



DECEMBER 2020 MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Members,

This newsletter contains a summary of the events of the last few months in preparation for the Summer season.

LODGE UPDATES

Concern was raised at the AGM about the safety of our bunk beds at the Jindabyne lodge. The Club purchased new, locally-made, Australian Standard bunk beds and on the weekend of November 21st the Board held a working bee at the lodge. The timber from the removed wooden bunks were donated to the Cooma Men's Shed which had run out of materials after a huge effort building animal shelters after the bushfires. The new bunk bed packaging was also taken for recycling with some recycling materials taken back to Sydney (thank you Karen). Over three days the team managed to:

1. Dismantle and remove the old bunk beds (15 of them)
2. Assemble and install new powder coated metal bunk beds (15 of these, too)
3. Install hand sanitising stations throughout the lodge
4. Install Covid-19 signage and barriers consistent with our Covid-19 plan
5. Install 2 new exhaust fans on a new bulkhead in the kitchens
6. Numerous other small tasks to prepare for reopening

The new bunk beds are very sturdy with inbuilt ladders. Using the bunk beds safely is important and it is advised the top bunk is restricted to children 12 years or older.

Some images of the working bee are available on the website, from the Documents page under the 'Preparation for reopening' (<https://www.stgeorgealpine.com.au/working-bee-weekend/>). A huge thank you to the entire board, their partners, and the associated tradesmen who assisted on this weekend to get a mountain of work done in just 3 days. A number of members would have liked to have been involved in this working bee and we appreciate their enthusiasm. We had to restrict the numbers to remain compliant with the Covid-19 restrictions in place at the time.

FEES

On the subject of reopening Jindabyne on December 1, the Board determined that the sanitisation fee per room booked would have to be \$100 to cover the cost of the sanitisation we have to undertake after each guest visit (room used) and weekly (common areas). Also, despite restrictions on social gatherings in restaurants, bars, etc. being relaxed recently, we are keeping the restriction in place of a maximum of 24 people in the lodge at any one time. This will be reviewed closer to the Winter season booking window in light of the recent changes in the NSW square meterage rules for common areas.

The Board has decided to leave the subscriptions the same for 2021 and give everyone the \$50 discount. The reasoning is the subscriptions are set to cover the basic fixed running costs of the

lodges which don't go away because of closure. The best option for the club is to give everyone a discount off their fees to compensate for not being open in 2020

The room rates will remain unchanged for 2021. The opening of bookings for the 2021 Winter season will be the 1st February for a member's subscribed lodge, 1st March for members wishing to book the alternate lodge to their membership, and 15th March for non-members.

COVID related items

Members are reminded they are to be familiar with the Jindabyne COVID plan which is posted on the website (<https://www.stgeorgealpine.com.au/documents/>) with hard copies also displayed in the lodge. As mentioned in the plan, blankets and pillows are no longer provided by the club. You must bring your own. There is a QR code which is to be used daily to register the people staying at the lodge as per the NSW government requirements. Signage with the QR code on it is placed around the lodge. Please ensure you follow the rules and QR code registration as the lodge can be inspected at any time by the authorities and members may be fined if in breach.

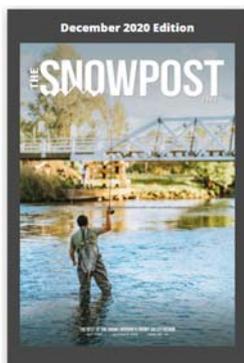
It is important to note *ROOMS AND BATHROOMS MUST CONTINUE TO BE CLEANED BY OCCUPANTS BEFORE LEAVING THE LODGE*. The extra room fee is for sanitisation only and is not inclusive of room and common area cleaning which remains the responsibility of the room occupants. Occupants should only use the allocated rooms they have booked as rooms not booked won't be sanitised for that week (therefore occupants should not spread out into empty rooms).

The closure of the Mt Hotham lodge made the club eligible for a one-off payment from the Victorian government. After a lengthy application process, undertaken by the Treasurer, the club received an amount of \$29,250 as compensation for our lodge closure. No such grant was available in NSW unfortunately. The Board is currently assuming Mt Hotham will be open for the Winter of 2021 and is working through the requirements as there are some differences between the State rules and services available at Jindabyne and Mt Hotham.

The Board wishes you a happy festive season and wonderful 2021.

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