

SASC NEWSLETTER

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President's Report

Thank you to everyone who replied to my emails about Club activities and to those who took time to attend the Club's online Committee meetings, it is great to receive your feedback and support. The next Committee meeting on 17th September will be online, commencing at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome, and I encourage your input.

I was very pleased to receive so many responses to the social function email, based on replies and past venues, Radisson Blu in the city has been selected. I hope you can join us to celebrate the Club's 90th anniversary and 60 years since opening Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass. The Radisson is changing name to Paradox Sydney on 1st July – More details below, with a TryBooking link and QR code to purchase tickets.

There were plenty of responses to the Try Cross Country email too, there is certainly strong interest to look outside the resort areas. We have engaged with Wilderness Sports who will provide two lessons for classic style cross country participants and a ½ day guided tour for those wanting to try an alpine touring experience. I hope this is the first of many weekends where members can learn new skills.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped at the Kahane rehabilitation weekend in March and the Southern Alps Stores weekend in May. Both weekends were well attended, and it is great to see everyone come together to help. Detailed reports on both weekends are in the Snippets section.

Congratulations to Letitia Murphy and Matt Clayton who both had great experiences in the Northern Winter. There are also some very talented Juniors coming into focus and I wish them well for this season.

We remain keen to support members who are training and competing in snowsports at an elite level. If you are committed to a 2025-26 Northern Winter program, please submit a funding application by 31st August - more details on page 6.

There are Club events throughout the winter, please contact the event organiser listed in the calendar on page 3, if you need information or want to attend.

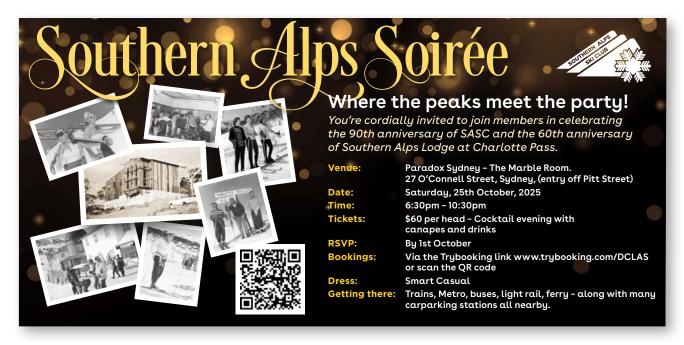
Good luck to everyone competing in snowsports this winter. That includes children competing in Interschools competition. Please contact Oliver Small if you are keen to join our race week events from 3-9 August.

There are booking opportunities at all lodges and cancellations inevitably occur that can create opportunity for others – keep an eye on the availability calendars in Clubman.

I wish you all a safe winter and great snow conditions.

Rod Peile

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Bushwalking and Cross Country



Kahane Walking Weekend



Cootapatamba Hut Working Party

March - Cootapatamba Working Party

We also had six members walk down to Cootapatamba Hut for the bi-annual working party. Considering its extreme location, the hut is in great condition, only needing a light sand and some touch up paint.

March - Kahane Walking Weekend

We have 26 members attended the annual Kahane walking weekend we walked every day including the newly opened Perisher to Bullocks Flat Walk using Snow Mt Shuttles for the pickup and return. A great week-end was had by all.

With a range of walking abilities, we were able to schedule multiple walks on most days.



Near the Porcupine

April - The Zoo to Balmoral

17 members walked from The Zoo to Balmoral, the walk follows the harbour with many beautiful harbour views, we really enjoyed the newly opened 3km section at Middle Head. We also passed many wartime fortifications some going to 1880, a very interesting



Clifton Gardens



Near Cremorne Point

snapshot of Sydney's history. Finishing the walk in Balmoral we had an added bonus when Tim spotted the 'Happy Hour' sign outside the Balmoral Boat Shed.



Horse Camp Hut Walk

May - Neutral Bay to The Zoo

On a sunny Sydney Sunday, 13 walkers met at North Sydney wharf for the walk to The Zoo wharf. We started with a very short ferry hop to Neutral Bay then followed the marked walking track to The Zoo. Some street walking and some in bushland. It is a beautiful walk with many fantastic city and harbour views. Thanks to Colin & Fiona for the planning and leadership.



Mid Year Lunch

May - Mid Year Lunch

On a great 'sailing day' 19 members met at the Drummoyne Sailing Club for our annual mid-year lunch and catch-up.

The XC & BW page of the SASC website (https://www.sasc-aus.com/cross-country-bush-walkingnews) 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.

