



RASCAL NEWS

Autumn 1996

Newsletter of RASCAL INC

RASCAL Committee for 1996



The RASCAL Committee for 1996 (details on p2) was elected at the AGM on 26 March.
(front row left to right): Alan Laird, Judy Turnbull, Trish Carroll, Richard Emerton, Rod Roberts
(back row left to right): Mike Vale, Doug Capp, Chris Acker, John Kennard, Lynne Bentley, Monty Fox



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President's Report Richard Emerton



Members of RASCAL, this is my first article for RASCAL NEWS since I was elected President at the March AGM.

Let me start by saying how pleased I am to be elected President and that I am looking forward to helping make 1996 a great year for all RASCALS.

Last week I was reading an article in *The Canberra Times* entitled "Declining office is an art form". It identified this as the time of year when many clubs hold their AGMs, and, how many of them experience (in light-hearted fashion) great difficulties in filling vacant positions on their committees. Not so for RASCAL. Not for us the stony silences when the call for nominations was made; no furtive looks nor attempts to look invisible. Lots of willing volunteers to serve on your committee. Congratulations to all those members who made the effort to get to the AGM, and thank you to those who form the new committee.

In the last RASCAL NEWS Monty Fox indicated he would not be standing for President in 1996. Let me put on record a huge vote of thanks to Monty for the major contributions he has made to RASCAL over the years. However all is not lost! Not only will Monty still be around on the Committee (in 1996

in the newly created position of Immediate Past President) to help us with his wealth of experience, but he also has the key role of looking after the bookings. This means he will get to talk to even more members than he ever did before! (particularly if you do the right thing and make 1996 YOUR year at the Lodge).

I've been a member of RASCAL since 1992 and a committee member since 1994. Since joining I have been a very active user of the Lodge, particularly for skiing in the winter. In fact I, along with my wife and two children can probably claim to be THE most active members of the Lodge over this time, spending most winter weekends at the snow with children involved in downhill races. So, I'm keen to ensure its on-going viability.

RASCAL has two major assets, YOU the members, and the Lodge. The committee will continue to do its best to promote the interests of members and to secure the future of the Lodge.

With the plan which was developed in 1995 we want to:

- ✓ increase member numbers and stop the loss of existing members,
- ✓ make it attractive for people to join RASCAL,
- ✓ promote the new category of Summer Member introduced in the revised Constitution ,
- ✓ encourage greater use of the Lodge, particularly as an all-year-round facility,
- ✓ maintain/repair/replace

existing Lodge fixtures, and

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- ✓ make improvements/additions as funding allows.

The Committee is conscious that revenues have fallen over recent years; we will do our best to provide incentives for that to change. Where we can make an immediate improvement is in the containment of costs. Numerous initiatives are already being implemented. The Lodge rules and by-laws were simplified late last year and as agreed at the AGM we have a new Constitution.

Reducing accommodation charges a priority for 1996/97

We plan to have a comprehensive look at our accommodation charges during the year, with a view to making changes for 1997. Members will have an opportunity to contribute and comment.

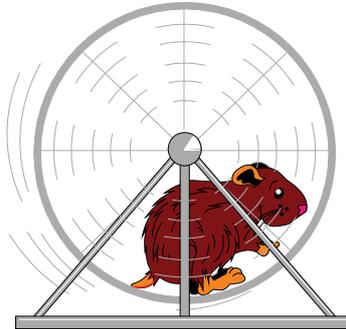
Unfortunately, Mark Jury will not be the Lodge caretaker in 1996, having accepted a permanent job in Sydney. Mark did an excellent job in 1995 and we wish him all the very best for the future. Of course, we are now searching for a replacement.

In conclusion, let me say again I'm looking forward to a great RASCAL year in 1996. The roll-up of members at the AGM was very pleasing; I'm sure that's a good omen for your increased support for the Club in the future. We are due for a bumper snow season this winter (we hope)!

Give me a call if you have a need to. Hope to see you in Jindabyne at the Lodge.

Richard Emerton
President

Vale's View - Mike Vale



The Committee, ever conscious of the need to keep RASCAL up to date, has implemented two initiatives that Members will, we hope, find useful.

Well, perhaps one initiative will be more immediately useful than the other, but they are both significant developments for our Club.

Now Pay by Credit Card

The initiative of more immediate relevance is the introduction of a "pay by credit card" facility. This will suit many Members (like me) whose lives were revolutionised by the introduction of "fantastic plastic" and whose best financial friends are now those 16 numbers on their bankcards. I simply couldn't function effectively without my collection of Bank, Master and Visa cards.

