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## A word from the President.

A Happy New Year and welcome to 2005.

I hope the winter season this year is as good as the last.

If you have not been to the lodge recently there have been a few changes. The lodge has had a marvellous kitchen renovation as mentioned in our previous newsletter and we wish to continue the momentum. Some of you will probably remember the 2003 – 2004 Christmas and New Year period. It was so hot that members actually went home due to the extreme heat experienced in the lodge itself. To overcome this we have installed air conditioning in the living area. Two reverse cycle units were chosen after consultation with several air-conditioning experts who attended the lodge and assessed our needs. The units installed were chosen on their expert assessment of our situation. There is more to say about this further in the newsletter but suffice to say I have tried them out and they work very well.

Continuing with the theme of improving our facilities the committee has undertaken the task of extending the lodge which was set in motion a few years earlier. At this stage plans have been drawn and can be viewed later in this newsletter. It is proposed that an additional area at the north end of the lodge accommodating a games area and small wet area will be built. Also planned is a further extension at the south end of the lodge. This will be an open undercover area to offer protection from the elements for recreation and BBQ etc.

Serious thought and planning has gone into this due to the numerous complaints and requests to separate the games area from the living area. I am sure nearly everyone has at some stage wished these areas were separate. Please read further about this in the newsletter and peruse the plans.

The lodge will have its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June next year and apart from the southern extension 15 years ago; these are the first major renovations the club has had. The amount of praise received for the new kitchen has been overwhelming. We want to continue to improve the conditions and the success of the club relies on our ability to satisfy our members. It appears we must be doing something right because membership has again exceeded last years high. With

the trend continuing the club can only continue to prosper.

I hope to see you at the lodge at some stage during the year.

**John Blaikie**

**Club President**

## From the Editor

Well 2005 is another year and already we are pushing into the 2<sup>nd</sup> month – only how many more days to Christmas!!.

As many of you will have already seen (downloading this newsletter) I have revamped the web site. I'm pretty happy with it and hope you are too. I have tried to include a few images around the lodge and will try to change these from time to time. For those perfectionists, please note I have deliberately stretched out some of the images.

If you have any photos to contribute either for use on the pages or in the photo albums, please send them to me at the email below.

Anyway, I hope you all have a wonderful and healthy 2005, I know even with one Blaikie in Year 12 this year, it will be a good one!

Remember if you have anything you would like put in the next newsletter or your business advertised please send me your details at [vpscpres@inet.net.au](mailto:vpscpres@inet.net.au) or just give us a ring.

**Pam Blaikie, Newsletter editor**

## WE NEED YOU

The position of Club Captain and Vice Captain remain unfilled.

So unfortunately Club Races and the ESSS races did not occur this year.

I am sure there must be someone in the membership prepared to take on this role for 2005, given that the club is primarily a SKI CLUB.

If you require more information about the role of Captain or Vice Captain please contact a member of the committee NOW!!

### Wanted - Keen & Enthusiastic People

If you want to make a difference, be a part of a vital and energetic team, learn new skills and meet new people.

Join the Committee!

The committee needs you!!

Without the Committee of Management the VPSC will not survive. Many members have done their bit, why not you!!

The next committee will be elected at the AGM on the 9<sup>th</sup> May and meets once a month, so if you want to know more, and are able to assist and take part, please contact any member of the committee.

### Contact the Committee 2004-2005

Please feel free to contact any member of the committee with any comments, complaints or compliments. We need your feedback!

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**Club Captain &  
Vice Captain**

**VACANT**

## Committee planning weekend

In February the committee will meet onsite at the lodge to discuss, some plans for the future of the club, what can be done to improve our club, the accommodation and functionality.

Further dates will be finalised and advertised on the web and in the next newsletter.

## Club Calendar

### **Working Bees for 2005 Wood stacking & Winter jobs April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30th**

Clean up and lots of odd jobs.

Free accommodation & Sausage Sizzle dinner supplied Saturday night.

Please book a bed with the Booking Officer NOW!

*Over the past 3 years there have been a lot of new members, it would be great to see some of your faces at a working bee.*

### **Annual General Meeting**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2005**

**Commencing 8.00pm,- location to be advised.**

### **Opening of the Ski season June**

Come along, enjoy a social weekend and hope for snow!!

### **Age Corporate Races Emergency Services Races**

**T.B.A.**

### **Club Races or Family Day**

August – Final date to be advised

The success of this day will depend on the membership to come forward and participate.

A Club Captain is URGENTLY required!

## Rates for VPSC Lodge

WINTER			
Members		Guests	
Week Day	Weekend	Week Day	Weekend
\$10	\$12	\$20	\$25
SUMMER			
Members		Guests	
Weekday/Weekend		Weekday/Weekend	
\$8		\$14	
FAMILY \$25		FAMILY \$45	

### **NOTE:**

*There are NO FAMILY RATES for Winter and the "Season" is from the Queen's Birthday to the **LAST LIFT Closure** on Mt Buller or the 1<sup>st</sup> October.*

**Send your accommodation fees to  
Jim Garrett  
10 Allambanan Drive,  
Nth Bayswater 3153**

### **BOOKINGS:**

**Telephone:** 9738 0767

(Tuesday & Thursday 6.30pm to 9.30pm)

**Fax:** 9738 0767 (anytime)

**Email:** [ypscbookings@hotmail.com](mailto:ypscbookings@hotmail.com) (anytime)

### **Avoid Disappointment**

Please try to anticipate your accommodation needs and contact the Booking Officer a few weeks before you need accommodation. The lodge is already booking fast for 2004.

