

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE KOOMERANG SKI CLUB

(Incorporating Scotch College Ski Club)

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DieBrettln is published four times a year by the Koomerang Committee to keep members up to date. We welcome articles from members on their experiences at the ski resorts and also on resort events

.Peter Cass Koomerang Publications 2016

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to the Summer 2016 Die Brettln report.

We approach the summer season with hope of enjoyment for our members of alpine walks, bike-rides and simply getting into the hills. However, I write this note with a degree of disappointment. On our Spring season ski trip, up to Thredbo, my family and I were greeted with a few unwanted surprises. The images below tell their own story:



Heaters were off but set at maximum, windows were left open and other toilets not cleaned. As no appointed lodge manager had sent any recent notifications for a few weeks it was next impossible for the club to follow up and ask the offending party to spend a little more time cleaning and consider the next group staying.

I know how many of our members ensure 'no stone' is left unturned in regards to cleaning their rooms and the lodges. I also know no one member is alike, staying just on weekends provides limited time; families are complicated and we all have different standards and are on a holiday so want to enjoy ourselves. We also do not want to arrive and have to start cleaning up. All we ask is rooms are 'spotless', kitchens are clean and tidy and issues are reported so we can act upon them. Without your interaction and involvement the club and committee are only able to do what we believe is in the best interests of the members. That is the end of my moan.

After we had cleaned the lodge, the family and I enjoyed a great week of Spring Skiing at Thredbo. By the end of the week the snow did deplete and raised the question of why bother. Note we did not feel the urge to ski to the bottom of the 'Supertrail' (image to right) unlike a few other skiers. However, we did go off the track in search of some spring powder and the topside, with the sun out, softening the crust made for some enjoyable runs. Back country explorers were in full swing, tennis courts open and for those interested you could even have enjoyed a round of golf. As winter ends though if you get the chance I highly recommend getting up to one of the lodges for a weekend over summer. There is a lot to do, see and enjoy.



In terms of other news:

- Annual subscription notices for 2017 will be sent out shortly with the early bird discount offers still in place;
- Booking rates held for 2017;
- Buller Development Sub Committee finally got the ball rolling and met up; and
- Alternate venues up for consideration for next years anniversary cocktail function.

The Committee needs your help. Please consider putting up you hand or contributing in anyway where you feel you can add value or simply send us your recommendations. Any help appreciated.

Regards
Seth Jones
President

Open Letter from the OSCA Bushwalking Club

Old Scotch Bushwalking Club – great walking and plenty of fun

If you're interested in getting out in the great Victorian outdoors when the snow isn't falling, the Old Scotch Bushwalking Club has plenty to offer you.

The bushwalking club, which was founded in 1994, arranges a Sunday walk once a month throughout the year at various Victorian locations, within a maximum two-hour drive from Melbourne. The club also has two weekends away during the year, so we can enjoy two separate days of walking as well as the social side of being together as a group.



Midweek – Cranbourne Botanical Gardens, 22 Oct 15

An Old Scotch Bushwalking Club group on the lookout tower in the Royal Botanic Gardens, Cranbourne.

We also organise shorter midweek walks on Wednesdays or Thursdays, once a month. These walks are usually shorter than our Sunday walks, and are mostly in and around the Melbourne suburbs, ending up at a cafe for lunch or coffee.

Bushwalks, beach walks and urban country walks, including winery walks, provide a very interesting mix of places to visit during the week, on Sundays or during weekends away.

Koomerang members are most welcome to 'try before they buy', by participating in a 'no obligation' Old Scotch bushwalk. As well, Koomerang members can have their email address included on the bushwalking club's emailing list for six months, so they can see what the club does and where members go for their walks.

Koomerang members wishing to join the bushwalking club, to have a 'no obligation' test walk, or to make enquiries are invited to contact the Old Scotch Bushwalking Club President, David Ashton, on 0419 894 340 or email ashtonwriting@bigpond.com.

