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## December 2025 NEWSLETTER

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Ski-in/ski-out from Breathtaker Point outside the Buller Lodge in 2025

### President's Intro

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--- IAN MIDDLETON ---

Season Greetings fellow members,

I hope you had the chance to get to one of your lodges over the past winter season as the snow was spectacular for most of the season, and there was still snow falling well into November. Let's hope next year is just as good.

While the snow was good, occupancy at our lodges was not as good as it could be. There were still vacancies at all lodges in school holidays. The reporting from the resorts has echoed these results so it is likely a mixture of the increased cost of living pressures plus a distrust of Australian snow conditions following two poor seasons. Lift passes at all resorts were high although there has already been discounting of seasons passes in early sales for next year, so maybe we will see some relief on that front.

I also encourage members to consider a weekend over the summer at one of our lodges. Thredbo has many festivals and events planned and there are still beds available for the Blues Festival weekend. Perisher has a fly fishing gathering planned, and Buller is also keen to open if there is sufficient interest for an Alpine escape. All of our lodges can be booked as a whole or lodge booking for a party or family event,

so take advantage of your club facilities in pristine alpine environments.

Your board considered pricing for next season and has continued to apply CPI only. I would have liked to freeze prices if we could, but we do need to cover our operating expenses and set some savings aside for the upgrades we have planned at Thredbo. We also have a review of lease costs for Perisher due in 2028 by NPWS which we are tracking closely.

The next AGM will be at Thredbo Lodge on Saturday 16 May 2026. Please consider attending and actively participating in your club. We do need volunteers for each of the Lodge committees. Your board have also undertaken a review of our constitution to ensure it meets contemporary standards and once it has been legally reviewed we will send it out to all members for consideration well in advance of the AGM, noting we will propose acceptance of the changes at the AGM.

A couple of members of the board have asked if they can step down at the next AGM. If you are interested in being on the Board then please contact myself or one of the board members.

I hope to see you at the AGM.

### From the Editor

Snow, glorious snow! The 2025 season opened with significant snowfalls and this continued through to the end of the season. It translated into a successful trading season for the Club.

The photo below was taken from the Buller lodge window on Opening Weekend (8 June 2025).



Work party attendance has been very poor so far for the 2025/26 summer. Sadly, the Thredbo November work party was cancelled due to lack of numbers and the Buller work party in November attracted just five members!

To keep our costs to a minimum, we rely on our members helping out at work parties. To get contractors in will increase prices for everyone.

Work parties are also a lot of fun and a great way to meet other members. We'd love to see you at a work party in 2026.

See the website for details.

Our Club was deeply saddened to hear that two of our oldest and longest-standing members, Fred Lewis & John Perrett crossed the bar in recent months.

Merry Christmas & Happy New year to all.

**STOP PRESS:** We've just been informed that long-term Club member and friend, Mike Gawan-Taylor, passed away at age 91 on 6<sup>th</sup> November. He will be sadly missed by all.

# Know your snowsports equipment brands!

Test your knowledge and see if you can name the manufacturers of these popular snowsports equipment brands. (Answers page 5)



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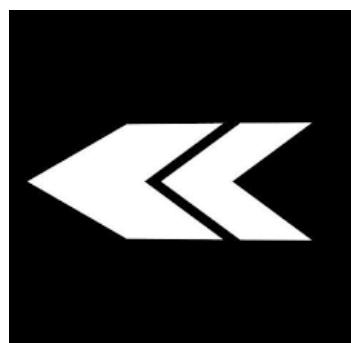
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# THE CBD WEB ONLINE SYSTEM

## Some things you might not know...

- Can't remember your member number and password? No problem, all you need is your registered email address and you can retrieve your member number and reset your password.
- In the Manage Account / View My Details section of your account, you can amend personal details such as address, phone number and email.
- Please avoid using "defence.gov.au" emails or "admin@" email addresses, as this will often prevent our Club emails from getting to you.
- The system allows a live view of the number of beds available in each lodge on each day. **CAUTION:** Don't hold off booking because you can see lots of availability – this can change quickly when group booking are accepted!
- Because we still potentially share cabins with others, a 'human' (Liz) reviews the cabin allocation each week, prior to it being handed over to the Lodge Managers.
- Priority 1 & 2 bookings in March must be made using the 'offline' booking form.



