



# Snow Country Snippets

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Welcome to the fifth *Snow Country Snippets* for 2016.....

If you have any Club related news or ski holiday pics, please send them to the above email address and we'll include in an upcoming newsletter.

### **IMPORTANT - 2016 Special General Meeting Outcome**

The Special General Meeting to discuss the Smiggins Lodge Refurbishment project was held on October 16 with good attendance from members.

Presentations were made to members by the Board and the Building Committee which outlined :

- the financial position of the Club
- the background to the Smiggins Refurbishment project
- the options considered by the Building Committee
- the funding options explored to undertake the work
- the Board's recommended option to members.

Members discussed the options extensively and constructively before voting took place. Based on the votes received of around 100 members (including proxies) the following option was approved:

**To proceed with major exterior works covering recladding, roofing, window replacement and an internal refresh (funds permitting). The estimated cost of this work is around \$350,000. The works are to be funded by a Club contribution of \$175,000 and a building levy of \$550 per annum for two years on Senior members who are 24 years and over, and \$275 per annum for two years on Honorary members.**

There will be no levy on members under the age of 24 or on Life members.

Some key points that came from the meeting are as follows:

- this project will see the Smiggins Lodge exterior sustained for a minimum of 25 years, and ideally for another 50 years

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- the option that members have decided upon does not preclude the additional internal structural works contained in option 2 from being pursued at a time in the future when Club funding permits
- the option voted upon minimises the financial impact to members and ensures the Club retains control of its assets by not requiring bank borrowings
- the work is planned to be completed in early 2018 - around Feb/Mar. The building levy will be invoiced with member subscriptions in Jan 2017 and Jan 2018.

The full presentation made at the meeting will be loaded to the website for members information.

The next steps are for the Building Committee to finalise and submit the Development Application to the Department of Planning for the work and then release a tender for the building works. Members will be kept up to date with the Building Committee's project through regular newsletter updates.

**The Board would like to thank the Building Committee (Adam Moate, John Koerner, Stephen Winfield, Richard Waller, Lucille Back) and all of the members who took the time to attend the special general meeting or provide their proxy votes, which have assisted in determining the way forward for the sustainability of Smiggins Lodge.**

### **THANK YOU !**

Also special thanks to **Adam Moate** who has advised the Board that due to personal commitments he will be standing down from the Board.

Adam's contribution over the past 4 years has been significant and we thank him sincerely for his effort.

Adam has advised he will remain a member of the Smiggins Building Committee and help us deliver the important refurbishment project.

### **Smiggins Bowl 2016**

The Smiggins Bowl was held in September and again Snow Country was strongly represented with our members performing strongly and doing the Club proud. Thanks again to David Winfield for coordinating our team.

Below are the key results.

- Snow Country came second in the Shield winning the Junior and Vets shields.

Clubs	Junior	Men	Women	Veterans	Overall Shield	Ranking
Snow Country	21	8	7	8	44	2nd
CAL	4		8	6	18	7th
MUN	5	6	5	4	20	6th
IL	20	14	12	7	53	1st
WS	0	4			4	8th
FEL	14	16		3	33	4th
GUN	14	8	11	2	35	3rd
IM	14	5	8	5	32	5th

- In the Bowl we finished 2nd - only 1 point behind Caloola. We won the alpine bowl (GS and SL) with our team of John Hopkins, Adam Moate, Michael Moate and Dave Winfield - congratulations !

Club	Bowl GS	Points	Bowl SL	Points	Bowl SB	Points	Bowl Cross Country	Bowl	Final Result
Snow Country	189.21	7	278.39	8	243.21	6	6	27	2nd
CAL	169.66	6	256.45	7	184.82	7	8	28	1st
MUN	181.59	5						5	4th
IL	173.83	8			221.84	8	7	23	3rd

### **Get Well Soon...**

We wish Club Member, **Pam Pring**, a speedy recovery from recent knee replacement surgery.

Hope you're up and about soonest Pam !

### **Birthday Wishes**

A very happy **birthday** to former long-time and early Club member **Reuben McDonald** who turned 97 on Oct 24.

A great achievement, congratulations Reuben !

## *Epic Pass & Whistler Blackcomb*

Vail Resorts, owner of Perisher Range Resorts, has announced Whistler Blackcomb will be added to the group of North American resorts covered by the EPIC ski pass in the coming northern hemisphere winter !

As mentioned last newsletter, it has been confirmed that Vail are planning to invest in increased snow making facilities at Smiggins and a DA has been placed with the Dept of Planning.

This is great news for Snow Country members, which should assist in extending the season at Smiggins and allowing ski in / ski out for a longer period.

## *2016 Ski Club Pre-Xmas Luncheon*

Don't forget to RSVP to Karen Lyth for our upcoming function to celebrate the 2016 season on **Sunday, November 13**

We are in Wollongong again this year at the Lagoon Restaurant and the event promises to be a great way to catch up with other Club members and have a bit of fun.

See the attached flyer for full details.