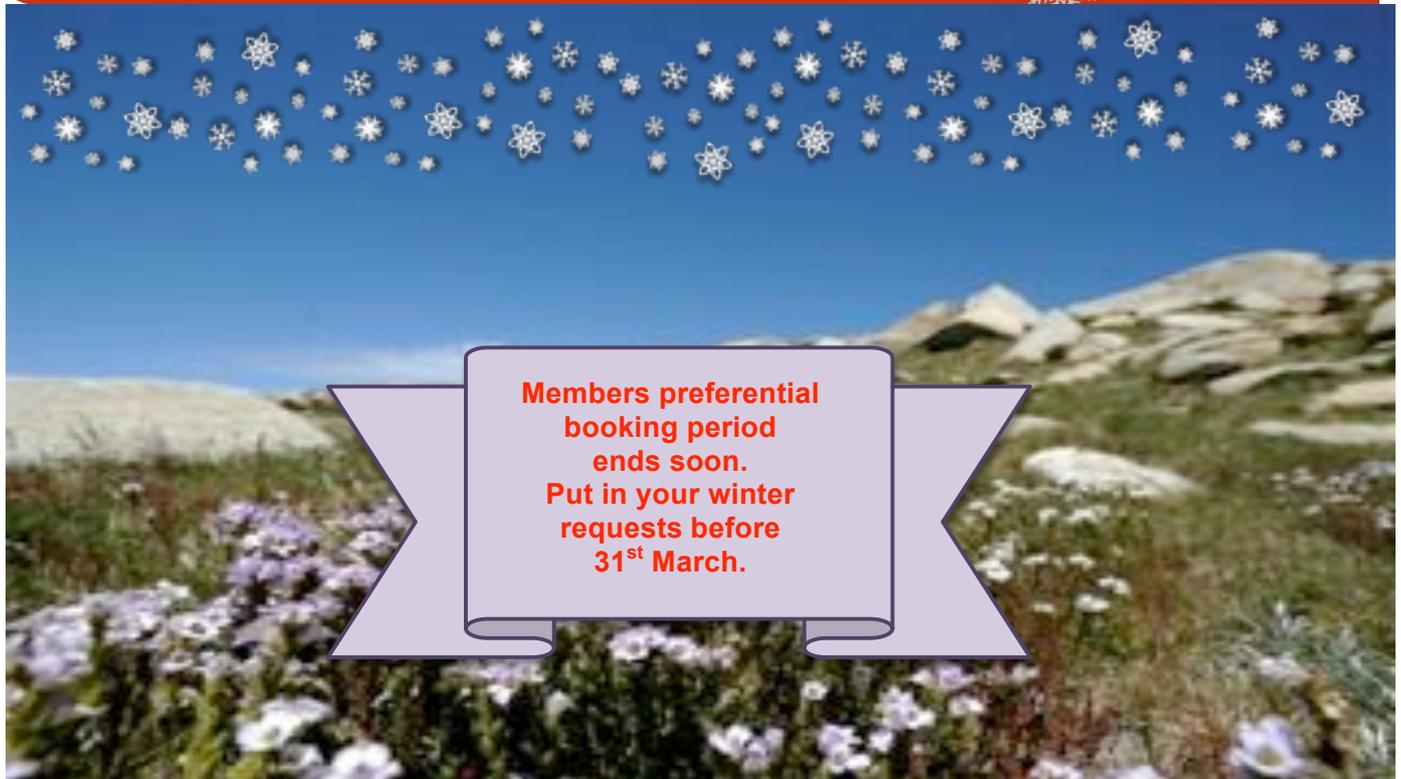


March 2012

KIAMA ALPINE CLUB NEWSLETTER



**Members preferential
booking period
ends soon.
Put in your winter
requests before
31st March.**

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2012 Dates to Remember:

MARCH- Members Preferential booking ends 31st March

APRIL- Pavers Working Bee 20th - 23rd April

MAY- AGM The Pavillion, Kiama 5th May

MAY - Working Bee for Winter 19th - 20th May

MAY- Movie night; Warren Miller ski Movie 31st May



KIAMA ALPINE CLUB
in Thredbo since 1958

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Hi everyone,

It has been a busy time over the Summer for the Lodge and the Directors - from finalising the 2011 financials, to budget planning for this financial year, maintenance activities, changing our Lodge Managers and a good steady flow of summer bookings keeping Rob and Sally busy.

