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Editorial

After a good season, the resorts closed down in October, however there is still enough snow even now to ski on, that is provided you are happy with it being a bit soft, and don't mind walking up the slopes or going cross-country.

Our Presentation Picnic held on Sunday 30 October was well attended, many waitlisters came along and were able to meet up with some of the older Club members. Trophies were awarded to a number of members for their success in Club and interclub races, or for their outstanding contributions to the Club (see race results and articles on page 10,11 and 12.)

Our work party weekends have got away to a good start, 'maybe too good', as most have been filled to capacity with some members missing out. As the Club has a limit on the number of members residing outside the 150km radius of Canberra, you need to advise any prospective members you are sponsoring, who would be affected by this, that as the Club has almost reached this number, it may be some time before they can be moved up from the waiting list to become members.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 22 March 2023, make a note of the date in your diary and be sure to attend, (see notice on page 4.)

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Club Calendar

2023			
January	6-7	Weeding Work Party	Perisher
February	4-5	Work Party	Jindabyne
	11-12	Work Party	Mt Franklin
	18-19	Work Party	Perisher
March	18-19	Work Party	Perisher
	22	Annual General Meeting	Canberra
April	15	Work Party	Mt Franklin
	16	Heritage Festival Open Day	Mt Franklin
	22-23	Work Party	Perisher
May	6-7	Work Party	Jindabyne

Note: Work Party dates are not confirmed and can be subject to change.

Work Party bookings need to be made with the following members:

Perisher: Peter Richards, 0418-637-984

If you require a Park Entry Fee waiver, contact Judy Lejins, on 0400-786-324 or judylejins@ozemail.com.au at least three weeks in advance with your car rego number.

Weeding Work Party: Amanda East, 412-546-680

If you require a Park Entry Fee waiver, call Amanda at least three weeks in advance with your car rego number.

Jindabyne: Peter Cunningham, 0477-356-835

Mt Franklin: Jenny McLeod, 0414-403-398

Season's Greetings

To all our members and friends.

May 2023 bring you

peace, health and happiness

and lots of good snow.

Admin Officer's Hours

The Admin Officer Vicki Hughes, only works part-time for the Club, therefore the best way to contact her is by email.

If you need to telephone, the best times are:

Monday - Thursday: 9.00am – 1.00pm

Friday: 9.00am– 3.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am –12.00noon

Outside these hours the she will still be checking
bookings and other requests,
and will respond as appropriate.

2023 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Canberra Alpine Club Inc.
will be held at **7.30 pm**, on **Wednesday 22 March 2023**
at the Canberra Bridge Club, 6 Duff Place Deakin ACT

Remote attendance will also be an option – details to be confirmed.
New members and those on the waiting list are encouraged to attend.

Nominations for the Committee

Nominations are called for the following Committee positions, which will become vacant at the 2022 Annual General Meeting:

President
Vice President (1)
Ordinary Committee Members (3)

Nominations for the Committee must be in writing, seconded in writing, and contain the signed consent of the nominee.

Only financial full adult members* are eligible to nominate or be nominated for the Committee or Public Officer.

Motions For AGM

Financial full adult members* are invited to propose or second a formal motion for consideration at the AGM. Each motion must be in writing and be signed by the proposer and seconder.

Nominations and Motions must be delivered to the Secretary (or received in the Club's post office box) *no later than* Wednesday 1 March 2023.

A draft agenda, including any motions of which notice has been given, will be distributed at least two weeks before the meeting.

** Includes Youth Members, but does not include Provisional or Junior Members.
Note that members are unfinancial where their subscription
remains unpaid after 1st January.*

The Club's Branding Strategy - 2022

Our New Logo

By Jeremy Lucas

As part of the Club's new branding strategy, the Committee recently presented three logo design concepts and invited members to vote on their preferred design. There was a lot of positive member feedback, and the Committee thanks you all for your input.

The Committee is excited to announce that **Option 1** (see below) is the one preferred by members.

The new design is modern and reflects the wide range of alpine activities now included in the Club's regular program.

This logo will accommodate multiple uses, such as the website, electronic newsletters, social media, T-shirts, building signage, letter heads, and banners etc. It will also incorporate various design styles to be further developed. These may include the use of colours, font types and positioning and in some cases the inclusion of '(EST. 1934)'.

