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# Editorial

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 22 March are on page 29 of this issue. Please make sure you read through them as they contain important information regarding changes to the constitution, motions that were passed, and other matters discussed by those attending.

Our work parties continue to attract more volunteers than can be accommodated. As well as preparing the lodges for the coming winter season, much work has been done on the eradication of weeds in the surrounding areas. In this issue we have published a number of articles from members and waitlisters telling us about their experiences at these work parties held at Perisher; Jindabyne; Mt Franklin and O'Keefes.

We are very proud of our elite athletes, Laura Peel and Valentino Guseli, who have continued to do well in their respective events during the northern winter. Details have been included in the President's Précis. ▣

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## Club Calendar

2023			
April	15	Work Party	Mt Franklin
	16	Heritage Festival Open Day	Mt Franklin
May	6-7	Work Party	Jindabyne
	13-14	Work & Weed Party	Perisher
	14	Pre-Season Social*	Canberra
June	10-12	Opening Weekend	NSW Resorts
July	2-8	Family Week	Perisher
	9-15	Youth Week	Perisher
	30	Club Championship (alpine)**	Perisher

*Note: Work Party dates can be subject to change.*

*\* See page 3 for further details*

Work Party bookings need to be made as follow

**Perisher:** Peter Richards, 0418-637-984

**Perisher Work & Weed Party:** Amanda East, 0412-546-680

If you require a Park Entry Fee Waiver, contact Judy Lejins, [judylejins@ozemail.com.au](mailto:judylejins@ozemail.com.au) or 0400-786-324, at least three weeks in advance with your car rego number and state/territory of registration.

**Jindabyne:** Peter Cunningham, 0477-356-835

**Mt Franklin:** Jenny McLeod, 0414-403-398

**O'Keefes Hut:** Paul Obohov, 0417-048-217

\*\*We have arranged with Perisher and Cooma Ski Club to hold a GS race on Sunday 30 July – this will serve as the Club Championships for alpine skiing and snowboarding. There is also talk of establishing a Canberra/Cooma Cup for the event. We are waiting to hear back from Perisher about whether we can also get a date to hold the Brumby Cup in 2023.

***Copy deadline for the next issue of Frozen Acres: Thursday 18 May, 2023***



## **Pre-season Social Event**

***SAVE THE DATE***

**Sunday 14 May 4-7pm**

**Venue - tba**

Pre-Season get-together, open to all ages, members and waiters.

Please keep your eye on Skimail and Facebook for updates.

Venue and registration details to be advised closer to the time.

For more information, please email Cheryl directly:

*mobilechez@gmail.com*

## **Admin Officer's Hours**

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

Her summer hours are:

Monday -Friday: 9.00am – 1.00pm

On weekends she will check for anything urgent if she is in range and will respond as appropriate.

# Canberra Snow Sale May 13

*EPIC-Exhibition Park in Canberra, Fitzroy Pavilion,  
Flemington Rd & Northbourne Ave, Mitchell*

## Event Schedule

**Drop off equipment to sell:** Friday May 12, 12 to 6pm

**Sale Date:** Saturday May 13, 8.30am to 1.30pm

**Collection of unsold items:** Saturday May 13, 3 to 4pm

EPIC - Exhibition Park in Canberra, Fitzroy Pavilion, Flemington Rd &  
Northbourne Ave, Mitchell ACT

The Snow Sale is an annual fundraiser for local Canberra snow sports community initiatives, now almost running for 30 years. It is a great opportunity to buy and/or sell new and pre-loved snow sports equipment.

A full range of equipment will be available, with a broad selection perfect for skiers and snowboarders new to sport and families upgrading gear.

## Looking to sell items?

Members of the public are invited to sell pre-loved ski and snowboard equipment, including skis, snowboards, poles, boots and outerwear.

There is an online lodgement process for lodging your items into the sale, more information on this will be available closer to the event date.

We will only accept items that are less than seven years old, in full working order and thoroughly cleaned.

Any unsold equipment *must* be collected after the sale on Saturday 13 May, 3.00pm - 4.00pm

***We are not able to donate equipment to others.***

## President's Precis

*By Caroline Walker*

Thanks to everyone who attended the recent Annual General Meeting (AGM) - we had a great turnout, both the Bridge Club and online. At the meeting, both the Treasurer and I were pleased to report on a very successful 2022. The full Draft Minutes from the AGM are included in this issue and I encourage everyone to read them.

Congratulations to Jenny McLeod on being elected to Honorary Life Membership for outstanding service to the Club for more than 40 years. Many members spoke on the night about the contributions Jenny has made and thanked her for all she has done.

A number of proposed changes to the Constitution were voted on at the meeting, including allowing for remote attendance at future AGMs. The proposed changes supported at the meeting still need to be confirmed by a postal ballot which will close on 21 April 2023. Please return your voting papers before the specified deadline to ensure your vote counts.

The 2022-23 competition season is drawing to a close and the Club would like to congratulate our athletes on their stellar performances. Of particular note, Laura Peel won the final World Cup aerial event of the season to finish second overall to compatriot Danielle Scott in the season's standings. And Valentino Guseli won a silver medal in the snowboard halfpipe event at the Freestyle World Championships in a season where he became the first snowboarder to podium in World Cup events in all three park and pipe disciplines.

The Club has held a number of productive work parties over the summer and I'd like to thank everyone who has attended. Special thanks to the organisers who put in many hours of work ahead of time to ensure that we get the most out of these weekends. I recently attended a Perisher work party where scaffolding had been hired to enable much needed external maintenance of the building. For some tasks we clearly require members with particular skills, but there are many jobs where all members can make a valuable contribution to help keep our Club up and running.

Finally, I note bookings for the upcoming winter are very strong so if you are still looking to lock in dates, I encourage you to book online as soon as possible. Our admin officer, Vicki, is happy to assist with bookings where required, for example

if your preferred dates or lodge are not available she can assist in finding suitable alternatives.

As always if there are any issues you would like to raise with me please email me at [president@cac.org.au](mailto:president@cac.org.au). ▣

## **Jindabyne Lodge Stair Climber**

*By Peter Cunningham*

**J**indabyne Lodge now has a stair climber for use by disabled or injured people. There are two charging points, one each at the top and bottom. The chair needs to be parked at either position to keep it charged, preferably the bottom for people entering the lodge. The charge display should say E4 for it to work properly.

Using it is easy, just fold down the seat and footrest and sit down. There is a seat belt that preferably should be used.

The seat is controlled by the use of levers on the end of the arm rests. There is a delay of a couple of seconds in the chair's movement after activating a lever, so be patient. You need to hold the lever control on for the full trip. It is very slow so don't expect an exhilarating ride. There is also a remote control and instructions installed at the top of the stairs. Please use it responsibly. ▣

### **Vale Dick Thompson**

The Club extends sincere sympathy to the family of Dick Thompson, who died on the 11 March at the age of 98. Dick joined the Club in 1961, and was on the Committee from 1967 until 1974, including holding the position of Vice-President from 1969 to 1972, and President from 1973 to 1974.

