



**Shortland Alpine Club
Co-operative Limited**

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MULUBINBA LODGE
FOR ALL YEAR ROUND ENJOYMENT
2016 CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

CLUB WEBSITE

For those of you who have attempted to access the club's website, <http://mulubinba.com.au/>, you have probably received a Malware warning from your antivirus software and been scared off.

The website has been cleaned and you are advised to reset your antivirus program.

**SUMMER ACCESS TO THE LODGE -
PORCUPINE ROAD CLOSURE**

The Board has just received advice from the NPWS that a contract has been let for the small section of Porcupine Road, from the end of the existing concrete road to Ullr Lodge, to be upgraded with improved drainage and concrete road pavement construction.

These works will require the complete closure of Porcupine Road between now and Christmas and again from the end of January to before Easter 2017 for the contractor to undertake the works.

The NPWS are providing an alternate route to gain access to

the end of Porcupine Road by veering left off Porcupine Road just past The Man From Snowy River, on to Candle Heath Road, up past The Stables, and continuing on to the right to Narraburra Lodge. All wheel drive vehicles will be able to continue over the hill and park at the rear of our lodge where usual summer parking is allowed. Visitors are asked not to park on the fire trail as this is the only access to Porcupine Road and will be used by others, 24/7.

Unfortunately there have been no provisions by NPWS for 2WD vehicle to gain access beyond Narraburra to our lodge, or any other lodge on Porcupine Road.

Due to this arrangement, which the Board has no control over, there will be additional traffic, both vehicular and pedestrian, using the fire trail within very close proximity to our lodge. Visitors are asked to keep a close eye on children's activities whilst playing outside of the lodge and ensure that all doors are locked at all times.

If members or visitors, who only have access to 2WD vehicles, want to cancel their accommodation booking, please make contact with Graeme McCulloch by the usual channels to discuss a refund.

SAC SENIORS

All members should be aware of the new SAC Seniors category introduced at the Special Meeting held on 21 October this year.

A SAC Senior will be a previous member (or the spouse of a member who has inherited the membership of an eligible member), who has voluntarily relinquished his/her membership by passing it on to one of his/her children or grandchildren, and has had their application approved by the Board to become a SAC Senior.

To be eligible for a SAC Senior category, a member must have been a member for at least 30 years (or a lesser period if serious illness or other extreme circumstances prevail) or must have been a member for at least 20 years and have served as a Board member or an Ex-officio Officer or Attended working bees for a minimum of 5 years.

The reason I am writing this reminder is to advise those considering taking up this offer that the invoices for the 2017 Annual Subs will be going out in the New Year. To take advantage of the benefits offered to SAC Seniors, applications should be made prior to payment of the 2017 subs, giving time for the Board to consider. Don't forget subs need to be paid prior to requesting accommodation, in particular, before the Winter Priority Booking Period which will open on 3 March 2017.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - MEMBERS TO ACT AS LODGE CAPTAINS FOR VISITORS

The club sometimes receives requests from non-members and groups to stay at our lodge, both in summer and at the edges of winter, when no other members are present.

The Board is seeking Expressions of Interest from members to act as Lodge Captains during such periods. On these occasions free accommodation will be granted for the member and one guest for the duration they are required to act as Lodge Captain.

Conditions:

- Being available a majority of time at short notice. The role of the Club's Booking Officer is a voluntary one and it is not expected that he should have to seek out numerous people to find someone available. Be that as it may, it is not expected that anybody has to be available 100% of the time;
- You must be prepared to carry out all duties of Lodge Captain which involves having an understanding of the layout and workings of the lodge, the pantries (food and cleaning products), the loft and being able to electronically transfer pantry monies collected;
- Understanding full opening up and/or full shutting down procedures of the lodge. Step by step instructions are provided;

- Full opening up of the lodge can be very cold at first with no hot water until the tank/s have heated up;
- It is preferred that you should be at the lodge to greet the visitors and it is mandatory that you be the last to leave;
- You must have a mobile phone to call relevant Board members as the lodge phone does not have STD facilities;
- Notification may be as short as one week;

Emailed applications to the Publishing & Distribution Officer, John Stuckey, will be received and considered by the Board.

