



THREDBO HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Celebrating Thredbo's 60th Anniversary in 2017 has been a rewarding experience for many of us involved in the logistics and operations, whilst presenting quite a challenge to our volunteer teams tasked with delivering these desirable results.

Firstly our annual Thredbo Cocktails and Museum Exhibition Launch on Saturday 17 June exceeded expectations with over 50 people in attendance. Our thanks go to guest speaker Errol Hanlon who spoke about his many years in Thredbo and also to Vice President Ed Denny who hosted the evening and provided refreshments and sustenance for the enthusiastic crowd.

The Sydney Cocktail function and anniversary book launch at RAHS History House on Tuesday 27th June, saw attendance records set with 100 present. We are most grateful to RAHS staff for taking the RSVPs and payments for the event. Our team of volunteers who assisted with the catering and hosting activities were superb in keeping everyone fed and watered – for which we have received many compliments.

Finally the Thredbo Mid Winter Dinner which this year incorporated the announcement of 2 new Faces Of Thredbo awards and the book launch saw 140 people in attendance and enjoying a truly memorable evening. Again the team of volunteers behind the scenes who contributed to the planning and operations of the event deserve our accolades. See more details of these events throughout this newsletter.

EDUCATION & TRAINING:

In June this year 3 of our committee members - Graeme Holloway, Chrissi Webb and Randy Wieman gave up their time to travel to Manly to attend the 3 day training course on the operation of the Mosaic software system that we use to record and catalogue our collection. This was integrated with further aspects of training on systems that facilitate the collection being digitised and ultimately made available through our website.

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THS CALENDER OF EVENTS – 2017/18

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 24th 2017

Film & Book Signing

NPWS Visitors' Centre Auditorium, Jindabyne
3.00 - 4.30pm

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25TH, 2017

THS Annual General Meeting

Tate Room, Thredbo Alpine Hotel
12 noon followed by picnic BBQ

FRIDAY DECEMBER 1ST, 2017

Film & Book Signing

Larry Adler Ski Shop, Collaroy
6.30 – 9.00pm

SATURDAY MAY 5TH, 2018

Australian Alpine Snow Sports History Association Conference

Perisher Valley

MAY 2018

Sydney Cocktails

RAHS - TBC

THREDBO ALPINE MUSEUM – Summer

Opening Hours: 1 – 5 pm
Peak: December 26 – January 26, 2018
(closed Mondays)
Other: Weekends only
October to November
February to April
Plus public holidays and special events

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PRESIDENTS UPDATE (continued)**SUCCESSION PLANNING:**

THS was invited earlier this year to participate in a pilot program on succession planning for not-for-profit volunteer based historical societies. Alan Fredericks, Graeme Holloway and Trevor Harrison attended a number of meetings and mini workshops with Dr Bernadette Flynn of the Federation of Australian Historical Societies, to understand the draft plan as well as give our own input to the developing program.

The exercise overall, reinforced the need for us to take a more proactive approach to succession planning for the Society rather than a reactive approach we have tended to follow in the past. All very fine words in theory of course for a volunteer based society such as ours and we realise the reality of the challenges facing us in this important area.

MEMBER SUBSCRIPTIONS: In August we sent electronically, only to those members who have subscriptions due in 2017-18, their reminder notice of subscriptions due. The notice gave members the option of paying their subscriptions through our website using their credit card or by Direct Deposit to our bank account. Should you have any queries about your membership status then you **should contact our Membership Officer Anne Collet on Ph 5100 3823 or Mob 0412 803 234 or email rainmakerrealty@grapevine.net.au.**

Also if you have changed your address, phone number or email address in the last 12 months, could you please advise Anne accordingly. In this way our data base of members details can be maintained up to date, ensuring you receive all our communications.