### Test Your Knowledge

1. What six-letter German word is as a verb meaning "to ski directly down a slope at high speed"?
2. Where and when are the next Olympic Winter Games?
3. What is the highest-grossing Christmas movie of all time?
4. When and where did snowboarding make its Olympic debut?
5. Which Norse god of skiing is neighbour to one of our Club lodges?
6. Which country has the most ski resorts?

(Answers on the back page)



### Membership snapshot (December 2025)

Ordinary	358
Honorary Life	17
Associate	615
Family (partners & children)	785
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1775</b>

Ratio of ORDINARY / ASSOCIATE: 37% / 63%

## Membership update

### Maintaining the balance

#### --- VP MMC (JEREMY BUTLER) ---

Club membership continues to be managed closely to maintain the mix and number of memberships in accordance with the Club's charter and strategic plans.

A warm welcome to all our new members.

The current ratio of Ordinary to Associate members is 37:63 up from 36:64 earlier in the year. Recent recruiting campaigns and a reduced joining fee for junior Navy ranks have increased the number of Navy personnel wanting to join the Club.

New Associate memberships have continued to be limited from time to time and this is working to restore a better membership balance. Associate members are an integral and valued part of the make-up of the Club. It is just a matter of optimising the numbers and getting the balance right.

Notwithstanding the membership figures summarised in the above table, true membership totals are notoriously difficult to pinpoint. This is because only a minority of members who leave the Club give notice. The majority who leave just simply don't pay their annual subscription or are prompted to pay their overdue subscriptions when they try and make a booking, sometimes years later!

As you will appreciate, both the financial and membership issues associated with retaining 'unfinancial members' is not conducive to accurate planning. We are primarily a Club but must operate like a business to ensure our ongoing prosperity.

Members will receive subscription invoices early in January and have until the end of the month to pay. Final reminder notices will be sent out in February and March, and if invoices remain outstanding, membership may be cancelled. This will enable the Club to have an accurate picture of the 'membership' prior to the opening of bookings in March and allow acceptance of further applications for membership as required.

**The [info@](#) email address and website enquiry form shouldn't be used for booking enquiries. For all booking enquiries, please phone the office ☺**

**Tuesday to Friday  
0900 – 1400  
(02) 6295 6634**



## Communications

Stay in touch with the latest Club news

The Navy Ski Club uses a variety of ways to keep you informed of Club business. These include our website, Facebook, newsletters and bulletins.

Like most organisations, email is our primary method of Club communications.

Gone are the days when a few of our dedicated members would hand address and stamp a mailout twice a year. It's just not practical or efficient to do this anymore with almost 1000 addresses in our system.

Therefore, it's so important that you keep your email address up-to-date. We still get many 'bounces' from invalid addresses when we send out newsletters and bulletins.

Data also shows that about 75% of our news bulletins are opened, so many of you may be missing out on important Club business. Please check to ensure emails from [xxxx@ranskiclub.com.au](mailto:xxxx@ranskiclub.com.au) are not diverting to Trash or Spam folders.

We aim to send out a newsletter biannually (April and December) and periodic bulletins to keep you informed of important business.

Additionally, we use Facebook to advertise various events and activities.

Finally, the Club website should be your 'go-to' place for a wealth of Club information.

Suggestions and input from our members is always welcome.

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## Calling all Fly Fishers

**The Perisher Lodge is hosting a club 'Fly Fishers' gathering 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Enjoy the magnificent high country in summer, discover some new secret fishing spots, meet some like-minded fishers and share some "tall" stories of the ones that got away.

All members and their guests are welcome.