Members will now be able to make accommodation bookings by phone and pay for their bookings at the same time, simply by quoting their credit card numbers. At this stage only Bank, Master and Visa cards can be accepted (the others are too expensive). The Committee will trial the service for the remainder of the year and if it is accepted and used by a sufficient number of Members to cover the cost of the operation, it will be retained. At this stage, credit card payments are only being accepted for accommodation bookings, but may be extended to cover membership applications and renewals next year. You will note that the accommodation

booking form included with this Newsletter has been amended to include space for credit card details. Please feel free to continue sending cheques if you don't want to use the new facility.

Rascal on the Internet

The other development, which is real pioneering stuff, is the establishment of a RASCAL Home Page on the Internet. The address is as shown on the front cover and in the contact details column on page 2.

So what does an Internet address give us?

Well, as more and more people get access to the Internet it is expected to become a prime means of distributing information and conducting business. And we will be there ready and waiting.

What it gives us now:

- ✓ An electronic shingle to hang in the electronic marketplace. It will allow new and potential Members to have a look at who we are, what we do, and, hopefully, to want to join us. We will shortly be adding links to other ski, bushwalking and fishing Home Pages (and any other special activity sites that Members might be interested in), news groups, mountain weather forecasts etc.
- ✓ Electronic copies of our Constitution, By-Laws and Lodge Rules can be viewed, searched and downloaded onto your home PC from our site. Eventually, all our documents will be available there, including membership application and renewal forms,

Lodge booking forms etc. Photos of the Lodge should be available

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within the next couple of weeks.

- ✓ Links to allow you to e-mail to Members of the Committee.

What it will give us in the future

Well, what we are aiming for is to incorporate the Internet as one of our normal business tools. Imagine being able to log onto our home page and call up an accommodation plan that shows, room by room, all forward accommodation bookings. Wouldn't that make planning your visits easier.

But wait, there could be more. Imagine then being able to make and confirm your booking simply by clicking on a few buttons. No more waiting to ring the booking officer during the designated hours; no more leaving messages on answering machines; no more wondering whether your booking will be accepted, etc. Sounds pretty good to me, particularly

if there's been a good dump of snow on Friday morning and you want, on the spur of the moment, to book accommodation for the weekend. Try doing that now.

All this isn't pie in the sky either. We could probably put accommodation information up on the home page reasonably quickly, but keeping that information updated would require additional resources that we don't have just now, and probably wouldn't be justified until a reasonable number of Members were able to use the service. Making the service interactive wouldn't take that much more technical effort, but would add to considerably to the booking officer's task.

