankets laundered for \$12 per blanket or less, 20 new pillows in the lodge and stacked

sets of sheets in the linen cupboards, Bruce will update us on future linen needs .

- Water Isolation by Summer guests . On advice from plumber and electrician we dug up some pavers and identified water supply lines for proposed electrical isolation valve installation .
- General routine maintenance. We carried out a lot of other maintenance which I will identify in another report .
- We left a minor amount of frozen food in guest fridge for Clark as he will be at the lodge very soon contrary to a recent committee motion.

We had 15 volunteers who made a good contribution and avoided the cost of contractors which, I estimate, would equate to about \$31,500 from the working bee in man-hours.



The working bee team.

From left: Ian Eddy, Hans Buettner (hidden by) Mavis Williams, Mark Phillips, Gordon McComb, Martin Barnes, John Hefko, Geoff Young, Ian Gregory, Bruce Norton, Mal Lawrie and Team Leader Extraordinaire Kevin Masters



John Hefko showing that despite winning the Clubperson of the Year Award, he is not ready to put down his tools and rest on his laurels.



Working bee teams need to be fed.



Some well-earned rest at the end of the day (I could mention the new lounges but I'll leave it to you to notice them)



The workers doing some quality control on the new lounges



After we manage to get the blokes away from the new lounges the ladies get their chance.



Hans (Superfry) at the BBQ with the supervisory team, Bruce, Mavis and Liz, ready to hold up score cards.



What do you think of the new lounges? You will notice the flat surfaces on the arms. Please do not rest your drinks on the arms. You have a table for that. Please use coasters.

Special Achievement by of one our long-standing members



The pictures say it all

News from SLOPES

Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

The June Long Weekend, and with it the opening of the snow season, is not far off.

So this email updates you on the following:

1. Peak Music Festival - 7 to 10 June

Attached is the flyer for this Festival.

See also: <http://peakfestival.com.au/>

2. Skitube timetable for 2019

The Perisher Chamber of Commerce has informed us as follows:

There has been a new Skitube Timetable announced for the 2019 Snow Season.

There has been a few small changes to the Skitube Timetable for the 2019 Snow Season.

The 2am, 3am and 4am trains uphill from Bullocks have been removed and the subsequent downhill trains from Perisher

Please see updated timetable below:

<https://www.perisher.com.au/resort-info/mountain-operations/skitube-timetable>

3. Perisher Historical Society Annual Dinner - Sunday 9 June

Attached is the flyer with information regarding this event.

To book call the Stillwell Hotel at Charlotte Pass on 02 6457 1555.

For more on the dinner - and information regarding the Perisher Cup on 14 September - see here: <http://www.perisherhistoricalsociety.org.au/>

4. Perisher Vail news

The Perisher website notes regarding the new Leichardt chairlift as follows:

We are replacing Leichardt T-bar with a new quad chairlift ready for the 2019 winter! Flip out! The work planned to be completed 2018/2019 summer, also includes the installation of additional snowmaking – bringing the total cost of the development to \$4.2 million.

For more see: <https://www.perisher.com.au/plan-your-trip/new-to-perisher/new-leichardt-quad-chair-lift>

Regarding opening weekend see: <https://www.perisher.com.au/plan-your-trip/activities/opening-weekend>

And re the acquisition of Falls Creek and Hotham see the attached article from Snowy Mountains Magazine and: <https://www.perisher.com.au/perisher-news/perisher-now/1330-falls-creek-hotham-epic>

Separately, attached is an article from Bloomberg Businessweek titled "*The Battle for the Best Ski Pass*" which provides interesting reading about the Perisher Vail organisation and strategy.

The article can be found here also: <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2019-03-01/epic-vs-ikon-battle-for-the-best-ski-pass>

5. **Snowy Mountains Magazine Articles**

See attached some articles of interest from the 2019-41 edition of the Snowy Mountains Magazine.

6. **NPWS reminders**

A reminder that as required under the terms of our leases:

> **lease clause 7.9 certificates** must be submitted by 30 June 2019. The NPWS contact is Karen Field on 0421 275 955.

For more information on this topic see: <https://slopes.org.au/wp/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/671-SLOPES-Clause-7.9-email-8-3-19.pdf>

> **PRREMS EarthCheck reporting** was due on 6 May 2019. The NPWS contact is Virginia Logan on 0436 655 104.

7. Thredbo Valley Track Extension project update

NPWS has provided the following information on this project:

You are receiving this email because of your interest in the Thredbo Valley Track Extension project – see [webpage](#). We really appreciate your ongoing interest and involvement as the project continues.

Please find attached the latest project update which outlines track construction progress and details what's open for the school holidays.

Always check the NPWS Alerts page for the latest information:

nswparks.info/thredbo-valley-track-alerts

Regards

Frank Zipfinger

President

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Nine attachments (as well as this newsletter) that we think some of our members may be interested in are included in this email.