



Snow Country Snippets

June 2020

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

We're Open !

Well, what a 6 months it's been. After the lodges were lucky enough to remain unscathed from the NYE bushfire crisis we, like most people and businesses, have been significantly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

But now, with the ski season underway and after a lot of preparation by the Board and the Lodge Managers, it's great to finally advise that both of our Lodges are now OPEN and ready to welcome members and their guests !

A warm welcome to our Lodge Managers

We welcome **Gudrun and Juergen** back for season 2020. The Board is very pleased to advise that they will be staying with us in Jindabyne until at least 2022. Gudrun and Juergen have Jindabyne Lodge in great shape and ready for its first member bookings since December !

We also welcome back **Steve and Alison** who will manage Smiggins Lodge in 2020. It's comforting to have managers with their level of experience running Smiggins in these uncertain times.

Please give every support to our managers and follow their directions as we seek to ensure we remain Covid-19 free in our lodges.

Life Members

We have two Snow Country Life Members battling illness at the moment and our best wishes are with them.

Robyn Carr and Jill Ward (better halves of David Carr and Laurie Ward, also life members), your Snow Country family is thinking of you and wishing you a speedy recovery.

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Snow Country and Covid-19 – what's changed ?

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, there are a number of changes that have been introduced this season as outlined below. **All of these changes are in place until further notice and we urge members to ensure they follow the Lodge guidelines and the direction of the Lodge managers for the safety of all SCSC members, staff and guests.**

- Manual booking forms are being used this year – NOT the automated booking system. The forms contain all of the new booking conditions required due to coronavirus.
- The names of all people staying in a room and their contact phone numbers must be supplied on booking forms for BOTH lodges.
- A *Covid-19 Waiver of Liability* is also required to be signed by all adult guests/members before entering the lodge.
- Reflecting the shorter season, and increased costs of running our Lodges (e.g. our insurance costs have tripled this year) accommodation rates have been increased for season 2020
- All guests will be temperature tested upon entry to the Lodge. You can access the lodge from 3pm but please ensure you arrive NO LATER than 9pm on your first night to allow testing. If you present with flu like symptoms you will be refused entry to the Lodges.
- Check out time is strictly 10am to allow sufficient time to clean before new guests arrive
- Sanitiser stations will be set up in both lodges to allow guests to practice safe hygiene
- A Covid-19 Lodge Management plan has been developed by the Board that outlines the response in the event of a lodge guest contracting the coronavirus – it can be found on our website
- You will need to bring your own **PILLOWS**, as well as towels this season. Doona covers and bedding will be laundered at the end of each booking.
- All board games and table tennis tables, pool tables and foosball machines are not to be used this year to reduce the chance of spreading infection
- A full and thorough lodge clean will take place every Sunday. All guests will need to vacate the lodges between 10am and 3pm on Sundays to allow our managers enough time to do clean.
- We encourage you to download the CovidSafe app to you mobile phone and take the time to read SCSC's Covid Lodge Management before attending the lodges this season

Smiggins Lodge – special Covid-19 conditions

- There will be reduced capacity at Smiggins due to social distancing rules. **Only 4 rooms** will be used during the season.
- Separate bookings will not be placed in the same room, even if beds are available in some rooms.
- Each room will be assigned one shower, toilet and basin for sole usage by that room ; usage of the bathrooms will be staggered to ensure only one room is using each bathroom at any one time to stay within social distancing rules
- Social distancing rules will apply in all areas of the lodge with maximum guest capacity shown on lodge signage
- No visitors (ie friends or Jindabyne Lodge guests for lunch) are to attend the Lodge due to the risk of cross contamination
- An individually packaged lunch will be provided to guests by our Lodge Managers this season – no ‘buffet’ style lunch is possible
- Guests will be provided with a plastic bag to take their helmets, gloves and face masks etc to their rooms as only ‘outerwear’ will be able to be left in the drying room

Jindabyne Lodge – special Covid-19 conditions

- Jindabyne will operate with a capacity of **9 rooms** this year. One room will be used as a quarantine room where anyone suspected of contracting Covid-19 can stay until such time as they are tested.
- The communal kitchen will be CLOSED for use by members and their guests until further notice, as will the toilet on the bottom floor.
- Microwave ovens have been placed in every room to allow guests to heat meals. A new coat rack will also be found in each room to allow gear to be stored in room, rather than the drying the room
- The Dining area, Games area and Bar are able to used, but are subject to social distancing and maximum capacities based on the 4m2 rule.
- Day visitors are not permitted at Jindabyne this year to reduce the chance of the virus being introduced.

Annual General Meeting

Due to social gathering restrictions, we have delayed the Snow Country AGM. We anticipate holding the meeting towards the end of **October 2020** and we'll communicate the date, time and location as soon as possible.

It would be great to see a strong turn out from members at the AGM as we plan to have a member function afterwards, recognising our Club Person of the Year.

A big thank you to Dave Bartley

Dave Bartley has recently stepped down from his role on the Snow Country Board. Dave has been critical to our Smiggins Lodge management over many seasons and has contributed many hours coordinating and running working parties over the past few years.

On behalf of all members Dave, thanks for your tremendous support whilst on the board !

Smiggins Bowl 2020 and Junior Race Development Program

Due to Covid restrictions, our Junior Race Development program has been cancelled this year.

It is also very unlikely that the Smiggins Bowl will proceed this year and Snow Country is planning for its official cancellation. Due to this there is no 'reserved' accommodation for the Bowl.

Reminder - Club Merchandise

Looking for a gift or just need some new gear for the winter season ? Our great range of Snow Country clothing is still available in our virtual store, link below. The link is also on the booking system website.

<https://www.xpresssportswear.com.au/snow/snow-country-ski-club>

Also, a reminder for our Wollongong members that SCSC members get 10% of non-sales items at Steve's Snow Store – just mention to Steve that you are a member of the Club.

News from Vail / Perisher Resort

We encourage members to continue to visit the Perisher website for the latest information regarding Covid-19 restrictions including the ticket reservation process.

<https://www.perisher.com.au/plan-your-trip/new-to-perisher/covid19-update>

We also came across this article which may be of interest to members with the Jindabyne Kitchen closed to members until further notice.

<https://www.snowbest.com/insiders-guide-to-jindabyne/>

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