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KIAMA ALPINE CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Dust off your jacket
Try on your gloves
Start working those muscles

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KIAMA ALPINE CLUB
50 years in Thredbo

New President's Winter Welcome



"I am very pleased to be taking over as President of our Club, a Club with one of the most envied Lodge facilities in Thredbo, along with its vibrant and diverse membership base. As the new President, my vision is to ensure a strong and healthy future for our club, where we continue to feel connected and actively participate in alpine activities."

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Feel free to contact me with any suggestions, concerns or questions.

This year Alan Fredericks, our Club President since 1985, decided it was time to retire as President after serving the Club as a Director for more than 25 years.

At our May AGM, I was fortunate enough to be elected as Alan's successor. Here I am now, writing the President's update, as your Club's new President –which feels a little odd now, but something I will get used to very quickly.

As most of you would know, I am no stranger to the Board - having contributed to the Board on and off for the past 10 years as Club Secretary, Promotions Director and on various sub-committees - including the 50th anniversary. Backed by this experience and having met most of our membership, I felt it was time to put my hand up once again and volunteer to lead this wonderful Club.

My first visit to the Lodge is recorded in our history book. I was 5 years old and coincidentally it was only a few months before the second Lodge blew up (I promise I didn't touch anything!). Since that fateful first visit, I have returned to Thredbo and the Lodge on countless occasions when my father - Ron Wynn - was servicing the boilers, or when my parents were contracted along with my Uncle - Fred Wynn - to build the third Lodge in 1983/4. I joined the Club in 1997 when my mother - Life Member Val Wynn - transferred her share to me, with my husband Paul having also joined since then as a spouse member. Just like many members, I have long regarded our club members as my extended family and the Lodge as my second home.

I presently work as a Senior Manager with the largest event company in Australia. My background is originally in Biochemistry and Endocrinology, but after a 12 month working holiday in the UK, I decided the travel industry was much more appealing than hospitals. So I began my travel career with Flight Centres, then progressed to Qantas - working in a number of quite varied roles over the next 12 years. We have no kids, but one 'under-tall' cat, and I have recently graduated with my MBA from UTS.

As a Board, our major goals for 2010 include:

1. Achieving at least a break even budget – meeting our operating expenses and reducing our debt;
2. Determining our future building needs by establishing a 10 year expense / capital works forecast;
3. Establishing a set of member principles to guide our future decision making;
4. Determining the best way forward for the bathroom renovations planned for 2011/12;

Continued:

5. Refreshing our Club Rules to take us into the next 20 years;
6. Redeveloping our website to make it easy for members and guests to find information about our Club and our Lodge and to book; and
7. Actively promoting summer usage of the Lodge in the Kiama and Illawarra regions.

Thank you to all those members who have provided your feedback – you have helped shape my thoughts about the future direction of our Club. I look forward to working with you - our members - over the next 12 months. My contact details have been included above and I welcome your comments, suggestions or concerns.

Liz Wynn - **President**

AGM 2010 Update

Kiama Alpine Club held its Annual General Meeting on Saturday 2nd May 2010 in Kiama at the brand new conference centre – The Pavilion Kiama – with 70 members attending the meeting on a sun-drenched autumn day.

President Alan Fredericks welcomed fellow Life Members Geoff Honey, John East, Barry Booth, Val Wynn, Anne Honey and Geoff Boxsell. John and Joan Fraser and Geoff Walker sent their apologies due to ill health.

The usual reports were reviewed at the AGM – President, Treasurer, Club Captain and Booking Director and questions tabled.

Four Directors positions retired including those of Alan Fredericks, Trevor Wilson, Craig Morris and Julie Christensen, plus a further position was vacated by the early resignation of Louise Anderson due to family commitments. Trevor Wilson and Julie Christensen renominated as Directors.

Two new members nominated and were accepted as Directors - Karyn Bartholomew and James Garner. Both come from a long-standing background with the Club. Karyn is married to Stuart Waters, a former Board member and son of life member Howard Waters (now deceased). James joined the Club in 2006 as an 18 year old with his parents Robert and Cathie having been members since 1983.

