

SHORTLAND ALPINE CLUB CO-OP LTD

and

MULUBINBA LODGE, Perisher Valley, NSW.

THE HISTORY

PROLOGUE

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. Kev Hoffman has rejoined 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!!!!

1. EARLY DAYS BEFORE THE SHORTLAND ALPINE CLUB (SAC).

This deals with the genesis of the club that really started with Barry Mitcheson and others, having a ski at Perisher in 1971 while staying at the Perisher View lodge. It is now demolished. It was a 1950's motel style lodge on the saddle of the pass between Smiggins Holes and Perisher Valley. It was quite close to the road. Those who know about this are welcome to send in stories about the event.

PAGE email DEC 2013: We lived in Canada for 3 years in the late 1960's and during that period developed a keen interest in skiing. On returning to Australia, we first skied in Perisher in 1970 when we stayed a couple of times at Narraburra, a lodge near the eventual site of our lodge. This turned out to be quite significant, as Narraburra was a cooperative club lodge established by a group of Building Students from the University of NSW in the 1960's – we were quite impressed with how it operated, and on the later formation of the Shortland Alpine Club, with their permission, we copied many of their operating procedures when we set up Mulubinba. I had good connections with Narraburra as one of my Australian work colleagues in Canada was a UNSW Building graduate who was a foundation member of that club when they built their lodge.

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KEV HOFFMAN MEMORIES before SHORTLAND ALPINE CLUB 14/3/14

Wanting to go through my recollections I must start with the Newcastle University Ski Club. While I agree that SAC is a new entity unrelated to the university days, there was a continuity for me, and for some others. Owen and Jill Scott, Neville Brock, Bill Watson, Jenny & Bob Scobie, Pat & Patty Cahill were in the uni ski club and featured in SAC's early Board members.

I started skiing in university around 1962 when a bunch of students had the idea of going down to Perisher to see what the snow was all about. Our original destination was Smiggins Holes. Perisher was a bit of a mysterious place over the hill. We hired a bus and found accommodation at Sponar's Lakeside Inn (the staff quarters of the burned down Kosciusko Hotel). With a bus of 40 students, Sponars was about the only low cost place that could take that many.

Sponars was run by Margaret Sponar who was a character. A very strict woman who had a healthy disdain for our unruly behaviour. Tony Sponar who was one of the pioneers of post-WW2 Australian skiing, was a bit of a rascal. It was never clear if Margaret and Tony had a "bad cop-good cop" arrangement for managing us, but he certainly encouraged the fun at night. One of our favourites was races up and down the 3-storey staircase. Two at a time you had to run to the top, drink a middy of beer up there and run down to the bottom. By elimination the champion was decided each night.

You might remember the Warren Miller movies, the very first series of ski movies. Well Warren Miller himself used to bring them to Sponars. Somewhere I have an autograph. I particularly recall his first movie showing him and friends in a VW Kombi driving around the ski towns of Colorado and camping in the streets of Aspen when it was still a very rough old town in the 1950's and 60's. The

remnants of the silver mine still evident (had to avoid the shaft holes in the snow). It was the bigger slopes than Australia that spurred me to ski the Rockies when I worked in the USA in the 1970's.

Some of the snowfalls in Perisher in the 1960's were huge. I recall seeing people trying to find their cars parked in the Smiggins Hotel carpark, and seeing a hole a metre or so deep with the owners standing on the bottom just able to see the colour of their car roof through the snow.

Sometimes when the snowfall was huge, the road was closed at Sponars and the Bombadiers came down to there to pick up those staying in Smiggins, Perisher and Charlottes Pass. Being students we could not afford the ride so we skated the road on skis from Sponars over Dainer's Gap to Smiggins. When we got there, we helped dig the T-bars out so we could ski. It often took all morning, and we only got free tickets for the rest of the day. After a few beers at the Smiggins Hotel, we skated back to Sponars. Often we were so exhausted we showered and slept when we got back until the dinner bell went.

IN the first year, we could not ski well enough to adventure to Smiggins, and we were taught at the Kerry Course, just up the main road from Sponars. It was a short slope with a poma lift, the remains of which are still evident. The legendary Franz Pickler and Tony Sponar and Pepi Gabl taught us. Apparently when the Kosciusko Hotel operated, the Kerry Course was one of the pre- WW2 pioneering ski runs in Australia (and possibly before WW1 also).

The dangers of skiing were seen early too. The first year we went to Smiggins, a group of us triumphed over the T-bar and made it to the top of the hill. We were standing at the top surveying the scenery and someone pointed to a feature behind us. We turned to look. One unfortunate Bloke (wish I could recall his name, I think it was Doug Boleyn), lost his balance as he twisted around and BINGO a spiral leg fracture right there in front of us all! Scarey, sobering, and once he was safely in the "blood bucket" (the metal half tube stretcher with long handles for the ski patroller) we skied very gingerly down to the bottom.

Here are some extracts from 1960's SKI Magazine to show you what it was like then (this is just a sample, not to bore you).

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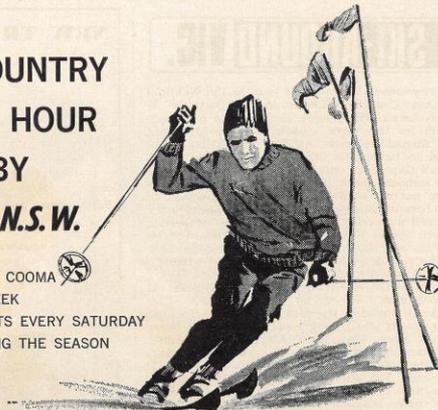


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Lv.	6.30 am	8.15 am	9.30 am	12.30 pm	3.30 pm	5.15 pm	6.30 pm	7.30 pm	—	—
THREDBO Ar.	8.00 am	9.45 am	11.00 am	2.00 pm	5.00 pm	16.45 pm	8.00 pm	9.00 pm	—	—
SMIGGIN HOLES Ar.	18.15 am	10.00 am	11.15 am	12.15 pm	15.15 pm	17.00 pm	18.15 pm	19.15 pm	—	—

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COOMA Ar.*	—	—	9.15 am	11.45 am	2.45 pm	4.00 pm	5.45 pm	—	—	8.15 pm
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SKI-AROUND N.S.W.

Well, the Season's away, not with a bang but a squeeze. Queen's Birthday weekend was just great for the booze-and-cards brigade; but for the dedicated types who tramped all over the mountains convinced that there had to be some skiable snow *somewhere*, it was a washout. The only snow around seemed to be in the snow depth measuring station.

Pity the Queen can't be persuaded to shift her birthday along towards mid-winter a week or two!

Heard of the champ who on the Saturday rang a lodge at Thredbo to ask how much snow there was. "Oh," his mate said, checking out the window, "we've got about 15 inches." "Fifteen inches deep?" "No — long."

Snow, rain or sun, day and night, the Cortina Ski Slope just keeps on teaching 'em to ski. Kids who have never seen the real stuff are flying down from the top, stem-turning furiously. The transition from nylon to snow shouldn't be any harder than, say, switching from roller skates to ice skates — we'll see. Slalom training has started up on Thursdays (7.8 pm) and Saturdays (12.2 pm), with races on Wednesdays from 7.8 pm.

Although the Old Man's Race and Dubonnet Cup is not until September 9, there's a certain amount of training activity going on already. Beppi Gutknecht has bought a book on 5BX and is working through page by page. A Victorian contingent of what Beppi calls "racehorses" will come up to do battle, led by two-time winner Pat Barker (now Pat Whitehead). Boys over 35 and girls over 30 are eligible (that makes them about the same age).

The event is a two-run Giant Slalom, run on a points-for-age handicap basis. The winning man and woman get a replica of that magnificent Dubonnet Cup; the outright (ie non-handicap) winner gets a natty half-pint English pewter. The Old Man's Trophy itself is said to hold exactly one gallon of Dubonnet — no wonder everyone presses on so hard.

This is certainly the Year of the Badge. The New York teeny-boppers trot out of their friendly Psychodelicatessen proudly wearing badges like Revive Fertility Rights, or Save Water, Shower With A Friend.

The badge everyone will be wearing on the slopes this season is the Pre-Olympic Year one, on sale in all the ski hire centres at \$1.25 for the bronze model, \$10 for the sterling silver. Proceeds, of course, go to the Overseas Racing and Training Fund.

One of the small and dedicated bunch who have built up such interest in nordic skiing is John Morgan, who heads the nordic sub-committee of Ski Council. Like nearly all of the nordic officials, John is constantly battling to get himself fit enough to keep up with the boys he is working with. The other night after a meeting in Paddy Pallins he did a training run — home to Thornleigh. Only stopped for two beers on the way, he says.

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With the late arrival of the '67 snows the jump looked a little naked on the June long weekend. In these scenes, all has been completed except for the judges' stand and a few finishing touches.



This ski jump was on the slopes of Mt Piper between Smiggins and Perisher facing the road about where the "Tube Town" snow slide fun park is located in the 2010-2015 period. You skied past it on the access trails between Smiggins and Perisher.



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WINTER MOTORING
ABOVE THE SNOWLINE

These notes have been prepared by the NRMA engineers for motorists planning trips and holidays into the snowfields later this year.

Before undertaking a journey to the snowfields, both driver and car should be well prepared for extreme conditions. When temperatures fall below freezing, any engine will be more difficult to start. Thorough tuning is therefore necessary, not with power increase in mind but to ensure maximum efficiency when cold.

This means that all ignition components, distributor, coil, HT leads, spark plugs, wiring and the ignition switch should be at peak efficiency. Heavy grade engine oils should be avoided because they increase frictional drag. Modern 10-30 multi-grade oils are ideal for winter conditions.

Check the fuel system thoroughly to ensure efficient operation of the fuel pump, carburettor, choke control and air cleaner. Do not overlook the fuel filter which should be cleaned or renewed. If the fuel tank has a drain plug, remove it to get rid of any water or sediment. Cooling systems should be flushed and the thermostat checked to ensure adequate engine operating temperature. This will also affect the heater. The correct quantity of a good proprietary brand of anti-freeze should be added after the flushing.

Some motorists try to drain the cooling system overnight, but this is sometimes difficult and messy and it is virtually impossible to drain all water from the system. Most cars will require only two to four pints of anti-freeze, usually costing \$1 to \$2 a pint. This may be left in the cooling system until the summer, when it is better to drain it off because it is not such a good cooling medium as pure water and it can lead to overheating problems in the height of summer.

Since anti-freeze has a high degree of penetration, the cooling system and heater hoses should be in good condition and firmly secured, otherwise it will soon open up any latent leaks.

Some continental cars have a radiator blind which closes off part of the core when required. A sheet of cardboard or sheet metal, fitted to the outside of the radiator and closing off no more than 50 percent of its area (preferably the bottom end), will serve a similar purpose. To allow for increased battery drain, because of heavy starter motor loads and the additional use of lights and accessories, the battery should be in sound condition and the generator or alternator and voltage regulator should be checked or adjusted for maximum efficiency.

Brakes need to be good and even in application because of wet conditions and slippery road surfaces. A slight pull to one side on a dry surface could develop into a major slide on snow or ice. A locking or grabbing brake, particularly at the rear, could have fatal consequence. Tyres must be in first-class condition. Special "winter tread" or snow tyres are available, but the cost of these may not be warranted for limited use.

Snow chains are essential on some roads in the mountain areas whenever deep snow or ice is likely to be encountered. These may be bought locally at reasonable cost, or they can be hired at varying prices in either State.

Practice in fitting chains before venturing to the snowfields is useful, and they should always be fitted before bad conditions occur.

When I graduated, almost immediately I made plans to go to Canada and the USA to work. In those days before the Boeing 707 only rich people could fly. Going by ship was the average person's option. I set sail on the Oriana (the old one) in 1967. Landing in Vancouver, Canada, it was like

skiers' heaven. Vancouver had mountains on its north side with a cable car up to Grouse Mountain where you could ski most nights of the week after work. At weekends there was Mount Seymour also on the range above the city. Quite magical skiing on a clear night with the city twinkling below.

Once I found a group of friends and had a car, we graduated to Whistler north of Vancouver along the picturesque Howe Sound and past the Tantalus Mountains to the Whistler range. It had contiguous peaks called Oboe and Flute, and just over a small valley was Black Comb. The local garbage dump was in that valley, and that is where the current village centre is. The original lift base, carpark and A-frame cabins were further south on the road to Vancouver.

At Whistler we met some trainee pilots from the Whitby Island US Naval base just over the border. They took us to try Mt Baker, an extinct volcano inland from Seattle. It was magical too on a clear day. In summer Mt Baker was still fun as the Slush Cup was held up on one of the perched lakes on the mountainside. Everyone carried beer kegs, wine and BBQ food up there and camped to watch crazy skiers come down a snow slide and try to water ski across the pond. Others tried in canoes, tyre tubes, and all sorts of improvised boats.

During holidays from work, there were adventures into the Interior as it is called (equivalent to Outback) and skiing at Big White and White Star and Red Mountain.

When I moved to Los Angeles to work, there was Big Bear and Arrowhead in the San Gabriel Mountains above LA. But the snow there was a lot like Australia with "wet concrete" or "blue ice" often on the menu. At about the same distance as Newcastle-Perisher was Mammoth Mountain in the Sierra Nevadas. It was in those days a BIG mountain having a lot of lifts and huge ski area. Whistler and Baker by comparison only had 3 chairs + one T-bar and one chair + a rope tow respectively. Mammoth is volcanic too so there was the "extra" of hot pools to soak in after skiing.

During holidays I flew to Denver once and drove to Aspen. Vail did not exist then. We only had Ajax and Highlands mountains to ski then as I remember. Snowmass did not exist and Buttermilk was only a T-bar on easy slopes although there was one national course down a side ridge. It was memorable on those mountains, beyond anything I had experienced before, and is still one of my favourites. Another link to Perisher, I was interested to see the lifts on Highlands were exactly the same electric motor, base station and towers as the old double chair on Perisher. Is it any wonder I was keen on skiing when I returned to OZ.

End this part Hoffman14/3/14

2. ORIGINS OF THE CLUB.

DONKIN Email 24/7/2013

My first awareness of SAC was on a day in late 1971-1972 that I walked into a lecture room in Newcastle Uni (I was doing a Post Graduate Diploma in Business Studies the Uni was then offering) for a lecture by Ian Beaman on Computing. Ian was sporting the 'raccoon' skier's suntan. Gloria and I had been skiing about twice (staying in commercial lodges), so we talked about the fun of skiing and also the cost.

Ian said that there was a group of University staff looking at the possibility of setting up a Club to build a Lodge somewhere. Ian said that so far the group comprised a mechanical engineer, electrical engineer, an architect, several Uni admin people, but nobody with any accounting/commercial/finance background. He asked would I be interested. Of course, I agreed with great enthusiasm.

