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RASCAL Fishing Weekends



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President's Report

Richard Emerton



Let me welcome members of RASCAL to the New Year!

AGM in March

This is your first RASCAL Newsletter for 1997 and the last to be issued by the current Committee before the AGM. That's to be held on 25th March. I urge you to attend. By doing so you demonstrate your support for the Club, and it gives you an opportunity to "have a say" about the running of the Club. In addition to being able to make comments about the past or the present, the new Committee to be elected at the AGM, will be most interested in anything you may have to say about our future. Most of the existing Committee are standing for re-election again in 1997, including myself, so you don't have to worry about "getting caught" to be a Committee member if that's not your cup of tea! So, please mark the date in your diary. I look forward to seeing you there. More details about the AGM on page 6.

Committee Activities in 1996

The Committee's activities in 1996 were driven by the RASCAL Strategic Plan, introduced in January 1996. The two primary objectives of the Plan are:-

- To provide Members and guests

with high-standard, competitively-priced and reasonably accessible accommodation in Jindabyne, and;

- To provide for the long term development and financial viability of the Club.

There are four major strategies in place towards achieving these objectives:-

- Maximise the retention of existing Members;
- Recruit new Members to offset natural wastage and to provide development funds for the refurbishment of existing Lodge facilities and the establishment of new Lodge facilities;
- Improve the management of the Club, and;
- Upgrade and further develop Lodge facilities.

I believe that during 1996 your Committee has been extremely successful in all four areas, and has made major progress in improving the Club's fortunes.

Our membership levels have shown a dramatic change with a reversal of the downwards trend of recent years. The Committee has introduced a number of improved management practices in the running of the Club and has been able to curtail many of its costs. As a result, our financial situation has improved, we have already made a number of improvements to the Lodge earlier in the year, and have recently commenced a number of changes which will make the Lodge more attractive and comfortable to members. These should be carried out by early 1997; more improvements are

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planned for later in 1997, finances permitting. You will see some further details about these plans in later Newsletters.

Gripes & Grumbles

 guess it would be too idealistic to expect a perfect world. The best laid plans of mice and men, etc, etc. What am I on about? Well the conduct of some of our members, and guests, at the Lodge! You will have read "Lodge Notes" in our last mail-out (if not please find them and do so) and the interference with the smoke detectors and EXIT signs. It would seem that it's also the case that some members are less diligent than others in their use of the Lodge, particularly in taking responsibility for cleaning up THEIR messes in the kitchen, and generally being sensitive to others in the Lodge. This can be a bigger concern if you are part of a large party and "everyone leaves it to someone else". So, let me make my appeal for 1997 - "Improve YOUR consideration for others when staying at the Lodge". We've put up a few extra signs to help as reminders.

Lodge Caretaker for 1997

mentioned in the mail-out of 19 December that Jason  won't be able to do the job again this year. If you hear of anyone that's interested please let us know.

In Conclusion

 et me thank the Committee, on your behalf, for doing a great job in 1996. Don't forget to renew your membership quickly - it saves us time, effort and money if we don't have to chase you. Let's hope 1997 is an even better year!

Richard Emerton
President

Something for the Social Calendar - Colleen Fox



After a very successful inaugural "Ski de Femme" in August '96, we are now planning a "Hike de Femme" on the second weekend in March 1997.

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ll RASCAL women are most welcome to come for this great weekend of walking and socialising.

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he general plan is to meet on Friday night, walk Saturday and maybe Sunday morning (unless the thought of croissant and coffee at Nugget's Corner is too seductive), and return home after lunch on Sunday.

argitta Acker is our hike consultant and together with anyone interested, will make a plan for the weekend's activities. Your suggestions and ideas are most welcome, as are your preferences for Saturday night dinner and entertainment at the Lodge.

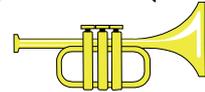


f you are interested in any of the above, please ring Colleen Fox (06) 288-3153 AND ALSO make your booking for a place at the Lodge with the Booking Officer (06) 287-4147 by the end of February.

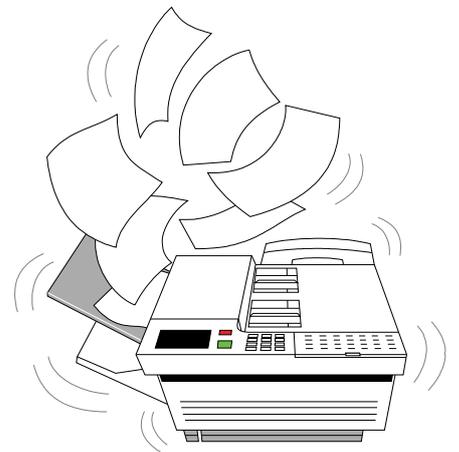
This is a great opportunity for RASCAL Femmes to meet other RASCAL Femmes without the inhibiting presence of their male partners.