Thank you to Craig Morris who has made a considerable contribution to the Club over the past 3 years and now wishes to spend more time with his young family. A carpenter by trade (and my brother-in-law), his building knowledge and skills have been invaluable in the lodge extensions. Thank you also to Louise for taking over as Promotions Director last year and I hope to see you return to the Board when (or if) you have more time.

2010 Directors

The executive positions were accepted at the AGM and the non-executive positions finalised at the June Board meeting following the AGM. The following members comprise the 2010 Board of Directors:

President Liz Wynn	Vice President Trevor Wilson
Treasurer Steven Walker	Secretary Julie Christensen
Club Captain Robert Molino	Booking Director Tony Lloyd
Communications Director Tatiana Maxwell	Lodge Operations Director Gayle Pugh
Property Maintenance Director James Garner	Promotions Director Karyn Bartholomew

Good cover has ski season off to a flying start

The opening weekend of the Snowy Mountains ski season has been lauded as one of the best in years as thousands of people took to the slopes.

Perisher sales manager Mick Rowson said yesterday he couldn't remember a better season opener. The resort opened Friday, a day earlier than planned.

Mr Rowson said 3,000 people would have visited the resort, well up on last year. The Snowy Mountains Music Festival featuring Blue King Brown, Jeff Lang and local acts, also proved popular.

At Thredbo, which opened on Saturday, crowds of visitors took advantage of heavy snow cover. "In terms of weather conditions snow conditions, crowds it's just been a great weekend", a Thredbo spokeswoman said. "It is a really nice vibe around the village".

Conditions are likely to stay the same or get even better by next weekend, with low temperatures forecast until midweek, when another cold front could bring more natural snow.

(Extract of article Canberra Times Tuesday 15 June 2010)

Discussion on Bathroom Upgrade

Following the feedback from the 2009 Members Survey, the Board tabled four different options to upgrade the bathrooms on level 3 for general discussion from the attending members.

No decision was expected at the AGM, rather the Board wished to gain a sense of the support for the different types of potential upgrades:

	Estimated cost
Opt.1 Replace existing bathrooms	\$50k
Opt.2 Upgrade and reconfigure opening	\$66k
Opt.3 Reconfigure – 1 ensuite & 1 shared shower	\$88k
Opt.4 Reconfigure – 1 ensuite & 2 separate showers	\$102k

Although the bathrooms could be upgraded minimally, the Board felt it was prudent to assess other options such as ensuite style bathrooms that might better match future consumer expectations as well as considering the need for under floor heating.

Potential funding options were presented including the options to fund the building works via members loans, sale of memberships, member levy or in combination.

Members actively contributed their opinion with general discussion, a number of letters were tabled and opinions were sought with a structured questionnaire. The questionnaire indicated the majority of members surveyed at the AGM (43%) preferred a cautious approach be taken by the Board preferring Option 2, with funding via a members levy (52% surveyed) at a later stage once some of the current debt was repaid.

Further consultation will be obtained from members over the winter months before the Board will make a final decision on which option to progress. As the upgrade is non-urgent, the Board would prefer to postpone any construction work until the Summer of 2011 to allow some of our debt to be repaid and a clear decision to be made on whether to change the bathrooms from communal to private ensuite style.

Members are encouraged to advise their preference, with the four options to be displayed at the Lodge and the ensuite dimensions to be marked out on the floor to help visualise the potential changes. Feedback forms will be made available at the Lodge.

Liz Wynn

Official Farewell to President Alan Fredericks

Vice President Trevor Wilson led the official farewell to President Alan Fredericks at the AGM.

Trevor spoke of Alan's commitment to the club over his more than 25 years on the Board and how Alan had presided over a period of great change in the Club with the ambitious expansion of the Club's facilities and a rejuvenation of the membership base.

Having known Alan for more than 50 years, Trevor remarked, "the Club has benefited mightily from his prudent and wise stewardship. Speaking on behalf of the Board for 5 years, I would say we were enormously fortunate to have a President who was prepared to spend so much of his time attending to the details and the intricacies of running a club and board of volunteers".

Trevor concluded by thanking Alan for his tremendous contribution to the Kiama Alpine Club over all these years. Trevor - along with Secretary Julie Christensen - presented Alan with a farewell gift from Club members for his retirement - a much loved book on one of his other passions, AFL, and a stylish pen set to replace the much-used ones in his top pocket.

