



THE GUNDAROO NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE ST GEORGE ALPINE CLUB

December 2016

Season's Greeting

A very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all out members and their extended families.

While, at times, there was some great skiing to be had, this year, here's hoping for a better (and longer) season at both Mt Hotham and Jindabyne in 2017.

Vale Pat Taylor

It is with regret that we advise of the passing of Pat Taylor, long-standing member of SGAC and father to Ellie Gerasimou (current member). Our deepest sympathies to Con and Ellie & family on this sad event.

Winter Occupancy Rates

Accommodation occupancy at the Hotham Lodge were disappointing again this winter, and the lodge was closed by the end of September 2017. It was interesting to note that the heaviest snowfall of the season was in October after the resort had closed.

The winter occupancy rates are not currently available for Hotham, but the Treasurer has reviewed the income and expenditure for 2016 and found that they are almost identical to 2015, when the occupation rates were 64% for Jindabyne and 33% for Hotham. From this we can see that, although at times, we had very high numbers of people through Hotham, overall it was still not as good a result as we would hope for.

Current Board Members and Booking Officer

The following people are 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)

Accommodation Rates for 2016

Our accommodation rates for Hotham remain the same for 2017 (as increasing them would make them more expensive than most other Hotham accommodation). However, Jindabyne rates are increasing by 5% for winter and 10% for summer.

A full list of the accommodation rates (for both lodges) is at the end of this newsletter.

The bunkroom at Jindabyne will no longer have a special discounted weekly or “3 for 5” rate - it will be the day rate only for the number of days of stay.

The new rates are advertised on the website as well as at the end of this newsletter.

Subscriptions for 2017

Don't forget that you need to pay your subscriptions by the end of January 2017
The annual Subscriptions are the same as in 2016. They are:

- If paid before 31st January 2017 - **\$280**
- If paid after 31st January but before 28th February 2017 - **\$300**
- After 28th February 2017 - \$300 plus re-establishment 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 2015 to the 30th of November 2016 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 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 encourage the utilisation of our lodges.

Please do not pay your subscriptions before January 1st, to assist the Treasurer in his reconciliations.

Changes to Booking Rules

It was decided to allow grandchildren of members to be eligible for member rates.

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.

Memberships for Sale

If you wish to enquire about the purchase of A, B or C memberships, please contact Bob Philp on 02 6585 5535.

New Booking Dates for Winter 2017

- **A & B Members:** can book Jindabyne from 1st week February 2017
- **C & B Members:** can book Hotham from 1st week February 2017
- **A Members** can book Hotham and **C Members** can book Jindabyne from 1st week March 2017
- 2nd round of **lodge member** bookings from 6th March
- **O Members** can book from 13th March 2017
- **Non-Members** can book from 20th March 2017.

These changes are for 2017 only.

Lodge Maintenance

Jindabyne

- New Beds will be replaced in February 2017. New mattress & pillow protectors will also be provided then.
- Old shutter windows are being removed, in the lounge areas, 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).
- Roof guttering has been repaired.
- Redundant entry codes have been deleted.

Hotham

- A new boiler/hot water system has been installed.
- Repaired leaky valves in the drying room and all heaters.
- Replaced two dishwashers.
- Some of the mattresses and mattress protectors and pillows/pillow-protectors will be replaced in February
- Shower heads to be replaced before next winter.
- Replaced toilet seats.
- New duties roster has been drafted and is available on our website and on the Hotham noticeboard.

Problems with your Accommodation

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.

Ski Scholarships

There were 3 ski scholarships awarded last winter: Riley Donnelly, Steven Wong and Leah Cassidy.

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