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Juniors Raffle 2024

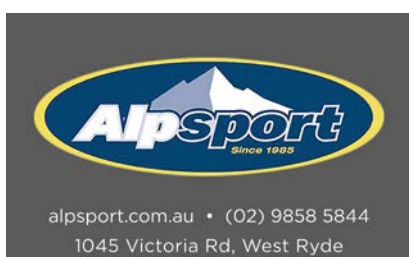
Thanks to everyone who was part of the Juniors Raffle in 2024.

Congratulations to Susie W-G, the lucky 1st prize winner who will be off to Sun Peaks Resort located in British Columbia, Canada. With a prize value of around \$6,000, courtesy of Tourism Sun Peaks and a travel contribution provided by Southern Alps Ski Club Juniors.

Lucky winning tickets:

Prize	Name	Ticket #
1st	Susie W-G	1697
2nd	Withheld	3712
3rd	Withheld	5261
4th	Justin K	1109
5th	Withheld	404
6th	Withheld	4742
7th	Suzanne R	2317
8th	Peter R	69

Also a huge thank you to the sponsors for the wonderful prizes who make this fundraiser possible.



2025 Winter Lodge bookings open from 7am on the following dates:

Tue 28th Jan

Weekly & 5-Night bookings open for Lodge Shareholders

Thu 30th Jan

Weekly & 5-Night bookings open for Club Members

Mon 3rd Feb

Any Night bookings open for Lodge Shareholders

Wed 5th Feb

Any Night bookings open for Club Members

Fri 7th Feb

Bookings open for Temporary Members

The following periods are set around Club events and can be booked from 28th January for shareholders and 30th January for Club members:

Kahane: 8-night booking commencing on Saturday 5th July departing Sunday 13th July

Christiania: Race week 6-nights commencing on Sunday 3rd August departing Saturday 9th August

Please note:

Weekly & 5-Night bookings must commence on Sunday until Any Night bookings open.

Tariffs include 10% discount for Weekly bookings at all lodges and 5% discount for 5-Night bookings at Kahane and Christiania Lodges.

Members are encouraged make bookings on Clubman; online deposit payment is required to secure your booking.

Bookings for Race Week (Christiania Lodge) and Nordic Week (Southern Alps Lodge) require event participation confirmation before the deposit can be paid, the booking officer will contact you before your booking is processed.

Until 7th February bookings are restricted to maximum of 14-nights booked together and maximum of 21-nights throughout the season.

Tariff sheet is available from www.sasc-aus.com



Perisher Cup 2025

Time to start thinking of whether you're keen to represent SASC in the 2025 Perisher Cup! It is scheduled for Saturday 13 September 2025.

More details to come closer to next years season start.



2025 CALENDAR | SOUTHERN ALPS SKI CLUB INC

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH THE EVENT CONTACT FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION

JANUARY

Fri 10
End of Christiania Lodge catered period

Fri 17 – Sun 19
Thredbo Blues Festival

Fri 17 – Sun 19
Kahane weeding weekend, contact Rod Peile 0448 670 586

Sun 26
Australia Day

Tue 28
Week & 5-night bookings (starting Sunday) open for Lodge Shareholders

Thu 30
Week & 5-night bookings (starting Sunday) open for Club members

Thu 30
End of NSW Public School holidays

FEBRUARY

Sun 9
XC & BW Walk, Northern Beaches, contact Geoff Thomas

Mon 3
Any night bookings open for Lodge Shareholders

Wed 5
Any night bookings open for Club members

Fri 7
Bookings open for Temporary members

Tue 18
Junior Committee meeting, 8pm online

Wed 19
Club Committee Meeting, all members welcome, 7pm online

Thu 20
April Newsletter deadline

Mon 24
Lodge meeting, directors only, 7 pm online

Thu 27 – 5 March
XC & BW Kahane Walking Weekend, contact Bob Sims

Fri 28
XC & BW Meeting – at Kahane, 5pm

MARCH

Wed 5
XC & BW Kahane Walking Trip ends

Fri 7 – 9
Kahane revegetation planting weekend, contact Rod Peile 0448 670 586

Mon 24
Lodge Meeting, all welcome, 7pm online

APRIL

Sun 6
XC & BW Walk, Eloura Walk (Thornleigh Hornsby), contact Bob Sims

Sat 12
Start NSW Public School holidays

Thu 17
Christiania Lodge Easter catered period commences

Wed 23
Christiania Lodge Easter catered period ends

Thu 25
Anzac Day

Sun 27
End NSW Public School holidays

Mon 28
Lodge meeting, directors only, 7pm online

Wed 30
Club Committee Meeting, all welcome, 7pm online.