Dick ceased his membership in 2011 but remained as an Associated ex-Member until 2021.

Condolences to Dick's family, including daughters Clare and Miranda.



# **New Members and Waitlisters' Experiences at our Work Parties**

## **Perisher Work Party 25 and 26 November**

*By Paul Argent*

Noting that there is little snow at the moment and that skiing is not really an option in the southern half of the planet, it is time for various work parties to make sure that we are ready for the 2023 Australian ski season.

In addition to the Jindabyne and Mount Franklin work parties, there was a successful Perisher work party on 25 and 26 November 2022. In the end there were 43 people at the work party: it was one of the biggest in living memory.

It was a stunning Saturday morning as my son Max and I drove up the Kosciuszko Road to make the start of the work party by 9 o'clock. Many of the peaks still had white tops and we encountered a mob of emus running through the highland paddocks beside the car.

When we arrived, there were work parties at a number of lodges in the valley and there was a flurry of activity and pent-up energy that Peter Richards was trying to calmly channel.

It was wonderful to see that many of the people present were new or aspiring members trying to get points to climb the membership ladder, which just highlights what a vibrant and energetic club we have.

As the children and teens went to explore the valley, the rest of us got into painting, dusting, cleaning the kitchen and generally tidying up the lodge. For me, I tried to clean the ski room and found decades of old broken gear, pieces of wood and single gloves. Scraping years of old wax off the waxing table was a particular highlight!

Outside, a new retaining wall was being built at the front, windows were being painted and old tree debris and fire risks were being removed from around the edges of the building.

Being bored teens, Max and Darcy decided to explore the valley and disappeared on a walk. When they both returned, their usual teen bravado was out the window and they were both looking somewhat white and worried. It seems that one of the local red belly black snakes had decided to join them on the walk and ended up

between their legs. Thankfully, no injuries were suffered and it seems that the snake decided to move on to terrorise other walkers.

Dinner on Saturday night was incredible with a Mexican feast and an occasional glass of wine that had everyone in good spirits after a long day of work.

On Sunday morning as the work started to slow down, I snuck-off for a quiet walk around the village. The weather was pleasant with a slight cold chill in the air and the village was wonderfully calm with pockets of snow still around after some late falls. The walk reminded me of how beautiful the Australian highland country is and how lucky we are to have a lodge in such a picturesque place.

As we all started to drift away around Sunday lunch and drive back to Canberra and Sydney (and all over the country side), I started to look forward to skiing in 2023. The Perisher lodge is now spick and span and ready to go for this year's snow season.

Kudos and thank you to Peter Richards for organising such a successful work party.☐

## **Weed Work Party 6 and 7 January**

*By Ken Maher*

**A**lthough we have spent many winters in the mountains over the years, we had never been to Perisher in the summer months, so when I got the late call from Amanda East to join the work/weed party at the Perisher Lodge, due to a cancellation, we jumped at the chance.

I recently joined the Club after my wife, Patsy, and I spent a few days at the Jindabyne Lodge during August, as a guest of our good friend Rosemary [Spry], who is a long-time member. We were very impressed with the lodge, and even more impressed by the friendliness of the people we met and skied with from the lodge.

The drive from Newcastle takes us around seven and a half hours, so we set off on Friday morning and arrived at the Perisher Lodge at around five in the afternoon. We found Amanda at the 'table of knowledge' surrounded by a few people solving the problems of the world. We extracted Amanda from the conversation and she gave us a tour of the lodge. She showed us all the nooks and crannies, told us how the lodge operates and explained the future plans for the lodge. It was evident that Amanda is very passionate about the lodge and the environment surrounding it.

After unpacking the car, we went for a walk out to the top of the Village 8 Express to stretch our legs and get our bearings. It was then back to the lodge for dinner and a few glasses of red, while meeting the other work party members and talking of skiing experiences throughout the world.



*Found some snow at the top of the Quad Express*

Following breakfast the next morning, jobs were allocated for the day by Amanda. Patsy and I, together with another half a dozen enthusiastic volunteers, were on weed pulling duties. The history of the invasive pasture grasses, and how to identify them, was explained, and then we set forth eagerly, to eradicate the introduced weeds from the area surrounding the lodge.

After a couple of hours the enthusiasm began to wane, with the increasing heat and the increasing number of march flies. Morning tea was called and keenness was restored with coffee together with jam and scones. Back to it again, with a liberal application of sunscreen and insect repellent. Then we saw the designated areas being transformed from weeds to native grasses and shrubs. It was pleasing to see the trailer slowly filling with weeds. A quick lunch and then a final sweep of the area to clear out any missed clumps. Hard, but rewarding work.

After a hard day's work, Patsy, encouraged by other work party members, thought it might be a good idea to go for a walk before dinner. So, donning the walking boots, we set off to explore Perisher. We were amazed at the different perspective the mountain affords when not covered in snow, and the beauty of the rugged environment. We made it to the top of the Perisher Quad Express Chair, where there was still some snow above the Quad Face.

A communal meal had been organised for Saturday night, with the theme being Italian. There was a flurry of activity in the kitchen as everyone prepared their contribution to the feast. The children ate first and then the adults sat down to a tasty and diverse meal, washed down in the Italian way, with liberal helpings of wine and stories.

The next day, other jobs were allocated to the work party, as the trailer was full to capacity with the harvested weeds. A lot of painting, varnishing, restocking and cleaning was carried out, as well as preparation for the new window coverings, which included installation of new curtain support headers, cleaning, sanding, hole filling and sealing of windows.

After another day's hard labour, most of the work party packed up and, after a fond farewell to new found friends, departed for home. We found this work party to be a very rewarding experience, with all participants getting on together really well during the working and social activities. We are now familiar with most aspects of the lodge. The organisation by Amanda was exceptional, with everyone, both existing members and new members, knowing what was required and helping others when needed.

We had decided to stay another couple of nights down in the Jindabyne Lodge, before our trip back to Newcastle so, prior to leaving the mountain, we drove to Charlotte Pass and went for a walk down to the Snowy River. Again, the beauty of the rugged environment, with magnificent rock formations and gnarled ancient snow gums was amazing. The trek back up the mountain was challenging, following a good day's work, but well worth the effort.



The magnificent Snowy River

Sunday night saw us having a well-earned beer on the deck of the Jindabyne lodge, overlooking the lake, with the full moon rising above East Jindabyne. A satisfying weekend. ☐

## Jindabyne 4 - 5 February

### Attending a Club Work Party with Kids

*By Frances Dunbar with comments by Leo (age 11)*

After recently joining the Club's waiting list and nominating to participate in a Jindy work party, it was hard to contain the kids' (and the adults') excitement in seeing a lodge where we might be able to stay.

Like myself, the kids aren't keen to repeat our experience of the 2022 Perisher car park debacle. They missed the Devo program after the car park reached capacity – reportedly before 7:30am that particular day.

Yet my enthusiasm didn't immediately extend to the kids joining us for a work party. Managing the disappointed expectations of Leo, eleven year old who's keen on painting? Hard pass.

