

MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER



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Your feedback is most welcome.
If you have any thoughts please
send me an email.

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Dates To Remember for 2010

31st March

Members
Preferential
Booking period
closes.

1st May

AGM
In Kiama

22nd-23rd May

Working
Bee

President's Report

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM is scheduled for 3pm Saturday 1st May at the new Pavilion on Kiama Showground. We are hoping for a good attendance as members will hear about the new Reservations 6 Booking System, its capabilities and compatibilities.

Also, we will be seeking members' discussion and comment on several options (with their price tags) and funding options for possible refurbishment and reconfiguration of the 26 year old bathrooms on the top level.

A buffet dinner will be served shortly after conclusion of the meeting, thus allowing people to travel home relatively early.

We are also hopeful that our DVD part 2 1983 to 2009 will be available for showing. Formal notices will be mailed out shortly.

BATHROOM OPTIONS

For some time we have had on our "list" the refurbishment of the top floor bathrooms to bring them to the same standard as those elsewhere in the lodge.

Following members' comments received in the 2008 survey that they would like to see more "privacy" in these bathrooms, the Board paused and sought a range of options that may achieve some of these outcomes.

We have narrowed down our options from a "do nothing" situation up to providing small designated bathrooms for each upstairs room and some options in between.

These all come in with varying costs, which we have now obtained. They range from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Also, funding options for them for which we will be seeking members' feedback.

BIKES

With the increasing popularity of all forms of cycling and biking in the mountains we have enjoyed bookings from some of these groups and families. We now have been presented with some new housekeeping issues to address. We have introduced the following Rules:

If you take a bike to the lodge please ensure you use the bike rack under cover beside the wood pile. Your lockable security chain will work there as this was all built into this "hook storage" facility by two of our handyman members Ian McKnight and Bruce Piggott several years ago.

Hoses for cleaning are nearby. Bikes are not permitted in the entry foyer or the drying room as access can be obstructed and there have been some OH&S issues.

COOMA ROOM BOOKINGS

The board has revised the booking arrangements for the Cooma Room, in an effort to open it up to members to allow them to book in at relatively short notice for short visits.

The guidelines we have provided the Lodge Managers with for the peak winter months are as follows:

- 1 The Managers may use the Cooma room to allocate bookings for the 3 weeks of the NSW public/private school holidays and the two weeks of the Members only period in August. This should help alleviate "disappointments".
- 2 At all other times during the peak winter period, the Cooma room will be reserved for short notice / short stays. Members will only be able to seek a booking in the Cooma room from within 14 days of their intended entry date.
- 3 The Cooma room will be allocated for the use of racers representing the club in the Inter lodge races on the 9th, 10th & 11th August.

Alan Fredericks | Club President

Club News

Lodge Operations

Refrigeration

I can't tell you how excited I was to see and use our new commercial Skope fridges during summer. Each shelf is numbered with your corresponding room number allowing guests to sight spillages or overflow. Also, our Lodge Manager's can empty items that have been forgotten. You will be surprised with the space. Those staying for longer than a week or during the busy school holidays may need to use the fridges and freezers on the lower floor. Still there is plenty of space for everyone!



Upstairs Bedroom Linen

We have replaced the old doonas and covers with lighter materials and fabric which can be easily laundered. We do hope you enjoy the comfort of our new light weight doonas. We are always happy to hear your feedback so if you have any further suggestions please contact me via - the Kiama Alpine Club Board.

Games Room

Don't forget to keep sending me your photographs whether summer or winter. We now have a second Kiama Gallery in the games room for you and your family to contribute to. Please send your pictures to pugh@tpg.com.au and I will place your photos in the Games Room.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our AGM in Kiama on 1 May 2010.

Gayle Pugh, Operations Director

A Reminder About New Booking Rules

There are now three different booking periods to apply to the peak season winter months. They will be

- a) A full week booking Sunday to Sunday
- b) A full weekdays only booking Sunday to Friday
- c) A full weekend booking Friday to Sunday

Please remember this when making your booking.

