



# Bogong Bulletin



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The Alpine Rovers and Venturers Newsletter

## What's On?

October 11  
Alpine Rover Crew AGM

November 7  
Melbourne Cup Day  
Summer Bookings Open

2007

January 26 – 28  
Australia Day Weekend  
Chalet Working Bee

March 10 -12  
Labour Day Weekend  
Chalet Working Bee  
Rover Discovery Weekend

April 6-9  
Easter Weekend  
Working Bee & Nobs Training

April 12 -15  
Venturer Mountain Bike Weekend

April 25  
Anzac Day

May 12-13  
Food Weekend Working Bee  
Summer Bookings Close

June 9-11  
Queens Birthday Weekend  
Ski Season Opens

June 30 – July 7  
Victorian Snow Venture 1 (Wk 1)

July 7 – 14  
Week 2 Winter Party

July 14 - 21  
South Aust. Snow Venture (Wk 3)

July 22  
Ski Fun Day

July 21 – 28  
Week 4 Winter Party

July 28 – August 4  
Week 5

August 1  
Highest Peak Project,  
Bogong Ascent

August 4 – 11  
Week 6

August 11 - 18  
Week 7

August 18 – 25  
Week 8

August 25  
Kangaroo Hoppet

August 25 – September 1  
Week 9

September 1 – 8  
Week 10

September 8 – 15  
Week 11

September 15 – 22  
Week 12

September 22 – 29  
Victorian Snow Venture 2 (Wk13)

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Chris Gunther in "2inches of Knee Deep Powder"

## 2006 Winter Party Reunion Alpine Rover Crew & Bogong Chalet Management Group Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 11th October 2006, 8 pm

Victorian Rover Centre, Highland Avenue, Clayton North

Catch up with friends you made on winter parties this year, share stories, photos, port and supper with friends from winters past.

Have your say in the running of the chalet.

We have positions for Venturers, Rovers and Ex-Rovers on the Management Group

Bring along photos and video of your ski tours and other winter party exploits and we will put them up in a big screen!

For Information on the Alpine Rover Crew, Venturer Unit and Chalet Management Group contact Lucas Moore, ARC Chairman on (03) 9737 0094

# Bogong Rovers For 2006

## Congratulations to:

Stuart Bailey  
Daniel Angus  
Tony Brooks  
Stuart Linnell

Mick Anton  
Bernice Mahoney  
Nick Smith  
Stephen Cornish



The Bogong Rover Crew is a honorary crew, whose members are invested as recognition to their contribution to the Alpine Rover Crew, Rover Skiing and Scouting. Being invested as a Bogong Rover is not about the number of winter parties attended, but a commitment to Rover Skiing and the Chalet. Alpine Rovers who have attended over 3 winters can be invested into the Bogong Rover Crew after nomination by a Bogong Rover.

If you are a Bogong Rover and know of anyone deserved, please contact the ARC Chairman at [bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au](mailto:bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au) or Matt Anderson, Warden on [mattew@trendprint.com.au](mailto:mattew@trendprint.com.au) A nomination form is available at: <http://www.bogongroverchalet.org.au>

## Season 2006

The early signs were for a good season, with regular snowfalls through April and May, making the final working bees interesting. The first skiing at the chalet for the season occurred during the final tow line working bees.

Unfortunately regular snow falls did not occur, which restricted ski touring and use of the new tow line. For the first time in many years, we had the chalet open continuously for the first ten weeks, which is fantastic, and all party's had a great time, even if they did have to walk a bit to get to the snow.

I think this year proved that a Winter Party at the Bogong Rover Chalet is not just about the skiing, but the camaraderie that forms over the week, which brings people back year after year. Special thanks needs to go to everyone who everyone who did a working bee last summer, on the chalet and the tow line, and the members of the BCMG, without all your help winter parties cannot run.

Now we look to the summer season, obviously there will be more working bees to improve the chalet, but also consider a weekend at the chalet for bushwalking, mountain biking, fishing or just getting away from the rat race.

*Luke Moore - ARC Chairman*

## ARC & BCMG AGM

The AGM (and Winter Party Reunion) is on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. We would like to have Photos and Videos of each week up on the data projector, so if you could email me links, or better still, bring along a CD or DVD to the AGM.

Also if anyone has any motions or general business to be tabled at the meeting could they please email me so I can add it to the Agenda.

