



Snow Country Snippets

December 2018

Welcome to the last *Snow Country Snippets* for 2018.....

The Board wishes all Snow Country members and their families a very merry Xmas and a safe and prosperous 2019 – full of fluffy white stuff !

Welcome to our newest members...

A warm Snow Country welcome to the following new members. We hope you enjoy your new association with the Club for many years to come.

- Sally Gordon
- Fiona Davidson
- Alison Howes



Club Member of the Year

Karen Lyth has been named 2018 Club Person of the Year !

Karen has given up huge amounts of time for the Club in her capacity as booking officer for both Lodges this year. She is also our 'go to' person for a whole range of other activities, and her willingness to help, dependability and commitment to the Club make her an extremely worthy winner of the award.

Thank you and congratulations Karen !

Smiggins Refurbishment Project – we're under way !

It is pleasing to advise members that the Smiggins Refurbishment project has officially commenced with building contracts exchanged in December for commencement of work in early January by Mudge Corp (the builders).

As you may recall the project will comprise external refurbishment of the Lodge so ensure we have a building 'shell' that will last the Club for many decades to come. The work covers the replacement of all external cladding of the Lodge (which is in terrible disrepair in some places due

to the harsh mountain environment), replacement of the roof and installation of new windows throughout the Lodge to stop the current leaks and improve heating efficiency.

It has been a long journey for the Building Committee of Adam Moate, Lucille Back, Steve Winfield, Jeff Day and Richard Waller. They have put countless hours into the project so far and we sincerely thank them for their huge efforts so far.

The Board have been working to this point for a number of years now and have built sufficient finances to undertake the work. However, with the bulk of the work occurring during summer months, our finances will come under some pressure. **To this end, it would be greatly appreciated if member's annual subs can be paid in a timely manner to ensure we have sufficient cashflow for the many expenses we incur prior to the next winter season commencing. Also, if your 2018 building levy remains unpaid could you please attend to this as a matter of urgency.**

There will be a number of work parties that will require support from members to ensure both of our lodges are ready for the upcoming winter season – please keep an eye out for dates as we will require greater participation at work parties than in recent years.

As we enter an exciting phase for the Club with the refurbishment of Smiggins, the Board will be considering in the New Year the additional capital works and finances required to ensure Smiggins and Jindabyne Lodges continue to offer a quality experience for Club members.

SCSC End of Season function – A great day !

Our end of season function was held at the Lagoon Restaurant in North Wollongong in November with just over 100 members and their families in attendance, including a number of our Life Members and Honorary Members.

It was another great afternoon where members caught up and we recognised our outstanding young skiers and boarders. Congratulations to Rob Fyfe for taking out the major raffle prize of a week's Lodge accommodation and thanks to Dave Winfield for his assistance with the junior presentation. Some photos from the day are shown below.

Jindabyne Lodge News

If you haven't considered a summer break in the mountains, now is the time to do so. With some solid bookings over coming months, and the Jindabyne Lodge never looking in better shape, there's a range of summer activities to keep you busy in Jindabyne.

Gudrun and Juergen look forward to welcoming you !

New Director Required

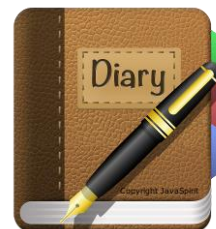
We are looking for 1 new director to fill an upcoming vacant Board position.

We are particularly keen to hear from any of our younger members who are keen to have some input into the direction of our Club.

Please contact Michael Brannon – 0411735283 – if you are interested in helping steer the direction of our Club.

Important Dates for the Diary

Back to Perisher Weekend	Easter 20-22 April
Peak Music Festival http://peakfestival.com.au	June Long Weekend 8-10 June
Annual Subs Due	February 28
Winter bookings open	March 11
Smiggins work party	First weekend in May (tbc)



Exciting news from Vail / Perisher Resort

EPIC Pass links to RUSUTSU Resort in Japan

Starting in season 2019/2020 the Epic Pass will offer 5 days free skiing at Rusutsu in Japan. This now provides Epic Pass holders access to a number of Hakuba resorts and Rusutsu in Hokkaido.

Lift Upgrades

The replacement of the Leichhardt T Bar in Perisher has commenced and will be replaced by a quad chair.

Perisher have also announced:

- **Replacement of the Mt Perisher Double Chairlift and Mt Perisher Triple Chairlift with a new detachable 6 seat chairlift** on the approximate alignment of the triple chairlift but with the unload around the location of the unload for the double chairlift
- Widening of the slope through summer slope grooming
- Moving snowmaking guns back to skiers left to widen the run in winter
- Renovation of the Mt Perisher Double Chairlift restaurant

Christmas Luncheon 2018





