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Save the Date!

General Bookings Open

5th May 2014

No restrictions from this time. Book who you want, when you want

Queens Birthday Weekend

7th – 9th June 2014

2014 Season Opening.
Work Party (Places Still Available and it's (almost), not too late)

Victorian School Holidays

28th June – 13th July 2014

2nd week full already!
Bring the kids up for the first week at Off-Peak rates.

Out and In

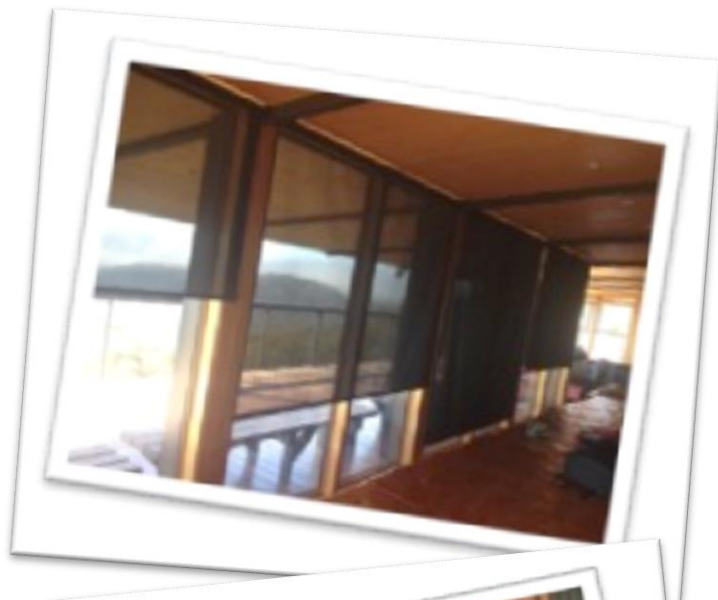
Welcome to the first newsletter for 2014. At the time of writing, there is less than a week to go to the opening of the 2014 Season. We've already had snowflakes on the deck....before the warm spell set in anyway. We just need the Tibetan prayer flags up again to keep El Nino away!

Ross Cutler has stepped down from the Committee this year. Apart from being a tremendous contributor to the Club and a particularly sage Committee member, Ross was the editor of the newsletter for over ten years. The Committee would like to thank Ross for all his work. I'm sure many will miss reading his informative and entertaining missives. He has set the bar particularly high for the new editor who will do his best to achieve the lofty standards set by his predecessor, but is accepting of the fact that he will struggle to do so!

Work Party Update

Over the green season, our work party teams have been toiling away under the dedicated guidance of Doug Goding and Nick Tudor. A myriad of things have been achieved, not the least of which are the following:

- New blinds have been installed. While keeping in line with the style and colour scheme of the newly renovated area, they are designed to cut out some of the morning glare without completely blocking the view and attenuate (at least to some degree) some of the background noise in the dining area
- A new fire grate has been hand-made with TLC and lifted in to the lodge with an industrial crane (once the roof had been removed to facilitate access). It is designed to stop logs rolling out onto the floor and



provide plenty of air flow around the fuel in an effort to reduce the amount of smoke emitted from the fireplace into the living area

- Lights have been installed inside the fridges
- A new colour scheme has been introduced in the games room
- The deck on the ground floor entrance has been extended and a fence installed on the eastern side of the deck. The fence is designed to discourage people from passing under the snow-shed from the roof on that side.
- The rubbish hutch down on Higgi Drive has been

removed...which has now been replaced by a brand spanking new custom made job at the top of the fire station bowl (see photo on next page). This was at the

behest of the MHARMB and in the end, wasn't optional.

- New fan in downstairs toilet

These are just a few of the key things that you will immediately notice next time you're at the lodge, but they are only representative of a tremendous amount of work completed and yet to be completed before the season is upon us proper. Wood is still to be delivered on the Queens Birthday Weekend, which will be interesting if snow is heavy on the ground...fingers crossed.



