

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE KOOMERANG SKI CLUB

(Incorporating Scotch College Ski Club)

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Member News

Vale Bill Tingate

Booking Information

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.

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MEMBER NEWS

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Koomerang website has been temporarily offline as a result of hacking beyond our control. If unable to access our website, please use the following secure link:

www.koomerang.com.au/booking

Membership Changes for 2016

Introduction

The committee has introduced a number of changes for 2016 with the objectives of:

- Making the entry or transition into full adult membership easier.
- Encouraging membership for all members of our membership families.
- Encouraging older members who are less frequent users of the club lodges over winter to continue their membership.

The changes involve the introduction of a new subcategory for adult memberships, changed subscription and accommodation rates, changed booking rights for junior members with more opportunities for families to ski at member accommodation rates.

Membership

Adult Membership - categories now comprise:

- Full Member
- Full Restricted Member - Open to any person eligible for full membership and who is over the age of 18 but under the age of 27. They will not be required to pay any entrance fee until converting to full membership and will only pay a subscription equal to 50% of the full member subscription. These members will have full booking rights but, must pay for their accommodation at adult guest rates less a 25% discount.
- Senior Member - Open to any current full member over the age of 65. The subscription will be half the full membership subscription, and they retain full booking rights. They would pay for their accommodation at member rates except that over the winter peak season would pay accommodation at adult guest rates less a 25% discount.
- Associate Membership - This category is for full members who no longer wish to be able book and use the lodges over the winter season. Any full member is eligible to become an associate member, or any person otherwise eligible for full membership can apply for associate membership upon payment of a reduced entry fee of \$250. Please note that Associate members are not able to transfer to a full membership without paying further entrance fees.
- Absentee Member - A full member who because of distance is unable to use the lodges may apply for absentee membership that is at a reduced subscription.

Junior Schoolboy Membership

This category is open to any schoolboy at Scotch College. The annual subscription is being reduced from \$135 to \$90. These members have full booking rights for the Mount Buller

Lodge and Falls Creek Flats, and only pay member accommodation rates, but are limited to booking only one accompanying adult as a guest at our Thredbo and Hotham Lodges.

If whole families wish to benefit from accommodation at member rates and full booking rights across all of our lodges, the parents of junior schoolboy members should consider applying for full membership.

Junior Family Membership

This category is open to any son or daughter of a full member. The subscription is being reduced to \$30 to encourage membership for each son and daughter of our full members. Junior family members will not have any booking rights, however they will only pay member accommodation rates when booked in by their full member parent.

Subscriptions rates for 2016

Membership Class	Annual Subscription rate
Full	\$390
Restricted	\$195
Senior	\$195
Associate	\$50
Absentee	\$129
Junior School boy	\$90
Junior Family	\$30

Entrance Fees

We charge an up-front entrance fee of \$1,500 to represent a contribution by new members to the substantial assets built up for the club by other members over many years. This fee can now be paid by three equal annual instalments. Provided each annual instalment is paid, the member will have full booking rights at member rates.

We are now introducing further discounts on the entrance fee:

- (a) A partner of a full member who wishes to become a full member will be entitled to a discount of \$750 on the entry fee.
- (b) A restricted member upon becoming a full member will be entitled to a discount equal to \$100 per annum up to a maximum of \$500 for each year in which they paid their subscription as a restricted member by the due date.
- (c) Any existing junior schoolboy member who wishes to convert to full membership in 2016 will be entitled to the current discount of \$25 for each year they were a junior member up to a total of \$250.

Subscription changes

If you wish to change your category of membership, or join your partner or members of your family, please direct any enquiries in the first instance to the Membership Secretary - membership@koomerang.com.au.



HOTHAM

The new Hotham lodge has now been in use for the 2015 ski season, and the Committee has decided to capture the history of Koomerang at Mount Hotham .

We are going to create a photo montage to hang in the new lodge.

The committee would like all members who have photos from holidays and work parties at Hotham to submit a selection to:

hothamphoto@koomerang.com.au

The photos file should be in JPG format, between 200KB to 2MB, but other formats such as BMP, TIFF, RAW and PSD are acceptable, but should be over 1 MB in size. If you are not sure if the photo is suitable, just sent it and we will check to see if we can use it.