Enquiries regarding the Fly Fishers Gathering can be made to Andrew Smith, [vpperisher@rantskiclub.com.au](mailto:vpperisher@rantskiclub.com.au)



Although nothing formal is planned for this first year, we will aim to evolve in future years if there is sufficient interest.

The lodge will remain open for all members, so get your bookings in so you don't miss out.

Bookings can be made through the Club Booking System.

Answers from Page 2 Quiz:

1. K2	2. Burton	3. Head	4. Blizzard	5. Jones Snowboards	6. Volkl	7. ID One Skis	8. Fischer
9. Rosignol	10. Nordica ski boots	11. Kastle	12. Salomon				

# 2025 Club Championships

## Racing, pizza & disco!

----- Jeremy Butler

The 2025 RAN Ski Club Championships were held in excellent conditions at Mt Buller on Saturday 2nd August 2025.

Most athletes got through unscathed apart from a few damaged egos for the Veteran Men.

The afternoon saw the Cross-Country race held on the Village Trail with equally fierce racing from all involved.

As is tradition, the races were followed by an evening dinner and awards ceremony. With 'Pizza & Disco' being the theme this year, over 70 people were treated to great night of fast food and fast dancing.

Trophies and medals were awarded within a variety of categories including Junior, Open and Veteran. A handicap system is applied to ensure fair results regardless of age.

It was good to see that our Club President continued the tradition of recent years, taking out the Yowie Trophy for most spectacularly unspectacular run by a Veteran male!

The premier award and biggest trophy of the night, the Championship trophy, is awarded to the fastest uncorrected male and female times.

Congratulations to this year's Club Champions, Lucy Butler & Callum Peden.

*Planning for the 2026 Championships is well underway.*

*The date has been set for Saturday 1st August 2026. The theme will be "Scotland."*

*All Club members are welcome to attend the Club Championships and events include GS for Skiers and Snowboarders and a X-country race.*

*Those that have made the journey from interstate have always thoroughly enjoyed themselves.*

## Blue or Orange?

Historically, Mt Buller had two separate ski schools that competed for students, associated with two rival lift companies known as the "blue" (French) and "orange" (Austrian) lifts. This rivalry continued until 1985, when the blue lift company bought out the orange lift company, and the two ski schools were unified into the current single operator, Buller Ski Lifts.

## Affordable Lift Tickets?

Can you imagine riding for just \$3.50 for a Day Ticket and taking a Private Lesson for only \$6 per hour!

Some of our old and bold members will remember these halcyon days.

Although it should be pointed out that in 1970, the average weekly wage was around \$81, and that a Blue lift ticket only entitled you to ride half the lifts!

(By Ed; but I do like the idea of Club concessions – I think Thredbo is the only resort doing this now?)

**BLUE SKI LIFTS MT. BULLER**  
BULL RUN ENTERPRISES PTY. LTD.  
CHAIRLIFT BULL RUN SKYLINE WHITTAKER CHAMOIS

**PRICES 1970 SEASON**

**DAY TICKETS** \$3.50 ADULTS.  
CHILDREN (Under 13), \$2.50.  
SINGLE RIDES, 30 cents ALL LIFTS.  
BOOK OF 10 TICKETS \$2.00  
CHAIRLIFT 50c RETURN

**HALF DAY TICKETS** MORNING ONLY TICKET, 9-1, \$2.50  
AFTERNOON ONLY TICKET, 1-5, \$2.50  
CHILDREN 2 DOLLARS

**WEEKLY TICKETS** 7 DAYS \$18 ADULTS Save \$6.50  
\$12.50 CHILDREN Save \$5.00  
Family Concession Available.

**CLUB CONCESSION** Any Bona Fide Club purchasing 16 or more Day Tickets \$2.50 per day each

**PACKAGE DEAL** Mid-week MONDAY to FRIDAY, Daily Lift Tickets including Instruction from FRENCH SKI SCHOOL, \$3 per day (to 18th July).