Colleen Fox

IMPORTANT!



**RASCAL
now has a fax
machine
connected to
the booking
phone line ...
save time by
faxing in your
booking sheets
rather than
sending them
by post.**



Rat Dreaming - Doug Capp



I can think of nicer things to dream about - and so I did - at first - a light fandango across the roof tops with some dark eyed senorita on a starlit night. Mmmmm - this sounds promising. Heels and castanets on the ceiling at midnight - I must be dreaming? Zzzzzzz - whoops, - no - I've definitely got a real live visitor in the attic.

In fact over the years, I've had a drover's dreamful of visitors in my attic. Brushtails (possums) pissing on the rafters, bats (little eastern mastiffs) roosting in my coat sleeves, bogongs (moths) doing short take-off and landings on my bluegum attic floor - now they're noisy - they sound like a blackhawk squadron doing night exercises. Even a pair of harmonica birds (grey shrike-thrushes) making music and babies in my belfry while I stapled studs and fixed gyprock around them. But this light fandango on my bluegum floor - it ain't familiar.

Well these dainty feet can't be doing any harm, especially at this hour of a winter's night when sleep seems far preferable to a midnight investigation. After all I've cohabited with all this friendly fauna for so long without ill effect - apart from some possum piss on the rafters - and perhaps the eastern brown snakelet that slipped into my wall cavity one autumn eve and spent the winter with me - quietest company I've ever kept. Inter and weeks pass - and the

Wmidnight fandango is now well accommodated in my REM sleep - as more black frocked senoritas join the throng - my little friend has invited her friends to share the warmth and resonance of my bluegum dance hall. Perhaps it's time to have a peak at the party? - I ricochet along the cold corridor, plane up the stairs - land on the lightswitch and - alas, the dancefloor is empty. Studying the sawdust tracks and scat the morning after the night before, I



Surmise I have a few little native "somethings" invading my dreams of Spanish dancers. Apart from some micropoo and an occasional gratuitous chomp from the styrofoam insulation, these sheilas and blokes seem quite benign. I see no reason to do anything but satisfy my curiosity - I set a "catch them but don't kill them" animal trap - spiked with oats, honey and peanuts which I'm told is irresistible to your partying bushrat or antechinus. But these party animals are clearly here for the dancing, not for the food. My

Bcute little native whatever - grows more adventurous - her friends seem to have departed but she's now dancing all around the house - upstairs, downstairs, everywhere it would seem except as yet on my bed. She's dancing on the kitchen shelves, now she's bouncing something behind the fridge - I find a Russian doll there in the morning - disassembled by this little prodigy. I used to put chocolate inside it as a reward for my niece doing the same. Ah ha - chocolate in the animal trap.

o, she's strictly into ballroom - no eating on the job. The party rolls on - she finally gets hungry - styrofoam

Ncan no longer sustain her - she's eating the blue healer's biscuits - I chuck them in the esky - she eats the esky! - well a good size hole through the full face of the lid - the dog and I agree this is getting serious. Blue healers are supposed to be good ratters but all this one can find is dog biscuits.

he's now gone plastic happy - she's eating more holes in the esky - just for the heck of it - there's nothing in it.

SI put the blue healer in the esky - the blue healer is less impressed than the rat.

Now what am I dealing with here? - perhaps this is not your average cute little native bushrat after all? The tupperware is ravaged nightly - and now the seals are disappearing on the freezer. The dog is distraught - first the biscuits and now her buffalo steak. No - this can't be a cute little native anything - I am clearly doing battle with a feral - a cunning and malicious *rattus rattus* - with a plastic fetish to boot. The electrical wiring in the attic will soon be only good for a clothes line - this is war.

ill them don't catch them" rat traps are deployed on every dance floor. The party continues - now a frenzied fandango. Ecstasy and fantasy clearly

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cannot match plastic.