Kate Fredericks was also acknowledged for her tireless support over the 25 years and was presented with a beautiful bunch of flowers and bottle of champagne to celebrate having more time with Alan. Kate did however note this was probably to be short-lived as Alan was very much enjoying his new role as President of the Thredbo Historical Society and grandfather to two gorgeous boys.

Members farewell Alan fondly

Following the AGM, more than 80 members and some of Alan's Kiama-based family farewelled Alan – paying tribute to his many achievements and having a little fun at his expense.

Chas Keys reminded us that the lack of snow was directly proportional to Alan's Presidency. Liz Wynn took everyone through some memorable images including some not so memorable photos from Club Weekends. Alan's daughter Belinda Wilde spoke of her experience of growing up with a President in the family and Alan's youngest daughter, Anna, who was unable to attend, asked Chas Keys to read a delightful poem which was framed for prosperity.

Countless members who were unable to attend the evening sent messages of thanks and the evening finished on a high 'note' with a number of ditties by Geoff Boxsell and Barry Booth including a specially commissioned Ode to Algy Fredericks – The Joys of Becoming EI President which kept the crowd in stitches.



Vice-President Trevor Wilson reflected on some of Alan's history with the Club and his many achievements including:

- Alan joined the Club in 1969
- Honeymooned at the Lodge with Kate in 1973
- Club Captain in 1983
- President from 1985
- In the 80's, paid off major debt
- In the 90's, Launched Kiama in the Mountains in 1997, introduced a computerised booking system and website, secured 4 additional beds and renewed the sub-lease with KT
- In the 2000's, Launching the new Lodge extensions and 50th Anniversary celebrations



Photos courtesy Barry Booth

Thank you from Kate Fredericks

*Dear Liz,
A great big thank you to you, the Board and the members of the Kiama Alpine Club for the beautiful gifts you presented to Alan and me the other night. My flowers are exquisite and still blooming, brightening up the house. Many thanks for the champagne – it's divine and I can't wait to open it. I know Alan will be writing to you but he was really touched by the Club's generosity to him with not only his gift's and card, but by the whole afternoon and evening you put together. It certainly was a wonderful tribute to him, one which he'll never forget.*

We will put the photos, messages, slides of the presentations etc into a compendium, which will serve as a memorable memento of his 25 years. He will be sitting in his rickety chair in 20 years looking back over those years.

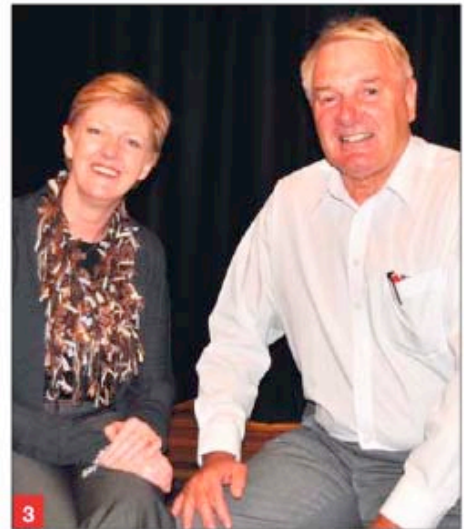
We wish you every success Liz, for the coming years as President. The Club is on excellent hands. Please convey our sincere thanks to all concerned.

With love Kate and Alan.

