



JULY 2022 MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Members,

This newsletter contains some updates since our AGM in preparation for our 2022 Winter season.

SEASON OPENS EARLY

With snow falling from early May across most resorts, the ski season is certainly in full flight and our lodge bookings reflect the same!! We are looking forward to a wonderful season of snow and a return to full use of our Jindabyne and Hotham lodges. Happy Winter!!!

AGM

The AGM was held via Zoom on May 11 with 33 members attending including the Board. It has been wonderful that the online forum for our AGM continues to enable so many members to be present and be involved in our AGM. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance. There was no voting required during our meeting therefore proxies were not used. The Board remained unchanged with no new nominations received.

Current Board Members and Booking Officer

- Keith Monaghan (President)
- Graham Grigg (Secretary)
- Chris Boseley (Treasurer)
- Matthew Boseley (Accommodation Director)
- Bob Philp (Membership Director)
- Phill Boseley (Board Member)
- Juha Sillan (Board Member)
- Natasha Nutt (Board Member)
- Karen Johnson (Booking Officer)

Financial summary

Updates were given on the financial status of both lodges at the AGM. As we are all aware, we have had 2 years of very limited income due to the lodges being closed or inaccessible to members who were unable to travel due to Covid lockdowns and travel restrictions. The club however remains in a healthy state and has had a return to a full calendar of bookings across both Jindabyne and Hotham for the 2022 Winter season.

Chris presented the Profit and Loss and Balance sheet at the AGM for the 2021 financial year which was approved by the meeting attendees. A copy can be obtained if required by emailing secretary@stgeorgealpine.com.au

COVID-19 Lodge updates

There was lots of valuable discussion during the AGM with regards to the next stage of managing our health and safety across the 2 lodges with regards to COVID-19 risks. We are thrilled to be almost back to our pre-Covid operation of the lodges. We do understand however that the risk of Covid transmission is still high within our communities, and we therefore request that members continue to maintain social distancing where possible and do not stay in either of the lodges if unwell or experiencing any cold and flu-like symptoms.

Sanitisation – Following many members reporting that they had witnessed a very basic sanitisation process being completed by contractors across both sites, along with changing Government requirements, the Board has now cancelled all external sanitisation services at both Jindabyne and Hotham lodges. Where sanitisation fees had been paid, members had this credited back to their account.

Each room has been provided with can of Glen20 and disinfectant wipes and members are requested to sanitise their own room on arrival and departure. The duty roster remains in place to ensure that cleaning and sanitisation can be maintained across all shared areas of the lodges.

Linen – The Board has cancelled the Covid-19 linen arrangements that were in place so that members are now to return to bringing their own bed sheets and pillowcases. Any linen fees that had been paid were credited back to members accounts.

The blankets will again be available at the lodges and mattress protectors are on the beds. Although our mattress protectors are laundered at various times during the year, it is recommended that members consider bringing their own mattress protectors to place on the beds as an additional health precaution.

Access to drying room, washing machine, dryers – The drying room and laundry is now open once again for members to use. These areas are included in the duty roster to ensure they remain clean for use by members.

Bunk room – The bunk room is open again and able to take individual bookings.

Hotham check-in/check-out – Hotham bookings currently remain from Saturday to Saturday, however they will return to Sunday to Sunday for next season. Hotham check-in is 2pm and check-out at 10am. With the removal of the external linen and sanitisation service, members will no longer need to pack up and leave the lodge in between weeks if staying for two weeks.

2022 Bookings Update

We have seen very strong bookings across both lodges for the winter season with both lodges being at capacity from this week (1st week of July).

Given the continued impacts of Covid and Influenza, there are cancellations taking place regularly so please keep an eye out for availability across both lodges if you are still wanting to make additional bookings.

A new booking system is currently being tested and the Board has a list of members who have expressed a willingness to be involved in the testing period. Thank you for assisting as we get a new booking system developed and we look forward to having it operational in time for Summer bookings.

Memberships for Sale

If you wish to enquire about the purchase of A, B or C memberships, please contact Bob Philp on 0448 983 022. Likewise, if you wish to sell your membership, please contact Bob Philp as we have a waiting list of people wanting to purchase memberships of our club.

Avalanche training and beacons

The Avalanche Training Centre (ATC) has been newly installed at Hotham and is a stationary system for training transceiver and probe search. These ATC's are found throughout the European Alps however Hotham is now home to the 1st ATC in the Southern Hemisphere! You can find out more about how they work and the set-up at Hotham here.

