



SASC NEWSLETTER

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2024 Winter Lodge bookings

Bookings open online at 7:00am on the following dates:

- Mon 22 Jan - Weekly (all lodges) & 5-Night bookings (Christiania and Kahane only) open for Lodge Shareholders
- Wed 24 Jan - Weekly (all lodges) & 5-Night bookings (Christiania and Kahane only) open for Club Members
- Mon 29 Jan - Any Night bookings open for Lodge Shareholders
- Wed 31 Jan - Any Night bookings open for Club Members
- Mon 5 Feb - Bookings open for Temporary Members

The following periods are set around Club event dates and can be booked from 22 January for Lodge shareholders and 24 January for Club members:

- * Kahane: (Junior Race Training) 8-night booking, commencing on Saturday 6 July departing Sunday 14 July
- * Christiania: (Race week) 6-night booking, commencing on Sunday 4 August departing Saturday 10 August
- * Southern Alps Lodge: (Nordic week 2) 5-nights commencing on Sunday 8 September departing Friday 13 September

Please note:

1. Weekly & 5-Night bookings must commence on Sunday until Any Night bookings open.
2. Tariffs include 10% discount for Weekly bookings at all lodges and 5% discount for 5-Night bookings at Kahane & Christiania Lodges.
3. Southern Alps Lodge (Charlotte Pass) winter tariffs have not been increased, but 5 night bookings will be any night bookings, charged at 5 times the single night rate.
4. Members are encouraged make bookings on Clubman; online deposit payment is required to secure your booking.
5. Bookings for Race Week (Christiania Lodge) and Nordic Weeks (Southern Alps Lodge) require event participation confirmation before the deposit can be paid, the booking officer will contact you before your booking is processed.
6. Until 5 February, bookings are restricted to maximum of 14-nights booked together and maximum of 21-nights throughout the season.
7. Bookings will only be accepted if **all** members of the party (including children) are current financial Club members and have no outstanding fees. Each booking must be made separately and a 50% deposit paid, for the booking to be accepted.
8. Tariff sheet is available from www.sasc-aus.com (button on the home page)

Summer operation of the Lodges

Summer bookings can be made on Clubman but approval by the booking officers is required to ensure minimum guest & maximum group numbers are met.

Christiania Lodge at Thredbo will be open for self-cater accommodation throughout the summer period except during the following catered periods:
- After Christmas from 27 December to 14 January.
- Easter from 28 March to 2 April.

Kahane Lodge at Perisher will be open for some periods for catered accommodation, however there are minimum numbers required to operate the lodge.

Recladding of Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass has begun and may take the rest of summer.

Please contact the booking officers listed on page 8 if you have any queries. Summer Tariff sheet can be opened from our website www.sasc-aus.com (button on the home page)

KAHANE LODGE REVEGETATION PLAN

The site revegetation is a long-term plan; each year there will be weeding and planting dates. Looking to the future it will be nice to have SASC kids grow up to see the plants they planted in childhood flourish. The 10 snow gums planted last autumn by Tony and Bridget have survived the winter and are growing nicely, but unfortunately the larger gums outside the dining room have been affected by the longicorn beetle larvae and are expected to die in the short term. Other stands of gums in front of the lodge have also died or are in very poor shape. This is typical of a lot of areas around Perisher and Guthega.

In November Amy Slocombe, from NPWS, provided a toolbox talk before our volunteer team spread compost over the lawn area in front of the lodge, with dust masks and gloves required to reduce the risk of contracting Legionnaire's disease. The compost was provided by NPWS from green waste collected from lodges during 2019 winter. It looked, and handled, more like top dressing than compost and when spread removed the depressions and smoothed the surface.

Thanks to Linda, Mick, Daniel, Scott, Tony, Rod, and Amy 10 cubic metres of compost was moved from the carpark to the lawn area. (page 3). Native Poa grass will be seeded and blend with the existing weedy imported grasses. Mowing and weeding over the coming summers will reduce the weeds spreading and help native vegetation to come back.

A Weeding weekend was completed on 9-10 December. Thank you to those who volunteered.