Pictures should feature members and/or the ski lodge. A short comment with your name, the names of people in the photo and year should be included. We reserve the right to use or reject photos that are submitted, and by sending the photos, you are obviously indicating you are happy for the photo to be used. The photos may be used in future editions of DieBrettIn unless you indicate they are only for the montage.

We are happy to include pictures featuring both the old and new lodge and would like to have this ready for the 2016 ski season.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND PAYMENTS - OUTSTANDING

A Subscription Notice was sent out in November 2015 and reminder notifications posted at the start of 2016. Any members that have not paid their annual subscription at this stage is non-financial. As a non-financial member no booking rights will be available until the outstanding subscription is paid. Queries can be lodged by email at membership@koomerang.com.au.

The Subscription Notice outlined how to login as a member to the Koomerang website and how to use the payment system, how to update your details, and view your financial transactions with Koomerang.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REMINDER:

The Koomerang Annual General Meeting will be held at 8pm. on Wednesday 23rd March, 2016 in the Fraser-Smith Theatre, Lithgow Centre, Scotch College.

All members are encouraged to attend.

AGM PAPERS AND COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS:

In accordance with the amendments approved to the Club's Constitution at the 2013 AGM, the AGM Papers and the Nomination Forms for the 2016 Committee have been emailed to all members.

Full financial members and honorary life members of Koomerang Ski Club are eligible to stand for the 2016 Committee and those members who have been nominated, duly proposed and seconded by full financial or life members, will be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Nominations must be with the Secretary no later than 4pm on Wednesday 16 March, 2016.

2016 WORK PARTIES

The opportunity for members to go up to the lodges in summer time and assist the lodge managers with minor maintenance tasks will be scheduled prior to this winter season. The weekends are lots of fun and help the club greatly in keeping the lodges in good order. Please contact the lodge managers for further details. Each Building Manager will notify the interested members of any proposed dates for upcoming work parties.

REMINDER - BULLER PARKING PERMITS AND LOCKER STORAGE

Parking Permits

Going up to Buller regularly this year? We have the right to acquire a limited number of Village Access Passes. The club wants to be able to provide this convenience to members that frequently use our lodge and need the convenience to drive right up to the lodge and unload your gear (ie participation in master training, race club etc).

These passes will be at members cost (~\$739) but allow you to save on the heavy cost of the taxi service.

Please register your interest with the Buller Building Manager: David Morely via email (<http://www.koomerang.com.au/members-contacts>).

Lockers

In 2015 new storage lockers were built and available (for hire) for members that plan to stay at the lodge for a minimum of 1 week and 4 weeks during the season. This additional convenience is to help high use members and mitigate the logistics of equipment movement up/down the mountain.

Please register interest with the Buller Building Manager: David Morely via email (<http://www.koomerang.com.au/members-contacts>).

Bill Tingate 1937 - 2016

He was a Koomerang member for many years, well known by skiing friends, attending ski club social functions and at many Annual General Meetings. A dedicated Koomerang member.

At school he was appointed a Probationer and a keen footballer. After school, he became a civil engineer, working as a Project Supervisor with John Connell & Associates. He later branched out as a Private Consultant being involved with many large construction projects around Melbourne.

He was Past President of OSCA (1990), active in many Old Scotch activities, Secretary and Vice-President of the Old Scotch Football Club, The Athletic club, Bushwalking, The Lodge, the Cardinal Club, the Heritage Club and of course, a supportive Koomerang member.

He died on the 20th. February, following complications from a brain tumour.

The Celebration of his life was held at the Anglican Church in Mount Waverley on Friday 26th. February. The 800 peopler attending the service showed the friendships he had made and gave support to his wife, Margaret and family.

He was farewelled by a bagpipe lament, played by a Scotch old boy leading the procession through the guard of honour.

Vale Bill.

Words by Doug Draffin

BOOKING INFORMATION FOR THE 2016 SKI SEASON

SEASON PERIOD DATES

To maintain competitive on-mountain pricing and value to our members and their guests, the Club continues to use season periods, as detailed below.