**FRENCH SKI SCHOOL** 14 Instructors catering for all standards from beginners to racing.  
CLASS LESSONS, \$2.50 for 2 hours, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., every day. 6 Lessons for \$12.00 Assembly point, Chair Lift Station opposite Kooroora.

**PRIVATE LESSONS, \$6 per hour, by appointment.**



*Make sure you get hold of some Club merchandise!*

The link to the store is on our website:

<https://www.ranskiclub.com.au/club-merchandise/>

Orders can be placed anytime, but please note that our supplier is taking a break over Christmas, with orders being processed again from 12 January 2026.

## Lodge updates

### Perisher Valley

--- VP PERISHER LODGE ---

(ANDREW SMITH)

Members and guests at our Perisher Lodge experienced excellent snow conditions this year. Highlights included a peak depth of 2.61m at the resort with lifts running throughout the season until the October long weekend. Significant late snowfalls made for great spring skiing. The new Perisher 6 Lift commissioned in 2025 proved very popular and successful.



In relation to maintenance of the lodge a big shout out to member Blair Mullins who has been leading the complex process of compliance approvals for the replacement of our leaking South facing windows and fire doors. With only a couple of steps to complete we remain hopeful installation will occur before Winter 2026. New ski racks have been manufactured and will be in place for Winter 2026. These should better accommodate boards and provide improved protection for your skis.

As previously advertised the Perisher Lodge is again open for Summer bed bookings (or Whole of Lodge) from January through to 15 February. Bed bookings during this period can be made online, whole of lodge bookings by phoning the office. Why not take family or friends to the high country and enjoy some fantastic bushwalks, cycling, fishing or simply enjoy the view from the lodge.

Some stowage's remain available at the lodge and comprise a numbered ski rack and container for a limited amount of personal items. Once booked your items can stay at the lodge all year around, saving the hassle of transporting them to and from the lodge. A stowage can be requested via the form on the website.

Do you know? The Perisher Lodge has a HeartSine Defibrillator located adjacent to the galley in a prominent cabinet with flashing light on top. Why not familiarise yourself with the instructions (in the zipped compartment at the back of the item) – it is simple to use and could save a life.



### Thredbo

--- VP THREDBO LODGE ---

(GREG THOMPSON)

The snow has now gone, wrapping up a fantastic and memorable snow season for the members and guests who made it this year. But with the ski season behind us, the lodge and the town have shifted gears and are buzzing with summer energy.

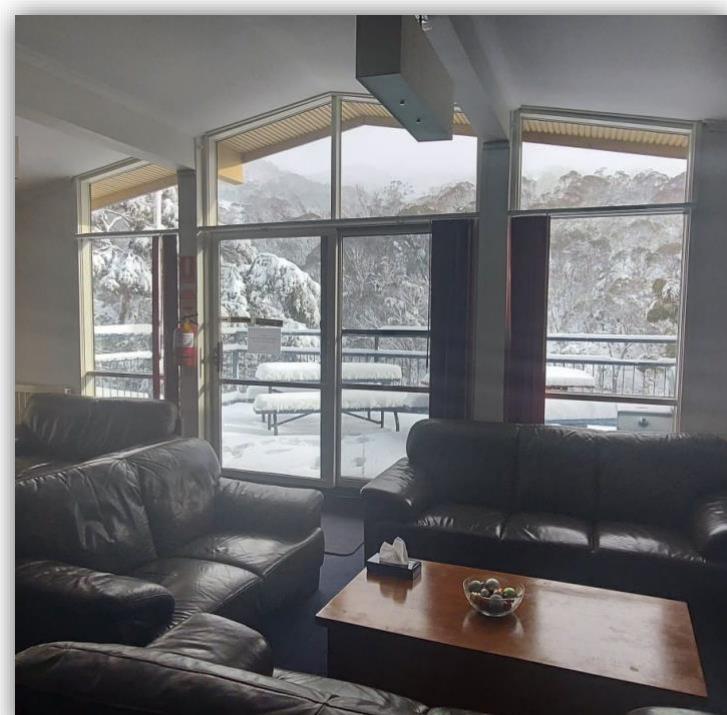
Mountain biking, hiking and fishing are the focus with trails open and events already underway. The village is hosting festivals, live music and plenty of activities to keep the alpine spirit thriving year-round. Please come and join us during the summer season.

