



Shortland Alpine Club Co-operative Limited

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Mulubinba Lodge
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MULUBINBA LODGE **FOR ALL YEAR ROUND ENJOYMENT** **2016 SUMMER NEWSLETTER**

2016 SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Annual Special Meeting setting the subscriptions for the following year was held on 11/12/2015 at the Belmont Golf Club with the Christmas dinner following. The subs have been set at \$230 for members and \$80 for affiliates. This is the first increase for several years. The increases are necessary to ensure the operation of the lodge is continued at the same level that members and visitors have become accustomed to. The late payment penalty fee remains the same at \$50 from the end of February, increasing to \$75 from the end of April.

Tax Invoices for the 2016 subscriptions will be sent to all members and affiliates in the very near future.

LODGE WEBSITE AND HISTORY

Members and friends are reminded of the lodge's website, <http://mulubinba.com.au/>

Amongst other interesting information within the website, the SAC History section contains details and material from before 1970 and 1972 when the idea was spawned to form a club registered as a Cooperative.

There is considerable very early historical information including the available sites to construct a lodge at Thredbo, Charlotte Pass or Perisher Valley, records of meetings and newsletters as well as details of the Founding Members.

Older folk can reminisce over the information contained and younger people may find it interesting to read how the Club and lodge came to fruition.

The board is seeking articles, stories or photos from anybody who has visited the lodge at any time. This could include stories or photos of ski holidays, bushwalking, working bees or anything you think might be of interest to others, which might add to, or updates the history of the lodge.

Please send articles, stories or photos to:

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NEW FOR THE LODGE

1) Installed in the kitchen is a defibrillator. Hopefully it will never need to be used.

The model purchased has:

- Voice instructions to guide novices and experts through each step of the process;
- A diagnostic system to advise when, and when not to shock patients;
- And a self-diagnostic system to render it 100% safe for users and patients.

PLEASE BE AWARE THE BOX CONTAINING THE DEFIBRILLATOR HAS AN ALARM WHICH WILL BE SOUNDED WHEN PRYING FINGERS WANT TO INVESTIGATE OR PLAY WITH "THE NEW TOY."

2) Three new leather lounges have been purchased for the Happy Hour Area and should be in place prior to receiving this newsletter. If anybody wants an old leather lounge in 'as is' condition, please contact Tony Herzog at rtherzog@bigpond.com for pick-up from Eleebana.

3) The board has decided to replace the old washing machine in the laundry. The new machine will spin dryer than before, so people will be able to take clothes etc. to the drying room without dripping water on the floors. Simply turning around and placing wet items into the clothes dryer is a very expensive exercise, given the drying room is for that specific purpose in winter.

2016 PEAK MUSIC FESTIVAL

As usual the Peak Music Festival is programmed for the 2016 June long weekend to celebrate the opening of the Ski Season. The festival is presented by the Perisher Resorts Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by SLOPES (Ski Lodges Organisation of Perisher Smiggins & Guthega) and promises to be bigger and better than previous years as it continues to grow in popularity.

Many club members and guests have previously reported a wonderful weekend which is well organised and offers music lovers of almost any genre a fantastic opportunity to relax and soak in 'the vibe' while being in one of Australia's most beautiful settings.

SAFETY

Clean stove exhaust filters - Soak in hot soapy water, Clean glass with Windex and towers with stainless steel cleaner

Check that all doors can self-close completely

Check & restock first-aid kits and supplies in Room 4 cupboard

Manual Test RCD's @ Meter Box - (Push Button Test)

Ensure all regulatory signage is still on display in rooms

Test & Tag all power chords and implements every two years

Advise Fire Brigade and CHUBB Security each time the front door code is changed

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

BEDROOMS: Vacuum floors

Turn and vacuum mattresses

Clean windows & screens

Clean mirrors

Clean & dust drawers and wardrobes

Spot clean curtains, rods and dust pelmets

Spot clean walls as required

Laundry (Snow White @ Jindabyne) – Deliver & pick up blankets, mattress & pillow protectors & cases

Ensure drawer knobs are tight

Apply superglide to all locks, door hinges and keyholes

Check all electrical appliances for damaged chords/plugs etc.

Check all lights (include correct globe wattage) & clean all light diffusers if needed and starters are functioning & not noisy

Check all bedside lights have small globes that don't extend beyond surround or globes that don't get hot, replace if necessary

Check curtain runners, hanging hooks & pull rods for damage & ease of use

Attempt to have matching blankets and sherpas in each room

Monitor R9 water stain on south wall. Check if still leaking

Spot clean carpets in rooms hallways & living room – carpet cleaner stored in loft

For those who maybe considering attending the 2016 Peak Music Festival the website below offers considerable savings on the price of tickets if purchased prior to the end of January: <http://peakfestival.com.au/earlybird-tickets/> If tickets to the festival are purchased prior to booking your accommodation at the lodge, make sure you mention this when booking your accommodation to obtain special consideration.

MAINTAINING THE LODGE AND PROVIDING FOOD AND CONSUMABLES

Ever wondered how the lodge is kept in such good condition over so many years?

Ever wondered what it takes to maintain a building in one of Australia's harshest climates?

Ever wondered what goes on at a lodge working bee?

Ever wondered how the food gets in the pantry and supplies are maintained throughout the year?

Below is the list of chores undertaken by the club's volunteer Maintenance Officer, together with other club members and friends attending working bees, as well as the functions of the club's volunteer Provending Officer and partners.