Fresh Tracks

To reduce the risk from snow shed on the eastern side of the Lodge, a new skier entry path to the lodge from the west should be used. This can be seen in red in the image on the left. In yellow is the location of the new garbage hutch and the path through the trees to get there.



New Switch!

Gone are the days of fishing around in the fusebox in the dark to turn the power to the lodge on or off and wondering whether or not you've flicked the right one! Now, all you have to do is enter the lodge and flick one switch. It's located out of reach of small children but well within the reach of even our most vertically challenged members and guests. See below...



History

The Club will be celebrating 50 years in 2017! To coincide with that milestone, we are commissioning a Historian to write a history - to tell the story of the lodge, the membership and Club activities from the founding to its 50th anniversary

The history will draw on records of the club, logs, photos relating to construction and use, as well as including oral histories of various members

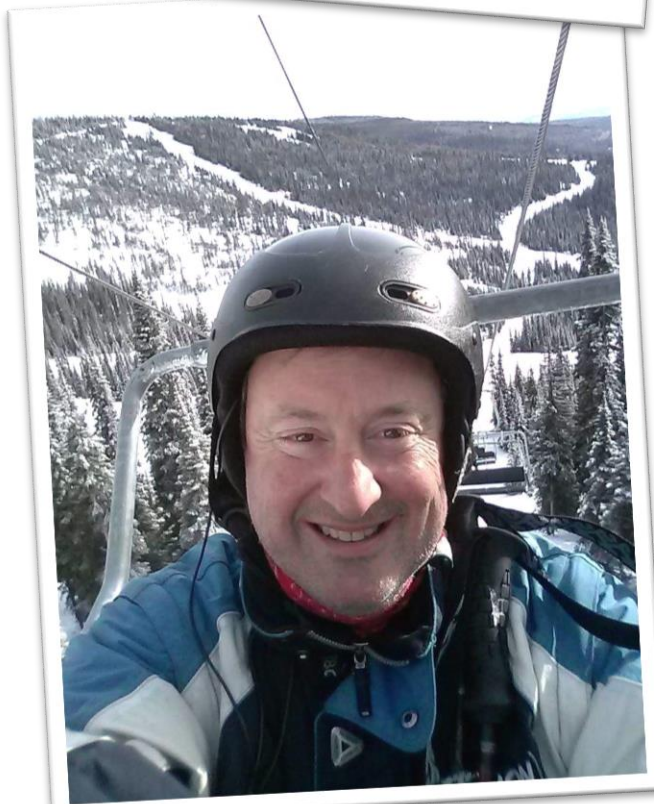
It will be a multi-year project divided into key stages.

- 2014 - assessment of current archives
- 2015 - research by a professional historian
- 2016 - preparation of a manuscript
- 2017 - publication

The History Sub-committee comprises Eleanor Bridger (chair), Andrew Robson, Michael Rodd, Jim McMeckan, Rob (George) Milne, Ross Cutler, Sarah Martin, Rohan Hodges and Megan Casey

From time to time, they will call on membership for materials (photos, docs etc) - please answer the call and make the history one to treasure.

We will keep you posted about progress.



Summer Jaunts

No doubt there are many tales of endless northern winters and bottomless powder among the members and I'm sure we'll all hear about them in front of the fire over a not so endless or bottomless southern winter.

Nick Reilly wandered off to Canada. Tough gig that and he's got selfies to prove it (centre right).

I'm sure Kate Austin was north somewhere...just don't know where.

Mike Garrett was traipsing around the wilds of Chamonix (lower right) and the Sierra Nevada...someone's got to do it!





Bits and Pieces

Many will know that the cupboard in the upper floor, northern entry room is full of an assortment of skis, poles and boots.

It's time for many of these articles to find a new home. Among them is a ski bag with (strangely enough) skis and poles in it.

There is also a pair of unused skis, still in the plastic, albeit refugees from the skinny ski era.