Photos can be bought online. Visit www.kiamaindependent.com.au or call 4232 0000

KIAMA ALPINE CLUB DINNER

Where: The Pavilion
Why: Kiama Alpine Club last week farewelled long-serving president Allan Fredericks who stepped down at their annual meeting after 25 years service.
1. Maria Lubczyk, Oscar and Tatiana Maxwell, Brian Lubczyk, Jill East, Margaret Piggott, John East and Bruce Piggott.
2. Geoff and Viv Bossell, Elaine, Geoff, Anne, Mark (standing) and Peter Honey, Bob and Maree Anderson, Ann and Eli McCarthy.
3. New president Liz Wynn and outgoing president Allan Fredericks.
4. The new Kiama Alpine Club Board, (back) Karyn Batholomew, Tony Lloyd, new president Liz Wynn, Alan Fredericks, vice-president Trevor Wilson, (front) James Garner, Julie Christensen, Taliana Maxwell and Rob Molino. Gayle Pugh and Steven Walker were absent.
5. Kiama Alpine Club life members (back) Alan Fredericks, Van Wynn, Anne Honey, Barry Booth; (front) Geoff Bossell, John East and Geoff Honey.
6. Ross Elsom, Coral, Russell and Kate Fredericks, Chas Keys, Lance and Alan Fredericks and Brett Burridge at the Alpine Club dinner.
Pictures: BARRY BOOTH & DAVID HALL



14 Kiama Independent, Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Courtesy Kiama Independent

May Working Bee

The temptation of getting to use chainsaws and log splitters at the May Working Bee was far too hard to refuse for many, which helped generate the attendance of 35 members.

As fire wood is an expensive cost to the Lodge, Gayle Pugh sourced access to firewood on a property near Jindabyne and Craig Morris - our outgoing Property Maintenance Director - arranged for trailers and chainsaws.

Not only did we manage to secure enough firewood for the winter, the many members who gave up their weekend readied the Lodge for the Winter season. The Lodge was left looking shiny and completely ready for the upcoming winter season with the windows sparkling, the kitchen and ovens fully cleaned, and the gardens tidied. Some of the internal projects completed included fixing the cutlery drawer so that the forks don't get bent and painting the foyer. Rob Walker created a new bench seat for the front door, which was also painted to match the Lodge.

It was great to see some of the regulars - as well as so many newbies - at the working bee. The next working bee is planned for the weekend of 23-24 October.

Liz Wynn



Photos courtesy Liz Wynn

WELCOME

NEW

MEMBERS

Nicolas Cribb
Turrumurra
NSW

Claudio Carroll
Cammeray
NSW

Morgan Davis
Braddon
ACT

Lachlan Hinton
Lilli Pilli
NSW

Parking Reminder – leave your keys on the key rack

Please remember when parking at the Lodge to leave your car keys on the key rack near Room 2. With tandem parking it allows for cars to be moved easily whilst you are on the mountains.

We ask that you park in the marked spots and **do not** park on the YHA Right of Way or in front of our main entrance. Thredbo YHA and our Lodge Managers - Rob and Sally Walker - constantly monitor any issues with the Right of Way, so if you have any please talk to Rob and Sally.

Annual Subscriptions due 30 June

Have you paid your 2010 Annual Subscription? Payment can be made via cheque or credit card and must be paid **by 30 June 2010**. Guest rates will apply if you are unfinancial and wish to stay at the Lodge.

Racing 2010 Calendar

The race calendar this year provides many events for all club members to participate. To start with the Juniors up to 18 year olds, there is the Junior Interclub to be held on **Monday 12th July**. The event has 2 runs down the "Rossi" race course. The age group categories are 11 years and under, 13 to 15 year olds and 16 to 18 year olds. All level of skiers are welcome participants.

If anyone is interested, could you contact me, either before you are at the snow or I will be at the snow of the weekend before the race to allow for paper work to be lodged by the Sunday evening. Please contact me on 0412167611 or robmolino@mgr-group.net

In respect of the Senior Club events there are two events that need your support and enthusiasm. The Intercub Race on the **7th August** needs all comers to support the cause. Training will be provided at the Club expense on the Friday 7th August from 9.30am to 11.30. I will need to know who wants to train at least a week in advance to finalise bookings.

Training will help with pre-race nerves and general course awareness. It's not hard but a lot of fun. Again it's all about the participation. You will be skiing against Olympic class field of Jenny Own, Craig Branch or even Jono Buer.

For the race enthusiasts the calendar has the "Top to Bottom" race held on the weekend of the Interclub. Participants even get their name on the Presidents Shield for your death defying effort. Racing is a lot more fun and safer if you do some training. For the lead up week to the race there is training every day. You can contact Snowsports on 02 64594 044 to get the details and book in.

For the more "mature racer" the Master will be held on the **14th August**. It provides two runs normally, down the Rossi race course to the village snow conditions permitting.

