



Shortland Alpine Club Co-operative Limited

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MULUBINBA LODGE FOR ALL YEAR ROUND ENJOYMENT **2018 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER**

THE CLUB TURNS ANOTHER PAGE

Adrian Page resigned his commission from the Board at the 2018 AGM.

Adrian served almost continuously on the Board since his formal election on 10 August 1972 when he was elected as Vice Chairman of the Shortland Alpine Club at its Formation Meeting, being the first formal Board meeting.

Prior to that, records from our club website show he was the Chairman of the Social Committee of a small group of enthusiastic people who had a plan to develop a ski lodge somewhere in the Snowy Mountains and hence the formation of The Shortland Alpine Club Co Operative Limited.

It is not clear where the name Shortland Alpine Club came from. It may have been that Newcastle is in the County of Shortland and this is the roots of the club and most of its members...or it may have been from the Shortland Campus (now Callaghan) where most of the founding members had associations... or it may have been named after the Shortland Hotel where many of the early meetings were held, spawning the visions of just a handful of dreamers.

Since those early years Adrian held many positions on the Board, culminating as Club Minute Secretary.

At the last AGM Adrian's position on the Board was replaced by, non-other than his son, Simon. And at the ensuing monthly Board meeting Simon formally took up the position of... you guessed it Club Minute Secretary.

And hence a new era commences as the Club turns over another Page.

In one's life we are lucky and fortunate to be associated with people such as Adrian; people who have a dream and have the determination to ensure their dream comes to fruition for the betterment of so many others. His dedication for so many years has provided a legacy and asset that we all can enjoy for many years to come.

The Board, and I am sure all members friends, fellow skiers, and alpine walkers wish Adrian the very best for his future.



Club Chairperson Denise Paterson at the 2018 AGM presenting Adrian & Dianne with a token of the Club's appreciation, and welcoming Simon to the Board

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Shortland Alpine Club Cooperative Limited held its 2018 AGM on 4th April 2018 at the Belmont Golf Club and the following matters were accepted:

- Chairperson and Directors' Reports;
- The election of Simon Page to the Board, replacing Adrian Page;
- The formalisation of Club By-Laws, see below; as well as
- Other matters being discussed including, Representation on the Board by members living outside of the Hunter and Club membership numbers. These matters will be further assessed and evaluated by the Board.

The Board can also announce that the club is in a sound financial position with visitations to the lodge last winter being considerably more than the previous year, but summer visitations were down.

This year priority bookings for the upcoming ski season are at an all-time high. This goes some way to ensuring the financial security of the club and is vindication of the Boards recent initiatives for members and guests.

BY-LAWS

It was resolved the Board formalise By-Laws to ensure a record of operating procedures for members and future Boards.

By-Laws can also be used to introduce new procedures without having an impact on the Club's Rules and Constitution which are overseen by the NSW Department of Fair Trading.

By-Laws tabled and introduced at the AGM include:

1. Memberships
 - a) Members;
 - b) Transfer of Memberships;
 - c) New Memberships;
 - d) Affiliate Status;
 - e) SAC Senior Status;
2. Accommodation Bookings
 - a) Cancellation Charges;
 - b) Bookings;
 - c) Booking Applications;
 - d) Order of Allocation of Bookings;
 - e) Family Week Bookings;
3. Lodge Captains
4. Cleaning Duties
5. Lockers

LOCKERS

The Board is introducing a fee for members who have the use of a locker. The large lockers near the front door will attract a fee of \$50 per year and the smaller boot lockers on the third floor \$30 per year each.

Storage of Skis on the third floor will remain free, provided they are bagged with identification easily visible.

There is a waiting list for lockers and, as they become available, they are allocated in order from this list. Members can make contact with the Board by Emailing: info@mulubinba.com.au if they would like their name to be on this list.

For those members who don't utilise their existing locker to justify the new fee, could you notify the board, as above, and post the key in an envelope to The Secretary, PO Box 5040 Kahibah NSW 2290 **prior to 30th November 2018** to ensure the fee is not included in your 2019 annual subscriptions.

This date will also provide sufficient time to have your belongings collected and to re-allocate lockers to other members and include the fee with their annual subscriptions.

While the Board is attempting to provide improved services and share the benefits that the lodge can offer to as many members as possible, it has come to our attention that there are a number of skis & boards, together with other items, that are very old in the ski store area on the third floor. Some of this equipment has not been used for many years, nor have owner identification attached. These articles are taking up treasured room and disadvantaging other members wishing to avail themselves of this service. A stocktake of articles in the ski store was recently carried out and any unidentified or very old equipment may be removed at the next working bee following the upcoming ski season.

Please make arrangements to have old equipment removed and ensure that anything left is bagged with identification.

NEW MEMBERS

The Board is pleased to announce that five new members have joined our flock.

The clubs membership presently stands at 142 Members, 6 SAC Seniors, 16 Affiliates and 35 Friends.

The Board welcomes these new members and trusts everybody will make them feel welcome at the Lodge.

