



Southern Cross Alpine Lodge Directors' Report
For the year ended 31 December 2023 (AGM 4.00pm Saturday 25 May 2024)

What a blessing it is to be members of an alpine lodge. For many that idea is totally beyond imagination, but for all of us it is a reality. There are a few things that stand out when we think of our lodge. The fact that it is a Christian lodge, (how unique is that), where the gospel of Jesus is central in everything we do. The fact that it is in such a prominent location in the very quiet end of Corroboree Road. The fact that it is kept in very good order and increasingly so as the years go by. The fact that the tariff is kept at as low as possible. The fact that it is there for families, couples, and single people. The fact that non-members are welcome. The fact that we enjoy great food and the ability to ski/board out of the front door. What a place!

Staff: We were really blessed by our hard-working team: *Hosts:* Kevin & Ann, Brian & Julie, Margie & Graham, Paul & Barbara, Rod & Lisa, Peter & Alison, Rob & Mimy, Phil & Marcia, Jarrod & Tash, Stewart & Julie, Matt & Michelle, Chris & Sarah, *Chefs:* Tanya, Julie, Stephanie and Scott. *Cleaner:* John Riordan. A special thanks to Youthworks staff especially Fei Lim and Anna Lo for your availability and wisdom. What a team, thanks to everyone.

Maintenance: All tri beds have been replaced, the front deck has been painted, a new heater installed in the drying room. A new internal electrical sub board has been installed. Lots of work was completed at the working bee over the Anzac weekend, thanks Jarrod. In March 2024, Chris brought a group from Gungahlin Church to do extra work, thanks Chris.

Bookings: The indefatigable Brian continued to respond to a myriad of emails and calls on his time. Brian works hard to find places for as many members and guests as possible as well as ongoing bookkeeping. Thanks Brian.

Memberships: We welcomed some new members during the year and farewelled others. Our current PBS (Preferential Booking Membership) participation numbers are Class 1: 132 and Class 2: 96. If you are interested in selling/buying into our PBS scheme or know someone who might be, then please let us know. A reminder that we are a Christian lodge and a letter of good standing from your local minister is needed.

New Constitution: Ideas have now been sought from a legal team and it is hoped that a first draft will be available soon. Thanks, Jeremy, for your work on this.

The Alpine Church Perisher: Our lodge continues to actively support the ministry from this unique chapel. Most SCAL guests attend the weekly service which commences at 12:30pm with a bbq cooked by our chefs commencing at 12 noon. What a privilege to ski/board to the front door, enjoy a bbq, have a hot drink and cookies supplied by Margie and then sing the praises of our great God. We held an Opening for the Snow Season service on Saturday 10 June 2023. Perisher staff, ski patrol, Fire +

Rescue and Snowy Monaro Regional Council Mayor were present together with many guests. Graham spoke on Luke 17:11-18, being grateful to God for all His blessings.

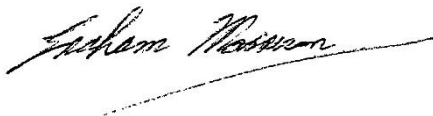
Director Changes: We sadly said farewell to Debbie Jarman prior to the last AGM. Debbie, thank you for your work as a director, your wisdom and knowledge has been gratefully appreciated, especially as you steered us with our policies during Covid.

We also sadly said farewell to Steve Thompson; Steve thank you so very much for your hard work, keeping our lodge in excellent shape. Your attention to so many maintenance matters that most of us were not even aware of makes you a legend.

We welcomed two new directors: Chris Hinchcliffe and Stewart Vella. Thanks, in anticipation of your work on our board. The vacant Youthworks position was filled by Ann Collins, a current director.

Finally, as always, thanks to you, our members. We always welcome your input and ideas. Southern Cross Alpine Lodge remains an amazing facility where we can all relax and take time out from our busy world. Time out especially to reflect on our relationship with our Creator, whose creation we enjoy so much.

Your directors have met either in person or on Zoom on 10 occasions during the year.



Directors: Graham Morrison (Chair), Ann Collins, Brian Gaetjens, Jarrod Denny, Stewart Vella, Jeremy Freeman, Chris Hinchcliffe.

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