



July Newsletter 2011

Work party report – Peter Leeke

Looking through the Annual Work Party list for 2011 I've found that all, other than a couple of things, have been done (some outside painting left till after the season). Many thanks to all that helped. We did have some heating worries with both boilers, but all working well now. Both boilers will be left on right through the season. One of the shower flick mixers (Bathroom C) is still to be repaired; plumber is looking in to it.

Two new Range Hoods have been installed over the cook tops, replacing the old exhaust fans. The Solar Power unit has been installed, and we are waiting for it to be connected to the grid. The Fire System has been looked at, and the four bed flat smoke detector re-connected. The committee will look at up grading the whole system next year (a bit over \$20,000.00).

The committee have started planning next year's program, as well as the Annual Work list, other tasks include some painting in the kitchen and bedrooms, with a bit of a freshen up inside the lodge without spending too much money.

Great Skiing to all, thanks again to all who help.

Regards

Peter Leeke

Welcome to the first edition of Burrumbeep news for the 2011 season!

As I'm sure we've all seen the season has kicked off with huge snowfalls and Hotham was lucky enough to even be able to open selected lifts on the Opening Weekend!

This edition includes thorough reports from our Committee members, as well as helpful information regarding new resort entry procedures, new booking processes, as well as new technology launches from Apple and Courtney Pern!

Don't forget to continue to send through your email contacts to the committee, so we can save paper by emailing as many newsletters as possible. Members receiving the newsletter by email get it in colour!

Thank you also to Simon Dodd for his beautiful images of Hotham in season 2010 which we have included in this newsletter, you can find more images on www.Burrumbeep.org.

I hope you enjoy this edition of the Burrumbeep News and I hope you have a fantastic Season 2011!

Georgie Tulloch



Photo: Simon Dodd

BURRUMBEEP COMMITTEE 2011

President - John Slattery (0418 362 885, president@burrumbeep.org)

Secretary - Murray Elrington (03 9882 6687, membership@burrumbeep.org)

Treasurer - Celia Gubbins (03 5352 1495, treasurer@burrumbeep.org)

Building - Peter Leeke (03 5356 2343, building@burrumbeep.org)

Mike Kermode, Rob Joyes, Courtney Pern, Leon Price

Web bookings manager - Tim Lewis (03 9016 9150 bookings@burrumbeep.org)



President's Report – John Slattery

Retiring Committee members

In this first newsletter since the AGM in April (minutes attached to this newsletter), I want to take the opportunity, on behalf of the Burrumbeep Family to thank two long standing members of our Committee who retired at the AGM.

John Tulloch, who retired as President, has served Burrumbeep in many capacities since the foundation of the Club back in the early 1970's. He is truly a stalwart of the Club, and together with Merrin has generously given his time and knowledge to the betterment of the Club.

The other retiring Committeeman is Darren Richter, who has over many years been the booking officer. He and Danni have dealt with the bookings (and the members) with great efficiency and both of them have been very proactive in streamlining our procedures, and converting to a web based system.

Both John and Darren, together with their families, are active Club members who will continue to use the lodge and be involved in Club activities.

New Members

I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome four new Club members - Raj Gopal, Hamish Heard, Duncan Eley and James Kelly have all purchased memberships over recent months, and we are delighted to see that members who have found themselves unable to use the facilities of the Club have been willing to transfer their memberships. If there are members who would like to discuss a possible sale of membership, please contact a member of the Committee.

Lodge

The Lodge is in good shape for the 2011 Season, and I encourage you all to explore the Burrumbeep website and make a booking early – the site is user friendly, but if you encounter any difficulty, feel free to contact Mike Kermode or Tim Lewis, who are also user friendly, and they will help put you straight.

The new door code is **CY16**.

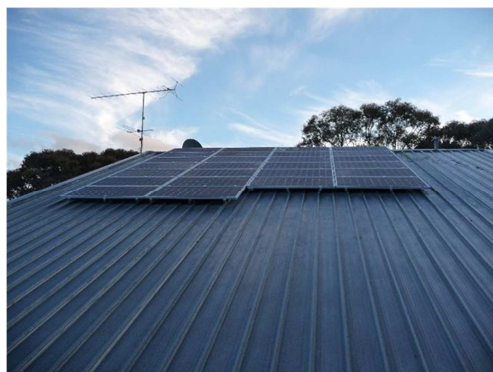
The Committee has engaged a cleaner for the peak time of the snow season, who will visit once a week to clean the public areas (not bedrooms), and to generally keep an eye on the condition of the lodge. Members and guests need to understand that this is not in lieu of their obligations to undertake chores allocated according to their rooms, or as otherwise directed by the lodge leader.