Ian said that the group met weekly at the Shortland pub for a counter lunch, and would I like to join them to see what was going on. Which I did. The group included Barrie Mitcheson, Adrian Page, (I forget the name of the Elect. Eng'r), Jennie Scobie and a couple of others. Barrie and Adrian were always the drivers – I remember Barrie saying that if other Universities could establish staff ski clubs, why couldn't Newcastle? END

PAGE email DEC 2013:

I moved back to Newcastle at the end of 1970 and started work at the University as a lecturer in Civil Engineering. There I became friendly with several other university employees who were keen on skiing, and we had several trips to Perisher with them, staying at "Perisher View" which was a fairly battered old commercial lodge located on the crest of the hill between Smiggins and Perisher. It was during these trips that, over a few drinks, the idea of building our own cooperative lodge emerged. This original group included myself, Barry Mitcheson, Ian Beaman, Jenny Scobie and several other university staff. As a result, after numerous informal meetings involving interested people, (often over a counter lunch at the Shortland Hotel), we decided to call a public meeting to see who may be interested in being involved. This meeting was held in a lecture theatre in the Engineering Faculty in 1972. A significant number of people attended, and as a result, the decision was made to form a cooperative ski club. A few other key people were present and became involved. These included Kevin Hoffman and Owen and Jill Scott with connections to the University ski club – Kevin, of course, was the subsequent designer of the lodge; Bob (and Jenny) Scobie (with Owen, Bob worked in the engineering laboratories at the University where we later had several working bees and made the lodge furniture); John Armstrong, who was the University's publicity officer and was well connected to the media); and Ralph Ellis (who later did the structural design for the lodge).

End this part Page email DEC 2013.

Start Hoffman14/3/14

Onto the early years of SAC. I don't really remember being at the Perisher View when the idea of SAC was spawned, but some say I was there. Maybe it was a later trip because I did stay there with future SAC members. I thought the idea was just a speculation and was intrigued when Barry and Adrian started to push it as a real possibility. There were a few meetings, I think at Shortland Campus (now Callaghan) and enthusiasm grew because of the attraction of skiing and having our own lodge, and the rumour or fact that the NPWS was saying only a few allotments were vacant and when they were leased no more would be created in Perisher. This had something to do with the capacity of the water supply, and the need to put a cap on septic tanks in the valley to avoid pollution of the mountain streams. End Hoffman14/3/14.

Heaston Email 20/4/14

August72: Newsletter No.1. was distributed inviting interested persons to attend "the formation meeting of the proposed club in the Staff House of the University on Thursday, 10th August, at 8'o'clock in order to complete preliminary plans for the club to establish an

Alpine Lodge on the Snowy Mountains." Membership Fee was \$3 and the contacts were B.Mitcheson, I.Beaman and A.Page. "we can't think of a suitable name for the proposed club"

September 72: A "second general meeting" was held with 110 members. Books to be closed at the Oct12th scheduled meeting. "Shortland Alpine Club" is to be registered as a Co-operative. Mrs.J.Scott and Messrs.A.Page and N.Brock were appointed by the Directors to form a social committee. The Board of Directors have appointed the following Executive, Chairman Mr.B.Mitcheson, Vice-Chairman Mr.A.Page, Secretary Mrs.J.Scobie, Treasurer Mr.I.Beaman, Publicity Officer Mr.J.Armstrong.

October 12th meeting, 76 "adults" present. North Perisher proposed as a strong option. Our bank account showed a \$300 balance and the Commonwealth Bank indicated support for a loan once we were registered.

The 1972-73 Social Committee was Adrian Page, Marvin Heaston, Kevin Dunne, Judy Mitcheson, Gladys Nolan.

On Dec10th we had an "Alpine Booze Cruise" with the "Original Maryville New Orleans Jazz Band". BYO and tickets \$1.50. Cruised up the Hunter plus a BBQ dinner on Merewether Beach "(for stayers only)" The day "was a roaring success with 120 participants" We made a profit of \$5 on the day too.

Barrie Mitcheson asks members to commit to the purchase of \$200 worth of shares, to be paid in calls, for the construction period, which will allow the club to be registered.

We now have a Booking Rules Sub-Committee of Mr.N.Brock, Mrs.D.Page, Miss.S.Wark, Dr.I.Lewis, Messrs.H.Keena and R.Ellis., a Finance Sub-Committee of Mr.I.Beaman, Messrs.P.Day, D.Dunlop, R.Colvin, D.Cocking. and a Publicity Sub-Committee of Mr.J.W.Armstrong, Messrs.K.Nolan, K.Newey, K.Gray, C.Klimek. Spread the load.

A "membership" was expanded to include the immediate family and defined as "a man, his wife and dependent children" How brave we were!

Mrs.J.Scott outlined the Board's recommendations as regards to bookings. "A long and interesting period of discussions followed in which some of the suggested arrangements were questioned."

A set of "Draft By-Laws" were produced.

Dec12th saw a Picnic BBQ at Boat Harbour. Laurie Sewell is now on the Social Committee and a Working Bee is scheduled for the 3rd. week in January, to be run by Alan Blayden.

Feb 1973 and Chris Klimek designs our club emblem. A Picnic BBQ was held at Jenny Dixon Reserve, Norah Head. John Donkin joins the Board. A request goes out for a name for the lodge. End Heaston 20/4/14.



shortland alpine club

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY, 1973

NO. 3

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CLUB HAS LABEL

Chris Klimek, a member of the Club who is enrolled in the Faculty of Architecture at the University, has earned our thanks for the Club emblem design which we have reproduced above. The Executive has approved the design and arranged for its use on letterheads and documents. Further, steps have been taken to have the coloured version copied onto badges for distribution to members. Congratulations, Chris.

CHAIRMAN MUSES

Sometimes no news is good news, but at the moment I cannot convey this impression to you as far as our progress toward building is concerned. The "no news" is due to the fact that the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, or rather some of his staff, seem to be slowing our registration to the best of their bureaucratic abilities. The regular requests for more information (which in most cases we cannot provide until we obtain our lease and start planning) give rise to a "Catch-22" situation.

Nevertheless, we are hopeful of success within the next few weeks. The situation is becoming more urgent because the advent of the New Year heralds the approach of winter. Whilst this is a natural and not unpleasant phenomenon for our skiing members to look forward to, it poses some problems for our still-to-be formed Planning Committee. Despite a sympathetic attitude from the Kosciusko National Parks Service, it cannot grant us a lease until we are formally registered. Any hope we have of building during the 73-74 summer is conditional on our getting a lease before the snows come, so that the necessary site inspection can be carried out and the detailed planning completed during the long winter nights.

But be of good cheer. Enthusiasm is still strong, committees are still working and your directors are alive and trying to solve the myriad of problems.

BARRIE MITCHESON, Chairman

STOP PRESS

Registration of the Club as a Co-operative has now been promised for early in February by the latest.

CAMARADERIE

Since the last newsletter our first social function, the Hunter River 'Booze Cruise' has been held. This was a roaring success with approximately 120 members and friends attending and spending an enjoyable afternoon on the high seas listening to some great jazz and partaking of their favourite beverages. Financially, the function also was a success (a small profit was made — would you believe \$5!), but, as the aim of the committee was to finish in the 'black', we were quite satisfied.

The Social Sub-Committee has met again since this outing and it was suggested that during 1973 we should have about four functions to enable members to keep in touch and foster new friendships.

These will be spaced out through the year, with the highlight being a dinner on the first anniversary of the formation of the club. (This function will probably be early in August, so keep it in mind). If this is a success, we may make it an annual event.

The committee considered the next function should be a **family outing** to take advantage of the summer weather, so it is proposed to have a **Barbecue/Picnic** at the '**Jenny Dixon Reserve**', **Norah Head**, on **Sunday, 25th February**, starting at approx. 11 a.m. This reserve is maintained by the local Lions Club and has excellent picnic and changing facilities, as well as a safe beach ideal for children. It is located on the road to Norah Head just past the turn-off from the main road to Toukley.

A notice giving further details of this function will be sent out at a later date, including a map of how to get there, but keep the date reserved.

ADRIAN PAGE,
Chairman, Social Committee

NEW DIRECTOR

Mr. David Creed has resigned from the Board of Directors because of personal reasons. The Chairman and other members of the Board would like to thank him for his support and guidance during our foundational period. We would have found the task much more formidable without the benefit of his legal advice.

I have much pleasure in announcing the appointment of Mr. John Donkin to fill the vacancy created by David's resignation.

John has already made his expertise known to us and his accounting ability has been of great assistance to the Board in solving some of the problems that have beset us, especially in relation to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

BARRIE MITCHESON

RULES, REGULATIONS, AND OTHER NECESSARY EVILS

The sub-committee dealing with the Bookings and Rules met on the evening of 8th November at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brock.

A great deal of ground was covered at this meeting, with all of the sub-committee members contributing constructively towards the preparation of a draft set of rules.

The rules will finally be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration, before being printed and sent out to all members prior to a general meeting of the Club.

At the General Meeting, members will have the opportunity to comment on the rules and to either vote in favour of the rules, as prepared, being accepted, or alternatively moving amendments to the motion of acceptance of the rules, in regard to any particular rule, or introducing any additional rules.

A 'dummy-run' booking form will be sent out to Club members in the near future to enable the winter of this year to be used as a guide for bookings in future years.

NEVILLE BROCK,
Chairman, Bookings and Rules
Sub-Committee

THE WORKERS

At the last general meeting of the Club the following members were brought into the administration by being elected to various committees:

Social Sub-Committee: Mr. A. Page (Chairman), Mrs. Judy Mitcheson, Mr. Marvin Heaston, Mr. Kevin Dunne.

Finance Sub-Committee: Mr. I. Beaman (Chairman), Mr. Peter Day, Mr. David Dunlop, Mr. Robert Colvin, Mr. David Cocking, Mr. John Donkin.

Publicity Sub-Committee: Mr. J. W. Armstrong (Chairman), Mr. Kevin Gray, Mr. Christopher Klimek, Mr. Kevin Nolan, Mr. Keith Newey, Mr. Ron Morrison.

Booking and Rules Sub-Committee: Mr. N. Brock (Chairman), Mrs. J. Scott, Mrs. D. Page, Miss S. Wark, Dr. Ian Lewis, Mr. Harry Keena, Mr. Ralph Ellis.

COMRADES ALL

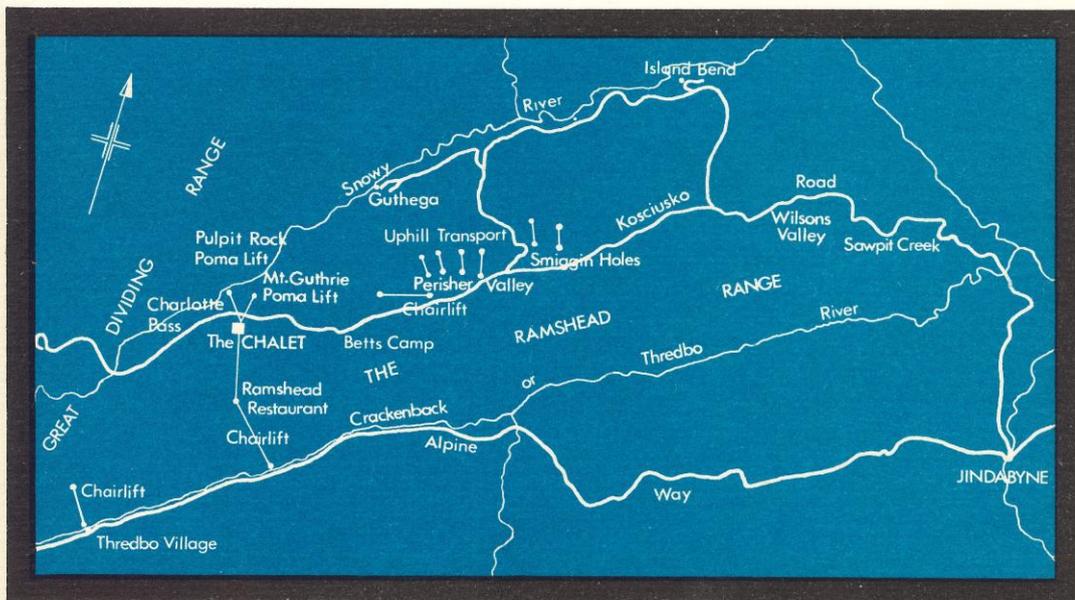
For the benefit of those members who, at the last general meeting, asked for a full list of members to be circulated we print this record of current membership:

Maxwell A. Antcliffe
John W. Armstrong
Brian L. Bailey
Michael Barnett
Rikki Beacroft
Ian Beaman
Jeffrey W. Bennett
D. J. Benson
Dennis Biggins
Allan Blyden
Neville Brock
Gavan Bromilow
E. J. Buckman
Edward J. Burke
Eric R. L. Butler
Lee Casey
T. V. Charlton
E. D. Chenery
D. Cocking
Robert A. Colvin
Michael P. Connon
William J. Conolly
David Creed
George Curan
Peter Day
Helmut Dembeck
John M. Dening
John S. Dick
John C. Donkin
David Dunlop
Kevin Dunne
Judith Eddy
Francesca Eisler
Ralph Ellis
E. Kay Everingham
Bruce Findley
Neil Finlayson
Paul Firkin
Dennis Flanagan
Raymond H. Fox
Max Frater
Carl Fulton
J. Gill
Kevin Gray
Ian Grinham
F. A. Hamilton
Robert Hanson
Marvin Heaston
Tony Herzog
Robert L. Hielscher
William J. Hill
Stephen A. Hind
K. Hitz
J. M. Hoffman
Kevin G. Hoffman
Ron Hunter

Michael Johnston
Allan R. Jones
Gary Jones
Reginald Jones
William G. Jones
Harry V. Keena
Brian Kelleher
R. C. Keys
Christopher L. Klimek
B. Lee
John Lambert
Ian E. Lewis
Pat Loftus
Kenneth McDonnell
Stuart McKendrick
R. McShane
Barrie Mitcheson
D. Morgan
R. Morrison
Keith Newey
J. J. Nichols
Anthony K. Nolan
Kevin T. Nolan
Adrian Page
Reg. Page
Paul Percy
John Phillipson
Hazel Porritt
A. A. Pickard
John Prideaux
Cyril Reagan
R. J. Reeves
Alexander L. A. Reid
Charles Resevsky
David G. Roberts
Pamela Ross
Noel Rutherford
Jennifer Scobie
Owen Scott
Michael Sherwood
Garry Shester
P. M. Smrz
Margaret Sjostedt
John F. Stanton
W. T. & M. C. Stanton
David B. Stewart
John Stowell
Colleen Upton
Bruce Valaire
S. Wark
Ivan Walsh
Robert Wark
William D. Watson
W. P. Wood

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

The Club investigated building a lodge at Thredbo and North Perisher before choosing our site. There are not a lot of documents in our records at the time of writing this history some 40 years later. Here is an inquiry to Charlotte's Pass as a comparison. Given that there has been no great skiing developed at the Pass, we are fortunate the Board was not attracted there. Note the map shows the ill fated chairlift from the Thredbo Rd to Charlotte's. Following this I have included the Thredbo inquiry in 1972. The marks on the original of available sites numbered eleven. The pleasant isolation of Mulubinba surrounded by snow is a delight compared to the lodges surrounded by roads and cars at Thredbo.