On March 9-10 we have the planting days, with accommodation provided at Kahane. If you can help, please contact Rod Peile 0448 670 586.

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

- for the April 2024 issue, is Tuesday, 20 February, 2024. Contributions to Editor:
sasc.newseditor@gmail.com

2024 CALENDAR

SOUTHERN ALPS SKI CLUB^{INC}

Please get in touch with the event contact for the latest information.

JANUARY

- Sun 14 End of Christiania Lodge January catered period
- 19-21 Thredbo Blues Festival
- Mon 22 Week and some 5-night bookings (starting Sunday) open for Lodge Shareholders
- Wed 24 Week and some 5-night bookings (starting Sunday) open for Club members
- Fri 26 Australia Day holiday
- Mon 29 Any night bookings open for Lodge Shareholders
- Wed 31 Any night bookings open for Club members
- Wed 31 End of NSW Public School holidays

FEBRUARY

- Mon 5 Bookings open for Temporary Members
- Sun 11 Walk – Dharug NP, contact Bob Sims
- Mon 19 Lodge meeting, Directors only, 7pm online
- Tue 20 April Newsletter deadline
- Tue 20 Junior Committee Meeting, 8pm online
- Wed 21 Club Committee Meeting, all members welcome, 7pm online
- 29/2-5/3 Kahane Walking Weekend, contact Bob Sims

MARCH

- Fri 1 XC&BW Meeting – at Kahane, 5pm
- Tue 5 End Kahane Walking Weekend
- 9-10 Kahane revegetation planting weekend and working bee, contact Rod Peile 0448 670 586
- Mon 18 Lodge Meeting, all welcome, 7pm online
- Thu 28 Christiania Lodge Easter catered period commences

APRIL

- Tue 2 Christiania Lodge Easter catered period ends
- Sat 13 Start NSW Public School holidays

- Mon 22 Lodge Meeting, directors only, 7pm online
- Wed 24 Club Committee Meeting, all welcome, 7pm online
- Thu 25 Anzac Day
- 26-29 Southern Alps Lodge (Charlotte Pass) working bee and stores (27/4) - volunteers welcome, contact Kim Easdale, 0412 851 615
- Sun 28 End NSW Public School holidays

MAY

- Sun 5 Walk – Castlecrag/North-bridge– contact Colin & Fiona Burman
- Mon 20 July Newsletter deadline
- Tue 21 Junior Committee Meeting, 8pm online
- Wed 22 SASC LODGE Co-Op Annual General Meeting, 8 pm at Norths

JUNE

- Sun 2 Walk – Barren Grounds, Geoff Volk
- Sun 2 Preparation Day for Juniors Bus Trip - Lane Cove Sailing Club
- Tue 4 XC&BW Mid Year lunch - Drummoyne Sailing Club – contact Sally Sims
- Fri 7 Christiania and Kahane start catered period
- 7-10 Perisher PEAK Festival TBC
- Sat 8 Charlotte Pass Village, Perisher and Thredbo SEASON OPENING
- Mon 10 King's Public Holiday
- Wed 12 Club Committee Meeting, all welcome, 7pm at Norths
- 16-19 CanTeen - Christiania Lodge
- Sun 23 Southern Alps Lodge (Charlotte Pass) start catered period
- Mon 24 Lodge Meeting, directors only, 7pm online

JULY

- 3-6 Junior Bus Trip for 8-13 year olds at Kahane Lodge, all welcome to apply, contact Junior committee
- Sat 6 Start NSW Public School holidays
- Sun 7 Walk - Kamay NP, contact Russell Barnes

- 14-21 Junior Race Training Week at Kahane (by selection)
- Tue 16 Thredbo Junior Inter-Club, contact Lorena Juracich 0414 525 651
- Sun 21 End NSW Public School holidays
- Mon 22 Lodge Meeting, all welcome, 7pm online
- 26-28 Thredbo Masters events
- 26-29 XC Summit Tour, contact Bob Sims
- 31-3/8 Southern Alps Weekend at Charlotte Pass (by invitation)