Alan Fredericks

THS COMMITTEE : 2016/2017

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SYDNEY COCKTAILS AND BOOK LAUNCH

Tuesday 27th June saw the first of our Book Launches at RAHS History House in Macquarie St Sydney. The evening opened with a warm welcome to those attending from President Alan Fredericks. A short "feel good" film was shown covering Thredbo's 60 years which had been produced by Rebel Studios and put the room in an expectant mood.

Society Patron and Chairman of Event Hospitality and Entertainment (EVT) Alan Rydge was introduced and spoke of his memories of buying a Ski Resort 30 years ago when - not at the time - being a skier himself.

President Alan then spoke about the book project and how it was a one-off event to coincide with the celebrations of Thredbo's 60th anniversary. The society holds much history of Thredbo in its museum - most of which is not accessed by the visiting public. Producing a book with much of the history of Thredbo's Pioneers and Legends would place all of that history in one place making it available to a wider cross section of the public. He went on to thank the committee who had supported the initiative and the author, Chas Keys, with whose earlier work he was familiar with and which gave him further confidence.

A special thanks was extended to Arts NSWs Cultural Grant program who provided funding through the Royal Historical Australian Society administered devolved funding program and to Kosciuszko Thredbo Pty Ltd who had agreed to underwrite the initial costs of the project.

Our guest of honour to launch the book was Marta Dusseldorp, granddaughter of one of Thredbo's legends (Dick Dusseldorp). Marta's sister Teya and brother Tom were also present. Marta spoke of her early childhood experiences of visiting Thredbo, staying in the family's Lend Lease lodge for their annual skiing holidays. Author Chas Keys then spoke about the production of the manuscript for the book and thanked the many people who had assisted in one way or another, in the successful outcome including the publisher Halstead Press and Editor James Drown.

The scene at Sydney Cocktails



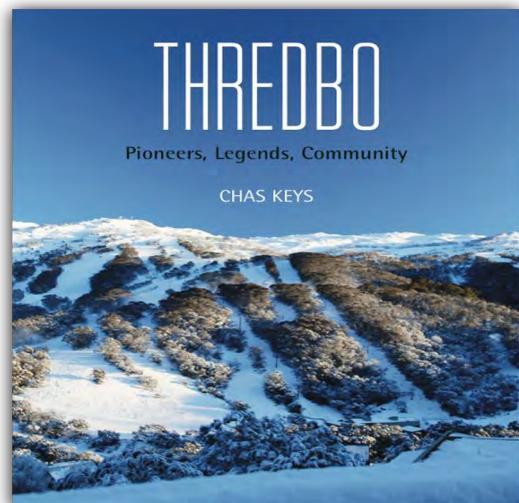
The Book Committee: Alan Fredericks, Chas Keys and Jerry Krejzar, with Alpine Author Peter Southwell Keely (second from left)



Marta Dusseldorp launches 'THE BOOK'



Standing room only in the RAHS Auditorium



Supper in the RAHS Reception Room



served under the crystal chandelier

AN EVENING WITH ERROL HANLON

Accompanied by a backdrop of slides prepared by Randy Weiman, popular Thredbo resident Errol Hanlon was an entertaining guest speaker before an enthusiastic crowd at the Society's informal Snowfall Cocktails held in the Coach Captain's Room adjacent to the Museum, on Saturday, June 17th.

First coming to Thredbo as visitor in 1965 and staying at the Crackenback Ski Club with its infamous steep stairs, it wasn't long before Errol returned to the village to live in the Thredbo Hilton or Staff Lodge and formerly The Lodge, as a lift operator under Supervisor John Olsen.

He recalled being issued with his uniform - a hand knitted jumper with red stripe denoting his employment status, and a hand knitted beanie (he wished he had chosen the oil soaked garments for their waterproof qualities), then a copy of the Daily Telegraph for putting under his outer garments for added insulation. Next he was given tacks and a roll of plastic to put where the window had been in the hut, along with a yellow long handled shovel to bring inside snow to melt for drinking water. Benny Zeller was an expert at transhipping around the mountain on a shovel, saying he wasn't going to destroy his skis at work when he had paid for them.

