

# Rascal

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**7-9 Banjo Paterson Cres, Jindabyne, NSW, 2627**

... summer, autumn, winter, spring ... summer, autumn, winter, spring ... summer, autumn, winter, spring ...



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

*Summer Newsletter - February 2001*

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**2000 COMMITTEE**

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please)

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**2001 Winter Lodge Caretaker**

Melanie O'Halloran

**From the  
President**



**Hi**

i everyone - this is our first Newsletter for the year. Hope you had a memorable Christmas and if you were lucky enough to get away for holidays you had an enjoyable time. For those who stayed in Canberra it has been a hot summer! Let's hope the rest of the year is more pleasant (including lots of winter snow!).

At the November meeting of the Committee held at the Lodge, we not only got through lots of administrative stuff but also did numerous jobs around the place. It was evident that again we had a water seepage problem into the games room from the car park. So to hopefully provide a more lasting solution we have had some drainage laid to run the water around the Lodge and have had some additional concreting work done. Let's hope it does the trick.

By now you should have all received your membership renewal letters for 2001 - don't forget to get them back to us as soon as you can. It not only preserves your membership entitlements but it also helps to reduce overheads we incur by

chasing those who haven't responded.

A reminder too about the AGM which will be held on Wednesday 4th April 2001. The roll-up at the AGM last year was very encouraging. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended, so we are looking to adopt the same format this year at the same venue. So come along for the meal followed by the AGM and join us for some delicious food in an excellent environment before the formal part of the evening.

You will be aware that all members of the Committee stand down each year and a new team is elected. As usual we are on the lookout for new helpers as some of the current Committee members are unable to continue their participation. I have already signalled my intention to step down after 5 years as President; Monty Fox has also indicated he wants a break too. If you are interested or would like some information about the Committee and positions, please give me ring and/or volunteer to step forward at the AGM. Whether or not you want to join the Committee, please come along to the AGM, your attendance is encouraged. You get to have your say, and to vote for next year's Committee - hope to see you there.

I've had a terrific time as President over the last 5 years. During that time, your Committees have achieved a lot. Particularly:

- Recruited new members to compensate for those leaving to ensure the ongoing viability of the Club;
- Significantly improved the Club's finances and business affairs;
- Continued fixes and improvements to maintain the Lodge as an attractive location;
- Made major upgrades and additions including the kitchen, outdoor barbeque and pergola,

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# Notice of Annual General Meeting & Dinner Wednesday, 4 April, 6.15pm for 8.15pm



This year's Annual General Meeting of Rascal Inc. will be combined with a dinner at the Lotus Room, Canberra Southern Cross Yacht Club, Alexandrina Drive, Yarralumla. **The Date is Wednesday, 4 April.**

All Rascal members and their guests are invited to the pre-AGM dinner at 6:15 pm, which will be a set price menu with entree, main course and tea/coffee for \$20 per person.

The dinner will be followed by the AGM at 8:15 pm.

Members wishing to attend the AGM but not the dinner will be welcomed with complimentary tea/coffee in the Lotus Room.

The evening promises to provide a great opportunity to meet with friends, catch up with old and new members, enjoy quality food and wine, and elect your new committee for 2001.

Make a note in your diary now.

Why not organise a group of members and friends to share the occasion?

## AGM Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Confirm Minutes of 2000 AGM
3. Business arising from Minutes
4. Correspondence in/out
5. Committee Report, comprising
  6. President's Report
  7. Treasurer's Report
  8. Public Officer's Report
  9. Lodge Manager's Report
10. Office Manager's Report
11. Motions to change Constitution
12. General Business
13. Election of Office Bearers for 2001

## Notes:

### Motions to Change Constitution

Any Member may propose amendments to the Constitution by written notice of motion to the Secretary 42 clear days before the meeting. No motions were received @ 13 Feb 2001, and none are proposed by the Committee.

### Election of Office Bearers

Elections will be held for:

- Patron
- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Public Officer
- Lodge Manager
- Immediate Past President, &
- up to 3 Members

At least 2 of the current Committee (President, Richard Emerton and Secretary Monty Fox), will not be standing for election in 2001. If you would like more information about what each position on the Committee is responsible for,

please contact Mike Vale who will provide copies of duty statements.

## Voting

- Only financial Members may vote (renewals may be made on the night).
- Junior Members are not entitled to vote.
- Proxy voting is not permitted.
- Items of general business may be raised from the floor.
- Nominations for Committee positions must be proposed and seconded, and may be put in writing, or may be made on the night from the floor.

A combined dinner menu and booking form is enclosed with this newsletter. If you would like to attend the dinner, please fill out the booking form and post or fax it back by Friday 16 March. Your consideration in booking early will greatly assist the organisers.

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and the deck - what a wonderful party we had to celebrate its official opening.

