



St. George Alpine Club

June 2023

Member Newsletter



PRESIDENTS REPORT

It is the start of another season and the snow has fallen. Let's hope this is a good omen for some great skiing this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our board members for all the work that has been carried out on the lodges to keep the maintenance up to date over the COVID period. As a club and an organisation we came through these disruptive COVID years in a reasonably good position. This was due to a lot of hard work by the board in developing and implementing systems that allowed the lodges to be opened as soon as possible and I thank them for this.

The board has also been updating the banking systems as well as the booking system and I thank all involved for the diligent work they carried out.

Now that COVID requirements have eased and we are back close to normal operations we will be looking at some major improvement projects for our lodges. The first of these is a kitchen upgrade for Mt Hotham. There will be a questionnaire sent out to gauge feedback on design suggestions and your comments about the kitchen project.

We have had some changes in the makeup of the board and I would like to thank the outgoing board members, Phill Bosley and Natasha Nutt for all the work they have done for the club. I would also like to welcome the two new board members Sally Garner and Graham Beilby.

In dealing with the board members and lodge captains during the ski season and at other times please remember they are volunteers and they will be on holiday like you.

As announced at the AGM, after quite a number of years on the board, I will be retiring at the next AGM. We will be looking for more people to join the board to help lead the club into the future.

The future of the club looks bright. Get out there and enjoy our lodges.

I wish everyone a great ski season.

Keith Monaghan
President

Season Opening

With recent snowfalls at Mt Hotham as well as across NSW resorts, Mt Hotham, Thredbo, and Perisher our hopes are high for a bumper season. We are all wishing for some good snow falls over the coming weeks.

Hotham

Please note that already roads have been closed between Harrietville and Hotham due to accidents with black ice and snow. Chains are being fitted to cars and there are restrictions for trailers and caravans.

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Roads are currently clear but check the road reports and weather updates before you travel.

We are all looking forward to a fantastic 2023 winter season.
Safe travels

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held via Zoom on 25th May with 25 people attending and 12 additional members providing their proxies.

Our AGM occurring via Zoom continues to be a wonderful way of enabling more people to attend.

Thank you to everyone who was in attendance or provided their proxies.

At the AGM two new members were elected, both from Hotham.

Board for 2023

- Keith Monaghan (President)
- Graham Grigg (Secretary)
- Chris Boseley (Treasurer)
- Matthew Boseley (Accommodation Director)
- Bob Philp (Membership Director)
- Juha Sillan (Board Member)
- Graeme Beilby (Board member)
- Sally Garner (Board member)
- Karen Johnson (Booking Officer)

Thank you Phill & Natasha

A huge thank you to Phill Boseley who has retired his position after 12 years on the Board.

We would also like to thank Natasha Nutt for her outstanding service over the last 2 years.



2023 Membership Fees & Bookings

With the recent increase to the annual subscription fees and room rates, there is still great demand and bookings across both lodges for the ski season.

There are many members waiting for cancellations or changes, so if you are choosing to leave early or arrive later than your booking, please let the booking officer know, we can offer rooms to others waiting.

Clubman - The new booking system is working well and has been successfully utilised to book rooms for this winter. It is fabulous to have instructions provided on the site to assist with any new members.

If you have any additional feedback regarding the booking process, please comment on the upcoming survey for members.

New Board members



Graeme Beilby

I am a 56 yr old father of one teenage daughter who also loves to snowboard. I've boarded at various

locations around the world and am becoming keener each year to experience more backcountry. I am pleased to be able to represent the members at SGAC on the Board.

Sally Garner

I am looking forward to working with the Board to continue to provide the best alpine experience



for all members. When not at work, you'll find me skiing Mt Hotham, trying to improve my golf, following the snow in North America, and enjoying my home on the beautiful Mornington Peninsula with my husband Mark. With 4 busy adult children, we look forward to skiing with them at Hotham.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As part of the setting up of the new booking system we have had to integrate the Stripe payment system into our club's accounting operation, which has gone smoothly with a minimal amount of training required.

We have seen strong demand for both Lodges this year winter, with a resultant improvement in the Club's cash position by \$83,229, (before operating expenses are taken out).

| | *St George Bank a/c closed 6/2/2023 | Westpac Trading | Westpac Savings | Total |
|---------------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| *Cash Position at 30/12/2022 | 172,588 | 46,980 | 40,036 | \$259,604 |
| Cash Position at 25/5/2023 | | 59,026 | 283,807 | \$342,833 |

*Over the summer period we moved our banking from St George to Westpac because the latter offered us a more streamlined On-Line experience. The \$172,588 reflects the monies that were transferred over to Westpac from St George Bank at that time.