Errol recalled it snowed one day and rained for six. They shot rabbits which were converted into tasty Rabbit Provencal by a French chef, and beer cost 25 cents a litre.

Highlights in 1973 were Carnival Week, the body painting competition and the river flooding. He remembers drinking his 10th schooner together with Arnold Konrad and Leonhard Erharter when a mega-storm hit and the electricity was out for 10 days. Lodge owners dug holes in the snow in which to store the meat – much to the delight of his Iris wolfhound which could run up Crackenback faster than Errol could ride the chairlift to the top.

When they were building Anton's and Sponar's (there was no Gun Barrel then), a road - now the cat track - was constructed and he remembered repairing a culvert diverting the river, shovelling dirt dressed in underpants and gumboots. They dug the holes by hand for the lift towers, and hand-mixed the concrete by hand.

During that year the fire brigade was formed. When Christiana Lodge was on fire, whilst trying to enter the building, someone was trying to break down the door with an axe without success, when a bright spark suggested "Try the door knob" and entry was gained immediately!

Dave Rowley had previously operated horse riding at Friday Flat where he put an electric fence to corral them. Despite warnings, John Olsen got a bit of a shock when he drove a land rover across it. The concept of a beginners' area at Friday Flat was suggested in order to compete with Perisher.

Errol was involved with most of the mountain construction jobs. The need to relocate machines higher up the slope to the Meadows, resulted in the use of a back hoe in the absence of a crane for the transport of materials including 10 metres of roofing sheets installed on New Year's Eve.

During the building of the Karel's and Sponar's Lifts, The crew had to walk, carrying fuel for drilling from Crackenback top station. Sam, his wolfhound, carried Errol's lunch around his neck however one day, Sam jumped into a stream. Result: wet, soggy sandwiches.

In the 1980's Errol said Thredbo was like a construction town, when Doppelmayr was engaged to build Kosciuszko Express, Gun Barrel, Cruiser and Easy Does It. A helicopter flown by a veteran Korean War pilot demonstrated amazing accuracy during the standing of the Gun Barrel towers. The old Crackenback Chairlift was replaced by the Express with the latest in technology, and a new top station restaurant built.

In preparation for the laying of the snow making pipes, he and the mountain crew built an access road to facilitate their installation, built a walking track and removed the old bridge. By this time the mountain crew were issued with better clothing and Gortex gloves.

About snow grooming, Errol went on to describe early snow grooming when by using the old retired army Tucker attached by an anchor chain to the back of Thikol, and the two machines would "smooth out" the piste to a lesser degree of difficulty. The Thikol had an external exhaust which much to the horror of Ray Woodham, who had his brand new ski pants Dissolved when he got too close to it

There was great excitement when the new Kassebohrer snow grooming machines arrived in 2 crates- however no tracks – a crate had been lost en route in India

The 1989 World Cup rounded off a fabulous decade of expansion and whilst the event suffered a loss the first year, he wondered if it could ever happen again in what is now an international resort? Originally the World Cup was to have been held annually for 3 years.

Errol's many reminiscences ended with a tribute to Kurt Brandeuer for whom a memorial service was held earlier in the day.

Amongst 65 Guests at the Thredbo Snowfall Cocktails were:

**Lynne McIntyre with the Meet & 'Collect' Team
Lynne McDonald & Ray Temperley**



**Marcus, Elsa & Guest Speaker Errol Hanlon and
Melissa Miller**



**Freestyle Julie Deakins & daughter Rachel with
Julie's 1979 Peter Stuyvesant Freestyle Tour suit**



Mark & Kerri Koczanowski



Roger Andrew and Maurice

Kosciusko Chalet Chairlift (1964-65) top station operator Alois Reinstadler now 87, before the Community Bell – a project conceived by Elsa Hanlon and funded by the Thredbo community

2017 MID WINTER DINNER

It was a 'full house' with 140 Thredbo aficionados when this year's Faces of Thredbo, were announced. Elyne Mitchell OAM and Rudi Schätzle were honoured with the award for 2017 on July 25th at the Thredbo Historical Society's Mid Winter Dinner in the Kosciuszko Room of the Alpine Hotel.

