



Snow Country Snippets

April 2021

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

Winter Season ... 2021

Welcome to the first *Snow Country Snippets* newsletter for 2021. With last year's COVID19 impacted season restricting everyone's skiing plans and reducing numbers, we are hopeful that this year's winter season will be much better.

We will still be operating under our COVID-19 Safe plan in 2021 but will be monitoring the NSW Government Health Orders and Guidelines, looking to ease conditions wherever possible. You can find the Covid safe plan on the Snow Country website.

Similar to last year, we will be conscious of social distancing, hygiene and hand sanitizing. We will also be operating on reduced capacity across both Lodges.

We look forward to members' cooperation in adhering to the Covid plan, and remember, if you are unwell please do not attend the Lodges and place the Club, fellow members and our staff at risk.

IMPORTANT : Booking Information

Bookings for both lodges will be opening as follows:

- Monday, April 12th, 2021, 7pm: **Full member family bookings only**
- Monday April 19th, 2021, 7pm: **All members and their immediate families**
- Monday May 10th, 2021, 7pm: **Members and Guests** for the remainder of the season.

Prices will revert back to pre-Covid 2019 rates for both lodges and booking forms showing the rates are on the website for use when making bookings at both Lodges.

Smiggin Holes lodge will be operating with only four (4) rooms available, aligned to the four showers/toilets, with a maximum of 16 persons. If a single booking is received for Smiggin Holes, there will be a 50% surcharge as no other person will be able to use the room at the same time.

Jindabyne Lodge will operate with 9 rooms available for the season. The Board is looking to allow Covid-safe use of the kitchen, with self-sanitizing prior and after use, but will be following Health Orders and Guidelines of the day and will advise more details closer to the start of the season.

A warm welcome to our new Smiggins Lodge Managers

With the retirement of Steve and Alison, we welcome new Lodge Managers to Smiggins in 2021.

We warmly welcome Dimity and Chris to the Snow Country 'family'.

With a diverse career, Dimity is a project and events manager who has extensive experience in the hospitality and tourism industries. Dimity is a long time skier, who actually stayed at Snow Country on a family ski holiday many years ago !



Chris has over 20 years experience as a chef and has worked around the world including in Chamonix, France as a private chef. Chris is a keen snowboarder, and we can't wait to taste his fare over winter !

Welcome Dimity and Chris – we look forward to you seeing you in May for a bumper season !

Jindabyne Update

It's also wonderful to advise **Gudrun and Juergen** will be with us through Winter 2021. As many of our members experienced over recent months, Gudrun and Juergen have Jindabyne Lodge in tip-top shape ! We look forward to another successful season with Gudrun and Juergen in Jindy.



Jindabyne Lodge guests over Easter got a nice surprise on Sunday morning with the Easter (Gudrun) Bunny delivering some goodies to the rooms !!!

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

Annual General Meeting – Sunday, May 23, 11am

The 2021 Snow Country AGM will take place:

When : Sunday May 23
Time : 11am – 1pm
Where : Wollongong Golf Club (Vue Room)

On the day we will update members on the Club's operations, recognise our Club Persons of the Year for 2019 and 2020 & **hold a small post-meeting catered function where members will have the opportunity to catch up.**

It would be great to see a strong turn out from members and as many new faces as possible.

HELP REQUIRED... Work Party – Smiggins : May 15 - 16

A work party is being planned for **May 15 and 16** at Smiggins Lodge to prepare it for the upcoming season. Tasks will include slashing grass, steam cleaning carpets, cleaning windows, shelves, cupboards etc, stain decks and rails, close gap in rail near door out of lodge to managers quarters , clean and set up rooms, internal painting & set up any COVID-safe arrangements (signs, sanitiser etc).

If you can assist with the work party, please contact **Mary McDonald.**

- **Phone : 0419 413 040**
- **Email : MarytMcDonald@live.com**

Petrol costs for members attending the work party will be reimbursed and accommodation at one of the lodges will be provided.

Outstanding Fees and Levies

A big thank you to all the members who have already paid your annual fees for 2021.

The Board cannot stress enough the importance of all members paying your fees given the challenge operating conditions and reduced revenue we have generated over the past 12 months.

Members are advised to logon to the new website and check your financial status. We are aware of members who have paid this year's fees, but who have outstanding fees from last year and in a very small number, more than three years of outstanding fees.

Please remember, if you have outstanding fees from either this year or previous years, you will be unable to book accommodation at the Lodges.

Please take the time to logon and complete payments for any outstanding annual fees so you are not disappointed when trying to make bookings. If you can't logon or you have forgot your password, you can send an email to have your password reset.

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.

Perisher Cross Country Week : August 7 – 15, 2021

For our XC enthusiasts, pls see below an update from Perisher XC...

Double-check that these are the dates that you have pencilled in for a special week of fun in the snow. A calendar of XC Ski Week events can be found the PXC XC Ski Week page. Keep in mind that planning for the 2021 winter events is being done now in a positive frame of mind. Check the PXC website regularly for updates.

Kosciuszko National Park – Changes to Park Passes

From 20 April 2021 all NPWS annual passes will transition to digital products which will continue to be linked to a park visitor's vehicle. In addition, from 20 April 2021 fee collecting parks in Sydney will be introducing digital day passes. The change to digital day passes will occur in phases across the state over the next 24 months including Kosciuszko National Park (KNP).

All passes, including existing annual and access passes, remain valid until their expiry date and are still required to be displayed on the vehicle when visiting.

At KNP the vehicle entry stations (VES's) will continue to operate and sell day and multiday passes, however commencing 20 April 2021 the VES's will no longer sell annual passes. Visitors wishing to purchase an annual pass will be able to go to a NPWS visitor centre or buy their [annual pass online](#) prior to entry. As they are now, annual passes purchased this way will be valid instantly and allow visitors to come to KNP without stopping at a VES.

At KNP, day passes, multiday passes and lessee Access Passes will still need to be displayed on the vehicle and will continue to be obtainable through the local offices, VES's and local NPWS visitor centres.

More information about the improvements to the entry fee program is available at <http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/passes-and-fees/digital-nsw-parks-pass>

***We look forward to seeing you
in the mountains***