*Luke Moore - ARC Chairman ( [lukem75@ozemail.com.au](mailto:lukem75@ozemail.com.au) )*

## BCMG Chairman's Report

Well when the snow started to fall in late April, I think most of us had our hopes set on a huge snow season, but alas, the snow never really arrived in full. It did come in bits and pieces and there were a few people lucky enough to be able to get some good skiing in, I believe those weeks were Weeks 1,3,7,9 and 10. Check out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViigKcdnKfi> to see the Spion ski crash of week 9. I was lucky enough to be on what I reckon was one of the better weeks for snow fall, week 7 with many trips out to the plains and beyond, we even got some use out of the new ski tow. It was fantastic this year to be able to have weeks 1 to 10 open, please see the bookings report for the exact numbers.

It doesn't appear to have been a very good year for the chalet in terms of maintenance and reliability, with many items needing repair in the coming season. The BCMG have a lot of maintenance and repairs scheduled for this summer but as always we need your assistance at working bees to get it all completed. This will not only ensure the long term survival of the chalet but see a reduction in expensive repairs. We must also ensure a smooth transition between committees and I encourage all Alpine Rovers to consider joining the Management Group. Fresh ideas and energy is always valuable in maintaining a vibrant, forward thinking productive and enjoyable committee and with the AGM coming up in just under a month on the 11<sup>th</sup> October, now is the perfect time to have your say.

I hope to see you all there especially Rovers because it is for Rovers that the Chalet exists. Once again I look forward to seeing everyone at the AGM.

Thanks for all your support over the year  
*Stuart Bailey - BCMG Chairman*

## Call for a Northern Territory Rover Adviser

After visiting the Bogong Rover Chalet on week 9, Mark Killip has returned to Darwin and hooked with a group of young people keen to get Roving up and running in the Northern Territory again. The crew is to be called NTerra Rover Crew. They are looking to find a Rover Adviser who can assist them in getting up and going and enable young Territorians to enjoy all five sections of Scouting. The intention is that the crew will be based across the entire Northern Territory. If anyone knows of anyone suitable in the Top End could you please contact Mark at [mark@feedtherat.com](mailto:mark@feedtherat.com) or Mick Simpson at [smsimpson@virtual.net.au](mailto:smsimpson@virtual.net.au)

# Powering along in the High Country

CONFIRMATION yesterday of plans to build a hydro-electric power station at Bogong Village was great news for this region. There are obvious environmental benefits from the proposed station, not the least of them being the massive reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. The station will also help bring greater surety of supply to Victoria's electricity grid. But the real benefits lie in the economic boost that will come to Mt Beauty and the region during construction.

According to The Australian Gas Light Company, the \$230 million project will create more than 200 jobs over the three-year construction period. It is reasonable to expect that most of the money paid in wages will circulate throughout businesses in Mt Beauty, Albury-Wodonga and other regional centres. The completed power station will also become a significant drawcard for tourists.

Yesterday's announcement also brings plans to seal the Bogong High Plains Rd tantalisingly close to reality.

All that is required is for the Federal Government to come to the party with a lousy \$2 million.

The Border Mail 19/9/2006



## Rover Outdoor Network

G'day VicRovers!!

The 'Rover Outdoor Network' is up and running and ready to help Rovers and Crews with information about going outdoors.

[www.vicrovers.com/ron](http://www.vicrovers.com/ron)

Are you having trouble and need extra Rovers to run an event?? Advertise it here!

With SUMMER coming soon, this is a great place to find and promote upcoming: rambles / hikes / caving expeditions / water activities / training courses / environment service.

For the more adventurous rovers, the links page can help direct you to state parks websites or to sites for outdoor equipment  
Get out there and have some fun!

Rowan Jennion - Adventurous Activities Officer Vic Branch Rovers [www.vicrovers.com/ron](http://www.vicrovers.com/ron)

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# Catering Report

Every winter there seems to be food shortages in one area or another. We adjust our food order each season to cater for this, but there are always short falls as peoples tastes change. Once again we asked the quartermasters to call Donna as soon as they noticed anything running out, so that we could arrange more (or tell you were it really was in the bulk pantry!)

This year seemed to be little different, running low on things like bread mix that we always over cater for, probably having a lot to do with low snow levels, which leads people to amusing themselves in ways other than skiing, like cooking.

As always food quantities are reviewed every year, if people have any suggestions for catering, email [bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au](mailto:bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au)

# Bookings Report

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
21	16	13	29	12	15	23	15	29	16

We had 189 bookings this year, with weeks 1-10 open. The numbers are down from last year, but with the conditions of the snow, I think the lower numbers were to be expected.

We are now taking summer bookings. The chalet is a great base for walking, biking, fishing and relaxing, and a welcome respite in the middle of a longer walk. There is also heaps of work to be done, so crews looking for a cheap weekend away could do a few chores and get discounted accommodation rates!

