



Bogong Bulletin

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The Alpine Rovers and Venturers Newsletter

Welcome to my first edition of the Bogong Bulletin.

I would like to introduce you to the new committee:

Alpine Rover Crew:

Luke Moore – Chairman

Mick Simpson – Secretary

BCMG:

James Dugan – Chairman

Rovers:

James Stewart - Vice Chairman / Bookings

Veronica Unkles - Assistant Bookings

Tyson Clugg - PR / website

Dave Key - PR

Matthew Moore - Maintenance

26-30 year olds:

Charlotte Duff - PR

Linda Merrall - PR

30+ year olds:

Peter Rossborough - Maintenance

Ray White - Secretary / Risk Management

Also making up the committee are our

Wardens, Matt Anderson, Andrew

Gallagher, & Les Wiebanga, Treasurer

Jody Freeman, our Historian Sue Tanck,

and Catering looked after by Donna

Anderson.

These are the people who look after the chalet on our behalf, they are always after assistance, so drop us an email or call the bookings officer if you can help in any way.

Luke Moore ARC Chairman

BCMG Chairman's Report

With School holidays coming up and warmer weather on the way, the Chalet is a great place to go for a weekend or few days away. You can take your Scouts or Venturers up there, and do day walks, mountain biking, or even training / planning exercises in a peaceful and unique location. It's a great opportunity for them to see the Chalet for the first time, and decide whether they'd like to return during Winter.

After the bushfires last year, many of us got a timely reminder of how valuable the Chalet is to us. In order to keep the Chalet running we need people to use it! Word of mouth has been the reason the vast majority of you went there in the first place. So please continue to spread the word of how much of an opportunity the Chalet can provide to improve your skiing ability or try snowboarding during Winter, or go bushwalking, mountain biking, or daytime exploring during Summer.

Thank you to all those who participated in the Winter Party Surveys during a Winter Party this winter. Our feedback was very positive, and some of the results will be used in future promotional activities to better target specific groups. Approximately one quarter of those who attended a Winter Party this year were Chalet virgins, which is fantastic! We know that once you go to the Chalet that you'll return. After reviewing the suggestions given by everybody, several have already been taken on board, and others will be adopted over time.

Look out for our new-look website to be unveiled soon. Application forms for Summer and Winter will be available, as well as news, links to ski reports, photos, and upcoming events. For more information, keep checking <http://www.bogongroverchalet.org.au>

Lastly, on behalf of the BCMG, I'd like to wish all Alpine and Bogong Rovers and their families a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year for 2004!

James Dugan
(BCMG Chairman)



Snow Venture!

Weeks 1, 3 and 13 have been made snow Ventures for the 2004 season.

Leaders attend at Venturer Prices!

Week 1 is Vic. and NSW school holidays, and has a package price of \$400 inc. transport and ski hire from Melbourne.

Week 3 is in S.A. school holidays and has a package price of \$*** inc. transport and ski hire from Adelaide.

Week 13 is in Vic. School Holidays and will run if there is demand.

Tow Hut Rebuild

We believe we are in the final stages of getting approval from Parks Victoria to rebuild the tow hut. As the maintenance team will be busy over summer catching up with a years worth of missed maintenance because of the fire, we would like volunteers to work with the management group to rebuild the hut. Contact us at bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au if you can help.

Check out the website at
www.bogongroverchalet.org.au
bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au
Bogong Chalet Management Group
PO Box 190 Carlton South, 3053

Ski It – Hike It – Bike It – I Like it

0407 CHALET
0407 242538

Maintenance Plans for Summer 2004

Over Summer and Autumn the Maintenance Subcommittee plan to complete the following:

- Continue Cladding around the dinning room exterior
- Replace stairs outside the Games Room
- Replace stairs from dinning room to bedrooms
- Repaint the dinning room
- Repaint interior of woodshed
- Replace tipping trough in septic system
- Replace the dinning room floor with hardwood
- Install a water tank in place of dam
- External painting
- Clean up the tow hut site

The aim of the maintenance sub committee is to improve the chalet for winter use, but with projects like cladding, reduce the time required over summer for working bees so that we may be open for more bookings. Most of these projects are planned so they may be done without direct supervision, so if you rover crew, or group of friends want to spend a weekend up the chalet, and don't mind doing a bit of work, call the bookings officer (0407 CHALET) who can organise discount rates.



