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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 ...

Summer Newsletter – November 2018

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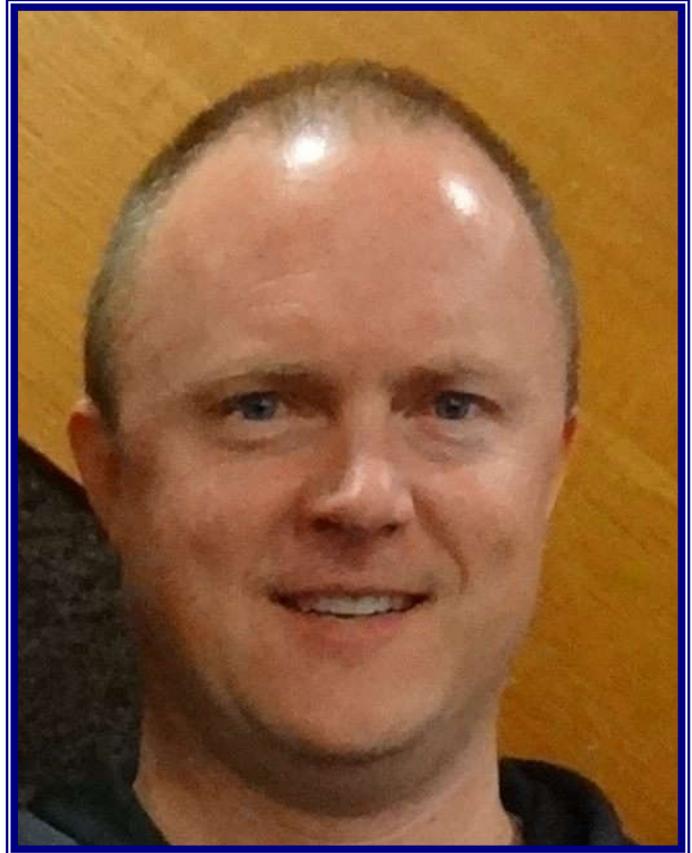
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I have been lucky enough to spend two weekends at the lodge recently - the first as part of the post winter working bee and the second for the annual committee meeting at the lodge. As typically a winter visitor to Jindabyne I enjoyed spending time in the lodge in the warmer months, it has a totally different feeling to the winter and allowed the time to enjoy the view out over the lake from the balcony spend some time in and around the lodge.

Jindabyne and the Snowy Mountains are becoming a year round destination, with activities like bushwalking and cycling, music festivals and running events. Each weekend I have been in Jindabyne I have been able to participate in the Jindabyne Parkrun and spend some time with members of



Rascal Committee

2018/19

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the local community. We track key events on the RASCAL website, I would encourage all members to look at what is going on in the area and consider a summer weekend in Jindabyne or the mountains to experience what the area truly has to offer.

We recently completed the post winter working bee and I would personally like to thank everyone who attended and absolutely smashed through the post winter work, getting the lodge ready for summer. In one day we were able to transform the lodge from winter mode, back to summer with the re-installation of shade sails and screen doors, the re-powering up of the evaporative cooler and giving the lodge a full top to bottom clean. Working bee's are a great way to meet people, and spend some time in the lodge learning more about it and how it works - in addition, participants in working bee's receive a free weekends accommodation, and additional accommodation credit which can be put towards time in the lodge during holiday season.



Each year, the committee has a scheduled weekend in the lodge where we plan out key strategic activities for the next 12 months. In addition to looking at the lodge as an asset, the weekend includes performing a full review of the financial health of the club and setting the fees for the following year. The running costs of RASCAL are impacted directly (and quite heavily) by the cost of energy - which is rising at a much higher rate than inflation. Despite this, we have been able to keep our 2019 subscription and accommodation costs at a level which we believe is very cost effective and represents great val-



ue for our members. Further details about the new annual subscription and accommodation costs can be found later in the newsletter.

Over the last couple of years, the club has gone to great lengths to ensure that the lodge is as well equipped and ready for summer adventures, some of the work that has gone into ensuring the lodge is summer ready include:



- The installation of the evaporative cooling on the top level of the lodge. Winter members may question the large silver duct that runs through the living space - this is what provides us with cost effective cooling during the warmer months, and allows us to leave doors and windows open for flow through cooling.
- The installation of the shed on the western side of the lodge. This shed was installed to allow bikes, kayaks, fishing gear etc to be securely stored for summer activities when not in use
- The deck. For anyone who hasn't been to the lodge on a warm summers day, the deck is the most amazing place to spend time. RASCAL has the most amazing views across the lake, and sitting back and enjoying time under the shade sails provides a totally new view of Jindabyne

One of other tasks completed by the Committee while at the lodge is to plan out a works program for the next 12 months. In addition to a number of items of general repairs and maintenance, the Committee has approved the replacement of all of the original mattresses within the lodge. While this is a significant expense, many of these existing mattresses are well past their use

by date and to retain them will detract from our members experience at staying in the lodge.

