



Burrumbeep News

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May 2008

Welcome 2008

...and hopefully another bumper season!

Hello and welcome to the New Burrumbeep Newsletter. This edition is prepared by the Committee that you the members vote for. This Newsletter is the home run to what's predicted to be the best season since 2004. We'd like to thank Sarah Tulloch who has designed the new club logo using the best elements of what we know and mixed it with the fresh and modern approach that is being injected into the club.

BURRUMBEEP COMMITTEE

President

John Tulloch- 9419 4324

Booking Secretary:

Darren Richter- 9885 6147

Membership Secretary:

Murray Elrington- 9882 6687

Treasurer:

Celia Gubbins- 53 521495

Work Party Officer:

Simon Dodd- 0409 520345

Peter Leeke- 53 562 343

Mike Kermode- 9808 6262

Jenny Peardon- 9563 6753

IMPORTANT DATES

10-11th May 2008- Work Party Weekend

24-25th May 2008- Work Party Weekend

7-9th June 2008- SKI SEASON OPENING WEEKEND

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BOOKINGS FOR 2008 SEASON

Bookings can be taken via two methods:

- I. Phone Booking Secretary Darren on Tuesday nights between 8 and 10pm.
- II. Visit our booking website to see what is available and book your sensational skiing holiday.

<http://members.iinet.net.au/~dazdani@ozemail.com.au>

Rates are as follows:

GUESTS

LOW SEASON: \$40 per night

HIGH SEASON: \$50 per night

MEMBERS AND DEBENTURE HOLDERS

ALL SEASON: \$20.00 per night

Low Season: 6 Jun-24 Jul & 12 Sep-EOS (inclusive)

High Season: 25 Jul - 11 Sept (Inclusive)

Accommodation can be paid for via direct debit to the clubs account:

Direct Payment to Burrumbeep Ski Club

BSB – 083408

Acc No. – 516128435

or

Accommodation cheques are to be forwarded to:

Darren Richter,
49 Baker Parade,
Ashburton 3147

Please include your surname and Booking No. as the reference on both forms of payment

**For more information contact the Booking Secretary:
DARREN RICHTER- 9885 6147**

** A reminder that to make bookings you need to be up to date with your levies.*

WORK PARTY WEEKENDS

10th and 11th May 2008
24th and 25th May 2008

Please notify Simon Dodd if you are able to help.

Work parties apart from being essential to the running of the lodge are a great way of getting to know members and connecting with the club. New members especially welcome.

If you are unable to attend one of the work parties you are required to pay an annual levy of \$150. You will be unable to book if you are in arrears.

METHODS OF PAYING ANNUAL MAINTENANCE LEVY

1. Post cheque to Burrumbeep Ski Club,
P.O. Box 692, Ararat, 3377

2. Direct Payment to Burrumbeep Ski Club
BSB – 083408
Acc. No. – 516128435

Please notify Simon if you are able to help
swdodd@unimelb.edu.au
Mob, 0409 520 345
Home, 9384 1130

QUICK BUT IMPORTANT INFO

DOOR CODE

The door code for the lock at the entrance door to the lodge is: **C56Y**

CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION

Please advise Darren (dazanddani@smartchat.net.au) of your email address and of any changes to your contact information as they occur. The newsletter will be circulated via email to members whose email addresses are on the database – this is the clubs preferred method of circulation.

MEMBERSHIP SALES PROCESS

If you are interested in selling your Membership or arranging for family or friends to purchase a Membership, the first step is to notify the Committee of your intention.

The Club retains the right to approve (or not) at this stage Prospective buyers and sellers are then made known to each other in order that a mutually agreeable price can be negotiated.

The seller will contact Murray once a price has been negotiated. He will send transfer documents to the seller and these are required to be completed and returned to him.

The sale can only be confirmed after transfer documents are completed and payment has been forwarded to the Club.

There will be a transfer fee of \$150.00 and any outstanding levies will be deducted. The balance is then sent to the seller

It is in the Club's interest to retain memberships within the Club family wherever possible and the Committee will seek to continue this tradition in the future.