MAY

Fri 2-4
Southern Alps Lodge stores – volunteers welcome, contact Kim Easdale 0412 851 615

Sun 4
XC & BW Walk – Neutral Bay – Mosman Bay, contact Colin & Fiona Burman

Tue 20
July Newsletter deadline

Tue 20
Junior Committee meeting, 8pm online

Wed 21
SASC LODGE Co-Op ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 8pm at Norths

Tue 27
XC & BW Mid-Year Lunch – Drummoyne Sailing Club, contact Sally Sims

JUNE

Sun 1
XC & BW Walk – Burning Palms Loop, contact Geoff Volk

Sun 1
Preparation Day for Juniors Bus Trip

Fri 6
Christiania start winter catered period.

Fri 6 – 9
Perisher PEAK Festival – TBC

Sat 7
Perisher and Thredbo SEASON OPENING

Wed 11
Club Committee Meeting, all welcome, face to face and online – 7pm venue to be confirmed

Sun 15 – 18
Canteen at Christiania Lodge

Sat 21
Charlotte Pass Snow Resort SEASON OPENING

Sun 22
Southern Alps Lodge start catered period

Mon 23
Lodge meeting, directors only, 7pm online

JULY

Wed 2 – 5
Juniors bus trip for 8-13-year-olds, all welcome to apply, contact Junior committee

Sat 5
Start NSW Public School holidays

Sun 6
XC & BW Walk – Rose Bay to Watsons Bay, contact Russell Barnes

Sun 6-13
Junior Training Week at Kahane (by selection)

Tue 8
Thredbo Junior Interclub, contact Lorena Juracich 0414 525 651

Sun 20
End NSW Public School holidays

Mon 21
Lodge Meeting, all welcome 7pm online

Fri 25 – 26 TBC
Thredbo Masters races

Fri 25 – 28

XC & BW Summit Tour,
contact Bob Sims

Wed 30 – 3 August

Southern Alps Weekend at
Charlotte Pass (by invitation)

AUGUST**Sun 3**

Walk – Upper North Shore, contact
Sharon/Chris/Harm

Sun 3 – 9

SASC Race week / Club
Championships at Thredbo

Mon 4

KAC Classic Cross-Country Race –
Perisher to Charlotte Pass

Sat 9

Thredbo Interclub Race

Wed 20

October Newsletter deadline

SEPTEMBER**Sun 31 August – 7 Sept**

Nordic Week 1 – Charlotte Pass,
contact Bob Sims

Sun 7-14

Nordic Week 2 – Charlotte Pass,
contact Bob Sims

Fri 12-14

Juniors Cadet weekend – Kahane
Lodge

Fri 12-14

Try Cross Country ski weekend with
SASC, all welcome – Kahane Lodge.
Contact Rod Peile 0448 670 586

Sat 13

Perisher Cup teams race

Sun 14

XC & BW Walk – City Ramble, contact
Annette Fitzallen

Sun 14

Charlotte Pass Snow Resort
SEASON CLOSE – Southern Alps
Lodge remains open.

Sun 14-28

Nordic Ski Club of NSW at
Southern Alps Lodge

Wed 17

Club Committee Meeting,
all welcome, 7 pm online

Sun 21

Christiania Lodge end of
catered period

Mon 22

Lodge meeting, directors only,
7pm online

Sat 27

Start NSW Public School holidays

OCTOBER**Sun 5**

Southern Alps Lodge end of
catered period

Mon 6

Perisher and Thredbo SEASON
CLOSE

Sun 12

End NSW Public School holidays

Sun 12

XC & BW Meeting – The Thomas's
Home, contact Bob Sims

Tue 14

Junior Committee Meeting,
8pm online

Sat 18

XC & BW Walk – Blue Mtns, contact
Andy & Marion Cairns

Mon 20

Lodge Meeting, all welcome,
7pm online

Sat 25

Mark the date for a Celebration,
details will be published in the
April Newsletter.