Lodge Managers Rob and Sally Walker leaving the Lodge early.

Due to some recent health issues, our Lodge Managers Rob and Sally Walker are unfortunately leaving the Lodge earlier than expected. They will be moving to Newcastle in March for Sally to receive ongoing treatment and are currently in the process of arranging removalists. Rob and Sally joined as Lodge Managers on 14 February 2009 and have now managed the Lodge for three winters. The Lodge and the Club has benefited greatly from their tireless work ethic and we thank them for their outstanding efforts. The Lodge has been sparkling clean and well-maintained, the atmosphere welcoming and enjoyable and the bookings are very efficiently managed.

Rob and Sally have both worked closely with the Board and have been fantastic assets to the Club and the Lodge.

We wish them well and will miss them at the Lodge.



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

*Thank you
Rob & Sally!*

Recruiting new lodge managers.



As a result of Rob and Sally moving to Newcastle, we have begun the recruitment process to replace our Lodge Managers. We are advertising online on Seek, in the village and in the appropriate newspaper publications and we will work to find the best possible lodge managers. As Rob and Sally are about to leave the Lodge this week we have put the following interim procedures in place until we have replaced them:

- Bookings are directed to Booking Director Tony Lloyd – including all winter booking requests
- We will not be accepting new Autumn bookings until replacement Lodge Managers are in place – although we will manage this on a case by case basis
- For our existing bookings we will be seeking support from members staying at the Lodge to act as a central contact point

We hope you can be understanding with the temporary measures until new lodge managers are in place.

If you are aware of anyone interested in becoming our next Lodge Managers from this winter, please direct any enquiries to myself on 0417 437 779 liz.wynn@hotmail.com.au or Vice-President Trevor Wilson on 0401 536 443 trevor.d.wilson@bigpond.com

2011 Financials – stronger than budgeted.

The end of the financial year ie Dec 2011, saw the Club finishing strongly and achieving a positive operating cash flow of \$40,685 (before depreciation). We achieved strong booking numbers throughout the majority of the year apart from August which was unusually low due to poor snow conditions. August bookings being down by almost 40% on the year prior negatively impacted our accommodation revenues as August is generally one of our most financially positive months. We offset this down turn in accommodation revenue with higher than expected revenue from Annual Subscriptions as a result of the late fee and we exceeded our budget for share sales for new members (18 year old and spouse members are the only form of new membership currently open). We also continued to focus on our expenditure keeping it as low as possible. The 2011 Financial Reports will be published in full in April.

Annual Subscriptions – best result in memory.

I am happy to report the \$50 late fee we introduced in 2011 as an “incentive” to pay annual subscriptions on time has been very successful. As a result we have only a handful of outstanding subscriptions and this is the best result that we can remember. Thank you to all the members who have paid on time – this helps to keep us cash positive.

Winter rates released – member prices remain unchanged in 2012

Included in this newsletter are the winter rates for 2012. This year you will notice the members rates remain the same as 2011 and we have increased the non-members rates by only a couple of dollars per night. Our winter rates remain extremely competitive with other club and commercial lodges, however, we expect the demand for Australian winter bookings to continue to be impacted by the high Australian \$ (making overseas skiing trips far more appealing) and have therefore decided to keep the winter rates relatively unchanged.

Tweaks to our Winter Booking Conditions.

Following feedback from members over the winter, we have adjusted the check-out conditions to make it easier to ski or board on your last day. We ask you to check out of your room and the kitchen i.e. upstairs by 11am. You will be able to leave your car in the car park until 3pm and utilise the Games Room and Cooma Room bathroom facilities to have a shower but we ask that you completely vacate the Lodge by 3pm to allow the Lodge Managers to clean the facilities ready for the next guests arriving. This year we have also reduced the August members only period from 2 weeks to 1 week. We have found over the past couple of seasons that this member-only period is being less utilised by Members so we will trial reducing it to one week in 2012.