May Working Bee

The next week Working Bee will be held on the 22nd and 23rd of May.

We need to do some painting and the usual clean up before the winter season kicks in.

We are also calling on the Kiama wood gathering pioneers of the past and present pioneers who are up for an adventure. We need people with vehicles or trailers to gather wood and take it from Kalkite to the lodge. Once at the lodge the wood needs to be cut and stacked. Anyone with wood cutting experience, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Anyone who is interested, please contact Craig Morris at craig_morris@optusnet.com.au

Remember, accommodation is free and you will receive a credit of \$125.00 off your 2011 subscription.

Racing Dates

JULY

12 JULY

THREDBO JUNIOR
INTERCLUB RACES
KIAMA COMPETING



AUGUST

7 AUGUST

THREDBO TOP TO
BOTTOM
THREDBO SENIOR
INTERCLUB RACES
KIAMA COMPETING



14 AUGUST

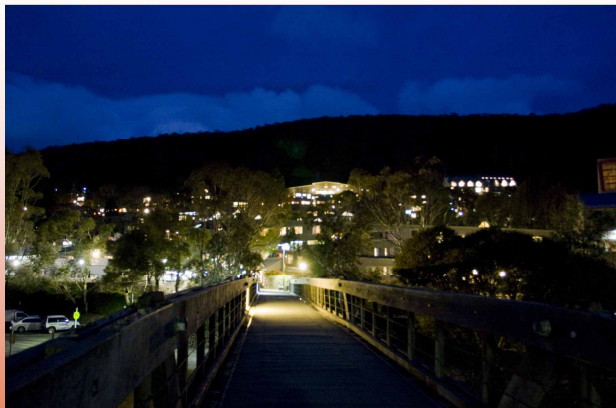
THREDBO MASTERS
RACE

SEPTEMBER

3 - 4 SEPTEMBER

KIAMA CLUB WEEKEND AND FANCY DRESS
DINNER – The fancy dress theme is winter
Olympics

If anyone is interested in racing, please contact
Rob Molino at robmolino@mgr-group.net



Thredbo News

JAZZ FESTIVAL

Our website shows there are still plenty of opportunities for bookings over the April school holidays and the Thredbo Jazz weekend on 1 – 2 May. It's never too late to book!

This not for profit community festival is a 3 day celebration of jazz music, great food and wine set in picturesque Thredbo in the heart of the spectacular Snowy Mountains. Thredbo offers a truly unique environment to enjoy some of Australia's finest jazz musicians, including special overseas guests, while experiencing the breathtaking mountain scenery. The festival program features over 120 performers seen in 15 separate venues including bars, cosy restaurants, a nightclub, community centre, at the top of the Kosciuszko Express Chairlift and the Thredbo Village Square, taking the jazz lover on a musical journey around Thredbo. The beauty of the festival is that all venues are within walking distance so once you arrive, leave your car behind and enjoy the fresh mountain air on foot. The Thredbo Jazz Festival is renowned as a boutique festival and the intimate performances in the restaurants over dinner are a favourite and bookings are strongly river walk.

Visit <http://www.thredbojazz.com.au/> for event information

Courtesy www.thredbo.com.au

New Club Promotion

Help Your Local Community and Help Our Lodge Increase Bookings

Many members of Kiama lodge have affiliations with community groups, schools and preschools in their local areas. These groups often hold fundraising events where donations are given to raffle or auction in order to raise funds. These fundraising events offer an opportunity for Kiama lodge and our members to promote our lodge to a wide audience. Here's how it works:

Member families can purchase accommodation at off peak member rates to offer as a donation to their local community group/charity or school of their choice. The number of nights accommodation they may purchase is unlimited.

The donated accommodation can be used in the off peak only, and is subject to availability.

The accommodation is to be offered at the lowest off peak rate for member adults and member children, that is applicable at the time of purchase.

For each donation of accommodation the lodge will provide a gift voucher valid for 12 months.

