

Oldina Ski Club Co-Operative Ltd NEWSLETTER December 2023

Season's Greetings and Warm Wishes!

We hope this newsletter finds you well and excited for a better upcoming ski season at Perisher. As we gear up for a better year on the slopes in 2024, we have some exciting news to share regarding the Oldina Ski Club.

1. Meet Our New Directors:

We are pleased to introduce our newest directors, bringing fresh perspectives and deep-rooted connections to the Oldina family.

Rika Boltan: "I am thrilled to be a part of the Oldina Ski Club as a new director and compliance officer. My journey with Oldina began as the daughter of one of the initial 'CIG' members, providing me with a unique and knowledge of the club.

Married with two adult children, I've dedicated my time to volunteer work at a local food pantry and nurtured a long-standing interest in architecture and interior design. With a background in money markets and superannuation, coupled with a 2019 completion of an Advanced Diploma in Conveyancing, I bring a financial literacy, practical approach, and attention to detail that I believe will positively contribute to board deliberations. I look to serving the Oldina community and preserving its rich heritage."

Adrian Kane: "Continuing the family legacy as a third-generation member of the Oldina Perisher Ski Club, is quite a thrill. My grandfather, Val Hamey, served as a director for an incredible 30 years. My connection to Oldina runs deep; I have

fond memories of winter visits, summer retreats, and engaging in various working bees over the years. Currently pursuing an Engineering degree at Macquarie University with a focus on Software Engineering, my academic interests extend to electronics and physics. Beyond my studies, I've designed and built electronics for a musician's electronic harp. I am excited to bring my passion for innovation and my family's rich history to the Oldina board".

2. Welcome to our new club members:

2023 was a busy year for memberships and we welcome six new members to Oldina. Nicole Crabb, Michael Twigg, Doug Ross, Robert Osborne, Valerie Waterson and Geoffry Mellor.

3. Club Infrastructure and Technology Updates:

a. New Double-Glazed Windows and Cladding: As most would know we recently upgraded to double-glazed windows throughout the lodge in particular the north facing windows that now show off the amazing view we have not seen clearly for some time. The cladding has transformed the aesthetics of Oldina, reduced heating costs and improved the comfort of our valued members and guests.

b. Upgrades in the Kitchen: Going Green with a New Electric Stove! We're thrilled to announce a significant improvement in our facilities that aligns with our commitment to sustainability. Say goodbye to the old gas stove, and welcome the new, fully electric stove in 2024! This upgrade not only enhances our cooking capabilities but also reduces our environmental impact. We're taking steps toward a greener future while ensuring our members enjoy delicious meals after a big day on the slopes.



c. Improved Internet Speed with Starlink satellite internet: To enhance our members' experience, we've installed Starlink for improved internet speed and capacity. This upgrade is aimed at providing seamless connectivity, whether you're checking the snow report, sharing memories with loved ones, or catching up on work during your stay.

d. Upgraded Oldina Website: We are excited to announce the launch of our brand-new website in November 2023! This digital transformation is a significant milestone for our club, and it wouldn't have been possible without the time and effort from Phil Maude and Victoria Johnstone. While the new website is live, our journey doesn't end here. We are committed to continually improving and enhancing the online experience for our members. Your feedback is crucial, so please explore the website and let us know how we can make it even better. Special Thanks to Andrew and Jenny Newland: For over 20 years, Andrew and Jenny have been the driving force behind our online presence. They tirelessly built and managed our previous website, contributing their time, skills, and passion to create a space where members could connect, stay informed, and share their love for skiing.

4 Navigating a Challenging Year: A Recap of the 2023 Season

The 2023 ski season presented us with various challenges, from unpredictable weather patterns to global uncertainties. Despite these hurdles, we are proud to share we achieved a remarkable 60% plus occupancy rate. This not only speaks to the dedication of our members but our Booking Officer, Danna Vozzo, who did a brilliant job again while in hospital then at home recovering after a nasty incident on the slopes early in the season. Moreover, we are delighted to announce that despite the challenges, we managed to generate a small surplus. This surplus will be reinvested into the club, allowing us to continue providing exceptional experiences for our members and their guests.

5. Upcoming Events:

Pre-season Working Bee:

MARCH 15-17, 2024

Annual general meeting:

MAY 1, 2024

The board would like to thank Ian Muncaster for his years of service on the Board and most recently spearheading the building committees' activities to complete the window and cladding replacement project and of course as Chair of the board. As announced at this year's AGM, Ian vacated the position of chair and the board appointed Murray Harding as his replacement at the subsequent board meeting in July. Additionally, the board thanks Micheal Billaco for his efforts in 2023 however will not be returning in 2024. We are on the lookout for a new lodge manager in 2024 so if you have any contacts please feel free to share.

As we approach the end of 2023, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your continued support throughout the year. Your passion for skiing and commitment to our ski community make Oldina a vibrant and thriving hub for winter and summer sports enthusiasts.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We wish you and your loved ones a great holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Warm regards,

The Oldina Board

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BOOKING TIMES *****