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MULUBINBA LODGE

FOR ALL YEAR ROUND ENJOYMENT

2017 SPRING NEWSLETTER

CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

As previously advised, the board is seeking applications closing on 8/12/2017 for new members. For those affiliates and friends of the lodge who would like to become a member, this is a good opportunity. Members & SAC Senior who may know of others, who have visited the lodge and might be interested, please pass this on.

Relevant documents were attached to the previous Email dated 30/08/2017; or can be requested through the link:

info@mulubinba.com.au

LODGE UTILISATION

In April last year The Board formed a Lodge Utilisation Task Team, primarily charged with investigating opportunities to increase the use of Mulubinba Lodge in Summer as well as Winter, and recommending changes to the Board.

Progress to date includes:

1. Developed a formula based calculation for Visitor Rates.
2. Introduced the SAC SENIOR classification.
3. Provided a Linen Service for the winter period.
4. Redesigned the Cleaning Schedule.
5. Recommended to push membership numbers closer to the 150 limit.

Ongoing Actions

1. Develop a more rational framework for setting future annual subs.
2. Review opportunities to increase lodge usage during summer.
3. Review potential expansion of the lodge with upgraded facilities.
4. Develop a medium to long term lodge development / maintenance plan with financial budgets.
5. Understand the cost implications of changes / upgrades to the lodge and the revenue stream required to deliver such changes.
6. Developing a policy to ensure the concept of the SAC Seniors is understood by future Boards. Additionally, the eligibility criteria are being expanded to include spouses who have inherited their membership due to the death of their partners.

Seeking Members Input:

The Task Team would welcome any ideas / wishes that members have so these can be evaluated amongst all other inputs by the Task Team. Please forward your ideas to

membership@mulubinba.com.au

IMPORTANT DATES BEING BROUGHT

FORWARD

The Board has agreed to bring forward the Subscription and Winter Priority Bookings dates for the 2018 winter season.

You will now receive your 2018 subs notice in December 2017 and have until the 28th February 2018 to pay any outstanding amounts (2018 = \$250 for members). Subs payments received after 28th February and before 30th April will be \$300, then after this date \$325; as the late payment penalties apply.

The winter priority bookings will now need to be received and paid by 28th February 2018 as well. Therefore prompt payment of subs is essential to secure bookings for the winter season. Booking information will be sent out in early January 2018.

Wi-Fi AT THE LODGE

Just a reminder that the Wi-Fi at the lodge is available now all year round. Following the successful trial for several winters, the Board has entered into a two year full time contract.

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SAC SENIORS

To date four previous members have taken advantage of the SAC Seniors initiative introduced last year.

These Seniors and their families are very appreciative of this new provision. The Board encourages older members who satisfy the requirements, particularly those who are not regular users of the lodge, to consider this proposal.

TRIAL LINEN SERVICE

Apart from a few teething problems, the Board has only heard good comments of the Trial Linen Service to date and believes it has been a popular initiative.

If anyone has comments they think the Board should be aware of, or does not believe the service should be introduced for future winters, please drop us a line by Emailing to: info@mulubinba.com.au

STORING OF FOOD IN THE FREEZER

It was reported to the Board that a few people who had booked for multiple visits to the lodge last winter had left food items in the freezer for their next visit.

Unfortunately, this left others to reschedule their cooking plans due to insufficient space in the freezer.

Please be advised that in the future any in-coming Lodge Captains will be informed that any left-over food from the previous week is to be thrown out in the garbage, if there is insufficient room in the freezer.

CLUB HISTORY

Members, Affiliates and friends are reminded that the Board is trying to build an accurate history of the club. This not only include the formal functions of the club but also stories and anecdotes that reflect the true essence of why we are members and continue to enjoy all that the club and lodge have to offer.

The club's website includes a dedicated section on history and to date only about half a dozen very early members have provided invaluable information, articles, and stories.

Being one of the very few lodges that accept bookings all year round in Perisher Valley, the Board would like to include such things as: Winter and skiing stories, summer and bushwalking or fishing stories, Working Bee stories or anything that you think others might find amusing or would like to reminisce over.

This is a 'Work-In-Progress' which will continue to grow and provide a permanent record for all to enjoy.

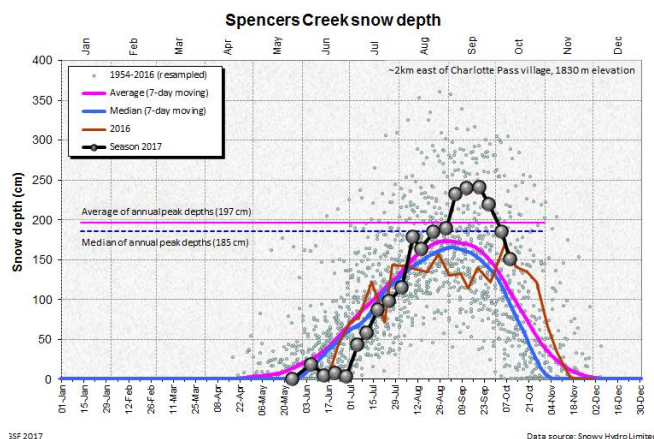
Those who would like to contribute to the Club history can do so by Emailing to: info@mulubinba.com.au

2017 SKI SEASON WRAP-UP

After a promising start having reasonable snow on the ground for the June long weekend, it was followed by a snow drought for three weeks. Those viewing the Perisher Web-cams during this period would have seen lovely green hills with white stripes where snowmaking on selected runs provided an unusual vista and some fun for those skiers who ventured down early in the season.

Just when everyone was (prematurely) talking about global warming and the effects on skiing... the snow Gods woke up and down it came. The chart following, from the website: <http://gergs.net/> shows just how good the second half of the season really was; as those lucky enough to venture down will testify.

So much snow fell in September that the cross country trail grooming had to take a second priority to keeping the village roads open from the second week in September until the end of the season.



NOTICE OF PROPOSED TRAPPING OF FOXES & CATS AND SHOOTING OF RABBITS

Anybody going to Perisher between now and Christmas please be advised that the NP&WS has notified that they are having contractors undertake a cull, by trapping, with soft jawed traps, foxes and cats and also the shooting with silenced rifles, of rabbits in the evenings. This work commenced on 13 November and will continue until 21 December 2017; with the exceptions of weekends, school holidays, and any planned public events.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

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

STOP PRESS

For those who might have heard the rumour that the author of the newsletters may have fallen off the Magic Carpet Pony Ride at Blue Cow last season... I can now make the following statement.

"I cannot comment about ongoing operational matters!"

PHOTOS FROM THE 2017 ANNUAL DINNER





Another good night was had by all and hopefully next year we will see larger numbers attending.