But I can happily report we don't regret needing to take the older of our skiing progeny to our first work party. Not only did he experience firsthand what goes into keeping a ski lodge running, he was effectively put to task. And he had fun. Rhonda [Cunningham] efficiently secured Leo's enthusiasm for vacuuming the sofa cushions with promises he could keep whatever he found. Ka-ching.

*Leo comments:*

*Members should carry more small change in their pockets from now on.*

Even though he only found a couple of lolly wrappers and crumbs, he still thought the back pack vacuum cleaner was "awesome" and he needed to be dissuaded from continuing around the lodge. Apparently I need to buy one for home to help him do more vacuuming.

But nothing surpassed Leo being asked to help test the recently installed stair lift. Yet again, I needn't have been concerned about him being educated on its operation, after I overheard this conversation:

"I don't know what Mum's worried about kids using the lift. It's too slow to be fun. But people might still use it to get their food up to the kitchen?"

Good Samaritan and responsible adult: "Or maybe their lazy dogs?"

I'd like to thank our sponsors – Doug [Boast] and Lynette [Johns Boast], who I met through the Masters' program a few years ago – for introducing us to a great Club. Thank you to Peter and Rhonda for organising the work party. And lastly, thank you to those who also attended. The laughter and fun is a testament to the great culture of the Club. ☐

## **Mt Franklin 11-12 February**

### **The Wildflower Delight of Mt Franklin**

*By Rianna Simkins*

**O**n the 11 February, as a family we attended a work party at Mt Franklin, which to our wonder is in a truly beautiful alpine environment. The party was hosted by Jenny and Bev [McLeod] Kathryn [Wingett] and Willie and Ben [Tyehouse] who were very organized and showed us warm hospitality throughout the day.

The weather was clear, breezy, and warm, which added to the enjoyment of the day. What truly caught my eye though, were the alpine wildflowers that surrounded us in every direction.

The beauty of the wildflowers was such a joy with stunning white, purple, blue and yellow hues. The white flowers were delicate and small, yet they stood out against the greenery of the surrounding grass. The purple and blue flowers were vivid and rich. The yellow flowers were bright and cheerful, adding a pop of colour to the greenery. They were some of the most beautiful flowers I'd ever seen!

As we walked through the alpine region, I couldn't help but feel grateful for the chance to witness such incredible natural beauty. The fresh wilderness air, combined with the breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and the feeling of the warm sun on my skin made me feel at peace. The wind carried the fragrance of the flowers, adding to the experience. It was an extraordinary sight.

Attending the work party at Mt Franklin was a very positive experience for our family. The stunning beauty of the alpine wildflowers, the warm and windy weather, the hospitality of our hosts and the natural wonders of the Australian alpine region made it a day to remember (*photos of wildflowers on next page*).



## Mt Franklin's Highland Copperhead

*By Tony Simkins*

A yellow belly black snake lay in the sun,  
Basking in the warmth of the day just begun,  
Its scales a striking black, shimmering bright,  
With a pale-yellow belly, a beautiful sight.

The highland copperhead, a name so grand,  
At Mount Franklin near the old tank stand,  
A windy day with a clear blue sky,  
The snake was unfazed, not a bit shy.

As it rested in the alpine grass,  
I marvelled at its beauty and its class,  
With eyes sharp and a tongue so quick,  
The snake was sly, and oh so slick.

And then, like magic, it disappeared,  
Under the alpine grass, its presence cleared,  
Leaving behind only a memory so grand,  
Of a creature that thrives in nature's land.





## Attending my First Work Party

*By Mitchell Simkins (aged 16)*

Attending my first work party at Mt Franklin in February 2023 was a very positive experience. I had heard about the Club's work parties and I needed to attend one as a junior waitlister, but did not know what to expect, and I wasn't even sure where Mt Franklin was.

As soon as I arrived, I was greeted by friendly faces and welcoming smiles. The hosts were eager to show us around and introduce us to other members and waitlisters.

One of the highlights of the day was learning about the history of the Club. I spent some time looking through old photos, which showed the Club's early members and their original lodge. We also got to see some of the original ski gear that was used by members in the early days.

Walking around the surrounding area, we got to see some of the ruins of the original lodge. Mt Franklin was where the Club began. I felt a deep appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the members, both past and present.

Throughout the day, we worked on various projects around the site. We weeded, sorted stuff and helped to reform some walking tracks. It was hard work, but it was also rewarding.

The hosts leading the work party were knowledgeable and passionate about the Club. They were happy to answer any questions we had and to share their experiences. It was clear that they loved being a part of the Club, and their enthusiasm was infectious.

In the end, I left the work party feeling deeply grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the community. I would recommend attending a Mt Franklin work party to all members, whether they are new or have been members for years. It was such a positive experience that really brought home the history and sense of community that is at the heart of the Club.

And yes, it was pretty funny to learn that the old toilet block is located in New South Wales – and I'm not so sure that was done accidentally.☐



**Friends Foraging for  
Flora and Forming Footpaths  
@Mt Franklin in February**

*By Tania Hardcastle*

Mountain morning meeting  
Traversing together  
Foraging for 4 weeds  
Rocky rugged road  
All ages accepted  
Native or weed?  
Kinetic kindness created with a K  
Likeable ladies leading  
Ideal individuals intent on implementing isles in itch  
terrain  
New and old nature lovers supporting each other to build  
a strong CAC community.

It was a splendid day spent together in the beautiful outdoors, meeting people, having a yarn and keeping this spectacular mountain area feeling pristine.

Thanks for all the laughs, team spirit and preservation of a memorable spot.



## Perisher Work Party 18-19 February

### A Nice break from the Sydney Bustle

*By Rianna Simkins*

Over the weekend of 18-19 February, I had the pleasure of attending a work party at Perisher Lodge. The party was hosted by Peter Richards, who went above and beyond to ensure everyone felt included and welcome.

The first thing that struck me was how beautiful it was to be in the alpine region during summer. The mountain views were breathtaking, and the crisp, fresh air was a welcome relief from the hustle and bustle of Sydney. Seeing Perisher in summer was a novelty for Mum and I, and seeing some of our commonly traversed ski runs now covered in grass and flowers instead of skiers and snow was an amazing sight!

We even recorded a little video so we could show Dad and my brother when we got home.



Throughout the weekend, the attitude of everyone in attendance was fantastic. We divided into teams to conquer the tasks at hand, and it was great to see everyone (even

the kids!) contributing to the effort. Within my team, the 'kitchen turnover team' there was a real sense of camaraderie, and the banter and teamwork made the weekend very enjoyable. Peter even rewarded the effort with chocolates for everyone and Toblerone blocks for stand-out workers.

As the weekend ended, I couldn't help but feel grateful for the opportunity to attend the work party. The beauty of the alpine region during summer, the fantastic attitude and friendliness of everyone in attendance, and the hospitality of Peter. It was great to see the fruits of the labour from the painting and cleaning, and the sense of accomplishment from completing the tasks was truly satisfying. ☑

## **Many Tasks Achieved by Hard Working Group**

*By Anthea Foldi*

**P**eter Richards supervised a large party of more than twenty Club members, waiters and their families to complete much needed maintenance and repairs to the Perisher Lodge on the weekend of 18 and 19 February.