The Charlotte Pass Area is easy to reach

Kosciusko Chalet Ltd. has constructed a sedan chairlift $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles across the Ramshead Range to the Alpine Way, and supplementing this, the Pioneer Snow Clipper Service will continue to operate up the Valley. Guests of lodges may drive to the Alpine Way terminal some four miles short of Thredbo Village, park their cars in complete safety, and ride the chairlift across to the Chalet while luggage follows on special carrier units.

Facilities are second to none

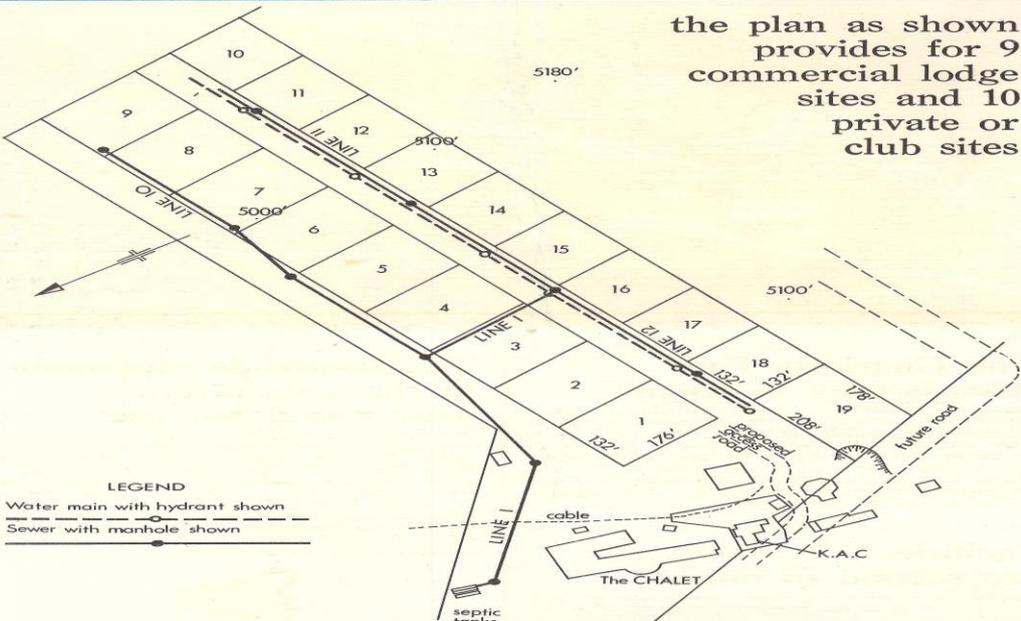
No other area offers a village development in such close proximity to the major licensed hotel or the uphill transport. The most distant lodge sites in stage one of the plan will not be further than 400 yards from the Chalet. Water, septic effluent disposal, garbage facilities and access roads are all inclusive of the lease price and annual rental. Uphill transport includes two poma lifts—Pulpit Rock poma, rising 600' vertically and offering runs of up to 3,000'; Mt. Guthrie poma lift, rising 750', offering runs of up to 3,750'. The sedan chairlift completes the uphill transport scene and opens up ski areas hitherto inaccessible to any but the keenest ski tourist.

The future development in the area offers year round hut use

The Hydro Electric Authority will construct a secondary dam across Spencers Creek, at a point in the valley about $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles due north of Betts Camp. When filled, the lake will extend some 150 yards from the Chalet and offer superb summer water sports equal to the Adaminaby Dam area. The Snowy River Shire Council and the Department of Main Roads have plans for the further improvement of the Alpine Way, and the State Park Trust will continue to develop access roads and facilities for year round use by visitors.



the plan as shown provides for 9 commercial lodge sites and 10 private or club sites



LEGEND
 Water main with hydrant shown
 Sewer with manhole shown

Commercial lodge sites will be in the blocks numbered 1 to 9 inclusive, and club sites 10 to 19 inclusive. The front entrance to the commercial sites is expected to be at the same elevation as the No. 1 platform of the sedan chairlift, and those of the club sites approximately 70' above that level. The blocks are of sufficient size to enable the construction of commercial lodges up to 83 squares on one level and still maintain minimum space of 60' in any direction between any two buildings. The club sites permit 57 squares with the same proviso. Water main and sewerage effluent lines are shown in "dotted" and solid lines respectively, and demonstrate the proximity to sites, enabling the simplest and cheapest of connection to these services.

Commercial Lodges

Few limitations on operation exist for such lodges, but reference to the sub-lease will qualify any point which might arise in later discussions. They may not sell petrol or lubricants and may not operate, commercially, over-snow transport. They can, however, operate such transport for the movement of supplies and equipment for their own lodge without limitations.

Lodge Construction

In most cases, the lessee will have his architectural advisers prepare plans for submission to the Chalet and the State Park Trust, but it is of interest to note that the larger construction and building supply companies have facilities to assist in all facets of design and materials supply. Each lodge will be required to provide its own septic tank system, but the Company, Kosciusko Chalet Ltd., will provide sewerage lines to remove the effluent water from the individual tanks.



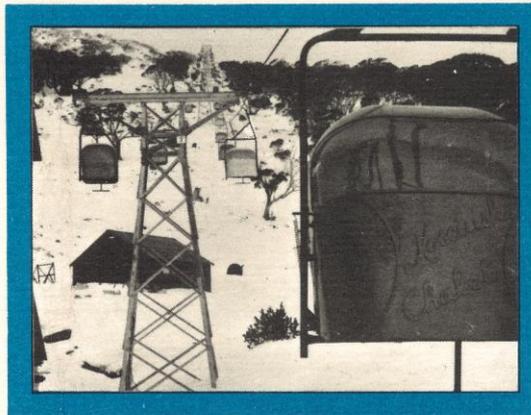
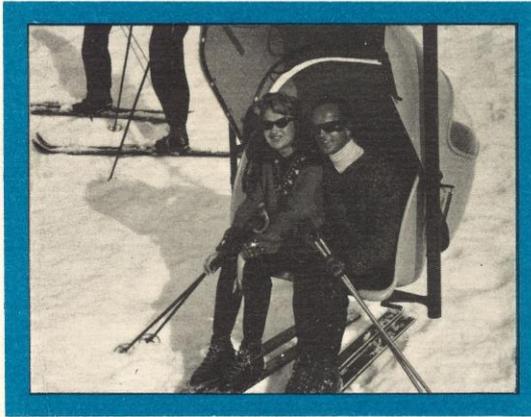
How to apply for a lodge site

Applications for lodge sites should be sent to the General Manager, Kosciusko Chalet Ltd., at the company's registered office, The Chalet, Charlotte Pass, via Cooma, N.S.W.

The application should contain names and addresses of club office bearers or, in the case of the commercial lodge, details of principals, banks, legal advisers, etc. In the first instance, a letter addressed as above will suffice.

Electricity Service

This will be provided by the Monaro County Council, and lodge applicants should make direct approach to this body to obtain up-to-the-minute details of supply and connection schedules.





Kosciusko Thredbo Pty. Limited

Thredbo Alpine Village, N.S.W. 2627 Phone: Thredbo 76241 Area Code 0648.

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26th September, 1972

Mr. K. Hoffman,
Shortland Alpine Club,
c/- Mrs. J. Scobie,
Secretary,
Newcastle University Library,
SHORTLAND, N.S.W. 2308.

Dear Sir,

Following your recent enquiry regarding forming a Club in Thredbo, we enclose herewith literature on the matter which outlines in broad terms the type of development we are looking for.

We also enclose a Village Map on which we have circled in red those sites which are available for leasing.

After you have studied this information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned for further details, or better still, visit Thredbo, where we can show you the individual sites and discuss your project in detail.

Yours faithfully,
KOSCIUSKO THREDBO PTY. LTD.

D. DRAYTON
VILLAGE MANAGER





top of Australia's highest vertical elevation (2,000 ft.) of hand-groomed trails. Here the advanced skiers find no novices to prevent them getting the optimum enjoyment out of the challenging trails. Whichever lift you choose, there's no waiting — the total hourly lift capacity is 5,000 passengers or nearly three times the Village population.

No worries about lift safety. Our American Riblet chairlifts and Australian Doppelmayr T-bars are maintained year-round by our specially trained four mechanics and electrician. They spend hours every morning checking all vital pieces. Although our equipment is the best available, outside consultants conduct regular maintenance audits and Government inspectors scrupulously examine and regularly certify all lifts.

Lunch and 'powder-your-nose' breaks are no worry. Snacks, meals and drinks (both hard and soft) are available from various restaurants and kiosks. There

Ski Patrol

Thredbo was first in Australia to introduce a professional ski patrol. Working closely with the professionals, there's the first-class voluntary ski patrol. Its members tested on first aid and ski rescue to the highest standard in Australia. The voluntary ski patrol undergoes regular practice in chairlift rescue, although our own standby generator has enough capacity to run all chairlifts in the event of power failure.

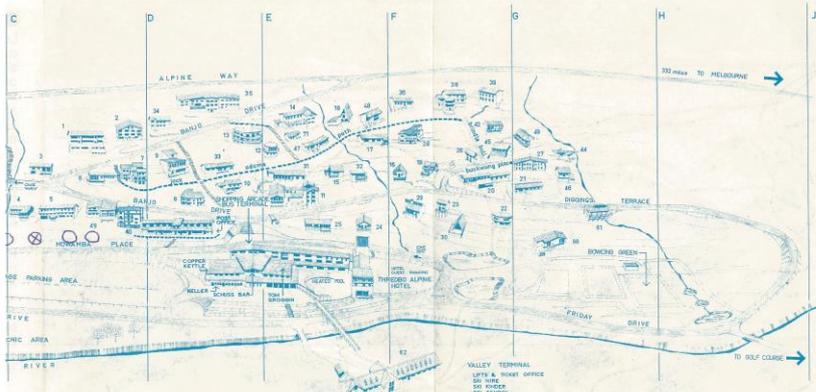
The chance of injury is only one in a thousand per day. But if the unfortunate does occur, the Medical Centre is attended full time by a qualified nurse and resident doctor. . . . There are speedy ambulance services to Jindabyne and Cooma if required. You can help reduce this risk by taking notice of safety rules and the men in the red parkas with the white crosses.

Ski School

Leonhard Erharder and most of his staff of hand-picked instructors have been coming to Thredbo since it started more than 12 years ago. Graduates of the world's toughest Instructor School in Austria, these men take prime positions during our off-season at the world's top ski resorts — Zurs, Sun Valley, Vail, etc. They keep abreast of modern techniques overseas and really offer the best of both worlds. Whether teaching the basics or the latest tricks in wedein. No wonder the Thredbo Ski School attendance rates as one of the highest in the world. Both group and private lessons are available. Group lesson tickets for beginners include the use of ski lifts for lessons and for the rest of the day. Lessons start at 9.45 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. Allow sufficient time to rent equipment and buy tickets so you'll be at the meeting place near the Valley Terminal for the first lesson. Or as directed by your instructor. If not sure which class to join, or if you have any other questions, see Leonhard at the Valley Terminal meeting place between 9.30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m. Private lessons may be booked in advance, by calling into or telephoning the Ski School ticket office.

Mountain Staff Uniforms (parkas)

Navy blue with orange stripe on sleeve	Lift attendants
Bright red with white stripe on sleeve	Ski instructors
Navy blue with red cross	Professional ski patrol
Bright red with white cross	Voluntary ski patrol
Light blue with navy blue stripe on sleeve	Administrative staff
Black with orange stripe on sleeve	Maintenance crew



Thredbo Alpine Village

Thredbo is part of an area of 2,400 acres in the Kosciusko National Park leased by the National Parks and Wildlife Service to Kosciusko Thredbo Pty. Ltd., a subsidiary of Lend Lease Corporation Ltd. The company is responsible for development and operation of all recreational facilities and township services. At an altitude of 4,500 ft. or just at the approximate snowline, the all-bitumen roads in and to the village are usually free of snow all winter. Free parking areas are available for overnight guests and day-visitors within minutes walking from lifts, lodges and shops. Some 80 lodges nestle on the sunny side of the valley, all overlooking the ski slopes which are away from the sun for maximum snow preservation in our sunny and relatively warm climate.

The Village is quite compact and features unique architecture. Most chalets are built in modern alpine style from local timber and stone.

Shops: In the Thredbo Alpine Hotel, lower and upper arcade and Sasha's Sportswear.

Bars: Keller, Copper Kettle and Schuss Bar — all in Thredbo Alpine Hotel.

Restaurants: Thredbo Alpine Hotel (Copper Kettle, Tom Groggin, Stuble), Lantern Lodge and Walkabout Motor Inn.

Post Office: In the lodge at the centre of the Village.

Service Station: Near the main carpark.

Laundromat: In the Lodge next to the Post Office.

accommodation, special events, airline, railway and coach transport to and from Cooma, taxis and hire car, phone 460 or 484 — telex 61089, write or call in to the Centre at the Bus Station near the upper arcade entrance of the Thredbo Alpine Hotel.

Medical Centre: In the Valley Terminal near Merritt's Chairlift (telephone 454).

Police: Jindabyne telephone 244.

Ambulance: Jindabyne telephone 288.

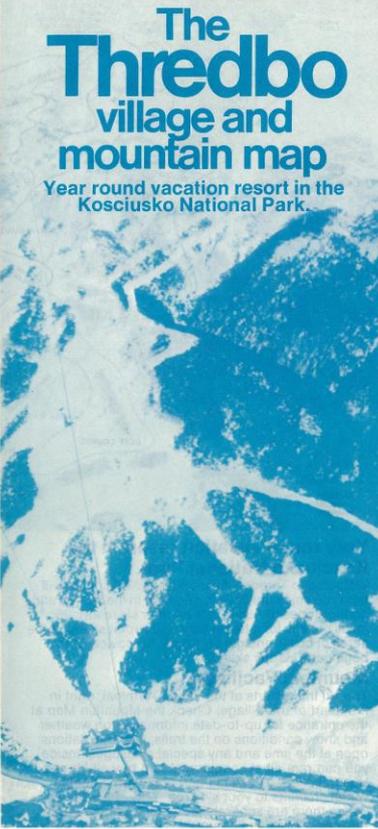
Fire: Thredbo telephone 441, 442 after hours 470, 469, 429, 450.

For up-to-date snow reports, dial THREDBONEWS: Sydney 2 0510 Melbourne 6 1051 Canberra 47 0686

For any accommodation reservations phone your travel agent of

Sydney — The Thredbo Centre — 2 0572.
Melbourne — N.S.W. Government Tourist Bureau — 63 9921.
Thredbo — The Travel & Information Centre — 460 or 484.

Thredbo Alpine Village in the Kosciusko National Park. A Lend Lease Development.



Minutes of the Meeting of Formation of the Shortland Alpine Club held on Thursday night, 10 August, 1972, in the Staff House, University of Newcastle

1. PRESENT

There were 60 adult persons present at the meeting.

2. OFFICE BEARERS

Mr. B. Mitcheson assumed the Chair and Mr. J.W. Armstrong acted as Minute Secretary.

