

Presidents Report

On behalf of the Board of Directors I take this opportunity to report to all members regarding club operations in 2015.

Last year was a good year in a challenging environment. Despite the challenging conditions there are many reasons to be positive. Our club has continued to grow in membership. We had another successful year with the Junior Development Program and the Board has made good progress on some key areas; namely improvements in Jindabyne with the installation of TVs in all the rooms, the development of the online booking system and continued planning of building works at the Smiggins Holes Lodge.

The challenges firstly revolve around the finances. It was disappointing that the operational profit was marginally (<1%) below breaking-even. Our income and expenses continue to rise, as Figure 1 below shows over the last 15 years. The challenge is to ensure that we continue to post a profit in a competitive environment which is heavily dependent on the amount of snowfall that occurs each season (refer to Figure 2).

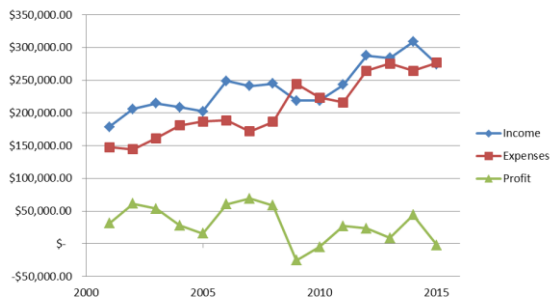


Figure 1: Financial summary from 2011 to 2015

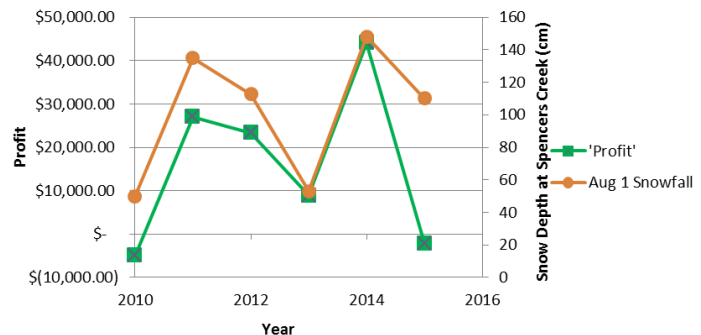


Figure 2: Profit and Snowfall from 2010 to 2015.

The Board is reviewing our finances closely as we need to be in the strongest possible financial position, not only for continued club operations but also for the upcoming building works at the Smiggins Holes Lodge. These building works are necessary to ensure the continued integrity of the building structure. The Smiggins Lodge has been terrific for many years and we want to continue that legacy of a great place that we can all enjoy for many more years. To consider a funding model for the building works an Extraordinary General Meeting will be held on 16 October 2016. Over the coming months more details will be outlined regarding the extent of building works required and the funding models proposed for these works.

I'd like to thank everyone who has made a significant contribution to our club in 2015. There are numerous people who help the club, which ranges from a recommendation to someone to stay at or join our club to spending time doing the various administrative and practical works necessary for our ongoing operation. Some special mentions include:

- Karen Lyth – club member of the year for her dedication to the Booking Officer Role
- Gudrun and Jüergen Paul – it was with great sadness that we saw Gudrun and Jeurgun spend their last season with us in 2015. We wish them all the best in their new endeavours.
- Helen Waite – has done a great job again at our Jindabyne Lodge
- David Winfield and Giselle Budd – the JDP has been a roaring success thanks to their efforts
- Mandi Pauly – our bookkeeper has done a wonderful job
- Della Whitton – ably assists Mandi with the bookkeeping and submits the Club's BAS statements every quarter.
- Meg Brannon – has continued to do a terrific job with the Newsletter.
- The Board of Directors – it is hard to overstate what a terrific job my fellow directors do. They are committed to the future direction of the club and selflessly work towards the ongoing operation and improvement of the club.

I wish to thank everyone who has helped support the club in 2015.

Gavin Boyd
SCSC President.