The ultimate in the Club's social and race calendar is the Club Race weekend to be held this year on the **3rd and 4th September**. The race will be held on the Saturday at 10am - 11am. Plus, weather permitting, we hope to have a Dead Horse Gap run and BBQ on the Sunday. This year's race weekend theme will be Winter Olympics so start thinking about your costume for the Saturday night.

If you are thinking about racing this year join us for the Club events and check out the web site for information or contact me if have any questions .

Rob Molino - Club Captain

RACE DATES:

12th July
Junior Interclub

7th August
Interclub Race
Top To Bottom

14th August
Master Race
(NOT 31st August as
per calendar)

3rd & 4th September
Club Race Weekend

The Knickerbocker is coming.....

Thredbo's newest restaurant, The Knickerbocker, is set to swing open the doors on the June long weekend. Formerly known as The Credo restaurant, it's location and outlook will make it popular with diners. It is perched on the banks of the Thredbo River with views across to the Supertrail and Funnel ski runs, a great spot for sunset après drinks and dinner. The new owners, Brad and Monika Spalding of Wild Brumby Distillery fame, are familiar faces around town and are really looking forward to welcoming you to The Knickerbocker this winter.

Courtesy thredbo.com.au

Some Words from Alan Fredericks

THANK YOU

I have asked Liz Wynn if I could say thank you to members through the newsletter for the wonderful farewell I received at the AGM in May. The night was of special significance to me as it concluded 26 years on the board, 24 as President. Being able to enjoy such a sociable occasion with such a large number of members was a joy I will not easily forget.

Firstly I would like to thank those who sent cards to my home, those who sent messages of appreciation on the night and of course all those who signed, with comments, the very large card presented on the night. A special thanks to the board who provided Kate and myself with gifts that symbolise such an occasion and of course my family for their contributions. The gentle roast from Chas Keys and the witty ditty from Geoff Boxsell and Barry Booth did not have me running off to consult my defamation lawyers!

The power point presentation that screened throughout the evening, I am sure entertained everyone and again rekindled so many fond memories of the club. Thank you Liz, Julie and Trevor for your "production". Kate has now placed all of this material into a folder for me, which I will leave at the lodge over winter for members to relive some of those special times as well as have a gentle chuckle.

Thank you all.

Alan Fredericks

KIAMA RUGBY CLUB

ANOTHER 50TH ANNIVERSARY: On 19 June I attended the 50th anniversary of the founding in 1960, of the Kiama Rugby Union Club. This club had its beginnings through largely the same group of local citizens as did the Kiama Alpine club 2 years earlier. After the Saturday game, over 450 people (standing) attended the evening cocktail/ black tie function in the new Kiama Showground Pavilion.

Also on that weekend they launched their anniversary book "Kiama Rugby". Of interest to our alpine club members will be the names in the book in those early years – which are almost a replica of the founders in our book, even going as far as saying they all had beautiful daughters! There was Keith Young, Darcy Fraser, Dr Cranna, Owen Grey, Dick Wilson, John and Joan Fraser (who were at the game) and also mentioned is Eugene Baranowski. Our own Life Members Geoff Boxsell and myself are recorded as being on the first committee and playing in the inaugural season in 1961. Our club solicitor Sandy Rendel a Life Member of the rugby club gets special mention for his role in co-founding and serving 37 years as secretary of the Kiama Sevens Rugby tournament- which has grown to national proportions to day. A "Team of the Half Century" was named which included 6 Wallabies, Jim Miller, Geoff Shaw, Brian Weir, James Grant, Scott Fava and was "captained" by our own club member Wallaby Garry Grey. Former Kiama Alpine Club member Neville Fredericks was also included and the team was "coached" by Ray Cleary, OAM, well known in the Kiama Shoalhaven area for his contribution to sport and education.

Our Alpine Club provided an anniversary gift voucher of two complimentary nights accommodation for two, which was awarded as second prize in the lucky door raffle after first prize of a signed Wallaby jersey. Rugby Union Club President Mark Bryant has donated one of their books in appreciation to our club, which will be added to the Lodge library for future reading.