The Club's Constitution will need to be amended to adopt the new logo-and this will be one of the special resolutions to be presented at the next AGM. ▣



President's Précis

By Caroline Walker

While the Club's snow-based activities have now wrapped up for 2022, there are still plenty of opportunities to enjoy the benefits of membership. I note that a number of members have already made bookings to enjoy the mountains in the summer months.

A huge thanks to Cheryl Taylor and others on the Social Subcommittee for organising the post-season presentation and picnic event which was very well attended. I certainly enjoyed catching up with everyone in the relaxed setting of Corroboree Park. And congratulations to all the award winners, especially Chrissie Young, who was awarded the Lane-Poole Trophy for her service to the Club.

Work party season has commenced and I very much enjoyed my recent trip to Mt Franklin. Participants undertook a range of 'gardening' tasks such as pruning and weeding in very pleasant conditions. The newer Club members and waiters loved hearing about the Club history associated with the site from the Franklin regulars, including Bev McLeod, Kathryn Wingett, Ben and Willi Tyhouse and work party organiser Jenny McLeod – thanks so much for everything you do to keep such a special Club association with Mt Franklin thriving.

The November Jindabyne and Perisher work parties have had a very enthusiastic uptake, with attendance having to be closed weeks out. If you missed out on the opportunity to attend this time, please consider putting your name forward for the work parties in the New Year. The Club benefits immensely from the contributions made at these events and they are also a great opportunity to socialise with fellow members and those on the waiting list. Plus you can lock in bookings for extra Saturday nights by attending work parties!

The Governance subcommittee has recently reviewed the Club's Constitution and the Committee intends putting forward several motions proposing changes for consideration at the next AGM. A separate article provides details of the proposed changes and invites feedback from members. Thank you to Geoff Purvis-Smith, Melissa Randall and Jenny McLeod for their hard work over several months on this project, and to Paul Argent for offering his drafting skills to assist.

Club members also recently voted on their preferred design for a new Club logo, with Option 1 being the preferred choice. This option will now be presented to Club members at the AGM as part of the proposed Constitution changes. Many thanks to Jeremy Lucas and Gina Quadraccia for their ongoing work on the Club's new branding strategy.

The Capital Works Subcommittee continues to progress plans for the Perisher lodge basement refurbishment – a structural engineer recently visited the site and other consultants are also being engaged to provide advice prior to moving to the detailed design stage of the project. The Committee hopes to be in a position to bring a motion to the AGM seeking approval from members to engage a builder to commence work in Spring 2023.

Bookings for Winter 2023 have now opened and the Committee welcomes feedback on the recent changes made to the booking rules. The changes are trying to strike an appropriate balance between allowing members greater access to the lodges, particularly in the busiest times, while also still enabling waiters, associated members and guests to fill remaining vacancies.

Congratulations to Bentley Walker-Broose, on the Club waiting list, and to Tuva Bygrave, daughter of Gold Member, Lee Bygrave, on being selected in cross country skiing provisional National teams - Bentley and Tuva have both been selected in the 2022-23 Continental Cup Team and the 2022-23 U23 Team. All the best to Bentley and Tuva and to members Laura Peel and Val Guseli for the upcoming 2023 international season!

Notice of the 2023 AGM is provided in this edition of *Frozen Acres*. I'd like to encourage all members to consider standing for positions on the Committee or to participate in the work of one or more of the subcommittees. The Club relies very heavily on the work our volunteers put in and it would be great to have more members willing to assist.

As always, if there is anything you would like to bring to my attention, please give me a call or email me at president@cac.org.au.

All the best. ■

Proposed Constitution Changes

By Caroline Walker

The Governance subcommittee has recently reviewed the Club's Constitution, including considering whether any changes are desirable in light of the Club's experiences during the COVID 19 pandemic. Based on the review's analysis, and other Committee deliberations, the Committee intends to put forward several motions to amend the Constitution at the 2023 AGM, including a motion to adopt a new Club badge (logo) for inclusion in the Constitution Schedule. The proposed new logo is the preferred design option, Option 1, voted by members in the recent survey. Ahead of finalising the motions, the Committee welcomes feedback from members about their proposed substance and wording. A marked-up version of the Constitution detailing the proposed wording changes is available on the website. Feedback should be provided to president@cac.org.au no later than 12 January 2023.

