

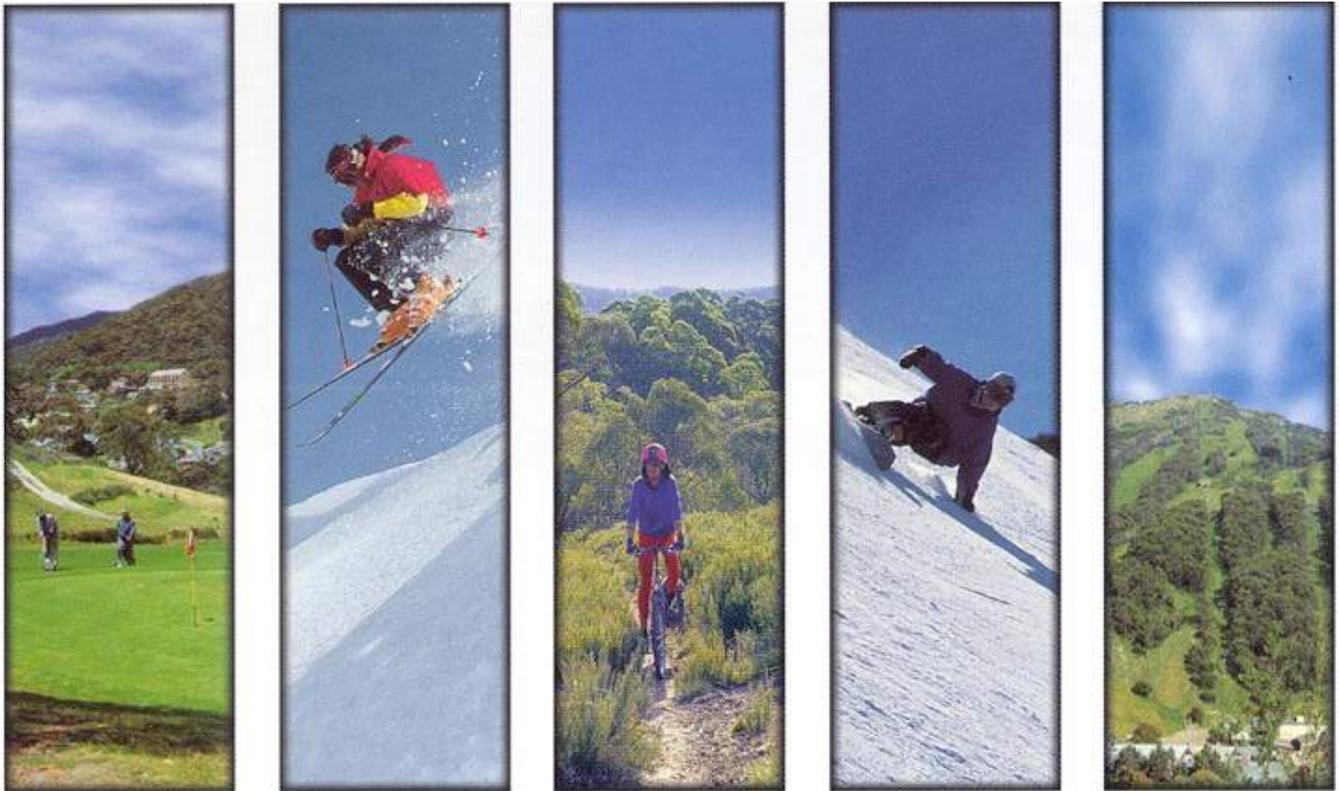
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7 Banjo Paterson Crescent, Jindabyne, NSW, 2627

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... skiing, snowboarding, hiking, bike riding, sailing, photography, fishing, relaxing, golf, swimming ...