Summer bookings forms are available on our website. When filling in your application forms can everyone please remember to fill in the forms correctly and neatly, making sure you fill in every detail on the form; this makes the bookings officers' job much easier.

Sheena Ribgy – Bookings Officer

# Improvement and Maintenance

There are always things to be done to make the chalet better and more efficient for year round use. As well as the regular cleaning and painting tasks, we have the following jobs scheduled for summer:

- Recoating the Bathroom Floor
- Replacing the Drying Room Heater
- Cladding
- Repair or Renew Sand Filter
- Water Filtration

- UV Treatment of Drinking Water
- Completing the Tow Hut
- Weeding and Revegetation around the Chalet
- Rewiring the Electrical System

The management group have prepared some of these jobs over winter so that they are ready to go as soon as we can get vehicles in, and other jobs have arisen over winter. Repairs to the sand filter could be a minor or major job, we won't know until we can get a good look at it, but if anyone remembers the installation, it may be a major job that requires many bodies at a working bee.

The aim of the maintenance team is to make the chalet more comfortable in summer and winter and to improve the chalet to a point where ongoing maintenance is minimized, so the chalet can be used more for recreation, and less for working bees over the summer months.

If anyone has any expertise, or wants to assist in any of these jobs, contact the maintenance team through [bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au](mailto:bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au)

# skiBay

Got outdoors gear you want to sell, looking for some new gear? Sell and buy on skiBay

<http://www.bogongroverchalet.org.au/skiBay.html> There are no fees charges, so to sell you gear, email a photo and description to [chris@gunther.com.au](mailto:chris@gunther.com.au)



**Congratulations to:**  
Bruce and Lauren Durant who had Riley Patrick on the Thursday before week 9!

**Congratulations to:**  
Andrew Merrall (Wk9) and Liz Hurley on their engagement



# Historian's report

Well, it has been a very busy winter – hearing stories about your exploits is amazing! Now I hope you are recording these down somewhere, in a format that they can be easily retrieved. In the early days of digital cameras – I received electronic copies of photos, now, due to the fast pace of technology, I can't open some of them. They are irretrievable. So, a word of warning to everyone – store your photos very carefully, at the highest resolution, unedited and on good quality discs (CD or DVD) and always have a selection of photos printed. Just in case! It also never hurts to record or have a document that goes with your photos explaining who is in them, where you are and what date/time etc. It is great to have the photos but very difficult if you have no idea who they are or when the photos were taken.

## Alpine AGM discussion

At the AGM this year, I will be tabling a motion that is for discussion for the next twelve months and then voting on the proposal at the 2007 AGM. I will now discuss the background to the motion and then, at the end of the article, have the motion.

Over the past couple of years it has become apparent that there is two types of historical 'stuff', one category is items/info and artefacts that belong to Bill Waters and the original ski pioneers (up to the Second World War). The other category is, well, everything else.

In my research on Bill, it is becoming clearer, that he is what could be truly classed as an early explorer and pioneer of Australia. This is evidenced by the fact that he was inducted into the National Geographic Society in New York. This not an award that is lightly considered. He (and the early Rovers) walked, skied and mapped the Alpine region in the early days, assisted in many rescues and helped with the surveying and building of the Rocky Valley Hydro. In light of this information, the category one historical assets may really belong to the State of Victoria and not just the Rovers/Scout Association. They need to be protected from time and stored in a place so that in 50 years, they can be on display for all Victorians to see.

So, I want the permission of the Alpine Rovers and the BCMG to enter into negotiations with the State Library of Victoria and Museum Victoria to 'work out' what to do. However, (and this is a BIG however!) the moment I enter negotiations with these parties, they will know what we have and could place a legal order on them for me to hand over. This scenario is VERY UNLIKELY, but I want everyone to be aware of all the details. Also, if we agree to give the items on permanent LOAN, we will lose access to them. They will not be available for displays that I organise, only on official displays that the library or museum organises. Remember, this is for the category one assets only, not the bulk of our holdings. A lawyer specialising in historical donations has made himself available for any assistance that I may need.

By doing this course of action, it will ensure that for the rest of time, Bill's gear, his team's gear and other category one historical artefacts will be available and preserved for ever for all Victorians to have.

The motion that I will be tabling will be that I, as Historian and another member of the BCMG commence negotiations with the State Library of Victoria and Museum Victoria for the category one artefacts in our collection. I strongly urge everyone, especially current Rovers to consider and talk about this proposal, as I want to make sure that whatever action I take, it is fully supported by the Rover Section.

Thanks,

Sue Tanck – BCMG Historian

Congratulations to Melissa and Glen Pendavingh



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