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Editorial

With the snow season over, the Club has now started its summer activities. The first of these, a very successful Post-season presentation picnic, was held on Sunday 29 October at Black Mountain Peninsular (you can read more about this on Page 7).

We will be holding an Extraordinary General Meeting on 6 December to approve work to be carried out on Jindabyne Lodge (see notice on Page 3). If you are unable to make it in person, it will be possible for you to tune in via Zoom. Details have been forwarded via email, with the Zoom link. We would encourage you all to attend. New members, and those on the waiting list, are encouraged to attend, however, only full financial adult members (includes Youth Members, but does not include Provisional or Junior Members, Associated Ex-Members, or those on the waiting list) are eligible to vote.

In this issue, we have included articles about the first work party for the season held at Mt Franklin on Saturday 18 November, and a fantastic opportunity to go hiking in Kosciuszko National Park to be held from 15 to 18 March, staying at Perisher. We've also got some lovely articles from some of our junior members.

Best wishes to all our members for the Festive Season. If you are heading to ski in far-off lands, stay safe and well.

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Club Calendar

2023			
December	2-3	Work Party	Perisher
December	6	EGM	Canberra
2024			
January	6-7	Weeding Work Party	Perisher
February	3-4	Work Party	Jindabyne
February	10-11	Work Party	Mount Franklin
February	18	Bookings, Tier 2 cut-off date	
February	24-25	Work Party	Perisher
March	15-18	Hiking long weekend	Perisher
March	24-25	Work Party	Perisher
April	20-21	Work Party	Mount Franklin
May	4-5	Work Party (TBC)	Jindabyne
May	11-12	Weeding Work Party	Perisher
July	27	Club Alpine/Snowboard Championships (TBC)	Perisher
August	3-10	XC Ski Week	Perisher
August	24	Brumby Races and dinner (TBC)	Perisher

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Please send your articles in Word, photos welcome (place at the end of a
paragraph or article.)*

Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Canberra Alpine Club Inc. will be held at **7.30 pm**, on **Wednesday 6 December 2023** at the Canberra Bridge Club, 6 Duff Place, Deakin, ACT

to discuss proposed Jindabyne Lodge capital works, including a presentation by Dean McPherson, Director, AMC Architecture.

Remote attendance has been authorised for all members for this meeting (see below for details).

The following motion is proposed:

That the Committee be authorised to commit the Club to spend up to \$500,000 to proceed with the proposed work at the Jindabyne Lodge which includes cladding, window awnings, a pergola and improved ventilation (*Proposer – Caroline Walker; Seconder – Jeremy Lucas*).

Further detail is expected to be provided on the Club website prior to the meeting.

New members and those on the waiting list are encouraged to attend, however, only full financial adult members (includes Youth Members, but does not include Provisional or Junior Members, or those on the waiting list) are eligible to vote at this meeting.

Remote attendance will be available via Zoom.

If you plan to attend using Zoom, please register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/2b6vhrsc>

Please note that this information and Zoom link have already been sent to your email address.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

You do not need to register in advance to attend in person.

2024 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Canberra Alpine Club Inc. will be held at **7.30 pm**, on **Wednesday 27 March 2024** 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 2023 Annual General Meeting:

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

Nominations are also sought for the office of **Public Officer**.

Nominations for the Committee or for the office of Public Officer 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 6 March 2024.

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 non-financial where their subscription remains unpaid after 1 January.*

President's Precis

By Caroline Walker

Since the AGM, the capital works subcommittee has been working to progress both the Jindabyne and Perisher capital works projects. In relation to Jindabyne, architectural design has been undertaken, cost estimates have been prepared, the development application has been lodged, and proposals (quotes) from builders have been sought. During the process, it has become evident that the \$250,000 spending approval for cladding obtained from members at the AGM will not be sufficient to cover the scope of works now proposed, which also includes window awnings, a pergola and improved ventilation.

As a result, the Committee has now agreed to hold an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on Wednesday 6 December to seek approval for the full cost of the proposed work. This will enable the building contract to be signed prior to the end of the year with the work scheduled to be completed ahead of the 2024 winter season. At the time of writing, the preferred proposal/builder is still to be determined and the details of the contract settled, with the wording of the motion(s) to be put at the EGM also still to be finalised. Formal notification of the EGM and motions have been provided via email and I encourage everyone to attend, either in person or online, to have input into this significant Club project. The capital works subcommittee also hopes to be in a position to share the architect's thinking in relation to the concept design for the Perisher Lodge with members in the not-too-distant future – stay tuned for details.