Winter Newsletter — June 2017

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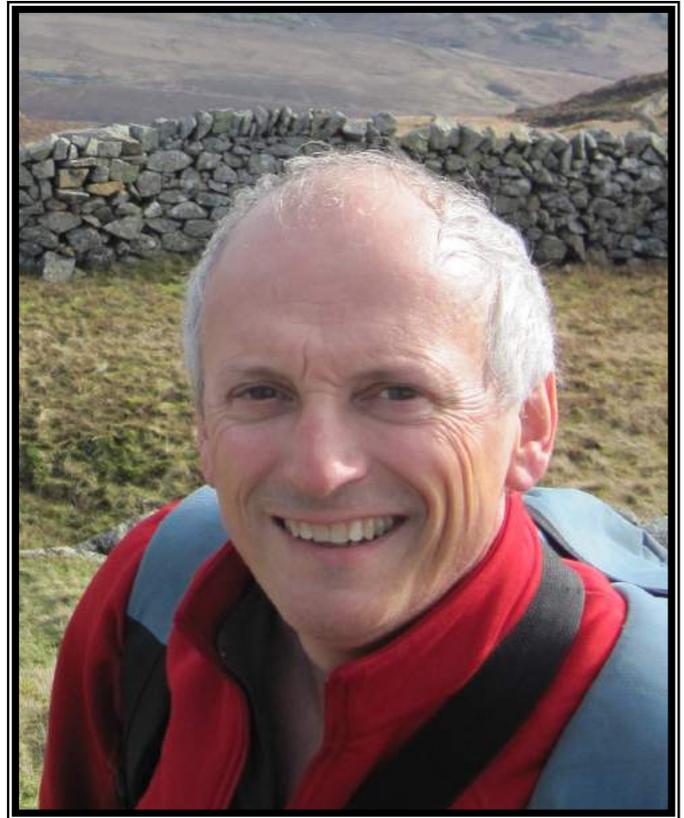
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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Rascal Committee

2017/18

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Noel Ward

Secretary

Jacqui Styles

Treasurer

Tony Krizan

Public Officer/Lodge Manager

Clive Styles

Lodge Manager

Sharen Mack

Committee Members

Alan Liard

Gale Funston

Peter Dunnet

Tim Dunnet

I would like to welcome the new committee members and to thank them for being willing to step forward and volunteer their time and energy to the management of the club on your behalf. The new committee members are: Cathie Stoffell, Sharen Mack, Clive Styles, Jacqui Styles and Tony Krizan. I must also recognise those who are continuing and thank them for the continuing support, they are: Rod Roberts, Alan Laird, Peter Dunnet, Tim Dunnet and Gale Funston. Look



for a brief introduction to each of the committee members elsewhere in this month's newsletter. Additionally I'd like to thank Tony Krizan for

stepping into the role of Treasurer and Linda Swift for her assistance to Tony in handing over the finer details of the role. Although Alan Laird remains on the committee he has relinquished the role of Secretary to Jacqui Styles and Public Officer to Clive Styles. Thanks to Alan for the herculean task of wearing many committee "hats" last year while also keeping the website looking fresh and great, nudging our Facebook page and taking on various lodge upgrade actions. Lastly, but certainly not least, thanks to Tim Dunnet for his work as Lodge Manager, a role he has performed admirably dealing with those unexpected lodge maintenance issues as well as



some planned upgrade actions while juggling the responsibilities of work and family. This year we are experimenting with a different approach to the

Lodge Manager role with Sharen Mack and Clive Styles sharing the role. Thanks also to Marg. Sharp for her continued work as Purchasing Officer, Marg. is the person that magically keeps the club provided "household" items in stock and available for your use while at the lodge.

In May we had the pre-winter working bee that prepares the lodge for winter with task like taking down the shade sails and decommissioning the evaporative air cooler. Thanks to Judith Webb who lead the working bee and the small group who put in a huge effort, on your behalf, to complete the majority of the required tasks.