Alan Fredericks

OH&S in the Lodge

Members and guests using the Thredbo Lodge might like to know that the Club works to comprehensive Occupational Health and Safety guidelines.

Our OH&S policy was formulated before the Lodge refurbishment began in 2004-5 and was recently reviewed and checked with WorkCover NSW and with our insurance broker, Multi Secure Financial Solutions.

Implementation of the policy is the responsibility of the Lodge Managers under the supervision of the Director responsible for Lodge Operations Gayle Pugh. The procedures cover everything from emergency evacuation procedures to proper signage and manuals for equipment in the Lodge.

Our approach is that members and guests should be responsible in the first instance for protecting themselves against property loss or damage and personal injury. But, the Club's insurance policies also cover situations where some Club liability might be involved. It is also important that members and guests observe procedures for locking Lodge entry doors when the Lodge is unoccupied. Obviously, this is in everybody's interest.

The Board takes OH&S seriously, and receives Incident Reports from the Lodge Managers and reviews our operations from an OH&S point of view regularly. This continued focus from the Board, Lodge Managers and all Kiama members has meant Kiama Alpine Club has a very good record on OH&S with very few incidents over the last five years - which keeps our members, guests and workers safe and our insurance premiums lower.

Any queries about OH&S issues should be directed initially to Gayle Pugh.

Trevor Wilson

THREDBO HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

This winter the Thredbo Museum will open every afternoon (excepting Mondays) 1pm to 5pm. The special theme for this winter is "Fashions of the Decades" displaying some very interesting garments which may make many feel warm and nostalgic and other items that may just "leave you cold"! We are still trying to source a Fair Isle jumper (Scandinavian style) popular in the 50s and 60s, to add to the display – can any one help?

We are also appealing to each of the 7 THS member clubs to commit to assist in the volunteer manning of the museum for 2 afternoons in July and 2 in August. I have optimistically put Kiama clubs name down for Thursday 15 July and Friday 20 July and in August, Thursday 12th and Thursday 19th. If you are staying in the lodge during these weeks and think that you or any of your party may be able to assist for an afternoon would you please let me know. Kiama members provided great support last winter.

Alan Fredericks – President THS



Thredbo - June 2010
Photo courtesy Barry Booth

KIAMA ALPINE CLUB FLEECE VESTS

Embroidered logo

REDUCED To **\$25.00** inc gst
Adults and children's sizes available, but
stock is limited.
Order forms attached.

REMINDER**Check out times**

CHECK IN 4pm CHECK OUT 12pm

**ACCOMMODATION IS STILL
AVAILABLE FOR AUGUST**

Please contact Rob & Sally
lodge@kiamaalpineclub.org.au
to book now.

FREE TO GOOD HOME

Two children's helmets to give away.
GIRO Xsmall, Silver, adjustable.
Head circumference 49 - 54cm.
Please call Craig Morris
0412 026654



Karyn, Stuart, Bryn & Angus at NISEKO.

THREDBO NEWS**New for this year Thredbo Monster
Bagjump**

Yes riders, get excited.

This is the first of its size in the country - it's a 20 metre x 20 metre huge air filled cushion, with a durable bombproof cover. The Bagjump was initially used by the pro's in the stunt world, but in Thredbo, the park crew will position it behind a kicker then intermediate and advanced riders can push their limits - practising jumps, spins and flips with confidence and most importantly, safety.

The Thredbo Monster Bagjump comprises of six multiple chamber airbags, so you get the perfect catch, however and where ever you land. It catches any type of fall and it has often been described as like landing in a big bag of marshmallows.

As this is a partnership with Monster Skate Parks riders can now Bagjump all year round with the Bag moving to Monsters Olympic Park headquarters during the warmer months.

**Veuve Clicquot in the Snow at
Thredbo**

Veuve Clicquot hits Thredbo this season with the arrival of "Clicquot in the Snow 2010", a celebration of two of life's great pleasures, Veuve Clicquot and après ski. The inaugural Clicquot in the Snow will be held in Thredbo 22 – 25 July, with champagne flowing at a series of unique Veuve Clicquot experiences including après ski parties, exclusive dinners, tastings, even gorgeous picnics in the snow.

Courtesy thredbo.com.au