NOVEMBER**Fri 7 – Mon 10**

4WD camping weekend –
Shoal Bay, contact Bob Sims

Wed 12

SASC ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING – Venue to be confirmed

Thu 20

January 2022 Newsletter deadline

Sat 22-23

Lodge Meeting at Christiania,
directors only

Sun 30

XC & BW Christmas Picnic/Walk –
Lane Cove NP, contact Bob Sims

MEETINGS**Club committee meetings**

(online and face-to-face) will
commence at 7:30pm. Contact the
Secretary for meeting details –
secretary@sasc-aus.com

Juniors Committee online meetings

will commence
at 8pm.
Contact Darren Gore
for meeting details –
0419 691 717
or dgore@iinet.net.au

Lodge online meetings

will commence at 7pm.
Contact Daniel Kavo for meeting
details – 0401 250 866

SASC OFFICE BEARERS – 2025

Check the website first, then
contact appropriate Club office
bearers if needed.

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Jenny Williamson 0438 742 963

Junior Racing Co-ordinator

Lorena Juracich 0414 525 651

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Sandy Brinkman 0413 586 661

Cadet Coordinator

Renee Thomlinson 0448 255 553

CROSS COUNTRY AND BUSHWALKING COMMITTEE:**Chairman**

Bob Sims

Secretary

Sally Sims

LODGE DELEGATE:

Tim Moore 0411 220 789

AUDITOR:

Dynasty Colelough

President's Report

I wish you all a happy New Year and hope you were able to enjoy the Christmas break.

The Club's AGM was held at Norths on 20th November and also streamed online, it was nice to have members attend and then stay for the post meeting dinner.

Congratulations to Bob and Sally Sims who were awarded life membership for their significant contribution to the Cross Country & Bush Walking group being the Chairperson and Secretary since 2005, detail of their service is listed in the Snippets Section.

A vote was not required for the 2025 committee as there was only one nomination for each position. There are two new Vice-Presidents: Pete Horder and Renee Thomlinson. Daniel Kavo stood down from the Vice-Captain's position and our 2024 Club Champion, Hayden Cairns, nominated for that role. Sandy Brinkman has replaced Helen Pearson as the Newsletter editor. Steph Witts has returned to look after our social media; perhaps you have already noticed Steph's work on Facebook and Instagram. I thank the committee for their nominations.

Helen Pearson was presented with a thank you gift for her editor's contribution over past 42 years! Detail of Helen's service was covered in the last newsletter.

I thank last year's committee for their efforts and look forward to working with the 2025 committee.

I am pleased to report that the Club's financial position remains sound, and we will continue to support racing, our Juniors, elite athletes and the Lodges.

Last year our financial membership decreased by 5%. Members who missed their 2024 subscription payment can still login to Clubman and settle the arrears. New member applications will be processed after each Committee meeting.

Work on the Club's policies and online storage stalled last year but I hope to make better progress this year.



Bob and Sally Sims, Rod Peile

Child protection and member protection policies are at the top of the list. Please get in touch if you have expertise in these areas.

Please mark Saturday 25th October 2025 in your diary for a Club get together. We have two milestones to celebrate, 90 years since the formation of the Club and 60 years since Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass, our first lodge, was opened. We will need help with this event, so I ask if you have ideas or willing to help, please contact me or another committee member.

I encourage you to consider exploring the mountains in summer. The final stage of the Snowies Alpine Walk was due to open in December, the scenery along all sections of the walk is fantastic and well worth a trip to the mountains. Book a stay at Southern Alps Lodge to explore the tracks around Charlotte Pass and see the new lodge facade.

The demise of snow gums around the Perisher Range has continued, but there have been programs by several lodges to replant trees in an effort to help replace what has been lost, our work around Kahane Lodge will continue this summer, if you would like to help please see details on page 8-9.

I wish our sponsored skiers, Matt Clayton & Letitia Murphy all the best for their northern winter campaigns – see report on page 8.