With a back drop of excellent audio visuals compiled by Randy Wieman, Thredbo's Operations Manager Stuart Diver, announced the awards which were accepted on behalf of the recipients by family members.

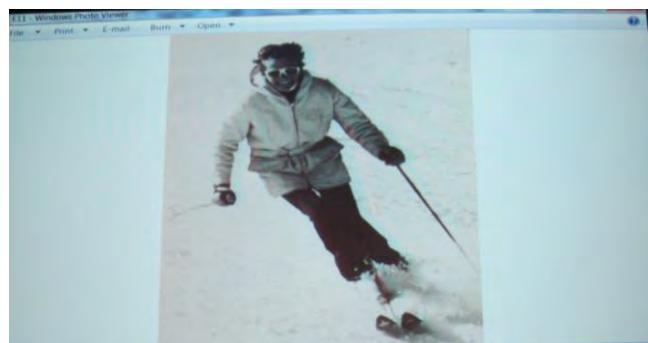
Cees Koeman spoke to the audio visuals depicting Rudi's contribution to Thredbo. Rudi's daughter Sonia, accepted the award for her father, now 90 years old. In her acceptance speech, she spoke of the difficulty as a child in describing what he did. Rudi, when questioned, answered to the effect "I try to make people happy."



Sonia Schätzle and Stuart Diver in front of a larger than life Rudi and Chris image

Lou Gibson delivered the Elyne Mitchell's "bio" and Elyne's daughter Honor Auchinleck, accepted the posthumous award.

In her acceptance speech, Honor said "Elyne never expected acknowledgement, but being a Face of Thredbo would be one that would truly delight her. I think she'd like to see it inspire others, to help them to dream big. Stuart Diver also knows the inspiring power of big dreams. We can't necessarily realise them all, but my goodness they can carry us through difficult times to better places and events like this evening where we can enjoy the moment in all its richness. A special thank you on behalf of Elyne and of her family" Honor concluded.



Elyne Mitchell

Society President Alan Fredericks introduced the Kosciuszko Thredbo General Manager Jordan Rogers who spoke of Thredbo's 60th Anniversary and highlighted that is now 30 years since Greater Union acquired the head lease and expanded the resort.

Next on stage was the vibrant Thredbo supporter, Rebel Penfold Russell who launched THE BOOK "Thredbo: Pioneers, Legends, Community".

The author of the book Chas Keys, spoke about the challenges during the writing of it and not being able to include all the amazing people who contributed to Thredbo's development. The memorable evening concluded with the traditional book signing customary after a book launch.

From the editor's computer:

If I took your photo at the Mid Winter Dinner and you would like a digital copy, please email me at chrissi.wikner@outlook.com

The delay in getting this THS Newsletter to you, is because I was the victim of a hit and ride snowboarder at 8.55 am on Saturday, August 25th, resulting in a fractured neck of the left humerus now protected by a shoulder to elbow plaster cast weighing 5 kg, for 5 or so weeks and keeping me off the ski slopes for the remainder of the season.

. Chrissi Webb.

"Shot" at the Mid Winter Dinner



The Welcoming Committee:Trevor Harrison, Victoria Incani, Alan Fredericks, Maureen Roberts and Margot Stuart



Rebel Penfold Russel with Jack (moguls champion) Adams and his mother Susie



Lou Gibson and Honor Auchinleck



Wayne Hickey and Sonia Schatzle



Adam Digby, Ed & Judy Denny



Author Chas Keys and Phoebe Hoy

SYBIL ELYNE KEITH MITCHELL, OAM (1913 – 2002)

Born on 30 December 1913, Elyne Chauvel, the daughter of Sir Henry George (Harry) Chauvel, Commander of the WW1 ANZAC Mounted Division Light Horse Corps, was educated at St Catherine's School, Toorak, and was a keen horsewoman.

