

# Member Newsletter



## PRESIDENTS REPORT

The 2024 ski season was not the best, however, the club had both lodges well occupied throughout the season. It was also great to see both lodges being used during the 2024/2025 Christmas and New Year Holiday season.

The club's finances remain in a good position even after the poor ski season. The board and I would like to take this opportunity to say a thank you to both Chris and Lisa Boseley. Chris is stepping down as Treasurer this year and the board sincerely appreciated Chris's sharp focus to always ensure the club met its financial obligations. To support the new Treasurer, Chris has committed to providing transition advice and expertise until our new treasurer Graeme Beilby is in place and comfortable in the role. Unfortunately, Bob Skuza, the Accommodation Director, resigned from the board earlier this year. Juha Sillan resigned at the AGM as well.

This year we have developed and documented Roles and responsibilities for each board role.

A Board member commitment letter has also been introduced which board members will be expected to sign. This is to ensure each board member acknowledges their responsibilities and recognises their commitment to act for members with honesty, integrity, collegiality, and care. These are all aimed at strengthening Board governance.

Some critical upgrades were required at the Hotham lodge after the 2024 ski season with new boilers and heaters installed. After extensive investigations, discussions and deliberations by the board that have occurred across an extended period, a kitchen replacement has been approved for the Hotham lodge. This replacement is scheduled to commence in October 2025.

There have been no critical changes required at the Jindabyne lodge since the last AGM.

In the last newsletter we asked for your feedback on the priority list of potential improvements. A big "thank you" to the members that provided feedback. This has been captured and will be discussed at our next board meeting. If there is something that needs attention or you have an idea for lodge improvements, then please don't hesitate to let us know.

I was very excited to see that, this year, we had 7 applications for ski scholarships. That must be a record. We announced the lucky recipients at the recent AGM. They are also listed in this newsletter.

One thing I must ask of each of our members is to please keep your contact details up to date. This is vital to ensure the clubs communication reaches you in a timely manner.

In closing, thank you to our board members for your hard work and support, and thank you to all our members - a group of people who make St George Alpine Club a very special community.

Cheers,  
Jane Courtney

## Introducing our new Board members

I'm Keith Farrell, and I'm thrilled to be joining the Board as the Accommodation Director. Like many members, I've shared many great memories at the club's lodge with family and new friends, and I'm passionate about helping preserve that welcoming, inclusive spirit we're known for. With a background in project management and several years of experience on volunteer boards across sports, music, and professional groups, I'm looking forward to contributing in a practical, collaborative way to the club's success. I'm especially keen to explore how we can strengthen connections between members and keep the club vibrant, functional, and fun for all. Besides skiing, I love to get out into the bush country in my 4x4, camping in the high country, and try out somebush cooking. Please don't hesitate to say hi, I'm always up for a chat and welcome any feedback or suggestions and happy to swap ski stories or recipes!

Cheers

Keith



Colin Moore

I have been a member of St George Alpine Club since 2018.

My skiing fire was lit living in Germany but a further 4 years living in Japan truly ignited a love of skiing and also introduced snowboarding to the mix.

I have lived in Melbourne since 2000 and used to do weekend dashes to Hotham however 3 kids means that such escapades require far too much effort so tend to try and get away for the week instead.

The St George lodge was the first time to experience a ski lodge and my family and I love the camaraderie and the shared experiences that the lodge creates.

Colin in photographed here with his wife Jac.

Can you guess where they are skiing?

### Board for 2025 / 26

- Jane Courtney (President)
- Graham Grigg (Secretary)
- Graeme Beilby (Treasurer)
- Bob Philp (Membership Director)
- Sally Garner (Communications Director)
- Keith Farrell (Accommodation Director)
- Colin Moore (Board member)
- Karen Johnson (Booking Officer)
- VACANCY - Property Director

Acknowledgement and thanks to Chris Bosley for his 7 years on the Board as Treasurer.

Juha Sillan is also retiring after 21 years on the Board, His long-term dedication and support specifically with our Jindabyne Lodge is very much appreciated.

