



St. George Alpine Club

June 2024

# Member Newsletter



## RETIRING PRESIDENTS REPORT

I am pleased to present this, my last president's report.

The 2023 season was a very poor season for snow falls and coverage with most of the fields closing early. Even with the poor season the club had an acceptable financial performance. We have continued with the maintenance programs for both lodges. We are currently looking at updating the kitchen at Hotham. We have also started a trial program of opening the Hotham lodge for summer to assess the potential usage. We have continued to refine the booking system to help our members, our booking office and those on the board who are involved with the system. These items will be covered in more details in the various reports.

As of now, my retirement, I have held the position of president for the last 30 years and being on the board for 31 years.

In that time, I've seen the club grow and mature. There were some controversial decisions that had to be made which led to some interesting discussions. There were also some critical decisions that had been made to keep the club active and viable when circumstances outside our control had to be met.

Over my period, in this position, one of my aims was to achieve profitability for the Mount Hotham Lodge. This has finally happened with an increase in Victorian membership and possibly helped by the new ticketing system which covers fields in NSW and Victoria. I leave the club in very good financial position which will ensure it can weather unforeseen problems such as COVID.

I have been privileged to have a great group of people support me during my time on the board. All these people are volunteers, and I cannot stress the amount of work and support they have given to this club. I thank them all. A total of 30 board members and 2 booking officers.

At this meeting Matthew Boseley is also retiring from the board. Matthew has been a board member for 9 years and his input and support have been greatly appreciated. I thank him for his much-appreciated help.

I would like to thank all the current board members, and their families, for the work they carried out this year to keep the lodges and club running smoothly. I would also thank all the members, and their friends, who have used our lodges during the year.

Signing off for the last time as President.

Best regards,  
Keith Monaghan

## Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held via Zoom on Thursday 9th May with 31 members attending and 47 members providing their proxies. If you can't attend, it is a great way to still have a voice. Thank you to everyone who was in attendance or provided their proxies.

At the AGM we saw our President Keith retiring, along with long time Board Member Matt Bosely.

We elected our new president and one new board member.

Thank you to Mark Wong who put his hand up for the Presidency. It was a close call and collation of proxies saw Jane duly appointed.

Members have approved the new constitution - which will now be lodged with ASIC

## Introducing our new President and Board member



Jane Courtney

Hello Everyone.

Welcome to the 2024 Winter Season.

Firstly, I would like to extend my thanks again to Keith Monaghan for his 30 years' service as our Club President with 31 years on the Board. An amazing milestone!

I'm very excited to be working with you and the board to bring the best outcomes for all members and guests.

### A little insight about me...

I have a full-time career, leading project delivery for a corporate financial institution. In my downtime from work, I find quality time to spend with my husband William and our two adult children – Alexandra and Ryan. If we are not skiing together at Mt Hotham, William and I are bushwalking, or I'm completely focused on my photography methodology and its philosophy. A pair of skis or a snow board is the ultimate transportation to freedom".

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## Board for 2023

- Jane Courtney (President)
- Graham Grigg (Secretary)
- Chris Boseley (Treasurer)
- Bob Philp (Membership Director)
- Juha Sillan (Board Member)
- Graeme Beilby (Board member)
- Sally Garner (Board member)
- Bob Skuza ( Board member)
- Karen Johnson (Booking Officer)

Note - Accommodation Director to be announced shortly

## Robert Skuza

I have recently retired from mining logistics and now my wife and I divide our time between enjoying life on the South Coast of NSW and exploring the trout streams of the Snowies. As a fly fisherman I use the Jindabyne lodge more in the "off-season" than other members and I am very appreciative of the opportunity to serve all members as a director on the board.



## Thank you Keith and Matt

A huge thank you to Keith for his 31 years steering the club and supporting us all. We wish him well in his retirement and travels.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to Matt Boseley after 9 years on the Board and wish him and his family all the best with their new baby boy Nash Kohl born in April, a little brother for Kai

## 2024 TREASURER'S REPORT

By Chris Boseley

In 2023, Mt Hotham accounted for 57% of the Club's accommodation income, which reflects the high occupation level in combination with the substantially higher rates we can achieve for Hotham. We achieve these higher rates because Mt Hotham is "on-snow" accommodation, versus Jindabyne which is a 40-minute drive, on a good day to reach the snow.

