



THE GUNDAROO NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST GEORGE ALPINE CLUB

June 2017

(Ski) Season's Greetings

Welcome to another ski season. Let's hope the snowfalls are both frequent and deep. So far, there have been some good falls around Perisher; so much so that the resort is already open, on the first weekend in June!

Winter Occupancy Rates

Accommodation occupancy at the Hotham Lodge continues to be disappointing again this winter. Last year it was 58% (with 25% attributable to 3rd party bookings, i.e. Marco), while Jindabyne was 75%. This year's numbers are looking similar.

AGM

The AGM was held, recently, and the following people are, once again, responsible for making our club run smoothly:

- Keith Monaghan (President)
- Graham Grigg (Secretary)
- Ian Matthew (Treasurer)
- Matthew Boseley (Accommodation Director)
- Bob Philp (Membership Director)
- Eunice Philp (Booking Officer)
- Phill Boseley (Board Member)
- Juha Sillan (Board Member)
- Mark Wong (Board Member)

Later in this newsletter, I have included a copy of President Keith's annual report, as presented at the AGM.

Life Membership

Also at this year's AGM, we awarded our latest Life Membership, to **Ian Matthew**, our Treasurer of many, many years.

Ian was an original Board member when the Club was first incorporated, in July 1978. He served until 1986, then left the board for a time, to pursue other activities. He re-joined the Board in 2000 and has served as your Treasurer ever since. In all, Ian has put in more than 25 years as Treasurer of SGAC.

Some may be aware that there is a tree planted in Ian's honour at the back of the block at Jindabyne.

Lodge Maintenance

Jindabyne

- All the beds were replaced in February 2017. New mattress & pillow protectors were also provided at the same time.
- Full 'spring' clean of lodge completed.
- The old shutters windows, in the lounge areas, were removed and replaced with commercial grade aluminium windows and thermal glass (special commercial 10.38mm glass that won't transfer heat or cold – no more shutters required).



The new front windows from outside



The new side windows from inside



The new front windows from inside

Hotham

- Two mattresses and their mattress protectors and pillows/pillow-protectors were replaced in February.
- Shower heads to be replaced before next winter. Currently awaiting delivery of appropriate shower heads for this work to be completed.

Accommodation

When booking accommodation, **is it essential that you ring Eunice first**, before filling out the online form. This is to check availability and is detailed in the booking rules.

When filling out the form, you must also put in the ages of any children or you will be charged adult rates for them, in accordance with the booking rules.

If you have any problems with your accommodation, or the behaviour of other guests/members, contact Matthew Boseley in the first instance on 0411 730 380.

Don't Forget the Arrival and Departure Changes for the Lodges

- The arrival time for both Jindabyne and Mt Hotham is now 2pm and the departure time is 10am.

Ski Scholarships

We have received applications for ski scholarships from 5 people, this winter. The Board will meet shortly to award the scholarships and the applicants will be advised of the outcome of their applications in due course.

Memberships for Sale

At the time of writing, there are 6 type C (Mt Hotham) memberships for sale, and none in the other classes. If you wish to enquire about the purchase of A, B or C memberships, please contact Bob Philp on 02 6585 5535.

Presidents Report 2016

The 2016 season started late with poor snow in July but the good snows extended well into September.

Our income was slightly down in Jindabyne from last year. This was due to an increase in Lodge Member income but a drop in ordinary and non-member income.

Mt Hotham had an income increase of 38.7% over the previous year. This was due to a slight increase in member usage and over 50% of the income from outside accommodation. This outside accommodation helped give a slight profit for Mt Hotham. The utilisation of the Mt Hotham lodge, by our members, is very low and we will continue to outsource the accommodation. The board is continuing its investigation into ways to improve the utilisation of the Mt Hotham lodge.

I have attended the Mount Hotham Resort Management Board SGM for the last 2 years and have put our point forward on their costs and the effect it has on the viability of our lodge and other lodges on the mountain. It looks like they are starting to get the message across as this year they started to talk about the financial viability of the lodges and the mountain as a whole. These fees are set by the Victorian government and with resort management problems across Victoria the management structure for the mountain is in a state of change. We will continue to monitor this change.

