



# Snow Country Snippets

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**Welcome to the third Snow Country Snippets for 2015.....**

If you have any Club related news or ski holiday pics, don't forget to send them to the above email address and we'll include in an upcoming newsletter.

## **Annual General Meeting - Saturday May 23, 2015**

The AGM was held on May 23 at St Georges Leagues Club. The key business from the meeting included:

- acceptance of the 2014 Accounts, which showed a satisfactory surplus of \$45,000
- election of directors as shown below
- a presentation on the required Smiggins Lodge rectification work
- acceptance of an instalment payment plan for new member joining fees

Gavin Boyd, Michael Brannon and Paul Lyth were re-elected to the Board for a further two years.

New directors joining the Board were **Peter Bond (our first Canberra based director)** and **Dave Bartley**. We thank the new directors for volunteering their time and skills to the Board and look forward to their input.

Attached for member's information is the Presidents Report that was tabled at the AGM.

## **Welcome to our newest Club members...**

We welcome our newest members to Snow Country:

- **Sean O'Connor**
- **Jake O'Connor**
- **Ryan O'Connor**



## **New Member Instalment Payment Plan**

If you know someone that would like to join Snow Country Ski Club, membership just got a bit easier with our new instalment payment plan that was approved by members at the recent AGM.

The new instalment plan allows new members to **pay their Joining Fee in three (3) equal instalments**. This plan has been introduced to encourage new members who may have difficulty in meeting the normal upfront joining fee of \$3,750. New members who take advantage of the

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instalment plan will pay an annual instalment plan levy of \$125 per year during the instalment period.

The costs under the plan are outlined below:

Year 1

Joining Fee	\$1,250
Member shares	\$100
Admin Fee	\$195
Subs Fee	\$55
Instalment Plan Levy	\$125

**TOTAL YEAR 1      \$1,725**

Year 2

Joining Fee	\$1,250
Admin Fee	\$195
Subs Fee	\$55
Instalment Plan Levy	\$125

**TOTAL YEAR 2      \$1,625**

Year 3

Joining Fee	\$1,250
Admin Fee	\$195
Subs Fee	\$55
Instalment Plan Levy	\$125

**TOTAL YEAR 2      \$1,625**

If you require any further information on membership refer to the SCSC website or contact **Michael Brannon (0411 735 283)** or **David Carr (0418 280 693)**.

***(Belated) BIRTHDAY Wishes***

Club Member, **ARTHUR PARRY**, celebrated his 97th birthday in late March. Congratulations Arthur !

Arthur (and his wife Thelma) are the holders of **receipt numbers 1 and 2 for membership** in Snow Country Ski Club.

***Reminder ..... Snow Country FACEBOOK page***

Checkout the new Snow Country Ski Club MEMBERS ONLY Facebook group.  
Follow the link below.

This is a great vehicle for members to connect with each other and share information in a club members-only environment.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1037497112945896/?fref=ts>

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### Jindabyne Lodge

In preparation for the upcoming winter season, work completed at Jindabyne includes the installation of TV's to all rooms, a new pool table, the replacement of the screen doors to the balconies and a general internal and external tidy up.



*Special thanks to Michael Green - aka Beanie - for donating the pool table to Jindabyne Lodge.*

**IMPORTANT REMINDER.... if you use Jindabyne Lodge please ENSURE it is left in a clean condition for the enjoyment of the next members who use the facility.**

### Smiggins Lodge

A work party was held at Smiggins in mid May. Thanks to **Gavin Boyd, David and Sally Bartley, Col Brennan, Peter Bond and Michael Brannon** who cleaned, slashed, patched, oiled, painted and finished off the work of the previous work party a few weeks earlier - a very productive couple of days !



### **Smiggins Lodge - AGM Presentation on required repairs and maintenance**

At the recent AGM, Adam Moate presented on the current state of the Smiggins Lodge. The full presentation is attached and members are encouraged to review it. The key points are:

- Over the last 12 months the Board has commissioned external professional structural and dilapidation reports. Critical findings relate to **structural rectifications, ensuring safe access and egress and sealing the building from water ingress**
- There are no immediate structural issues, however, there are some rectifications that will need to be addressed in the short term
- The dilapidation report identifies the need to rectify the building's exterior to prevent further immediate weather damage and ensure another 50 years of useful life. The key works relate to **recladding, weather proofing and glazing.**
- Planned works are not designed to improve the internal design or décor
- The cost of this work will be significant ; QS estimates are in excess of \$400,000 for the full scope of works. The Board believes this amount can be reduced but the cost will remain in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.
- Funding models and options need to be developed to minimise the financial impact on members
- A small building committee of suitably qualified members (e.g. project mgrs, engineers, contract negotiators etc) should be set up to progress to the next stages, develop the scope of works and identify options for rectification
- The works will require the submission of a Development Application to the NSW Department of Planning
- The job is large and beyond 'weekend' work parties due to the size of the job and the height at which much of the work will be done. It is believed it will require external contractors to ensure its completion in line with regulatory controls.
- The Board welcomes member feedback and input on the presentation and recommended way forward

This is an important milestone for the Club and will set up the future of Smiggins Lodge for decades to come. It will require significant effort and cooperation from members and the Board will ensure members are kept abreast of developments.

Adam is happy to be contacted by members by email who would like to understand the presentation in more detail. His email address is [adam.leonie@bigpond.com](mailto:adam.leonie@bigpond.com)

### ***Junior Development Program Update***

We have a record number of JDP participants this year, which is great news. For JDP participants the following people will be coordinating the program over the week.

- Smiggins Lodge - Rick Boatswain
- Jindabyne Lodge - Giselle Budd and David Winfield

### KNP Season Pass

REMINDER - it is better to buy your season pass at the National Parks entry station on the Kosciuszko Road at Sawpit Creek. This is because 95% of the amount you pay goes towards the running of the Perisher Range Resorts ; only 35% goes to KNP if you buy the pass from the Jindabyne NPWS office or online.



### Corroborree Road

Corroborree Road (Smiggins Lodge) will again be cleared this winter by NPWS as a safety precaution. This means ski in / ski out will NOT be good for your skis, but the gear drop off will be easier ! Lets hope we have conditions similar to last year, which saw NPWS abandon the clearing in July due to the amount and regularity of the snowfalls...

## Snow Country Member Discounts

Don't forget about the discounts for Snow Country members :

- **Monster Ski Hire, Jindabyne** - 20% discount
- **Snowline Ski Centre, Smiggins** - 2015 Early Bird 20% discount offer
- **Glide 'n' Ride Ski and Board Tuning, Wollongong** - 15% off ski and board tuning

## Important Dates for the Diary - 2015

Junior Development Programme	July 5 - 8
Smiggins Bowl	September 19
Snow Country Christmas Party	November 22