



DECEMBER 2021 MEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear Members,

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

Winter 2021 Review

Despite some of the best snow depths in decades, it was an on-and-off-again winter season with a significant number of members impacted by lockdown restrictions in both Victoria and NSW, limiting their ability to get amongst it.

Both lodges continued to operate (for those who could access them), but with many members having to cancel bookings, occupancy was well down on previous years.

Treasurer's Report

Despite reduced occupancy, the club is in a stable financial position, with \$238,000 in the bank (as at 5/10/2021).

As a result of cancellations, the club processed and refunded over \$56,000 to 45 members between July and October. These refunds were partly offset by grants from the NSW Government of \$15,000 and the Victorian Government of \$20,000 plus some savings (\$2,500) we achieved on the Club's insurance policies by changing Insurance Brokers.

A big thankyou to the Booking Officer, Secretary, and Treasurer, for the additional work required to process the cancellations, and keep finances in check during a challenging year.

LODGE UPDATES

Hotham closed for summer – Jindabyne open

The Hotham lodge will remain closed for the summer season. The board have made this decision due to high operating costs and low occupancy rates for summer visitors in Hotham, making it cost prohibitive.

Gundaroo at Jindabyne will be open for the summer season, with plenty of booking availability for those wanting to visit.

Covid restrictions are still in place at Jindabyne and will be updated in line with government regulations once more information comes to light.

2022 Membership Fees and Room Rates

The Board has decided to leave subscription fees for 2022 the same as 2021 and give everyone the \$50 fee 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 restricted access in 2021.

The room rates will remain unchanged for 2022. The opening of bookings for the 2022 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. The board will continue to review NSW and Victorian health advice, and make adjustments as necessary.

COVID related items

Members are reminded that 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.

- If you are **vaccinated or medically exempt**, you are allowed in the lodge. Please be ready to show evidence when requested.
- If you are **unvaccinated** and wish to be in the lodge, you will be required to register with the Lodge Captain and provide evidence of a negative PCR test result every 72 hours. These arrangements are for your own safety and wellbeing, and that of the general community.

Other guidance

While the NSW Government roadmap indicates many restrictions will be lifted, good hygiene practices *and physical distancing will continue to be mainstays in the community and in the lodge to help keep everyone safe:*

- *Do not come to the lodge if you are unwell, even with mild symptoms*
- *We strongly encourage face masks in any situation where you cannot physically distance.*
- *Wash or sanitise your hands regularly.*
- *Keep a safe distance from others and avoid physical contact.*

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).

Current Board Members and Booking Officer

- Keith Monaghan (President)
- Graham Grigg (Secretary)
- Chris Boseley (Treasurer)
- Matthew Boseley (Accommodation Director)
- Bob Philp (Membership Director)
- Phill Boseley (Board Member)
- Juha Sillan (Board Member)
- Natasha Nutt (Board Member)
- Karen Johnson (Booking Officer)

Memberships for Sale

If you wish to enquire about the purchase of A, B or C memberships, please contact Bob Philp on 0448 983 022. Likewise, if you wish to sell your membership, please contact Bob Philp as we have a waiting list of people wanting to purchase memberships of our club.

Merry Christmas!

The Board wishes you and your families a happy and safe festive season and wonderful start to 2022.

Upcoming Events

There are a whole host of events in Jindabyne and the snowy mountains over the summer period, ranging from the adrenalin-fuelled downhill mountain biking, rock climbing, and kayaking, through to the slower pace of hiking, fishing, yoga, and of course the Thredbo Blues Festival. For a full list of events, check out the [Thredbo Events](#) page, or [Visit NSW](#)



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Thredbo Events

DECEMBER

- 1 | [Wildflower Season Starts](#)
- 5 | [Gravity Girls](#)
- 6 – 17 | [MTB School Holiday Camps](#)
- 12 | [Gravity Series #1: Snowgums Sprint](#)
- 14 – 15 | [Geminids Meteor Shower Hike](#)
- 24 – 15 Jan | [Kids Summer Adventure Festival](#)
- 24 | [Christmas Eve Carols](#)
- 25 | [Christmas Day Lunch](#)
- 31 | [New Years Eve Celebrations](#)

JANUARY

- 24 Dec – 15 | [Kids Summer Adventure Festival](#)
- 8 – 15 | [Thredbo Fun & Fitness Week](#)
- 9 | [Gravity Girls](#)
- 10 – 21 | [MTB School Holiday Camps](#)
- 16 | [Gravity Series #2: Ricochet Rumble](#)
- 16 | [Gravity Series #3: Pump Track Party](#)
- 18 | [Full Moon Hike to Mt Kosciuszko](#)
- 22 | [Thredbo Music Series: The Delta Riggs](#)
- 28 – 30 | [Thredbo Blues Festival](#)

FEBRUARY

- 8 – 12 | [Cannonball MTB Festival presented by Boost Mobile](#)
- 17 | [Full Moon Hike to Mt Kosciuszko](#)
- 18 – 20 | [Yoga & Wellness Retreat](#)
- 19 | [Thredbo Music Series](#)
- 27 | [Gravity Girls](#)

MARCH

- 4 – 6 | [Yoga & Wellness Retreat – SOLD OUT](#)
- 6 | [Gravity Series #4: Supertrail Scramble](#)
- 11 – 13 | [Yoga & Wellness Retreat](#)
- 12 | [Thredbo Music Series](#)
- 18 | [Full Moon Hike to Mt Kosciuszko](#)
- 19 | [Rare Cancers Australia 10th Anniversary Kosci Challenge](#)
- 20 | [Gravity Girls](#)
- 23 – 27 | [Australian Mountain Biking Interschools](#)

APRIL

- 2 | [Snowy Ride](#)
- 9 – 24 | [Easter Adventure Carnival](#)
- 15 | [Full Moon Hike to Mt Kosciuszko](#)
- 24 | [Gravity Series #5: Chainless Champs](#)