



Snow Country Snippets

February 2018

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Welcome to the February 2018 *Snow Country Snippets*

Dates for the Diary

12 March 2018

Annual membership
levies due

12 March 2018

Building levy due

**19 March 2018 /
2 April 2018**

Bookings open for
members*

16 April 2018

Bookings open for
guests.

5 May 2018

Annual General
Meeting

22 September 2018

Smiggins Bowl

*** Please Note the
Member Booking
Changes**

From the President

Hi everyone,

Welcome to 2018 and the first newsletter for the year!

Firstly, congratulations to **Paul Lyth** who was recognised as Snow Country's Club Member of the Year for 2017. Paul's commitment and energy for our Club, and preparedness to give up his time to get involved in many facets of the Club's operations, makes him a worthy recipient and a well-deserved acknowledgement. Congratulations also to those members who received the Club's perpetual awards, which were presented at our hugely successful end of year function - where over 130 members and friends of Snow Country joined together for a wonderful post-season catch up – see photos below.

Please note the key dates shown in the newsletter for winter bookings, subs and levy payment dates, the AGM date and the Smiggins Bowl.

There is also a brief update on the Smiggin's refurbishment project, with our DA still being reviewed by the department but progressing well.

And while on Smiggins, the Board is pleased to advise that we have secured new Lodge managers for next season – **Steve Osborne and Alison Brass**. Steve and Alison live in Jindabyne and have managed Ski Lodges in Perisher and Thredbo for over 20 years, including one season at Snow Country (Smiggins) in 1996 – please make them feel welcome.

Finally, you will receive your annual sub's notices and building levy invoices over the next week. **Your earliest attention to these would be greatly appreciated.**

Cheers,
Michael

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Booking details 2018 - Important, please read the changes for member bookings

Booking forms for 2018 will be up-loaded onto the club website in the next week. The Board is happy to advise that they have been able to keep the accommodation rates for members at the same rates as 2017.

Bookings will open for members from 7pm on Monday the 19th March 2018. The board has listened to the members questions, comments and suggestions and for the first two weeks, priority will be given to full member families, couples, parent/child etc and or members bookings for a full week or more. The remaining two weeks commencing on the Monday the 2nd April 2018 at 7pm is for all other member only bookings for shorter periods, this applies to both Smiggin's and Jindabyne Lodges for the Winter Season. **Don't forget that if your membership fees and levies are not up-to-date you will not be able to enjoy our member rates at the lodges.**

You will also notice the change in single night bookings for Jindabyne Lodge, with the previous surcharge of 50% now reduced to 25%.

Non-Member or guest's bookings will open on 16th April 2018.

Snow Country End of Season/Christmas Celebration

The Christmas Party at Lagoon was a fantastic lunch and afternoon with over 130 attending. The new format with presentation of club awards was a success and congratulations to Paul Lyth, our 2017 Member of the Year. This is a well-deserved accolade for Paul who has given up many, many hours of his time, not only as a member of the Board of Directors but has been integral in the work behind the Smiggins Refurbishment Project.



Some photos from the fun afternoon are at the end of the newsletter

Hatches, Matches & Dispatches

A belated congratulation to Michaela and Izack Rybinski on the arrival of their first baby son, Kerwin in August. We are looking forward to seeing Kerwin zipping down the slopes in the future!

Annual Membership Fees & Building Levies

Invoices will be sent to members for the 2018 membership fees, along with the building levy contribution this week. The fees and building levy will remain the same as 2017. The invoices will be posted out to members, so please keep an eye out. Please check all details on the invoices and if required contact Paul Lyth, secretary (secretary@snowcountry.com.au) to update your details on the club records. If you don't receive an invoice over the next week, please make contact with Paul Lyth to follow up.

Smiggins Refurbishment Project - Update

The Smiggins Refurbishment Team have been busy the last few months, satisfying additional requirements that have been made by the Department of Planning. They engaged a Geotechnical Engineer to complete a Geotechnical review of the lodge site and the proposed works involved in the upgrade project. This report indicated nil Geotechnical impacts and was forwarded to the Dept of Planning, Alpine Resorts team.

The Department of Planning have confirmed all documentation required has now been received to complete the assessment of the Development Application. It is anticipated that we should receive the final approval within four to six weeks. This will allow the board and building committee to then liaise with the preferred tender applicant to secure a start time, hopefully in the spring 2018.

Welcome to Our New Smiggins Lodge Managers

Welcome to our new Smiggins Lodge Managers, Steve Osborne and Alison Brass. Steve and Alison live in Jindabyne and have managed Ski Lodges in Perisher and Thredbo for over 20 years, including 16 years at one lodge, and one season at our Smiggins Lodge in 1996. They also have a variety of overseas experience, including time as a volunteer in the Province of the Eastern Cape South Africa!

We look forward to having a great season with Steve and Alison and please, introduce yourself and give them a warm welcome when you meet them at Smiggins.

Jindabyne Update

The Jindabyne Lodge is looking great and has had members utilising the lodge during summer. We will also have some new “anti-smash” glasses, which will be a sigh of relief for many families with kids, and the cutlery drawers will also be re-stocked!

Helen is returning as the Manager for another year and we look forward to seeing her smiling face around the lodge again this season. If you notice anything broken or not working, please let Helen know as soon as possible so that it can be fixed.

Road Improvements

Members, especially those that stay at Jindabyne Lodge, will be excited to hear that the roadworks being undertaken by the RMS are currently on schedule to finish just as the snow season starts. The works are extending the double lanes from the Snowy Mountains Grammar School all the way to the Thredbo turn off, with the aim being to relieve the bottle neck through the roundabouts every morning..... there are quite a few of us that have our fingers crossed that it is finished and the traffic is just a little better during the peak snow season!

Back to Perisher Weekend

The Back to Perisher Weekend to take place this year from 31 March to 2 April 2018. This year Back to Perisher Weekend is over the Easter Weekend, and therefore it does not coincide with the Term 1 NSW school holidays. SLOPES is a sponsor of Back to Perisher Weekend - with NPWS.

The Back to Perisher Weekend includes a fun run/walk from Eyre T-bar to Charlottes Pass, the Great Duck Race, Easter Egg Hunt and NPWS organise a number of walks with Guides. Follow the SLOPES link for more information: https://slopes.org.au/handy-links/?wpv-handy-link-category%5B%5D=activities&wpv_aux_current_post_id=46&wpv_view_count=1906-TCPID46

They are still waiting on confirmation, but in previous years NPWS has offered reduced entry for this event. The event is gaining popularity, and bookings are required for some of the events.

Junior Development Program - 2018

For those members with Children U18 for this season, the Junior Development Program will be conducted during the second week of the school holidays. Our Club Captain Sue McEvoy is finalizing the details and will be emailing the information and expression of interest forms to members within the next week. **Please ensure to notify your intention to participate in the JDP, so that accommodation can be secured prior to the members booking period commencing.**

Notification will also be posted on our Facebook page.

Smiggins Bowl

As we go to print, the draft date for the Smiggins Bowl is 22nd September 2018. Make a note in your diary as it is outside of normal school holidays.

Member Discounts

Steve's Snow Store in Wollongong offers a 10% discount to members. Check out their website as they can also organise a 20% discount on hire in Jindabyne from The Base Ski & Snowboard Centre. Steve's website is <https://steveessnowstore.com/>. Steve is a great supporter of the club, so if you are in Wollongong, pop in and say hi, just don't forget to mention you are from Snow Country!

Snow Country Facebook Page

Don't forget to request to join our Facebook page for all the latest information and last-minute booking availabilities.

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=snow%20country%20ski%20club%20-%20members%20page>