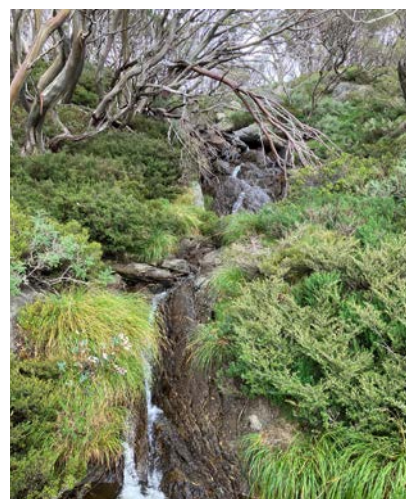
The next Club Committee meeting will be an online meeting on Wednesday 19th February, at 7:00pm. Login details and the agenda will be emailed to members in the weeks leading up to the meeting, I hope you can join us as plans for 2025 are discussed.

All the best for 2025.

Kind regards,

Rod. Peile

0448 670 586



Snowies Alpine Walk

Juniors Report

Thank you to all those that purchased tickets in the annual junior's raffle. We managed to raise sufficient funds to cover costs and contribute to the juniors funding commitments for next season.

Appreciation is extended once again to the team at Tourism SunPeaks and the SunPeaks Grand Hotel who offered members the opportunity to ski Canada during our summer. The ski club and lodge co-operative provided accommodation prizes at SASC facilities, whilst Alpsports at West Ryde continued their support also, including a members discount benefit, the same as the team at SX Snow at Caringbah.

Congratulations to all the prize winners.

We held our annual meeting in October and thank you to those who have offered to help manage the activities of the Junior's in the coming year and have taken committee positions.

We are always pleased to support junior members who are travelling overseas for the northern winter and committing to training and racing programs. Henry Woon is heading to compete and train in Whistler in December/January, whilst both Annabelle and Victoria Jones will be located in Vail for the month of January. Henry, Annabelle and Victoria were all part of our 1st place Junior Interclub team, and we wish them all the best for their travels.

Until next time – Go Well!

Darren Gore

SASC Juniors – Chairperson

JUNIORS KEY DATES 2025

Tue 18 February. Junior Committee meeting, 8pm online

Tue 20 May. Junior Committee meeting, 8pm online

Sun 1 June. Preparation Day for Juniors Bus Trip

Wed 2 – 5 July. Juniors bus trip for 8-13-year-olds, all welcome to apply, contact Junior committee



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2024 Junior Bus Trip Team. (April Wynn front centre)



Parent helper Jenny Williams.

Some junior skiers warming up.



Lesley and team



A Junior on the Table Top.

Captains Report

2024 was my first year as Club Captain and it was certainly a reasonably steep learning curve, however with the support of Vice Captain Daniel Kavo, I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and I thank Daniel for his hard work, assistance and friendship throughout the year.



Junior frequent flyer.

While 2024 will not go down as one of the best years for snow conditions, it was nevertheless marked with a number of important milestones and achievements for SASC. 2024 was the 50th anniversary of the Junior Bus Trip, and fittingly saw the junior race team win the Junior Interclub event for the 2nd year in a row. SASC also won the Thredbo Senior Interclub Championship for a 12th year in a row and for a small window, Perisher also opened 100% of its lifts at the same time, for the first time in 4 years.



Looking forward to the calendar of events for 2025, we have a busy year ahead. Key dates for the diary – Perisher and Thredbo are opening Saturday 7 June 2025, with Charlotte Pass set for 22 June 2025. Junior's Bus Trip will run over 3 days from Wednesday 2 July to 5 July, with the Junior Interclub scheduled for 8 July 2024. SASC Race week will be held between Sunday 3 August to 9 August with the



SASC Racer John Whelan, from where you would rather be.



Junior racers hard on their rails.

Senior Interclub event at Thredbo on Saturday 9 August.

There is always a lot of interest from members in the club race week and arrangements are in place with TAC and KAC to make sure its another memorable week of club skiing for everyone involved, regardless of your age or ability through the gates.

At the time of writing, SASC is also again looking at sponsoring Letitia Murphy (ski cross) and Mathew Clayton (freeride) being two elite skiers participating in the Northern Hemisphere Winter training campaign, and our best wishes go to Matt and Letitia, for their overseas campaigns.

On the whole, 2025 is shaping up to be another great year for SASC and I am looking forward to catching up and skiing with as many of you as possible. My long range snow forecast is indicating that 2025 could be one of the best seasons ever. Time to get your skis and boards waxed Southern Alpers – The mountains are calling, and you have a party to go to! Ski you there.

