

Ormond Ski Club - Work Party Guide

When are the Work Parties held?

They are held on most long weekends, there are some exceptions when there is a summer booking or additional work required outside the nominated long weekends.

Work Parties are published on the website, generally after the end of the ski season.

<http://www.ormondskiclub.com.au/v2/index.php/members/wpreg>

Who can come to a Work Party?

Those eligible to apply for Membership*, Members and family and friends of members are all welcome to come along to a Work Party. If planning on bringing small children, please keep in mind that the lodge is a work site during a work party weekend.

*Membership Guide; <http://www.ormondskiclub.com.au/v2/index.php/members/membership>

How do I book for a Work Party?

Simply register your interest using the following link and the club Maintenance Officer will get in touch with you via email.

<http://www.ormondskiclub.com.au/v2/index.php/members/wpreg>

What if I realise that I can no longer attend or can't come for as many days as originally planned?

This is no problem; however please provide at least two days' notice to the Maintenance Officer, as food is ordered for the weekend ahead of time.

What if I have special dietary requirements, food allergies, medical condition, etc

When book in, you can add this detail to the booking form or get in contact directly to discuss with the club Maintenance Officer. We try our best to cater for all.

What do I need to bring along with me to a Work Party?

You will be required to bring your own linen; sheets, pillow case, towel, sleeping bag, doona. Pillows and blankets are provided.

Sturdy shoes or work boots, old clothes suitable for getting dirty or painting in.

Bring some warm clothes, it is generally up to 15 degrees colder up on the mountain than down off the hill.

Don't forget you togs if you plan to use the spa as we like to test it out when we are here.

How much does it cost to come to a Work Party, what else do I need to bring with me?

There is no cost for attending and staying at the lodge for a Work Party, providing you participate.

All your food is supplied from the first morning of the start of the Work Party. If you are up early on the evening before, please organise your own dinner or go to the General for dinner if you arrive in time.

BYO Beer wine etc.

If attending the Queen's Birthday Work Party, please keep in mind that the **Mountain charges gate entry and parking fees**, as this weekend is the start of the ski season.

What work is done at a Work Party, what is expected of me?

There is a variety of work completed, including but not limited to the following;

Sanding, painting, carting wood and food into the winter stores, minor renovation and demolition work, general cleaning, spa and boiler maintenance, grass cutting.

As we have a variety of work to be completed and a variety of differently skilled people attending, there is always something for everyone to do. If you are given a task that you are not comfortable doing, please discuss this with the Work Party leader and you will be reassigned.

As well as the Work Party tasks, people will also be assigned to the usual lodge duties, such as cooking meals, washing dishes, emptying bins etc.

If you have a trade or relevant skill, please let us know when booking in.

When do I need to arrive, what time does the Work Party start?

People generally arrive on the night before the start of the Work Party or first thing in the morning on the first day of the work party. Please advise the Maintenance Officer if you plan to arrive in the morning or late so we know when to expect you.

We kick off the day with breakfast from 8am and like to have everyone ready to go by 9am. We work through until around 4pm and have a break for lunch, morning and afternoon tea.

On arrival, ask for the Work Party leader and they will explain the bed list, duty list, door code and answer any questions.

Do I have to complete all the days of the Work Party?

There is no expectation to complete all days of the work party if you are not able to get there for the first day or need to leave a day or so early.

It is however important that you let the Maintenance Office know if you don't plan to attend all days, as work is allocated and food purchased based on how many people are planning to attend. Please indicate when submitting your booking if you don't plan to complete all days

Can I book to come to the lodge if there is a Work Party on?

It is sometimes possible to come and stay at the lodge during a Work Party, however there is generally a large amount of disruption to the running of the lodge, ranging from noisy power tools to

smelly paints and interruptions to the lodge power. It is best to contact the Maintenance Officer and discuss what work may be planned for the particular weekend if you plan on coming up to stay.

Some Work Parties book the lodge out fully and preference will be given to Work Party attendees during the nominated Work Party weekends.

The exception is Queens Birthday weekend, where winter bookings will take a preference and we generally don't do too much disruptive work that weekend.

How many people attend Work Parties?

The size of the Work Parties range from a few up to a fully booked lodge.

The Easter, ANZAC and Labour Day ones are the most popular, with Cup Weekend, Australia Day and Queens Birthday Work Parties generally having lower numbers.

Can I stay on after the Work Party has finished or arrive early?

Yes you can stay on after the Work Party or turn up early if you want to plan an extended stay. Any additional nights must be booked and paid for following the standard booking process.

<http://www.ormondskiclub.com.au/v2/index.php/lodge-bookings>

Where do I park at the work party?

You can generally park up at the back of the lodge, however it is not all that unusual to have snowfalls or leftover snow from the season covering part of the access track so this will not always be possible.

Access to the rear of the lodge is as follows;

Follow the main road through the village until you are just past the Fire Station, turn right in toward the base of the Big D chairlift, if you end up at the General Hotel and the Police station, you have gone too far.

Follow the track around to the right past the base of the lift and up past the nearby lodges. When you pass under the lift again at the top of the track, look out for a left hand turn which, this will take you up and around the back of Aardvark Lodge. Continue past Aardvark and follow the track between this lodge and a large concrete water tank. The rear of Ormond Lodge will now be in front of you.

If you prefer to not park at the back of the lodge or the track is inaccessible, the Blue Ribbon car park is the closest place to park directly downhill and across the road from the lodge at Bust Stop no. 4.

Please keep in mind that vehicle access to the lodge is restricted starting from Queens Birthday Weekend until the end of the season. On Queens Birthday weekend, it is generally possible to drive up to drop off your gear on the Friday night before parking down in the long term car park (Blue Ribbon is a day only car park during season). There may be some years when there has been sufficient snow fall or snow making to make access impassable.

As Queens Birthday falls on the season opening weekend, resort parking needs to be paid for each car parking on the mountain. Please ensure that you have a **valid Resort Entry Permit** for the days you are parking on the mountain.

Permits can be purchased online via the following link;

<http://www.mthotham.com.au/plan-my-trip/travel-to-hotham/resort-entry/>



More Questions and queries?

Any further quires can be directed to the club Maintenance Officer via the following link;

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