# **Booking Officer**

Again, this year the bookings ran smoothly with only minor problems, all I hope, fixed to the members' satisfaction.

July and August 2025 the bedrooms at Jindabyne are completely booked out however, as I write this, there are still some beds available in the bunk room.

Hotham still has rooms available for late July and late August.

At times guests leave the lodge early – keep an eye on the booking program as I open up rooms as soon as I am notified that they have become vacant. Often a room becomes available over a weekend during the season at short notice.

Both lodges have good availability for early in the season and for Spring skiing in September (at this stage).

Last Summer saw lots of bookings in the lodges, particularly in the school holidays. With the many and varied activities in the area during the Summer both lodges are excellent for anyone planning a budget friendly family holiday and more members seem to be taking advantage of this each year.

Karen Johnson

### Communications

#### **Newsletters**

Newsletter have been produced and accessed via the website biannually for all members – published at the commencement of the ski season and the New Year. Each newsletter has covered updates re the AGM, the lodges, memberships, maintenance. Local activities and information. Please do send photos and any information you would like included in future newsletters. It is great to have members photographs and stories to share.

We did ask for feedback regarding upcoming projects in the last newsletter; however, we did not receive any responses in relation to preferences for these. If you have a preference for the other projects that were listed, we are still keen to here from members.

LODGE	PROJECT	PRIORITY
Hotham	New Kitchen	
Hotham	Internet Coverage	
Jindabyne	Internet Coverage	
Jindabyne	Gyprock bedrooms	
Hotham	Update bathrooms	
Hotham	Internal painting	
Jindabyne	Airconditioning	
Jindabyne	Deck	
Hotham	Blinds, curtains	
Jindabyne	Internal Painting	

We are continuing to work to have the new kitchen installed at Hotham after the 2025 ski season with the builder booked and the kitchen ordered. This will include new flooring which will extend through the full dining room area as well.

#### **Facebook**

We now have 123 members in our group. All new members need to complete our club qualifying questions to be admitted. We are enjoying hearing lots of stories from various members, sharing history of the clubs, activities, and relevant updates. It was fabulous to see Jax Lees photos after he was awarded a junior scholarship last year through SGAC program. We encourage everyone to share their stories, activities in the lodges and mountain resorts.

We are looking for a new photo for our Facebook home page. Please submit your suggestions via the FB page with a comment. It will be great to have a local photo that really represents our clubs.

#### **Contact details**

Whilst newsletters and Facebook are available for all members, sometimes we need to get in touch directly. Please make sure if you have changed your address, phone number or email address to email <a href="mailto:secretary@stgeorgealpine.com.au">secretary@stgeorgealpine.com.au</a> so we can update our club records.

We are always looking for ways to improve our communication with members – so if you have any ideas, please let me know.

Sally Garner

## Membership

Overall membership of the club has been consistent over 2024. Three 'C' memberships changed hands, and we welcomed three more 'O' members in 2024. 'O' member that did not renew their membership have been removed from the system.

As always, there are people waiting for memberships to become available so, if you're thinking of selling your membership, please let us know so we can put you in touch with a potential buyer. I would point out here that we cannot handle the transaction for you. To do so exposes us to a tax liability on the funds that pass through our hands, so we put you in contact with the buyer and you sort out payment, etc. yourselves. We do, of course, expect any outstanding monies to be paid to the club after completion of the transaction. All we need is confirmation that the sale has been completed and details of the new owner, in the guise of a completed membership application form.

Robert Philp (per Graham Grigg)

# **Property Director**

Jindabyne lodge encountered common items such as broken door locks, heater issues, leaking taps and pipes, broken ceramic soap holders. Etc. One of the main costs was to replace one hot water unit in middle of the season. It is time to start getting the lodge prepared for the winter 2025.

The decision to replace the kitchen at Mt Hotham with a Bunnings offering was not a unanimous one and I wish to note that I was one of the dissenting votes. The outcome will not inhibit my duties and responsibilities as Property Director.

Juha Sillan