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THE THIRROUL SKI CLUB LIMITED  
MARANATHA LODGE  
PERISHER VALLEY  
KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK

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Dear Members,

Easter is nearly here and already we have had some snowfalls in the last couple of days. Sadly, a quick look at the snowcams shows that it is disappearing rapidly. We hope the early falls are a sign of lots more to come.

This newsletter brings you some photos taken at the AGM including presentation of sports prizes.

### **Back To Perisher Weekend**

Anyone travelling to Perisher for the Easter weekend might want to participate in “Back to Perisher” activities including

A Fun Run (walk)

The great Perisher Duck Race

Easter Egg Hunt

Interpretive Village Walk

Church Services

The following venues will be open during the Easter holidays.

The Eiger Café and Bar

The Stables

The Chalet, Charlotte Pass

Eyre Kiosk

NPWS has clarified the position re park entry fees as follows:

*I have had approval back to allow participants who are attending the Back to Perisher weekend at Easter to be able to purchase a 3 for 2 day Pass (\$34.00) over the weekend. As I previously emailed the 5 for 4 day pass is already a pass that anyone can purchase.*

*Can you please forward through to me the list of people who would like to take up this offer and I will ensure that this information is forwarded to the Kosciuszko Road Visitor Entrance Station.*

BtP attendees should consider obtaining the 3 for 2 days or 5 for 4 days concessional passes mentioned in the email: as noted in the BtP flyer please contact Dave Read from SLOPES to arrange this: [djread@bigpond.com](mailto:djread@bigpond.com)

Enjoy your skiing

*Kevin Donegan  
Publicity Officer*

## News from the Committee

The following members were elected to committee positions at the AGM. Those marked with a star were elected as committee members and the specific positions will be determined at the next committee meeting. If I was a betting person I'd put my money there being no changes and that this list will be correct.

President	Bruce Norton
Vice President	Gai Curtis
Secretary	Rasma Kreilis
Assistant Secretary/ Assistant Treasurer	Evelyn Jelercic
Treasurer	Heath Barnes
Publicity Officer	Kevin Donegan
SLOPES & NSWSA rep	Mavis Williams*
Maintenance Officer	Kevin Masters*
Booking Officer	Heath Barnes*
Social Secretary	Gai Curtis*
Sports Captain	Mark Phillips*
Webmaster	Nicola Curtis*
Catering Officer	Owen Kreilis*
Committee member	Amie Archer (nee Marshall)*

## Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on March 26 at the Russell Vale Golf Club. Close to 60 members attended and most stayed to enjoy lunch after the meeting.

At the conclusion of the meeting trophies for the club junior and senior championships were presented. Some photos are shown below.

The winners of Clubperson of the Year, Nicola Curtis, and The Clive Percy "Sea to Ski" award, Chris Blatch, were not present to receive their awards.

Nicola won the award based on her efforts in developing and maintaining the club's new website.

Chris won the Sea to Ski award, because she continues to be a good role model for female members (in fact, all members – but the Sea to Ski award is only for female members) of the club, as displayed, for example, in her dedication in making sure Shaun Kenny was well looked after following his accident on the snow.

Well done, Nicola and Chris.

### **Extra-special awards**

Also, three life memberships were awarded. These were listed in Bruce's President's Report which was included in the business papers for the AGM. So you probably already know that the three recipients are Owen Kreilis, Mavis Williams and Kevin Donegan.



Kevin Donegan, Mavis Williams and Owen Kreilis, our newest life members, proudly holding their (transparent) trophies and wearing their LM badges

A better picture that demonstrates that the trophies are not invisible is shown below.



Here is a summary of the contributions they have made to the club over the years.

### **Owen Kreilis**

Owen has been a Committee Member for a period of 33 years. This alone is exceptional and is way beyond what could be expected from any member. During this time he has served in various roles.

He was Catering Officer for at least 10 years in the earlier days. This was a major role in the successful operation of the club. Food working bees were arranged for just before the start of the season. Non-perishable goods for the whole season were ordered from the wholesaler in Wollongong and transport (usually by members) was arranged for delivery to Maranatha. These were then packed into the dry goods pantry which was where the Manager's bathroom is now. Meat for the whole season was ordered for delivery during the food weekend and was packed into freezers. Potatoes, pumpkins and onions were purchased from Robertson and taken to the Lodge.

Table wine was provided for dinner in those days and also had to be ordered. Wine was available for purchase by Members and this had to be ordered and transported to Maranatha usually by the Catering Officer. (This was a very successful contribution to club funds.) Wine was then stacked into the "Wine" cupboard upstairs.

Owen was Social Secretary for 6 Years and was responsible for many successful Social occasions.