Please contact the current Membership Secretary **MURRAY ELRINGTON** - 9882 6687 for more information.

Need New Snow Gear???

'Ski and Board' in Surrey Hills and Hampton are having a Sale NOW!

10% TO 70% OFF EVERYTHING!!

Sale ends SAT 10th MAY (Hampton) & SUN 11th MAY (Surrey)

DON'T MISS OUT!!





HAPPY 35th BIRTHDAY

President's Report



In November this year, Burrumbeep will have been going for 35 years – the original constitution was signed on 11th November 1973, initially the vision of a few farming lads who gathered 100 friends together to help realise their idea and build our Lodge, mostly by voluntary labour. Most of us were in our early 20's at the time, and the contact we have all had and the experience of building and running the club has opened our eyes to many other aspects of life we may not have known about. The fun we've had at the club with work parties, skiing holidays together, and gatherings off the mountain have been memorable.

Through the years there has been great enjoyment had by many members who have joined the committee in the management of the club and despite a couple of challenging times, the general management of the club has been smooth and without too many dramas. I think this generally attests to the co-operative attitude of all members.

The backgrounds of some of the newer members have been different from the original members, and it has been refreshing to have a mix of city and country members in the club. Many of the newer city members have brought skills to the club that we may not have had.

As many of our original members get into the next phases of our lives, I would like to think that some of our offspring (many of whom are now in their 20's) would like to become more involved with the club, by being full members and, if inclined, to put themselves up for the committee. We have many young people out there who would be really good candidates. Most of them have stayed at Burrumbeep countless times over the years and are familiar with the workings of the club and its aspirations and attitudes.

Throughout the next year, I would like the committee to find a way to facilitate the transferring of memberships from parent to child for those interested in doing so, in a way that does not disadvantage the club financially, but which will be a benefit to Burrumbeep in the future by being able to make generational change much easier. My best wishes for Burrumbeep in these endeavours.

Thank You.
John Tulloch





Financials 2007/2008



Burrumbeep Ski Club Inc

March 2007 to February 2008 2007 to 2008 2006 to 2007

Income

Accommodation	\$ 45,065.00	\$30,685.00
Cash Management Fund	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 5,617.30
Maintenance Levies	\$ 20,630.00	\$ 8,100.00
Memberships Sales	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 100.00

Total Income	\$127,195.00	\$44,502.30
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Expense

MtHRM Rates&Services	\$ 22,252.91	\$16,043.45
Gas	\$ 6,629.42	\$ 6,120.86
Electricity Tru	\$ 1,903.15	\$ 752.30
Bank charges	\$ 26070	\$ 276.00
Telstra	\$ 7.35	\$ 16.43
Fire Wood	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 792.00
Cleaning	\$ 90000	\$ 1,000.00
Insurance	\$ 9,589.40	\$ 9,253.52
Lodge supplies	\$ 1,432.92	\$ 2,652.93
Plumber	\$ 1,408.39	\$ 198.00
Meeting,POBox,Postage	\$ 44175	\$ 177.00
Laundry	\$ 36575	\$ 394.35
Food Rego	\$ 32000	
Repairs/Stairs&Window	\$ 58500	\$ 405.50
Memberships Trans	\$ 17,500.00	
Refunds Accom	\$ 56000	
New Couches	\$ 4,393.00	
New Bathrooms & Fridges	\$ 67,576.96	

Total Expense	\$137,476.70	\$38,082.34
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Opening Bank Balance	1st March 2007	\$ 41,760.56
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Closing Bank Balance	1st March 2008	\$ 31,478.86
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Cash Management Trust	1st Jan 2007	\$ 120,860.18
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Annual General Meeting Minutes

Venue : PA's Prince Alfred Hotel
619 Church Street, Richmond
30th March 2008

Meeting Commenced 11.15 AM

PRESENT: 13 Members and their Families. Apologies were received from , Des and Judy Barr, Emilie Davine, Russell Curwood and Ro Moore, Peter and Margaret Leeke, Rowena Church, Murray and Caroline Forbes, Phil Richter, Bob Bucknall, Robert and Noelene Fraser, Col and Anne Fraser, Darren Joy, Jim Milledge.

