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Dear Members,

Once again we find ourselves approaching the end of another year. The ski season has come and gone and our maintenance teams are already getting into the jobs that need to be undertaken in the summer months, .

As we all slip into summer mode and forget about skiing, and the ski club, I'd like to remind you about the club's AGM. Put the date of 26<sup>th</sup> March in your calendar. Wipe out all previous engagements. As always, you will receive official notification about the AGM via your preferred means of communication, (email or snail mail). Please remember that if there is any discrepancy between this announcement and the official announcement, then the official announcement is the one you should pay attention to.

As reported previously, Shaun Kenny had an accident while participating in the interclub races in August. He is making progress in his recovery despite a few setbacks. His mother Jan Bosher asked me to pass on the family's thanks to all those who assisted Shaun after the accident, especially Chris Blatch and Heath Barnes. We wish Shaun a complete and speedy recovery.

This newsletter bring news of the passing of a former member, John Paegle senior. It also brings some photos of a snow covered Perisher in November. It does not bring a report on the junior races and interclub. I am still waiting on that and will send out a special edition when I can. We have also included some resources for Christmas-related activities for our juniors.

We wish all our member and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy new year.

Enjoy your skiing  
*Kevin Donegan*  
*Publicity Officer*

## **Vale John Paegle (1924-2016)**

Once again we are mourning with the Kreilis family. As reported earlier, Rasma Kreilis's mother, Mary, passed away in August. Last week Rasma's father passed away. A few of our members attended his funeral. We have reproduced below a summary of John's life which was printed on the order of service. Apologies if you feel that you have read some of it before, as some of the content overlaps with what we printed about Mary's life. I thought that it was not appropriate for me to edit it.

### **John (Janis) Paegle**

John was born on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1924 at Sala in Latvia. His parents, Peter and Marija had a farm, which his relatives still live on today. At 17 years of age he was conscripted by the occupying German army and sent towards Leningrad.

He was hospitalised twice with serious injuries but fared much better than his mates, many of whom were killed.

When the war ended John was charmed by a Latvian nurse, Mary, whom he married in Oldenburg, Germany.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> February 1947 twin daughters, Rasma and Solveiga, were born.

In 1950 the family immigrated to Australia. As part of the immigration contract, migrants had to work for two years at a location selected by the government. Mum worked at Wagga hospital and Dad worked on fruit picking at Shepparton and Cobram. After two years the family moved to Thirroul where Dad worked servicing locomotives in the shunting sheds.

In 1952 their third daughter, Spodra, was born.

Mary and John decided to settle in Thirroul and bought a block of land at 29 Seafoam Ave and together built a house in their spare time. John junior was born in 1960.

Dad was good with his hands and spent many years as a formwork carpenter working on the bridges near Wollongong Uni and on the M1.

After Dad's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday he worked at Woonona High School as the maintenance man until retirement.

Dad loved a good party and enjoyed singing and dancing at the Ligo nights and at Latvian festive occasions. He had a great voice and was a member of the Sydney Latvian Choir for 22 years.

He loved fishing and prawning, gold panning at Tuena and skiing at Perisher where he was a member of Thirroul Ski Club. Each Sunday he would take us walking up the Sublime Point track in winter or on long beach walks in summer.

Dad enjoyed a variety of activities that different family members were involved in and is loved by the entire family.

He has left us with many fond memories.

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Our thoughts are with Owen and Rasma and all members of the Kreilis family, together with members of the Paegle, Cope, Turner and Williams families. We offer them our sincere condolences

### **News from the Committee**

Even as most of us get involved in our summer activities, several of our members get started on maintenance at Maranatha Lodge. They are sometimes rewarded/challenged by unseasonal snowfalls as has happened in November, and is shown in the photos below. Rest assured the team achieved a lot in the time available. A full report on the improvements will be issued closer to the start of next season.





The new boot cleaner at the front door. Don't forget to use it before entering the lodge

Do you want to build a snowman?

# MAKE YOUR OWN Play Snow



Here is the website for full instructions.

<http://www.huckleberrylove.com/2013/12/huckleberry-life-play-snow-sensory.html>

If you would like to play Bingo on Christmas day, or leading up to Christmas, here is a website that has links to free printable Christmas Bingo games.

<https://www.thebalance.com/printable-christmas-bingo-games-1356265>

**Please note that I have NOT tested the above activities. As always, parental supervision is advised.**