This cash position puts us in a strong position to meet upcoming capital costs in 2024 such as the refurbishment of the Mt Hotham kitchen.

Chris Boseley - Treasurer



LODGE IMPROVEMENTS

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Minor breakdown repairs were carried out during the ski season and several projects were completed during 2022 and early 2023.

These included:

- The installation of energy-saving LED lighting to the lodge
- New power points in each bedroom with USB charging points
- Installation of new taps to showers.
- A plumber to inspect and repair any vanities and the WC units
- The annual fire inspection has been carried out and all smoke alarms have been tested.
- Future projects for the lodge include
- External painting - a contractor has finally been secured for early spring commencement
- Purchase and installation of a lockable e-bike charging station, separate to the lodge, in the old BBQ area.
- Purchase and installation of racking for mountain bike storage in the lodge. This is an issue because the places where people have been storing their bikes is part of the emergency fire exit paths and must not be obstructed.

Juha Sillan - Building Manager

Hotham

Bob Philps led the May working bee at Hotham with a few members attending to complete the works. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

All lights changed to LED

Bedrooms

Room 1 & 2 - Ladders and safety rails on steel beds were bolted.

Room 3 & 4 - Replaced safety ladders. If you do remove them in the future, please replace them as they are required as a safety measure for the bunk bed and access to the loft. If not, we will need to lock the lofts again.

All door and wardrobe handles were replaced.

Dismantled all hanging racks and disposed of them.

Coat hangers replaced with 100 more durable ones.

All rooms have new double USB points.

Kitchen

All knives sharpened – please be careful!

Dining room

Bench seats have all been checked. Screws were replaced and tightened where necessary.

Replaced all supplies for the winter.

Installed extra shelf for the second vacuum cleaner.

Note : Unable to fix 2 blinds – they will need replacing.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



New memberships - for purchase of A, B or C memberships, please contact Bob Philp on 0448 983 022.

Selling, or thinking about selling? Please contact Bob Philp as we have a waiting list of people looking to purchase memberships now.

JUNIOR SKI SCHOLARSHIPS

In its efforts to promote skiing as a sport, St George Alpine Ski Club offers (up to 5) scholarships to school and preschool-age children of financial lodge members for them to further their pursuit of the sport.

The scholarship provides a financial contribution for the child to use in furthering their skills in the sport of skiing. This donation can be used to cover things such as the cost of lessons, training or inter-school competitions.

We have received a number of applications and are in the process of accessing each of them. Applications have now closed for 2023.

Eligibility: Scholarships are available to juniors (under the age of 18) and can be reapplied for after 5 years since their last scholarship. If more than five applications are received, those for first-time scholarships will be prioritised.



YOUR VIEW



HOTHAM KITCHEN UPGRADE

You can currently view the designs (Island & Return style) for our Hotham Lodge on our website. Once a decision has been made, consideration will be given to the installation process and costs. We expect this project will take place after the end of this year's ski season.

The Board would appreciate members' feedback on both designs so we can ensure our upgrade provides the best design options, quality, and value for our members.

SUMMER BOOKINGS FOR HOTHAM LODGE

The board has agreed to consider the viability of opening Hotham for Summer and as part of that consideration, we need to gauge the level of demand from the members. Accordingly, we have put together a survey which we encourage you to complete.

A survey will shortly become available on our website for you to share your views. We strongly recommend everyone complete the survey to have their say.

REMINDERS FOR LODGE USE



Duty Roster

A reminder to complete your daily duties as listed in each bedroom at both lodges. Let's keep our lodges clean and tidy for all to enjoy.

Courtesy & Consideration

Please keep noise to a minimum both early in the morning and later at night.

Clean up in the kitchen as soon as possible so others can use the services, especially at meal times.

Be considerate of those wanting to use the dining room areas. If the lodge is full and you have finished your meal, please consider moving to the lounge areas.

Lodge captains

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 holiday 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. Please review the duties on our website.

Before Departure

Clean, vacuum, and tidy your room and ensuite, with the products provided.

Please clean and empty the refrigerator, freezer, and kitchen cupboards.

At Jindabyne - leave your room key in the door lock.

If you are the last out of the Lodge, ensure all internal bins are emptied and all windows and doors are locked.

Happy skiing, boarding and holidaying!



UPDATES FROM THE SKI RESORTS

Jindabyne / Perisher and Thredbo

Thredbo

July kids snow festival
1-16 July

Loads of skiing, movie nights, chocolate s'mores, family fun nights & more!

<https://www.thredbo.com.au/events/2023/july-kids-snow-festival/>



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/>

Thredbo Winter Calendar of Events:

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

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We are getting all our new 2023 stock ready for your visit to The Shed.

Got your own skis or snowboard? Remember our [fully equipped workshop](#) is ready to give your skis or board a base and edge grind, ready to hit the mountain.

