



DECEMBER 2022 MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Members,

This newsletter contains a summary of the events of our last Winter season and provides information for our current Summer season and preparations for Winter 2023.

Winter 2022 Review

This season saw the return to the slopes for many members after a couple of years of Covid-interrupted access. Thankfully the snow fall delivered for us and the lodges were well utilised!

Jindabyne's bedrooms were booked solid from 26 June to 3 October with only a few bunk beds not used in the period. The only blank spaces in the calendar were caused by last minute cancellations for that whole period.

Hotham was booked at 100% except for one room for one week from 2 July to 24 September – again this was due to a late cancellation.

Treasurer's Report

2022 was the first time we've had unrestricted skiing in both the NSW and Victorian ski fields since 2019 and it was good to see that both lodges were well patronised.

While we were being blessed with this high level of usage, Jindabyne has been hit with a substantial increase in energy costs. Comparing our energy expenses this year to the last fully utilised season 2019, the Jindabyne electricity bill covering the ski season (June-August) was \$4,897 whereas this year it was \$7,648 for the same period. There's a certain irony that we had negotiated a discounted rate with Origin Energy at the end of 2018 which gave us the cheaper electricity in 2019, (2018 it was \$7,795) but from what I can see, there will only be further price increases going forward. The board has considered solar panels for Jindabyne but our advice has been that the building is facing the wrong way. With respect to Hotham which uses both Gas and Electricity, the costs this year were not substantially different to 2019, although we expect 2023 to be higher especially as gas supply contracts are renewed.

We did have a couple of minor wins this year. Our General Insurance bill for 2021 was a whopping \$26,589 (reduced from \$27,095 when we moved it from the previous brokers) but this year at the initiative of the new insurance brokers, it was reduced to \$17,528.

And wait for it....we got a \$490 credit from Telstra, which was pretty good considering we haven't had a connected telephone line since 2018.

LODGE UPDATES

Summer - Jindabyne open – Hotham closed

Gundaroo at Jindabyne will be open for the summer season, with plenty of booking availability for those wanting to visit.

The Hotham lodge is closed for Summer due to the expenses associated with opening the lodge in the off season. There are also limited activities or restaurants/bars open in Hotham during this time.

Reminders for lodge use

We already have plenty of bookings being made for members to enjoy Summer at Jindabyne. Please remember however that during the off-peak seasons you don't know how long it may be before someone is visiting the lodge after you. Please ensure that you clean out the fridges and cupboards of any food and empty the internal bins. It can otherwise be an unpleasant surprise for the next people to enter and find a fridge full of rotten food.

2023 Membership Fees and Room Rates

As we are all becoming increasingly aware of, the costs of running a home (or lodge in this instance) are increasing. The accommodation fees for the lodges have not increased since 2017 which has meant that we have not been keeping up with the increased costs of expenses nor the accommodation rates across the ski industry. We are also needing to keep up with essential maintenance and improvements.

The annual subscription fees for 2023 will be increased to \$400 (previously \$345), with this being reduced to \$300 (previously \$280) if the fees are paid by 28th February.

The room rates will be increased across both lodges for 2023. With this being the 1st increase in 5 years the Board has decided to increase the daily rate across both lodges by approximately 50%.

The **new day rates** will be as follows;

Jindabyne increasing from \$18 to \$28/day (55% increase) and

Hotham increasing from \$70 to \$105/day (50% increase)

Peak Weekly rates

Jindabyne (min fee – 2adults+1child): \$364 /week

Hotham (min fee – 2adults): \$1050 /week

These rates continue to provide value to our members when compared to accessing accommodation in Jindabyne or Hotham during peak or off-peak seasons. The updated fees will be available on the website and built into our new booking system.

The opening of bookings for the 2023 Winter season will be the 1st February for a member's subscribed lodge, 1st March for members wishing to book the alternate lodge to their membership, and 15th March for non-members.

New Booking System – to be ready for 2023 Winter bookings

As the Board discussed at the last AGM, we are moving to a new booking system across both lodges. After reviewing many options, “Clubman” has been chosen as our new booking system.

It has taken a lot of work to ensure all our booking rules are built into the system and we have been supported by a team of members who have generously donated their time to run the system through its paces to test it out before we go live.

Our booking officer, Karen, will continue to review every booking before confirmation while we are settling into the new system. The booking will then be accepted before a payment can be made to secure the booking.

You can see a demo of Clubman on the website at <https://clubman.app/>

We are on track for having the system live during December 2022. Once it is live and before our Winter bookings open, there will be more communication regarding use of the system and detailed training materials to support our members.