"K" find closet rat experts everywhere - the news is depressing - they tell tales of cunning and craft so tall rattus rattus seems invincible. The bloke at the rural suppliers wistfully apprises me

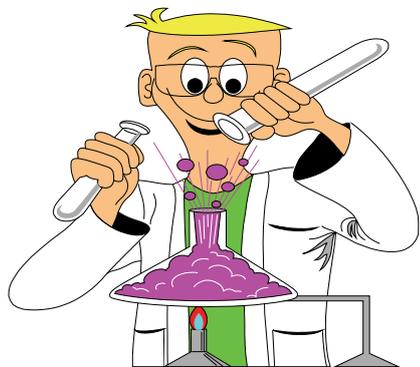
"K" that the rats in his warehouse, which is a veritable rat mine field, are uninterested in traps and poison- his only successful kill in 10 years he tells me, was when he dropped a pallet of ratsac from the forklift on some unsuspecting rattus rattus while it was checking the label.

My morale is ebbing; the dog is depressed (it can't read) and the lights are beginning to flicker. I dream, I sleep no more - when the dancing starts, I prowl from dance room to dance room, my 12 gauge in

"M" hand, hoping to catch the solitary reveller in the act - surely some buckshot in my bluegum is preferable to a wireless house.

Against all my environmental principles I finally resort to chemical warfare - I feel like Sodom (sic) Hussein deploying warfarin wax, ratsac pellets and racumin powder on

"A" unsuspecting and innocent native bystanders. But I do detect a falter in the fandango - the pace slowly slackens, the rhythm



syncopates- no longer a fandango but a drunken hornpipe as night by night my designer death drugs take their inexorable effect.

"B" inally silence - no death dance, no corpse - just a toxic attic where no bats or brushtails will venture again. I return to sweet dreams of dark eyed senioritas dancing on the roof tops.

Doug Capp

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FOR SALE

"D" ue to the low level of interest by members in keeping the dinghy, the Committee has decided to sell it and redirect the funds received (plus the large insurance premium saved) into other Lodge projects.

"T" he dinghy was recently repaired and has a new set of oars - best offer received by the next Committee meeting (18 February) gets it. PS - it comes complete with life jackets.

"F" or more details, and to arrange an inspection (the dinghy is currently located at Curtin), please phone Chris Acker on 281-4467.

New Lodge Rules

"T" he Committee has agreed to new Lodge Rules. Enclosed is a replacement sheet for your copy of the Consolidated Constitution/By-Laws/Lodge Rules document that was sent out after the last AGM. (If you do not have a copy, Mike Vale will be happy to send you another.)

"T" he new rules arise from a number of complaints and are shown as the second and third rules under the IMPORTANT heading. The first is a matter of common courtesy - all Lodge Residents are requested to be neatly and tidily dressed when using the meal and lounge areas. The second is a reminder that check out time is 5pm - this is clearly stated in the By-Laws, but was not, apparently, known to some residents in 1996. Problems encountered in 1996 have

Proposed New By-Laws

"P" rompted a revision of several By-Laws. The proposed changes are enclosed and will:

- increase the fee for cancelled bookings, particularly those where there was no notice given;
- allow members to book extra bunks to have sole occupancy of rooms;
- give preference to bookings for both nights of "winter weekends" over bookings for single nights

Members are invited to comment on the proposed changes on the RASCAL booking line. The changes will be considered at the next Committee meeting on 18 Feb.

Notice of Annual General Meeting



A he Annual General Meeting of RASCAL Inc will be held on Tuesday, 25 March 1996, at 8.00 PM. Light refreshments will be provided.

V Venue will be the Woden Valley Hospital Auditorium which is off the foyer of the main building (turn right after entering through the main doors).

P lease note that the RASCAL Constitution provides that:

- Only financial Members of the Club may vote (but subscriptions may be renewed on the night).
- Junior Members are not entitled to vote.
- Proxy voting is not permitted.
- Any Member may propose amendments to the Constitution by written notice of motion to the Secretary 42 clear days before the meeting.
- Items of general business may be raised from the floor on the night.
- Nominations for Committee positions must be proposed and seconded and may be put in writing or made from the floor on the night.

he Agenda for the meeting is as

T follows:

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of 1996 AGM
3. Business arising from the Minutes
4. Correspondence in/out
5. President's Report
6. Committee Report and Financial Statements
7. Motions to change the Constitution
8. General Business
9. Election of Office Bearers for 1996

MOTIONS TO CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION

he following two motions will be put to the AGM:

T **Motion 1:** (proposed by Mike Vale, Seconded by Trish Carroll) - *That Rule 8.3.3 of the RASCAL Constitution be amended, and new Rules 8.3.4, 8.3.4.1, 8.3.4.2, 8.3.4.3, 8.3.4.4 and 8.3.5 be adopted, to read as follows:*

“8.3.3

The Joining Fee shall not be refundable, except as specified in Rule 8.3.4.

