

St. George Alpine's Club Ltd.

President's Report 2020

I will start this report with a briefing on COVID-19 even though this is a situation happening in the current year.

Due to the effects of COVID-19 and the requirements that have to be met in relationship to cleanliness and social distancing, we as a board had to make some critical decisions. These decisions were based on requirements for the areas in which the lodges are located; guidelines set down by Safe Work Australia, State and Federal government requirements and the requirements of the board's "duty of care" for the members and the visitors to our lodges.

After weighing up all the options that were available to the board and assessing the history on how our members cared for the lodges, we took the decision of shutting the lodges for the season. This will lead to a financial loss this year, but we believe that this is the best outcome as the potential cost to the club if COVID-19 was transmitted in the lodges would be far greater.

The 2019 ski season was another great year with very good snow and extended skiing time available to all who wanted it. This led to a good financial result for the club which shows that we are supplying facilities for our members and guests that meet their needs especially when the snow falls. Both Jindabyne and Mount Hotham lodges had very good utilisation throughout the winter season.

Even with the COVID-19 situation the club is in a very good financial position.

We did have some problems during the season which led the board having to take unprecedented action.

The lodges are family lodges and members attending the lodges must remember this and respect the needs of the other people using the lodges at the same time as them. For the first time in recent history the board had to evict people from the lodge for unacceptable and threatening behaviour. This is not a pleasant thing to do and it was not a great way to start a skiing week for the directors that were involved in this action. We as a board will act swiftly on such actions with the results leading to, if needed, expulsion from the club inline with the rules stated in our memorandum and articles.

Towards the end of the season we sustained water damage in the kitchens at Jindabyne. This was assessed by our insurance company and we are in the process of renewing the kitchens. This renewal has allowed us to update the decor of the kitchens at the same time. We hope you appreciate the look of the new kitchens when you get back to the lodge. As always, we have continued to do the needed ongoing maintenance on both lodges.

Our new booking system is running very well, and I thank all the people involved in setting this up and making it the success it is.

I would like to thank the board, their families and our booking officer for all the work they have done to make the lodge a pleasant place to have holiday be that skiing in winter or hiking in the summer. Please remember that the board and the club captains are volunteers and give them the respect they deserve.

I would like to thank all the members that have used the facilities throughout the year, as without this usage the lodges would not be where they are today.

So, when we are allowed back on the mountains, and COVID-19 is under control, I wish all our members, who use our lodges, a great holiday.

Best regards,
Keith Monaghan
President
5 July 2020