It is disappointing to note that we had yet another poor response with attendance being below expectation. The dates of working bees are published on the Club website some 12 months in advance and occur at roughly the same time every year. Thus providing plenty of notice for members to plan their attendance. The working bee task lists are varied which means there is something almost anyone can do. You don't need to be a "handy person". Apart from the "warm fuzzy" you will feel when, at the end of the day, you're admiring the outcome of your labour there are other benefits:



1. You received vouchers for your attendance at EVERY working bee;
2. You get to share a fun day with other members;
3. You are well catered for during the day with a club funded celebratory meal at the end of the day; and
4. You directly contribute to keeping your membership and booking fees down.

Without the working bees our cost base would be much higher as we would need to contract out all of the working tasks. This would translate into high fees for you.

The lodge refurbishments continue with a couple of upgrades scheduled for June. We have for some time been investigating options to provide flexible sleeping arrange-

ments for the 4 berth rooms that allow us to provide comfort for 2 in the style of Room 5 but at the same time continuing to provide options for families or groups. To that end we will be removing one of the original bunks sets in room 4 and replacing it with folding a



Lollisoft bunk unit (as pictured). This will provide 2-3-4 berth options for Room 4. Thanks to Tim Dunnet for volunteering his and his families time to perform the partial room "makeover".

We look forward to members constructive feedback on the new folding unit as this will determine how we might progress with more of the folding bunk units. The other major change will be the replacement of the sliding door that provides access to the deck and BBQ.

Thanks to Peter Dunnet who has bought his expertise to the replacement and to Sharen Mack for driving the installation process.

With the arrival of much cooler weather we have had our first snow falls and with the ski resorts making snow things are looking promising for those of you visiting the Snowy Mountains this winter.

Noel Ward - President

Our RASCAL Values:

We share a love of the Snowy Mountains:

Recreation in the natural and built environment of the Snowy Mountains region is a/the main purpose of the club and what attracts people to be members.

We behave respectfully toward each other and our Environment:

We expect individuals and groups to behave appropriately at the lodge and during club activities away from the lodge.

We value and respect the activities our members enjoy:

Recognizing we are not just a ski club and that other snowy mountains based activities are equally legitimate you us.

We enjoy and encourage social interaction:

We want members to interact with one another beyond their family and circle of guests.

Meet the new Committee Members 2017/2018



Clive Styles

Some of you folk may know or remember me as I have been a member with RASCAL for about 17 years. I spent around 8 or 9 years as a committee member from early in the 2000's.

I am still gainfully employed as a Station Officer with ACT Fire and Rescue with 25 year in the service. I'm currently working in the Community Resilience and Compliance Section – Fire Safety. Prior to joining the Fire Brigade in 1992 I was a licenced Electrician.

My daughter Jacqui was elected as Secretary at the AGM this year. I was so encouraged by her commitment I decided to come along to the first committee meeting and see if I might fill one of the vacancies on the Committee. So, there it is, I have put my

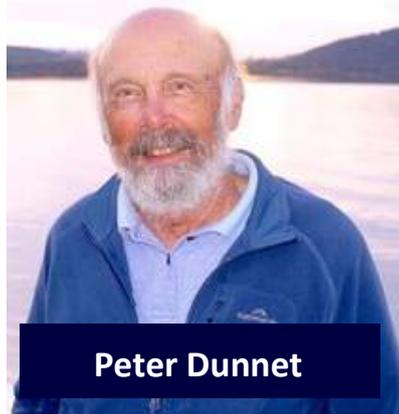
hand up to assist again in the running of RASCAL lodge, this time as Public Officer and Co-Lodge Manager with Sharen Mack. I hope this association will be as rewarding as my previous stint on the committee.



Jacqueline (Jacqui) Styles

I've been a member of the lodge since a junior and have seen the lodge in its many stages over the years. I find myself now in a better position to be more actively involved in supporting the lodge and its many happenings. I'm interested in and would like to be part of contributing ideas to the continuation of the lodge refurbishments. As one of the younger members on the committee I hope to be able to bring a different perspective and help navigate us through a successful year. I am currently working as a

Business Analyst in the Australian Public Service and I'd like to give a special shout out to Clive Styles (My Dad) for kindly volunteering me for the Secretary role. Thanks Dad.