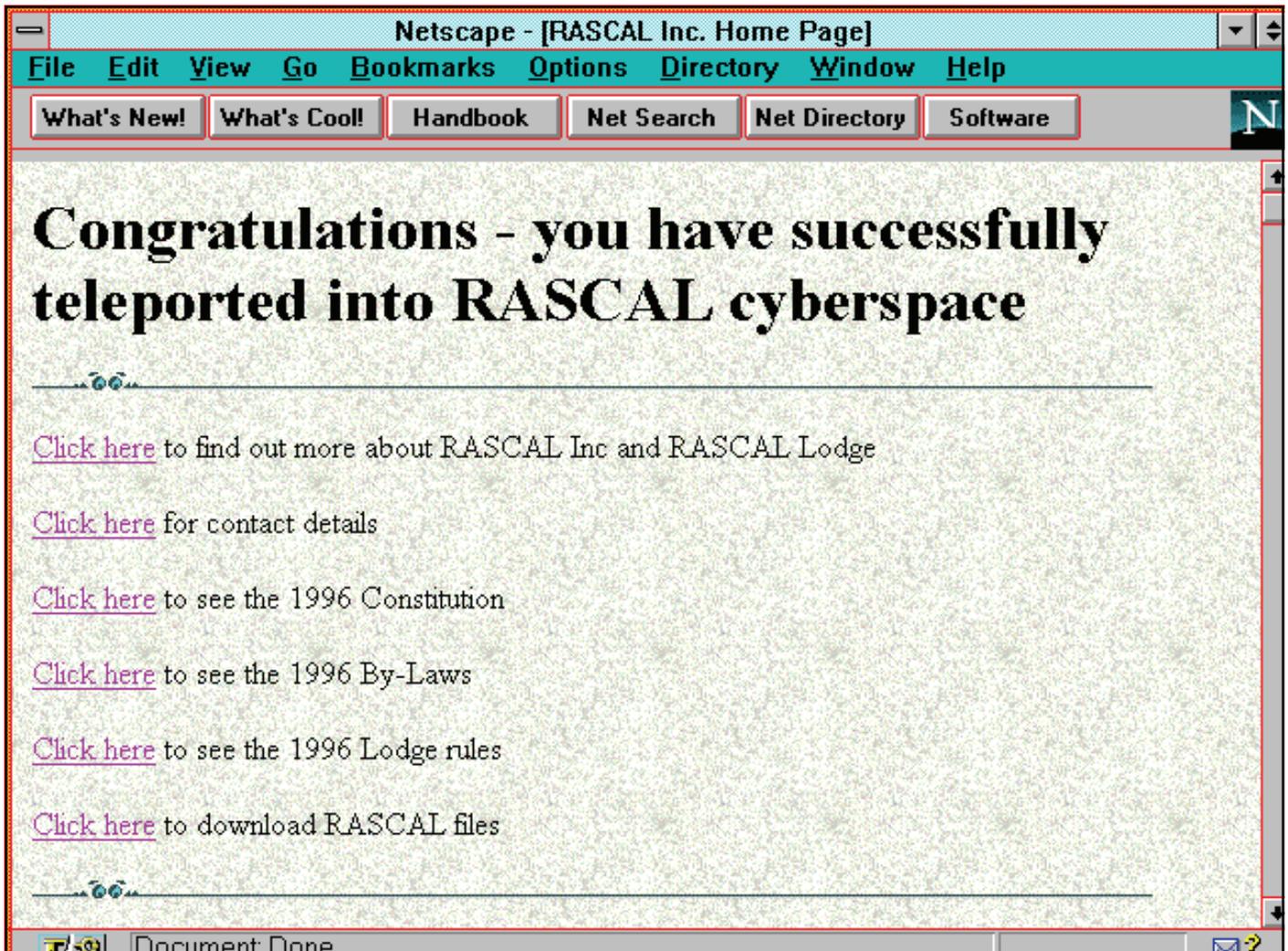
The figure below shows you what the RASCAL Home Page looks like - graphics have been kept to a minimum so that the information can be loaded quickly, but development work will be continued to incorporate to add appealing graphics and extra features. By the way, the speckled

effect is deliberate, not a printing error - its a background called, appropriately enough, *Snow*.

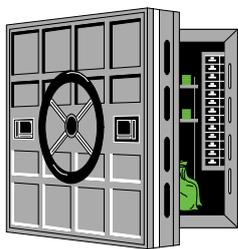
And how much is this costing us? Well, the accountants amongst you will be very please to hear that having a Home Page costs us absolutely nothing - its absolutely FREE. And how is that possible in these days of user pays? - well, it's because the Home Page piggy backs on my personal internet account with Ozemail.

And finally, to celebrate our arrival in Cyberspace, I've reprinted last year's article which talked about skiing resources accessible through the Internet - it may be of interest to our new members.

MikeV



Summary of Treasurer's Report to the AGM - Alan Laird



Treasurer



1995 was strongly marked as a year in which the Club introduced significant improvements in its planning processes and its management tools and these place the Club in a strong position in which to anticipate trends and future courses of action. The impact of these changes is perhaps most apparent currently to members of the Committee itself, but the changes are becoming more noticeable to all Club members through, for example, improved membership renewal notifications. These improvements are beginning to be reflected in some elements of our accounts, such as annual subscriptions and an increase in the number of new members.

How we went in 1995

In 1995 the Club made a profit of \$5,376 on an income of \$34,510. This profit is not as much as last year (\$6,435), but is still a great result in the circumstances.



Income

The Club has two main sources of income: annual subscriptions and accommodation charges. Together these account for about just over 90

per cent of our total income.

Accommodation income stood at \$15,134. This figure reflects the Committee's efforts to increase Lodge usage through a significant reduction in all Lodge accommodation charges in 1995. Lodge usage however, did not increase proportionately and so overall there was a 7 per cent drop in accommodation income from 1994.

Subscription income however was up 15 per cent, to \$16,081, a result reflecting the impressive efforts of Mike Vale who assiduously upgraded our membership records and actively followed up on membership renewals.



The same follow up is being undertaken this year.

The Club only attracted three new senior members during the year. As you are aware the Committee has gone to some length to increase membership, including the production of a colour brochure show-casing the Lodge and the offer of 5 days of free accommodation to each new member enrolled before July 1996 and to their proposer.