Lodge Maintenance over summer.

Over the summer we took the opportunity to paint the external rear section of the Lodge. Rob organised local painter Rainer Kleber to paint during February whilst the weather was clear and warm. Taking advantage of the paint scaffolding we trimmed the surrounding trees to stop the possums jumping on the roof and the front fascia boards were painted to keep them looking great. A new Weber Q BBQ on the front verandah was well used over the summer. This year we are planning on replacing the carpet and lounge suites in the lounge room plus replacing a number of beds and we have a new PC and black and white printer for the Lodge Managers. Keeping our expenditure under control is extremely important to the Board. All the above capital works were identified in our 10 year expense plan and we are working hard to ensure we negotiate competitive prices.

Bathroom upgrade on hold this year.

We have also re-reviewed the upstairs bathroom upgrade as we had expected Rob Walker to project manage some of the building works. The Board have decided to reduce the estimated budget for the bathrooms upgrades to a cosmetic upgrade hopefully in early 2013 pending the appointment of a project manager / builder.



Pavers Working Bee – rescheduled due to flooding!

We had arranged a working bee in March to replace the driveway pavers at the entrance to the Lodge. Craig Morris and Rob Walker arranged all the pavers, materials and equipment only to be stopped in their tracks with heavy rain causing flooding and road closures in Cooma. Mitch and Amy Coleman got turned back from the floods on the Friday so Craig and Rob made a decision to hold off. I must say the last time Craig replaced pavers it snowed so there must be something going on there. The weekend has now been rescheduled to 20 – 23 April and we definitely still need your help in getting the pavers done. Please contact Craig on 0412 026 654 or myself liz.wynn@hotmail.com or 0417 437 779 for further details.

Wedding Bells on the weekend.

Congratulations to Member Alex Cross who is marrying Madeline Harris this weekend in Thredbo. Our Lodge is completely booked out with wedding guests along with Happy Wanderers Lodge and Redbank Lodge. We hope you enjoy the wedding and the Jazz festival and that the weather is favourable for you!

2012 Annual General Meeting on Saturday 5 May – mark the date in your diary.

This year the AGM will be held on Saturday 5 May at the Pavilion in Kiama from 3pm. Details will be sent with the Annual Report in April.

Launch of DVD Volume 2 on Saturday 5 May.

Alan Fredericks and Barry Booth have been painstakingly preparing the second volume of our 50 year history on DVD. Members will recall we created a video record of the club's history as part of the 50th Anniversary in 2008. We quickly realised we had so much interview footage, photos, super8 video etc. that we had to split the DVD into two parts. The first volume covered 1958 to 1983 and the volume to be launched following the AGM on Saturday 5 May documents 1984 through to our 50th anniversary in 2008. Members will receive a copy of the DVD to enjoy. We hope to see you at the dinner to share our history.

Director Roles – vacancies exist.

I am still looking for members to fill a number of Director roles in 2012. If you are interested in participating in the running of the club and the Lodge and can attend four board meetings each year I would love to hear from you. liz.wynn@hotmail.com or 0417 437 779.

Life Member Val Wynn.

Thank you to all the members who sent words of comfort regarding the recent passing of our mother Val Wynn. My husband Paul John, sister's Julie Christensen (Club Secretary), Barbra and Susan Wynn, brother-in-laws Craig Morris (former Property Maintenance Director) and Chris Christensen, and grandchildren Madi and Ashlea thank you for all your support and for those who attended Mum's funeral. Thredbo and the Kiama Alpine Club have been very special for Mum. Her first visit to Thredbo and the Club lodge was with her sister in 1959 and despite admitting to never being a good skier, Mum spent much time at the Lodge in Thredbo. We all made frequent trips enjoying many skiing and summer trips with family and friends, especially during 1983/84 when Wynn Bros rebuilt the Lodge - after which Mum and Dad were awarded club membership.

