



# Snow Country Snippets

August 2019

Welcome to the August edition of *Snow Country Snippets*...

**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.

- Dean, Jackie, Riley and Joshua Alcorn
- Guy McCrae
- Dino, Tahlia and Ari Ganassin and Alison Henderson



To ensure our Lodge facilities remain highly accessible by members, the Board has determined that **NEW memberships are temporarily suspended**, with the exception of member's immediate family members. Anyone who wants to join the Club, who is not a spouse of sibling of a current member, will be placed on a waitlist until membership is reopened. The Board will review this position at the end of the winter season.

## **Smiggin's Refurbishment Project**

After many years of planning and raising the necessary funds, the Smiggin's Lodge Refurbishment project is largely complete!

The external refurbishment of the Lodge comprising new windows, a new roof, structural enhancements, new eaves, some new decking and flooring, new insulation & new cladding - plus internal repainting and recarpeting to the living area – leaves the Club with a building exterior that will serve our needs for the next 30 years. See below for photos of the Lodge.

There are still come cosmetic improvements to be completed by our builder that will be done post-season, and there are still a few tasks (e.g. concreting around the lodge, and the replacement of stairs off the manager's deck) that will be completed over coming seasons as finances allow.

A huge thank you to our Building Committee – consisting of Adam Moate, Lucille Back, Steve Winfield, Jeff Day and Richard Waller - on behalf of all SCSC members, ***we sincerely thank you for your huge efforts in completing this project for the benefit of all Club members.***

In other news from Smiggin's, there are still plenty of beds available throughout the remainder of the season and our Managers, *Steve and Alison* look forward to welcoming you with wonderful food and friendly, mountain hospitality!

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## **Smiggin's Lodge Work Parties – THANKYOU!**

A big thank you to **David Bartley** who coordinated 3 work parties prior to the opening of Smiggin's Lodge.

A huge effort was undertaken by the work party attendees painting internally and externally, cleaning the rooms and managers quarters, installing a waste receptacle, maintaining the decks, clearing vegetation from the back of the Lodge to meet our DA obligations, preparation for structural work being completed by the builder and much more....

Thanks to **David Boyd (Life member), Rob Fyfe, Peter Delovski and mates, Henry Back, Adam Moate, Steve Winfield, Alison Howes, Deb and Barry Whitton, Jeff Day, Warren McCrae, Jono Marsden and mates, Ian Woods, Andrew and Mary McDonald, Steve Osborne and Alison Brass** for giving up their time to prepare the Lodge for winter. Also, thanks to **Lisa Christie** who supported the Building Committee & Work Parties through interior design of the Lodge.

## **Booking System**

The online booking system is operating well and it's pleasing to see so many members booking through the system. We continue to work through a small number of teething issues we have experienced as we look to roll out to Jindabyne bookings before the end of the winter season.

Recently some members may have experienced issues when trying to pay for bookings via the system – this was due to PayPal in the US suspending our account. We have now addressed this issue and things are back to normal.

**Please remember the following:**

- 1. Bookings are to be paid at the time of booking. Any bookings made but NOT paid for will only be held for 7 days maximum and can be cancelled if payment is not made, especially if other booking requests are received for the same days.**
- 2. Also please note we are not a Hotel/Motel that can move/slide bookings. We have a booking policy which clearly indicates on the booking forms and related lodge information. Please ensure you follow the requirements when booking and if you cannot attend you will have to follow the requirements of the booking policy. By requesting to slide or move bookings you may have caused other members or their guest to miss out on bookings. We understand that exigent circumstances occur and the policy allows members to apply to the board for consideration of such circumstances.**

## *Jindabyne Lodge News*

Gudrun and Juergen continue to do a great job of keeping our Jindabyne Lodge in great shape. It was wonderful to hear a number of members comment how clean the Lodge was looking during their recent visits.

Special thanks to Gudrun for upholstery done on the booth seats in Jindy at no cost to the Club. Also huge thanks to Juergen for his excellent handyman skills around the lodge which is saving the Club valuable dollars on tradespeople.

We have, however, had a number of Lodge guests not keeping the kitchen and dining area clean after they have used it.....**REMINDER : it is members and their guests responsibility to clean up after themselves in the Kitchen and Dining Areas and ensure the place is left as you found it !**

## *Annual General Meeting*

Our AGM was held in May at St George 16 Ft Sailing Club and was attended by around 35 members. Discussion around the Club's progress in a range of areas was discussed by the quorum.

The Director's report presented to the meeting can be found on the SCSC website. For member's information, the key resolutions that were approved by members in attendance were:

- The increase of our Annual Admin subscriptions fees from \$195 to \$295 in 2020
- The introduction of a Building Levy of \$150 per senior member in 2020
- The approval to enter into an overdraft facility (\$75,000) to ensure our cashflow through the 2019 season

## *Smiggin's Bowl – September 21, 2019*

The Smiggin's Bowl is being held on September 21 and **Snow Country is hosting the event this year**. The Board is putting a small committee together to manage the running of the Bowl and will be looking to members to volunteer their time to make this Bowl one of the best organised events on record. **Rob McFadden**, as Club Captain, will be heading up the committee. If you are interested in being part of this Committee please email or call Rob on:

- M: 0476 142 629
- E: chillichickenroll@hotmail.com

Both Lodges will be reserved for Smiggin's Bowl participants on the weekend of September 20/21 and bookings are open. A nominal accommodation charge will apply to bookings for the Bowl this year to assist in covering the costs of operating the Lodges during this weekend as follows:

Smiggin's: \$30 per night for ADULTS / \$25 per night per CHILD  
Jindabyne: \$40 per Room per night

## ***New SCSC Club Clothing – Order Now!***

Thanks to Giselle Budd, we will be launching a new round of Club gear that members can order and pay for themselves online. The link below takes you to a website that will display the available gear – which looks fantastic! **There are hoodies, t-shirts, soft shell jackets, fleecies, beanies and caps in all sizes.**

<http://www.xpresspromotion.net.au/snow-sports/snow-country-ski-club>



## ***Looking back...***

Thanks to Jennifer Stevenson and Joanne Elliot for posting these wonderful historical photos of Smiggin's Lodge and the building of the Jindabyne Lodge by Club members back in the 1960's – no doubt they will bring back some fond memories for some of our long-standing members!





***Check out the Snow Country  
Ski Club – Members Page on  
Facebook for more photos!***

## Smiggin's Lodge – June 2019



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