The Club's summer activities are well underway, with a very successful post-season picnic and presentations event held recently at Black Mountain Peninsula. A great turnout of around 50 people enjoyed the sausage sizzle and associated spread put on by the social subcommittee – many thanks to Cheryl Taylor for organising and to everyone who helped out. And congratulations to all our trophy winners including Mason Lay (Junior Encouragement Cup), Andrew Gardiner (Work Party Trophy), Gina Quadraccia (Outstanding Contribution Trophy), Jet Lange (Peter Wilson Trophy), Sarah Brake (Adam Boling Youth Award) and Jeremy Lucas (Lane-Poole Trophy).

The first work party of the season has also been held with the Jindabyne lodge receiving a fantastic spring clean along with some minor repairs. A number of work party attendees also helped out at the Nordic trails where steel bridge construction is underway. Thanks to everyone who participated and please consider putting your name down for the remaining 2023-24 work parties.

A hiking long weekend has also been planned for 15 - 18 March with participants staying at the Perisher Lodge. This is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy the company of fellow club members in a summer setting and I look forward to seeing many of you there. Many thanks to Andrew and Jenny Cupit for organising and you can read much more about it in this edition of Frozen Acres.

The 2023-24 World Cup season has commenced and the Club sends its best wishes to all our athletes competing. The first event was in Chur, Switzerland, with Valentino finishing 7th in the snowboard Big Air. We look forward to reporting the results of all our athletes as they come to hand during the next few months.

As we move into the festive season, I'd like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2024.

As always, if there are any issues you would like to raise with me, please email me at president@cac.org.au

Post-Season Presentation Picnic

By Cheryl Taylor

On Sunday 29 October, the Club held the Post Season Picnic and Presentation to recognise and congratulate this year's trophy winners. The picturesque lakeside area of Black Mountain Peninsula was the perfect setting for our celebration and BBQ picnic.

We were blessed with beautiful weather. Warm sunshine and no wind made for a balmy afternoon to relax and enjoy the tantalising aroma of barbequing sausages and frying onions. There was ample food, provided by the Club and organised by the Social sub-committee. Lots of picnic nibbles, veggie bits, chips, pretzels, popcorn, and yummy chocolate brownies. Plus, the hero of the Aussie barbie, sausage in a bun, topped with lots of fried onions! Everything was arranged on tables under the trees, providing easy access to the generously arranged food platters.



Ross Taylor and Jason Moore, with junior waiter James Sherlock-Hemming

Thank you to the volunteers for dicing and slicing and slaving over a hot BBQ. A special mention to Ross Taylor, Chris Sherlock, Lis Hemming, James Sherlock-Hemming, Colleen Turner and Jason, for volunteering their time; it was most appreciated.

This event marked the presentation of the 2023 trophies to the worthy recipients. Thank you to our President Caroline Walker and Club Captain Sarah Brake for sharing kind words of encouragement and presenting the trophies to the deserving members. Thank you also to Jenny McLeod and the Snow Sports sub-committee

for the hard work in preparing the gleaming trophies, arranging the engraving, and carrying them onsite.

Lastly, congratulations to the Club champions, winners of social races and other awards, including contributions to the Club - a fabulous result! Well done to everyone involved and thank you members for your participation.



Amanda East and Jenny McLeod



The Trophy Table!

Upcoming Hikes in Kosciuszko National Park / Ngarigo Country

By Andrew and Jenny Cupit

Dates: 15 - 18 March 2024

As indicated in Frozen Acres Sept/Oct 2023 edition, we are planning to have a Canberra Alpine Club hiking long weekend in the snowy mountains next summer at the club's Perisher Lodge. This is open to any CAC member or wait lister who is interested in going on guided walks in the National Park.

We plan to have walks over 4 days over 15 - 18 March 2024. Participants would arrive late on Thursday, 14 March, and depart on Tuesday morning, 19 March. There is an option for interested members to attend for less days.

Members would need to book their own accommodation through the normal members on-line booking system, self-cater food for themselves (like you do in winter), drive themselves to the lodge and have suitable hiking gear. We are planning to have different graded walks each day for people to select based on their fitness and experience; from easy walks of a couple of kms to harder walks around 20kms. The walks will be selected from the following:

- Rainbow Lake track
- The Lodge to Blue Cow
- Porcupine Rock
- Sawpit Creek
- Mt Stilwell (could include some off-track walking up to the old Stilwell Restaurant and the old Stilwell ski fields)
- Mungyang huts walk from Guthega Power Station
- Mt Twyman loop starting and ending at Charlotte Pass
- Mt Anton and Mt Tate circuit (from Guthega)
- The Main Range track walking to Mt Kosciuszko (from Charlotte Pass)
- Snowies Alpine Track between Charlotte Pass and Guthega (one way).

We are members and walk leaders of the Brindabella Bushwalking Club and have been trained for navigation and safety (first aid) for bushwalking. We always carry a personal locator beacon, thermal blanket and first aid kit.

Please email Andrew Cupit (cupit@cac.org.au) to let us know if you are attending or if you have any questions.