And significantly, my job has been made so much easier and more enjoyable because of the great bunch of people I have had the pleasure to work with. My sincere thanks to the Committee members, Office Manager and Lodge Caretakers and all the willing members who participate in working parties and other Club activities. You continue to make Rascal what it is. Keep up the good work into the future, and enjoy the year 2001!

Richard Emerton

# Skiing in Japan - Dof Dickinson

K. Not your typical ski destination, but well worthwhile if you can get a package deal. (Snowave do them) First off - no jetlag! Japan is only 2 hours time difference from the east coast, and

We stayed in our own little cottage, very warm and comfy with a heated table! You sit around it on the floor and pull the quilt over you at night.

As you'd expect from the Japanese, the lifts are highly organised.

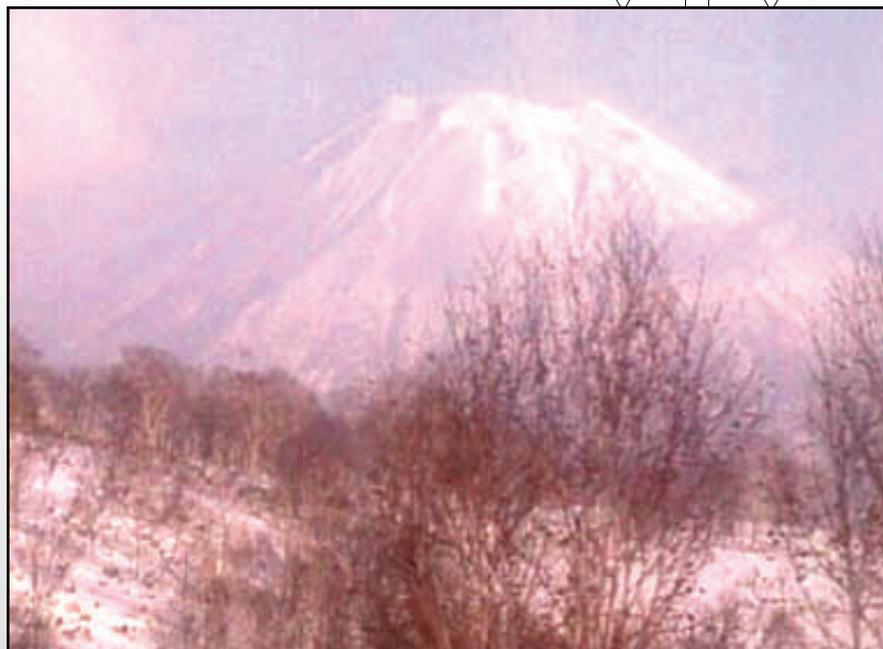
In general, though, expect to pay double what you'd pay in Australia and don't drink the wine - it's appalling. Even the imported French and Australian wines (\$50 a bottle) defy belief. Where they got them from is anyone's guess. A glass of Sapporo bitter in a bar costs \$8 a glass. That's the Australian peso (sorry, dollar) for you. But remember, you have the fun of sitting on mats on the floor, and enjoying watching your delicious food prepared freshly right in front of you.

However, the town has a good supermarket and you can cook for yourself at about the same price as back home. No meat, though. Unless you like dog's meat, which is what it looks like. However, there is a KFC in town, if you get desperate. Otherwise, wonderful rice and fish and lots of fresh fruit and veggies at about the same price as back home.

The scenery will knock your eyes out. Kuchan (see photo at left) is a huge volcanic peak covered in snow. And then there's the Onsen, the hot springs where the Japanese go to bathe. They're fantastic - sitting outside in a 40 C pool with the snow falling on you. You can take a 'modesty towel' to cover your naughty bits if you're shy.

Worthwhile? Yes, but it is expensive. The culture makes for much more than a ski holiday. Good idea to visit Tokyo and Kyoto too, if you can.

Note: Dof is interested in other members' no-holds-barred appraisals of overseas ski resorts, particularly those in South America. All reviews gratefully received.



so you can get down and enjoy your holiday straight away.

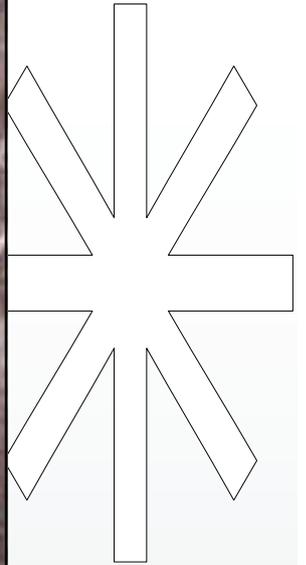
Secondly, the altitude is not high (about the same as Australia) so if you suffer from AMS (Acute Mountain Sickness), you're also in for a trouble-free stay.