At various times during the COVID 19 pandemic, it was necessary for the Club to hold Committee meetings and General Meetings where participants attended remotely. The Committee has reflected on this experience and considers there is benefit in providing for remote attendance on an ongoing basis. With respect to Committee meetings, providing for remote attendance facilitates a broader cross section of club members nominating for the Committee – for example, members not resident in Canberra or who have caring responsibilities which restrict their ability to leave home in the evenings. Providing for remote attendance also allows Committee members to still attend meetings when travelling. With respect to General Meetings, the Committee has received feedback that providing for remote attendance allows more members to participate which is beneficial for the governance of the Club.

The Committee intends to put forward a motion to amend clause 2(1) to provide a definition of remote attendance, a motion to amend clauses 26(2) and 26(2A) to provide for remote attendance at Committee meetings and a motion to amend clauses 31(2) and 31(2A) to provide for remote attendance at General Meetings. The proposed definition for remote attendance is based on the definition used by the ACT Government in its temporary COVID legislation.

The issue of younger members dropping out of the Club around the time they transition from Youth Member to Ordinary Member has been discussed by the Committee in recent years, and by members at the 2022 AGM. Based on considerations including younger people being less financially independent than in the past, including because they are spending longer studying, the Committee

is proposing to raise the upper age of Youth Members from 23 to 25 years of age. Other options to help keep younger people in the Club will also continue to be explored.

The Committee intends to put forward a motion to amend clauses 8(1) and 9A(1) to raise the upper age of Youth Members from 23 to 25 years of age. Corresponding changes will also be made in the By-laws if the motion is accepted.

The limit on the amount the Committee can commit the Club to without a resolution being passed at a General Meeting has remained at \$25,000 since the current Constitution was adopted in 1996. Given increases in costs over the period, the Committee considers the amount should be increased to \$100,000.

The Committee intends to put forward a motion to amend clause 36(1) to increase the amount the Committee can commit the Club to without a resolution being passed at a General Meeting from \$25,000 to \$100,000.

The Committee considers that the Club objectives and badge (logo) should be more inclusive, better reflecting the range of winter and summer activities undertaken by Club members. The Committee is therefore proposing broadening the objectives of the Club to encompass all snowsports and a new, modern Club badge (logo), which is the design concept preferred by Club members who recently voted on three options put forward to members.

The Committee intends to put forward a motion to amend clause 3 to encompass all snowsports rather than only skiing and a motion to replace the Club badge in the Schedule with the logo which received the most votes in the recent survey of members.

The Committee also considers there is merit in clarifying that in all circumstances the Investigation Committee must forward a written report of its findings to the Committee and a number of other minor amendments and corrections.

The Committee therefore intends to put forward a motion to amend clause 46(2) dealing with the findings of a breach or behaviour incompatible with Club interests by the Investigation Committee and a motion to make minor amendments to clauses 11A(3), 19(5), 24(4), 26(3), 27(1), 27(4), 31(1), 32, 34(5), 37(2), 37(3), 41(4), 46(2), 47(1), 47(2), 47(5), and 47(6) as marked up in the version on the website.▣

Trophies Winners 2022

Club Champions

Alpine

Men (Don Olbry Slalom Cup):

Will Brake

Women:

Sarah Brake

Cross Country

Men (Casey Trophy): 2021:

Tim Greville

2022:

Tim Greville

Women: 2021:

Harriet Greville

2022:

Harriet Greville

Jump Trophy:

Men

James Muldowney

Women

Jenny McLeod

Snowboard

Open Men (Wilson Cup):

Nathan Shepherd

Open Women (Collins Cup):

Mim Rihani

Junior Club Champs

Alpine - Boys (Hewson Trophy):

Finn Barlow

Alpine - Girls:

Eliza Kelly

XC - Girls:

Harriet Greville

Other Awards

Brocklehurst Parent/Child Trophy:

Paul Kelly/Eliza Kelly
(results from Alpine Championships)

Wombat Cup (most improved lady snowsports):

Winter Lange

Wombat Cup (most improved gent snowsports):

Darcy Barlow

Novice Cup: (Men)

Rory Muldowney

Novice Cup: (Women)

Jessica Hatch-McKendrick

Veterans Trophy (Men):

Bob Hooton

Veterans Trophy (Women):

Margaret Mahoney

U-Need-A-Plumber Junior Encouragement Cup:

Ryder Young

Work Party Trophy: 2021:

Ben and Chrissie Young

2022:

Andrew and Jenny Cupit

Outstanding Contribution Trophy:

2021:

Will Comensoli

2022:

Lexie Phillips

Peter Wilson Trophy:

Noah Shepherd

Adam Boling Youth Award:

Jennifer Kerr

Lane-Poole Trophy:

Chrissie Young

Chrissie Young awarded Lane-Poole Trophy

By Lindy Down

The Lane-Poole Trophy is the major Club award and commemorates the memory and fundamental values imparted by the club's foundation President, Charles Lane-Poole. It is presented for all-round contribution to enhancing the vitality and continuity of the Club, but especially for enhancing participation in club snow sports.

