



Bogong Update

Summer 2004

The Alpine Rovers and Venturers Newsletter

Welcome to 2005 from the Alpine Rover Crew and Bogong Chalet Management Group! I have been quite busy recently and have not had time to prepare the regular Bogong bulletin, but as there are a few things that need communicating I'm sending this by email.

New Management Group:

During our AGM the following management was elected:

Jason Paino (Venturer Rep)

Dave Key (Rover – Environment officer)

Stuart Bailey (Rover - Maintenance)

Stuart Linnell (Rover)

Matt Moore (Rover - Bookings)

James Stewart (Rover)

Chris Gunther (Rover - Internet)

There are also the appointed positions of:

Jody Freeman (Treasurer)

Sue Tanck (Historian)

Matt Anderson (Warden)

Dan Angus (BCMG Chairman)

Mick Anton (26-30)

Bernice Mahoney (26-30)

Charlotte Duff (30+)

Peter Rosborough (30+ - Maintenance)

Luke Moore (ARC Chairman)

Mick Simpson (ARC Secretary).

Les Weibanga (Warden)

Nick Wright (SA Rep)

Brett Gardner (NSW).

The AGM also saw the departure of Andrew Gallagher as Assistant Warden. I would like to thank him for his time in the role, and am sure he will continue his involvement with the chalet.

Tow Rebuild:

Insurance and building approval is being finalised for the reconstruction of the ski tow. The plan is to reconstruct the tow over two summers with the hut being built this summer, and the tow system installed next summer. Mid January a meeting will be held with those that expressed interest in helping with the rebuild of the hut, with construction commencing soon after. Stuart Bailey from the Management group will be coordinating the rebuild. If you would like to help with the rebuild, contact the management group at

bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au

Maintenance:

Aside from the tow hut rebuild there are many other tasks to be completed over summer. Aside the regular cleaning, rubbish removal, and general maintenance tasks, we have projects that include painting, continuing the exterior cladding, installation of a filtration and sterilization system on the water supply, and finally the replacement of the septic system tipping trough.

Working Bees:

The first working bee will be the Australia Day Weekend, contact Matt Moore, Bookings Officer on 0407242538 to book your place.

Environment:

While the land around the chalet (and all over the high plains) is regenerating after the bushfires, the ground and low vegetation is still very prone to erosion and damage from footsteps etc. While you are in fire affected areas please tread lightly. The chalet has a supply of sterile straw that will be laid down on fire affected ground in the areas we are using like around the tow hut to minimize our impact. You will also notice on you next visit to the chalet that the 44gal drums that stored the recycling have been replaced with wheelie bins, which will make their removal easier and safer.

2005 Bookings and Prices

The 2005 booking form is now available on the internet, bookings open 1st February 2005. There has been a slight price increase this year to keep in line with rising costs of food, fuel and insurance. Visit the website at www.bogongroverchalet.org.au for your form.

2005 Snow Ventures

Three weeks have been set aside as Venturer Ski Parties in 2005. **Week 1 and 13** will be for Victorian and NSW Venturers, and **Week 4** will be for South Australian Venturers. The cost of the Venture Ski parties is \$275 for the week for Venturers and Leaders attending the week. There are also package deals which include transport and ski hire available. From Adelaide it is \$600 which includes return transport and overnight accommodation from Adelaide and ski hire, There will also be a package deal from Melbourne that will include ski hire and transport, although the price is still to be finalized. See the website for details.

History Update:

Sue has been busy working with the Scout Heritage and Museum Victoria on displays and restoration. We have acquired a few more sets of hand made timber skis, and reproductions of photos and plans have been made so that we will have something to go up in the history room this summer.

Hope to see you on the mountain in 2005

Luke Moore
ARC Chairman