Elyne Mitchell's love of skiing and the Snowy Mountains began shortly after her husband, Tom Mitchell taught her to ski soon after their marriage in 1935 when she came to live with him on the Mitchell family cattle station 'Towong Hill' near Corryong. One of her earliest ski experiences in 1936 was to ascend on horseback and skis, the western face of the Main Range, starting at the Geehi and finishing at Charlotte Pass – a formidable challenge for a novice skier. In 1936 at Mt Ruapehu New Zealand she won her first international ski race. In 1938 at Banff, Elyne won the Canadian Downhill Skiing Championship. In 1941 she was the first woman to descend on skis, the entire western face of the Main Range. In 1948 Tom and Elyne managed to drive a motor vehicle from their Towong Hill property, up over the main range to Charlotte Pass, before the Alpine way was built. The trip of 122 kilometers took 5 days.

Summer and winter forays into the mountains prior to Tom's departure for Singapore with the 2nd AIF, 8th Division in 1941, provided Elyne with material to begin writing "Australia's Alps" which went to print in 1942.

In the book she noted that "The valley of the Crackenback below Dead Horse Gap is one of the few places in our hills where a small alpine village would not be incongruous." During her life, she was to write 36 books including the Silver Brumby series and other fictitious works also set in the Snowy Mountains around the Thredbo valley and the Cascade Hut. Her last major work was 'A vision for the Snowy Mountains' printed in 1988.

Tom and Elyne were regular contributors to the Australian Ski Year Book. As a POW, Tom set up a ski club in Changi, and until his return Elyne ran the Towong Hill property by herself.

They had four children - Indi, Walter Harry, Honor and John – and it was the dearth of suitable reading material for Indi aged 10, that led Elyne to begin writing the Silver Brumby stories.

It didn't take long after the development of the village, that Thredbo became the centre of Elyne's world and she became a frequent visitor to Thredbo and always skied with Leonhard Erharter. Honor said "For Elyne, skiing was like a dance in which she strove for the perfect style as taught by the Austrian ski instructors." Walter Auer spoke of skiing to Dead Horse Gap with Leonhard and Elyne who skied in front with Leonhard so she could film.

Elyne came to enjoy the advantages of road access and lifted uphill transport when her children were young. As the children were educated by correspondence, Elyne was able to bring them to Thredbo during the week for skiing. Honor recalled that in the 1960s her mother took them skiing 3 days a week, plus school holidays. The family were members of the Ski Club of Australia.

Albert van der Lee described Elyne as always available to help with advice and supply information when called upon, always looking at the best in other people, and tremendously courteous to all with whom she came in contact with. In one of her articles, she not only thanked the staff at Thredbo for "their unfailing help and courtesy" but she even expressed her thanks "for the beautifl skiing". Elyne's articles about Thredbo published in 'Walkabout' in 1968 and 1969, provided the resort with much needed publicity.

It was the kindness of friends, acquaintances and chairlift operators who made it possible for Elyne to ski as long as she did into her 80s. At the age of 86, she still rode once a week on her beloved horse Dolly. Elyne died on March 4th, 2002. Elyne Mitchell - a significant Face of Thredbo.

Rudi Schätzle: Face of Thredbo

Rudi Schätzle is one of the famed entrepreneurs and business people of Thredbo. He began life there during the very early 1960s, shortly after arriving in Australia from his native Germany where he had developed skills in joinery and wood crafting.