3. APOLOGIES

Mr. D. Morgan, Mr. E.J. Buckman, Mrs. G. Hamilton, Mr. Regan, Mrs. E. Regan, Prof. A.S. Ritchie, Dr. R. Offler, Mr. C. Rosevski, Prof. A. Herzog, Mr. K. Lindgren and Dr. J. Nichols.

4. INTRODUCTION

Mr. Mitcheson outlined the general background to the proposal and the work done by a band of enthusiasts, culminating in the calling of the meeting.

5. STATEMENT OF FORMATION

Mr. Armstrong read the Statement of Formation, copies of which are attached.

It was resolved G.M. 1/72: that the Formation Statement as read be accepted.

It was resolved G.M. 2/72: that an application for registration be lodged with the state instrumentality responsible for cooperative societies.

6. MODEL SET OF RULES

The Chairman explained that the working committee had considered a few sets of rules of Ski Clubs. A set of rules had been prepared to suit the requirements of people in Newcastle.

Mr. D. Creed elaborated on the proposed set of rules.

7. SITE AND CONSTRUCTION

Mr. A. Page spoke on the site proposed for the Alpine Lodge (North Perisher), explaining the charges required by local authorities and gave rough estimates of building costs and number of beds.

8. FINANCE

Mr. I. Beaman mentioned possible establishment costs and mentioned a method of raising finance based on the allocation of shares to members. Initial operating expenses would be met by a fund which was being boosted by joining fees. He believed that it might be possible to obtain assistance with the raising of finance.

9. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Nominations were called for election to the positions of ten Directors.

It was resolved G.M. 3/72: to appoint the following people to the Board of Directors of the Alpine Lodge: Mr. Barrie Mitcheson, C/- The Library, University of Newcastle.

Mr. Kevin Hoffman,
51 Gordon Avenue,
HAMILTON. 2303

Mr. Adrian Page,
C/- Faculty of Engineering,
University of Newcastle.

Mr. I.R. Beaman,
C/- Department of Commerce,
University of Newcastle.

Mr. John Armstrong,
C/- Secretary's Division,
University of Newcastle.

Mrs. J. Scobie,
C/- The Library,
University of Newcastle.

Mr. D. Creed,
C/- Department of Commerce,
University of Newcastle.

Mr. David Benson,
37 Robert Street,
TENAMBIT. 2323

Mr. Neville Brock,
373 Warners Bay Road,
CHARLESTOWN. 2290

Mrs. Jill Scott,
3/58 Mitchell Street,
MEREWETHER. 2291

10. GENERAL BUSINESS

- (a) It was resolved G.M. 4/72: that the Directors fully examine all rules of Ski and Alpine Clubs and report back to a general meeting of the Club on the features which might appropriately be added to the Club's rules.
- (b) The meeting noted that it might be desirable to arrange for a couple to reside at the proposed Lodge to provide regular supervision and maintenance.
- (c) It was resolved G.M. 5/72: that whereas the report on the supervision of a site for the Lodge at North Perisher appeared feasible the Directors take steps to examine alternative sites in other parts of the Snowy Mountains.
- (d) Points raised for consideration with the initial design, including the allocation of sleeping accommodation in bunks, were listed in a note submitted by Mr. K. Nolan.
- (e) It was resolved G.M. 6/72: that the suggested name for the Club, Shortland Alpine Club, be formally accepted.
- (f) The Directors were asked to consider the making of an approach to other Clubs for cheap accommodation to be provided for voluntary workers engaged on the construction of the Lodge.

11. NEXT MEETING

It was resolved G.M. 7/72: that the next general meeting be held

on the second Thursday in October,
12 October, to hear reports from the
Board of Directors.

12. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10 p.m.

Signed as a true report

CHAIRMAN.



THE UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE
NEW SOUTH WALES, 2308

SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Telephone 68 0401 Ext. 341

14th August. 1972.

First meeting of Directors of SHORTLAND ALPINE CLUB

You are advised that the first meeting of the Directors of the Shortland Alpine Club will be held in the Staff Room of the Library, University of Newcastle next Thursday (August 17) beginning at 5.15p.m. This time has been chosen to suit the general feeling of those people who were elected Directors at the meeting on August 10. It permits Directors to reach home at a reasonable hour. On reaching the Library could you report to the office of Mr. B. Mitcheson and you will be guided to the meeting room.

JOHN ARMSTRONG,
Temporary Secretary.

Heaston Email 20/4/14

March 21st and we are a registered Co-operative Society. Kosciusko Park Authority offers us Site 141 Perisher Valley, opposite the Jolly Swagman Lodge. N.Brock issues a "dummy booking form" for us to ponder. A "swap shop" is set up for members and John Donkin tells us it is time to start the payments. The bank approves our loan.

"The First Annual General Meeting of the Shortland Alpine Club Co-operative Limited is to be held in the Engineering Lecture Theatre, University of Newcastle" on 29th June 1973, at 7.00pm. End Heaston 20/4/14.

Foundation Members 1975.

Beaman	IR
Blundell nee Wark	S
Boys	A
Burke	E
Cocking	DJ
Colvin	R
Conolly	WJ
Davies	RP
Davis	GB
Dening	JM
Donkin	JC
Dunne	KF
Ellis	RL
Findley	B
Flanagan	DW
Fraser	BJ
Frater	KM
Gill	J
Harris	G
Heaston	ML
Hoffman	KG
Hoskins	D
Johnston	MR
Jones	AR
Jones	GD
Keena	HV
Kelleher	BJ
Keys	RC
Klimek	CL
Lewis	IE
Lloyd	FM
Mitcheson	B
Foundation	
President .	
McKendrick	WS
McShane	RW
Mitchell	WP
Murray	BJ
Murray	RS
	Adrian
Page	W
Pickard	AA
Reeves	RJW
Schultz	H
Scobie	JM
Scott	OJ

Sewell	L
Smrz	PK
Stanton	JF
Stanton	WT
Stowell	J
Talty	P
Warren	PM
Watson	WD
Zahra	T
TOTAL	51

DONKIN Email24/7/2013.

Ian Beaman was the original nominee for the Treasurer's position, but he gladly relinquished this position when he became aware of my background.

Any thought that SAC had its roots in the University Ski Club is wrong. The Uni Ski Club was comprised of a bunch of Undergraduates who hired a bus occasionally for a weekend or a week in the mountains. SAC was conceived by a group of University staff members and other professional outsiders.

One of the first tasks was to see where and what we might build. While there were several who favoured Thredbo, the consensus seemed to be Perisher. Seeing that I had unfettered access to STD on my phone at work, (Uni staff apparently didn't). Barrie suggested that I call the NPWS to see what might be available in Perisher. Which I did. END Donkin Email 27/7/2013

A Page Dec 2013 continues: During this period we were all involved in publicising the potential new club and recruiting new members. I recruited several new people through my engineering and hockey contacts (including Marvin Heaston and Graham Dobinson, both of whom became active club members serving on the Board and in other roles, and Tony Herzog (senior) who was a vert keen bushwalker). My memories of some of the details of this period are a bit hazy, but I know that after the formation of the club, the first Board meeting was held in 1972. This consisted of Barry Mitcheson (chairman), myself (as deputy chair), Jenny Scobie (secretary), John Donkin (treasurer), John Armstrong (publicity) and other members Ian Beaman, Dave Benson, Neville Brock, Kevin Hoffman and Jill Scott. . We had the responsibility of taking things forward, which included negotiations with National Parks regarding a potential site and with the State Government body responsible for Cooperative Societies to formally establish the Shortland Alpine Club.

In this period we also held a number of social functions to get people together to establish some “club spirit” and also obtain informal input on the way ahead. These were mostly Bar-B-Q’s with the occasional cryptic car rally thrown in! We were also active in recruiting potential new members – when the Club was first formed as a cooperative, we started with 90 members. Later on, when it was clear we would need more capital to build the lodge, this number was increased to 120. These later members included some from outside the Hunter region, but we were careful to limit their numbers as we were well aware that we needed the control of the Club to remain in Newcastle (a policy which still applies).

One of the key matters which had to be decided was the selection of an appropriate site. Three sites were potentially available, one in Thredbo and two in Perisher (one near the Jolly Swagman and the other in North Perisher). We had a Club meeting to make an overall decision between Perisher and Thredbo. Several members were very much in favour of Thredbo, but after considerable discussion we agreed on Perisher. A small group of us then travelled down to Perisher to inspect both sites, and it was felt that the site opposite the Jolly Swagman was the best choice (see photos).

4. FINDING A SITE AND FINANCE AND A BUILDER FOR THE LODGE.

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The two major next steps were the design of the lodge (to obtain an estimate of cost), and the raising of the share capital and obtaining an appropriate bank loan. I remember a group of us travelled down to the site to survey the block over a weekend – this was quite a trip in those days, as it was still the slow old two lane Hume Highway with lots of trucks slowing us down. I remember Dianne and I were very impressed to be asked to travel down with Charlie Resevsky in his Jaguar, which promptly broke down halfway there late on the Friday night! It was still a great weekend, which certainly enthused us to press ahead.

SACHistoryISSUE8

AN IMPORTANT DECISION!

This is a transcription of a letter to Members dated 14 August 1973 and signed by J. Donkin Treasurer. It had been hand typed on a stencil and then “Roneo’d” for the required number of copies. For those younger, a Roneo was a machine with a drum to which the stencil was clipped on the outside. The drum was turned by a handle crank which simultaneously pumped ink through the stencil and onto the sheet of paper fed through under the drum. Heaps more complicated than just telling a computer printer to spit out so many copies, OR just sending the message out as eMails (no hard copies needed). Typists in executive circles were paid according to how good they were at cutting stencils and making no mistakes and being fast. Also they had to take the message in

“shorthand” a sort of hieroglyphic form of writing that skilled typists learned to write at the same oral speed as the boss who dictated it. And they had to be able to read it back accurately as they typed it. Jenny Scobie was our club Secretary back then so it was probably Jenny who did the toil.

Dear Member,

Those of you who were present at the AGM were able to have a look at the sketch plans of our proposed lodge. After a lot of initial design work, estimates of costs and modification of design, Kevin Hoffman and his team of architects were able to arrive at a workable design that incorporated all the major requirements asked by the Board, including the accommodation of the maximum number of persons the site would permit. The design techniques and dimensions were similar to those found successful by other clubs. These were the drawings on display at the AGM.

In July this year the drawings were submitted to the NPWS for their “Approval in Principle”. At this stage it was found that the NPWS had only very recently revised various building requirements, one of which demands a certain area per occupant within bedrooms. In brief, our lodge must have a larger floor area and will cost about \$10,000 more than originally planned.

After the tremendous time and effort expended by the design team to date, the requirements of the NPWS were a disappointment. The Board, however, in view of recent public statements made by the NPWS, are determined not to even falter in their step at this stage. If you have not already heard there will be NO future commercial lodge development “above the snow line”..... all new lodges will be built in the Jindabyne area and occupants will commute daily to an embarkation point of the proposed “ski circus”.....an extensive series of interconnecting lifts which will service the major skiing areas. Bearing this in mind and considering that we have the second last club site in Perisher proper, the completion of our lodge becomes “now or never”.

Obviously we need more money and various avenues are being considered. In addition to the clear cut answer of making further Calls of Share Capital from all members, the club can borrow additional funds.....either from outside lending authorities or from existing members. This is the area I want to assess more fully. Instead of paying interest on borrowed money from outside lending authorities, I would like to see these interest payments flowing back to the members. Following an expression of interest by some members in taking up Debentures in the Club, I now wish to determine your feelings on this idea.

It is envisaged that Debentures would be available in \$50 multiples, with interest being paid quarterly at the rate of about 7-8%. The Debentures would be payable at reasonably short call during the first 7 years of operation and would be repaid in full progressively between the 8th and 11th years of operation. While we cannot guarantee the security of the Commonwealth bank, we do feel that the growth of our sport, the future scarcity of commercial accommodation with snow at the front door and the non-existence of future new lodge sites in Perisher, all indicate that membership of a Club such as ours will be a highly coveted possession.

With a continuously full complement of members and reasonably competent financial management, the economic success of the Club is almost assured. In addition our solicitors, Bruce O’Sullivan, Fox & Walsh, will be consulted fully to ensure the maximum possible protection of debenture holders.

At the end of this circular is a tear off slip by which I ask that you express your willingness, or otherwise, to invest some of your loot with the Club. I ask that EVERYBODY complete and return this slip.....this is the only way we will be able to obtain the feeling of the members.

If you do not feel like signing the slip, you needn't.....as long as you indicate your thoughts and return the form. The reaction obtained will then allow the Board to determine and implement the most appropriate type of finance for our needs.

Yours Faithfully,

SHORTLAND ALPINE CLUB CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED. J. Donkin Treasurer, 14th August 1973.

Needless to say the idea of Debentures did not win the day, and the Board decided to make a Call on Shareholders that I think was a further \$250 each bringing the total for each member to \$750. According to the Reserve bank of Australia calculator that amount would be \$6,500 in today's terms. However you must bear in mind that an average young professional wage in 1973 was around \$10,000. It was not a small amount, but the members in those days did not like owing money, and the share market had a lot of ups and downs then too (remember Poseidon Mining shares).



John Donkin & Kev Hoffman worrying about how to do it..

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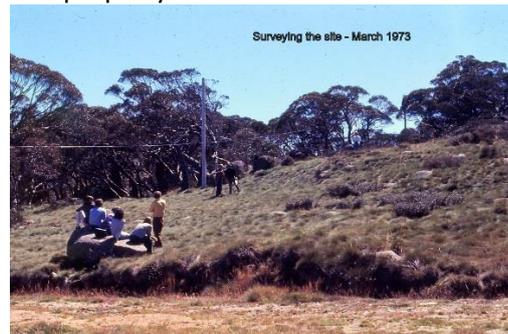
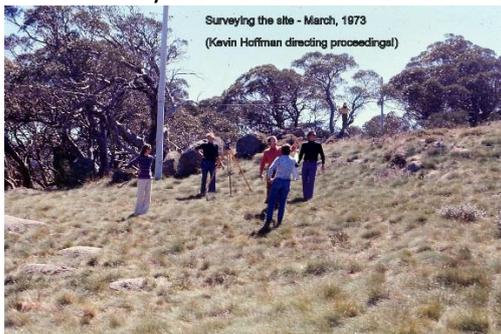
The answer that I got from the NPWS when I phoned, was that there were only two sites then available – one in North Perisher and our site. I was told that there were other people enquiring and that we should probably act quickly. Which we did – we immediately planned a trip to Perisher, went down and inspected both sites. Subsequently, I asked the NPWS to put a hold on the site 'opposite Jolly Swagman', as we were serious.

One of the questions I asked the NPWS people was the availability of possible builders in the area. I was told that there was a Ludwig Limbeck who had then recently completed a lodge in Guthega and had also completed some extensions to the Navy lodge in Perisher. (Those who went will remember our visit to the Navy lodge to enquire about Ludwig's work. They seemed satisfied)

And so we appeared to have the name of a builder with a reasonable reputation.