The impact of the membership drive is indicated by the fact that 5 new senior members had paid their joining fees at the time of the AGM, and a significant number of additional new members have joined up since then (see page 7).

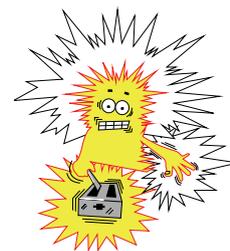
Expenses

Expenses during 1995 totalled \$29,134. Expenses are generally classified into two categories: general expenses associated with running the

club, which constitute about 10 per cent of the total; and the remaining 90 per cent which are expenses specifically associated with the Lodge. The major Lodge expense was the salary of the Booking Clerk (\$7,220), an area in which the Committee has now made major savings as booking arrangements are now being undertaken by Monty Fox. These savings will be reflected in next year's accounts.

The Lodge Caretaker position has traditionally been a significant expense item for the Club, however the Committee took the opportunity of the arrival of our new Lodge Caretaker, Mark Jury, to re-appraise our payment mechanism. In essence Mark paid rent to stay at the Lodge during his term of employment. The value of the rent is equivalent to his net salary. Rascal pays the PAYE tax component of Mark's gross salary. In this arrangement Rascal does not pay any fringe benefits tax associated with the Lodge Caretaker position.

Of the Club's other expenses it is worth noting that electricity is a very expensive item, costing \$4,002 last year. That's nearly 14 per cent of the



Club's total expenditure for the year.

The Club has very few liabilities, the main one being debentures. These stood at \$31,475 at the end of last calendar year, a figure relatively unchanged from the previous year.

These debentures are more than

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covered by a total of \$35,726 in the bank.

Broader Financial Issues facing the Club

When it assumed office, the 1995 Committee recognised that the Club was facing a period of challenge.

The Treasurer at last year's AGM remarked, "The Committee is very aware of decreasing membership and decreasing income mainly due to decreasing accommodation revenue." A similar warning was made the year before and the year before that.

During 1995, the Committee instituted a number of initiatives aimed at improving its understanding and management of key areas essential for the proper running of the Club: its membership situation; the pattern of lodge use; all aspects associated with the Club's finances; the development of a strategic plan; and the Club's Constitution.

The Committee's monitoring activities and its responses to the changing environment of the Club have been regularly described in "Rascal News". Implementing a longer term strategy will inevitably have financial implications for the Club over the next



few years, both in terms of providing possible additional income through new memberships (as is occurring) and increased demand for accommodation, but it also means the Club faces increased expenses as the Lodge is in need of upgrading and needs to be made more attractive for member use throughout the year.

Undertaking these activities will require due consideration of our financial position, however it is

pleasing to note that the Club is in a relatively healthy position in this regard: we have significant assets and are debt free. We also have an active and enthusiastic Committee and a number of successful initiatives underway, such as the membership drive, which are further strengthening the Club.

Alan Laird
Treasurer

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RASCAL memorabilia, records and assets

When she recently parted company with the Club, Dianne Ireland transferred to the Committee a large number of records, assets and Club memorabilia that had been kept at her place for many years. Much of the material comprises the Club's formal corporate memory. In addition, there are many items that are wonderful reminders of the past and it would be a fitting tribute to the founders of RASCAL if their incredible hard work in establishing the Club were to be recognised in the form of a permanent "historical" display at the Lodge.

The Committee is currently spending a fair amount of money updating the decor at the Lodge (including repainting both lower levels and putting up new curtains) and would like to be able to consider integrating such a display into the redevelopment plans.

BUT ...

There appear to be large gaps in the records, and there are a number of items missing from the RASCAL assets register that might be interesting

to put on display.

Hence, this is an appeal to long standing Members who may have been involved in the establishment of the Club and who might have tucked away in some dark corner originals or copies of old RASCAL records, Meeting Notes, Photographs, Newsletters etc that they would be prepared to donate to the Committee, or, at least, to permit the Committee to copy them.

Please contact Monty via the booking number (287-4147) if you can help.

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Lodge improvements

Those of you who have visited the Lodge in the last couple of weeks will have noticed several improvements being carried out.

The improvements have cost the Club over \$15,000.