Looking ahead, we're excited to share progress on the lodge redevelopment plans. Thanks to Phil Gregory and his project team, we are now in the final stages of preparing the amendment to our original Development Application.

The remaining steps include updating the Building Code of Australia compliance and the Statement of Environmental Effects reports. We are also awaiting confirmation from our neighbours at the House of Ullr regarding agreement on our boundary retaining proposal.

Once these final pieces are in place, we will be ready to submit the amendment. We anticipate having all requirements completed by the end of January 2026. This milestone will mark a significant step forward in ensuring the lodge continues to serve members for decades to come, blending club traditions with modern comfort requirements and expectations.

We thank all members for their ongoing support and enthusiasm.



## Mount Buller

### --- VP MT BULLER LODGE ---

#### (ADRIAN HILLS)

After an amazing ski season, it is time to settle into summer repairs and upgrades.

As many of you are aware, the lodge didn't come through the winter totally unscathed. During a large snowstorm late in the season, the curved perspex windows at the top of the stairs sustained considerable damage. We have done a temporary repair using contact film, but the whole structure will need to be replaced before next winter.

The plan is to replace them with rigid double-glazed units. The work will be completed under insurance by a local builder.

Other work planned for the summer includes replacing the floorboards in the downstairs accommodation passageway and outside the manager's office to strengthen the structure and hopefully eliminate the squeaks and creaks that have plagued the area in preparation for re-carpeting.

Speaking of squeaks and creaks, we will be re-working the wall attachments for the fold-up beds in cabins 4 and 14 to make them more user-friendly.



A disappointing number of members attended the 'cleanup weekend' in November, though the few that were there did a mighty job, and the outside of the lodge is looking good for the bushfire season.

We are fortunate to have a few good bookings this summer, though this will put pressure on our work parties, as the lodge needs to be fully operational between work parties, so with some ambitious goals to achieve, we would appreciate as many hands as possible at these work parties.

As a reminder of the Buller lodge work party dates:  
14-15th Feb 26;  
11-12th Apr 26; and  
23-24th May 26.

The AGM will be held at Thredbo on the 16th May 26. It would be great to see some Buller representation there.

For the more energetic members, we will be opening the lodge for bookings for 'Oscars Hut to Hut' on 20th to 22nd of February 2026.

I hope you all have a happy and relaxing festive season.



### Do you know?

The club had another lodge for many years in East Jindabyne. Older members will remember the lodge and might be interested to know that the gates installed during our ownership are still in place.

## Treasurer's Corner \$\$\$\$\$\$

### (SEAN NOBLE)

#### Calling All Members – I need your Snow, Mountain and Thredbo Images!

Your club is aligning with the Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) to encourage Sport in Australia. The ASF can issue tax deductible donations that align with their mission and we, The RAN Ski Club, have qualified the Thredbo lodge rebuild as encouraging sport in Australia.

I need your photos and support to make our story worthy to donors. Please email your images to [info@ranskiclub.com.au](mailto:info@ranskiclub.com.au) for potential inclusion in our campaign to support your club and our sport(s). Don't forget, we support all Alpine sports so let's showcase our visual history of skiing, snowboarding, mountain biking, hiking, walking, fishing, photography, and enjoying our magnificent mountains and National Park with all our sports and passions.

# The R.A.N. Ski Club: in the beginning ...

As far as the Navy Ski Club is concerned, this is a photograph of the most important ship in Australian naval history!

HMAS Sydney (III) was a Majestic-class light aircraft carrier built for the Royal Navy and was launched as HMS Terrible in 1944, but was not completed before the end of World War II.