In Thredbo he worked initially in ski hire and then in the development of ski runs, felling trees by hand to fashion the Little Beauty and International runs and others of the early trails. Later, he cut the lift line for the Merritts chair. He was also involved in the construction of the facilities at the top of the mountain at Eagles Nest and in painting lodges in the village during summers.

Before long he discovered that his niche in the mountains was in the purveying of food and drinks to hungry, thirsty skiers. With his wife Christine he at one stage operated all of the refreshment outlets on the slopes, providing a vital and essential service demanded by skiers. Between them the pair ran the restaurants and kiosks at Eagles Nest, Kareela and Merritts as well as the smaller facilities they established next to the Basin T-Bar and Middle Station and at the bottom of the Crackenback run.

In the village itself Rudi also held the lease on Bursills lodge (on the site of The Denman), which it is said he ran like a well-oiled machine during the 1970s and 1980s. Rudi's, in fact, became **the** place to go for Sunday lunch in Thredbo, and many people remember with fondness the high standard of cuisine on offer there in those days. He also established the bar underneath the lodge.

All Rudi's business ventures were successes, a testament to his organisational skills, his customer focus, his strong work ethic and the

contribution made by Christine. In all, the family was involved in Thredbo for forty years.



Rudi Schätzle at 90 years, with Christine

Rudi was highly regarded by Dick Dusseldorp, the Chairman of Lend Lease (and therefore the supremo of Kosciusko Thredbo) from the early 1960s until the mid-1980s. When the management of the on-snow food outlets was under discussion in about 1964, Dusseldorp's view was clear: "There is only one Rudi".

With his wife strongly involved in his business activities, and later their daughter Sonja (who established and operated the Santé restaurant in the Village Square), Rudi fulfilled Dusseldorp's confidence in spades. Some say that the standards of quality and service he and Christine established in food retailing have not been exceeded in Thredbo since. He was a magnificent pioneer, of great importance in several spheres in the development of the resort over a long period of time, and he is a worthy addition to the Faces of Thredbo.

VALE: It is with much sadness that we report the deaths of:

Geoffrey Forrest Hughes (29th May 1928 - 13th March 2017) was involved in the foundation of Thredbo and was the first Chairman of KT, prior to bringing in Thyne Reid as a shareholder and Chairman.

Rex William Frederick Cox (23 August 1918 - 9 July 2017) a stalwart member of Southern Alps Ski Club (SASC); and a generous, notable contributor to the sport of skiing.

Kurt Branduer (- 2017) remembered for his love of parties, leder hosen, battered felt hat and excellent cuisine at Thredbo's Black Bear Inn

Colin Rae (1935 - 2017) Beginning his snowfields career, Colin was the supervisor of the newly opened Mt Perisher Chairlift in 1958 before his appointment as General Manager of Charlotte Pass resort 1970 - 1974. He was Managing Director of Perisher Valley Resort from 1979 - 1993.

Jean Finlay (- 2017) remembered for her horse riding camps both in Thredbo and Perisher

THREDBO: PIONEERS, LEGENDS, COMMUNITY

The Thredbo Historical Society's contribution to Thredbo's 60th anniversary in 2017 has been the production and launch of our book by Author Chas Keys, titled "Thredbo: Pioneers, Legends, Community". We had 1500 copies printed of the 176 page lavishly illustrated book.

Our 2 book launches saw 105 books purchased and to the end of July a further 80 books had been sold through the Museum and our own online book sales facility.

A further 228 books have been sold to supporting retailers in the Monaro region. These outlets include The Snowy Hydro Visitor Centres, The Snowy Monaro Regional Councils Cooma Visitor Centre, the NPWS visitor centres at Jindabyne, Perisher, Tumut and Yarrangobilly Caves guest house.

Kosciusko Thredbo Pty Ltd has the book available at their Thredbo Newsagency, and at Valley Terminal and Friday Flat retail centres. Added to this are the Thredbo Valley Distillery, News Xpress newsagency and the Monchichi retail store, both at Nuggets Crossing, Jindabyn. Other book sellers of sale include Mountain Adventure (Paddy Pallin) at Snowline Caravan Park, Larry Adler's stores at Chatswood, Collaroy, Kent Steet Sydney and Jindabyne.