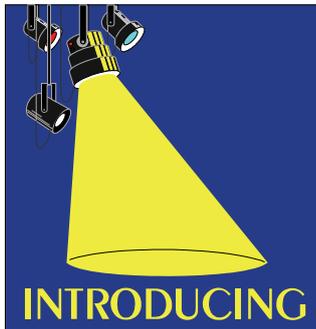
Work already completed includes the installation of a new kerb, new overhead gutters and new stormwater sumps near the front door. Hopefully this work will stop the problem of water entry into the lower levels.

Other work being undertaken includes a full repaint of the lower levels - this should be completed by the middle of May. Also, Marg Sharp has kindly agreed to sew new curtains for the bunk rooms to match the new decor.

Our apologies to anyone inconvenienced by these jobs, particularly the painting, which, because the painters were using oil-based paint, may have been a bit smelly - but the effect will be well worth it. Stay tuned for more exciting developments.

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Membership News - Mike Vale



OUR NEW MEMBERS

A very warm RASCAL welcome to the following new Members:

- Pamela Bossard
- Karl Bossard
 - Emma, Anneke and Freyja Bossard
- Nigel Bushell
- Stephen Crossley
- Gus Doszpot
- Leona Jorgensen
- Meg Krizan
- Tony Krizan
- David McAdam
- Ian McNeil
- David Nolan
 - Robert and James McNeil
- Rai Pullinen
- Geoffrey Ross
 - Ian Ross

(Note - Geoffrey and Ian share the distinction of being our first (but hopefully not our last) Summer Members - a grade of membership that was introduced with the new Constitution on 26 March 1996.)

We also renew our welcome to the following Junior Members who elected to upgrade to Full membership under the concessional arrangements introduced with the new Constitution on 26 March 1996:

- Kate Ahern
- Michael Black
- Nerida Crossley

- Angie Dawson

The following people have also been accepted by the Committee as Members of the Club, subject to receipt of Joining Fees:

- Helen Bingham
 - Elizabeth Bingham
- Bruce Curley
- Ken Moylan
- Angela Wydeveld

Please make sure that when you use the Lodge, you introduce yourself to others staying at the Lodge as a new Member - I'm sure you will be welcomed with open arms.

We also regret the recent departure of some Members, some of very long standing.

Farewell and a huge to the following for their support and interest over the years. We wish you all the very best.

THANK YOU

- Barry Allen
- Dennis Appel
- Keith Barnes
- Robyn and William Burch
- Peter Cameron
- Carol Freeman
- David and Maureen Gillingham
- Keith Gray
- Jennifer Hughson
- Barry Hinchcliffe
- Taina Horan
- Sheila Jacobs
- Anthony Matthews
- Don Mathewson
- Patricia MacCallum
- Fiona McIntosh
- Joanne Molloy

And finally on membership matters, the following Members who were financial last year have not yet renewed for this year and haven't responded to our letters. Several of these Members hold debentures which will ultimately be forfeited to the Club if we can't contact them. If you know any of them, could you please ask them to get in touch. If you are one of them, please contact us.

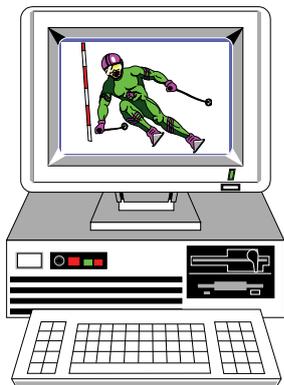
Where have they gone?

- Gay Andrew
- Maureen and Phillip Doherty
- Rosemary and Donald Dunbar
- Margaret Dunkley
- Martin Dunlop
- Michelle Fisher
- Gary Fynmore
- Phillip Greenhalgh
- Marilyn Hatton
- Ian & Joanna Hufton
- Hugh & Daryl Lawrence
- George Malecky
- Gregory & Judith Mullens
- Denise Osborne
- Michael Proust
- Mary Randall
- Pauline Richards
- Philip Rylands
- Mark Sayers
- Errol Simpson
- Ros Sorensen
- Martyn Stafford-Bell
- Dale Stephenson
- Sandra Stops
- Chris & Maree Twomey
- Peter & Sue York

Please help us get in touch with these Members.

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Skiing the Internet - Mike Vale (reprinted from 1995)



Many RASCALS may have heard of the Internet - a world-wide network of interconnected electronic databases that can be accessed almost instantaneously from your home computer via a connection to the telephone line. Many papers have run features about how the "Net" will change our lives, and the current IBM TV ad featuring a group of nuns highlights that access to Internet is commercially available here and now and that everybody is getting into it.

There are some Internet developments which may be of interest to RASCALS.