AUGUST

- Sun 4 Walk – Kuring-Gai / St Ives, contact Sharon/Chris/Harm
- 4-10 SASC Race Week / Club Championships at Thredbo
- Mon 5 NSW Bank Holiday
- Mon 5 KAC XC Classic Cross Country Race - Perisher to Charlotte Pass
- Sat 10 Thredbo Senior Inter-Club
- Sun 11 City2Surf
- Sun 20 October Newsletter deadline

SEPTEMBER

- 1-8 Nordic Week 1 – Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass, contact Bob Sims
- 8-13 Nordic Week 2 (5 days) – Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass, contact Bob Sims
- 13-15 Alpine Access Arc'teryx Back Country Training Weekend (2 days) – Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass (See Alpine Access website for details) - Contact David Herring 0423 470 090
- Sat 14 Perisher Cup teams race TBC
- 15-29 Nordic Ski Club of NSW at Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass
- Wed 18 Club Committee Meeting, all welcome, 7pm online
- Sun 22 Christiania Lodge end catered period
- Sun 22 Walk – City Ramble, contact Annabelle Tytherleigh
- Mon 23 Lodge Meeting, directors only, 7pm online
- Sat 28 Start NSW Public School holidays

OCTOBER

- Sun 6 Kahane Lodge and Southern Alps Lodge (Charlotte Pass) end catered period
- Mon 7 Labour Day Public Holiday
- Mon 7 Charlotte Pass Village, Perisher and Thredbo SEASON CLOSE
- Sun 13 End NSW Public School holidays
- Sun 13 XCBW Meeting - Thomas's home, contact Bob Sims
- Tue 15 Junior Committee Meeting, (Annual) 8pm online
- Sat 19 Walk – Blue Mtns, contact Andy and Marion Cairns
- Mon 21 Lodge Meeting, all welcome, 7pm online



Kahane site revegetation

NOVEMBER

- 8-12 4WD camping week-end – Abercrombie NP, contact Bob Sims
- 16-17 Lodge Meeting at Christiania, directors only
- Wed 20 SASC Annual General Meeting, 8pm at Norths
- Wed 20 January 2025 Newsletter deadline
- Sun 24 XCBW Christmas Picnic/ Walk – Lane Cove NP, Contact Bob Sims



DECEMBER

- Sat 21 Start NSW Public School holidays

Interschools calendar link:

<https://www.interschools.com.au/home-nsw-act-qld-sa/events-dates>

MEETINGS

Club committee meetings (online and face-to-face) will commence at 7pm. Contact the Secretary for meeting details - secretary@sasc-aus.com

Juniors Committee online meetings will commence at 8pm. Contact Darren Gore for meeting details - 0419 691 717 or dgore@iinet.net.au

Lodge online meetings will commence at 7pm. Contact Daniel Kavov for meeting details - 0401 250 866



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Dynasty Colelough

President's Report

I hope you have been able to enjoy a break over the festive season and I wish you all the best for the year ahead.

The Club's AGM was held at Norths, Cammeray and on Teams in November. I was surprised and pleased by the attendance at Norths and online. It was nice to connect with members I have not seen for some time and to see some new faces too.

Congratulations to Phillip Friedlander and David Collett who were both awarded life membership for their significant contributions in various roles for the Club and Lodge Co-operative. A vote for 2024 committee was not required since there was only one nomination for each position, I thank the members for nominating.

There are two changes to the committee. Duncan Sutherland retires, and Lani Richardson comes in as the Assistant Secretary. I thank Duncan for his contribution in secretarial roles since 2020, Duncan has always been very helpful and made sharing the secretaries' duties with Lea Price easy as possible. Duncan has always kept me on track in meetings and was an active participant in the development of our policy documents. I wish Duncan all the best for the future. Welcome Lani, who was previously the Junior bus trip coordinator.

Daniel Kavo and Oliver Small swap Captain and Vice-Captain roles.

The Club's financial position remains sound and rising interest rates are providing additional income.