8.3.4

Where a member submits a written resignation to the Committee and also proposes an applicant for Full or Summer membership of the Club, the member resigning shall be entitled to a partial refund of their Joining Fee equal to 40% of the Joining Fee applicable to the grade of membership for which the accompanying application has been made, provided that;

8.3.4.1 the Member resigning is a Financial Member at the time the resignation is submitted;

8.3.4.2 the accompanying application for membership is made in the specified manner and is accepted by the Committee;

8.3.4.3 the applicant for membership completes all membership formalities, including the payment of Joining and first annual fee.

8.3.4.4 the application for membership is received within one calendar month of the date on which the resignation is received.

8.3.5:

Members who are expelled pursuant to Rule 22 are excluded from the provisions of Rule 8.3.4”

Explanatory note:

he proposed changes are intended to allow a partial refund of joining fees to members resigning from the Club - **T** provided that they successfully propose a replacement member. For administrative simplicity, the amount of the refund is proposed to be linked to the joining fee paid by the replacement member rather than to that originally paid by the resigning member.

he Club loses when a member resigns and the Committee is burdened with the job of recruiting a replacement. To date, recruitment has **T** usually been undertaken in large waves, every few years when the Committee of the day judges that member numbers have fallen so far as to be of concern.

ntroducing waves of new members into the Club is probably not as desirable as continuous recruitment, since new members are generally **T** keener to use the Lodge immediately after they join.

ontinuous recruitment should smooth out the sharp increases in demand for

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Lodge accommodation that inevitably follows a large influx of new members.

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Some potential Members may also be put off joining the Club by the size of the current Joining Fee, which is currently fully non refundable.

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The wording of the changes, if accepted at the AGM, will have the effect of imposing the following restrictions:

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1. refunds will only apply upon the resignation of a financial Full or Summer member.
2. since Juniors (with the exception of those upgrading to Full membership) pay no joining fees, the proposal does not apply to them.
3. "replacement" members may apply for Full or Summer membership and must have their applications accepted as per normal procedures. If not accepted, no refund applies.
4. the refund would only be paid upon receipt of the replacement member's joining fee and first annual fee.
5. no retrospective refunds will be made (ie to a member whose resignation was received prior to the adoption of this Rule change).
6. no refunds will apply to members expelled from the Club, or whose memberships have been cancelled.

The proposal is based on a recognition that it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit new members, while natural wastage is likely to continue. Our 1996 recruitment blitz

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has found only enough new members to restore membership to the 1994 level. Further recruitment is likely to show a diminishing return on time and energy invested and some process must be found to place the Club's long term membership on a more stable, self-sustaining footing. Members currently have no incentive to find replacements when they leave the Club, and the bulk of the recruitment effort falls to the Committee.

It is unlikely that introducing the new arrangement would have a significant effect on other recruitment since new members recruited in 1996 have been proposed by active members, not by resigning members. In fact, allowing a partial refund of joining fees would probably make the Club more attractive to prospective members since they would not see those fees as purely a sunk cost.

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The financial impact on the Club will be overwhelmingly positive. The table below indicates that, had 8 out of 10 of the members who resigned in 1996 found replacements, then the Club would have benefited to the tune of \$4,320.

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Annual membership fees for those replacement members would have amounted to a further \$770.

Note that in 1996, a further 49 members had their memberships cancelled or simply disappeared. Some of those members would surely have taken advantage of the proposed rule had it been in force last year. Therefore the

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figure showing income foregone is, arguably, very conservative.

Even that this proposed rule change will benefit the entire membership, the Committee wholeheartedly endorses the motion.

Motion 2: (proposed by Mike Vale, Seconded by Trish Carroll)
-That Rule 6.9 of the RASCAL Constitution be amended to read as follows:

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"6.9

A person who resides more than sixty-five (65) kilometres in a straight line from the Canberra GPO shall not be admitted to membership of the Club whilst the number of Members who reside outside that limit exceeds twenty percent (20%) of the maximum membership."

Explanatory note:

The Committee believes that an increase in the allowable percentage of interstate members, from 10% to 20% is warranted. It appears that the Rule was originally introduced to maintain the local feel of the Club, with a 10% limit on interstate members catering for local members who moved interstate. As local membership of the club has declined, a greater imperative is the maintenance of an adequate membership base.