In 2023 the Club made a modest surplus of \$17,740, which included a non-cash depreciation charge, combined for both lodges, of \$37,628. So, while both lodges are operating well financially, we are generating sufficient surpluses to ensure we can continue to withstand future 'hiccups' & have sufficient reserve funds to invest back into the Lodges.

Of some interest is that we are carrying retained losses of \$132k as at 31/12/2023 which is at the bottom of the equity section of the Balance Sheet. To explain how this figure was derived, for the benefit of the newer members of the club, we have also attached a "Retained Earnings Transaction" report. This report shows in 2016 we already had an accumulated loss of \$113.5K.

This was due to the Jindabyne lodge subsidising the Mt Hotham lodge, which at that time Hotham was only achieving about 30% usage, even in peak season. This low occupation level was exacerbated by the fact that the Club still had a debt of approximately \$140k in 1994 on Hotham and paying interest on that debt. So, the then Treasurer John Kessler, restructured the loans to remove the Hotham's debts at Jindabyne's expense and I have been advised there would be a large component of that interest debt, still included in the \$113.5K accumulated loss.

Moreover, the problems with Hotham's under-utilisation persisted until quite recently when we successfully started sourcing Melbourne memberships. So, now the Hotham bookings are consistently good.

Also, you will notice there was a loss in 2018 and this was due to the application of Depreciation, which allows us to create reserve funds.

Obviously, the 2020/2021 losses were the result of Covid with next to no bookings while the strong 2023 result reflects the rate increase introduced by the board for the 2023 season in combination with a high level of utilisation of both lodges.

Chris Boseley

treasurer@stgeorgealpine.com.au

### YOUR ALPINE RESPONSIBILITY CODE

There are inherent risks in all snow recreational activities. Common sense, staying in control and personal awareness can reduce these risks. Risks include rapid changes in weather, visibility and surface conditions, as well as natural and artificial hazards such as rocks, trees, stumps, vehicles, lift towers, snow fences and snowmaking equipment. Observe the code and ski and ride with courtesy to others.

1. Stay in control and avoid other people and hazards.
2. Use appropriate protective equipment, especially helmets, to minimise the risk of injury.
3. You must have the ability to use each lift safely. If in doubt ask the lift attendant.
4. Obey all signs and warnings, and keep off closed trails and areas.
5. It is your responsibility to avoid and give way to people below and beside you.
6. Do not stop where you are not visible from above or where you obstruct a trail.
7. Before starting downhill, or merging into a trail, look uphill and give way to others.
8. Use care to prevent runaway snowboards.
9. If you are involved in or see an accident, alert and identify yourself to Resort Staff.
10. Be aware that it is dangerous to ski, board or ride lifts if your ability is impaired by drugs or alcohol.

#### KNOW THE CODE. IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

Failure to observe the code may result in cancellation of your ticket or pass by Resort Staff.



## 2024 Membership Directors report By Robert Philp

While the overall number of members has not changed, in line with the Articles of Association, there have been some sales of membership at both lodges over the past 12 months.

We have a total of 169 lodge members, broken up as follows:

- A (Jindabyne) 82
- B (Both) 30
- C (Hotham) 57

In addition, we have 17 Ordinary members, ostensibly waiting on available memberships before becoming full lodge members.

If you are thinking of selling your membership, there is most likely someone waiting to buy it, so let the Membership Director know so he can put you in touch with a potential buyer.

Because of tax implications the Club cannot handle the sale, but we can put together potential buyers and sellers.

## 2024 Booking Officer Report By Karen Johnson

In the second year our new booking program club members seem to have found it user friendly and there have been very few problems. The opening of first round bookings for the ski season was a much easier process than in the past 5 years.

