



Snow Country Snippets

August 2017

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Welcome to the August 2017 *Snow Country Snippets*

From the President

After a slow start, the season has really ramped up ! With a base of 180cm in mid-August, we should see a season that extends well into September. There is still plenty of accommodation in both lodges during Sept so start thinking about a 'Spring slide'...

Our key Smiggins refurbishment project is progressing well with our DA submitted to the Dept of Planning and builders tenders issued. An update is provided below.

We have received a strong response in terms of payment of the building levy with over 80% of eligible members having paid. **Thank you to those members who have already paid and I urge those that haven't paid to date to organise payment ASAP.**

I'd also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank the life members and parents of some children members who have also contributed to the building levy without being requested to – it is this type of the support for the Club that demonstrates the passion that our long term members have for Snow Country.

Great to see the really important role of Club Captain has been filled by Sue McEvoy – thanks Sue for stepping up and overseeing the racing program for the Club, particularly for the junior members.

The JDP was again a success with 11 participants, all having a great time and building friendships along the way. And don't forget the Smiggins Bowl is on again on September – let's build on the success from the last couple of years and see Snow Country bring home the Bowl !

Finally, it is with sadness that we have farewelled two long term members in Clif Felton and Reuben McDonald and our condolences go out to their families. The contribution to the Club by Clif and Reuben is outlined below.

Until next time, enjoy reading Snow Country Snippets...August edition!

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Appointment of Club Captain

The Board are excited to announce that **Sue McEvoy** has been appointed as our Club Captain. Sue has only been in the club a few years, but Sue and her family have jumped in and have been regular visitors at Jindabyne during both the summer and winter seasons. Sue has a vast experience in snow sports having grown up skiing and lived in Canada for a number of years. She is excited to take on the role and has already started planning for the Smiggins Bowl with the help of David Winfield.

Sue will be sending out emails very soon looking for participants and volunteers for the Smiggins Bowl – look out for the email as the entries will again be electronic like last year.

Hatches, Matches & Dispatches

It is with sadness that we advise of the passing of Clifton Felton on 29th July 2017 (just one day after his 93rd birthday). Clif joined Snow Country Ski Club in 1960, he was an active participant in the Work Parties to build both the Smiggin's and Jindabyne Lodges.



Both Clif and his wife Edith spent many happy winter holidays with their children in Smiggin's, and they were extremely liked members of the club. Clif ran his own Accounting Firm and was a member of the Board of Directors of Snow Country Ski Club for many years, providing sound financial advisory guidance and accounting skills while overseeing the books of the club. As a result of Clif's years of service he was bestowed HONORARY MEMBERSHIP at the Clubs 1995 Annual General Meeting and then at our 2010 AGM he was bestowed LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

We pass our sympathies, on behalf of members of Snow Country, to his children Graeme and Lesley.

Another long serving member we said goodbye to during July was Rueben McDonald. A tribute to Rueben will be included in our next newsletter. On behalf of the members of Snow Country, we pass on our sympathies to his family.

Much happier news Richard Waller and his wife Clare have celebrated the arrival of a son, Harrison born on 11th July. Harrison is a little brother for Isabella, Cooper and Emily, and another grandchild for long standing member Robyne Waller. Harrison has been entertaining the hospital staff a little longer than most new babies and we wish the Waller family our best wishes and hope that he is home with them very soon.

Welcome to our newest members

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Clarence MOATE	Son of Christopher and Donna
Molly MCNAIR	Daughter of Stephen and Liz
Sophie HEWITT	Daughter of Tim and Cathy
Phoebe & Koby ANDERSON	Daughter and son of Paula and David
Evelyne BURGESS & Dayle CAUSER	Daughter and son of Ben and Marni (<i>& grandchildren of Liz and Steve</i>)
Max & Evie MORGAN	Son and daughter of Trent and Shelly
Breanna & Jessica HEWITT	Daughters of Tim and Tristen
Thomas, Sophie, Toby & Libby RODWELL	Children of Angela and Brett
Keira and Jack HAWKINS	Children of Alisa (Hawkins) FERGUSSON (<i>grandchildren of Don and Lesley</i>)

Building Levies

Thank you to those that have paid their subscriptions and building levy to date. We still have too many levies (and sub's) outstanding which are required to ensure we can progress the critically important Smiggins refurbishment project.

Please note, at the 2017 AGM, members approved a rule change that now requires all subs and building levies to be paid by members to enjoy member's accommodation rates.

If you have any queries, are not sure whether you have paid, or require a copy of your invoice please contact SCSC Registrar, David Carr.

Smiggins Refurbishment Project - Update

The Smiggins Refurbishment project is progressing well. Our Development Application has been submitted to the Dept of Planning and we have had some ongoing correspondence with the DoP around some additional matters they have raised.

We have received advice from the NPWS that they have nil issues with our DA and there has been no general public comment received.

Tenders for the building works have been issued to 3 builders and we await their responses.