A post-war Australian government realising that Naval air power is crucial for projecting power, defending fleets, and performing a wide range of maritime missions without relying on land-based infrastructure, also allowing the projection of military strength across the seas, conducting reconnaissance, supporting amphibious operations, and performing anti-surface and anti-submarine warfare (all these things they have forgotten about since 1982)... the carrier was subsequently commissioned into the RAN as HMAS SYDNEY on 16 December 1948.

During the following few years, SYDNEY completed numerous voyages between England and Australia to embark various squadrons of aircraft.

During one of these visits to England, many of the ship's company enjoyed some leave skiing in Europe. Following an expedition of ship's company to the Austrian Alps, three young officers were inspired with the idea of forming a Club.

In 1951, Guy Griffiths, Phillip Stevenson and Geoff Hood held their first brain-storming meeting in the ship's Gunnery Officer's cabin. It was here that the idea of forming a Navy Ski Club was born.

Thus in 1953, **The R.A.N. Ski Club** officially came into being. The rest, as they say, ...



HMAS Sydney (III) circa 1951

## In Memoriam

### Frederick (Fred) Ferris Lewis

Fred was born in Melbourne in 1924 enlisting in the Royal Australian Navy during World War II, beginning a career that would span 35 years.



During his lengthy service in the Royal Australian Navy, Fred Lewis was involved in regular deployments to Southeast Asia on exercises, flag showing visits, and in shows of force involving shore bombardments against communist forces during the Malayan Emergency and the Vietnam War. He served almost exclusively at HMAS Albatross and aboard HMAS Melbourne. Fred rose to the rank of Commander before he retired from the Navy in 1980.

He joined the Navy Ski Club in the 1960s and was a passionate supporter, particularly of the Perisher lodge. He also served for a time on the Club committee.

Fred passed away peacefully last October at the age of 101. Fred's children and grandchildren remain active members of the Club.

### John Kendall Perrett

It's with much sadness that we acknowledge the recent passing in December of John Perrett.



John's naval career began when he travelled from Broken Hill, NSW and joined the RAN College at Cerberus (as it was then) as a 13-year-old Cadet Midshipman in January 1950.

After graduation from the Naval College, he trained with the RN in HMS Triumph and HMS Jamaica before undertaking the engineering course at RNEC MANADON. He achieved his primary qualification as a LEUT(ME) in early 1961 and served at sea as an engineer in HMA Ships MELBOURNE, SYDNEY, GASCOYNE, DERWENT and VOYAGER. VOYAGER is very significant because he had not long joined prior to the tragic collision with MELBOURNE.

John also served at HMAS NIRIMBA training young apprentices and later young officers at the RANC, HMAS CRESWELL.

His subsequent service ashore in engineering postings was significant in its contribution to Navy's fighting efficiency. He was promoted to Captain in 1981 and spent time as an attaché in London and was awarded a Flag Officer's Commendation in 1989.

John was a very active member of our Club and a past VP ACT on the board. He also represented Navy in skiing.

# 2026 Booking Rules & Pricing

## Cheap midweek Rates continue

--- VP MMC (JEREMY BUTLER) ---

### Membership

In recognition of tough economic times, subscriptions have only increased by CPI and the family cap has had no increase for 2026. Joining fees remain discounted for RAN junior ranks and former child members joining as Associate members.

### Accommodation Rates

A lot of effort goes into setting accommodation pricing for the coming year. Amongst other things, the Board takes into account feedback from members and data on booking patterns at all our lodges.

Trialled in 2025 and continued in 2026, this has resulted in significant midweek discounts at the Mt Buller lodge, making a 'week-long' or 'mid-week' stay at Mt Buller a very affordable option, especially for families.

For 2026, the midweek discount has been extended to Perisher and Thredbo during the 'low' season.

### Online Bed Availability

Due to our need to closely manage bed allocations to take account of the gender and age mix of members and guests, we cannot allow all beds to be available for online bookings. We must keep a certain number available for the Booking Officer to manage these issues. At times it is not possible to use all beds in the lodges.