Vouchers will only be issued to registered charities, school or community groups. If a member wishes to donate accommodation to another business or organisation that is not a registered charity, school or community group but is fundraising for a specific purpose this will be allowed at the Boards discretion.

With each donation the lodge will provide disposable promotional material that must be displayed at the fundraising event to promote the clubs facilities. The donor is responsible for ensuring that the promotional material is displayed.

For further details of this club initiative please call the Lodge Managers or the Club Promotions Director.



Notice Board

Update Your Details

So we can keep our records up to date and also to keep you well informed, we need to update our records regularly.

The lodge Mangers Rob and Sally have attached a form to be filled out if you have changed address, phone number or email address or if you have an addition to your family.

Please take the time to fill it out and send it back to the lodge or email to Rob and Sally at lodge@kiamaalpineclub.org.au

WELCOME

To the new 18 year old member
Alex Dunster of Shellharbour.

FAREWELL

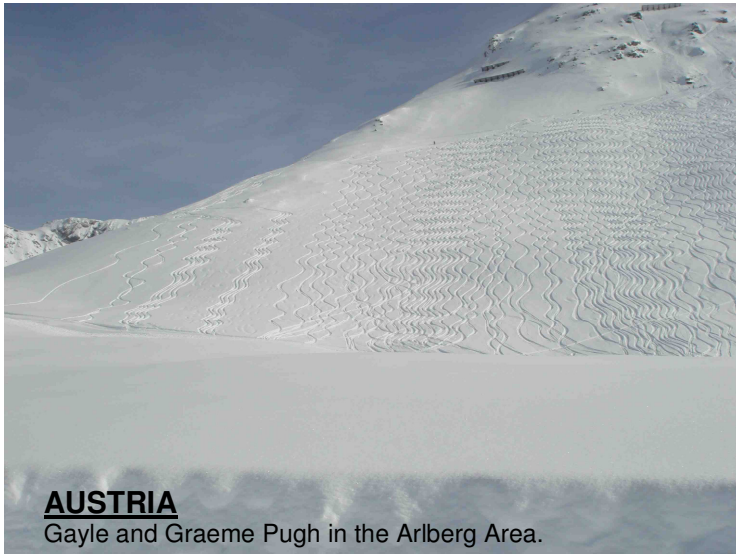
To Rebecca McKinlay of Marrickville.

Kiama Alpine Club Vests

The Club black vest is available to buy for \$35.00 for adults and \$25.00 for children.

These can be ordered by post, fax or email. The order form is attached with the newsletter. Any enquires please contact Tatiana.

Photos from our Members Overseas

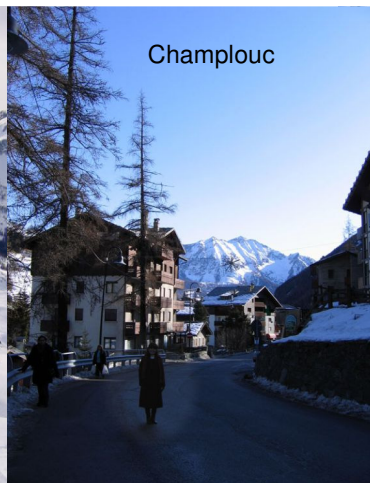


And in their Hotel bar with friends Kim, Karina, Christian ex Thredbo Supervisor and Wazza Thredbo Ski Instructor.

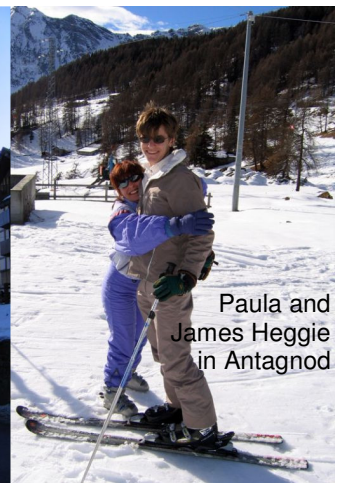


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Andrew Heggie in Gressoney



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Paula and James Heggie in Antagnod