Thanks to Mum and Dad, our family have all benefited from the friendships and associations within the Kiama Alpine Club. Mum was extremely proud to be recognised with Life Membership in 2008 for her contribution to the Club and she was extremely proud to be a member.

Well, that's it for me this newsletter. I look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM 5 May and the upcoming working bees.

Cheers,
Liz Wynn
President Kiama Alpine Club





2012 NIGHTLY RATES

Season	Dates	Member Adult	Member Child*	Guest Adult	Guest Child#
Summer Special ^see exceptions in Summer Festivals	2 Jan – 7 Jun ^ 2 Oct – 23 Dec	\$25	\$15	\$30	\$20
	Group Special Min 10 Adults	Book 2 nights and stay 3 nights Maximum 1 free night			
Summer Festivals Christmas, Easter and Thredbo Festivals	6 – 9 Apr (Easter 2012)	\$32	\$16	\$46	\$25
Winter Special	7 Jun – 30 Jun 2 Sep – 1 Oct	\$40	\$20	\$72	\$36
Winter Peak	1 Jul – 31 Aug	\$55	\$28	\$98	\$50

* Member Child rate applies to children whose parents are both Members

Guest child age applies to children 3 - 15 years inclusive

^ See exceptions in Summer Festivals

Linen	Single \$22 per bed Queen \$27.50 per bed Towels \$11 each	Room Cleaning	\$22 per room
For duration of stay. Subject to higher charge if frequent washing required.		Give yourself more time on the mountain!	

Members-Only Periods 2012

Members winter preferential booking period closes 31 March 2012

1 Jul – 14 Jul Bookings for guests will not be accepted until after 1 Jun 2012 – subject to availability

5 Aug – 11 Aug Bookings for guests will not be accepted until after 30 Jun 2012 – subject to availability

Once members preferential booking period closes, bookings will be opened to guests if rooms are available

<p>Children Bookings for children under 3 years of age NOT accepted 10 Jul to 26 Aug 2012 inclusive, with the exception of All Ages Week 15 Jul – 21 Jul 2012 where children under 3 are welcome (applies to both members & guests).</p>	<p>Exclusive Use Exclusive use of the Lodge applies with a group booking of 24 beds or more – EXCEPT during the winter season and all Thredbo special public event weekends such as Easter, Christmas, Blues Festival, Jazz Festival etc where exclusive use of the Lodge is not available.</p>
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Booking Conditions

- Prices are per person per night including GST
- All dates are inclusive and room and bed allocations are confirmed on arrival
- **MINIMUM BOOKING PERIODS APPLY** July to August for Members & Guests. Priority is given in the following order: Bookings for Sunday to Saturday, then bookings for Sunday to Thursday, then bookings for Friday to Saturday. Following Members only preferential booking periods (see above) bookings will be allocated based on availability
- Children under 3 years stay FREE when using same room as family. Age of child determined at time of stay
- **MAXIMUM BOOKING PERIODS APPLY** During school holidays, only 1 week can be booked prior to the cut-off date. Other weeks can be booked if places available after the Members Preferential allocations
- June to September - Check-in 3pm Check-out 11am including kitchen. Car park checkout is 3pm
- **All other times Check-in/out 3pm**
- For those skiing or boarding on the last day you may use the bathroom in the laundry but you must be completely vacated by 3pm to allow other guests to arrive. A late penalty of \$50 per person will apply if not fully vacated by 3pm .

Payment and Cancellation Conditions

- Full payment is due 30 days from date of invoice. Failure to make payment by due date will result in re-allocation of the booking and may be subject to cancellation fees
- Bookings made within 60 days of stay must be paid in full at time of booking
- Preferential bookings will not be taken for members listed as non-financial as at 31Mar 2012
- Cancellations more than 45 days prior to stay – full refund less \$55 admin fee.
- Cancellations 45 days prior 25% of invoice not refunded Cancellations 30 days prior to stay 50% of invoice not refunded. Cancellations 14 days prior to stay – no refund
- For bookings made during the members preferential period amendments after the cutoff involving reduction in stay – a 50% cancellation penalty applies to the reduced nights.



