

Snow Country Ski Club

Presidents Report 2014

KEY POINTS

- Great ski-season
- 14 new club members
- Significantly increased occupancy at Smiggins Lodge
- Occupancy at Jindabyne down from previous year
- Pleasing financial result generating an overall operating profit of \$45,207
- Board is continuing to progress plan for the upgrade of Smiggins Holes lodge
- Board has commissioned the development of an online booking system
- Successful Junior Development Program
- Club Member of the Year (2014) is Jeff Day

In 2014 the Snow Country Ski Club had a great year.

There was a slow start to the snow falling but when it eventually came it did not disappoint and we all enjoyed the snow.

Once again the efforts of the Board, Volunteers and Employees of the Club have contributed enormously to the success of the club. It is with tremendous appreciation of the countless hours selflessly carried out by many people, working together for the good of the club that has seen our club grow and progress.

I particularly want to thank and acknowledge the tremendous work of Karen Lyth (Smiggins Booking Officer), Gudrun and Jüergen Paul (Smiggins Managers), Helen Waite (Jindabyne Manager), Meg Brannon (Newsletter), John Hopkins (Club Captain), Della Whitton (Finances), Mandi Pauly (Bookkeeper), Ian Woods (IT and website) and Jeff Day (Club Member of the Year for ongoing carpentry and handyman work at work parties).

Fourteen new members joined our club in 2014 bringing much enthusiasm and momentum to the club.

The Junior Development Program was well-run with much positive feedback as to its benefits.

Our financial result was very pleasing achieving an overall operating profit of \$45,207.

Occupancy rates at Smiggins Holes were encouraging with a

significant increase in occupancy and income.

At Jindabyne occupancy rates were slightly down on previous years with the loss of two group bookings significantly affecting the revenue of the lodge. As a result, the Board has introduced group discounts and other measures to try and encourage more groups to stay at our lodge. Please make any groups (e.g. sporting clubs, school groups, business teams etc) that you are involved with aware of the opportunity to stay at our club if they are planning a group holiday or weekend away.

At a board level we have been progressively planning for the upgrade of the Smiggins Holes lodge following the building assessment carried out in early 2014. The maintenance and upkeep of the Jindabyne lodge has also been a priority with several improvements carried

out in 2014.

The Board has commissioned an online booking system. It is hoped that this system will enable the booking process and annual fee payment to be a more efficient and effective process. We will be working with the developer in 2015 to implement the new system progressively into club operations.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Board Members in 2014 (David Boyd, Michael Brannon, Helen Brown, David E Carr, Clif Felton, Paul Lyth, Adam Moate, Laurie Ward and Stephen Wray). It is an honour to continue to serve with a group or people committed to constructively work in a volunteer capacity for the operation and betterment of our mighty club!

Gavin Boyd
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