At this stage we are unsure when the DoP will finalise our DA, but are hopeful that this will occur before the end of the year and we can progress work early in 2018.

We will continue to keep members updated as the project progresses.

Snowmaking DA for Smiggins

As some members would be aware, Perisher Blue last year, gained consent from the Planning and Environment to install extra snow making equipment at Smiggins. Some of us watched the Live Cameras on the Perisher website over summer waiting with anticipation for the construction to commence – and were a little disappointed when it didn't happen for this season.

Well we have just been advised that Perisher Blue have submitted a DA to install snowmaking machines which will enable them to make snow at any temperature below 25 Degrees Celsius! This is proposed to be installed in the top Northern Eastern area of the Kaaten Triple Chair with the aim, together with the approved Stage 1 and Stage 2 snowmaking at Smiggins, will allow Perisher to open this part of the resort earlier and later into the season, with less reliance on snowmaking weather.

Head Lease

Some members would be aware of the issue that has been on-going for many years regarding a Head Lease for Perisher, and the recent announcement by NPWS that the NSW Government and Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) have advised that they have not granted any company a new head lease arrangement for Perisher Range in their recent Government Reviews.

A Head Lease is how Thredbo resort area is managed, and encourages a company/organisation to invest in the area's infrastructure. After the Walker Report in 2002 recommended that a head lease model would be the best solution for the Perisher area ; to date it has not eventuated.

Our lobby group, **SLOPES** - Ski Lodges of Perisher, Smiggins and Guthega - is monitoring the situation and representing the interests of all ski lodges who will be affected (note, Snow Country member, Lucille Back, is on the SLOPES board).

The SLOPES newsletter is a great source of information and we have attached a copy with this newsletter for our members.

Junior Development Program - 2017



The JDP for 2017 has been run and all involved had a fantastic four days. The program always provides not only a great base for race training, but a fantastic



opportunity for the kids to make new friendships that quite often last a lifetime.

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Participants this year were: Cooper & Georgia Aikman, Emily & Hayden Brown, Liam & Mel Filan, Joe Livissianos, Molly McNair & Tia, Mika & Maia Olsson-Veal.

Jindabyne Update

After many years dedicated service the washing machine at Jindabyne finally “packed it in”! After a bit of research Laurie Ward has replaced the old one with a brand new washing machine. Please, please read the instructions BEFORE you use the washing machine:

- Don’t overload the machine.
- Don’t put the detergent in the fabric softener holder.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter BEFORE you put your wash on.

..... and again if you aren’t sure how to use it – READ THE INSTRUCTIONS!

And while we are talking about the laundry – PLEASE clean the lint filter in the dryer BEFORE you use it. There have been a number of occasions when the lint filter has been absolutely packed with lint – this is one of the easiest ways to start a fire that, by the time it is discovered, is almost impossible to extinguish without major damage !

Cross Country News

As we went to press those passionate Cross Country competitors from the club have just completed a week of events – the news along the grapevine was we had a few podium finishes.....stay tuned for details in the next newsletter.

We have a number of members/children of members that have competed at Interschools this year. This is a competition for school aged children (from infants to high school) for most snowsports activities. It is a highly competitive, highly regarded event that both public and private/independent schools compete in. Competitors start at the regional level and progress either individually or in a team, through to State Championships and then if successful, on to nationals.

Those from the club that raced at their allocated regional event were:

- Millie Bond
- Melanie Filan
- James Hopkins
- Gemma Hopkins
- Joe Livissianos
- Mac Livissianos



The two stand out competitors from the regional events were Joe and Mac Livissianos:

- Joe got a team Gold in Div 5 moguls and a Team silver in SB GS.
- Mac got a team Gold in Div 4 Moguls and an Individual Bronze. Also a team Gold in Div 4 Alpine. And team bronze in SB GS, team Silver in Ski X.



Joe in the Moguls

Congratulations Mac & Joe



Millie in the Skier X

Good luck to James Hopkins, Gemma Hopkins, Joe Livissianos and Mac Livissianos who have all made it through to the NSW/ACT Championship round in their chosen events, and also to Declan Budd who will be competing in the inaugural multi-class Alpine & Snowboard events at the championships.

Congratulations Mac Livissianos

.....who very recently took out Gold in the NSW Junior Series Dual Mogul event in the youth category (under14s)! He was presented his medal by Olympic Mogul skier Taylah O'Neill
Awesome effort Mac – your hard work is definitely paying off!



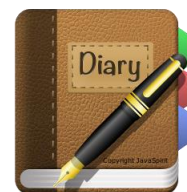
Member Discounts

Steve's Snow Store in Wollongong offers a 10% discount to members. Steve has some great specials currently on Boards, Skis, Boots and Kids Clothing. 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!

Steve's website is <https://stevesnowstore.com>

Important Dates for the Diary – 2017

Smiggins Bowl	Sept 23
Next Newsletter	September



The next newsletter will be distributed in September. Please email any news, information, gossip or suggestions to Giselle (snowcountryskiclub@gmail.com) no later than September 15, 2017.

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