Oliver Small

SASC Club Captain 2025

Snippets

BOB AND SALLY SIMS AWARDED LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Bob and Sally joined Southern Alps in 1973 after meeting on a SASC bus trip to the snow. They participated in Cross Country & Bush Walking committee events for many years before Bob and Sally became the chair and secretary of the group after the retirement of Charlie and Peg Griffiths in 2005.

The XC & BW committee organise monthly walks in Sydney and surrounds, camping weekends, mid-year dinner, Summit Tour (cross country ski tour from Thredbo to Charlotte Pass and Perisher), Nordic Weeks (where members take part in cross country day trips), and perhaps less known Bob organises the maintenance of Cootapatamba Hut located 800m south of Mt Kosciuszko with the Kosciuszko Huts Association and NPWS.

"Their unending efforts, boundless energy and good spirit have been a great asset to SASC". Congratulations Bob and Sally.

CLUBMAN INTERFACE UPDATE

The look and feel of Clubman is getting a major overhaul to make things quicker, easier, and more beautiful for users – the launch date has not been set but probably after the lodges winter booking rounds have been completed. You will be informed by email before the change occurs.

MEMBER DETAILS

Members can update their email address, phone numbers, postal address, and newsletter option in Clubman. Please contact secretary, Lea Price, at secretary@sasc-aus.com if a name change is required or you have dependent children to add to your family membership. If your family situation changes and you want to add or remove a partner, please contact Lea.

CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

Thank you to members who have paid their 2025 subscriptions, payments are due on 31/12/24. New bookings will be denied if you or anyone on your booking has overdue charges.

Subscriptions can be paid by clicking on the link in the reminder email OR you can see any unpaid charges at the bottom of your Clubman home page.

If you have arrears from previous seasons, it is preferred for you to pay each year separately.

Payments should be made by clicking the link on the New Charge email, then click the PAY NOW button on your subscription page, EFT and cheques should only be used as the absolute last resort. Please don't hesitate to contact David Collett, Leanne Price, or Rod Peile if you need assistance – contact details are shown on page 3.

Shareholders are reminded that they are required by Co-op rules to be financial Club members.

SNOWY MOUNTAINS BUS SERVICE

The Snowy Mountains Bus Service ran again over the past winter season, reducing the number of cars heading to the Resorts. The service runs every 30 minutes at peak times and the cost is very attractive, return trip including National Park entry fees was only costing \$23 in 2024 for an adult. There are other ticket options for families, weekly and season passes too. There is a luggage limit of 20kg per person which could restrict some lodge guests.

For more information see www.transportnsw.info/news/2024/snowy-mountains-bus-service

SOUTHERN ALPS SPONSORED SKIERS

The Club and Lodge Cooperative have provided support to Matt Clayton and Letitia Murphy for their northern winter campaigns. April Wynn has decided to stay at home for the start of the Northern winter.

Matt is turning his hand to freeride skiing and plans to be based in Switzerland in January & February to train with colleagues, Matt's goal is to qualify for the World Freeride Tour.

Letitia has returned to competitive skiing switching disciplines from alpine to ski cross, initially Letitia will be in Japan to working towards her level 4 instructors' certificate while continuing to train. In March Letitia will be based in Europe and hopes to race for Australia in the Junior World championships.

We wish Matt and Letitia all the best for their training and competition!

KAHANE LODGE REVEGETATION PLAN

Last summer we planted 75 native plants in a garden bed in front of the bedroom wing, 30 heath plants to extend the lower heath area and another 15 snow gums to continue the rehabilitation of our plot. The success rates of the garden weren't so good, only 50% survived the dry autumn, winter snow or hungry feral deer. A lot of the plant guards were dislodged by the wind or damaged by the deer. The heath plants had a much better survival rate with only 2 not surviving the winter. The top dressing and grass we planted last year has improved the cover on the lawn area and made mowing much easier.



Hungry feral deer



Garden and heath plants Nov 24



Mid-November Joe di Falco, Yvonne Rowling and I mowed, weeded, and reinstalled the damaged plant guards. We also met with Amy Slocombe from NPWS to confirm rehabilitation plans for this summer.

We have set the following dates:

17-19th January - Mowing and weeding

7-9th March - Planting and small Lodge working bee.