Buller, Thredbo, Falls Creek and Hotham (per bed)

1. Low Season: Opening weekend, 10th June to 23rd June 2016.
2. Peak Season: 24th June to 10th September 2016.
3. Spring Season: September 11th to October 1st 2016 (Early Summer).

DISCOUNT DEALS

Peak Season – Stage 1 Only

Buller, Thredbo and Hotham only – Full-Week and Mid-Week Bookings

20% discount offered for mid-week stays of 5 days or full week of 7 days requested during **Stage 1** booking process only.

Request must be lodged via Stage 1 booking process to action discounted rates change.

Non-Peak Season

All Lodges – Discounted rates apply in Low and Spring season periods Stage 1 and Stage 2

Special Offers and Events

- The Club Race weekend, Interschools Trial Weekend and Interschools Week
- Thredbo back country adventure (registration of interest)

In the case of Club Race Weekend and Interschools Trial Weekend - requests must be lodged on separate forms via the online booking request.

All other request need to be lodged by the member by accessing the booking site and entering their request accordingly. Please note below. If requests exceed Stage 1 limits unless priority requests detailed in the booking notes these will be assessed in date order.

If the lodges are not booked up by competing members, beds will be made available in Stage 2 booking.

BOOKING VARIATIONS

Rooms can be selected and booked on a per bed basis

All lodges can now be booked on a per bed basis. The variation though is that members will first need to identify an appropriate room or rooms for their party size, lock in the room and then complete necessary party details on a per bed basis.

Note whilst this does not guarantee the member will secure the entire room (ie if party size does not occupy all beds) we expect that in most cases variations will not result.

Certain events like Championship weekend and Interschool Trials may result in minor adjustments to ensure we can maximize the participation of our membership group and their families.

REDUCED AVAILABILITY, ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND CLUB EVENTS

Koomerang recognizes we have a wide and diverse group of members that participate in the pursuit of winter adventures for a number of different reasons. The club offers a number of additional booking options to try and meet our member's needs.

For detail please review the relevant booking forms associated with each program.

Summary:

LODGE	EVENT	DATES	BEDS AVAILABLE
Mt Buller	Development Squad Weekend	Fri 15 th July – Sat 16 th July	12
Mt Buller	Club championships race weekend	Fri 29 th July - Sat 30 th July	0
Mt Buller	Interschool trial weekend	Fri 22 th July - Sat 23 th July	0

Bookings – Stage One and Two

Booking dates

Stage One ONLINE Booking

Members are required to lodge their Stage 1 options by directly entering their Booking Request on the Koomerang Booking system directly. The onus is on the member to adhere to Stage 1 limits.

Members need to book online, any priority groups (contributors to the club – honorary life members, committee, former committee etc) need to add such information with the notes to a particular booking. Members can also use the notes section within a booking if priorities of certain booking request needs to be conveyed.

The booking request will automatically load into the booking system and a waitlisted notification will be received by the member for each request lodged. This ensures better accuracy of information and less errors due to manual handling.

The expectation is that member entries will minimise errors and eliminate unnecessary data entry.

Only exceptions to this are for the Club Championship and Interschool Trials weekends. Member requests must be lodged using the online forms. These can be accessed via:

1	Club Championships	https://koomerang.formstack.com/forms/2016_clubchamps
2	Interschools Trials Weekend	https://koomerang.formstack.com/forms/koomerang_stage_1_booking_interschools_trials_2016

Stage One

- Now open. Bookings must be received by completion of **online booking requests or booking forms (where relevant) by 1 April 2016**.
- For those that can't book on line contact the Booking Liaison Manager.
- Booking notifications confirmed by 8 April 2016 at the latest (via email).
- **Any bookings still listed as Tentative (i.e. awaiting payment) on 15 April 2015 will be cancelled** and those beds will be made available to all members in Stage Two booking.
- Payment for Stage 1 Processing (Booking Rules Section 5) is not required until after your Stage 1 booking requests have been made.

Stage Two

- Stage Two bookings open **18 April 2015**.
- Booking option 1 – online using the Koomerang Booking system.
- Booking option 2 – by email: Send an email request to the relevant booking manager.
- Payment for Stage Two Processing - please refer to Booking Rules Section 5.

