

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

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Welcome to the pre 2016 season edition of die Brettln.

The AGM was held on the 23rd March 2016. As motivated group of committed members attended.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of outgoing and longstanding committee members Rod McNab, Campbell Olorenshaw and Angus Michael. In conjunction a personal thanks goes out to Tim Boness, in his role as President of Koomerang, whose tireless efforts have reaped rewards for the members. I look forward to working with a great committee this coming year.

The new committee held the first meeting on 5th April 2016. We welcome some new faces onto the committee with Robert Bruce (Assistant Membership Secretary) and Diana Barker (new Booking Liaison Manager).

With the Hotham Lodge complete it is exciting to report that our members appear to be very happy with the result.

The next chapters in our book include the completion of lease works at Falls Creek and to start planning improvements at Buller. On this latter item we welcome the involvement of any interested Members to participate in a Buller Development Sub-Committee. If interested please contact David Morley or Seth Jones.

Bookings

Stage 1 bookings resulted in most requests being met.

Stage 2 is now open and you can use the Club website or email the lodge booking managers. You will notice a slight change in the process in rooms can be selected on a per bed booking.

Membership

In 2016 we introduced some new changes to our membership offerings. Annual subscription rates for Junior Family, Junior School Boy and Full Senior members groups were reduced and new joining fee instalment options provided to help new members.

The lodges

The lodges will all be ready for the season. Each lodge manager and their teams have spent many hours repairing and restocking for your benefit. Please treat the lodges with love and care.

All mountains have improved their snow making facilities but there have been no lift installations this summer. Please travel safely at all times and enjoy the season.

Regards

Seth Jones
President

NEW MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Membership admission and categories have been substantially revised and present opportunities for family members of a member to join the club and enjoy the benefits of being a member.

Old Boys, and current or past teachers, of Scotch College are eligible to join..

The spouse, parents, children and brothers/sisters of an Old Boy, or current/past teacher, who is a Full member of Koomerang, are also eligible to join as Full members or Junior Family members (children under 18).

Current Scotch schoolboys are eligible to join as Junior Schoolboy members of Koomerang Ski Club.

Adult Memberships

The categories of adult membership will now comprise:

Full members

Full members enjoy booking rights at member rates and can invite guests to stay at any of our four lodges at guest rates. Eligibility is for Old Scotch Boys and their close family only.

Full (restricted) members

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.

Full (senior) membership

Open to any current member over the age of 65. The subscription is half the full member subscription, and they retain full booking rights but over the Winter peak season would pay accommodation at adult guest rates less a 25% discount.

Associate membership

Category is for members who no longer wish to be able book 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 an associate member is not able to transfer to a full member without paying further fees.

Contact the Membership Secretary for details.

Absentee membership

A member who because of distance is unable to use our facilities may apply for absentee membership at a reduced subscription. Contact the Membership Secretary for further details.

Junior Schoolboy Membership

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 but, they are only eligible to book in one accompanying adult as a guest at our Thredbo and Hotham Lodges.

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

Junior Family Membership

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.

Although junior family members do not have any booking rights, they will only pay member accommodation rates when booked in by their full member parent.

Entrance Fees

KSC 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 is not refundable and is not transferable - it is a one off fee payable by all new adult members. This fee can now be paid by three equal annual instalments and, provided each annual instalment is paid, the member will have full booking rights at member rates.

We also have further discounts on the entrance fee:

1. 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.
2. A full 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 full (restricted) member by the due date;
3. 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.



Koomerang Mt Hotham



The exciting news is that the Committee has decided to review options for the future redevelopment of the Buller lodge. To facilitate this, the Committee is calling for interested members to be involved and form a subcommittee. You do not have to have building skills, just ideas on what the lodge should be like in the future. Please contact any of the Committee members if you would like to be involved. Contact details at the end of this newsletter.

Winter Activities Guide

Here are some of the exciting events on at Mt Buller this winter.

30 June 2016 Bob Sled Beats Local DJ's will spin some high energy tunes while kids rip laps of the toboggan slope. The toboggan slope will light up with a spectacular lighting and laser show, making it the hottest dance party on the mountain.

3 July 2015 Snow Racer Giant Slalom - The Snowracer Series are an ideal opportunity for school teams or individual racers to get that edge and additional race experience on course.

Not only are these events great adrenaline-charged fun, they are also an important lead-up to the Victorian Interschool Snowsports Championships.

9 July 2016 Burton Cattleman's Rail Jam - A host of Australia's top pro-riders will battle it out for cash and prizes in an action-packed expression session in the centre of the Village Square.

The Cattleman's Rail Jam event has become *the* highlight in Australia's freestyle calendar since 2005 attracting world-class riders and the largest crowd of any event in Australia, eager to see the adrenaline charged action on show.

23 Jul 2015 Mt Buller Winter Adventure Race. Competitors take on this single day event that encourages participants to ski, board, skin, alpine tour, cross country ski, split board or snow shoe in an adventure race around the Mt Buller snowfields.

<http://www.mtbuller.com.au/Winter/Events-Activities>



View from the top of Bourke St 1981



Falls Creek is one of Australia's most popular ski in ski out alpine resorts. It offers terrain for everyone with lots of great blue runs for intermediates as well as black runs and very good safe skiing for beginners. It is also one of the best areas in Australia for cross country skiing with many kilometres of groomed trails.