The program has a limited capacity to include the many rules of our club, for example it cannot change a non-member price where the non-member is staying in a room with members. However, these quirks are easily corrected prior to the booking being approved as I check for other rule compliance and correct the fees charged. The feedback I receive anecdotally is generally good. I am always happy to assist where members have problems with the booking process.

As usual the Jindabyne Lodge has been well used over Summer by our members and by the bushwalking club for their annual meetup in the mountains.

In its first year for Summer bookings the Hotham lodge has had very little use but this may grow in the years to come.

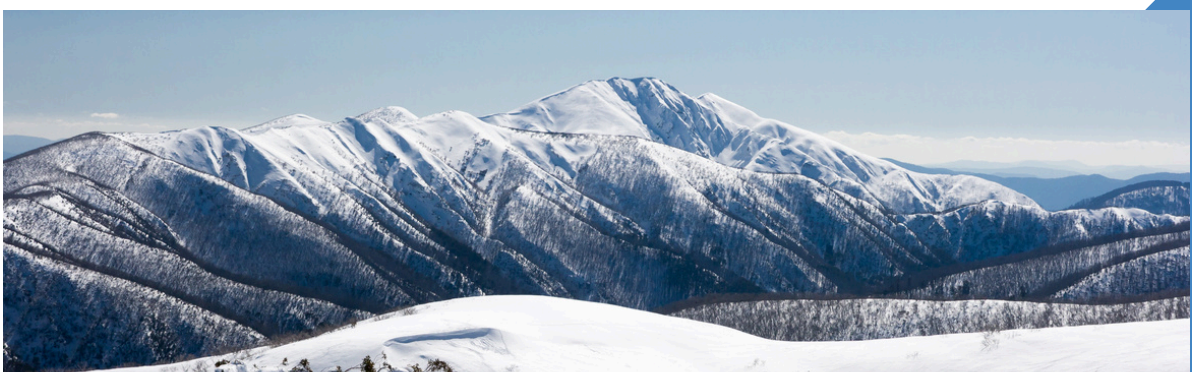
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**WWW.STGEORGEALPINE.COM.AU**  
**THE NEW CONSTITUTION - currently lodged**  
**with ASIC**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT**  
**LODGE CAPTAIN DUTIES**  
**BOOKING RULES**

Hopefully this year will see a longer ski season than last year which I know caused some members to not travel to the lodge for Spring skiing. Please keep in mind the rules relating to late cancellations and that there is always plenty to do in the region other than skiing.

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**CLUBMAN**

[www.clubman.app](http://www.clubman.app)



# Welcome to the season!

Great to see the snow starting to fall across our Victorian and NSW Mountains. Whilst we probably won't be skiing this coming opening weekend there is much to celebrate.

**Perisher** - lots happening opening weekend with the Peak Music Festival and the Double chair lift Auction

**Thredbo** - We look forward to trying out the new half pipe later in the season. Hope to spot Scotty James on mountain too!

**Hotham** - getting the party started with fireworks and retail sales. Great to see the Last Run Bar will now be a Steak Place operated by the guys from Bright Sir Loins - open 7 nights a week.

As always - make sure you have purchased your car pass for the season or the days you will be on Mountain. No doubt the police will be doing spot checks again this season to ensure ALL CARS are carrying chains regardless of the weather.

Drive safely and have fun!



## Jindabyne

During the summer period several maintenance tasks were completed, including:

- Painting of the fascia and eaves. This was the first time since the lodge was built.
- The gutters were also cleaned of vegetation and new downpipes were installed.
- A lockable bike shed was built on the old BBQ area, to keep all bikes from inside the lodge to provide safe storage of bikes. Lights and power points were Installed to charge e-bikes for free.
- The ground floor storeroom was cleaned first time in decades.
- Lockers were removed and the storeroom cleared. New industrial shelving was installed for storage of supplies and for easy access.

Alpine Fire carried out their annual inspection and the lodged passed without alteration.

In upcoming works, new toilet cisterns will be installed in all rooms this season and all tapware will be serviced

I would like to thank the fine Jindabyne tradies for their ongoing excellent work.

Juha Sillan - Building Manager

## Hotham

The May Working Bee at Hotham was led by Mark Tilley and his son Jack, along with Graeme Beilby.