Lodge improvements

Thank you to Bob Lees who took the time during his recent Hotham stay to complete a detailed list of maintenance requirements. The Board met with Bob recently to discuss the points he has raised. The items which are currently being addressed include;

- Creation of a standard operating procedures for use of the heating system at Hotham – relating to the 2 boilers that heat the bedrooms, drying room and lounge room.
- Creation of a procedure for ‘close down’ of Hotham at the end of the season.
- Kitchen update. This is already under investigation by the Board.
- All door handles to be replaced.
- Bedroom 4 veranda door is not closing due to raised tiles – this will be rectified
- Review of safety rails on top bunk of metal bunk beds
- Cleaning of exhaust fans in all bedrooms
- Cleaning checklist to be created for bedrooms to ensure the rooms are cleaned sufficiently when members leave
- Drying racks (introduced during Covid) to be removed from bedrooms – to be donated to the op shops in Bright.
- Ski racks in foyer to be reviewed to better accommodate snowboards.
- Dining table screws to be tightened or replaced to improve stability of the table
- Creation of central documentation to communicate procedures, processes and locations for supplies or tools within the lodge. Update of Lodge Captain documentation to include this.
- Replacement of wire coat hangers in drying room
- Invitation to be sent to Victorian members to attend working bee prior to opening for Winter

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)

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.

The Board are also requesting that any O members who are interested in buying a share in either lodge, please contact Bob Philp to confirm their preferred lodge and their date of joining as an O Member.

Merry Christmas!

The Board wishes you and your families a happy and safe festive season and wonderful start to 2023.

Upcoming Events

There are a whole host of events in Jindabyne and the snowy mountains over the summer period, ranging from the adrenalin-fuelled downhill mountain biking, rock climbing, and kayaking, through to the slower pace of hiking, fishing, yoga, and of course the Thredbo Blues Festival. For a full list of events, check out the [Thredbo Events](#) page, or [Visit NSW](#)



<https://monaropost.com.au/snowpost>

SNOWY MOUNTAINS

IT'S AN ALTITUDE THING

<https://snowymountains.com.au/whats-on/>

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MAGAZINE

<https://www.snowymagazine.com.au/events-calendar>

HOTHAM

<https://www.mthotham.com.au/summer/things-to-do/events/events-whats-on>



DECEMBER

- 1 | [Wildflower Season Starts](#)
- 4 | [Gravity Girls](#)
- 8 | [Full Moon Hike to Mt Kosciuszko](#)
- 11 | [Gravity Series #1: Ricochet Rumble](#)
- 12 – 23 | [MTB School Holiday Camps](#)
- 14 | [Geminids Meteor Shower Hike](#)
- 15 – 18 | [Ultra-Trail Kosciuszko](#)

- 23 – 15 Jan | [Kids Summer Adventure Festival](#)
24 | [Christmas Eve Carols](#)
25 | [Christmas Day Lunch](#)
31 | [Thredbo Music Series: Got Soul Collective presented by Kosciuszko Pale Ale](#)

JANUARY

- 23 Dec – 15 | [Kids Summer Adventure Festival](#)
7 | [Thredbo Music Series: INXS Tribute Show presented by Kosciuszko Pale Ale](#)
7 | [Full Moon Hike to Mt Kosciuszko](#)
7 – 14 | [Thredbo Fun & Fitness Week](#)
14 | [Thredbo Music Series: Ash Grunwald presented by Kosciuszko Pale Ale](#)
18 | [Gravity Girls](#)
27 – 29 | [Thredbo Blues Festival](#)

FEBRUARY

- 3 – 5 | [Taste of the Snowies: Thredbo Food & Wine Festival](#)
3 – 5 | Snowies MTB Festival
6 | [Full Moon Hike to Mt Kosciuszko](#)
9 – 18 | [AusCycling MTB National Championships](#)
13 – 18 | [Cannonball MTB Festival presented by Boost Mobile](#)
18 | [North East Party House \(DJ Set\) presented by Boost Mobile](#)
26 | [Gravity Girls](#)

MARCH

- 5 – 10 | [Australian Mountain Biking Interschools presented by Boost Mobile](#)
7 | [Full Moon Hike to Mt Kosciuszko](#)
18 | Rare Cancers Australia Kosci Challenge
18 | [Gravity Series #2: Pump Track Party](#)
19 | [Gravity Series #3: Cruiser Crusher](#)
26 | [Gravity Girls](#)

APRIL

- 2 | [Gravity Series #4: Supertrail Scramble](#)
6 | [Full Moon Hike to Mt Kosciuszko](#)
7 – 25 | Easter Adventure Carnival
22 – 25 | MTB Closing Weekend
24 | [Gravity Series #5: Chainless Champs](#)