Those involved will also well remember the expedition to Perisher to survey the block and to sketch the initial floor plan. That was a great weekend. This early work came up with an indicative cost, and this allowed me to start looking at a possible capital structure; i.e. how much capital, how much borrowings. Based on this, I wrote a proposal for the Bank (the UNI's Commonwealth branch), Barrie and Adrian approached the Bank and our application was approved. (Later, Adrian said that the Bank had commented that this was one of the best borrowing applications they had seen.) And so we had the Bank on side.

This then allowed me to start raising the share capital (necessary before loan funds would be made available) by way of several share calls to make it possible for people to spread their payments over a period of time. I was astounded with the speed of peoples' response – many paid all the calls in advance. The full share capital was subscribed in short time and we were registered under the Cooperatives Act – necessary before the NPWS would sign a lease with the Club. Shortly after this we had our lease on the property.



5. DESIGNING MULUBINBA AND GETTING DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS.

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The architectural design was carried out by Kevin Hoffman, who had some excellent ideas on ways to encourage a communal atmosphere – I remember him saying that he deliberately designed the kitchen layout to ensure that people talked to each other while cooking and washing up! One other feature which was originally included (but subsequently changed after a few years), was a mezzanine floor (now Room 9). This was an additional social space complete with a fireplace, which looked down on to the “dance floor” area in the lounge room below. Later on, to provide improved booking flexibility, the wall was filled in and the area converted to an additional bedroom (one other contributing factor to this decisions was the anecdotal report of people during moments of revelry jumping down from that floor into bean bags below!).

Kevin also worked with Ralph Ellis who was involved with the structural design of the building (Ralph obviously did a good job, because the lodge has survived some horrendous storms since!). John

Donkin, with his financial background, was the main driver in setting up the share structure and preparing the loan application for the bank – we ended up using the University of Newcastle Branch of the Commonwealth Bank, partly for convenience and also because we had good contacts with them. John moved to Canberra later and became one of our key semi-local contacts while the lodge was under construction.

Heaston Email 20/4/14

Drawings and specifications should be completed early in August. Construction should commence in October. Annual Subs are \$10. Income to date is \$417.00, including a profit of \$173.00 to be transferred to an Appropriation A/C.. 17600 shares have been issued at \$2 each.

Oct 73. The Park requests larger bedrooms. Costs increase by \$10,000.00. We accept Site 141. The original plan specifies that all children to sleep in a dormitory type area. Membership is fixed at 110 persons. An Associate Membership list contains 30 names and start of construction is scheduled for November.

Dec 73. The initial tender to a small number of chosen builders, and “only to lock up stage” was over the top at around \$75,000.00. “Construction has been put out to public tender to attract competitive quotes” including a local builder. Our application for Site 141 is approved. Bob Colvin joins the Board. A BBQ is organised for Muirs Lookout in the Watagan Mountains, following a “Magical Mystery Tour” from the “Bel-Air entrance to Kotara Fair” and via Dora Creek.

End Heaston email 20/4/14.

Start Hoffman14/3/14.

Designing Mulubinba was an interesting exercise. The Board had specific ideas about being a family friendly, low cost accommodation for people from Newcastle and the Hunter. Indeed when we opened we were the biggest (in terms of bedroom size and living spaces), most comfortable, newest lodge in Perisher. Comfortable is a relative term. In those days many lodges had Dunlopillow on the floor of bedrooms and you slept in sleeping bags with a bunch of other people, and the bathrooms were small and primitive. We had an influx of applications for membership from Sydney people. We detected that there was a threat of a takeover bid and the lodge would become Sydney oriented, so by-laws were passed to prevent that.

Talking about Mulubinba being spacious compared to other lodges of that era, I remember staying in the original very cramped Geebung lodge for one of our working bees. My dormitory was through a hatch into the ceiling space where about 10 of us slept. If there had been a fire we would have been

trapped. The original Geebung burned down spectacularly in the 1980's due to a kitchen curtain catching on fire from a stove that had been left on. I saw the burn from the mountain. The gas cylinders for the stove were lined up along the back wall of the lodge. They were heated up by the fire and blew out their rusted bottoms and took off like guided missiles a couple of hundred metres into the sky. Fortunately they all came down harmlessly, but Geebung was smoking rubble inside 20 minutes, it burned so ferociously!!! This tells you why fire prevention and alarms and fire escapes are so important in Mulubinba!!!

The placement of our lodge on the site, if I can recall it properly, was to be up enough to see Perisher Mountain from the living room, also to allow enough area on-site below the lodge for the septic tank transpiration area, and there was to be a driveway curling up at a gentle slope from the cul-de-sac to a level carpark/unloading area outside the entry porch. The driveway/carpark has **never been built** and I reckon the NPWS would make it difficult now.

We were fortunate at the time of designing Mulubinba that I was in a position to help and Chris Klimek too. We did the conceptual plans for the Board to consider and then the construction plans and specifications for the applications to the NPWS and the Shire and for the builders to use.

The porch faces the weather based on my experience in Canada. Over there, most lodges of the 1960-70 period did that so the snow was blown away from the entry. Entries on the lee side of buildings constantly got snowed in. That aspect seems to work at Mulubinba.

The airlock inside the front door is also a Canadian essential to avoid weather blowing in and taking the interior heat away. The "wet room lobby" and drying room and tool room and garbage room were also practical layouts borrowed from Canada. In those days many lodges in Perisher did not have these features. Also they were the times of skinny skis when the racks in the wet room were sufficient, but with the advent of snow boards and "fat boy" skis, more space is needed. The new ski locker room and snow board racks in the airlock seem to have fixed that.

The pantry was essential in the 1970's as the nearest store was Cooma with only minor things available in Jindabyne. Remember that the old town and church are on the bottom of the lake. We used to wind down the hill from North Jindi and go over the Snowy River on a bridge into the town. The old church is on top of a hillock, and can be seen when the lake is low. On leaving old Jindi we wound up the hill to around where the Thredbo turn-off is now.

Back to the pantry. In 1970's you had to take all your food and wine in with you. It was quite an extra load. Beer could be had from "the Man", the White Spider, Corroboree and Sundeck. Normally you would drive into Perisher and drop everyone off and take your car back to Sawpit Creek. After drop off you would hitch a ride back to Perisher. Sawpit was a bit of a risk with a good car because it became known as "spare parts creek" due to the number of things missing from your car when you came back to get it. In later years it was more common to rent a space in Jindi for your car at a service station who would drive you up to Perisher in a 4WD. So much more convenient and eliminated carrying chains, and potential crashes with drivers who had no idea about safety in snow.

I have diverted again from the pantry, sufficient to say as facilities improved, and now with a supermarket at Tube Train, there is no need to pack boxes of food and drink from home. The bare essentials in the pantry is all that is needed.

The layout in the lodge in those early days was to have Room 9 as a Games Room, and there was a balcony overlooking the Living Room below. That worked TOO well as the lodge used to have a fairly active party life each night, and individuals liked to jump from the balcony onto the bean bag lounges that were the only furniture back then. Fortunately no-one was hurt.

Turning Room 9 into a bedroom coincided with a desire to reduce the number of double bunks in the bedrooms. That solved the safety issues, and worked in with putting the beautiful cedar ceilings in (by Ken Bone builder and former member from Wyong).

Having a taste for single beds in lieu of double bunks, the Board looked for more bedrooms as we did not want to reduce the number of 24 beds in the lodge. This worked in with the advent of Room 4 under what used to be the northern deck outside the kitchen, and the conservatory enclosure of the deck to create the new dining room.

Did you know the dining tables were built out of giant thick floorboards from one of the old Newcastle Showground Pavilions that was demolished about the time of lodge construction? You may not believe it, but the existing dining tables and bench seats fitted into where the tea/coffee counter and the refrigerator and the island prep bench is. The kitchen was a bit shorter then.

The design of that area was and still is deliberate. The Board had been to enough lodges and ski resorts to know that people took several days to become friendly, and we wanted to speed that process up so people would enjoy the Mulubinba experience more than elsewhere. Thus the kitchen/dining was designed to be on the sunny side along with the living rooms to make them cheerful places to be in. Also the island sink bench was designed so people could chat as they did the dishes, and the crockery/cutlery cabinet suspended at the end of the drain boards was there so "drying uppers" could chat too and not have to move to put things away.

The double kitchen layout and the compact dining area were intended to achieve the same objective of getting people to mix from DAY ONE at the lodge. It still seems to work that way even with the new layout of the cookers at one end. That was necessary anyway to get the range exhausts on the external wall. Previously the north wall of the kitchen was onto the deck that became the new dining room, so one of the cookers was there previously and could exhaust to the exterior.

I think the large dining tables and bench seats, plus the two sided fire place directly adjacent the kitchen and dining also encourage people to mix. There is a benefit for those who need a bit of quiet or separate time (eg kids like to have their own space). The combination of kitchen/dining/2 sided fire hearth means there are 4 areas in the living spaces, so you can find a quiet corner if you want. It helps to compensate for the loss of the Games Room previously in Room 9.

The closing in of the deck for the new dining room necessitated the window in the east wall of Room 8 too. But all these changes have made the lodge more comfortable and evolved to meet the wants of the members.

Talking about evolution of members wants, let's remember the bathrooms. In the 1970's everyone was quite happy with gang showers, and clear glass windows so we could check out the mountain every morning while cleaning our teeth. No-one was concerned about someone taking a peek through the windows from the outside (not that they did). The custom of the times back then, and the wish of the Board to get people to "mix" also suited shared bathrooms rather than en-suites.

En-suites were far too expensive for our budget anyway. As a result having the Mens and Womens was quite acceptable, and has worked well (with the installation of some obscured glass and window curtains etc etc over time). Another convenience drawn from overseas is having a toilet close to the Wet Room lobby where people get into ski boots etc before leaving the lodge. You would be surprised how often kids and adults have a call of nature just when you are finally “kitted up” and ready to leave. It took some designing for the plans to work out with the Mens next to the Wet Room. The extra WC just installed in the Laundry makes this convenience even better.

In 2014 you will see a big updating with separate shower cubicles and a totally new fit-out of the bathrooms. The Board had previously looked at en-suites by using up existing bedrooms between two others. That meant reducing bed numbers and was not acceptable, so the alternative was to extend the bedroom corridors on each level to put extra bedrooms with en-suites on the eastern side.

The killer on those concepts was the NPWS who said that level of renovation or extension of the lodge meant the whole building had to be brought up to “disable accessible” standard. Well that would mean almost every door, corridor and stair, the entry etc etc would be effected.

You would remember the upgrade of the lodge for fire safety from the 1970 standards it was built for. We had to bring it up to the 2000 standardsa very necessary job, but it cost a lot of money and would have to be redone also. Thus we are keeping the lodge improvements to within its existing walls, at least until there is a more amenable government policy for buildings.

Maybe I should go back to the actual construction of the lodge. Ludwig Limbeck was our builder and we did check out a couple of other lodges he had built and talked to their owners/members. He had a good reputation and he was one of the pioneers of post-WW2 skiing in the Snowy, along with the others I have mentioned. Jumping ahead a little, it was only AFTER we had Ludwig contracted and he had started construction we discovered he had decided “this was the year he would expand his business”. Apparently he had contracted to do 2 other lodges in the same year. When we heard this it rang alarm bells. The alarm bells intensified when John Donkin started reporting Ludwig was visiting him in Canberra to ask for advances on the cash flow. This is a no-no in construction contracts, as progress has to be made on the building in stages that have to be certified as complete before cash is released for the next stage.

End Hoffman14/3/14

6. NEGOTIATING A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AND START of CONSTRUCTION . THE SAGA OF THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD



shortland alpine club

NEWSLETTER

APRIL, 1975

No. 10

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RELUCTANT DECISION ON BOOKINGS

Naturally, all our ears have been cocked for news from Perisher about progress on the construction of the lodge. Since issuing our last Newsletter, the builder has unfortunately fallen further behind the agreed schedule. A week and a half of rain has not assisted him.

The slab floor of the basement has been poured and all blockwork between the basement and the ground floor has been completed. As this Newsletter leaves for the printer's, a start was made on the pouring of the floor of the first level. Further progress will be governed by weather conditions for autumn and the efforts of the Builder.

Our architect, Kevin Hoffman, believes that, by the commencement of winter, progress will only have reached lock-up stage.

The Builder however, asserts that the *whole project* will be completed by the end of June, and we have been told of him having complied with at least one similar construction schedule for another cooperative club.

Nonetheless, and please take careful note, your Directors cannot share his confidence and ...

In order to be fair to everybody they have decided that the money already paid by members for accommodation in the lodge this coming winter will be **refunded**.

If it becomes apparent that the Lodge will, in fact, be ready for use by members later in the season members will be informed and bookings will be reopened.

GAINS FROM WORKING BEES

As a result of the three working bees held at the Engineering Faculty, University of Newcastle, the Club is now the proud owner of 24 bunks, two coffee tables, two dining tables and several benches. They are a pleasing manifestation of enthusiasm and coordinated effort.

As regards equipment, we have taken delivery of 28 mattresses and 30 pillows. Tentatively, orders have been placed for two stoves, two 15-cu. ft. fridges, 24 electric blankets, 14 electric heaters, three hot water services (135 gallons of hot water!), exhaust fans, lighting, jugs and toasters.

Of general interest is the appointment of a **Lodge Chandler** and **Provender** to make preliminary plans for the stocking of the larder and the cellar.

HOUSE RULES

A draft of proposed rules for the Lodge (aimed at promoting efficiency, comfort and safety whilst members are in residence) has been copied for consideration by Directors at their next meeting.

In brief, the rules appeal for cooperation to be extended to the Lodge Captain and for the requirements of group living to be met. Cleaning, the removal of rubbish, the sale of food and miscellaneous responsibilities are all provided for.

When the Board stamps its approval on the document it will be circulated to members and non-members when bookings are made.

MORE WORKING BEES

We have mentioned the satisfying advances made as a result of working bees. Another is being arranged for an early date — not necessarily April 13, as previously announced. Ample notice will be given.

We cannot give all the details yet, but the "on site" working bee, at Perisher, will take place in May or June. Keep reading your Newsletters for the opportunity to volunteer your services.

SOCIAL OUTING

A **Moonlight Cruise** around Lake Macquarie, on the "Wangi Queen", has been arranged. It will be a wine and cheese evening, with dancing to the romantic music of Rob Watterson.

Date: : Friday, 25th April (Anzac Day)
Departs : Jetty next to Hirecraft Marine, Toronto.
Board the boat at 8 p.m. for departure at approximately 8.15 p.m. (No refund for late arrivals).
Returns : To Toronto at 11.30 p.m.
What to Bring : Your own wine and glasses. Cheese and biscuits will be supplied.
Cost : \$3.50 single
\$6.00 double

Fill in slip below and mail by 16/4/75 to: **Dr. I.E. Lewis, 132 Dilkera Avenue, Valentine. 2280** (Make cheques payable to Shortland Alpine Club)

NOTE: There is a limit on the space available in the ferry. Please try to book early to avoid disappointment. First, tickets will be sold to members and a number of friends. After 16th April the remaining tickets will be made available.