KITCHEN: Clean tiles, bench-tops & cupboards
 Clean hotplates with special hotplate cleaner – non-abrasive - Cerapol
 Clean / degrease ovens - refer to oven manual located in kitchen drawer - appliances
 Remove microwave ovens & clean shelves & clean inside ovens
 Check coffee bar sink for ease of drainage. May need cleaning at elbow and check/Renew water filters on water filter system
 De-dust & service refrigerator/condenser in kitchen
 Pull out fridge and freezer - wash underneath and clean shelving & all doors
 Sharpen all cutting knives if required and bleach all chopping boards
 Check torches & batteries for emergency lighting (Stored in kitchen cupboard)
 Tighten handles on saucepans & frying pans in kitchen
 Vacuum kitchen floor & wash

DINING ROOM AND LOUNGEROOMS: Clean windows in dining room and lounge rooms and vacuum & mop floors
 Clean all furniture, leather clean & condition lounges, polish lounge room tables with timber polish/wax
 Vacuum under lounge cushions to remove happy hour foods crumbs etc.
 Apply / Use 'Soot Clean' in fire to clean inside of chimney flu & clean fireplace if req'd
 Clean / Dust fireplace hoods, polish with Brasso
 Tidy games cupboard & bookshelves and remove broken items

BATHROOMS: Clean walls, floors, windows & mirrors in bathrooms and upstairs toilet
 Clean both bathroom exhaust fans as well as upstairs toilet fan & women's hair dryer filter
 Clear hair and soap grime from all shower drains
 Ensure all bathroom taps are working properly – no leaks or water hammer noises

STAIRWELL AND ACCESS HALLS: Vacuum all carpets and clean aluminium treads & handrails, clean windows, spot clean walls,
 Arrange to have carpets cleaned professionally in heavy traffic areas annually
 Check fire hose (top floor) for leaks
 Ensure Emergency Exit Doors operate properly and do not permit access from the outside
 Empty Dyson Vacuum Cleaners & wash filters

ENTRANCE AND FOYER: Check entrance for cleanliness. May need to lift rubber mats and sweep
 Unlock / lock Waste Box & place padlock under lid
 Re-oil Waste Box if necessary
 Vacuum / sweep and mop entrance, foyer, ski locker room and food pantry and clean mirror
 Ensure workroom is left clean and tools securely locked away
 Check firewood
 Check axes & wood splitters - sharpen & grind off burrs if required
 Package & dispose of all stored cold ash to waste disposal bins at Perisher
 Check exhaust fan in drying room - de-dust racks, heaters, vacuum / sweep & wash floor

LAUNDRY: Clean bath, sink, toilet & walls & mop floors - including behind water heaters
 Clean Lint Filter in clothes dryer
 Restock boxes in laundry of mattress & pillow protectors - stocks in loft
 Replace Alkaline Batteries in electronic safe (4x'AA') reset code to what it was

OUTSIDE OF LODGE: Degrease & clean BBQ
 Check BBQ gas bottles - refill empty ones at Jindabyne
 Re-oil wooden deck and apply anti slip if required
 Check weather cock on chimney for freedom of movement
 Replace batteries in temperature gauge thermo sender under western eve and in display monitor in living room
 Pick up rubbish from around vicinity of lodge and dispose of properly
 Remove / replace Room 3 window flyscreens, together with western & northern first floor screen doors. Store in / retrieve from Loft
 Check heating timers of bedrooms & living room circuits
 Read / record water meter usage
 Check paintwork & touch-up areas of peeling or rot
 Check mail at Perisher Post Office

ENVIRONMENTAL

Assess Cocksfoot weed growth around Lodge - Treat if needed

Check Grease Trap (Now cleaned by contractors of NPWS)

Check strike rate of seedlings from NPWS & plant-out additional shrubs on southern side of lodge if required

ADDITIONAL ONE-OFF ITEMS (Examples)

Installation of the defibrillator

Repairing holes in roof and re-fixing ridge capping or chimney supports

Repairing water seepage into ski locker room

Repairing holes in gyprock walls

Repainting walls & ceilings when necessary

Servicing appliances such as clothes dryer , ovens and exhaust fans

Deliver & fit replacement furniture and appliance items such as lounges, microwaves etc.

Stacking 12 tonnes of firewood into the wood-room (approximately every 18 months)

MINOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS (Examples)

Building the toilet room in the loft

Erecting the cage to secure skis in the loft

Fitting the toilet in the laundry

Building the Waste Box near the front door

Repairs to, or replacement of furniture items

The SAFETY, ROUTINE MAINTENANCE and ENVIRONMENTAL items above are undertaken within a fortnight each and every autumn and spring prior to peak periods.

The ADDITIONAL ONE-OFF ITEMS and MINOR IMPROVEMENT WORKS are examples of projects undertaken by the group, usually within the fortnight, to keep expenditure down instead of engaging tradesman that would make it necessary to increase fees and accommodation charges by members and visitors to the lodge.

PROVIDING FOOD AND CONSUMABLES is undertaken by a small dedicated volunteer group that stock the pantry for members and visitors who may have forgotten to bring some food items or when the weather is poor, restricting outings to the supermarket in the Ski Tube Centre.

The Provending Officer is an ex-officio board-member, whose role is to maintain: food-stocks; all cleaning products and lodge consumables.

As storage space is limited in the lodge and most foods have a Use By Date, it is necessary for several trips throughout the year. This usually entails shopping around in the Newcastle area to obtain the best value for money, transporting food & products to the lodge in private vehicles and regularly involves getting additional food, cleaning products or consumables to the lodge in the middle of winter. So next time you're at the lodge and you purchase something from the pantry, reach for a cleaning product or go to the toilet; spare a thought for the Provending Officer and helpers who have made available the products you are about to use.

For many years all these tasks have been undertaken by a dedicated small group of members and spouses, together with friends, who maintain the lodge to the high standard that is required by relevant safety standards, the Landlord (NPWS) and a discerning clientele.