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The major recruitment campaign undertaken in 1996 has attracted only a modest number of new members resident in the ACT. On the other hand, interstate residents represent a much larger pool from which to draw new members and there are already several on the wait list.

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The Committee would like to admit these wait-listed members into the Club so as to complete the 1996 recruitment round. This is not possible at the moment because the current Constitutional limitation imposed by Rule 6.9 has been reached.

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Membership Category 1996	Number	Assumed Replacement Rate	Potential Income Foregone	Club Share of Income Foregone	Member Share of Income Foregone
Resigned	18	80%	\$7,000	\$4,200	\$2,800

Fishing Weekend 17-19 April - Mike Vale



Remember the RASCAL Survey sent out with membership renewal notices for 1995?

Well, the Committee has been working solidly through your comments in order of priority - many of you will recognise your suggestions realised in the form of the Lodge improvements that have been undertaken over the last two years, and in terms of the way that the Committee has changed the way it goes about managing the affairs of the Club.

And finally we've come to that section of the survey that asked members to nominate activities (other than skiing and snow sports) for which the Lodge could be used as a base, and have developed a program for the coming year that responds to the suggestions received.

Trough fishing seemed to the Committee to be the most obvious non-winter alternative; a view confirmed by your responses. Finally, after considerable negotiation and development work, the Committee is pleased to announce the first in what we hope will become a regular series of fishing instruction weekends at the Lodge. Other weekends that are currently being organised include geological and ecological walking tours through the Kosciusko National Park with a geologist and conservationist, respectively - more details about these

in the next Newsletter - but first things first - let's get back to fishing.

The Club has been fortunate in obtaining the assistance of Steve Samuels, well known Canberra fishing instructor and tour guide. See Steve's Flyer (p12) for the range of fishing services Steve provides. Steve has agreed to run a minimum of two (2) fishing instruction weekends a year, with extra weekends possible, depending on the level of interest shown by members.

The first instruction will be held on the weekend of 17-19 April and will concentrate on bait fishing. Other instruction weekends will concentrate on spinning and fly fishing.

The program for the weekend will be roughly as follows (weather and other conditions may necessitate changes):

FRIDAY 17 April:

8.00pm - A "get to know you" session including an overview of the weekend's activities, gear check, questions and answers etc.

SATURDAY 18 April:

6.00am -
10.00am: Practical instruction and fishing on the Lake shore.

10.00am -
11.30am: Brunch and improbable stories about the ones that got away.

11.30am -
3.00pm: Fishing Tips and tackle talk.

5.00pm -

Dark: Practical instruction and fishing on the Lake shore.

Evening: Dinner (baked trout???), fishing video and recap on the day's experience.

SUNDAY 19 APRIL:

6.00am -
10.00am: Practical instruction and fishing on the Lake shore.

10.00am -
11.30am: Recap on the weekend, questions and answers etc.

11.30am -
3.00pm: Lunch, clean up and departure.

Please note the following:

1. The course is limited to 10 instructees, ie only 10 people will be able to receive instruction during the practical fishing sessions - up to 14 partners and other members are welcome to come and sit in on the Lodge-based sessions, but just cannot be accommodated in the practical sessions - sorry.
2. Registration for the weekend will be strictly in order phoned through to Mike Vale on (06) 241-2351.
3. In the first instance, participation will be limited to one instructee and one "other participant" per family. This limitation may be relaxed if numbers permit. Mature Juniors (>15) welcome.
4. Total cost for the weekend will be \$40 for instructees (including Juniors), which covers accommodation for 2 nights, instruction, bait, and (hopefully) a baked trout dinner on Saturday night (fingers crossed, but have a

plan B just in case). Cost for other participants is \$25 for members and \$15 for Juniors (ie just \$5
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Kosciusko Huts Association (KHA) - Ian McNeill



The Kosciusko Huts Association was conceived in the Snowy Mountains following a meeting at Sawpit Creek Park Headquarters in December 1970. The meeting was called by the then Superintendent of Kosciusko National Park, Neville Gare, who was concerned about the huts in the park, the usage, management problems and the challenges they presented for Park Management.

At the inaugural meeting of the Association in early 1971 Paddy Pallin agreed to be Patron, a position he held until his death in January 1991. From then on the Patron of the Association is equally well known to all, in Dick Smith.

Over the past 25 years the relationship of the KHA and Park Management particularly in earlier times was somewhat rocky with the policy makers of the Park and the views of KHA differing on hut management issues, especially when there was talk of removal of huts; In fact some did get removed. But times change and both the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, the ACT Parks Service and KHA now have an excellent and complementary working relationship.