Club membership was on hold during the year and applications were only processed once when we had a clear view of the number of members who were unfinancial. The freeze has slowed the new member intake.

At the end of September there were 2471 financial prime members including 52 nineteen-year-olds who elected to roll over to adult membership.

I thank the 2023 Committee for their contributions, it has been a pleasure to work with you all.

We are very fortunate to have members who contribute to the Club and Lodge Co-op year on year, Joe Di Falco is one, Joe is a past Club Captain and has been a Lodge Co-op director since 1973, Joe has made a huge contribu-

tion to the Co-operative, particularly Christiania Lodge. 50 years is a huge effort, thanks Joe!

This year I hope we can continue the development of the Club's policy documents and online storage. Lesley Moxon has volunteered to assist with a child protection document that is important for our Juniors program. Some of our existing policies will be due for review this year too.

Our Facebook and Instagram presence has expanded since Finn Vicars took up the social position. If you have any news that is worth posting please forward to Finn. See page 3

This year will be the 50th anniversary of the Junior Bus Trip, that is quite an achievement and many of our current members would have been Bus Trippers when they were growing up. The current Juniors will celebrate but I think this achievement should be marked with a Club function, if you have any thoughts on the type of function and date please get in touch.

I encourage all members to explore the mountains in summer. I have really enjoyed walking sections of the new Snowies Alpine Walk. The scenery is fantastic and well worth the travel to the mountains.

It is sad to see the demise of so many old snow gums around the Perisher Range from the longicorn beetle larvae. Currently there is no treatment available, but the revegetation work we are doing replanting new trees may provide replacements for the dead and dying trees. Please see news of Kahane Revegetation Plan on page 1

I wish our sponsored skiers, Matt Clayton & April Wynn all the best for their northern winter campaigns - see report on page 6.

The next Club Committee meeting will be on Wednesday 21 February, at 7pm. This will be a Zoom meeting with login details and the agenda to be emailed to members in the weeks leading up to the meeting.

All the best for 2024.
Kind regards,
Rod. Peile
0448 670 586
president@sasc-aus.com

Captains Report

Having only recently assumed the Club Captain role, I want to first thank you all for entrusting me with the position. Outgoing Club Captain, Daniel Kavo, worked incredibly hard and set a high bar in ensuring SASC provides the best possible ski experience for all of its members, and I'm aiming to follow in his tracks.

The long range snow forecast for Australia in 2024 is looking exceptional, and I have it on good authority that there is a chance it could be the best season yet. This is particularly good news for SASC's highly anticipated 2024 Race Week and Interclub, on the week commencing Monday 5 August 2024 at Thredbo.

Race Week is undoubtedly the highlight of the SASC skiing calendar and sees SASC members (of all ages and abilities) competing against members of TAC and KAC, in Slalom, Ski Cross, GS and Super G disciplines. The finale, being the major Interclub Race, on Saturday 10 August 2024 sees all of Thredbo's ski clubs line up their best available racers in an attempt to take out the coveted Interclub Trophy.

The Race Week is a lot of fun, with 2023 seeing racers from as young as 7 entering the line up to test their skills against some very seasoned competitors. 2023 also saw SASC take out the club race week shield together with the Junior and Senior Interclub events for the first time in history. A remarkable achievement.

All the race events are professionally run by Thredbo's race coordinators and paid for by SASC. Skiers are generally classed by age with average times used to measure results. Skiers scores are updated each evening with often some very surprising results. Most importantly though you don't have to be perfect or fast or skiing like an Olympian to be appreciated and ultimately everyone wins a prize and comes away with bragging rights of one form or another. Christine Edwards won the 2023 Thredbo Perpetual Memorial Trophy for the closest time on 2 runs – you don't have to be fast to win!

I encourage all racers, young and old to get involved in Race Week 2024 and let's see if we can keep those three trophies at SASC for another year! Ski you there!