Bob & Sally Sims

2025 CALENDAR | SOUTHERN ALPS SKI CLUB

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

JULY

Wed 2 - 5

Juniors bus trip for 8-13-year-olds

Sat 5

Start NSW Public School holidays

Sun 6

XC & BW Walk - Rose Bay to Watsons Bay, contact Russell Barnes

Sun 6 _ 17

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 - Sun 27

Thredbo FIS 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

AUGUST (Cont.)

Sat 16 - Mon 18

Thredbo FIS Masters races Age groups from 18 to 80+

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

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, 7pm 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

SASC Social Function to be held at Paradox Sydney. See advert page 1

NOVEMBER

Fri 7 - Mon 10

4WD camping weekend -Shoal Bay, contact Bob Sims

Wed 12

SASC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, at Norths

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



Juniors Report

Preparations for the Junior's bus trip and race training week are well underway. Once again we have received a large amount of interest from the junior club members with enquiries from more than 50 interested children. At this stage we will be sending the older children to Kahane Lodge @ Perisher and the 8-9 year olds going to Southern Alps Lodge in Charlotte Pass. 44 children supported by circa 15 parent helpers will form the group across the 2 locations.

The Bus Trip Planning BBQ was a resounding success, and I would like to extend my appreciation once again to the juniors crew for their assistance with shopping, cooking, stacking chairs, and cleaning up afterward. I would also like to express our thanks to the Lane Cove Sailing Club for graciously allowing us to use their facilities once again.

The Junior Interclub event is scheduled to take place at Thredbo on Tuesday July 8th. The Junior race training team will be heading to Thredbo from Perisher to race for the club, along with members who reside locally. Those who are staying at

the lodges (Kahane and Christiania) or down for the week, if your child is under 18 and interested in representing SASC, please contact Lorena Juracich at sasc.race.coordinator@gmail.com
The juniors will provide assistance with Thredbo lift tickets and race entry. We usually have a great turnout of keen young members, with SASC having won this event for the past 2 years under Lorena's guidance.

Keep an eye out for the annual junior's raffle on a separate communication. We will have great prizes as always and all funds raised will go towards supporting the events we organise and run.

Henry Woon returned to Whistler @ Easter with our sponsorship support and raced as part of the Australian team where he had strong results racing up an age group in a competition with 440 competitors from 18 Countries, including Norway, Switzerland, Slovakia, Bosnia, USA, Japan, NZ and Argentina. At our most recent meeting, we approved Southern Winter sponsorship support for, Lola Hughes, Lily Juracich, Victoria Jones, Annabelle Jones and Henry Woon. Wishing all these guys well as

they train to improve their skills on snow and participate in their various racing disciplines this season.



Henry Woon

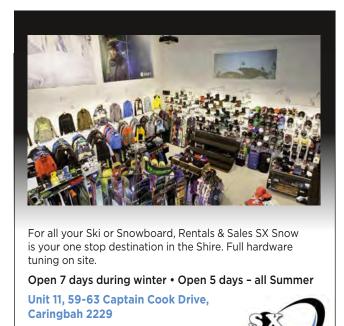
We have already had some early-season snow dustings, and we are hopeful for more to come. Enjoy the upcoming season and make the most of what is available if you can get to the mountains.

Go Well!

Darren Gore

Chairperson, SASC Juniors





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Street frontage and access off Willarong Rd.

Special discounts to SASC members, see Adam or Nicole

Captains Report

Welcome all Southern Alpers to Winter 2025. Our favourite season of the year. Welcome back team, its going to be another big season for SASC, with high hopes of deep snow, fine weather and outstanding results for our senior and junior race teams and our sponsored skiers Letitia Murphy and Matt Clayton.



Letitia Murphy



Letitia Murphy

Letitia Murphy has wrapped up her 2034 / 2025 Northern Hemisphere campaign, with some outstanding results and competing in FIS events in Japan, Korea, Austria and Italy. Austrian highlights include 7th place in FIS event and 17th & 18th in European Cup. In Japan Letitia landed two 1st places and her highest point score at a National Championship and FIS race. In Korea she landed two 1st places at a National Championships and FIS race. In Austria and Italy Letitia raced her first 4 European Cup races and came 17th, 18th, 27th and 28th which is an outstanding result. Looking forward, Letitia has her eye on selection for the Junior World Ski Championships.