Enclosed is a cheque for \$..... for tickets for the "Wangi Queen" cruise on 25th April.

1974 Building commences. Foundations, rock work and the frame goes up, then spends the winter covered in snow. Timbers twist in the cold. Ray Keys wears a path from Redhead to Perisher.

Early 1975 Owen Scott convenes a couple of "work-ins" at the Mechanical Engineers Department to construct a bar, beds, tables and seats (which we still use today). Workers enjoyed a Picnic Lunch and BBQ with drinks. Ray Keys wears out his ute driving from Redhead to Perisher. The builder promises a 1976 opening.

1976. It is all go. A major Working Bee is scheduled for Easter at the lodge.

Mette and I had just got together and I coerced her into coming with me to "our ski lodge in Perisher Valley" for a "holiday". On arrival she was asked if she could sew and was sat down to make our curtains, while Owen Scott gave her the job of sanding the bar. Ray Keys gave Brett (4y.o.) a paint brush and tin of paint and started him on the men's bathroom walls while I became an apprentice electrician for Ray Fox. We had to paint the front wall but the ladders were too short so a ladder was constructed for the job. It was exciting in the wind. Carl Fulton and Kim Butler were tied to the chimney and lowered over the edge of the roof to paint the eaves. OHS??? The front steps were installed and suitable endorsed by all. When the meter boards were finished we then dug out the external drains around the building.

Adrian Page was a worry on Party Night with his black wig. We ran out of beer and sent him up to Narraburra to see if we could borrow some. He came back down the hill with a carton of VB? And promptly fell down a "Tooheys Hole". Adrian was woken up in the morning with a full and open can of beer still sitting on his bedpost. Must have passed out?

End Heaston 20/4/14.

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The building of the lodge was quite a saga, as contrary to the original intentions, the construction period extended over two years and thus included a winter season in mid-construction. This was mainly because of the poor performance of the original builder (the infamous Ludwig Limbeck), who was ski instructor in the winter and a builder in the summer. Despite the fact that he had been recommended by others, he turned out to be a disappointment, both in terms of the quality of his work and in his ability to deliver. I am sure others will be able to provide more details of this period, but the eventual outcome was that, despite the best efforts of a number of Club members, the building was only half finished at the end of the first summer, and it had to be left to stand over the following winter. At that stage the building had been constructed up to the first floor level, with the timber frame of the top of the building only partially completed. The loft flooring was therefore left

exposed to the elements for a full winter season (this was why the loft floor “creaked” for many years afterwards!).

The contract with Limbeck was terminated, and during that winter period, through the efforts of Kevin Hoffman and others, a new builder from the Central Coast was engaged, and he completed the building over the following summer very efficiently. A lot of the components (including the kitchen) were prefabricated and taken down from the central coast. One of the key member contributors during this period was Ray Keys, who fortunately had the willingness and the time to spend considerable periods at the lodge during the construction period to represent our interests. He and many other volunteers also did a lot of work on the building itself during this period. John Donkin, who by then had moved to Canberra, was also one of our key contacts for liaison with Perisher.

At the same time over this period, there was also considerable activity in Newcastle involving a series of working bees to build the lodge furniture (much of which is still in the use in the lodge to-day). Due to our connections with the Faculty of Engineering at the University, with the approval of a sympathetic Dean of Engineering, we were able to use the Mechanical Engineering laboratory facilities over several weekends to build the tables, benches, beds etc. The key organisers of these working bees were Owen Scott and Bob Scobie, both of whom worked in the Mechanical Engineering department at that time. Owen also was the main designer of the furniture which was built with recycled timber which he obtained from a local supplier.

DONKIN Email 27/7/2013

It was just after this in November 1973, that I moved to Canberra. I remember several Board Members saying that it was fortuitous that the club would have a man in Canberra – close to the action in Perisher. Because I was no longer in Newcastle, I resigned from the Board of the Club. But it soon became obvious that I needed some level of formal authority to negotiate with the builder, the NPWS and others during the construction phase. For that reason Barrie suggested that I go back on the Board.

One of my first jobs was to negotiate with Ludwig on the price. We provided him with a set of drawings. Old Ludwig used to drive from Perisher to Canberra for our meetings – he drank a lot of coffee and ate a lot of our biscuits. On his second trip to our place, he gave me his initial quotation, which was well over the top. I explained that we had a budget; based on our Architect’s estimates and that we could not go ahead at his price. Basically he agreed to build at our price.

I have often wondered whether the danger signs were not then emerging – that he had no chance of building the lodge at our price. But 20/20 hindsight is always great and in retrospect, I believe he just totally lost his mojo and for whatever reason no one would work for him anymore. But this was not known to us at the time – the best information we had was that he was OK.

As we know, he completed the block-work in the first season and half the frame in the second.

Ludwig made several trips to Canberra pleading for money (in advance) to progress the construction. They weren't pleasant meetings. Guided by you on the amount of reasonable progress payments based on actual progress to date, I held my ground. Ludwig just didn't have the working capital necessary to complete his obligations under the contract. His was a sad and sorry story.

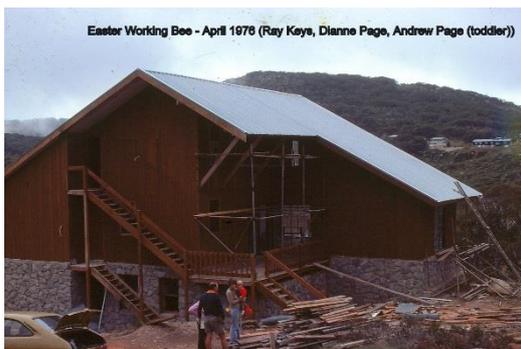
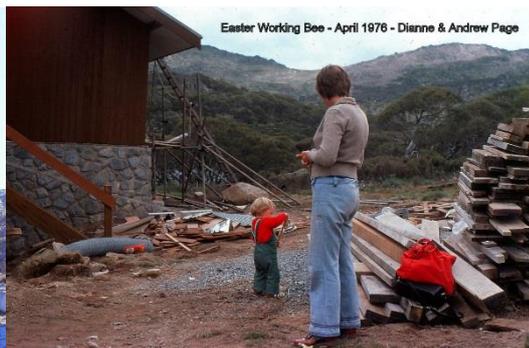
Someone did comment to me later that we lost money through overpaying Ludwig. That was certainly not the case.

This was the end of my initial chapter. Others best know the story of the Newcastle building gang that completed the construction.

Being in Canberra, I continued to do whatever was needed by way of on-the-spot work or contacts. I arranged firewood and for several years hired a truck from Canberra, drove to Cooma on the Friday, loaded the truck with Pantry provisions and joined the working-bee on the Saturday for whatever was needed to prepare the lodge for the season. This continued until I left Canberra and moved in 1983 to the USA for a year and to Adelaide in 1984.

Those from the early days I remember are Barrie Mitcheson and Adrian Page, Owen Scott, Marvin Heaston, Ray Keys (Ray's heart was always in SAC, even though he did occasionally stir up a little mischief) and Kev Hoffman the architect.

I did forward the Club some early photographs some time back. They should be on file somewhere. END DONKIN Email24/7/2013





Start Hoffman 14/3/14.

SAC having limited money, we relied on the volunteering of the members who had the appropriate qualifications and skills to bring the idea to reality. But the work was taken on in a spirit of conviviality and common cause, lots of parties and get togethers. It did not seem like work.

Talking about money, I think we built the first stage of Mulubinba for \$75,000. Even in those days that was cheap, and showed in the basic interior where the interior ceiling lining was the underside of the insulation. The panel floor sheets had weathered one winter when Ludwig did not get to “lock up” in the first summer. Some had warped as had some of the beams, so the top floor was squeaky in parts (the lower 2 floors are concrete). Initially the walls to the upper bedrooms were clad in only a single layer of gyprock both sides.....so acoustic privacy was non-existent (now there are 4 layers on each wall). I recall we had a working bee at the end of the 2nd summer when we were rushing to finish the lodge. We had put the roof insulation up on the rafters, and had fixed the battens for the metal sheeting. A thunder storm came up as we were putting the last roof sheets on and we made a decision to keep working until it rained in order to finish the roof. We got that done just as the thunder and lightning came overhead.

The next day we put the flashings on the roof, and then we needed to paint the barges and lower fascia boards around the edge of the roof. None were keen to do the top sections as they were so high and dangerous. Finally Kym Butler volunteered and we belayed him with a rope around his waist and over the ridge of the roof to people on the other side in case he slipped and fell. Kym painted his way around the roof edges almost to cheers from those on the ground. Another great party ensued that night.

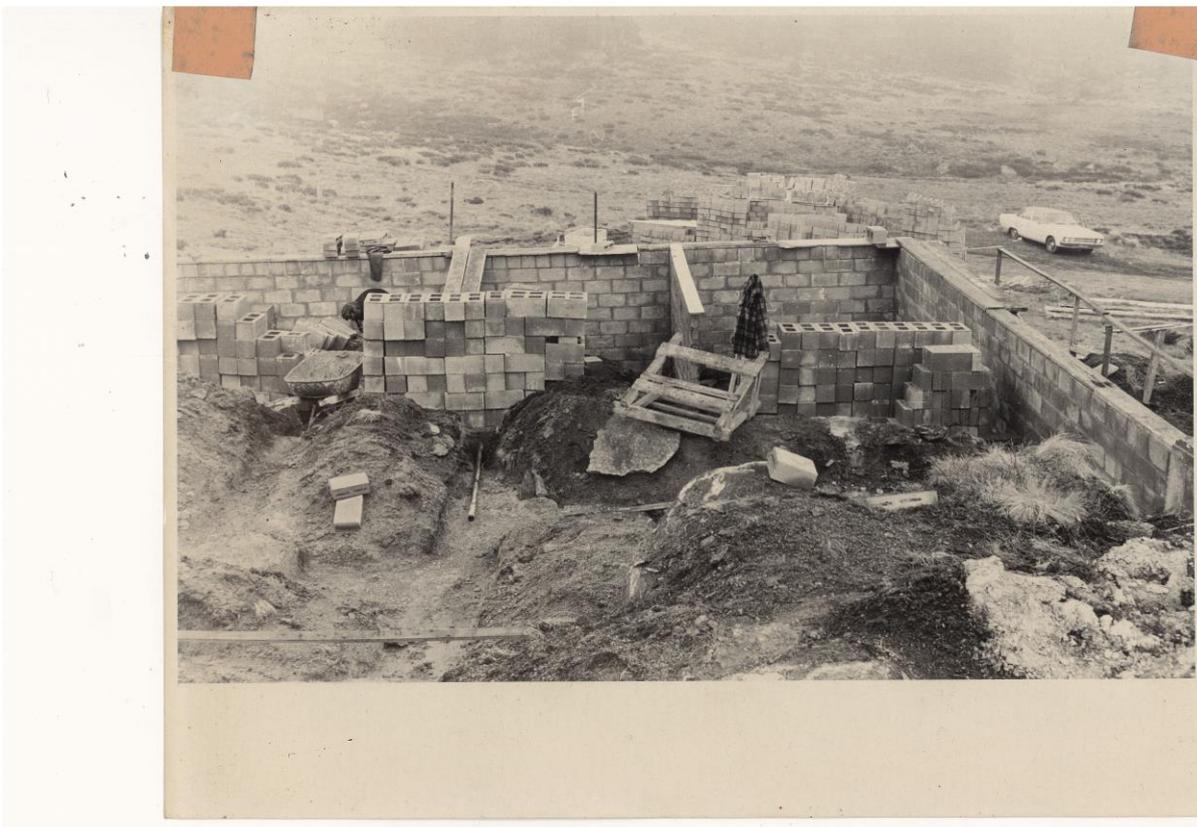
At one stage we ran out of money, and we made a second call on the members, so it took us to \$750 a members share. That was quite a lot of money for 1974-76 period when you were on a young person's wage. Also being a co-operative the “share” did not appreciate in value over time, so it was a donation in reality. The benefit is having a place in the snow and cheaper than commercial accommodation costs. Here are some photos from the early construction works progress. You can see the Swagman in the background of one photo.



This photo is from the turning circle on the road.



This photo is near the uphill deck at the corner of the living room.



This photo shows the Mens' bathroom and Laundry and Bedroom 2 sub-walls.

End Hoffman14/3/14

Start Mitcheson Email 15 May 2014

MULUBINBA SKI LODGE PHOTO TITLES

Slide No	IMAGE	Note
001		Judy Mitcheson admiring construction
002		Brickie building fireplace? His wine flask was never far away.
003		John Donkin looking sceptical or pensive
004		Unfinished business – open to weather
005		
006		View to – above unfinished entrance
007		Roofless and lonely

Slide No	IMAGE	Note
008		Unfinished entrance lobby and stairwell
009		John Donkin looking less pensive
010		Unfinished entrance lobby and stairwell
011		Spaghetti
012		Early days
013		Still early days
014		Wall and workshop
015		Jan Mitcheson?

Slide No	IMAGE	Note
016		First snow season for almost-complete lodge
017		First snow season for almost-complete lodge People inside but no smoke from chimney
018		Sunny snow day
019		Multiple toboggan run
020		As for 016
021		As for 018, - Beautiful lodge!
022		As 021
023		Snow frolics

Slide No	IMAGE	Note
024		Earlier shot of unfinished lodge
025		Minefield
026		Snug for winter

End Mitcheson Email 15 May 2014

7. THE FIRST SEASON AND GETTING Mulubinba FINALLY COMPLETED including furnishings.

As we approached the completion date we needed an audit for the bank and ourselves to know we would not run out of money just at the time of opening for business. You have read above the special efforts made by club members to get the lodge completed. It is interesting to see the Audit and to read the Notice of Meeting for 18 June, 1976 when the lodge was declared ready for use and the

provisions to tide us over the first season until the cash flow became established.

N O T I C E O F
A N N U A L G E N E R A L M E E T I N G

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the fourth Annual General Meeting of the Shortland Alpine Club Co-Operative Limited will be held in the Engineering Lecture Theatre, EFO2, University of Newcastle on Friday, 18th June, 1976, at 7.30 p.m. to:

1. Receive Minutes of previous General Meeting.
2. Receive the Chairman's Report, Annual Statement of Accounts, Balance Sheets and Auditor's Report thereon.
3. Elect Directors.
4. Elect Auditors.
5. Hear a report on the construction and operation of the lodge.
6. To consider the following special resolution: "That the Shortland Alpine Club Co-Operative Ltd. issue up to forty additional \$2.00 shares, to offset increased capital costs incurred during construction".
7. Transact any other Ordinary Business.

Notice of Special Resolution

A notice of special resolution has been received from Owen Scott:

~~"That this Annual General Meeting resolve that Rule 21 (c) of this Society be replaced by:~~

21 (c) If a sum called in respect of a share is not paid before or on the day appointed for payment thereof the person from whom the sum is due shall pay interest upon the sum at a rate determined from time to time as seemed necessary by the board but not exceeding fifteen per cent per annum from the day appointed thereof to the time of the actual payment. The application of such interest charge shall be ~~automatically applied~~, except that the board shall be at liberty to waive payment of that interest wholly or in part."