GUEST TARIFF TYPES

All Guest Types starting with Member auto-suggest in name entry is step 2 of booking.

Guest Tariff Type	Description
Member (Full, Junior, Life)	A Full, Junior, or Life member (Associate – Summer only)
Member (Restricted, Senior)	A Restricted or Senior member.
Guest (Adult)	A guest, of a member, who is 18 or older and is no longer at school.
Guest Child (school student)	The child, at school, of an adult guest invited by a member.

WINTER AND SUMMER RATES 2016

Buller, Thredbo, Falls Creek and Hotham

Winter Rates 2016

Buller

2016	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, 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

2016	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, Life, Junior)	35	55	35
Member (Restricted)	45	94	45
Adult Guest	60	125	60
Child (< 18 yo) Guest	45	80	45

Thredbo

2016	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, 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

2016	LOW	PEAK	SPRING	LOW	PEAK	SPRING
From date	5-Jun	26-Jun	11-Sep	5-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, 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

2016	Summer
From date	
To date	
Days of the week	All days
Member (Full, Life, Junior, Associate)	35
Member (Restricted)	45
Child Guest (< 18 yo)	35
Adult Guest Members	60

KOOMERANG SKI CLUB BOOKING RULES 2015

1. Who can book?

- 1.1. Full, Restricted, Senior and Life members may book at any time. Associate members may book accommodation only outside the winter season.
- 1.2. Junior School boy members have full booking rights for the Mount Buller Lodge and Falls Creek Flats and will pay member rates. They are only eligible to book in one accompanying adult as a guest at our Thredbo and Hotham Lodges.
- 1.3. Junior family members do not have any booking rights. This member class pays member accommodation rates when booked in by their full member parent.
- 1.4. Bookings will be accepted only from or on behalf of members who have paid their current annual subscription (ie Financial Members).
- 1.5. A parent or guardian **MUST** accompany any junior member and, if not a member, can be booked as a guest of the junior member.
- 1.6. Senior and Restricted members must pay the applicable adult guest rate by selecting Guest Tariff Type: Member (Restricted, Social)
- 1.7. The Committee may, in its discretion, consider on a case-by-case basis whether or not to approve a booking request from non-members and the Committee may impose such conditions as it may consider appropriate including the payment of a bond.

2. Guidelines

- 2.1. The names of each member and guest on whose behalf a booking is made must be included in the booking, following the format: surname, given name (eg. Jones, John).
- 2.2. Any changes or substitution of members or guests must be supplied to the booking manager prior to the first night of the relevant booking and any additional booking fee paid.
- 2.3. The member booking a guest into the lodge accepts full responsibility for the conduct of that guest including the costs of any clean up or repairs. In the winter season the member booking a guest must accompany the guest. At other times it is not necessary for the member to accompany the guest, provided that member accepts full responsibility for the guest including costs of any clean up or repairs.
- 2.4. Members must note that the lodge managers are required to check that the names of the people staying at each of our lodges correspond with the names that have been booked. If a person's name is not on the booking sheet the introducing member is responsible for payment of any additional booking fee.

3. Winter bookings Stage One

- 3.1. Winter bookings will be made available in two stages. In Stage One there are limitations on the number of bookings per member, to maximise the prospect for each member who wishes to book obtaining accommodation.
- 3.2. Each member has a priority booking entitlement in Stage One and may book:
 - (a) A maximum of four weekends and one week or mid-week per member
 - (b) A maximum of one guest per member or alternatively the member may book as guests his or her immediate family, comprising his or her spouse or partner, sons and daughters. This right to book the family in Stage One does not extend to the members in-laws or grandchildren
 - (c) These priority booking entitlements apply to each member whether the primary booking is in that member's name or that member is recorded as a guest on a booking by another member.