Words by David Ashton

President, Old Scotch Bushwalking Club



Midweek – Geelong, 27 July 16 – 1

Old Scotch bushwalkers pictured among the artistic bollards on the Geelong foreshore during a recent midweek walk.

Vale Ian Rust

Ian Rust Age 82 Passed away 5 December 2016

Ian has been a member of Koomerang since the early days of the club in 1961. He was an active member and major contributor to the club over his many years of membership. Despite ill health, he was recently involved in the Mt Hotham redevelopment. He passed away peacefully in the evening of the 5th December 2016 and will be fondly remembered by many members of the club.

Vale Ian and condolences to his family, Helen, David and Raymond.



Get up to Buller to experience the clean air, great views and lots of activities. Enjoy a picnic at the summit or take your bike for a ride on thrilling cross country mountain biking adventures.

Here are some of the activities on www.mtbuller.com.au:

Indoor sports and games

Summer chair lift

Scenic helicopter flights

Tennis

Mountain biking

Trail running

Sculpture park walk

Walking tours



Mountain Bike Park

The mountain bike park is opening on 19 November 2016. There are 40km+ of trails winding through the alpine terrain. All trails start and finish in the resort so matter what trail you take each descent is matched with a technical uphill to take you back to the top.

28 January 2017 Dragon Boat Regatta

As the highest dragon boat event in Australia (approximately 1600 metres above sea level), this event has been held at Rocky Valley lake for over a decade now, bringing together visitors, residents and dragon boat enthusiasts from all over to compete and join in the festivities.

The grassy banks of Rocky Valley Lake are a beautiful place to spend the day with the family and soak in the excitement of the races. On the foreshore there are also food and drinks available, plus on Saturday night the action continues with post-race dinners and parties throughout the village.

Teams of up to 20 can register for a variety of categories and there are always opportunity for individuals to join an existing team. If you haven't paddled in a dragon boat before there is no need to worry as a range of safety and skills training sessions will ensure you are ready to race. The Victorian Dragon Boat Association provide experienced helms and instructors, they have paddles, boats and buoyancy vests.

www.fallscreek.com.au

HOTHAM

For those who have not experienced our new lodge at Hotham, why not go up in summer to enjoy some of the activities on offer such as:

1. Bushwalking
2. Road cycling
3. Cross country mountain biking
4. Scenic touring and motor cycling
5. Horse riding Tennis
6. Golf and
7. Terrific views from the Koomerang lodge!

For more details please check out www.mthotham.com.au.



Here are some of the events coming up at Thredbo this summer.

8 -11 December 2016 Mountain Bike Cannonball Festival

The Thredbo Cannonball Festival returns for 2016 and once again will be the showpiece on the Australian MTB calendar as amateurs, rising stars and the world's best descend on Thredbo for 4

days of non-stop gravity action and the chance to take home their share of the massive \$50k in cash and prizes on offer making it the biggest prize purse in Australian mountain biking

From 24 December to 8 January 2017

These Summer holidays Thredbo is hosting the FREE Summer Kids Festival, loaded with a fresh line-up of activities, adventures and entertainment for the whole family can enjoy! Climbing peaks, mountain biking, a mix of music and a mountain of things to do, the kids will love it.

Check out www.thredbo.com.au for more details.

WINTER AND SUMMER RATES 2017

Buller, Thredbo, Falls Creek and Hotham

Winter Rates 2017

Buller

2017	LOW	PEAK	SPRING
From date	10-Jun	24-Jun	11-Sep
To date	23-Jun	10-Sep	1-Oct
Days of the week	All days	All days ¹	All days ²
Member (Full, Senior, Life, Junior)	35	55	35
Member (Restricted, Senior)	45	82.5	45
Adult Guest	60	110	60
Child (< 18 yo) Guest	45	80	45