After breakfast on Saturday, the tasks were allocated at the 9am meeting. The biggest undertaking was the roof repairs and painting. Many brave volunteers clambered up the long ladder outside surmounting the pitched roof to plug the nasty holes and head off potential water damage before winter. A big thank you goes to those courageous enough to climb the pitch and height of the roof top, working in the bright sunlight and searing heat of 32 degrees plus. All the while on the ground, people were dotted around the lodge - inside and out - sanding, cutting timber and painting beams and woodwork. In each bedroom, the window frames were taped in blue before being then topped with fresh paint, to restore them to former glory. My job along with my husband, Matt, was to paint the very long entrance and baggage rack which we did proudly.

The whole weekend there was an energetic, vibrant buzz emanating from the kitchen as people beavered away washing, scrubbing and cleaning every plate, shelf, cupboard and storage area. Vacuum cleaners reverberated disharmony throughout the lodge as every walkway, shared space and bedroom was cleaned.

Our group came together for morning teas, lunches and dinners where proud stories and amusing anecdotes were shared about people's experiences in the Club; the Clubs history; the Clubs commitment to the development of up and coming juniors as well as its international champions competing at the World Cup in 2023.

On Sunday we headed home, feeling proud to be able to make a small contribution to this wonderful club. The work party was a huge success.



*Anthea painting the luggage rack*



*And Matt too painting the luggage rack*



*Roof repairs*

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## **O'Keefe's Hut, Canberra Day Long Weekend, 11 to 13 March.**

*By Paul Oboohov*

Participants included Helen Jennings, Michael Griffiths, both from Sydney, and myself. Patrick See and his relative Frederick See were going to attend, but Patrick's wife's father was gravely-ill-they pulled out.

A lot was achieved, including:

- Michael cut a sheet of 'Scyon' fireproof flooring to fit above the new box shaped stove in the fireplace, with a jigsaw fitted with diamond tipped blades (the stove was installed around 2001 - 2002, with the top of the chimney blocked off by metal, around the new flue, by NPWS. Michael had barracked for it). Whereas last year the stove took the edge off the cold inside the hut, the new 'Scyon' sheet has meant that the internal temperature is slightly warmer (without having tested it in winter!).
- Helen, & later, Michael painted linseed oil on all externally exposed timber, including window frames, bearers under the sides of the roof, end pieces of wood on both ends of the roof, and external wooden steps (floor extensions) at both doors.
- The rear door, which had been painted maybe five years ago and faces west, towards the hot summer sun, and is blasted by the ice and snow of blizzards, was badly blistered and the old paint hanging in tatters. Helen & I scraped the tattered old paint

- off, and Helen used our new orbital sander (paid for by NPWS) to good effect in preparing the surface for repainting. We then applied an undercover of paint on all
- door surfaces. However, we didn't have time to apply any further coats of paint. That will have to wait for a future work party.
  - Using a battery powered chainsaw, Michael went up the Grey Mare Trail, that passes by the hut, and gathered and cut quite a fair bit of timber, which we loaded two full loads of wood on my Landcruiser's roof rack platform. This has been used to stock the large wood box inside the hut, and inside an old circular water tank that was stood on its side, and stacked beside that tank, for the winter.
  - Michael used my battery powered whipper-snipper with plastic blades, to cut the grass around the hut as a bushfire protection measure.
  - I was able to keep the batteries charged for the power tools and chainsaw (and my shaver) through their 240 volt chargers, from my 12 volt to 240 volt, 1,000 watt 'inverter', off my second accessories 12 volt car battery, itself kept charged by a foldout, printed on special fabric 190 watt solar panel. The car's starter battery was kept charged up by a 115 watt solar panel.

Prior to the trip, I had bought a picture projector with its own Lithium battery, and screen, from Jaycar. Michael and I prepared USB data sticks of our (1981 and 2002 respectively) 'Kiandra to Kosciuszko' cross country ski trips. With lots of young bushwalkers camping at the hut, we provided a presentation to a group of spellbound young bushwalkers on the Sunday evening.

The highlight of my presentation was an ascent of Mt Jagungal on cross country skis by my group from the Canberra Cross Country Ski Club, with panoramic views of the Main Range, Victorian Alps to the South, and the ACT Brindabella mountains with snow on them. Unfortunately, Michael's USB stick was unreadable by my projector, however he narrated the story of his 'K to K' trip, including not being able to find some huts, because they were buried under the record snowfalls of 1981. His trip did get to Mt Kosciuszko and Thredbo, whereas my trip exited at the Whites / Munyang River valley due to a blizzard, and low food supplies, and then climbed the 400m of the Link Road to Smiggin Holes.☐



## Work Party Perisher 18 and 19 March

*By Lauren Reinhardt and Shelley Mulhern*

The Club recently held a work party at Perisher to get our lodge in top shape for the winter ahead.

We had an amazing team of volunteers, led by some true masters of their respective crafts. Lydia Cupid, for instance, was in charge of the sanding and varnishing of the upper windowsills. She led her team with a steady hand and a keen eye for detail, ensuring that our lodge's windows will be looking their best this season.

We were impressed by our team of teens on cleaning duty. While teens are not traditionally known for their sanitisation skills, this group was fantastic, and we hope you appreciate the extra sparkle at the lodge this season.



Speaking of Sparkle, Ben Norris, the Sparkie, (*see photo next page*) checked out all things electrical except for the flashing lights in each bedroom!



Jenny Cupid led her team in oiling the walls. Oiling is not a typical passion project but Jenny and her team took it in their stride. Gavin Williams was our resident masonry expert, he offered sound advice and encouragement to his team. Andrew Gardner was a jack-of-all-trades, helping out wherever he was needed. He was like a snowflake in the wind, moving from task to task with ease. Together the teams worked away to elevate the lodge and ensure it is snow ready.



They say a family that builds flatpack together stays together. We roped our son, Rhys in to help build lockers for our members to enjoy. There were some heated debates but we are pleased to report all are still on speaking terms. And even more pleasing, the lockers all open and close and should be sturdy enough to survive an avalanche.



We are grateful to have had Peter Richards' management of all the moving parts. He was like a ski-instructor at kids' club, herding sheep and making sure that everyone was working in harmony. And of course, our esteemed president, Caroline, was there to welcome everyone and make sure that we were all well-fed and hydrated all while juggling the behind the scenes action.

Our members are as important as the walls themselves and it was safety first throughout the work party.

All in all, it was a great weekend of hard work and camaraderie. We hope you enjoy the improvements to our lodge this season. ☐

## Observations of a New Waitlister

*By Lisa Simkins*

**A**s a new waitlister of the Club, I have some observations on what I think makes this club special. From the sense of camaraderie and history to the fantastic lodges and committed committee members, there is a lot to love about this Club.