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June 1, 2016 Falls Creek ice plunge. Join Falls Creek locals as they take a winter plunge into Rocky Valley Dam to celebrate the first day of winter to pay homage to the snow gods for a good snow season.

June 11, 2016 is opening weekend for the snow season, many festivities are planned for the weekend.

7 July to 25 August (Thursday Nights 8 pm) - The popular action-packed Night Show in the Village Bowl is an on-snow extravaganza starring some of Falls Creek's most accomplished skiers, boarders, Kassie operators and the family favourite - Pete the Snow Dragon.

The fantastic Night Show is a great experience for the whole family including Pete the Snow Dragon, skiing and snowboarding demonstrations by Falls Creek Snowsports School instructors, snowmobiles, spinning groomers plus much much more. The Night Show Spectacular finishes off with an amazing fireworks display and a thumping soundtrack sure to impress the whole family.

6 to 8 August 2016 - Falls Creek Dog Sled Classic- The annual sled dog classic at Falls Creek sees teams of Huskies racing through the village under lights.

27 August 2016 - Kangaroo Hoppet - Australia's premier long distance cross country ski race attracting the best competitors from Australia and around the World. As well as the main 42km event, there are shorter 21km and 7km events to suit all ranges of age and ability.

The Kangaroo Hoppet Festival has a feast of skiing and social activities at Falls Creek the week prior to the holding of the Hoppet. There are activities for all ages and abilities leading up to the race itself on the fourth Saturday of August. Spectators are welcome to view the event on the Saturday at the mountain. See more at: <http://www.falls creek.com.au>

HOTHAM

Hotham has completed a \$4.4M snowmaking expansion for 2016, so with our new lodge we are looking forward to a terrific season.

They are offering a 5 + 5 car park resort entry permit where if you buy 5 days during peak season, you get 5 free days in spring.

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10 - 13 June 2016 - Opening weekend

26 June -1st July 2016 - Get a head start on your race club and interschool rivals this season while hanging out with a cool crew of elite racers in the mid-year school holidays. Camp Hotham is a six day, fully supervised program for young skiers and snowboarders to improve their racing and have some fun during the school holidays. The program will include on-slope as well as indoor training and activities.

- See more at: <http://www.mthotham.com.au/events-activities/events->



New Mt Hotham Lodge



Following a successful work party at Easter, the Thredbo lodge is ready for winter. For those who ski at Aspen and Whistler Blackcomb the big news is that the Mountain Collective pass now includes 3 days skiing at Thredbo plus 50% off additional day tickets.

Thredbo Winter Activities

Winter Friday 10th to Monday 13th June, 2016. Celebrate the start of winter in style this June long weekend in Thredbo with a massive weekend of skiing & snowboarding, music, entertainment, food, fun and activities for all ages.

10th July 2016 - Tora Brights Mini Shed will be run during the popular school holidays for skiers and snowboarders of all ages and abilities.

2nd to 16th July 2016 - Kids Snow Holiday festival- There's something for everyone these school holidays, with a mountain of terrain to explore, a huge line up of free activities and plenty of après for Mum and Dad. The Kids Snow Festival is bound to please kids of all ages with movie and pizza nights, a special kids flare run, night skiing and plenty more.

20th July 2016 - Winter Full Moon Party The only thing that shines brighter than a full moon is Australia's hottest DJs on stage at Thredbo's Full Moon Party. Grab your mates and join in on the fun with free glow-in-the-dark face painting, free entry.

For more information on these and many other events click on <http://www.thredbo.com.au/events>



Thredbo 2015

Member Communications

Are you an individual skier or snowboarder?

Want to go to your favourite Koomerang Lodge this Winter but it is unavailable when you want to go?

If this is you, please send an email to the booking manager and KSC Booking Liaison manager with your dates as there may be a bed available for you.

Are you a weekend skier? Then the time is right to get your bookings in for this season as there is still some availability on **peak weekends** and during the week, particularly at Falls Creek. Once the season gets going it may be too late!

Diana Barker

Booking Liaison 2016

Anthony Kellaway

The Committee was saddened to hear of the passing of Anthony. Anthony was on the Committee and Treasurer for the club. He was also a keen Thredbo Koomerang skier and continued to go to the snow even though he had to give up skiing. He has been a member of Koomerang since 1995.

David Hoelter

It is also sad to report that David Hoelter recently passed away.

He was a well known and respected Koomerang member for many years, a long term Committee member, Treasurer and constantly involved with every social function as well as work parties, particular at Thredbo where all of the Hoelter family gave their help each Easter with the maintenance of the Lodge.

Vale David and condolences to his family, Rhonda, Chris, Richard & Jacquie all long term Koomerang members.

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.

2016 Subscriptions

Subscription invoices were sent by email in November 2015. Any members who have not paid their subscriptions will be un-financial and will not be able to make any bookings.

Stuart Buscombe
Membership Secretary
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2016 Committee

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

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- FREE in room gift bag for each family member with exclusive merchandise
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- \$200 DONATION TO THE SCOTCH COLLEGE SNOWSPORTS CLUB**

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