Kosciusko Huts Association extended its activities beyond Kosciusko National Park and into the ACT through work in Namadgi National

Park from 1990.

As well as caring for huts [over 100 of them] in Kosciusko and Namadgi National Parks, the Association has a number of interest groups that assist in preserving high country heritage.

These comprise:

- The Huts Maintenance Group
- The Huts Conservation Group
- The Information Group
- The Marketing Group
- The Social Group and
- The Sydney Group

The KHA produces a very readable Newsletter four times a year which contains articles of interest on the high country and details of workparties and other forthcoming activities.

The Social Nights, for members and guests have been a great success and are held from time to time at Forestry House in Yarralumla, ACT. These include interesting guest speakers and are followed by supper giving one the



chance to meet others with an interest in the high country.

Other activities like bush walks with accompanying local historians provide a closer insight into the lives and activities of earlier residents of the mountains and the harsh conditions of

the environment in which they lived.

RASCAL Lodge with its ideal location in Jindabyne would make a perfect base for KHA activities. If you have an interest in knowing more about KHA or becoming a member further information is provided in the brochure included with this Newsletter.

Enjoy and care for the mountains.

Ian McNeill

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more than the cost of accommodation). Accommodation credits cannot be used to "pay for" the accommodation component of the weekend.

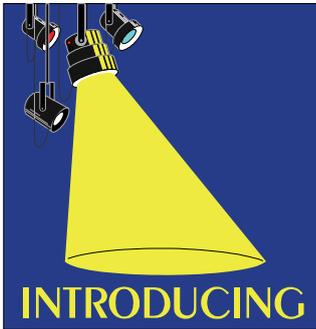
WHAT TO BRING - all items are ESSENTIAL unless otherwise noted):

- ✓ Rod / reel / basic tackle (small hooks, light sinkers, light line etc).
- ✓ Other fishing tackle (optional).
- ✓ Landing net (optional).
- ✓ Good torch.
- ✓ Spray jacket.
- ✓ Waders or gumboots or boots that you don't mind getting muddy.
- ✓ Warm outdoor gear.

If you cannot make it on this weekend, please register your interest anyway - if there is enough support, we will arrange to run another weekend as soon as possible.

Mike Vale

Membership News - Mike Vale



OUR NEW MEMBERS

A very warm RASCAL welcome to the following new Members:

- Robin Eckermann
- Chris Hammer
- Gavin Holmes
- Ryan Holmes
- Liam Holmes
- Moir Holmes
- Mary Kelly
- Hugo Zoller
- Emma Zoller
- Antonia Lamb (Summer Member)
- Craig Midson
- Alan Murray (Summer Member)

We also renew our welcome to the following Junior Members who have upgraded to Full membership:

- Andrew Dawson
- Alastair Evans
- Lisa Evans
- Kathryn Nedeljkovic
- Kieran Steele

The following people who live outside the ACT have been placed on the wait list until there is a suitable vacancy:

- Jeff Maitland
- John Ringrose

Please make sure that when you use the Lodge, you introduce yourself to others staying there as a new Member - I'm sure you will be

welcomed with open arms.

We also regret the recent departure of the following Members:

- W**
- Mariana Matthews
 - Errol Simpson

Farewell and a huge THANK YOU for your support and interest over the years. We wish you all the very best.

And finally on membership matters, we have managed to whittle down considerably the list of "lost" members who were financial in 1995 but who did not renew in 1996. The following are still missing and will have their memberships cancelled if renewals are not received by March.

- Jennifer Bromley
- Steven Dawson
- Margaret Dunkley
- Gregory & Judith Mullens
- Pauline Richards
- Chris Twomey

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The Committee anticipates that the proposal to partially refund joining fees (described above) and this proposal, if approved by members, will avoid the need for a further major recruitment campaign in 1997.

Election of Office Bearers

T elections will be held for the following positions:

- Patron
- President
- Immediate Past President (if

necessary)

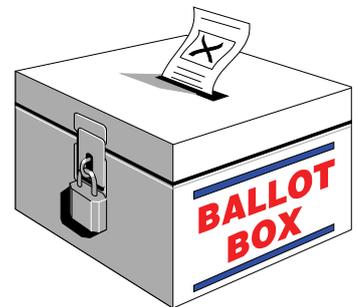
- Vice-President
- Secretary/Assistant Secretary



- Treasurer,
- Public Officer, and
- up to 3 Members

Notifications have been received from the Secretary, Vice-President and Newsletter Editor that they will NOT be standing for re-election at the meeting.

