

Bogong Bulletin

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In recent years Lindsay regularly attended the AGM of the Bogong Rover Chalet and loved to share his stories of skiing into his 90's. (Falls Creek gave free lift passes to anyone over 60, so he had 30 years of free skiing!) Lindsay was a Rover with 1st Kew and a member of the Melbourne Walking Club along with Lindsay De Marchi and Bill Waters, all of whom loved the Chalet and the High Country very much.

During WW2 Lindsay flew Spitfires, and after the war, setup a business manufacturing and distributing school jumpers. He used a trip to Germany for training in some new knitting machines to reaquaint himself with skiing in a resort near Innsbruck.

Linday was an excellent skier and pack tourer completing expeditions lasting many days. Many Alpine and Bogong Rovers had the pleasure and privilege to learn from him. He had a knowledge, deep love and respect of the high country, skiing touring and navigation. Lindsay knew and was part of Chalet history and loved sharing his beloved version of it!

A terrific long life, must be all the mountain air....

David Bossen, Luke Moore and Jody Freeman

2010 Winter Party Reunion Alpine Rover Crew & Bogong Chalet Management Group Annual General Meeting Wednesday 13th October 2010 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.

What's On?

2010 July 3-10 Week 2 Winter Party

- July 10-17 Week 3 SA Snow Venture
- July 17-18 'Mini' Winter Party

July 19-24 Week 4 Steiner Booking

July 25 Ski Fun Day Mt Baw Baw

July 24-31 Week 5 Winter Party

July 31-Aug 7 Week 6 Winter Party

Aug 7-14 Week 7 Winter Party

Aug 14-18 Week 8a Winter Party

Aug 18-21 Week 8b Winter Party

Aug 21-28 Week 9 Winter Party

Aug 28-Sept 4 Week 10 Winter Party

Sept 4-11 Week 11 Spring Skiing

Sept 11-18 Week 12 Spring Skiing

Sept 18-25 Week 13 Vic/Qld Snow Venture

Sept 25-Oct 2 Week 14 NSW/ACT/WA Snow Venture

Oct 13 Alpine Rover Crew & Bogong Chalet Management Group AGM

Oct 30-Nov 2 Melbourne Cup Working Bee Summer Season Opens

Week 9: Election Week Vote 1 Lottie

Bogong Bulletin Database:

We are currently working through our mailing list to make sure we have a comprehensive contact list of Alpine Rover Crew and Bogong Rover Crew.

If you get the bulletin by mail, could you please forward us an email address to bulletin@bogongroverchalet.org.au Also, if you know of anyone who does not get the bulletin and should, email their details to the above address too.

Bogong Rover Crew Nominations

While the season is still fresh in your mind, please consider Bogong Rover Crew nominations. All Bogong Rovers can nominate, so if you have



Nomination forms, along with eligibility are on our website at:

www.bogongroverchalet.org.au/aboutUsBogongRC or call me on 0407681340 and I'll organise a form to be posted to you

Snow Report

Matt Anderson, Warden

The snow season is well and truly underway! It looks like there is going to be some great weather coming up for Winter Party participants!

Currently, there is 40cm of snow at Falls Creek with more expected to fall in the next week. If you were holding off on putting your form in, the snow is here! Now is the time to call our bookings officer and get your form in! Don't wait too long or you may find your week is cancelled just because you hadn't got around to putting your form in!

Week One Snow Venture

It was a good week of skiing and snow play up at the Bogong Rover Chalet that 11 Venturers enjoyed. The ski in was a bit difficult, but after that it only got better! Everyone who attended had a great time.

Week 8a & 8b Half Weeks

Can't get a whole week off work? Try one of our half weeks. There is usually plenty of snow over week 8 so get your application in now for either half week or the entire week!