Peter Dunnet

I have been an active member of the RASCAL Lodge for over 17 years, this is my second year on the Committee in this round and have a background as a civil and hydraulic designer, licence 'C' class builder. I am now retired.

My aim is to see all bedroom changes made, these to suit as many member options as sensible. Make other improvements while keeping a long term view. To see the lodge transition to next generation of family and single members. Make lodge desirable all year round.

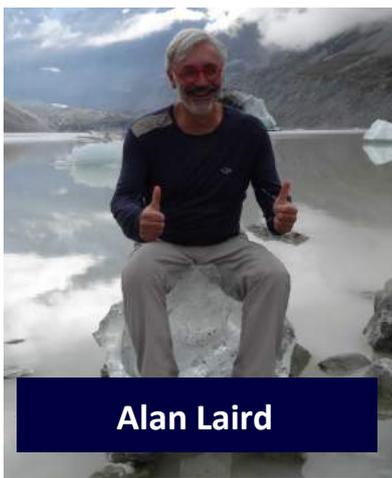


Tim Dunnet

I have worked with the NSW Housing Commission for over 12 years in various roles.

Having a young family I am hoping to provide input to the Committee from a family perspective regarding refurbishments and the future of the RASCAL Lodge. I would like to see the RASCAL community grow stronger encouraging new members to participate in working bee activities. I am looking forward to the installation of new bunk beds that provide various options for room configuration for members. I would like to receive constructive solution based feedback that will enhance the ongoing refurbishment of the Lodge. Hopefully the feedback will be favourable and the refurbishment of the remaining rooms can be completed as soon as possible after the winter period. The

new winter booking rules have hopefully made the lodge more accessible for all members. I am looking forward to seeing old friends at the lodge this season and meeting new ones!



Alan Laird

Retired and enjoying it to the max!

I am a long standing member of the Club and have been active on the Committee for too long. This is my last year.

With so many fresh faces on the 2017 Committee I hope to bring to it a strong sense of corporate knowledge so that decisions can be made in a better context than would otherwise have been the case.

I am keen to engender a more family and personal atmosphere in the Club, through events such as the Pre-Season function and through engendering a sense of ownership in the Lodge through working bee participation. I consider it centrally important to maintain and build the strong sense of member loyalty to the Club: this is a key reason for its success. I am also keen to see the Lodge develop through an active refurbishment program.



Sharen Mack

I have been a member of RASCAL Lodge since 2000.

I bring to the Committee more than 30 years' of practical experience in sales and marketing, in the private sector and possess a "can do" attitude.

I understand the importance of meeting the needs of our members and hope that I can ensure that members receive continuing value for their membership by way of lodge improvements.

My first objective to organize the cost-effective manufacture and installation of a new glass double glazed sliding door onto the Lodge deck which is due to be installed in June, in time for the ski season.



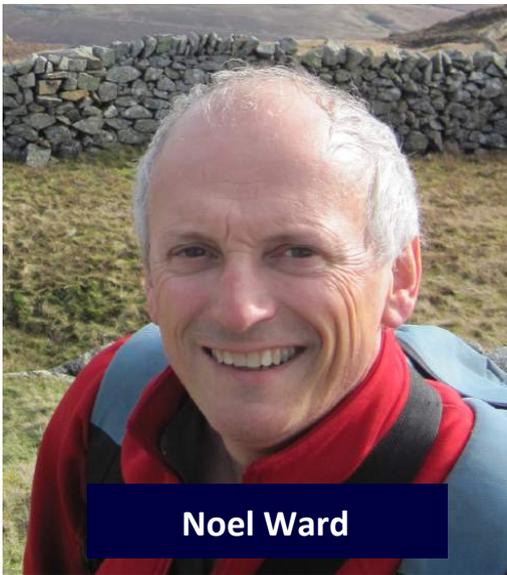
Tony Krizan

...Widely known as TK

My objective as RASCAL Treasurer is to do two things:

1. Continue the outstanding financial custodianship so ably demonstrated by my predecessor, Linda Swift, and
2. Further simplify and automate RASCAL's bookkeeping and accounting through electronic workflow.