Following an untimely shelf collapse late in the ski season, we were also forced to look at the crockery supplies within the lodge. A big thanks to Marg Sharp, our Purchasing Officer who battled her way through Ikea to find us a new set of crockery. We are now lucky enough to have a full set of matching crockery in the cupboard.

Following feedback from the membership, the Committee (lead by Peter Dunnet) have been looking into how we can increase the living space on the top level of the lodge by building in the BBQ area on the western end of the deck. The aim is to provide an additional (segregable) living area to allow space for members to spread out and enjoy the lodge. Thank you to RASCAL member Peter Overton for his work in preparing the design documents for consideration by the Committee. Please have a look at the images of the proposed extension in the newsletter - if you have any feedback please feel free to reach out to me. While this represents a significant capital investment for the club, we believe that it will improve the usability of the lodge across the year.



Images for the deck extension can be found on page 7.

The Committee faces the unenviable task of finding a balance between retaining the historically significant parts of RASCAL, cost management, and providing a suitable lodge to take the club forward. We look forward to continuing to share with the membership how we are planning and trying to do this and encourage you to engage with us to let us know your thoughts on how

we are doing. Please feel free to reach out to me at president@rascal.asn.au or on 0414 146 448.

While it sounds crazy, AGM 2019 is fast approaching us. The ongoing functioning of RASCAL relies on the committee to provide and realise a strategic direction, participation on the committee would provide individuals with an opportunity to be directly involved in the setting and realisation of the future of the club, if this is something you would be interested in doing, please consider nominating yourself for a committee position next year. While this is forward warning, it will come around very quickly.



As noted in the last newsletter, we are sadly going to farewell Kim Dunnet from the Office Manager role at the end of the year and are please to announce the Lee-Ann Swift has accepted the role. Lee-Ann has been a long time RASCAL member and has formerly been on the committee. The Office Manager's responsibilities will be progressively transferred from Kim to Lee-Ann. While we hope that this process will be as transparent as possible to our members, we request that everyone has some patience and supports Lee-Ann and the club during this transition. The email address and phone number will remain the same so please continue to engage with the club via the usual channels.

Last but not least Rascal would also like to welcome our new members Matthew Honeycombe, Michael and Chelsea Jackson, Georgia Sadler, Deryk Bartlett and Sophia Dunbar and Kelly Teagle.

Colin McLean - President

An intro from the incoming Office Manager

My name's Lee-Ann and I'll shortly be starting as your new office manager for RASCALS. I'm greatly looking forward to working for RASCALS and supporting the members, the committee and the lodge.

I'm a second-generation RASCAL member. I have fond memories of visiting the lodge with my family on holidays in the ski season and for bushwalks in summer. Sadly, I've only had a few summer stays at the lodge over the last 10 years in between work, study and renovating our house. Hopefully I'll be making winter trips again soon and get to know more of you who primarily use the lodge in the ski season.

Like most members I'm based in Canberra. I worked in the public service for 7 years but became very keen for a change so I'm now back at university, this time

studying psychology. I think that the flexibility of being a student will help me to be responsive as RASCALS office manager.

I was on the committee for a couple of years between 2013/14 and 2016/17 so you may have seen me at the RASCAL AGM or may be familiar with my Mum, Linda Swift, who was a long-standing treasurer on the Committee.

I'm currently working on a third generation RASCAL member. My son is due in January, please be patient with me while I'm getting the hang of the office manager role and parenthood at the same time. I hope that, just like Kim has, I will help to make your membership enjoyable and your trips to the lodge easy and happy ones.



My brother and I at the snow as children (I'm the one in pink)



A more current photo: Much closer to how I look now

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Some Important Dates to Note for 2018-19

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| 1 December 2019 | Annual membership renewals open AND
First Tranche for winter bookings open |
| 1 March 2019 | Second Tranche for winter bookings open |
| 2 March 2019 | Working Bee |
| 16 March 2019 | Annual Hike de Femme |
| 27 March 2019 | RASCAL Annual General Meeting (AGM) |
| 4 May 2019 | Working Bee |
| 12 October 2019 | Working Bee |
| 26 October 2019 | Annual Lodge Committee Meeting |

General Fee Information

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership Grade	Fees \$
Full Senior Adult Member	130.00
Junior Full Members - First	65.00
Junior Full Members - Second	32.50
Junior Full Members - Third	13.00
Fellow Member	65.00
Summer Senior Adult Member	120.00
Junior Summer Members - First	60.00
Junior Summer Members - Second	30.00
Junior Summer Members - Third	12.00

Note: Renewal of annual subs for 2019 will open on 1 December 2018 - this is a change from last year.

Renewals are due before 1 January 2018.

To keep your membership current, renew before the new year to receive accommodation vouchers to the value of \$50.00 - these vouchers can be used on bookings that commence in 2018.