This year's recipient has done these in spades. Chrissie Young is a great ambassador for the Club and has been instrumental in increasing Club membership.

Generous with her time, skills and humour Chrissie is willing to take on almost anything. She has attended many work parties and always makes a solid contribution. She is on the management committee as well as a number of sub-committees and has never missed a meeting. As part of the Perisher refurbishment working group, Chrissie has had many conversations with members discussing the various basement options and providing feedback to the working group.

Chrissie helped coordinate Family and Youth Weeks this year, making the many off-season trips required to ferry supplies up the mountain and keep our younger members fed. She provided a stable and consistent presence at the lodge every weekend and over several full weeks to support and encourage her boys and other young members to train with Perisher and race in inter-school and club races. She also stepped up and boarded for the Club in the Balmain Cup.

Usually the life of the party, Chrissie is able to develop a good rapport with people and many feel comfortable raising their concerns with her. She has also been a great support for the President and has helped resolve some tricky situations around the lodges. She is partial to a good cocktail (especially those involving Wild Brumby schnapps) and is described as *all round awesome* at making everyone feel welcome.

Thank you and congratulations Chrissie! ▣

Post Season Social Picnic & Presentation

By Cheryl Taylor

Sunday 30 October was the date set for our Social Picnic and Presentation afternoon. Alas, La Nina and impending rain were unrelenting, which sent our 'picnic' indoors. Corroboree Park Function Room in Ainslie was the perfect fit for our alternative venue.

The inside area easily accommodated our group of 50+ members. There was great access to the outdoor park, playground and barbecue area. Plus a useful kitchenette. Perfect for storing 12 kilos of sausages, 6 loaves of bread, a mountain of chips, cheese and veggie chunks as well as oven baked nibbles. Luckily we had time to put out the food, arranged on platters, before members and waiters started streaming indoors. Soon everyone was chatting and catching up over a plate of nibbles and their chosen beverage!

Jenny McLeod and Caroline Walker set out a wonderful display of Trophies, ready for the waiting recipients. While they were getting organised, the outdoor barbecue was fired up to cook the pile of sausages and onions. Thank you to Colleen Turner for slicing over 25 onions and Jase Turner and Ross Taylor for cooking all those onions and sausages, standing over a hot smokey barbecue! At least it didn't rain. Thanks too to the willing members who diced, sliced and helped with food prep. A particular mention to Mel Randall and Femke Rensen, thank you! Demonstrating again, that many hands make light work!

We were blessed with a beautiful day, the first fine one after a week of rain. The pleasant conditions allowed members and waiters to spill out onto the grassy verge and enjoy their 'picnic'.

After a period everyone returned indoors to hear and watch Caroline Walker present the trophies. Caroline and Lindy Down made encouraging and positive comments about the history of the trophies and then happily presented to the grateful recipients. It was rewarding to see the Trophies presented and the recipients, honoured for their achievements.

Once the presentations were over it was time to tuck-in. It didn't take long for the food to disappear. Soon it was time to tidy and pack up. I was grateful to those who stayed and helped until the end. Thank you!

The venue was left spick'n'span!

Trophy Presentations



Lindy Down.



Lindy Down and Caroline Walker



Lexie Phillips



Jenny and Andrew Cupit



Jennifer Kerr and Sarah Brake



Jase Moore, Colleen Turner and Ross Taylor. ▣

Walking in Areas around Jindabyne

By Judy Lejins

I had organised to take a group of 16 walkers from Brindabella Bushwalking Club for a four night stay at the Perisher lodge from 31 October to 4 November and enjoy some walks in the mountains. However with snow, strong winds and rain forecast, I made a decision to change our plans and stay instead at Jindabyne lodge.