I am currently the Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director of Corporate Operations and Information at the National Health and Medical Research Council, and I am a Fellow of CPA Australia.



Noel Ward

As someone who has enjoyed many of the aspects of the Snowy Mountains region, joining RASCAL some 8 years ago seemed like a natural progression offering the opportunity to meet like minded people who also value the Snowies and being members of the multi faceted RASCAL community. Although my "wings are clipped" this year owing to an injury most winter weekends I can be found enjoying one form of skiing or another, being neither in the XC or downhill only camps. The summers also offers a lot, as an increasing number of people are discovering, with for example some great mountain biking being developed and of course road cycling – myself and a number of members enjoyed the buzz of the

Le'Tape last year. This year is my second term as Club President and I look forward to working with the committee over the coming year.

RASCAL WiFi Upgrade

The Lodge's WiFi will be upgraded with the introduction of NBN to the local area. This upgrade is to happen around the middle of August

2017. This change should bring faster download speeds and unlimited downloads for members and guests. Along with the WiFi extender in the lower levels will increase WiFi signal strength throughout the Lodge.



The WiFi password remains unchanged

A word from the resident fiery.....

Hi all

Let's talk about the fire alarm system at our lodge.

How are the smoke alarms activated and what happens when they are?

- A fire alarm smoke detector is activated by being contaminated by particulate matter.
- The system is designed to sense smoke particles in the event of fire causing the alarm be activated.
- These types of detectors are located in the bedrooms, hallway and lounge room.

What to do if the alarm is activated where smoke or fire is apparent ?

- Check all occupants are aware and evacuate the premise immediately
- Call **000** and report the fire

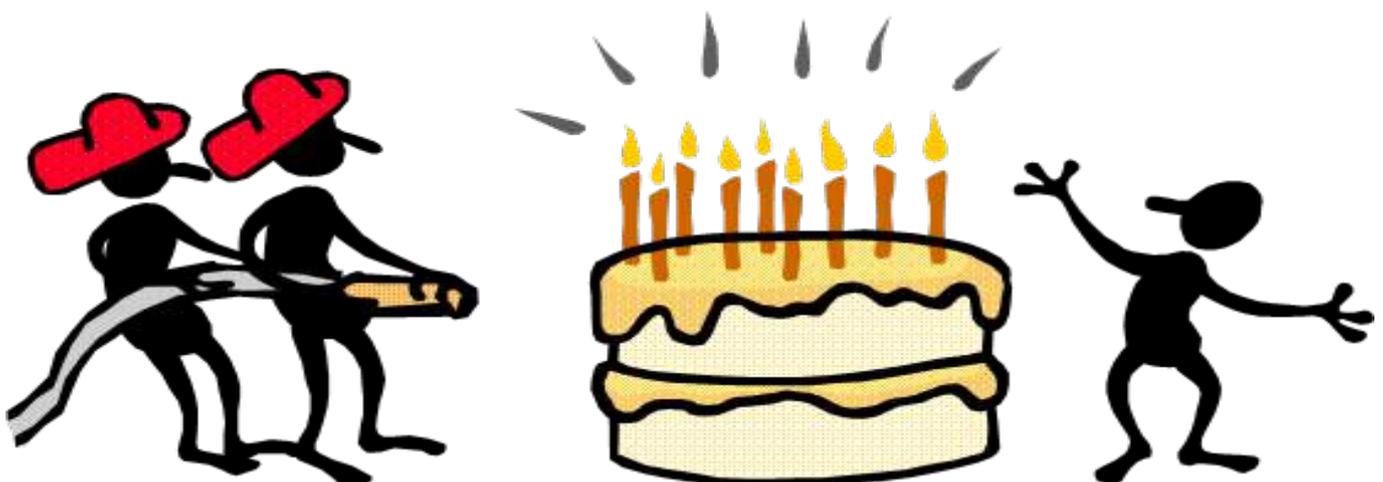
Other causes of fire alarm activation known as - False or Spurious alarms.