<https://mountainsafetycollective.org/australias-first-avalanche-training-centre-opens-at-mount-hotham>

<https://www.girsberger-elektronik.ch/atc-avalanche-training-center?lang=en>

The Board has considered a member's request at the last AGM to supply Avalanche Locator Beacons for the Hotham lodge. As part of its consideration the Board looked at three areas.

1. The management of the beacons. Beacons would need to be kept charged and secured in a lockable cabinet. They would need to be signed out and they would need to be signed back in and someone staying in the lodge would need to be responsible for them, making sure they are charged and that the paperwork is completed. Given the board's experience with room key losses over the years, we wonder how long before we would see the loss of beacons.
2. Risk requirement for beacons. We discussed the need for Avalanche Beacons with a member of the Mt Hotham Ski Patrol. He said that there was a very low risk of an avalanche occurring on groomed slopes while they do regularly occur in other parts of the mountain, but the Ski Patrol does manage avalanches including setting them off themselves. The ski patroller we spoke to said that for someone skiing cross country, then an avalanche beacon is really a personal piece of equipment.
3. Insurance implications. The Board is of the opinion that if we were to supply beacons and a skier became trapped in an avalanche and the beacon failed to work for whatever reason...the club would face a significant insurance liability. Therefore, we would also need to insure against such an eventuality. This would add further costs to the acquisition of the beacons.

So, on balance the Board has decided that we will not be funding the purchase of Avalanche Locator Beacons.

REMINDERS

Duty Roster

A duty roster is located on the inside of each bedroom door and the Noticeboard near the kitchen. Please co-operate by doing the daily "chores" allocated to you. Garbage bins need to be put out on certain nights for collection (check the Noticeboard). It is preferable to totally fill one garbage at a time to minimize collection costs. With external sanitisation of the lodges having ceased and Covid and Influenza continuing to spread in our communities, a personal commitment to the wellbeing of all members enjoying the lodge is required to maintain the cleanliness and hygiene conditions of the lodges.

Consideration for Other Patrons

All common areas are available for all patrons, and all patrons should be sensitive to the needs of others. Please keep noise to a minimum, particularly at night and early in the morning (not everyone wants to get up at 5am and get to the first lift of the day!). If you have been out partying at the local clubs or hotels, and you are coming home very late, please be aware that any sound made at late hours will carry throughout the lodge.

Lodge Captain

The Lodge Captain represents the Club's management. If you require assistance or advice, or you would like to make a suggestion or complaint, please see them. Remember that they are also on holidays like you. The Lodge Captain (after notifying the Accommodation Director of the Club) is empowered to take any necessary action to ensure the proper running of the Lodge.

The specific duties for lodge captains across both lodges are located in the [Documents](#) section of the website or the following links;

[Jindabyne](#) Lodge Captain duties

[Mt Hotham](#) Lodge Captain duties

Before Departure

Clean, vacuum and tidy your room and ensuite, and the spaces you used in the refrigerator, freezers and kitchen cupboards etc. Leave your room key in the door lock. If you are the last out of the Lodge, ensure all internal bins are emptied. Ensure all windows and doors are locked.

Updates from the Ski Resorts.....

Perisher (info from Perisher.com.au)

Perisher opened early on 4th June and has enjoyed an early dumping of snow! Lift tickets, lessons, rentals and Skitube for the entire 2022 season are available online.



(Perisher Blog post) 1st July 2022 – Five ways to discover more at Perisher

1 July 2022 - With four massive resort areas, there's so much to see and do at Perisher. Make the most of your trip and get off the beaten track. Check out our five tips to start your day differently and time savers to help you hit the slopes faster.

1. Pick up your rentals, Pass and lift tickets fast

Save time and hit the slopes faster by collecting your rentals and lift pass the day before you hit the slopes at our [pick up machines](#) so you're ready to head straight to the lifts.

Lock in your rentals from one of our stores and [collect your gear the day before your booking starts](#). If you have a 3 or more day lift ticket and gear hire, take full advantage of the [free PM access](#) included with your lift ticket and collect your rentals from 2pm the day before your booking starts.

2. Start your day a different way

Mix things up and start your day differently! Combine fresh air and fresh tracks with a fresh state of mind and experience Perisher like you never have. Grab your gear and head straight to Blue Cow via Skitube for fresh tracks. Or begin your day in Guthega and work your way back to Mt P for a different perspective. Need to warm up your legs? Get those warmup turns done and dusted at Smiggin Holes, then head towards Mt. Perisher to test your skills.

3. Save time with Skitube

[Skitube](#) is the quickest most convenient way to travel to the slopes! From Bullocks Flat on the Alpine Way it only takes 10 minutes to travel to Perisher Valley via Skitube. Plus, you can make the most of loads of free overnight and day parking. Save on Skitube by adding access to your lift ticket [here](#).