Promotion of the Chalet:

The promotion teams needs the help of Alpine Rovers who are still Rovers to promote the Chalet, and Winter Parties. The team plans to promote at Rover Breakup, Surfmoort, Anything Goes, Hoadley Hide, Mudbash and Marb. If you are able to help at any of these events, contact Tyson Clugg our PR coordinator at tyson@clugg.net.

2004 Bookings Forms

Bookings forms for 2004 Winter Parties and Snow Venture will be available from our website soon. Victorian Branch Scouts have created a new health statement and privacy notice that needs to be added to our bookings forms, they will be available as soon as they are approved by Branch.

DIY: Ski Waxing & Tuning

Now's a good time to jump on the DIY bandwagon and give your skis a bit of TLC. Apply a layer of general purpose wax to your ski bases, but don't scrape it off, to protect them from damage and drying out while they're in storage over summer. They'll just need a scrape down and maybe a brush to be ready for skiing next season. Visit the tuning link at <http://www.paulski.com.au/winter/winter.html> for more details.

70th Anniversary Wine Glasses \$7.50

A number of commemorative glasses made for the 70th Anniversary Reunion are still available, if you would like one email me on bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au



Chalet Mascot Competition

The PR Committee are looking for a Chalet Mascot to be used in print, on merchandise and at rover events. The prize will be a set of the first issue merchandise featuring your design. Enter by email to bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au or by post to Bogong Rover Chalet, PO Box 190 Carlton South 3053

New website on its way

The PR Team with the assistance of Chris Gunther is developing a new look website for the Rover Chalet. It should be online early on the new year. Visit www.bogongroverchalet.org.au to check it out!

Stop Press!!

- Congratulations regular Week 9ers to Cameron Cook and Nicole Barlow who got engaged recently atop Mt. Bogong

WANTED:

Gossip, announcements, information and events. If there is anything that you want to share or publicise through the Bogong Bulletin email me at bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au or call my mobile on 0419585433

Australian Scout Fellowship

Are you no longer a member Scout Association? Consider becoming a member of the Australian Scout Fellowship. The fellowship is open to anyone over the age of 26; it gives people who don't want to become a leader to stay involved in the Scout Association. Membership gives you full Association membership which has a number of benefits, the main ones being income protection insurance while you are on scouting activities, and cheaper rates on your winter parties!!! For membership enquiries, contact your Branch Headquarters. In Victoria Write to Australian Scout Fellowship, PO Box 190, Carlton South, 3053

70th Anniversary of Rover Skiing

On Saturday 8th November, an Alpine Rover Crew Reunion was held at Albert Park. This provided those that attended to catch up with people they hadn't seen for a while, swap stories, and find out what is happening at the chalet. It also provided us with an opportunity to display all our historical artefacts that have been in storage since last January's bushfires, and find out some of the stories behind them, from people that were there! Dan Angus took some video to preserve some of the 'old-timers' stories for posterity. Thanks to all those that attended, and all those who helped make a successful afternoon, particularly Sue Tanck Kim Edmanson and Ray White for the displays, and Linda Merrall for the fantastic catering.

Coming Events:

23rd December
Vic. Rover Breakup
25th December:
Ho, Ho, Ho Merry Christmas
1st January:
Happy New Year
24th – 26th January:
Australia Day Weekend
(no working bee)
27th – 29th February
Anything Goes – Vic Venturer Event
6th – 8th March:
Labour Day W/E Working Bee
1st April:
Early Bird Bookings Close
9th -12th April:
Easter Working Bee
Hoadley Hide – Vic. Venturer Event
24th – 25th April:
Anzac Day W/E Working Bee
12th - 14th June:
Queens Birthday Weekend
Ski Season Opens!!!
26th June:
Week 1 – Snow Venture Begins

Help Wanted!

Help is needed at all the working bees listed above. Also, if you want go to the Chalet on another weekend, and do a bit of work, we can organize discount rates! Contact the bookings officer for details.



'That's me on the cover!'



Cadet Reporter Dan Angus



Harold's speech



Lindsay Collins telling a story



Old style skiing



Was my speech that bad?

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Address Update:

Have you changed your address or do you have an email address? Help us keep track of our Alpine Rover Crew by completing the form below, and post this entire (including old address label) to the above address. If you are receiving the bulletin via post, and would like to receive it by email, send your email address to bogong@vicscouts.asn.au

Name:

Address:

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Town:

Postcode:

Email Address:

Afterward: Melbourne Cup Weekend - The end of season 2003



Luke Moore on Basalt



Peter Rossborough and Linda Merrall on the High Plains Rd



View from Mt McKay Rd