Books can also be purchased at the Thredbo Alpine Museum and through the Society's website "shop" link, and also committee members located at Pymble, Palm Beach, Canberra and Kiama. For any books ordered through the Thredbo Historical Society, a complimentary book "Starting Thredbo" by the late Geoffrey Hughes will be included, thanks to the generosity of the Hughes family.

So for those members unable to attend our 2 book launches we now invite you to visit the Museum or make contact with us or any of the above outlets to acquire your own copy of this significant book covering Thredbo's 60 years under the title of THREDBO: PIONEERS, LEGENDS, COMMUNITY.

FRIENDS OF THREDBO MEMBERSHIP

FEES 2017/18

Individuals: \$45/1-yr; \$225/5-yrs; \$450/10-yr

Family: \$60/1-yr; \$300/5-yrs

Group: Club \$220/year

Corporate Gold: \$1500/yr Silver: \$1000/yr

Bronze:\$500

Members comments on book launches and events

From: Bernadette Flynn (FAHS)

"Congratulations on a great evening - brilliantly coordinated."

From Rick Walkom (Alpine Author)

"Could you please convey to all the committee who arranged the Book Launch that it was a wonderful evening. It was obviously a formidable challenge to get it organised but I know everyone who attended had a great night. Congratulations on the production of an excellent book."

From: Carol Macdonald (formerly East Jindabyne resident)

"I want to thank you for including Mim and I at the function for the Sydney book launch on June 27.

I did enjoy the evening very much. It brought back so many memories of those early days of skiing and life in the mountains and all the people who had such an impact on our way of life down there.

I had never been to History House before and I can see why it is such a lovely venue for your meetings, the perfect spot really. I was quite taken by the atmosphere in there.

Lastly, congratulations to you and all the team who put the book together. It is a wonderful record of Thredbo's history and it has so many fabulous photos and captures all the memories and events over the 60 years.

I am really enjoying reading it. Fascinating reading all about the Thredbo people! I knew so many of them but didn't know so much about their background."

From: Rob Fyfe (original owner of Jamberoo Grass Ski Park) *"Thanks for the book – it is a great credit to all involved."*

NEW MEMBERS

Kiandra Pioneer Ski Club Ltd;

Malcolm Browne (Jindabyne)

Susan & Graham Bursill (Waterloo)

Diana Dennison(Palm Beach); Ari Droga (Bellevue Hill)

Tom Dusseldorp (Bondi Junction)

Genevieve Hughes (Randwick);Victoria Incani (Thredbo)

Andrew & Kerri Kaczanowski (Thredbo);

Urs Raas Thredbo); Kirsten Seaver (Jindabyne)

Peta Strong Henley (Eucumbene);

Georgina Suttor (Waverley)

IN THE MUSEUM

MUSEUM BRANDING:

Following a long period of discussions spanning more than 12 months the committee has made the decision to in future refer to the Museum as the Thredbo Alpine Museum. It was felt this would more accurately reflect the evolving nature of our activities and collection. The transition will be a progressive one as we need to address a myriad of items over time to reflect the new name "Thredbo Alpine Museum" and its new logo which is now displayed on the page one Masthead of this Newsletter.

CELEBRATING THREDBO'S 60 YEARS

Our special museum display this year was to capture a variety of scenes from Thredbo's 60 years, although the Kosciusko Chalet chairlift seat remained a favourite with the children and the range of Kiandra skis complemented by the Charles Kerry images fascinated the adults.

MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS

With the wonderful assistance of the volunteers as at 8th September , we are well on track with 3210 visitors this winter as against 2204 visitors last winter.