General Business



N any member may raise items of General business from the floor. However, it would help me to arrange the order of business for the meeting if I could have notification of items of other business at least a week in advance of the meeting date. I will also then be able to collect whatever information may be required to

A respond to your particular issues of interest and have it available at the meeting.

Trish Carroll
Secretary

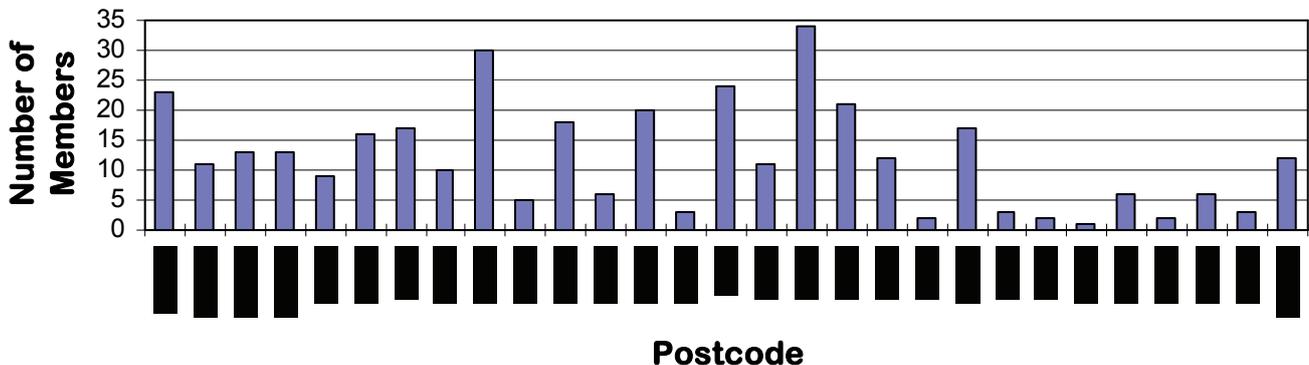
This will be my last edition as Newsletter Editor. Thanks to all who helped & best wishes to my

Some Membership Trivia

Number of Members by firstname

Alan	6	Clive	1	Hilton	1	Lyndal	1	Ralph	1
Alastair	1	Colin	2	Hugh	1	Lynette	2	Ray	1
Alexandar	1	Colleen	1	Ian	3	Lynne	1	Reginald	1
Alexander	1	Con	1	Jane	2	Lynnette	1	Richard	6
Alice	1	Craig	1	Janice	1	Marcus	1	Robert	4
Alison	2	Dale	1	Jaynell	1	Marelle	1	Robin	3
Allan	1	Daryl	1	Jean	1	Margaret	6	Rod	1
Amy	1	David	9	Jeff	1	Margitta	1	Rodney	1
Andrew	5	Denise	1	Jeffrey	1	Mariana	1	Roger	2
Angela	2	Diana	1	Jennifer	5	Marilyn	1	Ronald	1
Angelo	1	Dick	1	Jenny	1	Mark	2	Rosemary	1
Angie	1	Donald	1	Jill	3	Martyn	1	Roy	1
Ann	2	Donna	1	Jiun-Meng	1	Mary	6	Sally	1
Anne	1	Dorothy	1	Joanna	1	Matthew	1	Samantha	1
Anthony	4	Doug	1	Joanne	1	Maureen	3	Sandra	1
Antonia	1	Eileen	1	John	10	Meena	1	Savy	1
Barbara	4	Elaine	1	Judith	2	Meg	1	Sonya	1
Barry	1	Errol	1	Judy	1	Meriel	1	Stella	1
Belinda	1	Fayne	1	Julie	1	Michael	9	Stephanie	1
Ben	1	Fern	1	Juliharti	1	Michaela	1	Stephen	4
Benjamin	1	Fiona	1	Karl	1	Michele	1	Steve	1
Bernard	2	Frances	1	Kate	1	Michelle	2	Steven	1
Bernie	1	Frank	1	Kathryn	1	Mike	1	Stewart	1
Bick	1	Gabrielle	1	Kaye	1	Moir	1	Sue	2
Braven	1	Gary	1	Keith	1	Mollie	1	Susan	4
Brendan	1	Gavin	1	Kelvin	1	Monty	1	Terry	1
Brian	3	Geoffrey	4	Ken	1	Nerida	1	Timothy	1
Brooke	1	George	1	Kerri	1	Nigel	1	Tom	1
Bruce	2	Gerry	1	Kerrie	1	Noel	1	Tony	4
Bruno	1	Glenda	1	Kerry	1	Olga	1	Trevor	1
Carol	1	Glynnis	1	Kieran	1	Pamela	2	Trish	1
Carole	1	Gordon	1	Kingsley	1	Patricia	5	Valerie	1
Carolyn	1	Graeme	1	Lance	1	Patrick	2	Vic	1
Catherine	1	Graham	4	Lee Jean	1	Paul	3	Victor	1
Cathie	1	Grant	1	Leona	1	Penelope	1	Virginia	1
Catriona	1	Greg	1	Leonard	1	Peta	1	Vivienne	1
Celia	1	Gus	1	Leonie	1	Peter	7	Wendy	2
Cheryl	1	Hadyn	1	Linda	1	Philip	6	William	2
Chi	1	Heather	1	Lisa	2	Philippa	1	Winston	1
Chris	2	Hedy	1	Lou	1	Phillip	3	Xenie	1
Christine	2	Heinz	1	Luba	1	Prue	1	Zdenka	1
Christopher	3	Helen	3	Lucas	1	Rachel	1		
Clare	1	Hilary	1	Lucy	1	Rai	1		