Your help is needed to progress this work, accommodation is provided at Kahane, if you can help, please contact Rod Peile 0448 670 586.

BEN RICKETTS ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVE.

Southern Alps has a share in BREP located on the Illawarra escarpment 120 km from Sydney at 774 Jamberoo Mountain Road. There are 3 rustic cabins available for holiday rental with plenty of wildlife on the property and adjoining Barren Grounds Nature Reserve. SASC members are welcome to stay and possibly access to our allocation of BREP shareholder rates.

To make a booking please email bookings@benricketts.com.au or call 0491 718 963 and mention you are a Southern Alps member.

SASC members are welcome at Ben Rickett's working bees, the 2025 dates are Feb 15/16, May 17/18, Aug 16/17 & Oct 18/19. See www.benricketts.com.au

SNOWIES ALPINE WALK

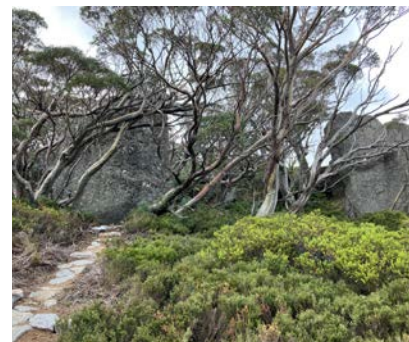
Stage 4 of the Snowies Alpine Walk was due to be opened in December, this section runs from Perisher to Bullocks Flat and is the last stage of the walk that links Guthega, Charlotte Pass, Perisher, and Bullocks Flat.

The Stage 4 section includes platforms to take in the spectacular views of the Thredbo Valley escarpment. The walk provides a fantastic, safe walking experience across alpine areas at the top of Australia.



This walk was recently featured in SBS Great Australian Walks program see > www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/watch/2362029635572

Staying at Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass is a great starting point for the new tracks!



Snowies Alpine Walk

Mt PERISHER 6

Construction is in full swing on the Mt Perisher 6 seat chairlift with work planned for completion before the start of the winter season. The new chair will increase capacity of the old Mt Perisher lifts by 60%. The 1961 Mt Perisher double chair was demolished last summer and the individual chairs were auctioned raising \$312,000 that Perisher kindly donated to 22 local charities.

Bushwalking and Cross Country

Bob & Sally Sims



Nordic Week – On the Main Rangs

Annual Summit Tour XC Trip

In 2025 we will be trialling a new format for the annual XC Summit Tour, basically we'll be dropping the bus and adding an extra day at Charlotte Pass – Contact Bob Sims for an updated fact sheet.

Sep – Nordic Weeks 1&2

Nordic Week was a lot of fun with trips in all directions from Charlotte Pass.

Groups travelled to Mount Kosciuszko, Main Range, Betts Creek, Mount Carruthers, Mount Guthrie, the suspension bridge over Spencers Creek, and the Old Restaurant/Wright's Creek. The week featured mostly sunny days with lots of wind.

A snowfall on Monday provided some 'freshies' to play in. Our accommodation at Southern Alps lodge was excellent especially the delicious meals provided by our wonderful Manager's Sam and Carl and their team.



Malabar Walk

Sep – Malabar Headland

On a beautiful Spring Sunday, 18 members met to walk the 'Boora Point Walking Track' from Maroubra Beach to Malabar, we then continued on to Little Bay for an easy 9 Kms. The walk to Malabar is on a well-formed track

while the second leg is a bit more challenging needing to negotiate two golf courses. We spotted a few whales and had a relaxing lunch at Malabar Beach. Many thanks, Annabelle for your leadership.

Oct - Wentworth Falls

Fifteen members met at the Conservation Hut Café at Wentworth Falls for an early coffee with a million-dollar view into the Jamison Valley.

We then descended from the café and followed the 'Overcliff' track stopping at several lookouts (incl Princes and Fletchers) to admire the views into the valley.

We stopped for lunch at Rocket Point Lookout with a magnificent view of Wentworth Falls.

After lunch we headed up to Wentworth Falls picnic area before completing our 8 km circuit back at the café, where we stopped for a well-earned afternoon coffee. Many thanks to our leaders Marion & Andy.