One of the things that has stood out to me the most is the sense of camaraderie and community that is at the heart of the Club. At the recent work party at Perisher in February, I saw firsthand how members, old and new, pitch in to help. There was a real sense of teamwork and cooperation, which is something that I believe is essential for any successful Club.

Another aspect that sets the Club apart, in my opinion, is its rich history. When I attended a work party at Mt Franklin, I learned about the Club's origins. It was inspiring to see how passionate members are about preserving the Club's history and sharing it with new members.

One of the things that has impressed me is the willingness of committee members to volunteer their time and energy to ensure that everything runs smoothly. From the committee members that I have met, I get the impression that it is very well organised and passionate. Its efforts are evident in the smooth operation of Club activities and lodges.

Overall, what makes the Club special is that it feels like a genuine club. There is a real sense of community and camaraderie. There is no pretentiousness and members are encouraged to participate and contribute in whatever way they can. It feels like a down-to-earth club that is focused on building lasting relationships and preserving its rich history for future generations.

As a waitlister I feel fortunate to have found such a special and welcoming club. I look forward to being a part of it for many years to come and continuing to contribute to its ongoing success.

## Farewell to my Old Ski Boots

Oh, old ski boots, how you've served me well,  
From slopes to trails, through heaven and hell,  
Your buckles twisted, your soles worn through,  
Your battered shell showing cracks anew.

My friends and family may joke and jest,  
At the sight of you, old and distressed,  
But they don't understand, the bond we share,  
Of every moment, every breath of mountain air.

The shop assistant, shocked at your age,  
Could barely contain his amazement and rage,  
But I stood up for my trusty leather,  
For the many great times we have had together.

But now the time has come to say goodbye,  
To bid farewell to our times gone by,  
For as much as I love and cherish you,  
It's certainly time to start anew.

A new chapter awaits, with boots that shine,  
And soles that grip, and buckles that align,  
I doubt the memories of you will stay,  
As I ski down the mountain in a much better way. ▣

## **Constitutional Changes**

As members would be aware, several changes to the Constitution were put forward to the AGM in March. As noted in the minutes of the AGM published in this issue, these motions were passed at the AGM.

Changes to the Constitution need to be confirmed by a postal ballot.

Members eligible to vote should have recently received ballot papers by email or post (if you have not, please contact the Secretary).

The postal ballot closes at 5pm on Friday 21 April.

Assuming that these changes are confirmed by the postal ballot, they will take effect from 1 May 2023.

The amended Constitution will be available on the Club's website after this date.

If any changes are passed that require corresponding changes to the By-laws (for example the proposed change to the upper age of Youth Membership), an updated version of the By-laws will also be available.

A copy can also be obtained by contacting the Secretary.

## 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 23 March 2023

### OPENING

The President, Caroline Walker, opened the meeting at 7.35 with an acknowledgement of country, welcomed members to the meeting (both online and in the room), and ran through housekeeping matters such as the conduct of votes.

### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF 2022 AGM

Caroline opened the floor for comments on the minutes of the last AGM – none were received.

### Acceptance Motion

*That the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting as published in the March/April 2022 issue of Frozen Acres be accepted.*

(Proposed: Amanda East; Seconded: Lynette Johns-Boast)

**Minutes accepted.**

### REPORTS

#### *President*

Caroline drew attention to her written report in the Annual Report, and noted she would only touch on some highlights tonight. She reported that 2022 was a fantastic year for the Club, with record revenues, bed nights, and profits – which indicates great opportunities for members to enjoy the lodges, and it was great to get back to social events and Club races in 2022.

Our membership increased significantly, and we are likely to reach our membership cap of 600 members shortly, with a healthy waitlist of people wanting to join.

Our international athletes have had great successes this year. Some achievements were mentioned in the written report, but since then, Val Guseli has won silver in the World Championships halfpipe, and Laura Peel has won the final aerials World Cup of the season – as a club we are very proud of them, and of our other associated athletes, Tuva Bygrave and Bentley Walker-Broose, who had good XC seasons.

Vicki Hughes has joined us tonight; she joined us in May and has been doing a fantastic job, with lots of positive feedback from members. She will be playing a bigger role at Jindabyne and taking on some other duties, and will hopefully remain with us for many years to come.

### ***Treasurer***

Will Comensoli referred to his written report in the Annual Report. He thanked key people, including Jenny McLeod and Caroline, as well as past President Jon Wilson, as co-signatories on the bank account and assisting with processing bills etc; a big welcome to Vicki who has been helping out with monthly reporting of bed nights, as well as processing bookings and accounts.

We've had a good year – we have paid off the Jindabyne redevelopment loan, which is now sitting at \$5K. This was paid off in six years; the loan duration was for ten years, which is a very good outcome, especially given COVID and the uncertainty that brought. This puts us in a good position for focussing on the next phase of maintenance and work at Perisher.

As at 31/12/2022 we had just over \$400K in the bank and have established Will's long held wish of a capital works fund – we have \$177K set aside for capital works, and will continue to add to that.

Erica Lejins asked about insurance premiums – whether the very high Jindabyne premium is apportioned or specific to Jindabyne. Will explained the insurance premium is on the whole of the Club. Caroline noted that one reason for the increase in premiums is that the value of the lodges has gone up. We revalued the lodges this year for the first time since 2007.

Ernst Willheim asked whether the Committee has looked at reviewing entrance fees, given inflation. Will responded that all rates and charges are reviewed annually. We will be doing that review in May, which will take CPI into account.

Doug Boast asked whether the Club is now debt free. Will responded that yes, we have \$5K in the loan but that is a holding amount while we determine what we are doing with capital works and whether we can cover that in cashflow, or whether we wish to draw down that amount again. The facility is available to redraw, but each year the available balance reduces by \$60K, which is due to expire in a few years. We would probably need to refinance for any significant capital works. Will has a preference for doing capital works out of accumulated reserves and cashflow – our current loan facility does cost us a couple of thousand each year to hold.

### **Acceptance of reports**

***Motion:*** *That the reports from the President and Treasurer be accepted.*

(Proposed: Femke Rensen; Seconded: Mel Randall)

**Motion carried.**



## **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE**

Caroline stated that there had been one nomination for the office of President (Caroline Walker), one nomination for the vacant position of Vice President (Jeremy Lucas), and three nominations for the three vacant Ordinary Committee positions (Alan Booth, Peter Cunningham, and Cheryl Taylor). As the number of nominations was equal to the number of vacant positions for these positions, Caroline, Jeremy, Alan, Peter, and Cheryl were declared elected to their respective positions.

Caroline noted that Amanda East (Vice-President), Jenny McLeod (Secretary), Will Comensoli (Treasurer), Yvette Lejins, Mim Rihani, and Chrissie Young (Ordinary Committee Members) continue in their existing positions until the 2024 AGM. The Committee will be the same next year as this year, with the exception of Jon Wilson who will be dropping off as Immediate Past President.

## **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

Caroline noted that the Committee recommends the reappointment of the existing auditor, Patrick Salter.