2010/11 Maintenance, Improvement and Working Bees:

The BCMG has already planned working bees for the summer season. Aside from the routine maintenance of the Chalet, projects are planned to improve the operation of the Chalet, reduce the need for ongoing maintenance, increase efficiency and make the Chalet an even more enjoyable place to visit. The two most pressing jobs on the list are:

- Recoating the bathroom floor. This is to smooth the surface and make cleaning it a little easier.
- Sand Filter. We are three quarters through this job and have only a few rows to go.

If anybody can assist us in this or any other maintenance task, contact us at bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au



Ski Expo 2010

Ski Expo was a big success this year with Andy Bennett coming and talking about the risks associated with fire in remote areas. Everyone enjoyed the talk and the great specials that EMC offer us each year.

Ski Fun Day- Sunday 25th July

Ski Fun Day is on again! This year it is going to be held on Sunday 25th July at Mount Baw Baw Meet at the WF Waters Lodge Day Shelter at 10am. Come along, catch up with your friends, and just have a fun day on the snow. Ski Fun Day aims to be just that- FUN! We look forward to seeing you there!

BCMG Chairman's Report

So far this season, the Chalet has seen lots of people coming and giving us a go. This year, not only have we retained some of these past rovers, but we have also recruited some new ones! It is fantastic to see everyone who attends a winter party having such a good time. I skied in with the Snow Venture participants this year and saw a transformation in their attitude as soon as they arrived (that might have been because they were so relieved to have <u>finally</u> arrived!). The Bogong Rover Chalet is such an amazing place to be not only because it is in the middle of 'virgin snow', but also because of the people who attend winter parties. I really believe that it is the people that make the Chalet such an amazing place to be. So, don't forget to get your forms in because the reason that a certain week can be so unforgettable could be YOU!

In a few months we have the AGM which is where we will elect Venturers, Rovers and Ex-Rovers who want to make a difference to the Bogong Chalet Management Group and Alpine Rover Crew. We have a position to suit you, so if you are interested, feel free to contact myself (Lynette Bailey) or one of our wardens (Matt Anderson and Linda Moore). Of the committees I have served on, I have found the BCMG most enjoyable because everyone makes an effort. I have enjoyed my term as chairperson because of the invaluable assistance BCMG members have offered me.

Make 2011 the year you step up to the plate, and give something back to Rovers- whether it is serving on the committee, attending a winter party, or helping out on a working bee- make a difference. I look forward to catching up with you at the AGM in October. In the meantime, enjoy your winter party! Lynette Bailey - BCMG Chairperson

Australian Scout Fellowship Groups

Victorian Branch now recognizes special interest groups within the Fellowship, not just District formations. We now have our own fellowship group. Any members in fellowship that wish to attach to Bogong, can quote 'ASF - Bogong Rover Chalet, group code 3001001' when renewing their fellowship for 2010/11.

Kangaroo Hoppet 2010

The Hoppet will be held on Saturday 28th August. If your interested in attempting the 7km, 21km or 42km race, visit <u>www.hoppet.com.au</u>. Put Victorian Rovers as your club on the application form. The Alpine Rover Crew runs the drink and food station at Wallace's Hut, if you would like help contact us at <u>bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au</u>

Waters Falls

If you have visited the High Plain (or Falls Creek) recently, you may have noticed that Parks Victoria have constructed a walking track to Fainters Falls just before the bridge over the Kiewa River. There is a second set of waterfalls above Fainters Falls that has been named Waters Falls in honour of Bill Waters's pioneering efforts in ski touring on Mt Bogong and the Bogong High Plains. The two sets of waterfalls were discovered in an unknown gorge that was revealed after the 2003 Alpine Bushfires. We would love to see the walking track extended to Waters Falls!

Federal Election:

The Fedaral Election has been called for Saturday 21st August. Participant on week 9 will need to arrange a pre-poll vote. Week 8 participants may vote in Mt. Beauty on Saturday, or arrange a pre-poll vote.

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 page (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 <u>bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au</u>

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Alpine Rover Crew and Bogong Chalet Management Group **Annual General Meeting** Wednesday 13thth October from 8pm @ Victorian Rover Centre Highland Ave, Clayton North Melway 70 C7