Completed was

- New Ski & Board racks hung. Skis can now be hung outside the door in the winter and the racks stored inside in the summer.
- New ski racks now accommodate modern wider skis with room for 16 Boards.
- Kitchen knives sharpened - please be careful!
- Restocked essentials for the upcoming season
- Measured windows in the whole lodge for new blinds
- Overall general clean - ovens and bathrooms in preparation for the season.
- Check measure in preparation for the new kitchen design and installation later in the year.

Thank you to Mark, Jack and Graeme for volunteering your time and missing watching your footy team play and win!

Bob Philp

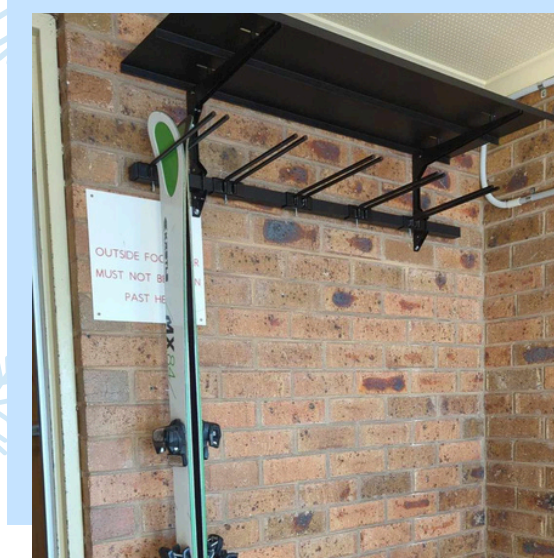
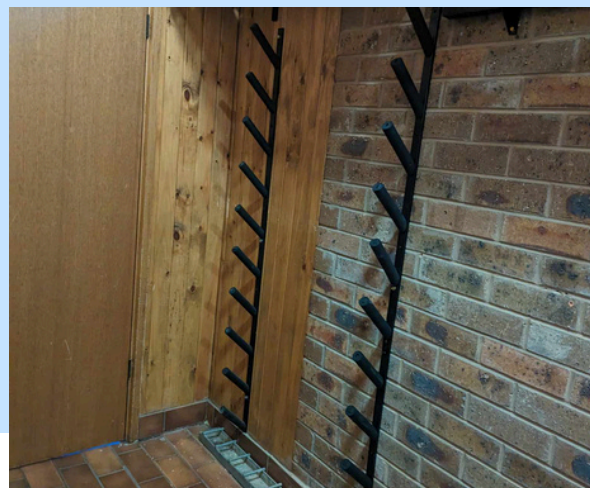
## JOIN OUR ONLINE COMMUNITY FACEBOOK GROUP ST GEORGE ALPINE CLUB

Share your experiences with comments, photos and fun!  
Remember this page is just for that - our community.  
If you have any issues or concerns, please take them to the appropriate person. We currently have 87 members.  
Help us get to 100!



### St George Alpine Club

Private group · 87 members



## New Ski and Board racks for Hotham

## JUNIOR SKI SCHOLARSHIPS

In its efforts to promote skiing as a sport, St George Alpine Ski Club offers (up to 5) scholarships to school aged children of financial lodge members for them to further their pursuit of the sport.

The scholarship provides a financial contribution for the child to use in furthering their skills in the sport of skiing. This donation can be used to cover things such as the cost of lessons, training or inter-school competitions.

We have processed a number of applications and look forward to seeing the results of the scholarships for 2024.

Eligibility: Scholarships are available to juniors (under the age of 18) and can be reapplied for after 5 years since their last scholarship. If you were not successful this year, please consider applying again next year.

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

**New memberships** - for purchase of A, B or C memberships, please contact Bob Philp on 0448 983 022.

**Selling, or thinking about selling?** Please contact Bob Philp as we have a waiting list of people looking to purchase memberships now.