Wishing you all a safe and merry Christmas.
Oliver Small – SASC Club Captain

Juniors Report

Thank you to all those who purchased tickets in the **annual Juniors raffle**. We have received great support from Echoland Apartments in Hakuba Japan. Check out the exclusive SASC members offer that has been made available by the team at Echoland Apartments whilst you extend the use of your Epic pass once the Australian winter is finished! Once again the team at Tourism SunPeaks offered members the opportunity to ski Canada during our summer. The ski club and lodge co-operative provided accommodation prizes at SASC facilities. Alpsports at West Ryde continued their support and also included a members discount benefit, the same as the team at SX Snow at Caringbah.

We have managed to raise a significant amount of money that will go towards funding next season's activities. Congratulations to all the prize winners: 1st Meredyth H, 2nd Justin S, 3rd Nicholas W, 4th Adrienne N, 6th Tom F, (remaining names withheld).

We held our annual meeting in October and thank you to those who have offered to help manage the activities of the Junior's in the coming year and have taken committee positions (see page

3) and assistant co-ordinators (Lesley Moxon, Jenny Williams. Nathan Heaton and Alister Pardew).

This will be an exciting year as we will be running the annual Juniors bus trip for the 50th time since its creation.

All the best to **Henry Woon** who is being sponsored by the Juniors as he travels overseas to compete and train in Whistler in December/January.

For important dates - see pages 2-3:
 Juniors Meetings (online) 20/2, 21/5, 15/10 (annual)
 Parent helper Meeting – June, TBC
 Bus trip preparation day - 2 June
 Parent Helper Session - TBC
 Bus trip: 3-6 July
 Junior Race Training - 14-21 July
 Junior Interclub – 16 July (Thredbo)
 Cadet Weekend - TBC

Here's to plenty of snow in 2024
 Until next time – Go Well!
 Darren Gore
 SASC Juniors - Chairperson



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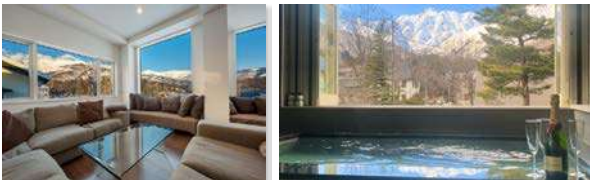
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Please don't hesitate to contact David Collett, Leanne Price, or Rod Peile if you need assistance - contact details are shown on page 3.

Shareholders are reminded that they are required by Co-op rules to be financial Club members.

UPDATING MEMBER DETAILS

In Clubman, members can update their email address, phone numbers, postal address, and newsletter option. Click on User Settings icon then select 'Click to edit membership information', make your changes and select 'Submit' at the bottom of the page.

Please contact secretary, Leanne Price, at secretary@sasc-aus.com if a name change is required or you have dependent children to add to your family membership.

If your family status changes and you want to add or remove a partner, please contact the secretary.

MEMBER DATA SECURITY

Clubman now has 2 factor authentication for those with administrator access that adds an additional level of protection for your data.

SNOWY MOUNTAINS SPECIAL ACTIVATION PRECINCT

The NSW Government strategic infrastructure review led to a reduction in the funds available over the next 4 years for the SAP from \$391m to \$196m. Planning controls and Delivery Plan were on public exhibition until 20th December and any comments received will be used to finalise the exhibition documents by mid-year.

Projects in Jindabyne will be reassessed, housing and the southern connector road considered important projects for year-round tourist activities.

MT PERISHER 6

The existing fixed-grip 2-person Mt Perisher Double lift and fixed-grip 3-person Mt Perisher Triple lift will be upgraded to a new 6-person, high-speed chairlift ('the Mt Perisher 6') for the 2025 ski and ride season in Australia.

It will provide guests access to all ski runs in all directions on Mt Perisher without having to traverse across slopes or ride multiple surface lifts.

The high-speed detachable chair will increase chair lifting capacity in the Mt Perisher area by 60%, taking more skiers and riders higher up the mountain than ever before. This also marks the first high-speed lift on intermediate and advanced skiing terrain at Perisher.