Thirdly, the Sapporo region of Hokkaido (Japan's north island) has the most reliable powder in the world, so you can expect it to snow pretty much every day - it did for us.

It's cold - about -14C most days and you won't see much sunshine - just snow. The resort we visited, Niseko, is not very steep. Only about as challenging as Thredbo, but the deep, consistent powder and reasonably long runs makes up for that.

Paper lift tickets are a thing of the past. You have a magnetic beeper on your arm and the gates automatically open for you as you ski through. We never queued once, just skied straight through every time. Often we had whole runs to ourselves. But apparently, the Japanese all ski the first week of January, so that is the one week to avoid. (We were there over Xmas).

The real fun part about skiing in Japan is the culture. You'd better learn some basic Japanese because English is rare. Shopping is a riot, everything is so different and there are heaps of really exotic things to buy in the town. Restaurant food is superb and there are some cheap noodle bars in the resort and on the slopes.



Dof's 12 year old son (and Junior member) James, demonstrating the quality of the powder and his snowboarding skills.





## **#1 Hike des Femmes, 9-10 March 2001**

Contact Colleen Fox

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nce again, International Women's Day (8 March) can be celebrated in true Rascal form with an open invitation to all Rascal women interested in a 'Hike des Femmes' weekend. Participants usually arrive Friday night for a serious discussion on the hiking possibilities for the next day. Saturday is all action with packs, water bottles, cameras and, of course, rolls from the bakery at Nugget's Crossing.

In the past, we've enjoyed a variety of mountain scenery, wonderful walking tracks, fabulous company and have always been able to accommodate all levels of fitness.

Margitta, our highly experienced bushwalking consultant, has never let us down with ideas on areas to explore and, Judy, complete with First Aid pack, has always been there waiting to attend to any injured member...so far, Judy has never had the chance to put her skills into action, but, she'll be there again with bandaids and other essential secret cures.

On Saturday night we usually have dinner in one of the Jindabyne restaurants. Sunday is R & R day, a gen-

tle, relaxing morning for some, while for others, a shorter walk is possible to make use of those magical mountains yet again.

If you and any of your friends are interested in coming on this weekend, please contact either Colleen (6288-3153) or Judy (6230-2436).

Bookings for the weekend must be made with Mike Vale by all participants. following the usual booking procedures. Lifts can be arranged.

All ideas and suggestions are also welcome...walking ideas, entertainment, other date proposals ... please don't hesitate! We're all looking forward to another great weekend.

## **#2 Hike des Families, 4-5 May 2001**

Contact Monty Fox

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he Club is also interested in holding a weekend for any members interested in family-oriented bushwalking.

The first weekend in May (4/5 May) is a possible date for this activity.

The idea would be to get together on the Friday night at the lodge to work out the walking options for Saturday. We would organise a few alternatives to accommodate everyone's needs and fitness levels.

On Saturday evening members could enjoy a tasty barbeque or share a delicious variety of food at one of the many Jindabyne restaurants. On Sunday, the choices are only limited by members' residual fitness levels ... walks, tennis, golf,

Nugget cappuccinos, canoeing, a visit to a local art gallery, lunch at the Snowy winery... the list goes on.

Calling all interested bushwalkers in Rascal...people interested in such a weekend...experienced walkers with suggestions for places to go... members with any proposals...please contact Monty (6288-3153 or montyfox@pcug.org.au)

## **#3 Working Bee, 24-25 March 2001**

Contact Angela Wydeveld

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ell, summer is nearly over and the Lodge has been well used and busy.

This also means that once again it is that time of the year when the Lodge needs a good clean and spruce up, and various miscellaneous chores need to be attended to.

A working bee is being organised for the weekend of 24-25 March and the participation of members is being sought.

You can have a fun weekend by working hard meeting more members, enjoying good company and the wonderful environment of our Lodge on the lake, and contributing to the maintenance and improvement of your Lodge.

Other than general cleaning, things needing attention include lots of small maintenance items, the tidying of the garden, work in the games room and some landscaping.

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# Are you ready for retirement?

Trish Carroll\*

**S**o your vision of heaven is retiring and going up to RASCAL mid-week in winter, skiing your favourite runs or sprawling on the deck in summer working your way through all those lists of books you have been making over the past ten years.

Well, think again. That may very well be satisfying for the first few months of retirement but like most activities they begin to pall after awhile.

A satisfying retirement depends on a number of things, good finances and good health being the top of the list. Most people plan for the former, hope for the latter but give little thought to the other factors that contribute to a fulfilling retirement. How one moves into retirement is significant particularly if the transition is a forced one.

Reflecting on the experience of paid work, its meaning and purpose in our lives, how it structures our days, weeks and years and often provides a social outlet is also important when contemplating this move away from the workplace.