## HOTHAM KITCHEN UPGRADE

This has taken longer than we had anticipated. It is a large investment for the club so we want to ensure we cover all requirements and meet your expectations. We have chosen an island design which will open up the space nicely and allow for designated workspaces (cooking, preparation, washing up etc)

We will be replacing the cookers, fridges and freezers and providing easier to access food storage for all rooms.

We expect this project will take place after the end of this year's ski season. Consequently, there will be a number of weeks that the lodge will not be available for bookings.

Once we have the final design confirmed we will let you know. We will be looking for Expressions of Interest from Trades to support the project, so please get in touch if you would be interested. Email Sally at [communications@stgeorgealpine.com.au](mailto:communications@stgeorgealpine.com.au)



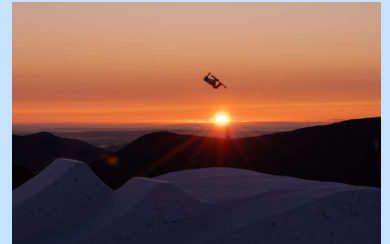
# Updates from the ski resorts

## Thredbo

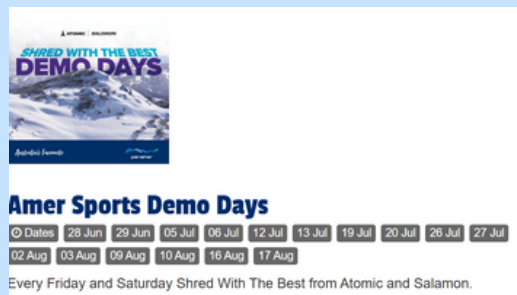
Thredbo Resort, a beloved hub of snowboarding in Australia, has exciting news! They've partnered with Australian pro snowboarder and Olympic medalist Scotty James, who is now their newest ambassador. Scotty will help foster the next generation of Aussie riders. This season, Thredbo is debuting Australia's first-ever 22-foot halfpipe for Olympic training during the Southern Hemisphere's winter snow season. Additionally, there's a brand new 13-foot minipipe, donated by Scotty himself, providing an oasis for all ages in the Cruiser area at Thredbo. The resort opens on July 8th, so get ready for some epic snowboarding!



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## Perisher

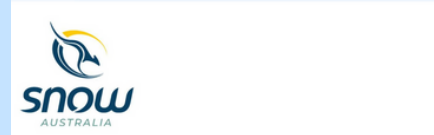


**Amer Sports Demo Days**

02 Aug	03 Aug	09 Aug	10 Aug	16 Aug	17 Aug
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Every Friday and Saturday Shred With The Best from Atomic and Salomon.

**30 June**



**Interschools Come & Try**

Designed specifically for new and younger skiers within the Interschools program, focusing on Divisions 6 and 5 participants. This experience includes a giant slalom race on Front Valley, offering skiers an opportunity to practice before the Regional Championships, especially beneficial for those competing for the first time.

### Helpful Links for Thredbo

#### Lift passes:

<https://www.thredbo.com.au/passes-rentals/winter-passes/>

#### Lessons and programs:

<https://www.thredbo.com.au/lessons-programs/>

#### Winter activities:

<https://www.thredbo.com.au/activities/>

#### Thredbo Winter Calendar of Events:

<https://www.thredbo.com.au/activities/?category=winter>

### Helpful Links for Perisher

#### Ski Tube timetable:

<https://www.perisher.com.au/resort-info/mountain-operations/skitube-timetable>

#### Lift tickets and lessons:

<https://www.perisher.com.au/tickets-passes>

#### Epic Pass info:

<https://www.perisher.com.au/epic-australia-pass>

#### Perisher Events:

<https://www.perisher.com.au/events>

Keep up to date with everything happening at  
Jindabyne, Thredbo & Perisher  
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# WHAT'S

# ON

## 2024 RESORT OPENING

**HOTHAM**

### EVENTS

**Saturday 8 June**

#### WARREN MILLER ALL TIME 2024

**Movie Night | From 8pm | Zirky's Bar**

Elevate your ski expectations!

P 03 5759 3518.

**Every Saturday & Sunday | July & August**

#### LIVE ACOUSTIC SETS | Zirky's Bar

Kicking off early evening. Local acts doing all from blues to folk.

