



THE GUNDAROO NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST GEORGE ALPINE CLUB

December 2015

New Board Member

Unfortunately, Mark Karim, who was appointed to the Board at the previous AGM, was unable to escape his work commitments, and resigned from the Board accordingly. We would like to welcome **Matthew Boseley** as our newest Board member. It is great to see the younger generation come forward to take on some of the responsibilities, and learn what it takes to run the lodges.

Subscriptions for 2016

Don't forget that you need to pay your subscriptions by the end of January 2016. As you may be aware, the last season was not a particularly long one and the lodges did not receive an adequate level of usage to cover costs for the year. There were not many bookings for 7 days, and the majority were for 2 to 3 days, in spite of having good snow from July to the end of September. We did not receive any bookings for Mt Hotham in September, so the lodge was closed early.

Our records indicate that 40% of our members did not use either lodge during the year. As we are not covering our increasing fixed costs, maintenance costs plus rates, electricity and water the Directors have been required to increase subscriptions for the 2016 year as follows;

The annual Subscriptions are increased by \$50 from the fees set in 2015. They are:

- If paid before 31st January 2016 **\$280**
- If paid after 31st January but before 29th February **\$300**
- After 29th February \$300 plus reestablishment fee \$45 Total **\$345**

Discounted Subscriptions for Lodge Users: We are offering a discount to those people that have used, or members of their families who have used, the lodges in the last 12 months. If your membership was used at either lodge from the 1st December 2014 to the 30th of November 2015 then a **\$50 discount** will apply to your annual membership. (We have records from our booking data base to verify memberships that used either lodge).

So, for the 40% of members who did use the lodges, the Subscriptions will be **\$230, \$250 or \$295** depending on when you pay them (see the dates above).

As a Board we believe that this is the fairest way to increase our income and hopefully increase the utilisation of our lodges.

Accommodation Rates for 2016

Our accommodation rates for Hotham and Jindabyne remain the same as for 2015.

Changes to Booking Rules

Please note that when booking more than 1 room, a separate booking form will be required for each room. If you need to make any changes to your booking, please fill in and send in a new booking form.

If you have a large group booking, and you are sending it in via normal post, could you please copy the booking form as many times as you need to only fill in one name per line, ensuring that the form is neatly and clearly filled in.

The “Family Room” at Gundaroo Lodge at Jindabyne

When booking, the minimum number of persons at the time of booking is 5. A smaller number of occupiers will be accepted 14 days prior to occupation.

Sponsorship

The story of Damien Tomlinson (pictured on our website), an Australian veteran of the war in Afghanistan, is one that continues to evolve and inspire people around the world. In April 2009, Damien suffered horrendous injuries, when his patrol hit an IED in Southern Afghanistan that nearly took his life, and resulted in the amputation of both his legs.

Most people could not imagine recovering and moving on from the loss of two limbs, but Damien treated it as another challenge to be overcome.

The St George Alpine Club has provided Damien with a donation to assist him to represent Australia at the Winter Paralympics in 2018.

Don't Forget The Previous Changes For the Lodges

- **Arrival and Departure times** – Due to changes in the day to day running of the lodge, the arrival time for Mt Hotham is now 2pm and the departure time is 10am. Jindabyne still has a 10am arrival.
- **New Security** – A reminder that your key will no longer work in either of the lodges as a new more secure system has replaced the old keying system. You will need to put in the “code” to gain access. The code will be changed each week, so make sure that Eunice Philp has provided you with the code before your trip. If you have forgotten the code and you cannot contact Eunice, you may be able to acquire it from the Manager Marco (across the road).
- If you have any problems with your accommodation, or the behaviour of other guests/members, contact Matt Boseley in the first instance on 0411 730 380.