Sawpit Creek Walking Track



Porcupine Rocks Hike

Work Party at Mount Franklin

By Steve Crossley

On 18 November, I took part in my first work party at Mount Franklin in the ACT's Namadgi National Park. Initially, I wondered why the Club was maintaining land so far from its lodges in Perisher and Jindabyne. But it soon became apparent, and it was fascinating day finding out.

Mount Franklin (1,646m) was the original site of Canberra's skiing club chalet built in the 1930s – so the birthplace of the club. The ski runs were cleared by tree felling, using fire and with the assistance of gelignite! A 1965 Austin A40 car was used as a ski tow with rope wrapped around back wheels and then over a high-mounted wheel!



The 1965 Austin A40



The high-mounted wheel

Sadly, the chalet was lost in the bush fires on 18 January 2003. The footprint of the old chalet remains, together with a toilet block that survived the fire and stands outside the National Park, just a few metres across the border into NSW (pictured below).

The work party involved weeding and clearing an overgrown historic pathway down the main ski run. There were about twelve of us and everyone helped each other, chatted, and had fun in the spring sunshine.

If you have not been up to Mount Franklin, then I recommend it. A beautiful setting, though leave plenty of time to travel along the unsealed road up from Uriarra/Cotter.

A great day overall and I would like to thank, in particular, the organiser Jenny McLeod for her expert knowledge about Mount Franklin.



Toilet block at Mount Franklin (actually in New South Wales!)

Development Squads

By Livvy Moore (Aged 14)

Development Squad Skiing is something that I usually do but this year I decided to do a season of Development Squad Snowboarding. I don't snowboard much in Australia but if we go overseas, I snowboard more. I've done some snowboarding lessons before but then I just go and ride by myself so Dad said, "How about doing a snowboard program this year?" So, I did.

The start of the season was hard. There were only little kids or older teens who were really good, so I got put in the older teens' group. They were really good and I didn't think I could do a season with them, but my instructor said, "Of course, you can." So, I stayed in that group.

My instructor was great. We did a lot in the park and she really helped me enjoy boarding. She said I had good foundations and we worked a lot on pressure control and movement and just having fun.

The last day of the season was the best day. Half the mountain was closed but up high was soft and we got off the groomers more that day than the rest of the season. We had a presentation on the last day and I found out I won the Boarder Cross Race that we had during the season. I also got an Encouragement Award. It ended up being a good season.

The Windy, Snotty 2023 Season

By Sophia (Aged 8)

I didn't use to like skiing when it was windy and I couldn't see the snow very well. I wanted to go to the Lodge and stay inside. It was windy a lot this year. But guess what? I had some really fun days when it was windy and slushy. My instructor Toa took us in the trees (near the Lodge) when it was windy. It's like skiing Chicken Run but way more fun. The slushy snow was fun too, but I couldn't ski fast. Toa said the snow was elephant snot. Gross. But even when the skiing is bad, it's still always fun.

Splitboarding Adventures!

By Jemima and Sebastian Court (Aged 11 and 8)

Splitboarding is like skiing and snowboarding all in one day - we use our splitboard as skis to walk up to the top of the mountain and then, we clip it together to be a snowboard to ride fresh lines on the way down.



Me having fun!

The first time I tried splitboarding, we went to Guthega and crossed over the dam. I was looking everywhere for a lift and T-bar but there wasn't one - we had to walk up the hill! Once you get to the top, going down the hill is really fun, but going up the hill is even more fun because you get to chat and have fun while you walk or slide up.

Once, when me and my dad went splitboarding, we found a stranded man! It was a whiteout and he was lost, he had lost his glove and he didn't know where he

was. When we found him, he was really panicking and was actually walking the wrong way. He decided to stick with us - lucky we had some spare hot chocolate to share when we stopped for lunch.

The funniest bit was when we saw him again back at Perisher - he was my brother's coach in the development squad.

Sometimes when we go split boarding, we go camping on the SNOW! When we camp on the snow, we almost stay up all night just talking to each other. Most people think it would be really cold staying out in the snow - but inside the tent, we are super cosy.



My brother Bazzy and me in our tent.

Winters have been amazing while staying at the Lodge and we are excited to come back next year for what is hopefully going to be another amazing year. We have both enjoyed competing for our school and for the Lodge this year and we can't wait to race again next year.

Thanks, Canberra Alpine Lodge.



We wish all our members a very Merry Christmas
and a wonderful 2024.

Let's hope it's a great snow season next year.

Let it Snow,
Let it Snow,
Let it Snow!



Admin Officer's Summer Hours

Don't forget that Vicki's working hours during Summer are:
Monday to Friday – 9:00am to 1:00pm

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

- *Check our website to obtain copies of these items.*

ALLIANCES

The Club is a corporate member of the following organisations:

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

The Club is a regular sponsor of the *Perisher Ski Patrol*.

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