



# St. George Alpine Club    January 2025

## Summer Member Newsletter



### PRESIDENTS UPDATE

Hello!

With most of the big resorts across NSW and Victoria starting closure activity early in August from warmer than usual winds, temperatures and minimal snow base, there really wasn't much of a winter season in 2024. Well done to those lucky ones who were able to enjoy the late snow in July – certainly was the best time to enjoy those fluffy snowflakes!

At the end of the season, the board have derived a backlog of priority jobs and projects that address the future needs of the club. We would appreciate if you can send us an email [communications@stgeorgealpine.com.au] with your feedback on which backlog items you consider a priority as listed below and anything else you would like added. We will publish the revised list on the club's website by end of February 2025.

Also, I will be sending out an email to all our lodge members regarding the Hotham Kitchen refurbishment. This has been a challenging project for the board, and we would like to hear from you, our members to help direct the board towards the right fit solution for our club.

Chris Bosely has announced he will be retiring from the board next year. Chris has been a skillful and distinguished treasurer for the club. Thank you for everything you have done during your time on the board Chris, and we wish both yourself and Lisa the very best. If you are interested in the role of Treasurer, get in touch as we be seeking to fill the role at our 2025 AGM. Reach out to Chris to get his insights.

#### A few key callouts:

- Update to the accommodation booking rules are now available
- Small increase in accommodation rates for 2025 (15% for Jindabyne and 10% for Hotham)
- No change to annual subscription rates
- Reminder to please send photos of your stay at Jindabyne or Hotham to Sally Garner; it's a great way build history and share the great alpine experience

Thank you to everyone for the continued support of the club. Please feel free to contact me if you any questions or concerns at any time.

Happy holidays!

Regards - Jane



## BOARD UPDATES

### Treasurer Board Vacancy

Chris Boseley will be retiring at the 2025 AGM in May. Because this is an important position, we are announcing the vacancy now and if any members are interested in nominating and want to find out more information, then email Chris at [treasurer@stgeorgealpine.com.au](mailto:treasurer@stgeorgealpine.com.au)

Bob Skuza has recently tendered his resignation from the board, and we thank him for his recent contribution.

### Sitting Board members:

- Jane Courtney (President)
- Graham Grigg (Secretary)
- Chris Boseley (Treasurer)
- Robert Philp (Membership Director)
- Juha Sillan (Board Member)
- Graeme Beilby (Board member)
- Sally Garner (Board member)

Karen Johnson (Booking Officer)

## COMMUNICATION UPDATE



### Our Facebook Page

We now have 120 members in our facebook group. It is great to see posts over the season with news about both lodges and locations shared. Please keep it going!

It is a great way to share news of all sorts for all our members across Australia. Please take the time to contribute whether skiing, bushwalking or just taking a few days out at the lodges.

Any questions please email Sally at [communications@stgeorgealpine.com.au](mailto:communications@stgeorgealpine.com.au)

### St George Alpine Club

Private group - 120 members



Join St George Alpine Club Facebook group - look out for this picture in your search

**SAVE THE DATE**

**AGM  
THURSDAY  
MAY 15  
2025**

### Bereavement

We would like to acknowledge the passing of Peter Lamberton late 2024. He was a long-standing and valued member of our St George Alpine Club community.

## LODGE MAINTENANCE

### Jindabyne

- Spring Clean - ready for summer
- All linen washed
- Stores replenished
- New front door locks being investigated.

Note - if there are any issues after the recent clean and restocking, please alert the secretary.

### Hotham

- Boilers - replacement in progress
- Bunk beds - to ensure compliance the bunk beds may require replacement. We are investigating this further.
- NBN cabling is in progress to the Lawlers Buildings. Potential opportunity to connect via Valve networks to follow.

*If you notice anything out of place or damaged at either lodge, please take a photograph and send to the secretary for urgent attention. All repairs must be authorised by the Board.*

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



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

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

**REMINDER - ANNUAL FEES ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST 2025**

**BOOKINGS FOR SKI SEASON 2025 WILL OPEN ON FEBRUARY 1ST 2025**

## BOOKING RULES UPDATE

### ACCOMODATION RATE INCREASE

Due to significant increases in costs this year we will be increasing the rates slightly. The increased costs are across utilities and Insurance.

Jindabyne will have a 15% increase whilst Hotham a 10% increase.

Minimum fee for a weekly bedroom at Jindabyne will be \$439.40 weekly and for Hotham \$1215.00

These increases will take effect for the 2025 winter bookings

Please check the website for the updated costing schedule and booking rules for all member levels.

**Code of Conduct Reminder:** Please ensure you follow our code as shown on our website when staying at either lodge.

Please review the **booking rules** prior to commencing any bookings for Winter 2025. The rules are available on the website under Documents.