Don't forget to book online at <https://theshedskihire.com.au> to receive your 15% discount.

- **15% off** all hire items: eg skis, boards and boots, chains, helmets, walking boots, clothing, toboggans
- **15% off** all accessories (gloves, goggles, beanies etc) purchased when you pick up your hire gear.

To our loyal regular customers: thank you for all your support.

To our new customers: come on in and see why our customers come back year after year.

We look forward to seeing you all. Come and meet our new staff and say 'Hi' to our regular staff.

Cheers,

Gary, Tom, Phil & all the The Shed Team

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Perisher

Opening weekend



PEAK Music Festival 2023

📅 Dates: 09 Jun 10 Jun 11 Jun

The coolest festival in the Snowy Mountains is back and better than ever for 2023! Coinciding with Perisher's Opening Weekend, PEAK Music Festival is a winter celebration of live music and entertainment across multiple Perisher Resort areas. 2023's PEAK Music Festival is a non-ticketed event and will take place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the June long weekend.

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:

<https://www.perisher.com.au/events>

Shred with the Best Demo Days

📅 Dates: 21 Jul 22 Jul 28 Jul 29 Jul 04 Aug 05 Aug 11 Aug 12 Aug 18 Aug 19 Aug

Come and shred with the best! We're excited to welcome two of the biggest names in the industry, Atomic and Salomon, to Perisher in 2023. Demo days bring together the latest and greatest gear, giving you the opportunity to try before you buy. Stop by to test the new Salomon QST, Stance and S/Max ranges or the Atomic Bent, Maverick and Maven ranges. Demo days will run weekly from the 21st July until the 19th August 2023, giving you plenty of opportunity to shred with the best. See you there!

YOUR ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE

There are inherent risks in all snow recreational activities. Common sense, staying in control and personal awareness can reduce these risks. Risks include rapid changes in weather, visibility and surface conditions, as well as natural and artificial hazards such as rocks, trees, stumps, vehicles, lift towers, snow fences and snowmaking equipment. Observe the code and ski and ride with courtesy to others.

1. Stay in control and avoid other people and hazards.
2. Use appropriate protective equipment, especially helmets, to minimise the risk of injury.
3. You must have the ability to use each lift safely. If in doubt ask the lift attendant.
4. Obey all signs and warnings, and keep off closed trails and areas.
5. It is your responsibility to avoid and give way to people below and beside you.
6. Do not stop where you are not visible from above or where you obstruct a trail.
7. Before starting downhill, or merging into a trail, look uphill and give way to others.
8. Use care to prevent runaway snowboards.
9. If you are involved in or see an accident, alert and identify yourself to Resort Staff.
10. Be aware that it is dangerous to ski, board or ride lifts if your ability is impaired by drugs or alcohol.

KNOW THE CODE. IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Failure to observe the code may result in cancellation of your ticket or pass by Resort Staff.



Keep up to date with everything happening at Thredbo & Perisher

www.perisher.com.au

www.thredbo.com.au

What's on at Mt Hotham



Hotham Stakeholders Association
Nonprofit Organization · 1.2K followers

HSA now has 100% Hotham lodges joined as members which is fabulous! All lodge members are welcome to join the HSA Party Sunday, June 11th to kick start the season.

Follow HSA on Facebook to see what's up next for the season!

The Hotham Stakeholders Association invites all members to our

HSA PARTY

SUNDAY 11TH JUNE 2023 3:00PM - 5:00PM
UPSTAIRS AT THE GENERAL

Finger food provided, drinks at bar prices
First two shout's on us...

GOLD COIN DONATION ON ENTRY TO SUPPORT:



GRAB A PIECE OF HOTHAM HISTORY

CHARITY AUCTION

1969-2018
Playground CHAIRLIFT
57 CHAIRS UP FOR GRABS

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www.mthotham.com.au/playgroundchairauction

The Bird Saturday 10th July 4pm



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2023 OFFERS

Special Deals

Preseason Discount Offer : Book online before June 1st & receive an additional 5% off (excludes Value season, Epic Pass holder special pricing & chain rental)

Epic Pass holders now receive an extra online discount on Hoys rental gear – select our new Epic booking option to ensure that when you book through Hoys – you'll pay our lowest rate!*

Bonus FREE day – pay for 4 consecutive days rental & get the 5th consecutive day for free

Prebook online minimum 3 days prior to arrival – save time in the store & get 30% OFF all SKI & BOARD packages

Season price points – "Value" season is for those visiting June 9th to June 23rd AND September 11th to October 2nd 2023 – "Peak" season for the rest of the season.

Can't decide whether to ski or board? Swap your gear for just \$15 per swap

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