LODGE PANTRY - ITEMS AVAILABLE

<u>BREAKFAST</u>		\$
Kellogg's Variety Cereals- 275g		3.00
Rolled Oats - 750g regular		4.00
Vegemite - 150gms		4.00
Jams – 250gms		4.00
<u>VEGGIES</u>		
Baked Beans - 425g		3.00
Soup various - 400g		5.00
Tomatoes canned - 400g		3.00
<u>MAINS</u>		
White rice – 500gms		3.00
Rice Microwave - 250g – All types		3.00
Spaghetti - 500g		4.00
Tomato paste sachet – 50g		2.00
Pasta Sauce		5.00
<u>DRINKS</u>		
Poppas various - 200ml		3.00
Milk UHT - 1L Full Cream & Skim		4.00
Cans soft drink - 375ml various		3.00
<u>NON FOOD ITEMS</u>		
Tissues – Family Box		6.00
<u>All other items in the pantry are free for the use of patrons whilst visiting the lodge</u>		

CLUB WEBSITE

After a rocky year last year when the Club website was hacked several times, all problems have been solved.

The winter accommodation, availability & rates are now up and can be viewed for future bookings. Priority bookings have been very popular and the lodge is filling up very quickly with many families taking advantage of the Family Discount Scheme in September. For further information, feel free to 'safely' go to: <http://mulubinba.com.au/>

Wi-Fi AT THE LODGE

Wi-Fi is now available at the Lodge all year round.

THE LOG-IN IS: **mulubinba** and the

PASSWORD IS: **mulubinba**

PRREMS

Or Perisher Range Resorts Environmental Management System.

The NP&WS requires all lodges to monitor and report on several environmental matters. A brief summary of our performance of the last 12 months is:

- Energy usage per visitor night has reduced each year since 2013/14, as has Greenhouse Gas generation. However, last year the lodge had an increase of slightly over 12%. This may be due to last year being an exceptional ski season being colder and more blizzard conditions and less summer visitations during the period when less energy is consumed. The Board will look into these results further to gain a better understanding of the results;
- Water usage has been around 100 to 110 litres per person per visitor night for the last 3 years, but last year spiked at 130 litres. Although somewhat disappointing, it is still well below the NPWS target of 200 litres per person per visitor night.
- The other 27 monitored targets either matched or bettered the previous year's results.

For these reasons Mulubinba's overall PREMS report score has fallen below the previous year targets for the first time since 2014/15.

KITCHEN COURTESY

This is a reminder that busy periods at the lodge can lead to some level of frustration and anxiety, particularly in the kitchen.

Please be aware that all visitors will probably need to prepare their evening meals over a short period (5pm-8pm). If your planned meal requires a great deal of preparation, could you please consider doing some of the preparation prior to this peak time and not planning a meal that requires both ovens, multiple hotplate usage etc. Or, if you are planning a feast, maybe you could wait until everyone else has used the kitchen.

Excessive use of stoves, bench-top space, together with leaving dishes and not cleaning up can hinder others' preparations.

Additionally, communication alleviates anxiety. Let others know what is planned and arrangements can be negotiated.

IMPORTANCE OF VISITORS & LODGE

CAPTAINS REPORTING DAMAGE OR MATTERS THAT NEED ATTENTION

The Board understands that accidents happen. If you damage something, or notice anything that has been damaged, worn out, needs repairs or replacement, please advise the Lodge Captain so they can report the matter and arrangements can be made to rectify the problem ASAP.

Furthermore, the Lodge Captains are also on holiday, and there to enjoy themselves also.

It is not expected that Lodge Captains fix any damage unless within their capabilities and does not detract from their holiday. For this reason it is essential that any item needing attention is reported on the Lodge Captain Report, allowing the Board to make arrangements for rectification and hopefully reduce any inconvenience for future visitors.

PEAK MUSIC FESTIVAL

Perisher is again holding its Peak Music Festival on the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

At the time of writing there are vacancies for 14 visitors at the lodge.

Special accommodation rates are available for Friday to Monday:

Member & Guest	\$110 ea
Member Family (2 + 3)	\$300
Affiliate	\$150 ea
Affiliate Family (2 + 3)	\$350
Visitor	\$200 ea
Visitor Family (2 + 3)	\$400

From all reports this is a great weekend for music lovers, and who knows there maybe skiable snow on the ground, as was the case last year.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAIL GROOMING

'Luke The Groomer' is hanging up his hat to pursue a more permanent career closer to home in the Hunter Valley.

I have personally known Luke for over 25 years and will miss his larrikin smile around the Valley, together with the latest village gossip.

I hope he will not be missed by the Cross Country Fraternity; but I suppose that will depend on the calibre of his replacement.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

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

IN CLOSING

I encourage all members and friends to make use of the club's website, not just for accommodation vacancies but also under the 'Home' tab is a wealth of information including SAC History, Past Newsletters, Alpine Safety and Links to other relevant Websites. All of which are well worth a look.

SAFE AND HAPPY SKIING