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Dear Members,

Welcome to another edition of the Thirroul Ski Club Newsletter. The season is well underway and the lodge is being well utilised by members and associate members. There are vacancies in the remaining weeks, so keep an eye on the website if you think you want to have “one more trip to the snow” this year.

The Brian Donegan Memorial Illawarra Interclub was held on 29 July and we are awaiting a full report from our Sports captain. It will appear in the next newsletter. While not wanting to steal our Sports captain’s thunder I can report that our club won the main trophy, the combined team award.



Some of our haul of trophies from this year’s Brian Donegan Memorial Senior Interclub

We are also awaiting a full report from the club senior championships. We present a couple of teaser photos (courtesy of Kevin Masters) from the very entertaining evening when Mark Phillips announced the results and everyone received an interim trophy in the form of an assorted cream biscuit.

Shown on the following page are Mavis Williams receiving her “trophy” and “The Phillips Family” enjoying their turn at the Shot-Ski.



If “the family that prays together stays together”, what do they say about “the family that drinks together”?

With this newsletter, you will also receive a copy of Resort Roundup Issue 37. As well as many items of potential interest to our members, it contains, on pages 15-16, a report on the WOMBAT awards. These are the annual awards from PRREMS (Perisher Range Resorts Environmental Management System). Maranatha Lodge gets a mention for being “highly commended” on page 16.

Apologies for the large size of this file, it was beyond my control.

Here is a link to the *Resort Roundup Newsletter* – Issue 37.

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/alpineresorts/alpine-resorts-roundup-newsletter-170438.pdf>

Previous newsletters can also be viewed at:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/parkmanagement/NPWSResortNewsletters.htm>

The publishers welcome any articles, photos or content for future editions.

Enjoy your skiing

Kevin Donegan
Publicity Officer

BLAST FROM THE PAST

During the cross country race week in August 2017 a visitor arrived at Maranatha Lodge late one afternoon wearing a bright ski jacket, an original Maranatha beanie with a Maranatha emblem patch on his sleeve.

The visitor, Bill Murray from Bulli, who spends time in his holiday home at Narooma as well as skiing Perisher valley.

Bill was a member in the 70`s and resigned in the 90`s.

Since resigning he often thought about the good times he enjoyed at Maranatha Lodge.

Curiosity got the better of him as he thought we may have sold the lodge so he just had to visit.

Bill was thrilled that we still have ownership of the lodge and was so impressed with the improvements we have made since he resigned as a member .

Bill continues to wear the Maranatha beanie with pride and asked to pass on his greetings to the members.



Signed,

Kevin Masters

News from the committee

We reported earlier that we are surveying our members as to their preferences regarding social activities. Copies of the questionnaire have been placed in the lodge. However, we realise that not all members get to the lodge every year. So, we have made the survey available on a website called Survey Monkey. The following link will take you directly to our survey where you may complete it online. Please do not do it again if you have already submitted a form at the lodge.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LJWJTF9>

Breaking news

Heath Barnes has announced to the committee that he will not be standing for the position of treasurer at the next AGM. His reasons being that he wants to spend more time with his family.

We respect Heath's decision and thank him for his efforts during his 15 years on committee and 10 years as treasurer. Heath has well and truly brought the accounting practices of the club into the 21st century. Heath is willing to remain on committee in another role.

What this means is that we are looking for a new treasurer. Nominations will be called prior to the next AGM in March 2018. We are flagging this now so that members with appropriate skills (ideally a university or TAFE qualification in accounting, or at least good bookkeeping skills) can have a few months to think about it.

Heath will of course help the new treasurer during a substantial changeover period and we have an assistant treasurer who handles all the membership enquiries and payments.

If you might be interested, please contact the committee or Heath to help you make your decision about whether or not you might put your hand up for the position.

The appointment of the club's directors is, of course, a democratic process and this announcement is in no way intended to interfere with that process.



Strapped for cash, Todd hit the slopes on his mom's ironing board.