**Saturday 12 June**

#### SCHNITZEL NIGHT

**From 5.30pm | Zirky's Bistro & Café**

Enjoy a delicious schnitzel and a glass of beer or wine for \$32.

P 03 5759 3518

**Saturday 8 June**

#### AJAK KWAI BAND

**9:30pm - Late | The General**

Ajak will immerse you in the depths, and richness of her South Sudanese roots, and soulful sounds.

**Sunday 9 June**

#### DJ EDDY - Opening Weekend Party

**9.30pm - Late | The General**

Local legend DJ Eddy, a man for the people, is back on the decks!

### DINING

Head to the [Bars and Restaurants](#) page on [mthotham.com.au](#) to check out our outstanding line-up of food and drink outlets. Here are some highlights!

#### ZIRKY'S BISTRO & CAFÉ

**From midday - 2pm**

Our Cafe is back up and running this year - weekends in June and daily from July. Our Bistro overlooking the valley is offering bookings during lunch. From midday to 2pm. We are adding items like the homemade ice cream, and take home options. Harrierville bakery are onboard, and with Bueller's coffee it's a handy spot for a quick breakfast and early lunch.

#### MISS MARY'S BAR AND EATS

**Dinner | From 5pm | 7<sup>th</sup> June**

**Daily | 11:30pm - Late | From 8<sup>th</sup> June**

We're back for another year and itching to get our doors back open, come along from 5pm Friday 7th for dinner and, 11:30 - late every other day until the season closes. Bookings aren't essential however can be made via our website, don't forget we now have our front bar area from our 2023 renovations adding a heap of casual Chuhai drinking area to the building. Miss Mary's provides signature cocktails and

to bring people together. You'll be sure to easily fall in love with Miss Mary's.

#### SIR LOINS

**Early AM's | 7 days a week | From 7<sup>th</sup> June**

We're excited to announce that what was formerly known as last run bar will be occupied by the guys from Sir Loins based out of Bright. A very popular steak house amongst the locals opening Friday evening the 7th of June and trade 7 nights a week from then on. During the day the space will be headed by local barista Maddi Allen that will be open from the early AM's until around lunch, rolling into the middle of the day for some beers in the sun during our "appy hours" 12-4 where we'll have beer jugs/ wine and snacks available away from the crowds leading into dinner service from 5pm.

#### DINNER PLAIN HOTEL

**From 4pm | 7<sup>th</sup> June**

DP hotel is under new management! The team from Don Mungo's Bright is heading skyward and taking over the DP Hotel for season 2024, we're excited to bring our unique pizza style and all round good vibes down to Dinner Plain. With much excitement already surrounding the reopening we hope to provide an environment that the whole village can enjoy, with a revamped kids cave, upgraded sound and new management team we can't wait to get this season up and running!

#### RENTAL & RETAIL

Mt Hotham's retailers can help you with all equipment needs! Check them out on the [hire](#) page on [mthotham.com.au](#)

#### HOYS SKI HIRE SHOP

**Daily | 8am - 6pm**

Get into Hoys for friendly local service and high quality gear. SALE is now on at Hoys! Hoys Dinner Plain Ski Shop has a SALE on new & ex-rental Cross Country gear plus specials on snow accessories. Hoys Harrierville Ski Centre has a SALE on new skis, boards, boots, helmets & outerwear. Hoys Hotham Ski Shop has a SALE on ex-rental skis, boards & ski & board boots. Now is the perfect time to pick up your season gear!

#### ZIRKY'S SKI SHOP & EQUIPMENT HIRE

**Daily | 8.30am - 5pm**

This season's new stock, we have Blossom Ski's join our retail lineup downstairs, new model ski's, boards and boots with Ant in the boot fitter's seat. Zirky's Sports is open daily with great range of ski, board and casual wear along with accessories to keep you warm. Located right in the heart of the village opposite The Summit. Demo and premium equipment and apparel available. P 03 5759 3518

#### ZIRKY'S SPORTS AND HOMEWARES

**Daily | 9am - 5pm | 7th-10th June**

Up to 50% off selected ski apparel.