**Motion:** *That Patrick Salter is reappointed as Auditor until the 2025 AGM*  
(Proposed: Kathryn Wingett, Seconded: Lindy Down)

**Motion carried.**

## **MOTION ON NOTICE – HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

Caroline Walker spoke to the motion. She noted that Jenny joined the Canberra Alpine Club as a Junior Member in 1977 and from the very beginning was an enthusiastic participant in Club activities. Jenny joined the Committee in 1999 and has worked tirelessly as a Committee member for over 20 years. Key roles Jenny has held during this time include Vice President 2000-2001, President 2002-2003 and Secretary from 2010 until the present. Jenny has also been the Franklin Officer since 2020, assisting prior to then, and is currently the convenor of the Membership and Public Relations subcommittees. Jenny is also an active participant on the Governance, Bookings, Lodges and Finance subcommittees.

Notable contributions Jenny has made include helping create the Club's website in the early 2000s, starting Skimail in 2005 and starting the Club's Facebook page in 2008. Jenny is regularly the public face of the Club at the annual Snowsports Expo and the ACT Heritage Festival. Jenny has represented the Club on numerous occasions in the Balmain and Perisher Cups and regularly participates in Club races across various disciplines (Alpine, XC and Jump). Many Club trophies have her

listed as a recipient, including the Lane-Poole trophy in 2004. Jenny is also a keen participant in many of the Club's social activities.

Caroline noted that while she has known Jenny for a shorter period of time than many long-standing Club members, in the 10 years she has been a member, she has not seen anyone contribute more to the Club than Jenny. Jenny's work as Secretary is nothing short of amazing and the Club would certainly not run as efficiently as it does without her enormous efforts. Jenny is the Committee member that others rely on for information, explanation and advice on all matters relating to the Club.

Caroline also noted that the motion has the support of the full Committee and has been enthusiastically welcomed by existing Honorary Life Members of the Club.

Several members also spoke in support of the motion. Jeremy Lucas noted that since joining the Committee, he has seen what Jenny contributes to the Club. Sam DeLorenzo noted Jenny has sustained effort over a long time. Amanda East noted that without Jenny at the helm we would not be in this wonderful place and thanked Jenny. Ernst Willheim noted that as a family club it is nice to see for the first time the second generation being elected to Honorary Life Membership. Lynette Johns-Boast noted that Jenny has been integral in her own experiences with the Club, including fundraising, skiing for the Club and social activities, adding the Honorary Life Membership is long deserved and congratulations! Teresa Harrington commented that anytime anyone drops the ball Jenny is there for us.

***Motion:** That this meeting elect Jenny McLeod to be an Honorary Life Member of the Club in recognition of her outstanding service.*

(Proposed: Caroline Walker, Seconded: Jeremy Lucas)

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Jenny responded to the motion, noting that as the daughter of two long standing Club members she was always going to be involved in the Club, at least until old enough to stay home alone! Fortunately Jenny took to skiing well enough, happily swapping between cross country and downhill and her technique for winning trophies is to turn up as the gun skiers don't always compete, or in the case of the Brumby Cup, you might be lucky enough to be paired with them! Jenny noted that over the years she has filled every position on the Committee except Treasurer and has no intention of taking that on! While a bit of a cliché, Jenny noted she has got more out of the Club than she has put in, including learning about bushwalking, websites and mailing lists and painting and has received better management training than in the workplace. Jenny has enjoyed listening to Club history (or tall tales) over a glass or two at Perisher and experienced lovely sunrises at Jindabyne and stunning sunsets at Mt Franklin. Jenny thanked her parents for passing on their

love of the outdoors and the Club, and Kathryn, who has put up with an awful lot of Club stuff including proof reading hundreds of Club Skimails.

### **MOTIONS ON NOTICE – CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES**

Caroline noted that the proposed Constitutional changes have been discussed in *Frozen Acres* and Skimail previously, and all of the proposed changes are supported by the current Committee.

All of the Constitutional change motions are proposed by Caroline Walker, seconded by Jenny McLeod.

#### **7a – Remote attendance at General Meetings**

Caroline invited comment on the first motion, regarding remote attendance at General Meetings. She introduced each subsequent motion with a brief recap of the purpose, based on the notes in the Agenda.

Ernst Willheim noted that he is not completely comfortable with this motion, with two sets of issues. It potentially makes significant changes to the nature of the Club. We have a limit on the proportion of “out of area” members, and the current provision for meetings to be held in the ACT is consistent with this; allowing remote meetings may not be consistent with this Canberra-based nature of the Club. He also noted that the changes stipulate that the Committee may authorise remote attendance, but it is not clear how this will be done – will there be an application, or guidelines/criteria. Does it give free rein to allow large numbers of out of area members to attend, against the ethos of the Club.

Teresa asked about how “in writing” would work – Jenny noted that this could include chat functionality.

Caroline notes that we have thought very seriously about the pros and cons of this change and the potential impact of this change. It was felt that the primary mechanism for retaining the Canberra nature is the criteria for restricting out of area membership, and allowing for remote attendance allows those who are out of area to participate – we have accepted them as members, and we do have some obligation to enable them to participate. A lot of our local members also have difficulties attending, whether it is due to caring, or health issues.

Jenny added that she also has some concerns regarding how the motion, and the similar motion relating to remote attendance at Committee meetings, may impact the Canberra-based nature of the Club. There were several options considered relating to this, such as limiting the number of Committee members who were out of area, but none of these were really workable. Ultimately, she considers that the benefits of the change far outweigh the potential impact on the ethos of the Club.

She is encouraged by the number of members who do turn up “face to face”; members are clearly not seeing remote attendance as just an easy way out.

Jeremy noted we now have the technology to allow this. This has come along in leaps and bounds, particularly since COVID, and remote attendance is now an accepted way of doing business.

Online comments were that it improves accessibility; one person was planning on coming but fell ill – they can still listen to every word, and disallowing that reduces the involvement of members; Even courts use this technology now.

Caroline noted that the authorisation portion is more as a backstop, so that the Committee can control this if it becomes problematic.

Kathryn Wingett asked whether if we reached the stage of authorising a subset of people, would guidelines for that be in the By-laws rather than the Constitution. Jenny responded that yes, she would expect so.

Allister Polkinghorne considered that “in writing” would be problematic – would prefer to see this removed. Jenny noted that the wording of the definition of Remote Attendance has been more or less taken from the ACT legislation.

Sam DeLorenzo considered that the Constitution should encompass the intent and purpose of what we are doing, and that authorisation etc should be covered in mechanisms that will be developed. The Constitution should not go into too much detail.

Lynette Boast noted that “authorise” can also refer to registration of members prior to attending remotely, to ensure that we know who they are. Jenny noted that the motion is more about allowing the Committee to restrict remote attendance more broadly. It is about the intent, that the Committee can restrict remote attendance to certain classes of members (or all members).

Erica Lejins noted that the motion refers to classes of membership, so it’s not just about individual authorisation. Jenny noted that authorisation under the motion, and registration of attendees, are separate issues.