Lease renewal

As our current lease expires in 2013, the Committee has been working for the last 18 months or so, on a submission to the Mt Hotham management for a renewal of the lease. Our submission was lodged early this year and we have had preliminary feedback which is encouraging, and are currently awaiting some further advice from management before the Committee will be in a position to respond. We will keep members advised of progress as matters develop.

Have a great ski season for 2011.

Best wishes, John Slattery, President



New Solar panels and Range Hoods at Burrumbeep

New Booking Procedures – Mike Kermode

The new club website burrumbeep.org is up and running complete with a self-booking system. We apologise for the few initial teething problems, however all is operational now.

To Log on to the site:

Your *username* is either your email address we have it on the club data base, or your *firstname* and *surname* but with no space between them. The initial password is *ararat*. Once you have logged on you will have to update your details and password.

To Book:

Choose “Book Now”, move through the calendar to the required dates and check availability.

Scroll down and complete the “reservation information”.

Some parts of the booking system are generic, as provided by the service we are using, such as:

“check-in time” - 4pm is the default don’t change it

“names of guests” - optional

“special requests” - please leave blank, we cannot provide any.

Once you make a booking, you will receive an automatic email response to your booking, and a second email seeking payment of the accommodation. Confirmation of the booking will **only** occur following payment from your credit card via PayPal.

The software we are using treats all bookings as *guest bookings* and refers to them as *guests* in the response. There is no capacity for the club language of *members, associates, debentures and guests*, however, in the booking process you are asked to nominate the number of *non members* and the number *members, associates and debentures*, so the correct fees are charged. If you have any difficulties with the booking process contact Tim at bookings@burrumbeep.org

To date 57 people have logged onto the web site. If you haven’t, could you, as we would like to use email and the web site as the default form of communication.

Cheers from Tim (and Mike)

Fridge Chocks – Courtney Pern

The strange object you will find hanging on the door of each fridge in the lodge is not a slice of Brie to attract the mice – it is a fridge chock.

If you leave a fridge or freezer turned off (that’s all fridges when closing the lodge) it is essential that the door is left ajar to air. Some members or guests have failed to do this, and our work party beavers have had to clean out some smelly and mouldy fridges as a result.

Now it’s easy! Just open the fridge door and flip the chock over the top. Result: a dry and fragrant fridge next season!

Maintenance Levy – Celia Gubbins

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

Methods of Paying

1. Post cheque to Burrumbeep Ski Club,

P.O. Box 692, Ararat, 3377

2. Direct Payment to Burrumbeep Ski Club

BSB – 083-408

Acc. No. – 51 612 8435

New Resort Entry Procedures

Mt Hotham has recently launched their Alpine Easy Access resort entry system, which brings the next generation of resort technology to Hotham skiers and eliminates those irritating midnight blizzard stops at the gate!

You can now pre purchase your resort entry pass. It’s a quick and easy, ticketless system designed to get you to the slopes faster!

You can purchase your pass online at www.hotham.com.au

Mt Hotham iPhone and iPad App now available!

Download the new Hotham app free from the app store now!

Check out maps, conditions snow cams, information, events and much more. PLUS!
You can even track your vertical distance for each day’s skiing and boarding!



Murray Elrington

Meeting Commenced 11.10 AM

PRESENT: 18 Members and their Families. Apologies were received from Scott and Jill Fowler, Doug Slattery, Leon Price, Rob Joyes, Simon Fraser, Bill Kilpatrick, John Dorward, Pip Peardon.

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

MINUTES: Of the previous AGM on 18th April 2010 were read by Murray Elrington. Acceptance Moved Peter Leeke, Seconded Ro Moore.



Photo: Simon Dodd

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THOSE MINUTES: There was no business arising from those minutes as individual reports will address current issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ceal Gubbins presented a Statement of Cash Flow, Profit and Loss Statement, Balance Sheet and Depreciation Schedule as prepared by Danby Bland Proven and Ceal thanked the firm for their assistance during the year. Each of the reports are reproduced with these minutes and they show income of \$72,025 for the Club financial year from March 2010 through February 2011 and expenses of \$76,200. Those expenses are broken down into categories with a comparison between the last two years.

Apparently we have received levies totaling \$2600 this year and Darren informs us that \$22,000 remains outstanding at this point. Ceal also confirms the use of both gas and electricity 20-25% less than for the same period last year.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S REPORT: **Murray Elrington** confirmed the number of members remains the same and only one membership has been sold during the current year. Raj Gopal purchased from Rowena Church.

