

Booking Officer Report - 2025

The update of our booking program did not seem to cause any difficulties for those booking for the ski season. The interface is now easier to work with.

The only complication was the usual one, where only one room is left available and more than one member is attempting to book it at the same time it is difficult to secure the room. There can only be one winner in that case and those that miss out can become frustrated. It is always good to have a plan B for the most popular ski weeks.

As usual rooms at Jindabyne in July and August are fully booked but there are still bunk beds available. There are also some rooms still available in August at Hotham. Out of peak season there is plenty of availability at both lodges.

Jindabyne is proving to be increasingly popular during the summer months and out of season school holidays as people take advantage of the excellent hiking and cycling in the region. Being close to both the lake and the town makes it very appealing for summer holidays. It has become obvious that going forward a lodge captain needs to be appointed for summer stays.

There was a problem last winter when ski gear was stored by members at the end of their stay when planning to return for more skiing.

Please take all your gear with you when you leave. The drying room is not a storage locker, and the storeroom is only for storage of club supplies and should not be accessed by anyone other than the lodge captain. Bikes cannot be left in the bike shed unless you are staying at the lodge.

I will always assist with bookings and other queries where I can. The best way to contact me is to email me at bookings@stgeorgealpine.com.au, I am not always available by phone but will answer any email within 24 hours.

Karen Johnson

Booking Officer

Membership Director Report - 2025

Membership interest has strengthened modestly over the past year, with four shares changing hands, reflecting continued steady demand for Club membership. The Club remains well positioned, with over twenty prospective members currently on the waiting list. This ongoing level of interest highlights both the appeal of the Club and the importance of maintaining an active pipeline of available shares. Members who are considering selling their membership, or who know of someone who may be interested, are encouraged to contact me.

Robert Philp

Membership Director

Building Director Report – 2025

I'm pleased to report that this year we made important improvements to Jindabyne Lodge to make it more comfortable and practical. We upgraded the air conditioning and replaced old ceiling fans in the living room, helping provide a more comfortable stay for members and guests throughout both the winter & summer seasons.

Hotham Kitchen?

These works are part of our ongoing effort to keep the lodges in good condition for the future. We welcome members contacting the Board with any ideas or suggestions for maintenance or new projects at either lodge.

Accommodation Director Report – 2025

Mt Hotham Lodge

During the year, significant activities were undertaken at Hotham Lodge, including:

- Kitchen and Flooring Upgrade
- External Door repairs
- Defibrillator (AED) Installation

Jindabyne Lodge (Gundaroo)

During the year activities that were undertaken at Jindabyne Lodge included:

- Window Cleaning

- Ceiling Fan Replacement Works
- Air Conditioning Replacement Works
- Defibrillator (AED) Installation
- Urgent Repairs – Oven & Water Heater maintenance

If there are any urgent issues or repairs required during your stay, please inform the lodge captain who will co-ordinate with the Booking Officer so that the board can manage the repairs or issue.

Thank you to members who raised issues or maintenance concerns during their stays, and especially to those who completed assessments or small repairs. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Some avoidable incidents occurred during the year, unfortunately this included guests overstaying, unregistered guests in rooms, and rooms/bathrooms left uncleaned. As a reminder, please follow booking rules to ensure everyone enjoys their stay and avoid putting lodge captains or other members in demanding situations. The board may enforce rules and apply extra charges as needed for non-compliance. Let's all be mindful and help make the lodges a positive experience for everyone.

A paper on **Remote Lodge Management Framework** was presented to the board for consideration. This framework aims to inform and guide future investment that can safeguard our building assets, particularly through implementation of various measures of risk reduction such as water leak detection, excessive power consumption, or losses that could impact the club financially. Its purpose is to provide guidance for building management and asset protection, keeping our assets safe and maintained, particularly during lengthy periods of vacancy. As funds are made available this will guide which investments are funded.

Members are asked to familiarise themselves with the current Accommodation Booking Rules and Code of Conduct available on the Club website

<https://www.stgeorgealpine.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/Code-of-Conduct-2025.pdf>

<https://www.stgeorgealpine.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/Accom-Booking-Rules-2025.pdf>



Bogong Moths – A Small Visitor with a Big Role in the Alpine Environment

Each year, Bogong Moths migrate to the Victorian Alps, including the Mt Hotham region, where they shelter in cool alpine environments over summer. While they can sometimes be an unwelcome guest inside the lodge, they are actually a vital part of the alpine ecosystem and an important species in the Australian High Country.

Bogong Moths are considered a “keystone species” in the alpine environment and are a crucial food source for the critically endangered Mountain Pygmy-possum and many other alpine animals. They also play a role in pollination and nutrient transfer throughout the Alps. In recent years, their numbers have declined dramatically due to drought, fires, habitat loss and light pollution, and they are now listed as endangered.

While it is impossible to completely prevent moths entering the lodge during migration season, members can significantly reduce the impact by keeping internal and external doors as well as windows closed particularly when leaving the lodge in summer and during periods of low occupancy.

This small amount of consideration helps reduce the number of moths entering the lodge, limits cleaning and maintenance, and supports the protection of an important alpine species that is part of the unique environment we enjoy at Hotham. We know that historically the bogong moths can get into the lodge even when all the doors and windows are close and that means sometimes there may be some additional cleaning required to rooms when they have found their way inside this is unavoidable and appreciate your understanding when this occurs