



SHORTLAND ALPINE CLUB CO-OPERATIVE LTD.

MULUMBINBA NEWSLETTER

Winter 2013



Mulubinba Lodge

Greetings fellow members,

I write this Newsletter to keep you posted with news and info relevant to our club covering its administration, history, projects, functions, etc. The board has approved the newsletter in an endeavour to improve member awareness on club activities throughout the year on a quarterly basis. The source of news items will be the outcomes from board meetings, input from you, the member and gossip from around Perisher and National Parks.

Plans have been underway for some time to renovate the bathrooms and the end result will be recladding of the walls, frosted glass privacy partitions, under floor heating, new toilets and hand basins, the window at the basins will be able to be opened to assist in ventilation, provision of better sound insulation between R7 and ladies bathroom, new tiling throughout. The lodge will be off limits from February 2014 during the period of works. There will be a special working bee to gut the existing features and volunteers will be needed to assist here. The lounge window (west side) will also be replaced which has been suffering from a faulty seal for some time.

The last working bee also saw the construction of a garbage storage facility at the front entry to the lodge and this provides an animal proof storage for the bags awaiting pickup service. There are some teething problems with the lid but that will be fixed/ready for the main winter season. The next working bee is set for late October/November. More details on that in the spring newsletter.

There are plenty of opportunities for accommodation available in the coming months so check on the web site for these times and book your holiday.

From the last meeting a \$100.00 donation to the Nordic Shelter was approved. The club has supported this shelter for many years now in helping out with its operating and maintenance costs. NPWS advised the lodge now has a formal locational address and that is 69 Porcupine Place, Perisher Valley.

Long serving club member Kevin Hoffman has put together a précis of a designed format of 'The History of Shortland Alpine Club and Mulubinba Lodge'. The E-document is attached to this newsletter for your perusal and options for input. It is important for us all to assist on this project as time is against us for obvious reasons.

With a membership of over 130 I feel that it is important that news also 'comes to you' rather than you find it elsewhere - but in saying that it's also worth visiting the web site www.mulubinba.com.au to learn about the club, facilities and bed availability.

Regards, Tony Herzog

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Booking forms can be downloaded from the Club's website

Payments can be made by direct deposit

(Remembering to provide an email with details of your name and what the payment is for).

When making a booking, remember to await confirmation of your booking prior to arranging/paying for any associated travel or accommodation.

For bookings during peak periods, it is necessary to hold ballots as the number of applications may exceed the bed availability at the Lodge.

2013 Board of Directors

From the 40th Annual General Meeting held on 13th April 2013.

The Shortland Alpine Club Board of Directors was confirmed as being:

Denise Paterson	Chairperson
Andrew Edwards	Treasurer
Adrian Page	Secretary
Kevin Hoffman	Minutes Secretary, Environment and History
Brian Quinn	Publishing and Distribution Officer
Peter Leskiw	Membership Officer
Bob Towers	Summer Booking Officer and Building Projects
Stuart Beale	Lodge Manager
John Stuckey	Maintenance Officer
Graeme McCulloch	Winter Booking Officer

There are two other *Ex Officio* positions:

Jan Deer	Provending Officer
Marvin Heaston	Sports Officer
Tony Herzog	Newsletter



E-documenting of the **HISTORY of the SHORTLAND ALPINE CLUB CO-OP LTD and MULUBINBA LODGE.**

The Board has agreed on 30 May 2013, that we try to do the history on-line. In discussion amongst the Board members we realised that memories and opinions vary in regard to what went on at different times. The concept of the club is now over 40 years old, it started formally in the 1970's, but the genesis had a pre-history in the 1960's. Some original members have passed on, some current members have grown up in the club from childhood.

The volunteering of work and effort by the members has made the club what it is today. The Board wants members to have a role in writing the history, if they want. Making it a "living history" on-line will allow members to contribute text and photos and other documents they may have.

Producing the history on-line means we can add new material in the appropriate Chapter at any time it is received. Being on-line means members and others can read it as it grows. The conventional way of writing a history is that an "author" has to do a lot of research over a long period, and then produce a text. Already it has been years since the idea of a history was first thought of by previous Boards, and the demands of time and collection of material have defeated any result.

From previous efforts the Board does have a few boxes of documents that can form the start of the history. But it is realised that just producing a chronological list of facts and events cannot tell the whole story. Contributions by the members can add the richness and texture of a tapestry to the chronicle.

The format starts here. Kevin Hoffman has re-joined the Board after a near 30 year break. He will be Editor for the time being, so you need to send your text/information and digital photos to him at hoffmandesign.planning@iinet.net.au.

You need to accept that the Board will approve (or not) each addition to the history, and it may be edited.

For instance some people may send documents about the same event. Those documents may be edited and melded in the interest of making the history fluent and readable. Where differences of opinion about the same event occur, the Board may be happy to include all or some of them because it will add varying perspectives. The Board must have the copyright of the history, so contributors have to accept they surrender any claim of copyright to the Board when they submit material.

The first instalment is a List of Chapters as set out below.

This List is only a draft adopted by the Board recently.

All members are encouraged to comment on the List, or suggest extra chapters, or even different names for the same chapter if it makes it more relevant.

We can easily add new chapters at any time in the future if the need arises!!!

Let's get started!!!!

DRAFT LIST OF CHAPTERS FOR HISTORY OF SAC

1. PROLOGUE. This Email is the Prologue.

It explains THE PROJECT the Board and the Club members are about to commence.

2. EARLY DAYS BEFORE THE SHORTLAND ALPINE CLUB (SAC).]

This will deal with the genesis of the club that really started with Barry Mitcheson and others. There is a persistent misconception amongst some that the Newcastle University Ski Club of the 1960's was the origin of SAC. It is true that a number of the original members of SAC had been in the university club, which became defunct. This period should be included to set the record straight.

3. ORIGINS OF THE CLUB.

4. THE FIRST MEETING AND FORMATION OF THE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE.

5. SETTING UP THE COOPERATIVE SOCIETY, THE FIRST BOARD AND FUNDING SCHEME FOR THE CLUB.

6. FINDING A SITE AND DECIDING ON A NAME FOR THE LODGE.

7. DESIGNING MULUBINBA AND GETTING DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS.

**8. FINDING A BUILDER AND STARTING CONSTRUCTION AND PAYING FOR IT.
THE SAGA OF THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD**

**9. THE FIRST SEASON AND GETTING Mulubinba FINALLY COMPLETED
including furnishings.**

10. STORIES FROM THE EARLY YEARS.

11. THE CROSS COUNTRY SKIERS.

12. THE MAINTENANCE CREWS.

13. THE SNOW FALLS AND THE SUMMER SEASONS IN THE FIRST 10 YEARS.

14. THE SERIES OF RENOVATIONS

15. STORIES UP TO THE PRESENT.

ADDENDA

A. BOARD MEMBERS OVER THE YEARS

B. MEMBERS IN THE EARLY YEARS.

C. MISCELLANEOUS PHOTOS AND DOCUMENTS NOT INCLUDED IN CHAPTERS.

D. MEMBERS AND OTHERS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED MATERIAL FOR THIS HISTORY.