**Please Note:** when making your first booking in the new year, ensure you have your dates correct.

Where a winter booking is made by a member between February 1st and March 15th, that booking **cannot** be transferred to another party by that member. The booking must be cancelled and only 80% of the fee paid will be returned where the booking has been cancelled with 4 weeks' notice.

**Summer Bookings:** Please note our Booking Officer Karen will update and adjust any rates, then contact you before you make payment on a summer booking. So, if the rates don't look right - please don't cancel and rebook. Our booking system is not sophisticated enough to manage all the variables with non-member rates. Karen is well versed at making the adjustments to match the advertised rates.

### EXCESS FUNDS -YOUR OPINION

We would like your opinion!

We have a number of projects upcoming and would like to know what you feel is most important for both clubs.

Please email Sally and list your priorities from 1 to 10 [communications@stgeorgealpine.com.au](mailto:communications@stgeorgealpine.com.au)

Include your name and membership type as well.

Is there anything else you feel we need to also consider?

LODGE	PROJECT	PRIORITY
Hotham	New Kitchen	
Hotham	Internet Coverage	
Jindabyne	Internet Coverage	
Jindabyne	Gyprock bedrooms	
Hotham	Update bathrooms	
Hotham	Internal painting	
Jindabyne	Airconditioning	
Jindabyne	Deck	
Hotham	Blinds, curtains	
Jindabyne	Internal Painting	

MOUNTAIN UPDATES



**Mt Perisher 6 chairlift construction making great progress**

Since the 2024 snow season ended, the Perisher maintenance team has been hard at work removing the Mt Perisher Triple Bottom (drive) Station, making way for construction to start on the bottom station. They will now focus on works higher up the hill.

The biggest win so far has been Doppelmayr coming up with an innovative solution to concrete supply issues by installing its own batch plant in Jindabyne. This, along with the preparatory works done pre-season to ensure a safe access road to the top station, has been invaluable and fast-tracked the project.

**Key facts:**

**Mt. Perisher 6: By the Numbers**

- 1 high-speed 6-seater chairlift replaces the Mt P Triple and Mt P Double chairlifts
- 5.6-minute ride time to the summit of Mt Perisher (previously 10 minutes)
- 60% increase in chairlift capacity on Mt Perisher
- 22% increase in overall lifted capacity in the Mt Perisher precinct
- \$312,000 raised for the community in the Mt P Double chairlift auction



EXCITING UPDATES FOR THE 2025 SEASON

Hotham reveals plans for new progression focused freestyle and terrain park zone

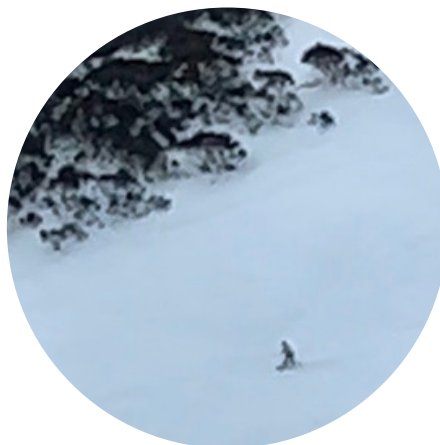
- Big D ski area to become a dedicated progression-focused freestyle and terrain park zone that will also be home to night terrain park sessions and events.
- Big D buildings to be repurposed with the view to expand our indoor facilities and services to benefit both guests and staff.
- Kids Snowsports School to move from the Big D to Hotham Central and surface lifts to be relocated to support the learning experience for both Kids and Adults, bringing snowsports together at Hotham.

Hotham is excited to share plans for the 2025 snow season, which will see the Big D terrain evolve into a dedicated progression focused freestyle and terrain park to include a huge variety of jump and rail lines, a permanent mogul course and a mini boarder x course. It will also become home to night freestyle events and night skiing and boarding will remain at the Big D, offering both terrain park features as well as a regular ski run option.

PHOTOS FROM THE SEASON



Bill, Jane, Greg and Josh - top of HV Hotham



Graeme Beilby doing his thing



The best sunset views from Lawlers over The Drift

## REMINDERS FOR LODGE USE

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### Safety

it is priority that all members and their guests feel safe at all times at our lodges. Please alert a Board member if you see anything out of place that may affect the comfort and enjoyment at our lodges for all.

### 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.

### Courtesy & Consideration

- Please remind yourself of the Code of Conduct on our website
- 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.

### 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 Secretary 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.

### Before Departure

- Clean, vacuum, and tidy your room and ensuite, with the products provided.
- Please clean and empty the refrigerator, freezer, and kitchen cupboards.
- Please check if there are closing procedures that are required when you are departing.
- 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. Also check all heaters are off.

The Board wishes you all a safe and Happy New Year.