### **Remember:**

Ø There are far more vacancies for Sunday nights through to Thursday nights than there are for weekends. Members (or their guests) who are shift-workers should give mid-week visits consideration.

Ø The lodge sleeps 34 people, to make the most of our resources, depending on bookings you may be required to share a room.

## J K L Feed back L K J

If we don't know the problem we can't fix it. Please tell the committee if you have encountered any problems or even if you just want to let us know we're doing a good or bad job.

Any minor works required should be written up in the book on the board. Anything that needs immediate attention should be referred to our Caretakers, Maurie and Dee, or a member of the Committee ASAP.

### Quote of the book:

"There is no wood in the wood box or in the wheelbarrow"

Sorry, but we don't offer 5 star accommodation! If the barrow has been emptied, you will have to refill it.

The lodge is somewhere to go and be a part of something good, somewhere where everyone pitches in for the benefit of all!



There are also a few Club stubby holders available for \$6.00 each.

**Please contact:** Jim Garrett or any member of the committee.

## Club Polo Shirts



### Club polo-shirts are still available.

Navy Blue with a white VPSC embroidered logo. An absolute bargain and great quality at \$10 per shirt

**Please contact:** Jim Garrett or any member of the committee.

## U The Plug Page

Our Newsletter is for our club members so if you have a service or a business you would like to recommend to other members.

*No one to plug this newsletter :*

## At the Lodge!!!

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Users of the Lodge are reminded listed chores need to be attended to on a daily basis and remember facilities are to be shared in a co-operative manner and that no user has exclusive access to the facility.

Kitchen rubbish bins need to be emptied and the rubbish bags taken down to the bins on Buttercup road, if not daily, when you leave.

Maurie has set up some recycling bins at the back of the lodge, they are marked clearly and he is happy to take them to the recyclers. So please make it easy for him.

## It's Summer

If you are at the lodge during the summer months please don't forget that we are on tank water, so practice those Water Saver habits. Our water runs from our roof to the tanks so please take it easy on the driveway and cut down dust.

## Air-conditioning and Fans for the summer months.

As of the 9<sup>th</sup> February air-conditioning has been installed in the living area of the lodge. We provide heating for winter and now some cooling for the summer months. Although summer hasn't been too hot this year, I sure we are still in for some hot days and the lodge can become quiet unbearable. Obviously, it is expensive and impractical to have right through the lodge, but for those of us who do get a

chance to enjoy the lodge in the summer months this is an added bonus.



There are two units, one on each side of the fireplace. There is ONE remote control that will operate both units.

Please remember to be sensible, switch off at night and when you leave the lodge.

Remember there are fans for each room. They should be in each room or in the cupboard space in the hallway.

## New Guttering

After many downpours this summer it is nice to see our water tank much fuller than in previous years. New colour bond guttering installed late last year has made a world of difference.



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## An extension in the Wind

For sometime now the committee has been toying with ideas on how to improve the lodge for you - our members. With some careful management the club is in an excellent position to consider some further extensions.

Everyone will have their own views, but our priority has been to create a bit more living space. Somewhere, where the big and small kids can play pool or party on, when others just want to sit and relax by the fire.

So as you will see from the plans on the next page we are planning to extend the living area to incorporate a games or lounge area extended out from the fireplace. The room will be approximately 45 square metres, also the roofline will incorporate an undercover unloading area. Within this room a small wet area, with a stove and sink and probably a free standing Coonara.

There will be some alteration to the driveway to accommodate the extension, but it is all very do - able.

Secondary to the living area extension, it is also planned, that an undercover area which continues the roofline will be built at the other end of the lodge to provide a shaded and sheltered area for relaxation, BBQ's and recreation.

The plans have been drawn up, and the committee is in the process of following up building permits and getting quotes from a number of sources, so it is estimated that construction will start at the end of the 2005 Snow season.

So if you are a club member and would like to comment please do so.

We are also calling for any members with building experience who would like to tender for the job to come forward or if you have builders within your family who are interested we would be happy to supply copies of the detailed plans.

Enquiries please contact either  
Bill Nash  
(9526 6581 / 0419 763348) or  
John Blaikie  
(Wk 03 98714119 / Mob 0421 634 335)

For a downloadable PDF copy of the plans please go to the VPSC homepage.

*Please note, however, that we have set a deadline of March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005 by which interested parties must contact the committee.*

Although, undoubtedly there will be opportunity for working bees to get involved in the extension, primarily the Committee is looking for a Registered & Guaranteed builder to complete this job. For a number of reasons, we simply cannot rely on our membership alone to complete this task.