2012 DATES

MARCH

16 – 18 March
NSW Interschool Mountain
Bike Championships

**23 – 25 March FULLY
BOOKED** Thredbo Jazz
Festival

31 March
Kiama Members Winter
Preferential bookings close

APRIL

6 – 9 Apr
Easter weekend

20 – 23 Apr – rescheduled
Kiama Working Bee - Pavers

MAY

Sat 5 May
Kiama Annual General
Meeting at The Pavilion
Kiama

19 – 20 May
Kiama Lodge Working Bee -
wood chopping

31 May
The Annual Warren Miller Ski
Movie - Sydney and
Canberra 8pm

JUNE

9 - 11 June
Thredbo opening weekend

JULY

1 – 14 July
Kiama Members only period
(Members bookings close
1 Jun)

NSW School Holidays
2 Jul – 13Jul
ACT School Holidays
9 Jul – 20Jul

JULY

4 – 7 July
Thredbo Interschool Races

12 July
Thredbo Junior Interclub
Races

10 July
Thredbo Redlands Cup

11 - 14 July
Northern Interschool Races
at Perisher

Sun 15 Jul – Sat 21 July
Kiama All Ages week

28 – 29 July
Thredbo Winter Corporate
Games

31 July
Thredbo Freeride Series
Cliquot in the Snow...

AUGUST

1 – 4 August
Cliquot in the Snow

4 August
Thredbo Lawyers Race

5 - 11 August
Members only period
(Members bookings close
30 Jun)

6 – 10 August
National Alpine
Championships

10 August
Kiama InterClub race
training and Time Trial

11 August
Thredbo Top to Bottom
Thredbo Senior Interclub
Races

AUGUST

14 – 16 August
Freeride series – Freeride

23 – 26 August
NSW State School
Championships

16 - 17 August
World Rookie Fest

18 August
Thredbo Masters

23 – 26 August
2012 Interschools
Competition

31 Aug – 2 Sep
Kiama Club Weekend
Races 10-11am Sat followed by
Dead Horse Gap run weather
permitting

SEPTEMBER

1 Sep
Freeride Series – Final

5 – 9 September
Australian InterSchools at
Perisher

10 – 15 September
One Hit Wonder

OCTOBER

1 October
Official end of snow season

26 – 28 October
Kiama Lodge Working Bee

NOVEMBER

3 November
Thredbo Snowy Ride



CLUB NEWS

Racing Dates 2012

JULY

4th -7th Northern Interschool Thredbo
 11th -14th Northern Interschool Pershler
 10th Redland Club
 28th Thredbo Corporate Games

AUGUST

1st - 4th Cliquot In The Snow
 14th -16th Freeride Series
 16th - 17th Snowboarding- World
 Rookie Fest
 23th - 26th NSW State Championships

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 10th - 15th Toyota One Hit Wonder

AGM 2012

The Annual General Meeting is set for 5th May 2012 and will be held at The Pavillion in Kiama.

Meeting time will commence at 3.00pm and will be followed by dinner.

Further information will be circulated with the Annual Report in late April.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Christopher Dickens

North Sydney
NSW

Emma Dickens

North Sydney
NSW

Eleanor Burns

Curtain
ACT

Jordan Davies

Braddon
ACT

Catherine

Hunt-Passlow

Watson
ACT

Madeline Harris

Kiama Downs
NSW

Plus Farewell to Robin McKinlay who has resigned

Australia Day Awards

Two members recognised at Kiama Council Australia Day Awards – Gary Grey and Alan Fredericks

Congratulations to two members of Kiama Alpine Club who were honoured at the Kiama Council Australia Day Awards held in January.

Former Wallaby Gary Grey was honoured by Mayor Sandra McCarthy with membership in the Kiama Sports Honour Roll for his contributions to Rugby Union.

Alan Fredericks, former Club President, was nominated for the Australia Day Sports Award for his contribution to Kiama Alpine Club but was unfortunately pipped at the post by a well-deserving Werri Beach Boardriders Club.

Alan said he was thrilled to be nominated for the award, he was proud of his South Coast roots and had achieved great pleasure in remaining connected through his community work for the Kiama region.