These early renewal vouchers expire at the end of 2019

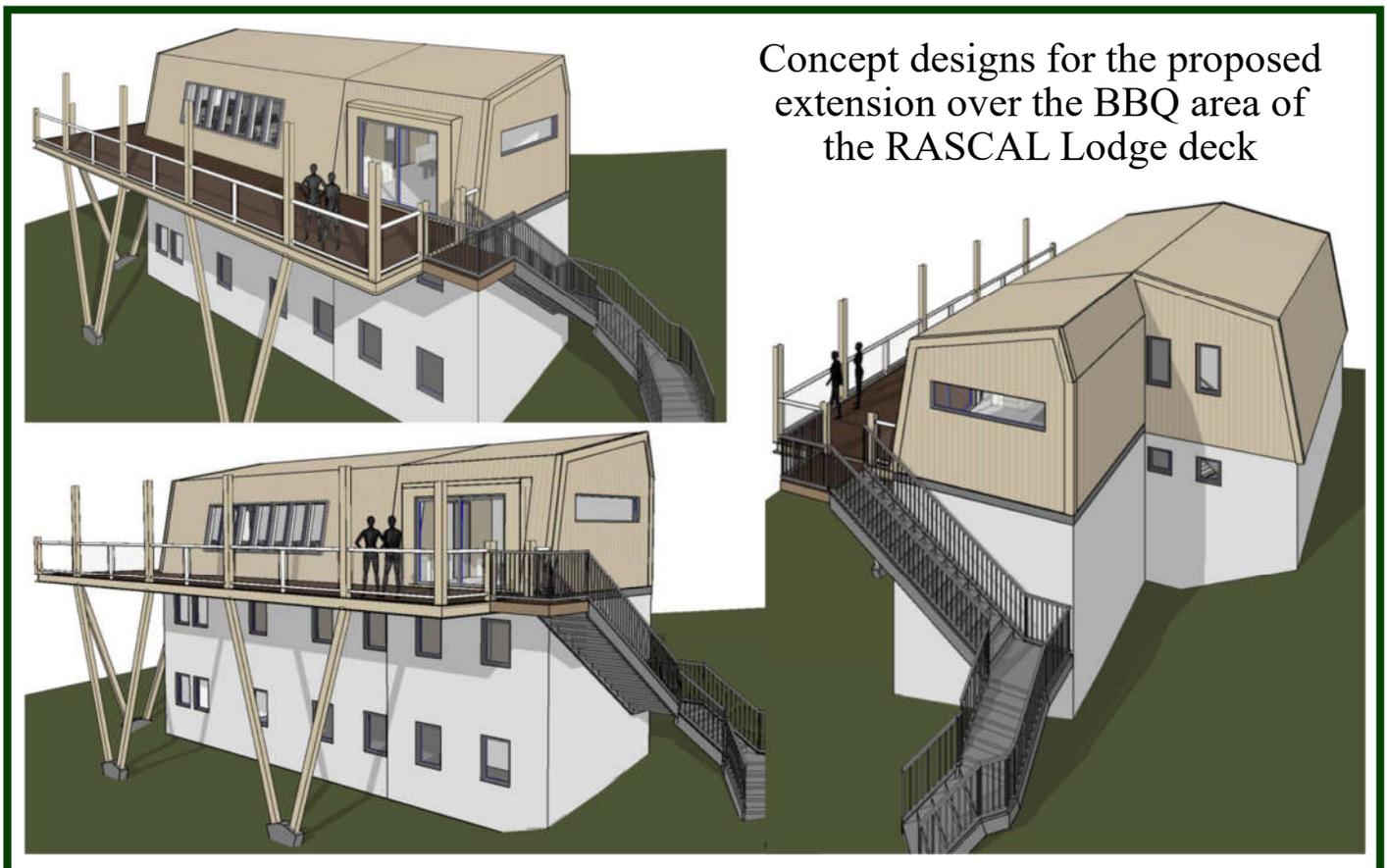
ROOM AND GUEST LEVY RATES

Room Number	High	Med	Low
Room 1 - Family Room	150	110	85
Room 2 - Queen Room	125	90	68
Room 3 - Single Room	50	38	30
Room 4, 9 & 10 - Four Bunk	109	79	62
Room 5 - Twin Bed	100	75	60
Room 6,7 & 8 - Two Bunk	69	48	38
Adult Guest Levy	30	15	10
Junior Guest Levy	10	5	5



Refer to the online Rascal By-Laws for most current details relating to fee's and charges.

Membership Joining	Fees \$
Full Senior Adult Member	980.00
Full Senior Adult Member - Second adult at same residence	490.00
Full Junior Member	Free
Full Junior Upgrade at age 18 to Full Senior Adult Member	245.00
Full Junior Upgrade over age 18 to Full Senior Adult Member	490.00
Ex Full Adult Member - Re-joining	260.00
Ex Full Junior Member - Re-joining	Free
Ex Full Junior Re-join to Full Senior Adult	490.00
Summer Senior Adult Member	750.00
Summer Junior Member	Free
Summer Junior Upgrade at age 18 to Summer Senior Adult Member	205.00
Summer Junior Upgrade over age 18 to Summer Senior Adult Member	375.00
Summer Senior Adult Member - Re-joining	240.00



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