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*Newsletter of the Snowy River Ski Club Cooperative Ltd
Doorack Lodge at Guthega in the Kosciuszko National Park*

June 2018

2018 Season

Colossal so far! At the time of writing your correspondent can report that there is already 80cm of natural snow depth at Perisher and, absolutely unprecedented, the Guthega lifts (some of them at least) are opening on Saturday the 23rd of June, just two weeks into the season.

High time to head for the mountains.



2018 AGM

The AGM was held on Saturday 5 May 2018, Eastlakes Football Club, Canberra Avenue, Griffith.

Board

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance including those who had come from afar, and the Club's office holders for their work in the preceding year. The Chairman spoke to his written report which has been previously circulated to members.

Directors

In the absence of other nominations, the three retiring directors (Pierre Delarue, Tony Adams and David Hogg) were re-elected.

Annual fees and charges

David Hogg spoke to the report circulated with the Club's audited accounts.

The Meeting resolved to reduce the annual fee for 2018 to \$375, as recommended by the Board. The Board confirmed that the sinking fund levy will remain at \$100 and the final levy for deck works (for those who have not already paid in advance) will be \$200 (as foreshadowed when the renovation work was approved).

Lodge maintenance

Tony Slatyer referred and spoke to the report he prepared and which had been circulated to members before the meeting.

Tony also discussed the flexibility of work party scheduling put in place last year. Instead of a single day, work parties are now scheduled over a weekend with between 3 and 4 sessions (i.e., Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning and Sunday afternoon). Members on a work party need to attend two sessions to earn a work party credit. Members on work parties can stay at the lodge at no charge. He also noted that the Doorack Drinkers Club had kindly donated "clean skin" wines for the consumption of participating members at work parties.

Membership matters

A hearty welcome to new member Glenn Forrest, and also Lyndon Costin who has been a long-time associate member

Furniture upgrades

Time was deemed to be up for some of the lodge lounge furniture, and under the supervision of Alison Humphreys, we have purchased new lounges and re-covered the red chairs. And also some new cushions for the Ikea loungers. Thanks Alison and your several helpers.

New Kosciuszko walking tracks

The NSW Government has announced that Kosciuszko National Park will see a \$27 million investment over the next five years. In what is big news for the Snowy Mountains region, \$10 million will be allocated to completing the Thredbo Valley Walking Track (TVT) in 2019 from Lake Crackenback Resort to Jindabyne, and the final touches of an uphill extension of the track from Thredbo to Dead Horse Gap in 2020.

The main investment of \$17 million will go to a brand-new Kosciuszko Snowies Walk from Charlotte Pass, via Guthega and Perisher and finishing at Lake Crackenback Resort. This new 25 kilometre section of track will traverse the Main Range. Works are programmed to start at Mt Lee in 2019 and take four years to finish. As each section is completed it will be open to walkers.

The trail will be a combination of rock paved paths and elevated platforms and will complement the existing Main Range Track and the highly popular walk from Thredbo to Mt Kosciuszko. When completed it will create a multi-day walk from Thredbo via Australia's highest mountain, Mt Kosciuszko, to Charlotte Pass, Guthega, Perisher and Lake Crackenback Resort, a world-class 44 kilometre multi-day walk.

So Guthega may not be quite the sleepy hollow that we are used to over summer in the future.



Bookings for the July school holidays and peak periods

Last year a number of members placed booking requests on 1 January for the last week of the 2017 ACT and NSW winter school holidays (which coincided). There were more requests than beds available so the booking officer drew lots from a ballot.

Those who missed out last year and who were in the same position this year (that is, they placed their requests on 1 January for a week in 2018 which was over-subscribed) were given priority over those who also made timely booking requests for the same week in 2018 but were given their requested beds in 2017.

While the Club endeavours to accommodate personal preferences for particular rooms and combinations of rooms, the winter booking officer is also charged with allocating beds in a manner to minimise (if not avoid completely) leaving beds unused. Members should therefore be flexible in accepting the rooms allocated. If you are not prepared to share a room, you may not get the week you want.



New road at Jindabyne

This year we will see a welcome addition to the Jindabyne road system with the completion of a second outbound lane to the snow resorts. Starting from the Barry Way roundabout, the new dual lane road should alleviate the bulk of traffic jams that we have had to endure on busy weekends in past seasons.

The traffic issue was a huge problem with thousands of cars coming from all directions heading to the snowfields which started banking up in Jindabyne from an early hour. Now once through the Barry Way roundabout motorists travelling to Thredbo, Perisher and Guthega will have a pretty clear run.

In other transport news, there is now a taxi service at Jindabyne - 0484 375 101.

False fire alarms



Very pleasingly, last season we had no false alarms, resulting in a significant savings to the Club.

However these have the potential to remain an issue. False alarms have arisen from a variety of causes: steam from the sauna, fumes from ski waxing in the day-tripper's room, and smoke from burnt toast. Upstairs shower doors being left open while showering and candles being extinguished

are other known risks. It is incumbent on all members to take care to avoid triggering a false alarm as we are charged for them by the fire brigade. In addition, members should call the fire brigade as soon as it is determined that an alarm is a false alarm.

New Leichardt Chair

Enjoy riding the Leichardt T-bar this winter as it will be a swansong season for the lift after the announcement during summer that a new quad chair will be built for the 2019 season.



Including additional snowmaking in the same area, the investment will be \$4.2 million and the new chair will increase lifting capacity by 75%. The new chairlift will have the same easy conveyor load system as the Freedom Quad Chair at Guthega.

This is a key piece of the future puzzle for any other new lifts that may eventuate at some point on Mt Perisher.

Lost property and excess food

Members are requested to please not leave clothing in the drying room other than when you are actually staying at the lodge, it gets very congested in there.

And on the subject of lost property generally, please try not to leave any of your clothing or anything else behind, it does become a nuisance. Over time a selection of sheets and towels that have remained unclaimed have been washed and put in a plastic bin above the washing machines. These are for the use of members and guests who may have forgotten to bring their own. If you use them please wash them after use and put them back in the plastic bin.

Leftover food can also become a problem – please take all yours with you unless you can pass them on to someone who will take responsibility for their disposal. Leaving foodstuff behind in the hope that someone will eat it is well-intentioned but problematic.



Thanks for your interest and all the best for the 2018 season.