The President John Tulloch welcomed members, their families and guests and brought the Annual General Meeting to order.

MINUTES: Of the previous AGM on 25th March 2007 were read by Murray Elrington. Acceptance Moved Courtney Pern, Seconded Mike Kermode.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES:

Courtney Pern mentioned the fridges and venting to the outside with appropriate insulation. This is to be addressed by the committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As **Peter** was unable to attend the meeting he e-mailed the income and expenditure figures to Murray Elrington who circulated this information to the meeting. Also included was the opening and closing bank balance and cash management trust balance. Comment was made regarding the level of our cash at bank and this of course was caused predominantly by the cost of the new bathrooms, fridges and couches. Those expenses totaled \$71,969. The bank balance @ 1st March 2008 is \$31,478.86 and the cash management trust has a balance of \$75,876.76 @ 1st January 2008.

A financial summary is attached to these minutes.

Acceptance moved Mike Kermode, Seconded Suzanne Castles.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT: **Murray Elrington** confirmed there are 100 Members and 5 Associate Members in the Club. Currently there are 5 memberships for sale and it is the committee's preference that they are offered to family of current members before other potential purchasers are considered. The sales procedure is outlined in the newsletter and involves the committee's decision before the sale takes place

Associate Memberships cost \$750 each paid to the Club and the AM is aligned to the full membership. For those who don't know the AM was created by altering the

rules of the Club so children of members could continue to pay members rates when debentures ran out. The Associate Member cannot serve on the committee or vote as he/she is aligned to the full membership. The work-part levy of \$150 is payable each year by each Associate Member.

Debentures are available to access member's rates for the spouse and children of the member and cost \$250 each.

Acceptance Moved Ceal Gubbins, Seconded Darren Richter

BOOKING OFFICER REPORT: **Darren Richter** reports –

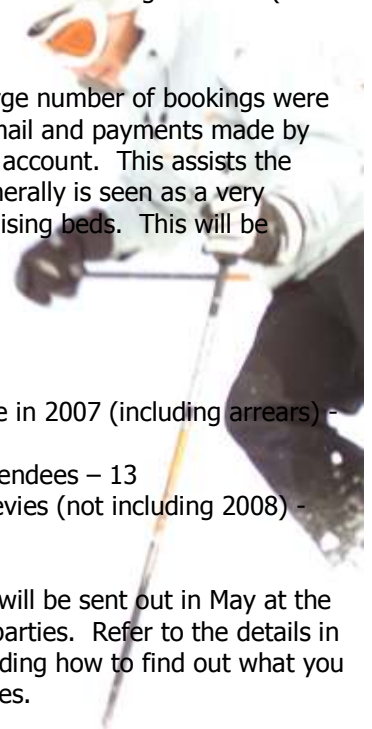
With some good early snowfalls in season 2007 we saw a good level of usage of the lodge from early July and it continued right through till mid September. Financially, we had a near record year with booking revenues exceeding \$48k. As usual, members represented the largest proportion of bookings at 62% of bed nights, whilst guests contributed 82% of booking revenue – reinforcing the importance of guests utilising the lodge. Overall we saw utilisation throughout the season at 51% with the skew clearly to weekends - in some instances there were waiting lists. For the majority of weeks there were midweek beds available. Two large bookings were accepted for midweek beds at bulk guest rate (ACU & a Member Booking).

On a pleasing note, a large number of bookings were made via the website/email and payments made by direct debit to the club's account. This assists the booking process and generally is seen as a very convenient way of organising beds. This will be continued for 2008.

2007 Levy Report

- Levy Payments made in 2007 (including arrears) - \$9,300
- 2007 Work Party Attendees – 13
- Total Outstanding Levies (not including 2008) - \$15,600

Reminder emails/letters will be sent out in May at the completion of the work parties. Refer to the details in the last newsletter regarding how to find out what you owe and how to pay levies.