Notice of Motion

A notice of motion has been received from Owen Scott:

~~"That this Annual General Meeting instruct the board to utilize~~ rules 22 (a), (b) and (c) to claim payment from all members with outstanding calls or instalments, outstanding for a period in excess of ninety days and to subsequently, by application of rules 23 (a) and (b) and any other rules as necessary, sell all or any of the shares forfeited by this procedure.

SHORTLAND ALPINE CLUB CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED

(Incorporated in N.S.W. under the
Co-operation Act 1923 as amended)

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Registered Office:

64 Watt Street,
Newcastle, 2300

Postal Address:

P.O. Box 201,
Charlestown, 2290

Lodge Site - Perisher Valley

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DIRECTORS

B. Mitcheson, B.A., A.L.A.A., (Chairman)
A.W. Page, B.E., A.S.T.C., M.I.E.Aust. (Deputy Chairman)
J.M. Scobie, B.A., Dip. Ed., A.L.A.A. (Secretary)
R. Keys
A. Blayden
J. Donkin, A.A.S.A.(Snr.), A.C.I.S., Dip. Bus. Stud.
D.J. Benson, B.A., Dip. Ed.
N.E. Brock, B.E., M.I.E.Aust.
K.G. Hoffman, B.Arch., A.R.A.I.A.
M.L. Heaston, B.Pharm., M.P.S.

AUDITOR

K.W. Hamilton, A.A.S.A.

BANKERS

Commonwealth Banking Corporation
University of Newcastle Branch

SOLICITORS

Thomas Mitchell & Co.
P.O. Box 129, Belmont

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the fourth annual report of the Shortland Alpine Club. This is the year in which we have succeeded in achieving our main objective - the completion of our Lodge Mulubinba is now complete and ready for use.

Our continuing task from now on is twofold. We have to ensure, firstly that the friendly spirit that has developed amongst members is maintained and, secondly, that we achieve a firm financial footing so that we might continue to develop the club and its physical manifestation, the Lodge. The fact that the building now exists does not mean that we can relax altogether. We have to maintain the Lodge through work parties, equipment must be updated as it becomes obsolete and we must continue to improve the facilities of the building. I feel that it is one of, if not, the most pleasing and comfortable lodges in the Valley and we all have a responsibility to keep it that way through our own efforts and the efforts of the people we allow to use it - our own friends.

Although I have been absent from the frenetic state of activity that has been taking place at the Newcastle end of the operation for some time now the Board saw fit to retain me as their Chairman. However, the credit for the Herculean efforts of the past twelve months goes to the other Board members under the able deputy-chairmanship of Adrian Page. Their achievements have been matched by all those club members who have assisted on a voluntary basis. Members visiting the Lodge will see the results of their labours but will not really appreciate the amount of time and money that the voluntary workforce have unselfishly contributed. In many ways they have put something of themselves into the Lodge. Too numerous to mention individually I can only thank them as a group.

To all members I can only say congratulations! Your co-operation, support, and goodwill have given us all something we can be proud of and that we can all enjoy for many years to come. I hope to meet you all at the Lodge sooner or later. Mulubinba will continue to be what we made it.

Good luck.

BARRIE MITCHESON

Board Meetings

There were 16 Board Meetings during the year and attendances of Directors, listed alphabetically, were as follows:

D. Benson	7
A. Blayden	15
N. Brock	13
R. Calvin*	7
J. Donkin	1
M. Heaston#	6
K. Hoffman	11
R. Keys	16
B. Mitcheson	2
A. Page	16
J. Scobie	15

* Resigned as a Director 24.2.76

Committees

Convenors of the various committees are as follows:

- Social Committee : I. Lewis
- Bookings & Rules : N. Brock
- House & Furnishing : O. Scott
- Building : K. Hoffman

Other Office Bearers

- Treasurer : M. Heaston
- Director in Charge of Bookings : N. Brock
- Assistant Booking Officer : K. McDonnell
- Building Co-Ordinator : J. Donkin
- Lodge Provender & Chandler : D. Cocking
- Lodge Manager : A. Blayden
- Publicity Officer : D. Benson

B. Mitcheson
Chairman

Issue of Additional Share Capital

It appears that the club will face a short term liquidity problem towards the end of this year. Despite the efforts of the Board to keep costs to a minimum, the effects of inflation over the last 2½ years have taken their toll. The original contract price of \$69,000 for the building shell, (not including fittings, furnishings and some finishes), was negotiated early in 1974.

Expenditure to date on the building and contents is \$95,000. (This does not include original establishment fees paid to the Park Trust.) This figure may seem frightening, but it is remarkably low when all the problems that we have encountered are considered, particularly the cancellation of the original building contract.

The building is already officially valued (and insured) for \$120,000, with contents an additional \$10,000. If the original contract price of \$69,000 for the building shell is corrected to present day prices, (using an average inflation rate of say 15% for 2½ years), the present value of the contract would be \$98,000. With extra allowances for finishing and furnishing, the final cost of \$95,000 appears very reasonable.

Unfortunately, to meet this capital cost, some of this years booking revenue has had to be diverted to this area. This means that towards the end of the year, to meet our operating expenses, a deficit of \$2,000-\$3,000 will be incurred. (The exact figure will depend upon further booking revenue and exact operation and maintenance costs.) It should be stressed that this situation will not occur in future years, as income from bookings this year is already sufficient to cover projected operating costs (if these initial expenses did not have to be met).

The Board feels that authority to issue up to 40 additional \$2.00 shares per member will provide sufficient capital to offset the projected deficit, and provide sufficient working capital for the future.

Adrian Page
Deputy-Chairman
(On behalf of the Board)

AUDITOR'S REPORT

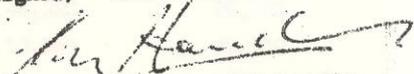
SECTION 89 (4) - CO-OPERATION ACT

I have completed my audit of the Books and Records of the SHORTLAND ALPINE CLUB CO-OPERATIVE LTD., for the year ended 31st March, 1976 and report the following:

1. To the best of my knowledge and belief, I have obtained all the information and explanations required for the purposes of the audit.
2. In my opinion, the proper books of account have been kept by the Society, so far as appears from my examination of these books.
3. The foregoing Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 1976 and Profit and Loss Account for the period ended on that date, are in agreement with the Books of Account of the Society.
4. In my opinion, and to the best of my information and according to the explanations given to me, the said Accounts give the information required by or under the Co-operation Act 1923, as amended in the manner so required, and give a true and fair view -
 - i. In the case of the Balance Sheet of the state of the Society's affairs as at 31st March, 1976 and
 - ii. In the case of the Profit and Loss Account for the period ended on that date.
5. In my opinion, the Register of Members and other records which the Society is required to keep by or under this Act or by its Rules, have been properly kept.
6. That the rules relating to the administration of the funds of the Society have been observed.

DATED at Newcastle, this Seventeenth day of June, 1976.

(Signed) Keith Hamilton


Registered Under the

SHORTLAND ALPINE CLUB CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST MARCH, 1976.

	1976	1975
ISSUED CAPITAL:	\$	\$
28,600 shares of \$2 each fully paid	57,200	35,200
Shares of \$2 each (paid to \$1)	-	22,000
		57,000
Less - Uncalled capital	-	11,000
	57,200	46,200
Less - Members calls in arrears	5,508	5,397
	51,692	40,803
Add - Members calls in advance	-	720
	51,692	41,523
ACCUMULATED PROFITS	1,876	1,427
SHARE CAPITAL AND RESERVES	\$ 53,568	\$ 42,950
Represented by:		
NON CURRENT ASSETS:		
Leasehold improvements (at cost)	85,865	32,368
Furniture & fittings (at cost)	8,579	2,134
Unexpired community service fee (at cost)	3,461	3,656
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash at bank - investment account	-	42,141
- Canberra account	892	-
Cash on hand	40	60
Other debtors and prepayments	1,054	731
TOTAL ASSETS -	\$ 99,991	\$ 81,084
Less:-		
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Bank Loan - secured	25,000	30,000
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		
Bank overdraft	1,281	(249)
Bank loan - secured	5,718	5,573
Advance booking fees	3,390	1,225
Other creditors and accrued expenses	10,934	1,585
TOTAL LIABILITIES	46,323	38,383
	\$ 53,568	\$ 42,950

SHORTLAND ALPINE CLUB CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED.
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1976.

	1975	1976
Entrance fees	64	9
Annual subscriptions	1,440	1,440
Interest received	1,322	1,230
	\$ 2,826	\$ 2,679
Audit fees	145	120
Bank charges	98	192
Community Service fee	195	195
Electricity	60	-
General expenses	19	2
Insurance	111	110
Interest - Bank	770	756
Postage	163	157
Provisions	60	-
Printing & stationery	27	311
Rent	323	240
Social functions	23	-
Telephone	176	39
Travelling	202	287
	\$ 2,377	\$ 2,409
Profit (Loss) for the year	449	270
Accumulated profits at 31st March, 1975	1,427	1,157
Accumulated Profits at 31st March, 1976	\$ 1,876	\$ 1,427

End audit

One other aspect was the selection of a suitable name for the lodge. After canvassing suggestions from our members for a suitable name which would reflect the Hunter based nature of the cooperative, we settled on the name "Mulubinba". This was suggested by John Armstrong (our first Publicity Officer) and was the local aboriginal name for a fern which grew in the Newcastle region. The spelling which was adopted was suggested by John – it is interesting that since that time, the name has also been applied to other things as well, including the Newcastle floating dock which only recently was sold overseas (the spelling for that was "Mulloobinba" - since there was no written word for the local indigenous population, in reality there is really no "correct spelling").

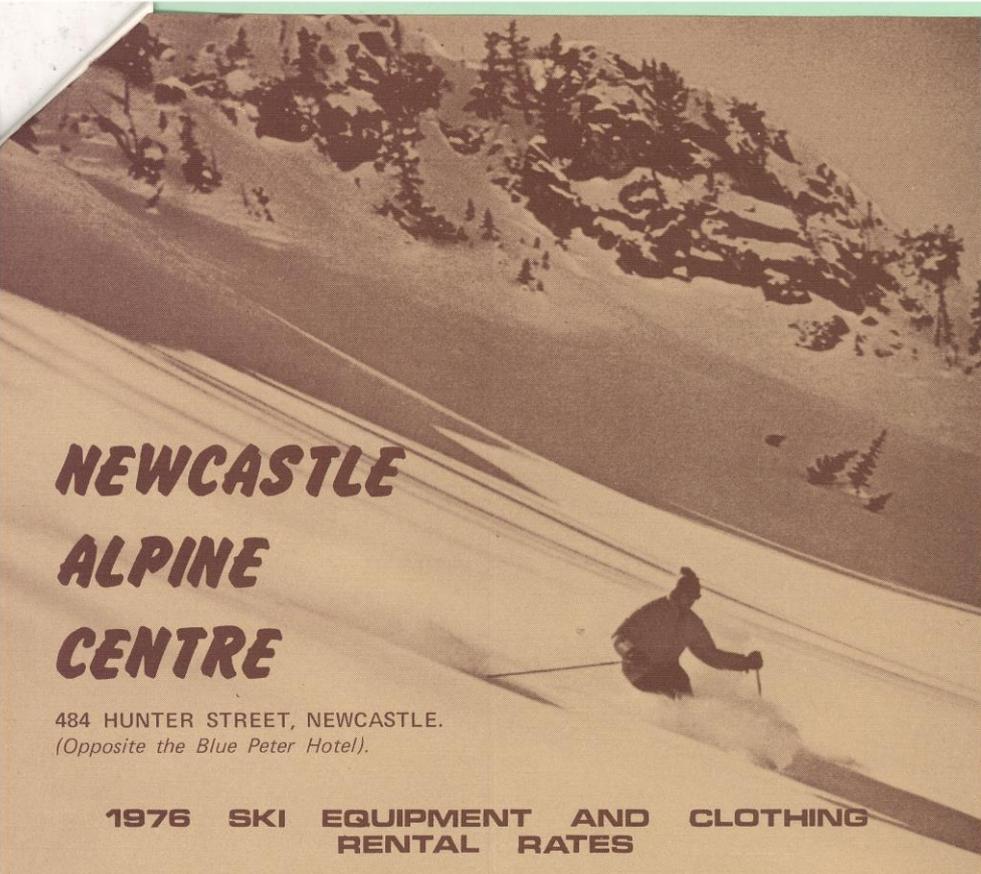
The summer period before our first winter booking season was a hive of activity both in Newcastle and Perisher, with numerous trips to Perisher by a number of members. This culminated in the most critical working bee over the Easter weekend of that year. This involved making the lodge habitable (and most importantly "rentable" for the coming winter, as we had taken bookings for the winter on the assumption that it would be available). Because much of the booking income had already been committed, our financial viability (and to some extent the survival of the Club), hinged on a successful first winter season. A bunch of us went down to the lodge for Easter and worked on all sorts of activities including installing benches and furniture, painting, making curtains etc., to at least make the lodge habitable. Despite the pressure to get things done, this period was also a very enjoyable social experience which generated on-going friendships which still survive to-day.

One other major task completed by voluntary labour during this period was the external and internal painting of the lodge. This in itself was a major undertaking, further complicated by the fact that the original external colour (which had been approved by NPWS) was deemed unsuitable after we had partially completed it! I also remember some fairly dubious OH & S practices during this process, including the painting of the high roof fascia by a couple of our members lying on the roof and reaching over, with a supporting safety rope wrapped around the chimney!

In its initial stage, the lodge was still fairly basic – one particular thing I remember was that the loft area was one large, open area nominally subdivided by curtains and obviously not very soundproof. When the lodge was fully occupied, this resulted in some interesting scenarios, especially late at night after a few drinks! The original building also had one less bedroom, with a smaller dining area adjacent to the kitchen and a deck where the current glazed dining area is now located. The new glazed dining area and accompanying decks were added with the renovations in the 1990's when the Club had accumulated some spare funds. This also involved the creation of the new Room 4 on the ground floor which incorporated a reinforced concrete slab above to create the floor of the glazed dining area.

8. STORIES FROM THE EARLY YEARS.

Look at the equipment rental prices for our early operation!!



NEWCASTLE ALPINE CENTRE

484 HUNTER STREET, NEWCASTLE.
(Opposite the Blue Peter Hotel).

1976 SKI EQUIPMENT AND CLOTHING RENTAL RATES

Skis and Equipment

	Week end	3 Days	Week	Deposit
Skis, Stocks, Boots	\$ 13.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 23.00	\$ 20.00
Skis, Stocks	\$ 8.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 20.00
Boots Only	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00
Stocks	\$ 2.00	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Toboggans	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 5.00
Chains	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00

Clothing

	Week end	3 Days	Week	Deposit
Parka and Pants	\$ 11.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 17.00	\$ 20.00
Over Pants	\$ 5.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Parka Only	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Pants	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Après. Boots	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 15.00

- * We stock a full range of new Skis, Boots, Clothing, etc. for sale and for rent.
- * Persons wishing to rent equipment and clothing should do so at least three days prior to departing.
- * Discounts of 10% will be given to persons who book and pay in advance of one month prior to Ski Holiday or Week end.
- * Student discounts of 10% at all times on retail and rental equipment.
- * WEEKEND RENTAL — pick up Thursday or Friday and return on the following Monday morning. WEEKLY RENTAL — pick up Thursday or Friday and return Monday morning one week later.

