

President's Report – 2025

Foreword

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Board, to present the Annual Report for St George Alpine Club Ltd covering the 2025/2026 year.

The past year has been one of steady stewardship and continued focus on the Club's core purpose: providing well-maintained alpine accommodation and a welcoming environment for our members. In a year without major external disruption, the Club has benefited from stable operations, sound governance, and the continued commitment of volunteers and office holders who contribute their time and expertise to the ongoing success of the club.

A key highlight of 2026 was the completion of several important upgrades designed to enhance the comfort, safety, and enjoyment of our members. These included the Mt Hotham Lodge kitchen replacement, the installation of new air conditioning and lounge room ceiling fans at the Jindabyne lodge, and the addition of heart defibrillators in both lodges.

Together, these improvements represent valuable investments in facilities that members use and rely on throughout the year. They reflect the Board's ongoing commitment to providing safe, comfortable, and well-maintained lodges, while ensuring that Club resources are managed responsibly for the benefit of current and future members.

Booking Systems and Member Access

In the January 2026 newsletter, members were advised that the Clubman booking system had undergone a refresh, delivering an updated look and improved usability while retaining the existing booking engine and database. This enabled the opening day for winter bookings on 1 February to proceed smoothly.

Booking rules, eligibility requirements, and payment processes remained consistent, allowing members and approved guests to access accommodation in an orderly and transparent manner. The booking process continued to be supported by the Booking Officer, with confirmations and payments managed in accordance with Club policy. Members who experience any issues with bookings are encouraged to contact the Booking Officer for assistance.

Life Membership – 2025/2026

The Board recommends **Chris Bosley** for Life Membership in recognition of his outstanding service to St George Alpine Club Ltd. Chris served as Treasurer for seven years, assuming the role from Ian Matthews, and provided exemplary leadership in managing the Club's finances.

During his tenure, Chris played a pivotal role in ensuring the Club's financial position remained strong, well governed, and sustainably positioned for the future. His contribution was underpinned by diligence, professionalism, and a clear commitment to sound financial control.

Special thank you

The Board extends its sincere appreciation to **Graham Grigg**, who retires after 11 years of committed service as a Board Member, including a decade as Secretary.

Throughout his tenure, Graham made a significant contribution to both the Club's management and its day-to-day operations. His diligence in preparing Board meetings and minutes, managing submissions, and overseeing administration ensured the Club met its obligations. Graham also provided invaluable support to all Board members, with particular assistance to the Booking Officer, helping to ensure the smooth and effective operation of the Club's accommodation services.

Graham's commitment, reliability, and attention to detail have been deeply appreciated by his fellow Board members and the broader membership. His sustained contribution over many years has played an important role in supporting the Club's ongoing stability and success.

On behalf of the Board and members, we thank Graham for his outstanding service and wish him well for the future

In closing, I thank our Board members, volunteers, service providers, and members for their dedication and support over the past year. The Board looks forward to continuing to serve members by building on these strong foundations and enhancing the Club experience into the future.

Kind regards,
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