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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In keeping with our family friendly policies, children of members are invited to join the Club when turning 18 year's of age and we encourage spouse/partners of members to join at much reduced rates compared to new family membership.

Membership fees (inc.GST) as at 20th March 2011 continue; 18 year old - \$800 and Spouse/partner - \$2,450. Both include a \$250 share in Kiama Alpine Club Cooperative.

Please remember to inform the club of any new children or when your child turns 18 years of age.

To apply or find out more, contact President Liz Wynn at liz.wynn@hotmail.com

Club Booking System

Our new booking system will be up and running for the start of the winter season.

We will then have one system that stores all our membership details as well as manage our accommodation bookings.

For those of you who haven't informed us of your email address or if you have a child who will be turning 18 soon, please contact us.

Members Preferential Bookings Period closes 31st March.

The "Members Preferential Winter Booking Period", where member booking requests have priority over non-member requests, closes 31st March 2012.

To request a booking, you can complete the new booking request at www.kiamaalpineclub.org.au

You can also send requests for non-member winter bookings, however member bookings will take priority. Preference will also be given to full week bookings, then Monday-Friday, then weekend only bookings.

Booking details will be confirmed and ballots conducted if needed. After this date, all available rooms may be booked by members or non-members (with the exception of the members only periods) on a first-in basis. As Booking Director, Tony Lloyd, will be managing the bookings until the new Lodge Managers are in place the winter ballot may take a little longer this year to confirm. We appreciate your understanding this year.

We have already received a significant number of winter requests so don't be disappointed and send in your request today.

You can also look around the new website. There is a mountain of information and news available plus handy links.

HISTORIC KIANDRA TOUR Saturday March 31st

Departs Thredbo at 8am for 8.15 am
One day bus tour to KIANDRA,
Cabramurra and Adaminaby,
including the new Snowy Scheme
Museum with Guide Ross McKinney

Cost \$70 Members

\$75 non Members

Includes transport and guide
Lunch & Morning/Afternoon Tea at
own cost or BYO – including water

Please contact Alan Fredericks
0417 401 403

Movie Night for Members & Friends

Dates have been released for the 2012 Warren Miller Ski Movie - "Like There's No Tomorrow". We can get tickets for the 8pm session on Thursday **31 May 2012**. The film is showing at the Orpheum (Military Rd, Cremorne) and at the National Gallery of Australia in Canberra on the same evening at 6.30pm & 8.45pm.

Details on how to get tickets will be emailed soon.

Brindabella Airlines

Aeropelican has merged with Brindabella Airlines, so this winter flights from Sydney to Snowy Mountains Airport and return will be under the Brindabella Airlines name. All bookings are made through Brindabella website brindabellaairlines.com.au. They are now open for bookings.

Easter Activities at Thredbo

The Kids Club Night Adventure adventure has the children armed with torches searching the bush for wombats, possums and anything that goes bump in the night! (6-12 years only)
Purchase your tickets at Thredbo's on-line store. Kids Club Night Adventure Cost: \$37 per child. Prices valid until 31st May 2012. Saturdays, Tuesdays and Fridays (7th, 10th, 13th, 17th & 20th April 2012)
Bookings are essential.

Members Updates

Please remember to update us with any changes that occur eg. Change of address, change in email address or birth of a child.
Email us at
lodge@kiamaalpineclub.org.au



Bryn Waters in the Dolomites



Angus Waters and ice falls in the Dolomites

Photos courtesy Karyn Bartholomew

We Need You!

A number of Directors roles are available. If you would like to take on a role for a three year term, please contact
Club President Liz
liz.wynn@hotmail.com

Future Newsletters

One of the Director roles that has become available is the Communications Director; so this is my last newsletter.

If you like being creative and are handy with Word documents and emails, why not think about the Communications Role and be a part of the Kiama Alpine Club Board of Directors and pass on all information to the Members?

If you are interested, please let me know or contact Liz.

Thank you for reading the Newsletters and emails and for all your feedback.
Let's hope for a great season.
See you on the slopes!
Tatiana