Juha was made a Life Member in 2024



## 2025 TREASURER'S REPORT

By outgoing Treasurer Chris Bosely

2024 was not a good snow season when compared to the 2023 season. Snow fall was significantly lower, and lift operations were not open fully for the season. Not surprisingly, this poor season resulted in substantially reduced booking and income for both lodges resulting in a \$23,096 reduction in income versus the prior year.

In spite of this, the accounts show that the Club, after allocation of administration expenses, was still able to make a modest net profit for the season of \$3,903. (vs \$17,740 for 2023) and still had cash reserves of \$304,041 which was a 6% increase over the prior year.

In 2025 there will be several projects that will reduce this cash reserve including a new kitchen, new boiler and upgraded bunk beds at Mount Hotham, with a total budgeted expenditure of \$90,000.

However, even after these expenses, there should still be plenty of cash to see us through another poor season, should it be necessary.

As I am retiring as Treasurer at this meeting I would like to thank my fellow board members for all their support and wish them all the best for the future.

Chirs Bosely

### Bookings for 2024

Booked beds	2023	2024	% decline
Jindabyne	6500	2741	57.8%
Hotham	2315	1018	56.0%
Total	8815	3759	57.4%

### Accommodation Income

Jindabyne	\$68,661	\$59,569	13.2%
Hotham	\$85,448	\$71,444	16.4%
Total	\$154,109	\$131,013	15.0%

## Property Director Report

Jindabyne lodge encountered common items such as broken door locks, heater issues, leaking taps and pipes, broken ceramic soap holders. 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. Both lodges have had pre season cleans and Hotham has had new boilers installed.

Juha Sillan

## 2025 Membership Directors report

By Robert Philp

Overall membership of the club has been consistent for 2024.

Three 'C' memberships changed hands, and we welcomed three more 'O' members.

'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 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

## 2025 Booking Officer Report

By Karen Johnson

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 nearly completely booked out apart from a few bunk room beds.

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.

### Letters for Brian - Writing through the silence of Dementia by Karen Johnson

Karen - not only our Booking Officer but a published author - she shares her personal story. A beautiful read.



*Spotlight - If you have a story to share, please let me know for the next newsletter*

## Communication Director report

By Sally Garner

**Newsletters** - 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. It would be great to highlight our members this way.

**Facebook** - We now have 126 members in our group. All new members need to complete our club qualifying questions to be admitted. 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. (Ideally from a Jindabyne member!)

**Contact details** - If you have changed your address, phone number or email address to email [secretary@stgeorgealpine.com.au](mailto:secretary@stgeorgealpine.com.au) 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.

## HOTHAM KITCHEN UPGRADE

We are pleased to share with our members that the new kitchen upgrade for Hotham is planned to commence at the end of the 2025 ski season. We will post further details and the design on the website for you to view at your leisure. We are currently finalising details but have chosen an Island design with Kaboodle cabinetry. We expect installation to commence sometime in October. The flooring will be replaced and will extend into the dining area. Cookers, fridges and freezers will also be replaced. Consequently, there will be a number of weeks that the lodge will be closed for bookings at the end of the ski season this year. We are not yet able to confirm this as we know there are often late snow falls that may affect the project.





## ST GEORGE ALPINE JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP

It is great to see our club supporting our junior members.

Jax Lees was a recipient in 2024 and used the funds to support his competition in the interschools competitions. Jax and his teammates progressed to the National Titles and came 3rd in Australia in the giant slalom representing Cronulla High School. Congratulations Jax - what a fabulous effort! The grant was very much appreciated

and helpful in Jax's successful interschool's season.

Thanks for the great photos, Teri Michael and Jax



## JUNIOR SKI SCHOLARSHIPS 2025

In its efforts to promote skiing as a sport, St George Alpine Ski Club offers (up to 5) scholarships to school aged 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.

Eligibility: Scholarships are available to juniors (under the age of 18) and can be reapplied for after 5 years since their last scholarship.