- 3.3. Stage One bookings are open in each year between the dates advised to members by the Committee.
- 3.4. Members must lodge Stage One requests on the booking system and adhere to limitations defined in 3.2. Any other options should be listed within the notes of each online booking request.
- 3.5. The Stage One booking must be submitted via the online booking system and relevant online forms (where applicable) in the first instance, or email to booking_liaison@koomerang.com.au or mail to Koomerang Lodge Bookings, C/- OSCA, Morrison Street, Hawthorn, 3122. If sent by email ensure all details are accurate.
- 3.6. Any booking in Stage One must be:
 - (a) Sunday to Thursday
 - (b) Friday to Thursday
 - (c) Sunday to Saturday
 - (d) Friday and Saturday.
- 3.7. Booking dates must reflect the nights you want to stay.
- 3.8. If the applications for a particular lodge or a particular night exceed the number of available beds, the bookings will be allocated to life members, committee members, work party participants and members who have paid the total payable on their Subscription Notice by the due date in the current and previous years in that order of priority.
- 3.9. If a member wishes to book in more guests than their entitlement in Stage One, the member may in their booking application request the additional beds. If after the allocation of all priority booking entitlements sufficient beds are still available, the member will be allocated the additional beds and, subject to total payment being received no later than 7 days before Stage Two bookings open, the booking will be confirmed.

4. Booking outside Stage One

- 4.1. Members may book for an unlimited number of nights and an unlimited number of guests outside the winter Stage One booking period subject only to bed availability.
- 4.2. Single night weekend bookings are not permitted. You must pay for two nights.

5. Payment

- 5.1. We can no longer process your credit card payments on your behalf because PAYPAL prohibits centralised payments.
- 5.2. Members may enclose their cheque made payable to "Koomerang Ski Club" with their booking request. The cheque will be banked only if the member's booking request is accepted and the cheque is for the correct amount.
- 5.3. The preferred method of payment is for members to pay online from the Booking system, which uses PayPal to process credit cards. EFT is available but only by prior arrangement with booking liaison.
- 5.4. If paying by EFT, members should confirm details of the transfer to booking liaison within 24 hours of making the booking.
- 5.5. If a member pays by cheque for an online booking, the member should email booking liaison within 24 hours confirming that the cheque payment has been posted to the Club.

- 5.6. All Stage One bookings not paid for by cheque at the time of booking will be “tentative” and must be paid no later than one week prior to Stage Two winter bookings opening or the booking will be cancelled automatically and the beds will be made available for booking in Stage Two.
- 5.7. Members are to ensure that the Club maintains their current email address. Confirmation by automated email of both the tentative booking and the confirmed booking will be sent to the member at that email address.
- 5.8. Members are responsible for payment for all their own bookings. If a member makes a booking and does not pay online or confirm the EFT or cheque payment by email, the booking may be cancelled. If a booking is cancelled, the member is still responsible for payment for the booking but following payment may be entitled to a refund in accordance with the rules for booking cancellations and changes.

6. Booking Cancellations and Changes

- 6.1. If a member wishes to remove people or nights from a booking or change the name or type of a person nominated in a booking, the member must immediately notify the relevant booking manager either by email or by telephone confirmed by email or letter within 5 business days.
- 6.2. “Peak period” means:
 - (a) the peak winter dates nominated by the Committee in each season; and
 - (b) Easter and such other times when there are major events being held at the relevant Resort, for example the Thredbo Jazz Festival.
- 6.3. If cancellations are made more than 21 days prior to the first night of a peak period booking or more than 7 days prior to the first night of a booking outside a peak period, the member is entitled to a full refund. In this case the member may cancel the booking online and the system will automatically post a credit note to their booking account. Alternatively, the member may immediately notify the relevant booking manager.
- 6.4. The Club offers a “no snow refund” over the winter ski season. If a member wishes to claim a “no snow refund” the member must notify the booking liaison manager by email that the member wishes to cancel a booking at least 2 days prior to the first night of that booking on the basis that the member considers there are no runs with lifts open for skiing. The member will be entitled to a refund if the booking liaison manager is satisfied on the basis of the snow conditions report for the relevant mountain on the Friday or Wednesday immediately preceding the first night of the booking that there are no runs with lifts open for skiing on that mountain.
- 6.5. Where a cancellation is made on less notice than provided in Rule 6.3 and a “no snow refund” is not applicable, a refund will be made only for the nights/beds that can be rebooked to other members/guests.
- 6.6. If a member is entitled to a refund, the refund will be credited to the member’s booking account to be used against other accommodation. Payment to the member of the unused balance of any refund will not be forwarded to that member until the end of October in each year.