Matt Claytor

As a freestyle / free ski champion Matt Clayton based himself in Laax ski resort in Switzerland (known for its big, big jumps) for the Northern Hemisphere winter where he was able to train in a world class ski park with world class athletes from Europe. After two years of training. Matt's season culminated in him mastering the "double cork 1440". Performing this trick is mandatory to compete within the Europa cup circuit and further comps. To say this trick is "difficult" doesn't do justice to the skill required to stick a 1440. Its also a very difficult trick to learn in Australia due to our weather conditions and the lack of a big enough jumps in our resorts... Looking forward Matt will be aiming to collect enough points on the FIS circuit to be able to compete in the Europa Cup against some of the worlds best freestyle skiers.

In the last Captain's report, I said that my long range snow forecast was showing that 2025 could be one of the best seasons ever, and I confirm that at the time of writing this remains an entirely accurate forecast. The mountains are calling Southern Alpers. Get your skis and boards waxed. You have a party to go to! Ski you there.

Oliver Small

SASC Club Captain 2025

CAPTAINS KEY DATES 2025

- Junior Interclub: 8 July 2025
- SASC Race Week: 3-9 August 2025
- Senior Interclub at Thredbo: Saturday, 9 August 2025

Thank you for the Incredible Sun Peaks Ski Trip



Thank you so much for the amazing holiday raffle prize – a ski trip to Sun Peaks, Canada! We skied the third week in February, and we're still smiling from the experience. I have been supporting this raffle for over 30 years, I thought it was spam when the email first arrived.

The skiing was absolutely fantastic — we were lucky a great base and the conditions couldn't have been better. The resort had just opened a brand-new chairlift leading to the West Bowl, which gave us access to a bunch of exciting new runs. We loved every minute of it!

The Sun Peaks Grand Hotel, which was perfectly located right in the middle of the charming village. It was a true ski-in/ski-out setup, which made everything so easy and convenient. The relaxing hot pool was an absolute treat after a day on the slopes — the perfect way to unwind.

And of course, you just can't beat Canadian hospitality. Everyone we met was so warm and welcoming, which made the trip even more special. We definitely can't wait to return Sun Peaks again.

Warmest regards

Susie Williams-Green



1st Prize Winners - Juniors Raffle

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Snippets

Feral Horse population in Kosciuszko National Park

Although controversial, the feral horse culling program in Kosciuszko National Park has had significant impact on the damage caused by large horse population in the park. Recent surveys indicate the horse population has decreased from estimated 17,000 horses in 2021 to about 4,500 this year. Approximately 9,000 horses have been removed either by trapping, rehoming or shooting. The native grasses and streambanks are showing good signs of recovery.

Resort Roundup -Summer 2025

The latest edition was released mid-April; it contains interesting articles on the alpine environment and work in the Kosciuszko National Park. You can find a link to this newsletter on our website home page.

Newsletter distribution

We are posting printed newsletters to 80 members who have nominated post on their newsletter option and to 800 members who have not nominated their choice.

Newsletters are also emailed to all members with an email address in Clubman.

To reduce waste and cost, the members who have not nominated a their preference choice will be removed from the postal list later in the year. If you wish to change your option, please login to Clubman, click on User Settings button, click to edit membership information, scroll down to Newsletter option and enter "POST", finally click Submit to save your change.

Alternatively, you can send your option to secretary@sasc-aus.com Update your details now to keep receiving the printed newsletter by post.

Digital Photo Frames

This winter we have digital photo frames in each of the lodges with pictures and videos to highlight two significant anniversaries. This year marks 90 years since the loose formation of the Club and



Southern Alps Stores - chain gang

60 years since the opening of Southern Alps Lodge at Charlotte Pass. The frames must be turned off before being unplugged.

Thanks to Steph Witts for setting up the frames; if you have photos to display please contact Steph at social@sasc-aus.com

NPWS Trip Intention Form

Anyone venturing outside the resort areas where safety might be at risk should complete a Trip Intention Form on NPWS website and appoint an appropriate emergency contact who can raise the alarm if your return is delayed. One form can be submitted for a group trip.

Southern Alps Lodge Stores thank you

Kim Easdale thanked the volunteers for their hard work and amazing company over the stores weekend in May. It was fantastic to see so many helpers willing to utilise their building and cleaning skills to ensure the lodge is ready for the winter season.



Southern Alps Stores - Democracy sausage

Snowy Mountains Bus Service

The bus service from Jindabyne to the resorts continue the trial for the 2025 season. This service provides a low-cost option for anyone who does not want to drive to the Skitube or the resorts. See coomacoaches.com.au/snowy-mountains-bus-service/ for more details.