Jeremy raised that previously in-area members who move away are also out of area. He also noted that a recording of the meeting is taken. Jenny pointed out that the recording is for the benefit of the Secretary and is the equivalent of the voice recorder that has been used for several decades at AGMs. There is no intention of making the recording generally available.

Ernst noted that for about 85 years we have had a requirement that meetings be held in the ACT or at a Club lodge – it is a matter of judgement whether changing

this is the right thing to do, and views differ. He drew attention to the definition of Remote Attendance regarding people knowing what each other says without being in each other's presence, but that others cannot see what is in the chat session. It was noted that this is resolved by Roger reading comments from the chat, or the chat session could be displayed on screen – this is a technical consideration, not a principle. Jenny also noted that it is not possible for all attendees in the room to hear the side chats that happen between individuals.

**Motion 7a:** That this meeting resolves to provide for remote attendance at General Meetings, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

*Amend clause 2(1) to include the following:*

*“Remote Attendance” means attendance at a meeting using a method of communication (including but not limited to a phone link, a satellite link, an internet or intranet link, or in writing), or a combination of methods of communication, that allows a person taking part to hear or otherwise know what each other person taking part says without the participants being in each other's presence.*

*Remove clause 31(2) and replace with the following:*

*31(2) For the purposes of subclause (1), General Meetings may only be held in the Australian Capital Territory or at a Club lodge, however the committee may authorise a person, or a class of members, to attend the meeting by Remote Attendance.*

*31(3) A person who takes part in a meeting by Remote Attendance in accordance with clause 31(2) is taken, for all purposes, to be present at the meeting.*

Motion carried on a show of hands with two against.

### **Motion - 7b – Remote attendance at Committee Meetings**

That this meeting resolves to provide for remote attendance at Committee Meetings, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

*Amend clause 2(1) to include the following:*

*“Remote Attendance” means attendance at a meeting using a method of communication (including but not limited to a phone link, a satellite link, an*

*internet or intranet link, or in writing), or a combination of methods of communication, that allows a person taking part to hear or otherwise know what each other person taking part says without the participants being in each other's presence.*

*Remove clause 26(2) and replace with the following:*

*26(2) Committee meetings may be held:*

*(a) in person; or*

*(b) by Remote Attendance; or*

*(c) a combination of in person and Remote Attendance.*

*26(2A) A person who takes part in a meeting by Remote Attendance in accordance with clause 26(2) is taken, for all purposes, to be present at the Committee meeting.*

Motion carried unanimously

### **7c – Change the upper age of Youth Membership to 25**

Caroline noted that there was a discussion at last year's AGM regarding retention of younger members, and this was one of the suggested changes. There will be some transition issues for those who are currently Adult Members who are under 25, and the details of how this will be dealt with are not finalised, but it is likely that the applicable capital contribution from these members will be refunded, and that the entrance fee that has been paid will not be refunded by default but may be if a member requests it.

Allister Polkinghorne asked how many people will be affected by the transition. Caroline noted it is about 18.

Amanda East queried how many years back we will apply this. Caroline noted that it not expected to be retrospective. The key group who are immediately affected are those who are currently Adult Members but are under 25. We expect to refund the capital contribution for these members but leave them as Adult members.

Doug Boast noted that there are some financial aspects for transitional members that will need to be considered by the Committee – for example if an entrance fee component is refunded, does the member then need to pay the entrance fee component at the rate that applies when they actually advance to Adult Membership.

Erica Lejins noted that her daughter turned 23 last year and has advanced to Adult Membership. She clarified that under the current thinking, the capital contribution

would be refunded for this year, and future years while Jennifer falls under the new definition of a Youth Member, and that a refund of the entrance fee component would be considered on a case-by-case basis, for example on hardship grounds.

Caroline agreed with Erica that that is the current thinking, and that if the entrance fee component is refunded, it would be payable in the future at whatever the rate is at the time.

Andrew Dawson noted that as a father of a 24 year old, he's happy if the Club just keeps the money.

Ernst Willheim queried retrospectivity of the motion, and what status transitional members would have. Jenny noted that details of transitional treatment is not sorted, but current Adult Members will probably remain Adult Members. There is no intention to make it retrospective in the sense of refunding or changing the status of those who are already over the age of 25.

Femke Rensen noted that her son is 24 and did not take up the option of Adult Membership – she asked whether he could apply to rejoin as a Youth Member – Caroline noted that yes, that is the case.

**Motion 7c:** That this meeting resolves to change the upper age of Youth Membership from 23 to 25, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

*Clause 8(1)(a) – delete “23”, replace with “25”.*

*Clause 9A(1)(a) – delete “23”, replace with “25”.*

Motion carried unanimously

#### **7d - Increase limitation on commitments from \$25,000 to \$100,000**

Will noted that club insurance is almost \$90K each year – the motion is not so that the Committee can do lots of large purchases, it is so that we don't have to come back to AGMs for what are now comparatively standard purchases.

**Motion 7d:** That this meeting resolves to increase the expenditure amount that the Committee can commit to, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

*Clause 36(1) – delete “25,000”, replace with “100,000”.*

Motion carried unanimously

### 7e – Change Club badge

Jeremy spoke to the motion, noting that the Club has changed since 1934. We are more inclusive of snowboarding, fishing, and other alpine pursuits. Jeremy put a call out for assistance with graphic design and Gina Quadraccia, a graphic designer, volunteered to help. Three designs were put forward to members, with a lot of positive feedback, and a very strong result for one of the designs. Gina and Jeremy have been working on how this would be incorporated in Club branding – the “face” of the Club. Jeremy noted that the text and logo are separate – Jeremy presented a variety of options for use of the logo. Examples were shown given of merchandise as we have had queries about t-shirts etc.

Jeremy gave shout-out to Gina who has put a lot of work into this.

**Motion 7e:** That this meeting resolves to change the Club badge, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

*Schedule – delete*  *and replace with* 

Motion carried unanimously

### 7f - Update objects of the Club to refer to snowsports instead of skiing

Teresa Harrington noted that the change is well overdue.

Andrew Dawson queried whether mountain biking should be included – Jenny noted this broadening the wording further was considered, with mountain biking as a particular example, but our focus is still “alpine”, and MTB is a lot broader than this. That doesn’t mean we can’t encourage other alpine pursuits, such as MTB, fishing, etc.