This means that at some busy periods, Online Bookings will show no beds available when some might be. In these circumstances, members should contact the Booking Officer by phone to check whether individual bookings can be taken, and to register interest in being placed on a waiting list in case of cancellations.

Of course, you can always phone the lodge manager to check if any last-minute beds are available. Conversely, offline group bookings may suddenly take up a lot of beds, so don't delay an intended booking because it looks like there are still lots of beds available!

### Booking Changes

Members are not to transfer bookings between themselves. Please remember that all transfers of bookings from one member to another for the same period must be handled by the Club's Booking Officer.

### Priority Bookings

Please note that only one priority Booking can be requested per year per member.

At the moment, these bookings are handled offline as it is not possible to easily identify who has work-party credits through the membership database.

### Guest Bookings

Guests can only stay at our lodges as part of a booking made by a financial Member. The host member must be present at the Lodge for the duration of the booking, meaning that if the host member is unable to stay or needs to depart prior to the end of the booking, the guests are unable to remain at the lodge.

Payment for a member's guest booking must be made by the host member. This also applies to any amendments, cancellations or requests for refunds made to the booking.

### Children

Family Members 18 years and over may stay in the lodges without their related Ordinary or Associate Member. Family Members under 18 years must be accompanied by an adult member (i.e. a member aged 18 or over).

### Booking Enquiries

(02) 6295 6634

Tuesday to Friday

0930 – 1430

### Cancellations & Refunds

We continue to get large numbers of applications for refunds.

The conditions for full refunds (more than 42 days' notice) and partial [50%] refunds (14 to 42 days' notice) are clearly articulated in our By-Laws and on the Accommodation Rates Form on our website.

Remember that there are no refunds for cancellations with less than 14 days' notice unless for exceptional circumstances (see below).

In exceptional circumstances, the Board of Directors may approve a full refund for a cancelled booking. Exceptional circumstances are those where the reasons for the cancellation could not have been foreseen and/or are outside the member's control. Changes in work and family commitments are not considered exceptional circumstances. Members are encouraged to consider travel insurance to protect themselves against these types of events.

Whether you are seeking an 'exceptional circumstances' refund or not, members are encouraged, as a matter of courtesy, to contact the respective Lodge Manager if plans change at the last minute.

**IMPORTANT: Bookings must be cancelled with the Booking Officer prior to submitting a Request for Refund application.**

# CLASSIFIEDS

## R.A.N. SKI CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

MT BULLER

SATURDAY 1st AUGUST 2026

X-country  
Giant Slalom (skiers and snowboarders)  
All ages and abilities welcome  
Celebration and fancy-dress Awards dinner  
2026 theme; "Scotland"

## Save the Date

R.A.N. SKI CLUB AGM

THREDBO LODGE

SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MAY 2026

## Work parties

Work parties generally commence early on a Saturday morning and conclude Sunday afternoon, although individual lodge work party leaders will specify particular timings to attendees as required.

Each of the lodges has work parties scheduled in 2026, before the start of the winter season.

See the website for details and registering your interest to attend a work party.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE (Extract from Clause 19 in The RAN Ski Club constitution)

**"If, six (6) weeks after the due date for an Annual Subscription Fee, a Member has failed to pay the Annual Subscription Fee, the Directors may declare that person's membership forfeited ..."**

## Quiz Answers:

1. Schuss.
2. The next Olympic Winter Games is to be held in Milano Cortina, Italy from February 6 to 22, 2026.
3. Home Alone (1990).
4. 1998 in Nagano, Japan.
5. Ullr (next to our Thredbo lodge).
6. Germany (over 650 ski resorts!)

## Best coffee in Australia is on the way to Mount Buller!

**il salotto.**

ITALIAN KITCHEN & CAFFÈ

Navy Ski Club members Mike Rich and Kath Bier run a fantastic little café in Mansfield.

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