Hotham

2017	LOW	PEAK	SPRING
From date	10-Jun	24-Jun	11-Sep
To date	23-Jun	10-Sep	1-Oct
Days of the week	All days	All days ¹	All days ²
Member (Full, Senior, Life, Junior)	35	55	35
Member (Restricted)	45	94	45
Adult Guest	60	125	60
Child (< 18 yo) Guest	45	80	45

Thredbo

2017	LOW	PEAK	SPRING
From date	10-Jun	24-Jun	11-Sep
To date	23-Jun	10-Sep	1-Oct
Days of the week	All days	All days ¹	All days ²
Member (Full, Senior, Life, Junior)	35	55	35
Member (Restricted)	45	86	45
Adult Guest	60	115	60
Child (< 18 yo) Guest	45	80	45

Falls Creek - Bunk Room

Falls Creek - Ensuite

2017	LOW	PEAK	SPRING	LOW	PEAK	SPRING
From date	10-Jun	26-Jun	11-Sep	10-Jun	26-Jun	11-Sep
To date	25-Jun	10-Sep	3-Oct	25-Jun	10-Sep	3-Oct
Days of the week	All days	All days ¹	All days ²	All days	All days ¹	All days ²
Member (Full, Senior, Life, Junior)	35	55	35	35	55	35
Member (Restricted)	45	71	45	45	86	45
Adult Guest	60	95	60	60	115	60
Child (< 18 yo) Guest	45	80	45	45	80	45

- 1 20% discount offered for full week/7 day bookings - Sun to Sat or Fri to Thursday only
Request must be lodged via Stage 1 booking process - request in notes of booking
- 2 Spring - Now equates to "Early Summer"

Buller, Thredbo, Falls Creek and Hotham

Summer Rates 2016

	Summer
From date	2 Oct
To date	9 June
Days of the week	All days
Member (Full, Senior, Life, Junior, Associate)	35
Member (Restricted)	45
Child Guest (< 18 yo)	35
Adult Guest	60

Member Communications

REMINDER \$250 off current season accommodation for finding new members

The Committee has agreed that a Full member who introduces a person who subsequently becomes a Full financial member will receive a Club credit of \$250. This can be used by the introducing member for lodge accommodation over the following 12 months.

1. The "introduction" requires more than the introducing member just signing an application form. It requires them to have suggested to the potential member the benefits of joining Koomerang and talking him/her into joining when they would not have done so without such involvement by the introducing member.
2. The introducing member will normally be the proposer. The introducing member and the prospective member must identify and obtain the signature of the seconder. This criterion would not be met if the Membership Secretary has to provide a list of members who may be potential proposers/seconders. If the introducing member cannot be the proposer (see point 4, below), they are still eligible to apply to the committee for the introduction award.
3. The introducing member is responsible for applying for the award in writing, explaining why they should be given this award.
4. Only one person can apply as the introducing member and they would be the proposer on the application form unless they are unable to do so because they are a member of either the family of the proposer or the seconder.
5. The prospective member must be financial (ie. has paid the entry fee and subscription) before the award is granted.
6. The award can only be used to pay for lodge accommodation booked by the introducing member.
7. These bookings must be for a period within the 12 months immediately after the award is made (based on end date of the bookings).
8. The award cannot be used to pay for subscriptions. The introducing member must be financial before a credit is posted to their account. Stage 1 bookings will have to be paid for if the introducing member is not financial.
9. When these criteria have been met, the Membership Secretary will post a credit note for \$250. If, after the 12 months, the \$250 has not been "used up" in paying for bookings, the balance of the credit will be debited.

2017 Subscriptions

Subscription invoices will be sent by email in November 2016. Any members who have not paid their subscriptions will be un-financial and will not be able to make any bookings.

Robert Bruce
Membership Secretary
membership@koomerang.com.au

2016 Committee

At the 2016 Annual General Meeting the nominations for the committee were elected as follows:

Role	Name	Email Address
President	Seth Jones	sjones@groupwise.swin.edu.au
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