Trading Hours

Monday to Friday: 8.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Thursday and Friday: 8.30 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. (Friday only in Ski Season).
Saturday: 8.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.

Heaston email20/4/14

August 1976 saw a new Board of Directors (we wore out some of the originals). Ray Keys was given a specific job description of "Occupation Indescribable". We actually made a profit for our first season, "the lodge is performing reasonably well. At least it is warm, doesn't leak much and the fire no longer smokes." Finances were a bit grim during the final stages of construction, some directors helping out personally, and a further share issue was approved for necessary capital works next summer. Joe Connolly expresses his support for "our gem at the Perisher". Booking Fees are now \$30 for a member and \$70 for a visitor. There was only a minimal supply of goods available via the valley shop, in The Man. Fresh food and lodge supplies had to be carried in on arrival day, so our pantry was expanded to include a range of essential items like cask wine.

1977 was another great year for Perisher. The lack of toilets at the centre became an issue for all. We used to stand guard outside the Men's so our ladies didn't have to queue up forever. The loft division into two bedrooms continues to divide. Winter occupancy was 75%, with members' children "on the increase". Geebung explodes in spectacular fashion while we are on Front Valley. An old refrigerator in the basement caused the fire and the gas cylinders outside went into orbit. Fortunately everyone was out skiing. We used Geebung for accommodation during our building phase. Summer rates are set at \$10.

Some of us ran a car swap system where you brought two sets of car keys with you and someone going out would drive your car back down to Sawpit for you and lock it up with the keys in it. Next weekend you picked it up the same way on your way out. You could also leave your car at the Jindabyne BP and get a lift up in the back of their Toyota which was fun with children, skis and food.

A "Boys Week" starts to become a reality. Gaynor Keena infringed the basic rule and turned up with Harry to witness a Nudie Run around the lodge with the subsequent bare bums shivering by the fireplace. Denis Flanagan excelled by donning skis and boots and skiing down to the Man, giving a whole new meaning to the dangers of "exposure". While talking about Denis he arrived at the lodge one winter by rolling down the hill from Narraburra in his army greatcoat. I remember his toothpaste had a sweet grassy smell to it.

1978 was the "Year of Snow" Geebung was rebuilt. Doug Dyce was an expert in playing the spoons. John Fenwick and I managed to break a T-Bar and cause havoc for the people behind. The lodge meeting place was "The Rock". The (original) Pub was the Apres Ski drinking "hole" and you could catch the oversnow outside the door back to the lodge.

1979 and Mette broke her leg on the Monday. The kids were very supportive. "I suppose this means we have to go home?"

Kay Everingham cooked scones every afternoon and we found out how much fun it is to have a bath with a broken leg. Kay also started Saturday Party Night by taking everyone's leftovers and creating a feast for all.

1982 and the snow was poor so we had to walk all the way to Spencers for the KAC XC race start. Ray Keys broke a binding at the start and had to retire hurt.

1986 we decided we needed an outside BBQ so Alan Blayden made the hot plate and Ray Keys used up the left over kitchen tiles for decoration. The bright orange tiles drew a fair bit of criticism and the BBQ disappeared after a year or two.

May 1987 and Dimitri Rontidis, a visitor, decided to hand feed one of the local foxes that used to hang around the Swagman kitchen at night looking for scraps. Almost brought a more meaning to "hand fed"

The weather for the Paddy Pallin XC Classic was at its gale force best. John Edwards, wearing tracksuit pants, arrived at the Chalet (half way) in a great deal of personal discomfort. We waited for him to borrow a hairdryer in the Chalet to thaw his private parts for the trip home.

1989 Attempting to learn how to use skate skis and waxes I had a build-up of three inches of snow under my skis as the KAC started. It only got worse. I did it again the next year too, just to prove a point.

A game of rugby in the lounge room featured a club member as the ball. Boy's week of course.

1998 the snow was so bad in XC week that we held the inaugural "Mulubinba Cup" a XC event around Perisher in walking boots. Team Bundy won the event.

2007 In September Brett Heaston and Sharon Bateson were married at Mulubinba in the dining area. Guests stayed at Mulubinba, The Swagman and The Man. On order it snowed.

End Heaston 20/4/14

Last payment on our original loan with the University of Newcastle,
Commonwealth Bank
(Tony Herzog (senior), Harry Keena, Adrian Page & Mr Mathews (bank
manager))



8. THE CROSS COUNTRY SKIERS.

History to come, please send in your memories.

9. THE MAINTENANCE CREWS.

History to come, please send in your memories.

10. THE SNOW FALLS & WINTERS till 1986.

History to come, please send in your memories.

11. SUMMER SEASONS IN THE FIRST 10 YEARS.

History to come, please send in your memories.

12. THE SERIES OF RENOVATIONS.

History to come, please send in your memories.

13. STORIES UP TO THE PRESENT.

History to come, please send in your memories.

14. Do you have a new Chapter so suggest??

History to come please send in your memories.

ADDENDA

A. BOARD MEMBERS OVER THE YEARS

1972-73

Chairman B Mitcheson. Dep Chair A.W. Page. Sec J.M. Scobie.

Treas J.C. Donkin. Publicity J. Armstrong

Board I.R.Beamon, D.J.Benson, N.E.Brock, K.G.Hoffman, J.M.Scott.

1973-74

Chairman B Mitcheson Dep Chair A.W. Page Sec J.M. Scobie

Treas R. Colvin Publicity J. Armstrong

Board I.R.Beamon, D.J.Benson, N.E.Brock, K.G.Hoffman, J.M.Scott. Note: R.Colvin replaced J.Donkin, 17th Oct 1973.

1974-75

Chairman B Mitcheson Dep Chair A.W. Page Sec J.M. Scobie

Treas R. Colvin Publicity J. Armstrong

Board I.R.Beamon, D.J.Benson, N.E.Brock, J.M,Scott

1975-76

Chairman B. Mitcheson Dep Chair A.W. Page Sec J.M. Scobie

Treas M.L. Heaston Note: M. Heaston replaced R.Colvin 24th Feb 1978.

Board R.Keys, A.Blayden, J.Donkin, I.R.Benson, N.E.Brock, K.G.Hoffman.

1976-77

Chairman M. Heaston Dep Chair R. Keys Sec K.G. Hoffman

Treas K.G. Butler Note: R.Jones replaced N.Brock during the year.

Board A.Blayden, J.Donkin, D.W.Dyce, O.Scott, L.Sewell, R.Jones.

1977-78

Chairman M.L. Heaston Dep Chair D.W. Dyce Sec R. Keys

Treas K.G Butler Note: G. Dobinson replaced K.G. Butler during the year.

Board A.Blayden, K.G.Hoffman, A.W.Page, O.J.Scott, L.Sewell, W.Watson.

1978-79

Chairman D.W. Dyce Treas G. Dobinson Note: L. Fulton replaced A.W.Page during the year.

Board A.Blayden, K.G.Hoffman, M.L.Heaston, R.Keys, A.W.Page, O.J.Scott, W.Watson, J.Gill.

1979-80

Chairman D.W. Dyce Treas G. Dobinson Building Manager K. Hoffman

Board K. Everingham, L. Fulton, J. Gill, M. Heaston, H. Keena, O. Scott, W. Watson

1980-81

Chairman D.W. Dyce Treas Building Manager K. Hoffman

Board K. Everingham, L. Fulton, J. Gill, M. Heaston, H. Keena, O. Scott, W. Watson, A. Page.

1981-82

Chairman A. Page Treas Building Manager K. Hoffman

Board K. Everingham, L. Fulton, J. Gill, M. Heaston, H. Keena, O. Scott, W. Watson, A. Herzog Note: L. Fulton resigned and G. Dobinson back December 81.

1982-83

Chairman A. Herzog Treas H. Keena

Board W. Watson, O. Scott, A. Page, K. Hoffman, M. Heaston, J. Gill, K. Everingham, G. Dobinson. Note: K. Hoffman resigned Jan 83, R. Keys appointed March 1983.

1983-84

Chairman A. Herzog Treas

Board O. Scott, A. Page, R. Keys, M. Heaston, J. Gill, G. Dobinson, G. Davis, A. Blayden, M. Lloyd.

1984-85

Chairman A. Herzog Treas J. Gill Lodge Mngr G. Dobinson, Maintenance R. Keys
Booking Officer O. Scott. Board A. Page, M. Lloyd, G. Davis, A. Boys, A. Blayden

1985-86

Chairman A. Herzog Treas J. Gill Lodge Mngr A. Boys, Maintenance R. Keys
Booking Officer O. Scott Provending A. Blayden
Board A. Page, M. Lloyd, G. Davis, S. Murray

1986-87

Chairman J. Gill Treas R. Colvin Lodge Mngr A. Boys Maintenance S. Murray
Booking Officer O. Scott Provending A. Blayden
Board M. Lloyd, G. Dobinson, G. Davis, A. Page, A. Herzog,
Note: G. Dobinson replaced A. Page.

1987-88

Chairman O. Scott Treas R. Colvin Lodge Mngr R. Boys
Maintenance A. Herzog Provending A. Blayden
Booking winter G. Davis Booking summer S. Murray
Publications G. Dobinson Board M. Lloyd, J. Gill

1988-89

Chairman G. Dobinson Treas R. Colvin Lodge Mngr M. Heaston
Maintenance R. Keys & A. Herzog Provending A. Blayden
Booking winter G. Davis Booking summer S. Murray
Publications K. Dunne Board J. Gill, M. Lloyd
Note: R. Keys replaced A. Herzog

1989-90

Chair M. Lloyd Secretary K. Dunne Treas H. Keena

Maintenance R. Keys & A. Herzog Bkg Officer S. Murray

Board O. Scott, A. Page, L. Sewell Note: G. Davis resigned and K. Everingham appointed 4/4/90; M. Heaston resigned and R. Ellis appointed 18/10/90.

1990-91

Chair M. Lloyd Secretary K. Dunne Treas H. Keena

Board R. Ellis, K. Everingham, A. Herzog, R. Keys, S. Murray, A. Page, O. Scott.

1991-92

Chair M. Lloyd Secretary B. Bailey Treas H. Keena

Board R. Ellis, K. Everingham, A. Herzog, I. Lewis, S. Murray, A. Page, A. Boys

1992-93

Chair M. Lloyd Secretary B. Bailey Treas H. Keena

Board R. Ellis, K. Everingham, A. Boys, G. Davis, I. Lewis, H. Schultz, K. Nolan

1993-94

Chair M. Lloyd Secretary B. Bailey Treas H. Keena

Board R. Ellis, K. Everingham, J. Gill, M. Heaston, I. Lewis, H. Schultz.

1994-95

Chair M. Lloyd Secretary B. Bailey Treas H. Keena

Board R. Ellis, K. Everingham, J. Gill, M. Heaston, I. Lewis, H. Schultz, L. Sewell

1995-96

Chair M. Lloyd Secretary B. Bailey Treas H. Keena

Board R. Ellis, K. Everingham, J. Gill, M. Heaston, I. Lewis, A. Page, L. Sewell

1996-97

Chair M. Lloyd Secretary B. Bailey Treas H. Keena

Board R. Ellis, K. Everingham, J. Gill, M. Heaston, I. Lewis, A. Page, L. Sewell

1997-98

Chair M. Lloyd **Secretary** B. Bailey **Treas** H. Keena
Board R. Ellis, K. Everingham, J. Gill, M. Heaston, I. Lewis, H. Schultz, L. Sewell

1999

Chair M. Lloyd **Secretary** B. Bailey **Treas** H.Keena
Board R. Ellis, K. Everingham, J. Gill, M. Heaston, S.Keys, I. Lewis, A. Page, L. Sewell

2000

Chair M. Lloyd **Secretary** B. Bailey **Treas** H. Keena
Board R. Ellis, J.Gill, P. Leskiw, M. Heaston, S. Keys, I. Lewis, A. Page, L. Sewell

2001

Chair M. Lloyd **Secretary** B. Bailey **Treas** S. Keys
Board S. Beal, R. Ellis, J. Gill, P. Leskiw, M. Heaston, A. Page, L. Sewell

2002

Chair M. Lloyd **Secretary** B. Bailey **Treas** S. Keys
Board S. Beal, R. Ellis, J. Gill, P. Leskiw, M. Heaston, A. Page, L. Sewell

2003

Chair M. Lloyd **Secretary** B. Bailey **Treas** V. Lund
Board S. Beal, R. Ellis, J. Gill, P. Leskiw, M. Heaston, A. Page, L. Sewell

2004

Chair M. Lloyd **Secretary** B. Bailey **Treas** S. Keys
Board S. Beal, R. Ellis, J. Gill, P. Leskiw, M. Heaston, A. Page, L. Sewell

2005

Chair M. Lloyd **Secretary** B. Bailey **Treas** S. Keys
Board S. Beal, R. Ellis, J. Gill, P. Leskiw, A. Page, D. Paterson, L. Sewell

2006

Chair M. Lloyd **Secretary** B. Bailey **Treas** V. Lund
Board S. Beal, R. Ellis, J. Gill, P. Leskiw, M. Heaston, A. Page, L. Sewell

2007

Chair M. Lloyd Secretary B. Bailey Treas V. Lund

Board S. Beal, P. Dunkely, P. Leskiw, A. Herzog, A. Page, D. Paterson, R. Towers

2008

Chair M. Lloyd Secretary B. Bailey Treas V. Lund

Board S. Beal, P. Dunkely, P. Leskiw, A. Herzog, G. McCulloch, D. Paterson, R. Towers

2009

Chair D. Paterson Secretary M. Lloyd Treas P. Dunkely

Board S. Beal, P. Leskiw, V. Lund, A. Herzog, G. McCulloch, W. Perry, R. Towers

2010

Chair D. Paterson Secretary A. Page Treas P. Dunkely

Board S. Beal, T. Herzog, P. Leskiw, G. McCulloch, W. Perry, B. Quinn, B. Towers, M. Heaston.

2011

Chair D. Paterson Secretary A. Page Treas P. Dunkely

Board S. Beal, T. Herzog, P. Leskiw, G. McCulloch, B. Towers, B. Quinn, W. Perry

2012

Chair D. Paterson Secretary A. Page Treas P. Dunkely

Board G. McCulloch, P. Leskiw, S. Beal, B. Quinn, J. Stuckey, B. Towers, W. Perry.
Ex-officio M. Heaston – Sports Activities, J. Deer – Provending, W. Perry – PREMS report.

2013

Chair D. Paterson Secretary A. Page Treas A. Edwards

Board: S. Beal – lodge manager, P. Leskiw - membership, G. McCulloch – winter bookings, B. Quinn – publications/distribution, T. Stuckey – lodge maintenance, B. Towers – building projects/summer bookings, K. Hoffman - history. *Ex-officio M. Heaston – Sports Activities, J. Deer – Provending.*

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.**