*A reminder that to make bookings you need to be up to date with your levies.
Acceptance Moved Suzanne Castles, Seconded Jen Peardon

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: John Tulloch read his report and a copy is included with these minutes. Also included is another page noting and recognizing the 35th birthday of the Club in November this year. John's thoughts on adopting plans for succession of the Club are most relevant and will be considered by the new committee over the next year.

Acceptance Moved Mike Kermode, Seconded Jen Peardon

DEVELOPMENT/RENOVATION REPORT: Mike Kermode outlined recent developments regarding stages 2 and 3 of the renovations to the Lodge.

The DSE had a number of requirements and Oxley and Co of Wangaratta are assisting us with that process to receive the planning permit. There was a geotech survey required which could have cost \$11,000 but our excavation is reduced from that originally calculated and as advised by Paul Flint of Mount Hotham Resort Management Board it will not be required.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT Cont.

Additional drawings will be required from our Architect who will visit the Lodge during May to design an appropriate exit to the proposed deck.

The application for planning should be ready to be lodged in two weeks and approval could be back in 3 weeks after that. The building application is then to be submitted and a permit may be issued within a month from the local Shire – All Best Estimates.

Discussion followed and these points were made and accepted –

- The pipes and walls for bathrooms in the additional bedrooms should be included when the extension is built.
- With a double bed and a double bunk in each bedroom the additional accommodation potential in the Lodge will be 4 extra persons when considering the loss of bedroom 1. for the extra bathrooms.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE: Andrew Gubbins was asked by John Tulloch to preside over the election.

Andrew took control of the meeting, declared all positions vacant and called for nominations for President.

John Tulloch was nominated by Mike Kermode and there were no other nominations.

John Tulloch was elected unanimously as President of the Burrumbeep Ski Club for the third term.

Gubb then asked for nominations for the balance of the committee and Courtney Pern nominated all seven members from the last year's committee.

The meeting declared those seven elected unanimously and the committee consists of Peter Leeke, Celia Gubbins, Jenny Peardon, Darren Richter, Simon Dodd, Murray Elrington and Mike Kermode.

Finally, Gubb called for nominations for the position of Public Officer. Murray Elrington nominated Bill Kilpatrick for the position – carried.

MINUTES OF BURRUMBEEP SKI CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 30th MARCH 2008 at PA's RICHMOND

Meeting Commenced 12.20PM

The re-elected President John Tulloch welcomed all and invited those present to remain for the first Committee Meeting following the election of the new committee.

Minutes of the previous meeting 20th February 2008 were read.

Acceptance Nominated Jen Peardon, Seconded Mike Kermode

Business Arising from Those Minutes:

No Business was recorded as arising from the minutes.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Following discussion between the Committee Members and the President the Office Bearers and Committee Structure was established as follows –

President	John Tulloch
Treasurer	Ceal Gubbins
Secretary	Murray Elrington
Booking Officer	Darren Richter
Work Party/Compliance Officer	Simon Dodd
Stores and Inventory Officer	Jennie Peardon
	Peter Leeke
Renovation Compliance Officer	Mike Kermode

In their capacities the following comments were made –

- Those willing to participate in work parties should RSVP to Simon Dodd so he can make certain we are able to complete the required duties.



- John Tulloch has talked to Georgie Elrington about production of the newsletter and Georgie has agreed to prepare the format and presentation. The required contents will be provided by the committee.

Darren Richter has determined the best method of enhancing TV reception at the Lodge and his suggestions were –

- A 32" Sony Wide Screen LCD TV	\$1,300
- New Bracket	\$300
- Austar Service, to sign-up	\$99
- Austar Service, per month (3 months holiday in 12 months)	\$40
- Satellite Dish	\$165

The total is approx. \$1,900 with any variations and the committee voted unanimously to purchase and install the equipment prior to the 2008 season

John Tulloch thanked members and their families for attending and wished everyone the best of Skiing for the upcoming season.

The Door Code is **C56Y**.

MEETING CLOSED 1.15PM

ALL ROADS LEAD TO BURRUMBEEP