Wentworth Falls - Jamison Valley

Nov - 4WD Camping at Abercrombie

We had a very pleasant few days at Jacquie's property in the Abercrombie NP. The weather was kind, the road in was in excellent condition and the river crossing was easy.

We had one walk along the Retreat River to the Sink Campground and a bush bash following the Licking Hole Creek. We managed to do some useful jobs around the property and while still found time for a delicious camp oven roast lamb dinner. Many thanks to Jacqui for your hospitality.



Abercrombie NP

Nov - EOY Christmas Picnic Walk

We had 27 members and family meet at Lane Cove NP for our EOY Christmas Picnic, it was a great catch up with many of our active and not so active members. We were privileged to celebrate Ron McCann's 90th birthday and to recognise Trish & Ron Giles, Helen & George Lowson and Ron McCann on achieving 60 years of SASC membership.

The XC & BW page of the SASC website (www.sasc-aus.com/cross-country-bush-walking-news) has details of past walks (description, pictures and maps) and a calendar of our upcoming walks.

We look forward to seeing you on a walk in 2025.



Christmas Picnic

SASC LODGE CO-OPERATIVE LTD OFFICE BEARERS

Contact the appropriate Lodge office bearers for queries re accommodation, Lodge members' change of address, shareholdings, comments and general correspondence concerning the lodges.

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K Easdale	D Kavo
T Moore	R Peile
W Sidwell	A Sloan

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sascperisher@gmail.com

Christiania Lodge - Thredbo

Lisa Robertson 0402 409 576
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sascthredbo@gmail.com

SASC Lodge - Charlotte Pass

Christine Edwards 0416 255 815
(10am to 6pm)
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southernalpscp@gmail.com

LODGE SHARE HOLDINGS

Currently there is a waiting list for lodge share holdings; interested members should contact Christine Marriott on 0428 821 555
sasccoop@bigpond.com

LODGE SECURITY

Members and guests are reminded that they are responsible for the safety of all their valuables, cash, credit cards, equipment and clothing while staying in the lodges. The Lodge Co-operative cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage of such items.

DRESS STANDARDS AT LODGES

Members are reminded that guests in the dining and lounge areas of the lodges are required to maintain a reasonable standard of dress. Night wear, bare feet or scruffy footwear are not permitted.

LODGE REPORT

The Charlotte Pass lodge renovations are now substantially completed. The work has involved a huge effort and notwithstanding the delays in construction caused by the fire in the Charlotte Pass sewerage system and last-minute requirements by NSW Department of Planning and Fire and Rescue NSW we were able to open for the majority of the season.

I must thank the Charlotte Pass directors Tim Moore, Kim Easdale and Will Sidwell as well as Daniel Kavo who were meeting sometimes daily with the architect as well as those club and lodge members who gave valuable assistance in negotiating the labyrinth of government requirements. The Charlotte Pass directors and our booking officer Chris Edwards also worked tirelessly behind the scenes to obtain alternative accommodation for the period when we were unable to obtain an occupation certificate until NSW Fire and Rescue gave their ok.

A hand rail has been installed at the entrance stairs at Christiania and Joe Di Falco is organising painting of the exterior of Christiania.

The Kahane directors are working on plans to maintain and renovate Kahane Lodge.

Our secretary Chris Marriott is working on identifying inactive shareholders and shareholdings will be offered to replace those shareholders who are inactive and forfeiting their shares.

Please note that the 2025 winter booking dates follow the sequence adopted in 2024. Consideration was given to lengthening the periods between the various categories but for reasons including the expiry of pre-season discounts at one of the resorts we have continued the previous time periods.

Christiania is open for the summer season (except for some weeks from mid-February until mid-March to allow for the painting) for walking, swimming and bike riding. There are bike racks set up in the ski room and a hose to wash the bikes outside. Please refer to the club calendar for catered periods over Easter.

Charlotte Pass has a resident summer caretaker and is open for summer guests.

The 2024 winter season had hurdles including the late Charlotte Pass opening and the short season but overall we were able to break even in respect of operating costs. We have slightly increased our 2025 rates but at the lowest amount necessary.

I wish everyone a pleasant Summer and good snow conditions for those travelling to the northern Hemisphere during our summer. A trip to one of our lodges during the hot summer months is a good way to have some fresh mountain air and cooler temperatures.

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