If you wish to submit an Expression of Interest, please include a brief summary or history of past undertakings that you think might influence the Board to include you on the list.

Subject to the number and experience of individuals approved on the list, an induction and training package may be required at the lodge.

The pool of interested members will be kept with the Clubs Booking Officer, Graeme McCulloch, for when request for non-member visits arise.

A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY TO BE DISPLAYED AT THE LODGE

Firstly let me paint the picture.

Question! Have you ever wondered how:

- A sportsperson winning a competition and gets presented with an oversized cheque or,
- Receives a bat, or any other item with some writing on it; will ever be able to cash it and receive their winnings?

Answer to come at the end of this article.

Some of you would remember when we paid off the initial loan that built Mulubinba. It was a bit unusual.....Harry Keena was the Treasurer and he had a fun idea (skiers are like that!!!).

He thought it would be beaut to make the final payment with a cheque written on A SKI.

Rummaging around for an old ski that might suit, he came across an original ROSSIGNOL STRATO. This was the first production fibreglass ski, it dated from around 1967, so it had a bit of appeal.

He painted it up with the right words: " PAY TO COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA - THE SUM OF \$1572.90 FROMand on the other side of the ski SHORTLAND ALPINE CLUB CO-OP LTD " and took it to the AGM in 1982, where it was signed by those members present: R. KEYS, G. DOBINSON, K. MCDONNELL, H. KEENA, M. LLOYD, K. HOFFMAN, J.

SCOTT, K. EVERINGHAM, M. STANTON, A.W. PAGE, J. LAMBERT, J. CONOLLY, M. HEASTON, D. DYCE, J. GILL, R.J. REEVES and G. DAVIS.

Not long after, the ski was presented to the Commonwealth Bank branch manager by the then Chairman Tony Herzog Senior, Harry Keena, and Adrian Page. See the photo below.

After that event the ski was more or less lost, and when we started to do the Club's history (refer to our website), the question came "Where is the cheque-ski." The obvious person to ask was Harry, but unfortunately he had passed away, and Gaenor, his wife could not recall seeing it. Nor could his sons Daren, Simon, and Vaughn.

About a year ago, Gaenor had her boys start sorting out the "mans' cave", the storage under the house. Over a period of months the sorting went on, and during this the Cheque-Ski came to light.

It was given to Kev Hoffman because it was a bit of history of the club. The Board saw it and immediately and enthusiastically said it has to go up in the Lodge. So it has been restored and mounted in a case to be installed somewhere in the Lodge. That will occur this summer, so make sure to ~~cheque~~ check it out next time you are down there in the coming winter.



Handover of the final mortgage payment cheque to the Commonwealth Bank

Answer! A cheque is simply a paper form of a Promissory Note. The definition of a Promissory Note is: A signed document containing a written promise to pay a stated sum to a specified person or bearer at a specified date or on demand.

Legally, the signed document can be made of any material.

And that's how sportspeople can collect their winnings.

EARLYBIRD TICKETS FOR THE 2017 JUNE LONG WEEKEND PEAK MUSIC FESTIVAL

This year over 30 artists and over 120 performances across 10 live stages throughout the Perisher Resort will ensure a memorable PEAK Music Festival for the four days.

Tickets at just \$99, giving access to all venues can be purchased by visiting www.peakfestival.com.au This deal finishes on 28 February 2017 so get in early.

A super Christmas special deal, up until 24 December 2016, exists for holders of an Epic Australian Pass for only \$79. Sorry about this late notice.

Special consideration will be given for Winter Priority Bookings if ticket numbers are provided with your accommodation booking request.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

Board members can be contacted by Emailing: info@mulubinba.com.au



In closing; the Board wishes all members, affiliates, friends, and visitors to the lodge a very Cool Yule and a prosperous New Year.