4. Get off the beaten track

It feels great to hit our favourite lifts, however why not get off the beaten track and experience some of Perisher's hidden gems. Check out our local favourites below:

- Lawson T-Bar: Just next to the Leichhardt Chair, Lawson T-Bar services some of the same terrain as Leichhardt and offers some great morning runs
- International T-Bar: Eyre's lesser-known neighbour, the International T-Bar will surprise with some great trails on Mt Perisher.
- Smiggin Holes: Full of hidden gems! Our picks? Check out Link T-Bar and Hume T-Bar for some awesome tree runs.
- Ridge Chair: A local top pick that you'll find in Blue Cow. If you ride this one regularly, you'll notice some familiar faces.

5. Night skiing and riding

We couldn't leave exploring Front Valley after dark from this list! Ski and board under the bright lights of Front Valley every Tuesday and Saturday to experience riding under the stars. Plus, catch the firework show from the Village Eight Express chair for an unforgettable night.

Epic Australia Pass holders have FREE season access to night skiing and boarding, while children with a valid lift ticket for that day will have FREE access to night skiing. Adults must purchase night skiing lift access [online](#). Find out more [here](#).

Helpful Links for Perisher

Ski Tube timetable: <https://www.perisher.com.au/resort-info/mountain-operations/skitube-timetable>

Lift tickets and lessons: <https://www.perisher.com.au/tickets-passes>

Epic Pass info: <https://www.perisher.com.au/epic-australia-pass>

Perisher Events (including Interschools dates): <https://www.perisher.com.au/events/#/events?arrive=2021-6-14&type=all>

Thredbo (info from [thredbo.com.au](https://www.thredbo.com.au))

Thredbo have claimed that the 11th June 2022 marked their best ever start to the winter snow season!!! Over 125cms of snow fell in the lead-up to opening weekend, which along with a full calendar of events and entertainment, made for an amazing start to Thredbo's 2022 winter season!

With school holidays now here, Thredbo's [July Kids Snow Festival](#) has everything that families will need to make it a wonderful winter holiday. The festival runs from July 1-17.



Thredbo's [Vertical Metres Challenge](#) is back and offers up a Heli-Skiing trip in Canada for the winner!

To be in the running, skiers and snowboards must clock over 5000 vertical metres on the mountain in one day throughout winter (equivalent to 11 laps on the Kosciuszko Express). Metres are automatically recorded on your lift pass and each day that you hit the 5000-metre mark you gain an additional entry.



Helpful Links for Thredbo

Lift passes: <https://www.thredbo.com.au/passes-rentals/winter-passes/>

Lessons and programs: <https://www.thredbo.com.au/lessons-programs/>

Winter activities: <https://www.thredbo.com.au/activities/?category=winter>

Thredbo Winter Calendar of Events: <https://www.thredbo.com.au/events/2022/winter-of-events/>

Mt Hotham (info from [mthotham.com.au](https://www.mthotham.com.au))



Mt Hotham have celebrated their [earliest opening of Gotcha, Keogh's and Orchard in 22 years!!!](#) This is a month ahead of where they would normally be – what an amazing time to check out Mt Hotham!

Check out the [snow report](#) or [lifts and terrain](#) pages for all the latest info.

Checkout the [2022 Winter Experience page](#) for all the latest on resort operations this season.

If you haven't already – make sure to [subscribe to our daily Snow Reports](#). Here you will be kept up to date with the latest snow, runs and lift information delivered direct to your inbox, every morning. You can also [download the Hotham app](#) to connect with your friends on the slopes, track your ski days and view real-time resort information.

With the stellar season that is underway, Hotham looks set to give the powder experience that it is renowned for. So if it has been a while since you have sunk into fresh powder or you are making your first trip to Hotham this season, it could be worth having a read of Hotham's blog post on [How to get the most out of a powder day at Hotham](#)

Helpful Links for Mt Hotham

Lift/Resort entry passes: <https://www.mthotham.com.au/passes>

Lessons and programs: <https://www.mthotham.com.au/lessons-hire/lesson-type/lessons>

Winter activities: <https://www.mthotham.com.au/on-mountain/things-to-do/events>

Jindabyne

After 2 years of many of us not being able to enjoy Jindabyne like we have previously, it is time to reconnect with this gorgeous alpine town and all its wonderful businesses and experiences.

Keep up to date with what's on at

<https://www.visitnsw.com/destinations/snowy-mountains/jindabyne-area>

<https://snowymountains.com.au/>

<https://www.snowymagazine.com.au/>