**Motion 7f:** That this meeting resolves to refer to snowsports instead of skiing in the objects of the Club, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

*Clause 3(a) – delete “skiing”, replace with “snowsports”.*

*Clause 3(d) – delete “skiing”, replace with “snowsports”.*



*Clause 3(e) – delete “skiers”, replace with “snowsports participants and enthusiasts”.*

Motion carried unanimously

**Motion – 7g - Clarify reporting of findings by an Investigation Committee**

That this meeting resolves to clarify the reporting of findings by an Investigation Committee, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

*Clause 46(2) – delete “and the Investigation Committee considers that further action should be taken”, replace with “irrespective of whether the Investigation Committee considers that further action should be taken”.*

Motion carried unanimously

**Motion – 7h – Minor Amendments**

That this meeting resolves to update various clauses for clarity and to clarify payment methods by the Club, and that, subject to a postal ballot of members conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in subclause 59(2) of the Constitution of the Club, the Constitution be amended as follows:

*Clause 11A(3)(b) – delete “where to re-instate”, replace with “if reinstating”.*

*Clause 24(4) – delete “elected in accordance subclause (3)”, replace with “elected in accordance with subclause (3)”*

*Clause 26(3) – delete “attend such meeting”, replace with “attend such a meeting”*

*Clause 27(1) – delete “shall be supported”, replace with “must be supported”*

*Clause 27(4) – delete “effectual”, replace with “effective”*

*Clause 31(1) – delete “relevant”*

*Clause 32 – delete “relevant”*

*Clause 34(5) - delete “at such meeting”, replace with “at such a meeting”*

*Clause 37(2)(a) – delete “by cheque”, replace with “deleted”*

*Clause 37(3) – delete “cheques shall be signed”, replace with “Payments made by means specified or authorised by subclauses 2(b) and (c) shall be authorised”*

*Clause 41(4) – delete “as provided for by subsection 74(3) of the Act”, replace with “as provided for by the Act”*

Motion carried unanimously

Caroline noted that these decisions will be put to a postal ballot, which will be sent out as soon as possible with a closing date of April 21. Jenny noted that the date of effect will be notified in *Frozen Acres* but is expected to be May 1.

### **MOTION ON NOTICE – JINDABYNE EXTERNAL CLADDING**

Caroline noted that Peter would usually speak to this motion but is online and leaving for Italy tomorrow so Caroline will present, and she will cover agenda items 8 and 9 together.

A sub-committee was set up this year to consider capital works projects, particularly in Perisher. All of the preliminary cost estimates for proposed Perisher projects have come in significantly higher than our initial estimates had been. In addition, an issue has arisen at Jindabyne. The Jindabyne lodge was initially designed and approved to have external cladding. Due to cost overruns the building was rendered rather than clad. Unfortunately this has resulted in minor exterior cracking, which is not structural but has resulted in a window awning falling off the lodge. The original builder’s advice is to clad lodge as originally designed and intended. It has also been assessed by a structural engineer and the original architect who have both cleared a cladding option. The initial estimate from builders was less than \$200K, but the latest preliminary cost estimate has increased (mainly due to scaffolding) to \$235K. No development application (DA) is required as it was included in the original DA.

Regarding the Perisher basement refurbishment, over 2022 there have been many discussions, and consultation with members. However NSW Planning has advised that we need to submit a DA, and approval timeframe is likely to be lengthy. There have been difficulties finding a planner to assist with DA preparation, and an assessment against the National Construction Code suggests changes to the design may be needed. We do not expect to be in a position to commence construction during the 23/24 summer, however work will continue on this project during 2023.

The Perisher dining room extension received NSW Planning DA approval in 2013, and the initial stages (deck construction) were completed, however completion was deferred while we paid down the Jindabyne loan. Design changes are now required, and we need to submit a modified DA. Work will continue in 2023 including planned consultation with members on the design. There was consideration of pushing ahead with this next summer, thus a motion was included

in the agenda, however given the uncertainty over other projects, further thought will be given to whether projects should be progressed separately or whether it is preferable to tackle some projects together.

The existing kitchen is about twenty years old and is a bit tired. We would like to re-do the kitchen but want to think about the scope of this, in particular in conjunction with the dining room extension. The current kitchen was designed when the bed limit was 32, and it is now 44. There will be further consultation in 2023.

The Committee supports the Jindabyne cladding in 23/24. For the Perisher projects, the sub-committee will continue to work through issues including scheduling and financing. We were initially planning to stage projects in Perisher, but feedback from builders and others in the industry is that it will be more expensive to do that. Will and Caroline have been looking at financing options, but we are at the start of that journey. Perisher projects will be looked at next AGM, or if everything moves fast, potentially at an EGM.

Erica Lejins asked whether the colourbond cladding is for waterproofing or just aesthetic. Amanda East answered that the render is compromising the exterior envelope of the building – colourbond will also be waterproofing. There is no risk from hailstorms. Mel Randall noted that she has just clad a house in colourbond and we need to ensure that the quote includes proper weatherproofing of window seals.

Rob Eddy asked what colour the colourbond will be, and whether it can be lighter than the current colour – in reference to heat issues. Sam DeLorenzo responded that the colour is specified in the DA and is the same colour as now (“wallaby”). He noted that the render wasn’t standing up to thermal movement and resultant cracking. Colourbond will weatherproof the render (which is sticking well to the bits between the cracks!)

Queries from online received on how many quotes has the Club had, and does the club have funding. Caroline responded that we only have the builder’s estimate at this stage, but intend to test this before going ahead. However as the builder has the current knowledge of the building we don’t expect anyone else can do it significantly cheaper. We expect to have enough funds to do this without borrowing.

Online contribution noted that they support a lighter colour if possible. Sam noted we can consider raising the issue with council as a DA amendment to do a light colour to reduce heat.

Teresa Harrington noted that the lodge is new, and deteriorating too quickly – she doesn't think we have a choice.

Sam Delorenzo noted that the builder has quoted an upper limit, and they are probably the only ones who know how to put it together with the substrate. We are reviewing the quote to make sure it is within reasonable market levels.

Caroline emphasised that there is a change in the value in the motion due to the higher estimate received from the builder.

**Motion:** That the Committee be authorised to commit the Club to spend up to \$250,000 to proceed with the external cladding of the Jindabyne lodge.

**Proposer:** Peter Cunningham, **Seconder:** Caroline Walker

Motion carried unanimously

### **MOTION ON NOTICE – PERISHER SOUTH DECK AND DINING ROOM**

Caroline noted that the working group has come to view that we will not be doing this work this year – this motion has been withdrawn.

### **DISCUSSION ITEM – WEBSITE REDEVELOPMENT**

Jeremy noted that he has taken on redevelopment of the website, which is a large job. He has engaged someone to do this, and the site is at about 98% complete. Has been working with Gina Quadraccia and Nola Charkos, who is a copywriter and is reviewing all of the text.

Jeremy demonstrated the draft website, showing the various sections and features that are expected to be in it.

Rob Eddy queried whether it uses a content management system – Jeremy noted that it uses templates in Wordpress. This will allow us to maintain the website in the long term.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Teresa congratulated Val on the amazing season he has had – he has won two crystal globes (big air and overall freestyle), and is the only person to achieve World Cup medals in all three disciplines in one year. He also won silver in the world championships with two injured ankles, and it's pretty much his first full season on the circuit (due to the disrupted season last year).

Jenny reminded members of the Franklin Open Day on April 16.

Caroline thanked all those attending online and in person, and invited those attending in person to partake in refreshments.

**CLOSE**

**Meeting Close**

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.42 pm

**Jenny McLeod - Secretary**

**Caroline Walker - Acting Assistant Secretary**



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- 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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