He was Maintenance Officer for 5 years during a period of Major Renovations to Maranatha. He was the Catering Officer again for 6 years and again for 2 years, a total of 18 years in that role.

His years on Committee would constitute that he would have attended at least 350 Committee meetings.

I feel that he has made very significant exceptional contribution to the operation of the Club over this most extended period of 33 years and most definitely qualifies for Life Membership.

### **Kevin Donegan**

Kevin has been an active Committee Member for 27 years.

He has served as Publicity Officer for 20 years.

He was Sports Captain for 8 years. One of those years he was Publicity Officer at the same time.

He has been an Official at The Brian Donegan Memorial Interclub Event almost every year since its inception (when not competing). He has been instrumental in the Development of the event and ensuring its continuity.

In 1977 Kevin was a Member of the WOMB CUP winning team together with Brian Donegan, Kevin Waddingham and Gai Saunders.

Competed in club races virtually every year (except when overseas or interstate). Club champion 1974 and 1977 and a few wins in age categories.

Represented the club in the Illawarra Interclub (more recently known as the Brian Donegan memorial Illawarra Interclub) in the first four years and a couple of times in more recent years. As Club Captain, Kevin led our team to our first win in 1995. Also represented our club in the following X-country events: KAC, Boonoona Open, Paddy Pallin, Kosciuszko Tour, Sundeck Cup and Night Relays.

Kevin has served on a number of sub-committees and has always made himself available for these tasks.

Over 27 years on Committee, Kevin would have attended at least 290 Committee meetings. I feel that he has made very significant exceptional contribution to the Club over this most extended period and most definitely qualifies for Life Membership.

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### **Mavis Williams**

Mavis has been a Committee Member for 25 years and would have attended at least 250 Committee Meetings.

She has served on the Committee as Publicity Officer for 5 years and Secretary for 5 years. Mavis has been the Slopes/ Ski Association Representative for at least 10 years, attending meetings and reporting back to the Committee on many important issues.

She has attended numerous working Bees particularly in the last 13 years and has become well known as the Working Bee Cook.

Mavis has been a stalwart of the Committee and her input in the efficient operation of the Club has been invaluable.

I feel that she has made very significant exceptional contribution to the Club over this most extended period and most definitely qualifies for Life Membership.

(Editor's note: I must point out that the above submissions were not written by me. So, the statements beginning "I feel..." are not my words. But I have to say I agree.)

Congratulations to all three. As one of the recipients, I can say that I felt humbled and honoured to join the ranks of previous Life Members, including, but not limited to, Hans, Gordon and Brian.

At this point it might be appropriate to remind members about the policy and guidelines regarding life membership

## **THE THIRROUL SKI CLUB 30<sup>th</sup> January 2000**

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Thirroul Ski Club Ltd. has been in existence for almost thirty years and is now one of the more successful ski clubs in NSW. That success is largely due to the efforts of a number of our past and present members. The club is now in a position to show recognition to those members who have made substantial contributions to the healthy status that the club now enjoys.

Accordingly, it is proposed that a category of membership known as "life membership" be included in our Articles of Association and be awarded to those members who have made the greatest contributions.

While there are many members who have made significant contributions (participating in working bees, service on committee, junior training, representing the club in competition, etc.), it would be inappropriate (and impractical) to award everyone a life membership.

To preserve the value of the award only a small number of life memberships will be made available. Consequently, high standards will be set for assessing eligibility for life member status.

It would be impossible to specify a definitive set of rules for ranking the contributions of possible contenders for life membership status. However, the following guidelines will be used.

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES**

#### **Basis for selection**

- Significant contribution to the club over an extended period; typically, not less than 20 years
- determined by standing committee
- Nominations to come from standing committee member with basis for nomination [c/with seconder] in writing, Vote to be taken by committee at a subsequent meeting. A three-quarter majority (of full committee) is required.

## Junior Sports Presentations



Ben Walker won skiing and snowboarding in his age group



Jack Markey got 3<sup>rd</sup> in skiing and 2<sup>nd</sup> in XC in his age group





Sam Knight took out 3<sup>rd</sup> in skiing, 1<sup>st</sup> in snowboarding and 2<sup>nd</sup> in XC



Maddison Markey took out 1<sup>st</sup> in skiing and 1<sup>st</sup> in XC in her age group



Olivia Knight won in skiing and snowboarding and placed second in XC in her age group.

Has anyone else noticed that Olivia and Maddison seem to have haloes and the boys do not?

Olivia also won the award for “**Sports Captain’s Pick**”, previously known as Most Improved Junior. It is an award based on many attributes that this club values (not necessarily in order of importance): sporting performance, attitude, improvement, club spirit and being a good club “citizen” including helping out at the lodge while staying there. Olivia is a worthy recipient