SNOWY MOUNTAINS BUS SERVICE

The Snowy Mountains Bus Service ran throughout the season from Jindabyne to Perisher & Jindabyne to Thredbo. The service provided an excellent alternative to driving or catching the Skitube to the resorts. The service ran every 30 minutes at peak times. The cost was very affordable, return trip including National Park entry fees only costing \$21 for an adult. There are other ticket options for families, weekly and season passes too.

In 2023 there was a 20kg per person restriction on baggage that may have limited usage by lodge guests.

For more information see <https://transportnsw.info/news/2023/snowy-mountains-bus-service>

SOUTHERN ALPS SPONSORED SKIERS

The Club and Lodge Cooperative have provided support to **Matt Clayton** and **April Wynn** for their northern winter campaigns.

Matt has registered for a 4 week Freeski training program with Laskill Coaching. Matt trained with Laskill in 2021 in Livigno and Laax.

Coming off success in the ANC races in August, April has headed to Europe for 16-week program with Hannes Grimus. Recently April accepted a position in a specialised ski cross program in Sweden.

We wish Matt and April all the best for their training and competition!

Letitia Murphy has decided to take some time away from FIS racing, she is a bit exhausted after three competition concussions and needs a little break from this tough and relentless sport. Letitia will be instructing in Niseko and will do some training in that powder! She thanks the Club & Co-op for its continued support of her training and racing over the years.

SNOWIES ALPINE WALK

Stage 4 from Perisher and Bullocks Flat is the last section of the Snowies Alpine Walk and is due to be completed in 2024. Updates are provided by NPWS and can be found by searching "Snowies iconic walk". The earlier stages of the walk are open and provide a fantastic, safe walking experience.

BEN RICKETTS ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVE

Southern Alps has a share in BREP, located on the Illawarra escarpment, 120 km from Sydney at 774 Jamberoo Mountain Road. There are 3 rustic cabins available for holiday rental with plenty of wildlife on the property and adjoining Barren Grounds Nature Reserve. SASC members are welcome to stay and possibly access to our allocation of BREP shareholder rates. Special discounted accommodation prices remain after the Jamberoo Mountain Road repair was completed. To make a booking please email bookings@benricketts.com.au or call 0491 718 963 and mention you are a Southern Alps member.

SASC members are welcome at Ben Rickett's working bees, the 2024 dates are Feb 10/11, May 18/19, Aug 17/18 & Oct 10/20. See www.benricketts.org.au

SNOW GUM DIE BACK

Our Snow gums are suffering infestation by native longicorn beetle larvae that mine the outer xylem and inner phloem of trees, disrupting hydraulic function and carbohydrate flow.

This native insect is thought to have lived amongst eucalypt populations for a long time, playing a sustainable role within the ecosystem, however the mountain air has become warmer and drier, drawing more moisture out of the trees and creating ideal conditions for the longicorn beetle to thrive.



Removal of old fuel tanks at Charlotte Pass



Bushwalking and Cross Country

Bob & Sally Sims

Past Events

September – Nordic Week at The Pass

Regardless of the dwindling snow cover we enjoyed a great week of XC skiing at the Pass.

Unfortunately, Wrights Creek, Trapyard and Spencers were not skiable this year but the valley and Sugarloaf were good at the start of the week. As always, the Main Range held some beautiful snow and was our preferred destination. During the week we had parties heading out to Wright's Creek, Mt Clark, Club Lake, Guthrie Trig, Mt Stillwell and Seamans Hut.

September – City Ramble

Seventeen members met at Central Railway for an interesting walk to Bondi. We started by using the light rail to Moore Park, then over to the coast via Centennial Park and Queens Park with a coffee stop along the way. We took a stroll through the very interesting Waverley Cemetery before heading north along the coast track to Bondi.

October – Blue Mountains

Twelve members met at Echo Point for a delightful walk along the Prince Henry Cliff walking track. There were many lookouts and photo opportunities. At Katoomba falls we descended via Furber Steps to the Witches Leap Falls. After lunch at Orphan Rock, we returned to the Blue Mountains Chocolate Factory for a well-earned coffee. Many thanks to Marion and Andy for your leadership.