A big thank you to these volunteers which have included Chas Skinner, Janet and Richard Grimsdale (Ski Club of Australia), Jerry Krejzar, Phoebe Hoy (Roslyn Lodge), Michelle Palmer (Kiama Alpine Club), John Wholohan (Happy Wanderers), Brienne Connor, Renee Connor, Marion Murri, Graeme Holloway, Alan & Kate Fredericks, Kellie Meehan, Marg & Bruce Piggott, Barry McGrath, Aileen Bomball, Chas Keys, Peter Sturt, Sally and Richard Gallimore, Maureen Roberts, Victoria Incani, Roger Andrews, Irene Ashburn and Chrissi Webb..

Following is a selection of the comments in the Visitors' Book:

"Wonderful look into Thredbo's history" – Louise and Felix Hearn, Dalgety.

"Amazing facts – can't believe my Opa Alois (Lui) Reinstadler was the top station operator of the Kosciusko Chairlift" – Aspen Reinstadler, Canberra.

"I love the chairlift seat  Bianca Masham

"A lovely afternoon immersed in the details of ski history" Justine Scott, Sydney.

"An important collection of rural alpine Australia" – Emma Sykes, St Ives

Great to see so many memories preserved for future generations" – Peter Fryar, Sydney

ORAL HISTORY REVIEW

Since our last report the Walter Auer DVD has been transcribed and printed. Also both the Suzanne Davidson (Candlelight) and Ron Finneran OH 's have been printed. These together with Michelle Reichinger, Jane & Jeff Straney, Prudence Parker and Dr Steve Breathour are all available for you to peruse in the museum.

The Patricia Hecher interview is yet to be finalized, still waiting to be edited and approved by Patricia. Also from St Anton, Ferdl Nobl, who was the deputy director at the time when Leonhard Erharter ran the ski-school, has done an interview. Ferdl's oral history has been transcribed and is awaiting his approval and for Ferdl to supply photos.

Nan Adler's OH has finally been edited and approved and is currently at the printers. Ian Curlewis has been interviewed, and transcribed but not yet forwarded to Ian for editing and his approval. Annette Roberts (Szelocsky), has been transcribed and we are waiting for editing and

approval. Honor Auchinleck (Mitchell), had been interviewed and transcription of the OH is underway.

Two more interviews are likely to take place in 2017. Edie Swift is to interview Shann Turnbull in November, and Chrissi Webb has made arrangements with Marion Murri for an interview as well.

This year saw a debate emerge about the criteria for inclusion in our program of well known identities. That is - to what extent does the preservation of cultural aspects - versus aspects of greater historical significance, and an individual's contribution, play in our choice of subjects? Considering the volunteer nature of our work there is some need to prioritize. As we value the opinion of our members on any aspect of Oral History, should you like to comment on this issue, or any other, please let us know.

Jerry Krejzar

THREDBO HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOOK ORDER FORM (2017/18)

Order Details: Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode_____

QUANTITY	PUBLICATION DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT
	Andrew, Roger: Thredbo – My Story Soft Cover, 156 pages, 29.5x21cm. colour photos Cost \$40 Postage & packaging \$13.40	
	Clarke, Norman W Clarke (2006): Kiandra – Gold Fields to Snow Fields Hard cover, 178 pages 22x29cm, b&w photos Cost \$20 Postage & packaging \$13.40	
	Cross, Wendy (2012): Australian Skiing: The First 100 Years Soft cover, 270 pages, 30x21cm, b&w photos Cost \$39.95 Postage & packaging \$13.40	
	Darby, Jim (2006): Thredbo 50 – a commemorative book Hard cover, 123 pages, 22x28cm, colour photos Cost \$20 Postage & packaging \$13.40	
	Freuden, George: Off Piste – My Way: A Memoir Soft copy, 132 pages. 15 cm x 21 cm b&w photos, Cost \$20, Postage & packaging \$8.25. <i>Limited number of copies left</i>	
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