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SHORTLAND ALPINE CLUB **2015 SPRING NEWSLETTER**

2015 SKI SEASON WRAP-UP

This year's snow season got off to a flying start with snow on the opening long weekend... and then????

That early May snow all melted and apart from a miserable 2cm's in mid-June we had to wait until late July for a resort wide solid base of natural snow to settle. However, thanks to the resort's snow making efforts, many runs on Front Valley, Centre Valley, Mt Perisher and Blue Cow were ready for the July school holidays and these were interlinked by strategically making snow on access trails and runs.

According to <http://www.onthesnow.com.au>, last season a total of 201cm's of natural snow fell, occurring over 29 days, and the biggest single snowfall event depositing 45cm's in the last week of August. This year saw fairly uniform snowfall once July arrived with 80cm's in July, 87cm's in August and 32cm's in September.

'Luke The Groomer' (he who grooms the cross country trails) reported this year saw the latest cross country skiing on the trails for many years. Luke also pointed out that the National Parks, CSIRO and one of the universities were undertaking on ground snow measuring and sampling near the 10Km trail in association with the Cloud Seeding Trial that has been underway for several years. Apart from measuring the air temperatures and humidity and other atmospheric

conditions, they were also measuring the density of the falling snow and on-ground snow amongst other factors.

It may be a coincidence but I think everyone who experienced the quality and depth of late snow last season was very happy.

NEW FOR THE LODGE

A. A defibrillator has been purchased and will probably be located in the kitchen near the first-aid kit. 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.

In the unlikely event that it is needed, the correct procedures and steps are:

1. Dial 000 in the first instance and arrange for an ambulance;
2. Commence (manual) CPR;
3. Have a second person to prepare and use the defibrillator.

At all times steps 1. & 2. are the most critical, and in that order. If a second person is not available, continue step 2. until the ambulance arrives. Remember that the brain can do without oxygen for about 4 minutes before any damage is

likely; so there is always time to call an ambulance. Manual CPR is sufficient to push blood around the body and provide oxygen to the brain.

The three steps above are not only the correct sequence, but also in order of importance.

B. There are three new leather lounges on order to replace the oldest ones for the lounge rooms. These will be placed in the 'Happy Hour' lounge room and the better of the remaining two will remain in the 'kids' area'. They should be in service for the next snow season.

C. The Board has installed an Electrical Surge Protection system for the lodge. An electrical storm prior to last season, when the lodge was empty, caused considerable damage to some of the lodge's electronic devices and Emergency Exit Lighting. These were all repaired but at considerable expense which was just under the prescribed excess of our insurance. This surge protection should provide a better level of security for the lodge as well as members' and guests' electronic appliances if plugged in during a storm.

WINTER PARKING AT THE LODGE

Members are advised that early and late in the Winter season, when there is no snow on the ground, it may be possible to drive and park overnight at the lodge. The NPWS have allocated Mulubinba Lodge just three overnight parking permits for these periods. The three allocated spots are off the road and on our property, so there should be no parking on the road. This is for safety reasons in case there is a sudden change in the weather and the road needs to be cleared of snow. If parking numbers were not controlled, it could take many days to extract all vehicles in the valley so they can be taken off the mountain. The number of allocated spots per lodge is based on the land size rather than the number of rooms. If there are more cars than spaces, some will have to be left in the car park at Perisher and the expectation would be that those with a designated car park would drive those without to their cars as required.

The board will be considering how to monitor and issue these parking permits and members will be advised prior to next season.

Note that this arrangement only applies from the June long weekend to the October long weekend (i.e. the Winter season). Parking on the road, and on our land, is allowed in the Summer Season as long as cars aren't parked on vegetation.

MEMBERS' FAMILY RATES

Members are again reminded of the Family Rate Offer for accommodation during all months except July and August. This rate is for all family members at member's rates rather than visitor's rates. The family rate is applicable to member's children, and their children as well as the members (and the members' current spouse) parents and / or grandparents.

Rates and available accommodation for this coming summer are available on the lodge's new website: <http://mulubinba.com.au/accommodation/summer-visits/summer-availability-rates/>

REMINDER OF END OF YEAR DINNER & SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

Members, Affiliates and friends are reminded that the End Of Year Dinner & Special General Meeting to set next year's annual subscriptions will be held again at the Belmont Golf Club. The meeting will commence at 6:45pm on 11 December 2015 and will be followed by the dinner. The meal includes an entrée of fresh seafood on the table, mains of roast turkey, glazed ham, baked vegetables with cranberry sauce & gravy and deserts of pavlova with fresh fruit & cream. The cost is \$42 per person. Drinks are available at club prices.

An RSVP is required prior to 4 December 2015.

Electronic payments only to: Shortland Alpine Club Co-op Ltd, BSB: 062834, Acct No. 10016884, Description: Your name.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

CLUB HISTORY

Members and friends are also reminded that there is a history of the club on the clubs website. It is a 'Work-In-Progress', continually growing with articles and memories provided by fellow members. The logged history starts from before the first 'formal' meeting on 10 August 1972 at the Staff House of Newcastle University seeking expressions of interest to form a ski club. The history includes examples of advertising of the early days, memories of founding members, copies of Club Newsletters, available sites offered to build a lodge, minutes of meetings & financial statements, many old photographs and lists of all board members since inception.

Looking back all those years, it is amazing how the foundation members got it so right. The club is still run in much the same way and has been so successful for so many years.



In closing the SAC board wishes all members, affiliates, friends and past guests of Mulubinba Lodge a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