Roger Heard's daughter, Prue White, has transferred her membership to her brother Hamish Heard and the following memberships are going through the process of being sold at present:

- Duncan Eley is purchasing a membership from John Eager
- James Kelly is purchasing a membership from Vivien Royle
- Anthony Straford is purchasing a membership from Rebecca Rowe

BOOKING OFFICER REPORT: **Darren Richter** advised revenue from bookings was \$63,325. A copy of Darren Richter's report is attached and he confirmed the income was the highest level ever. Four large group bookings for a full week each drove the pleasing financial result accounting for \$27,000 of the total.

Darren confirmed he will be retiring from the Committee and from the position of Booking Secretary. The Committee thanked both Darren and Danni for their commitment and expertise in managing the bookings over the last few years. Spontaneous applause from those present underlined our appreciation of their time and effort.

A number of levies still remain outstanding from previous years and letters will be sent in May following work parties. The newsletter will include details of how you find out what you owe and how to pay levies. Please note that to make bookings you need to be up to date with your levies.

The meeting agreed phone calls be undertaken to collect outstanding levies will be the way to proceed in the future.

WORK PARTY OFFICER: **Peter Leeke** confirmed some work parties had occurred and been badly affected by adverse weather but necessary painting and oiling of vertical boards is complete and the Lodge looks well-maintained as a result. Also Peter commented that most heating and water services operated without problems but some repairs were required at the end of the season.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: **John Tulloch** delivered his report which is enclosed with these minutes. John

confirmed his intention to retire from the Committee and thanked Darren Richter as Booking Secretary and other members of the Committee for their support during his time as President. Members of Burrumbeep and their families applauded John's years of service and commitment to the Club.

LEASE RENEWAL REPORT: John Slattery reported our Application for Renewal of the Lease has been prepared and submitted to the Mount Hotham Resort Management Board during March 2011. The Property Officer of MHRMB accepted the application and the submission is scheduled to be presented to the Board at their May meeting. The lease period is determined during negotiations with the MHRMB together with other terms and the Board then makes their recommendation to the Minister. Apparently it could be 6 months from Board approval to issuing of the lease and confirmation of the applicable term.

SOLAR POWER REPORT: Mike Kermode confirmed he attended the Hotham Ski Association meeting where a Murray Neilsen presented the case for Solar Power and a special deal to install solar panels on the roof of Burrumbeep Ski Club including financial incentive from this installation. The works have been approved by the Committee and this decision was enthusiastically received by those present at the AGM.

The cost of the system is approximately \$17,000 and the panels should generate \$3,500 to \$4,000 per annum at a guaranteed rate of \$0.66 per kilowatt until 2024.

ON-LINE BOOKING SYSTEM: Mike Kermode also confirmed he was to assist with the duties of Booking Secretary during this year but that Tim Lewis a Senior Associate and original member of the Club now residing in Hobart has established a new website for Burrumbeep Ski Club including a web-based booking system. The address of this website is www.burrumbeep.org

Details of logins and passwords are/have been circulated to members and the process is in place and operating.

This development was greeted enthusiastically by members present and it was suggested the Lodge Leader system should be reinforced and followed closely to manage the affairs of the Club at the Lodge.

Reports Acceptance: Moved Courtney Pern Seconded Simon Dodd

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

John Slattery was declared President of Burrumbeep Ski Club as a result.

Gubb then asked for nominations for the balance of the committee and John Chapman nominated the members of the existing Committee remaining for another year. They are Peter Leeke, Ceal Gubbins, Rob Joyes, Murray Elrington and Mike Kermode. Seconded by John Slattery – Carried

There were two positions left vacant following the resignation of John and Darren. Gubb accepted nominations of Courtney Pern by Ceal Gubbins and Leon Price by John Tulloch. There were no other nominations and Courtney and Leon were declared to be elected to the Committee accordingly.

Finally, Gubb called for nominations for the position of Public Officer. Peter Leeke nominated Bill Kilpatrick for the position – carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT 2011: John Slattery took his position at the official table and outlined his plan for 2011/2012.

The main issue is the lease renewal and John will follow that through following the considerable work undertaken to prepare the document by Rob Joyes and others. The building extension of additional rooms at the end of the bedroom wing will continue as well.



Photo: Simon Dodd

John believes we as Members should do more to promote the Club and he is looking to establish a young person's group within Burrumbeep to address the future of the Club.

John welcomed new members Courtney and Leon to the Committee and thanked John Tulloch and Darren Richter for their service and commitment undertaken on behalf of Burrumbeep Ski Club.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Courtney Pern suggested we need to look at replacing the bedroom windows given security and energy conservation issues with the original frames.
- Simon Dodd confirmed he is one of three volunteer ski patrollers in the Club. They do not receive payment for these duties and the Club supports them by providing accommodation whilst they are working. He thanked the Club for its support in the past and requested consideration be given for a further donation to their group.

AGM declared closed 12.50PM

Change of Details:

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MOBILE:

FAX:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

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