- Other types of particles will cause activation of the system.
- Other common particles that cause fire alarm activation are cooking smoke and steam, aerosol insect spray, aerosol deodorant and body sprays along with dust in general.
- Malicious false alarms caused by purposely interfering with a detector or emergency break glass.

Once the alarm is activated it will automatically contact the local fire station and generate an emergency response by the fire crew to Rascal lodge.

If the alarm generated is found to be caused by smoke from cooking, steam, aerosol spray or dust then the response is logged as a false alarm.

False alarm responses incur fees payable by Rascal to the NSW Fire Department.



In other commercial situations the fees attributed to false alarms are passed on to the property owners/ managers who in turn pass them on to the offender causing the alarm to be activated.....

This may be you!

So-

Did you know the detectors in the kitchen and bathrooms are thermal detectors?

- These detectors activate on a rapid rise in temperature. Eg fire
- This being the case they are not activated by airborne particles.

Keeping this in mind -

Excessive smoke in the kitchen area will spill to the lounge area causing activation of smoke detectors in that area and above the stairs. Please be careful and *"don't stop looking while you are cooking"* and avoid the embarrassment of causing a false alarm.

So....where is it safe to spray?

Those who wish to use aerosol sprays have the green light to go ahead and spray deodorant, hair spray and spray insects in the bathrooms whenever you feel the need.

Well there you have it, a very brief description of our fire alarm system including what to do and what not to do.

Cheers

Clive

"Vale Geoff Crossley"

RASCAL would like to extend our condolences to Stephen and Nerida Crossley and their families and friends for the recent passing of Geoffrey Kenneth Crossley, affectionately know as 'Geoff'. Geoff's wife Phillip, a registered nurse and foundation members passed away a few years ago. The Crossley family have been long standing members of RASCALS and we would like to acknowledge Geoff's contribution as Treasurer in 1973 and 1974, Committee member in 1988 and also his great contribution (as well as his family) to numerous working bee's. Geoff and son Stephen were part of the working bee that dismantled the original kitchen in 1998. One of our member provided the following memory: *"I can still see a photo of the two of them with just their legs emerging from under either the copper range-hood or was it the wooden overhead cupboards?!!"*

Geoff's funeral was held on the 3rd of May at the Canberra Grammar School, by William Cole Funeral Directors. Thanks were extended to Goodwin Monash and The Cottage Deakin for their care and support, with donations to Carers ACT.

Images from the last Working Bee!



QUESTIONS TO PONDER/ANSWERS TO PROVIDE?

How often do I utilise the Lodge?

As an active member how can I contribute to the Lodge?

What will improve the Lodge safety or assist to maintain or improve it's amenity?

What skills do I have that I can offer the Committee and Members that I could use in some way to help out?

When was the last time I participated at a working bee?

If you have any suggestions or ideas regarding the Lodge please provide your feedback (and constructive solutions) to:

OfficeManager@rascal.asu.au

If you would like to participate in the next working bee see details below!



NEXT WORKING BEE:

Saturday, 14th October 201



If you haven't already had an opportunity to participate in a work party lock in the dates and make a booking to assist in our post winter working bee!



Working bee's are a great opportunity for members to meet other members and to build their sense of ownership in the Lodge.

Participation and Vouchers:

Adult members and their adult guests receive accommodation vouchers for participating in a working bee, (junior members and junior non-member guests do not receive accommodation vouchers but are provided with accommodation and meals as described below)

All Members and their guests receive:

- free accommodation for Friday and Saturday nights of the working bee weekend (Booking type: casual no cost); and
- lunch and dinner on the Saturday of the working bee.

Vouchers can be used offset the cost of bookings where the first night is before the end of the expiry year of the voucher.

If undeliverable, return to:

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RASCAL Inc would love to hear from it members!