Successful recipients this year include

- Ammeli King
- Jagger Lees
- Lucy Moore
- Flechter Nobbs
- Justin Wong

If you were not successful this year, please consider applying again next year.

## 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.



# Welcome to the season!

The best start to a season for some years!

Opening weekend was special for many with storms to really kick start the season.

Perisher - 68cm

Thredbo - 53cm

Hotham - 70cm

The storm brought us lots of issues on the roads. It is vital you carry wheel chains and fit them when directed. Last year 100's of drivers were fined for not carrying them - there is just no excuse.

Keep an eye on the snow APPS to see the up-to-date status of the roads and requirements for 2 and 4 WD's

**Drive safely and have fun!**



## 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>

## 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>

Keep up to date with everything happening at  
Jindabyne, Thredbo & Perisher  
[www.perisher.com.au](http://www.perisher.com.au)  
[www.thredbo.com.au](http://www.thredbo.com.au)  
stgeorgealpine facebook page



## Mt Hotham Alpine Resort

### CHANGES THIS SEASON

BIG D - Now a Terrain Park

KIDS / SKI LESSONS - moved to summit with the old Miss Mary's converted for the kids

Miss Mary's is no longer. However, they are operating a Japanese lunch time menu operating at Lawlers (Sir Loins)

ROADS - connect on Facebook with HOYS or use the Hotham APP for regular road condition updates - closures and chain fitting requirements.

## Helpful links for Hotham

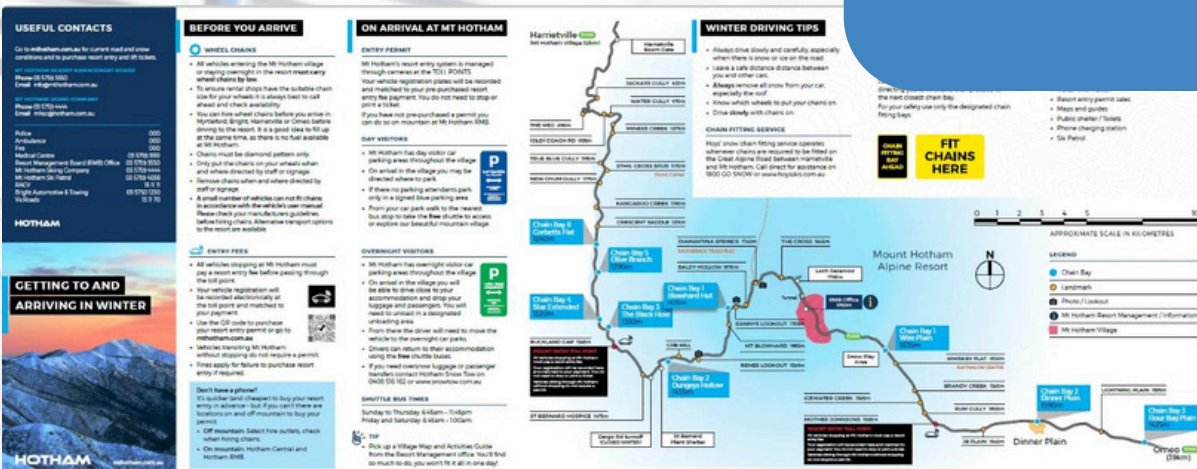
### Activities

<https://www.mthotham.com.au/resort/things-to-do/activities>

### Lessons

<https://www.mthotham.com.au/resort/things-to-do/activities/group-lessons>

[www.mthotham.com.au](http://www.mthotham.com.au)



## Reminders for lodge use

### Courtesy & Consideration

- Please keep noise to a minimum both early in the morning and later at night.
- Staying in the bunkroom - please use ear plugs provided if you are sensitive to noise.
- Clean up in the kitchen as soon as possible so others can use the services, especially at mealtimes.
- 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.
- Supplies running low- please let the lodge captain know so other guests are not inconvenienced.
- Complete your daily duties - check the duty roster
- Before departure - clean, vacuum and tidy your room and ensuite, empty bins and take all your belongings
- Empty the food cupboards and fridge
- Jindabyne - leave your room key in the door

### 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.