On our arrival day we did a short walk beside the lake viewing the statues and some of the birdlife. As parts of the path were under water, we had to detour at times up the grassy slopes above the lake. We ended the walk back at Nuggets Crossing for coffee and cake.

Our evening meals were on a roster basis, each member contributing a dish (either a main or a dessert) on one or other of the evenings. Other meals were self-catered. On our first evening, I welcomed everyone with pre-dinner drinks and nibbles. Dinner had an Italian theme, with some delicious pastas and other dishes provided by those on cooking duty. Just for a bit of fun, being Halloween, some of the group sported witches hats and black capes.

The second day turned out to be very wet, the group mainly just did their own thing. Some enjoyed relaxing, reading or doing jigsaw puzzles and savouring the view across the lake from the lounge room windows. Five of us drove to the dam to view the water gushing over the spillway.

On day three we walked from the Gaden Trout Hatchery along the Thredbo River, a return walk of around two hours, then a picnic lunch at the Hatchery overlooking the river. I had not seen the river so high or flowing that fast before.

On our fourth morning we walked from the lodge to the dam, around the lake's edge and through forested areas, a return distance of about 7½ kms. While we were actually walking on a mountain bike track, only four mountain bikers passed us all morning. I think this would have been different had it been on a weekend rather than a weekday. We were surprised to find a seagull rookery on the edge of the lake against the dam wall. The birds were safe from predators as there was no access by land to the area. We timed our walk well, it started to rain as we neared the lodge just before lunchtime.

Friday, our last day, everyone was up early. All hands on deck, the lodge was vacuumed, cleaned and left spick and span.

A five day holiday enjoyed by all!



Photograph by Elaine Atkinson: Jindabyne Dam Spillway



Photograph by Judy Lejins: Seagull Rookery, Jindabyne Lake



Photographs by Elaine Atkinson: Group walking towards the dam. ▣

The Great Bathroom Escape

By Michael Salvatino

Have you ever climbed out a window to escape a room? Here is how I created a real life escape-room moment at Perisher Lodge, jumping out the window of the disabled access bathroom and running across the snow barefoot. Forget *Frozen Acres*, this story is closer to frozen feet.

Who would have thought that a mundane visit to the toilets would lead to an adventure, creating a Mission Impossible moment that would have tested Tom Cruise. An escape act that would have challenged Houdini.

It was 6:30am and silent in the lodge as I went to answer the call of nature. I quietly went to the disabled access bathroom to relieve myself. Of course, I carefully closed the door behind me as I walked in to ensure privacy. If only I had known better, I might have left it open!

Finished and ready to leave the bathroom, I pushed down the handle and like we have all done a million times, pulled to open the door. We know what is meant to happen, but in this case nothing happened. The door did not open. After a second of surprise, I smiled to myself and tried again. Nothing happened. Still confident and sure I had missed something obvious, I started looking for a lock or a latch. The door was not locked.

So, as you can imagine, I was starting to be less sure. I moved a bit closer to the door and put my eye to the gap between the door and the frame. Lo and behold, as the door handle was pushed down, the metal tongue did not release from the door frame. That makes it very hard to open the door, well it makes it impossible.

But Mission Impossible was possible. So I kept trying. After a dozen more handle pushes and as many wishful thoughts, I figured it was broken.

Let me remind you, it is 6:30am and the lodge is silent. I am wearing a tee-shirt and tracksuit pants. I had no shoes or socks. I should have realised that it was a Bruce-Willis-Die-Hard, moment in the making. Worst of all, I had not brought a mobile phone! I was alone in the toilet, downstairs in a quiet part of the lodge, with no tools or means of communication.

I started to think through the options: I could try to push the door tongue back with a credit card, like they do in the spy movies. If only I had a credit card! A rolled up sheet of toilet paper just did not cut the mustard. It folded, as you would expect a few layers of toilet paper to fold.

Wait. Did I hear noise from the other side of the door? This was my chance to raise the alarm. I let out a cry for help. Well, it was more like a whisper. Screaming out from the bathroom felt more than a little awkward. I tried a little louder. "Hello, is anyone there? I am stuck". I am sure that I heard someone walking past. I called out louder. Nothing. It was quiet. I later found out that it was Mim who had walked past. She thought she heard something from the bathroom, but dismissed it. Truly, she had no reason to think the door was stuck shut and I was trapped inside!