The company shows a profit of \$6897, which is down on last year. We have continued the basic maintenance and minor upgrades to the lodges.

We ran our ski scholarship program and 3 were awarded. We as a board were very pleased to see these young skiers take up these offers. These people are the future of the club.

The scholarships are open to the children or grandchildren of lodge members and I urge all parents to think about this scholarship in the coming seasons. As with last season we are allowing people who have had a scholarship in the past to, if they want, apply for another one. The priority will be for first time applications.

I would like to thank the directors and their families for all the work and support they have put into the club over the last year. These people are volunteers and give up their time for the betterment of the club.

I also thank Eunice for her vital work as booking office for the club.

Also I would like to thank all the members that used the club's facilities for their support and hope you had a great time at the lodges.

Finally welcome to the new members and I hope you enjoy the lodges as much as we do.

Good skiing and good times.

Keith Monaghan
President & Director
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Winter Accommodation Rates – Gundaroo, Jindabyne

Ski Season: 2nd June 2017 to 2nd October 2017

These rates include a 10% GST component.

Short week special: 5 nights' accommodation at a cost of 3 nights. (except bunk room)

CLASSIFICATION	WEEKLY	WEEKLY	DAILY	DAILY
	<i>Off-Peak</i>	<i>Peak</i>	<i>Off-Peak</i>	<i>Peak</i>
LODGE MEMBER				
Minimum fee for a Bedroom	170	200	43	50
Minimum fee for a Family Room	236	276	59	69
Lodge Member (LM)	65	76	16	19
Lodge Member's Child (LMC)	41	48	10	14
ORDINARY MEMBER				
Minimum fee for a Bedroom	520	611	115	136
Minimum fee for a Family Room	720	846	160	188
Ordinary Member (OM)	200	235	44	52
Ordinary Member's Child (OMC)	120	141	27	31
NON-MEMBER				
Minimum fee for a Bedroom	686	806	152	179
Minimum fee for a Family Room	950	1116	211	248
Non-Member (NM)	264	310	59	69
Non-Member's Child (NMC)	158	186	35	41
BUNKROOM				
Adult Member	61	73	11	14
Child Member	39	46	7	8
Adult Ordinary Member	178	209	32	38
Child Ordinary Member	97	114	19	23
Adult Non-Member	234	275	68	50
Child Non-Member	128	150	26	30

Winter Accommodation Rates - "Unit 21" Mt Hotham

Ski Season 2nd June 2017 to 2nd October 2017

These rates include a 10% GST component.

CLASSIFICATION	WEEKLY <i>Off-Peak</i>	WEEKLY Peak	DAILY <i>Off-Peak</i>	DAILY Peak
LODGE MEMBER				
Minimum fee for a Bedroom	547	700	119	140
Lodge Member (LM)	247	350	60	70
Lodge Member's Child	159	203	35	41
ORDINARY MEMBER				
Minimum fee for a Bedroom	774	910	155	182
Ordinary Member (OM)	387	455	77	91
Ordinary Member's Child (OMC)	224	264	45	53

Summer Accommodation Rates Gundaroo, Jindabyne & “Unit 21”, Mt Hotham

Summer Season: 9 October 2017 to 1 June 2018

These rates include a 10% GST component

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION	WEEKLY	DAILY
LODGE MEMBER		
Adult	\$72	\$14
Child	\$32	\$7
Minimum fee for bedroom	\$143	\$29
Minimum fee for a family room [Gundaroo]	\$239	\$48
ORDINARY MEMBER		
Adult	\$95	\$19
Child	\$48	\$10
Minimum fee for bedroom	\$190	\$39
Minimum fee for a family room [Gundaroo]	\$317	\$68
NON-MEMBER		
Adult	\$119	\$24
Child	\$59	\$12
Minimum fee for bedroom	\$239	\$47
Minimum fee for a family room [Gundaroo]	\$419	\$79