If anyone would like to claim the ski bag or any other contents of the cupboard, please contact one of our maintenance men (Doug or Nick). We will hang onto them until the end of this season, but after that, all bets are off.

There are some X-country skis and boots in the cupboard. The plan is to leave those there for any budding chook-footers, but it is on a no care – no responsibility basis!

Hatches and Matches

Congratulations to...

- Nick Reid and Jane Reid on the arrival of twin boys. They'll be on skis before we know it.
- Virginia Spring and Cam Johnston who were engaged a few weeks ago.

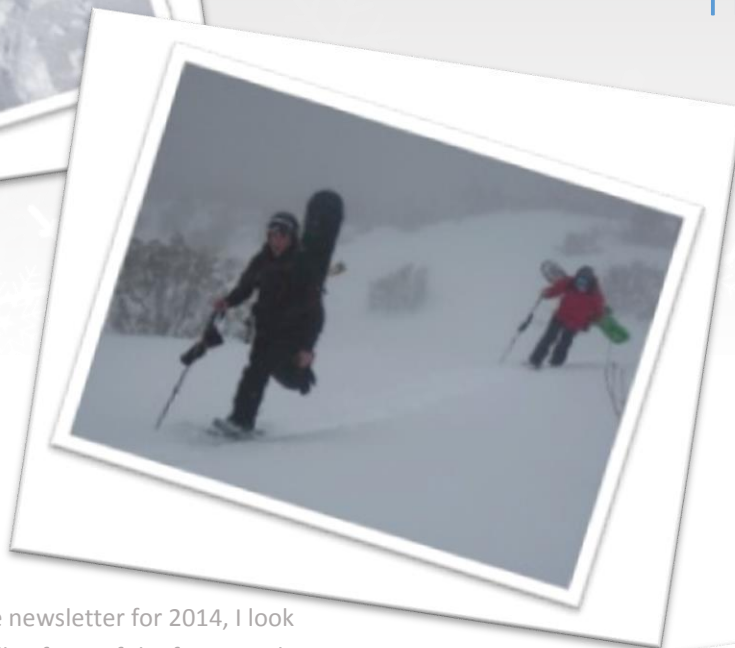
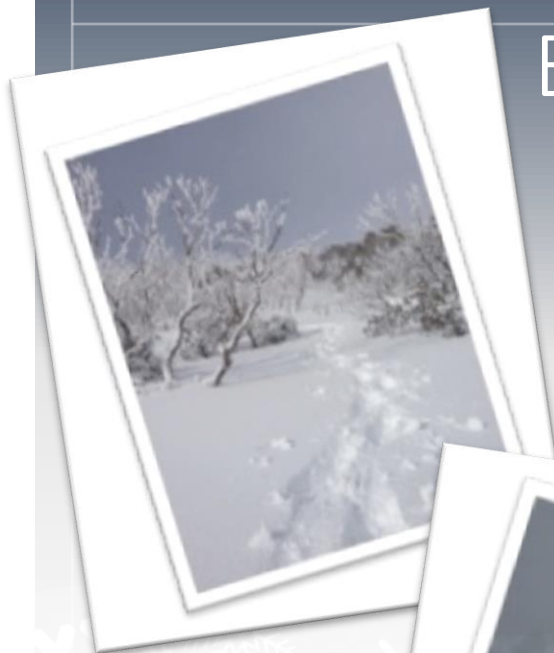


Bring on Season 2014

There's almost 1100 bed nights booked already, but there's still lots of space on both weekends and mid-week in late July and August. Make sure you book your places before it's too late!

May your tracks be fresh and your drinks be cold...

Happy Skiing!!!



As the new editor of the newsletter for 2014, I look forward to seeing you all in front of the fire over the next few months.

Please drop me a line if you have anything newsworthy or that you would like to see in the newsletter at:

<http://www.ormondskiclub.com.au/v2/index.php/committee/committee-contacts/38-committee/4-tom-nairn>

Cheers,

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