I had missed my chance to attract someone's attention. I had to escape on my own. With a strong sense of determination, I looked around the room and my eyes settled on the window. It was closed, but opened easily with the chain-winder. Already feeling confident, I looked at the flyscreen between me and the window. I know that style of flyscreen. I had put them in the windows at the working bee! I knew how to take it off.

Unclipping the flyscreen and looking through the window I felt a rising sense of adventure as a plan to escape came together. I could jump out the window. It would be tight. The chain-winder opened to a gap of only around 25 centimetres. I would have to squeeze through at a difficult angle, suck in my breath and hope for the best. But wait, was there a way to detach the chain-winder? If only I had a Phillips screwdriver. Hmm. As I rattled the chain to check the options, it detached from the window! Thankfully, whoever screwed it on had done so gently!

Allowing myself a big smile, I pushed the window wide open. The adrenaline started to rush as I could see the way out. A short jump and then a walk around to the front door. I looked outside at the snow covered ground and then down at my feet. Remember that Bruce Willis moment? This was it. I had no shoes or socks. Well, having a way out was better than being stuck. Out through the window I jumped!

After a few steps I felt an immense sense of relief, and the kind of satisfaction that every spy movie gives you when the good guy escapes. But with no shoes my feet sank deep into the snow. It was freezing! This was going to be a run rather than a walk!

I ran around to the open front door and get inside to a warm cup of coffee and a good story. Jill was surprised, well she was surprised at what happened but not that it happened to me. This was just one of many of my adventures that she and I laughed about. Jill immediately had Ken fix the door. So you can all use the bathroom without fear of the door staying closed. However, you now know that if the door is stuck, you can always use the window, but better if you have shoes!

All done and dusted, it was a moment to remember, and set a new bar for me. Adventures happen inside the lodge as well as outside.▣

Big White

By Lexi Moore (aged 9)

Hi, my name is Lexi and I am here writing this article to tell you about why I love Big White in Canada. We are going to Big White in January and it's so much fun there.

Reasons why I love Big White:

1. There are so many good treats! I like the beaver tails. They are like flat donuts and you can pick lots of toppings to go on them. There is also fairy floss and popcorn at the festival. There is a festival every week and you can keep lining up to get more fairy floss and to play games. There are also giant choc chip cookies at the bakery. These are my sisters' favourite cookies in the whole world.
2. I love the powder. Sometimes it snows overnight, and you go out the next day and it's like skiing on clouds. There aren't sheets of ice like at Thredbo this year! Some days were like polished concrete and that isn't much fun. I like powder better.
3. I always make good friends at ski school. The instructors are pretty much Aussies too and they are fun.
4. There is other stuff to do, like we go ice skating and, on the horse drawn cart and the driver even let me have a turn, and this year I'm going on the dog sledding too. My sister did it before and said it was awesome.

That is why I love Big White. I hope you enjoyed reading my article.



This is a beaver tail – yum!



This is me and some powder.

Dog Sledding in Big White - 2020

By Livvy Moore (aged 13)

The last time we went to Big White was in 2020 and I went dog sledding. It was part of my birthday present. I went with mum. First you go and meet the dogs. They are all outside during the day and they each have their own kennel. Sometimes you can hear the dogs barking from the village. There are a lot of dogs, like maybe 20. Their paws are huge and I thought they would all be really hairy dogs but they aren't.

After you meet the dogs, they get the dogs ready by putting their harnesses on and hooking them up to the sled. There are eight dogs and you have to tell them how much you weigh so they don't make the sled too heavy. Then we went for the sled ride. They have tracks through the trees like you are going cross-country skiing on trails. And it was so pretty, and when you go uphill you let the dogs go slower, and at the top they have a rest. I thought it would be hard work for the dogs but they get so excited to go out they must really love it!

After that I didn't want to leave. I missed my dog when we are away so it was really good to see all the sled dogs. I'm going to do it again this year!



CLUB PUBLICATIONS

Available free of charge on request:

- Club Constitution
 - Club By Laws
 - Membership Application Forms
 - Applicants' Information Sheet
 - Guides for lodge users during off-peak.
 - Bedding plans for the lodges
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- *Check our website to obtain copies of these items.*
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ALLIANCES

The Club is a corporate member of the following organisations:

- *Snowsports ACT*
- *SLOPES [Ski Lodges Organisation of Perisher, Smiggins and Guthega Inc.]*
- *The Kosciuszko Huts Association*

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