Environmental performance

Southern Alps Lodge and Kahane Lodge must submit environmental data on EarthCheck platform annually, complying with Kosciuszko National Park Plan of Management and NPWS EMS Framework. The system evaluates Lodge energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, and water use per bed night against prior periods and benchmarks. Information is also submitted for other environmental targets.

The winter weather conditions and variation in guest numbers between summer & winter has an impact and must be considered when interpreting the data.

In the latest period Kahane Lodge had a slight increase in energy consumption and CO2 emissions, but there was a marked increase in water usage due to rehabilitation watering and new shower heads. Southern Alps Lodge energy consumption increased slightly, CO2 emissions were in line with 2023 results.

Let's all work together to help "Keep Winter Cool" by reducing electricity usage, by setting room heating lower, conserving water, and recycling to minimise waste.

2025/26 Elite Snowsports Sponsorship

Any members planning to train and compete at 2025/26 elite northern winter snowsports events need to submit sponsorship applications to the Secretary (email <a href="mailto:secretary@sec

Applicants should include the following in their application:

- Proposed overseas program, including duration
- Estimated program cost
- Planned level of races/events participating in
- · Coach's name

Junior members also have sponsorship opportunities, please contact Juniors Committee.

Kahane Lodge Rehabilitation works

In March the team of 20 volunteers turned out to weed the garden bed and the area around each of last year's heath seedlings and to plant this year's seedlings. Amy



2025 new planting



Garden planting

Slocombe from NPWS organised the seedlings, compost, mulch, and plant guards, we provided Seasol, water crystals, and rock minerals to give the plants best chance to establish. There were 35 new seedlings planted in the garden area in front of the bedroom wing, 60 heath seedlings planted in the western side of our plot and 20 snow gum saplings planted among the existing snow gum stands. The grass areas were mown and hand weeded to reduce the invasive weeds.

After the weekend this year Perisher received good rainfall and that appears at this stage to have significantly improved the survival rates. Thanks to Daniel Plumb for keeping our rainfall records.

Thank you to everyone who attended and Tony for looking after the meals and lodge.

Kahane Theme Night

The theme for Thursday nights at Kahane is 'Naughty or Nice'.

Bring your outfit and be ready for some fun.



Snow Gum Planting



Preparing planting pockets

Perisher Cup

The Perisher Cup race to be held on Saturday 13th September - this is an alpine, cross country & jump team event with 4 people required in each team - participation is encouraged, if you are interested, please contact Oliver Small 0422 441 355 or captain@sasc-aus.com



Ben Ricketts Environmental Preserve

Ben Ricketts cabins are available for holiday rental at 774 Jamberoo Mountain Road, Jamberoo (120 km south of Sydney). Southern Alps members have access to a limited number of days at BREP shareholder tariff; please contact Rod Peile (0448 670 586) before you book. See www.benricketts.com.au for more information or call **0491 718 963**.

MEETINGS

Contact the following people for meeting details

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LODGE SHARE HOLDINGS

Currently there are Lodge Coop shareholdings available; 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.



Southern Alps Stores weekend dinner

LODGE REPORT

The 2025 winter snow season is now with us and all lodges are fully operational. A lot of work was done at the Stores Weekend at Charlotte Pass and the many helpers had a fun but physically demanding time. To those that attend it is a great experience. Thanks to Tim Moore for organising the various tasks and to Kim Easdale who cooked a delicious meal for Saturday evening. Tony is in residence at Kahane for the season, Carolyn is at Christiania and we have new managers Matt and Ashlee at Charlotte Pass. Both Matt and Ashlee are qualified and experienced chefs who have a strong connection to snow sports and I am looking forward to experiencing my stay at Charlotte Pass.

Over summer work continued to complete the renovations at Charlotte Pass and it is looking great. Christiania at Thredbo has had a new coat of paint to the exterior as well as general maintenance which work was supervised by Joe Di Falco and some dangerous trees overhanging the lodge were removed by the resort. Kahane is planning some major renovations to the kitchen area and there was a lot of work carried out surrounding the lodge. Again, I ask all guests to respect the Lodge's health protocols as there is a prediction for a major flu season in winter 2025.

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The Lodge Coop AGM was held on 25th May with retiring directors Alastair Sloan, Kim Easdale, and Rod Peile being re-elected unopposed. This was the first hybrid AGM, and it was pleasing to have shareholders attend online as well as in the meeting room at Norths.

Bookings have been good so far but there are still, as at the time of writing, a few vacancies in the lodges during the winter season and hopefully we will have good snow falls and cold nights for snowmaking.

Please enjoy your time at the lodges.

Regards,

Phillip Friedlander

Chairman of Directors.

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