P 03 5759 3518

#### TIROL SPORTS

**Daily | From 8th June**

Season rentals to suit every budget and skill level. Boot fitting by professional qualified boot fitters. Ex demo sales.

#### SNOW MONKEY

A full service ski and board shop, bootfitting, ski tuning, and expert fitting. Snow Monkey have a large range of equipment, clothing and accessories from well known brands. From skis, goggles and helmets to hoodies, jackets and beanies, Snow Monkey have a fantastic collection to choose from.

### ACTIVITIES

There's heaps of fun to be had around Mt Hotham - on and off the snow! Check out a full list of [activities](#) at [mthotham.com.au](#)

Here are some suggestion for this week:

#### HOWLING HUSKYS - SLED DOG TOURS

**Daily | 10am - 4:30pm | 8<sup>th</sup> June**

Howling Huskys offer dog sled tours around the snow gums, as well as wheeled tours with the huskies when there is no snow. Meet and greet with up to 70 huskies, snowmobile tours and dog sled demonstrations. You will find us at Dinner Plain and Wire Plain this season. Pre bookings are recommended via our website or socials. What other way to spend your time on the mountain? We can't wait to see you there!

#### ALPINE NATURE EXPERIENCE + MOUNTAIN WELLNESS PACKAGE

**Daily | From 4:30pm | From June & July**

**Daily | From 5:00pm | From Aug & Sept**

Enjoy a relaxing Malparara Treatment & Onsen experience for 2 during the day, complete with massages, salt scrubs, and a grazing platter. Then head to the Alpine Nature Experience for mulled wine, a three-course-dinner and an incredible overnight stay with starry views in the new Hypedomes P 03 5178 3060

### MORE INFO?

**ARV - MT HOTHAM**

**Daily | 8:00am - 5.30pm**

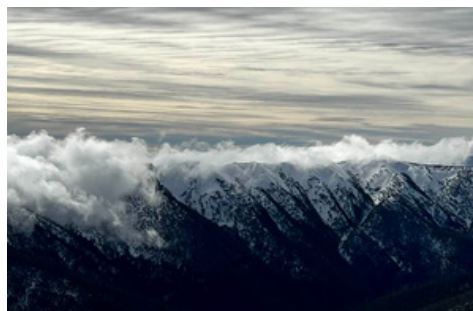
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## Reminders for lodge use

### »»» Courtesy & Consideration

Please keep noise to a minimum both early in the morning and later at night.

Clean up in the kitchen as soon as possible so others can use the services, especially at meal times. Be considerate of those wanting to use the dining room areas. If the lodge is full and you have finished your meal, please consider moving to the lounge areas.

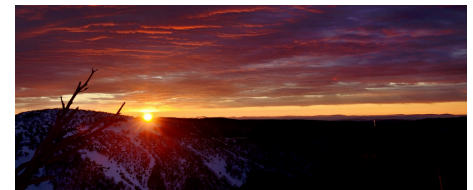


### »»» Duty Roster

A reminder to complete your daily duties as listed in each bedroom at both lodges. Let's keep our lodges clean and tidy for all to enjoy.

### »»» Issues at either lodge

If you see supplies running low or find something is not working well, please make contact and let us know asap. Please do not attempt to fix or replace anything without authorisation. Please raise with the lodge captain in the first instance  
 Hotham - Bob Philps - 0448 983 022.



### »»» Before Departure

Clean, vacuum, and tidy your room and ensuite, with the products provided. Please clean and empty the refrigerator, freezer, and kitchen cupboards.

At Jindabyne - leave your room key in the door lock. If you are the last out of the Lodge, ensure all internal bins are emptied and all windows and doors are locked.



### »»» Lodge captains

The Lodge Captain represents the Club's management. If you require assistance or advice, or you would like to make a suggestion or complaint, please see them. Remember that they are also on holiday like you. The Lodge Captain (after notifying the Accommodation Director of the Club) is empowered to take any necessary action to ensure the proper running of the Lodge. Please review the duties on our website.