Renegotiating significant relation-

ships also needs time and thought. Two people, who have for years, only been together intermittently during the week and on weekends, need to work out how the dynamics of that relationship might change when they spend most of their waking time with each other. This is not al-

stability in life goals and purpose which leads to a successful retirement.

Life after paid employment is also a time when freedom beckons and time seems to expand. Yet as most retirees will tell you they are busier after retirement than when they were in full time paid employment!

But busier may not be happier. It is important to think through how you want to spend this wonderful abundance of time especially when you are young enough to take risks and resurrect half-forgotten dreams.

Skiing the black runs at Thredbo or reading six novels in a row on the RASCAL deck in the shade may indeed be part of your retirement plan but not the only part and possibly not the most important part. Life is not a dress rehearsal; we only have

one chance and those of us who can retire reasonably financially secure have a fantastic opportunity to live a passionate and fulfilled retirement.

\*As well as being an active Rascal member, Trish Carroll is a Retirement and Career Counsellor. She can be contacted on (02) 6255-3410 or 0427-55-3410.



ways easy!

So what makes for a wonderful and satisfying retirement?

The answer to that is probably as varied as the individuals who retire. Everyone is different but according to recent research, pre-retirement planning is positively linked to retiree satisfaction. This pre-planning assists the individual to maintain a sense of

# Membership Matters - Mike Vale

## Announcements

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

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very warm RASCAL welcome to the following new Members.

- ☺ Garran Carnall
- ☺ Jodie Castles (Summer)
- ☺ Alan Civil
- ☺ Karen Civil
- ☺ Catherine Corry
  - Daniel Corry
  - Jack Corry
  - Liam Corry
- ☺ Michael Corry
  - Anna Corry
  - Louise Corry
  - Sarah Corry
- ☺ Andrius Daukus
- ☺ Rasa Daukus
- ☺ Richard Gallimore
- ☺ Margo Goodin
  - Brett Goodin
  - Ross Goodin
- ☺ Liz Johnson
- ☺ Neville Johnson
- ☺ Barbara Lawson
  - Shannon Lawson
  - Michael Lawson
- ☺ Merril Markham
- ☺ Corey Markham

- ☺ Barbara Matthews
- ☺ Wynne Matthews
- ☺ Deborah Matthews
- ☺ Michael Mertens
- ☺ Lena Ridley
- ☺ Jenny Robinson
- ☺ Michael Stomps
  - William Stomps
  - Shannon Blackburne
  - Roxanne Sinclair
- ☺ Geri Vaughan
- ☺ Patricia Woods

and to the following Junior members who have upgraded to Full membership:

- ☺ Nicholas Moss
- ☺ Megan Roberts

### Farewell also to the following members who have left the Club:

- ☹ Celia Black
- ☹ Jane Crisp
- ☹ Brian Dixon
- ☹ Maureen Doherty
- ☹ Steven Doszpot
- ☹ Maureen Doszpot
- ☹ Amy Doszpot
- ☹ Kerry Douglas
- ☹ Joanne English
- ☹ Gary Fynmore
- ☹ Pat Gorman
- ☹ Marilyn Hatton
- ☹ John Hill
- ☹ Catriona Howard
- ☹ Roger Howard
- ☹ Lucas Huntley

- ☹ Bernie Little
- ☹ Geoffrey McGuinness
- ☹ Lynette McGuinness
- ☹ Jill Mutton
- ☹ Philip Mutton
- ☹ Kathryn Nedeljkovic
- ☹ Damien Nedeljkovic
- ☹ Rodney Paule
- ☹ Judy Paule
- ☹ Dick Quan
- ☹ Robert Rawson
- ☹ Marelle Rawson
- ☹ Ros Sorensen
- ☹ Savy Spannari
- ☹ Vic Spannari
- ☹ Hadyn Strang

And finally - a reminder to the following members whose membership renewals for 2000 had not been received @ 9 Jan. 2001. These memberships are now suspended and may be cancelled without further notice.

- ☹ Susie Black
- ☹ Andrew Dawson
- ☹ David Fox
- ☹ Timothy Fox
- ☹ Phillip Greenhalgh
- ☹ Nicholas Hain
- ☹ Christopher Hogan
- ☹ Braven Howarth
- ☹ Ann Howarth
- ☹ Margaret Saboisky
- ☹ John Saboisky
- ☹ Mark Sayers

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For those who come along to work, morning and afternoon teas and lunch will be provided on the Saturday as well as a dinner (probably barbecue to test out the BBQ's working order).

Accommodation is also free for those who work.

You can come on Friday evening or early Saturday morning and we hope

that the tasks will all be completed on



the Saturday, so that Sunday will be free for people to do as they wish.

If you would like to come please let me know and book your accommodation with Mike Vale.

There will be another working bee, if necessary, just before the ski season to do any final work before the next large influx of members. So if you can't make this one but would like to be involved in the next one (date permitting) let me know.