Number of Members by Postcode



STEVE SAMUELS' TROUT FISHING TOURS

Steve Samuels' fishing tours are designed to give you a fishing experience that is fun, educational and affordable. We have a wide range of options available, so read on, there is bound to be a fishing option that suits your needs.

Let us take you to Lake Eucumbene, our most famous Snowy Lake. Our Lake Eucumbene package is primarily designed for people who want either a varied trout fishing experience or for those with just one type of fishing in mind such as fly fishing. It is a great option for those wishing to try their hand at trout fishing for the first time, or the experienced angler looking to increase their skills on big water.

Accommodation is centred at Buckenderra Holiday Village situated right on the foreshores of Lake Eucumbene, and consists of on-site van accommodation right through to villa units.

Madison Cottage is our own cottage located on the private Green Lake in the heart of the Monaro. Right next door is the equally famous Black Lake. Both waterways are true trophy trout waters. A stay at Madison Cottage gives you access to both lakes as well as putting you very close to the numerous Monaro streams that flow through the area. This really is the premier fly fishing district of New South Wales. A stay at Madison Cottage is designed for the novice or expert fly fisher. Novices concentrate on the lakes where they are taught fly casting, basic fishing skills and hopefully playing and landing a trout. For those more experienced in fly fishing, the rivers of the Monaro offer superb fly fishing at its most challenging. Our fly fishing package at



STEVE SAMUELS' GUIDED FISHING TOURS

for
Brown & Rainbow Trout
Atlantic Salmon
Brook Trout & Redfin.

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Madison Cottage includes accommodation, meals, instruction, and all tackle (if needed). This has to be the best value guided fishing package available today.

The Snowy Mountains of New South Wales have some of the clearest and fastest flowing trout streams in the state. Let us take you there, where you can tangle with true wild trout. They may not be the biggest fish, but they have great heart and live in some of the most spectacular country you are ever likely to see. Our Snowy Rivers package is best suited to those who have had some experience at catching trout, but would like to learn more about trout in the river environment.

This option is suitable for fly and spin fishing. During your stay up in the high country you might also like to visit some of the lesser known but trout rich lakes of the area. Accommodation can be arranged in the mountains where the air is crisp and clear, and travel time to the streams and lakes is an absolute minimum.

Camping out is a unique fishing experience. Just imagine hiking into a remote trout stream, pitching a tent, boiling the billy and then casting to rising trout within sight of the camp, but miles from anywhere else. Sure it takes a bit of effort to get there and you need to be reasonably fit, but the rewards are worth it. This option is available for both fly and spin fishers and the cost includes your food. If you have a favourite sleeping bag we invite you to bring it along or we can supply you with one. All transportation to these rivers is by foot.

Redfin are out there, and they provide an interesting challenge. Why not let us take you on a redfin roundup. Accommodation is at Madison Cottage. You will spin fish or perhaps try with a fly, and redfin will be the target. Although redfin can tend to be small, we have access to some rivers that produce reasonable sized reddies. What they lack in size they make up for in numbers, and they are amongst one of the tastiest freshwater fish to eat. A redfin roundup might not be everyone's idea of fun, but for those looking for something different, or not as challenging as trout this is the answer. Redfin roundup is suitable for beginners of all ages to fishing.

Steve Samuels