November – Oberon 4WD

The weather was kind for our annual 4WD/camping trip to the Abercrombie NP, unlike last year, with an easy drive in and crossing of the Retreat River. We managed a few tasks about the property and also joined Jacqui with a climb up to the top of the mountain to spread Alex's ashes. Many thanks to Jacqui for your hospitality.

November – Christmas Picnic

Twenty-nine members met at the Haynes Flat Picnic ground for our annual Christmas picnic lunch, a beautiful day to catchup with many of our senior XC&BW members.

Unfortunately, after quick assessment of the "fit vs wounded" we decided the annual Xmas cricket match should be deferred to 2024.

The XC & BW page of the SASC website (<https://www.sasc-aus.com/cross-country-bush-walking-news>) has details of past walks (description, pictures and maps) and a calendar of our upcoming walks with contact details.

We look forward to seeing you on a walk.

Nordic Week near the Snowy River



Christmas Picnic



City Ramble - in Centennial Park

**SASC LODGE CO-OPERATIVE LTD
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Contact appropriate Lodge office bearers for queries re accommodation, Lodge members' change of address, shareholdings, comments/general correspondence concerning the lodges.

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DRESS STANDARDS AT LODGES

Members are reminded that guests in the dining and lounge areas of the lodges are required to maintain a reasonable standard of dress. Night wear, bare feet or scruffy footwear are not permitted.

LODGE SECURITY

Members and guests are reminded that they are responsible for the safety of all their valuables, cash, credit cards, equipment and clothing while staying in the lodges. The Lodge Co-operative cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of such items.

Lodge Share Holdings

Currently there is a waiting list for lodge share holdings; interested members should contact Christine Marriott 0428 821 555
sascoop@bigpond.com

LODGE REPORT

We are continuing to upgrade the lodges and furnishings to provide a comfortable experience to our members.

At **Southern Alps Lodge** (Charlotte Pass) 2 large buried, empty, long unused fuel tanks were removed from in front of the lodge by Loucra Contracting, as required by Planning and NPWS. The Construction Certificate has finally been obtained so work has commenced to replace the cladding and windows. There is presently fencing around the lodge and work is scheduled to finish prior to the 2024 ski season. A special thanks to Tim Moore, Kim Easdale and Will Sidwell, Alex Porebski and Craig Teudt and others who progressed this major project.

Christiania (Thredbo) now has updated WiFi which reaches each room and with much faster speeds.

At **Kahane** (Perisher), the Directors are working with architect, Alex Porebski, on plans for renovation of the kitchen & lodge common areas. Replacement of the boilers is also included. Work by members on the first stages of the Kahane site rehabilitation is greatly appreciated.

The Lodge Cooperative is in a sound financial position and can cover all building works, maintenance and repairs that we are currently undertaking. A special thanks to our secretary, Chris Marriott, and CFO, Dave Duke, for all their efforts in 2023.

New towels and linen have been acquired for each lodge. We are liaising

with the winter managers to ensure that the accommodation and meals experience is kept to a high standard.

I thank all members who responded to the recent post season questionnaire and the comments have been discussed by the Directors and appropriate action taken.

The **2024 winter rates** for Charlotte Pass have not been increased, to encourage greater occupancy, bearing in mind the costs of transport into the resort.

The rates for Christiania and Kahane have been raised by less than the current rate of inflation. Members should closely follow the booking dates and Clubman rules when making bookings for the 2024 ski season.

All directors, booking officers, treasurers, secretary and CFO have worked hard as a team all year long and achieved great results. I thank all of them.

The Kahane (Perisher) rehabilitation planting and working bee is scheduled for 9-10 March 2024 (contact Rod Peile) and the Charlotte Pass stores and working bee is on 26-29 April 2024 (contact Kim Easdale).

If you have not attended these events before please do so as everyone is welcome and there is a friendly atmosphere.

I wish all our members a safe and happy holiday.

Regards,
Phillip Friedlander
Chairman of Directors

Southern Alps Lodge, Charlotte Pass, waits for re-cladding with fire resistant Colorbond and doubled glazed windows.



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