A major Internet activity centres around newsgroups - electronic bulletin boards set up for users to post messages to one another. The number of newsgroups is huge, covering just about every aspect of human endeavour. Relevant ones include:

Aus.snow - a newsgroup for the discussion of all matters to do with the Australian snow scene. **Aus.bushwalking** centres on bushwalking, and **Aus.conserve** has been set up for the exchange of views on nature conservation.

There are other international newsgroups for alpine skiing, nordic skiing and snowboarding. There is also one for fishing. Most postings to the international groups come from Internet users in the US and Canada, which is great if you are planning a

trip there. Post a message asking about skiing conditions in Vail, the state of the carpark at Aspen, whether or not Jimmy's Diner at Steamboat is still open etc and it is likely that you will have an answer within 24 hours.

As useful as the newsgroups are, they are limited to an interchange of typewritten messages between individuals. More interesting is the World Wide Web (WWW). The WWW is developing as the main way of accessing Internet information from a wide variety of business, government and institutional sources, in multimedia format (ie) as well as allowing access to text, it also provides linked access to images and sounds. For example, at one WWW site information is available about birds. Not only can you download a description of each bird's characteristics, habitat etc, you can also get images (moving pictures are available if you have the right software) as well as sound files that reproduce each bird's call on your computer's speaker. I have been told that the Botanical Gardens in Canberra has something similar.

The Academy awards has a site, as do the America's Cup race organisers, the CIA, FBI, Homer Simpson, President Clinton, and many wineries.

A nice WWW ski site (called a "Home Page URL" in Internetspeak) has been set up by the Lake Tahoe Ski Resort in the US (for computer buffs at address <http://www.together.com:80/biz/rsn>). The resort has online information about a number of things including accommodation, eateries, trail maps, road closures and weather conditions.

Also available for downloading onto your computer screen are images from two cameras mounted respectively at the top and bottom of the Heavenly Valley Tram. Just click on the download button and you will see exactly what the cameras are recording. Now that's what I call

virtual reality and it would sure be more accurate than 2XL's winter ski reports if we had something like that set up atop Ramshead or Mt Perisher.

Most of the US and Canadian ski resorts are putting similar information on the Internet. Another site is Blackcomb in British Columbia at <http://www.whistler.net/blackcomb/>.

Locally, the Australian Alpine Information Services (AAIS) has a home page at <http://www.adfa.oz.au/aais>. It features a news service and has a long list of answers to frequently asked questions on skiing. There is also a history section; a picture archive; a list and description of Australian Ski Clubs and Associations (sadly, RASCAL doesn't feature, but we're working on it); a short story section and information on all the Australian ski resorts. Most usefully, it also contains a large number of "hotlink" pointers to other Internet home pages (hotlinks are highlighted sections of text, buttons or images that contain background computer code which instructs the computer automatically to go to that address, just by clicking on them). Great for people like me with lousy typing skills. And once you discover an interesting home page, just leave an electronic bookmark to return there directly at any time. The AAIS home page has links to a large number of home pages in Europe, Canada and the USA, as well as "special" sites like the winter olympics village.

If anyone is interested in Internet (whether related to skiing or not), I am happy to arrange a demonstration or to provide advice on setting up a home system or Home Page

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Oyez, Oyez, Oyez

A RASCAL pre-season get together will be held at:

**Corroboree Park
on 2 June 1996
from 1pm to 4pm.**

We hope to repeat the fabulous success of the sausage sizzle and ski swap/sale held at Sylvia Curley House a couple of years ago. With that venue now unavailable as a result of the changed ownership of the old Canberra Hospital, we have been scratching our heads to find a venue that works as well.

The function at the Southern Cross Club last year wasn't a great success, and we're hoping that a less formal function following the previous, successful formula will work a whole lot better.

The get together will go ahead even if the weather isn't perfect. We have booked the scout hall and will set up in there if needs be. However, we fully expect it to be a glorious day and will aim to have sausages sizzling and ready to eat around 1.30pm.

Please advise Monty via the booking phone (287-4147) if you are coming so that we can cater - if you're happy with bangers, buns and basics (onions, tomato sauce, salad and orange juice) it won't cost you a thing - these will all be supplied by the Club. However, if you are partial to something fancier like lobster and Grange Hermitage, please BYO.

There will be plenty of room to lay out ski gear so feel free to bring skis, stocks, clothing, chains etc etc etc to sell and swap. Please label all gear with your name and price asked.

A particular invitation to our new Members to come along and meet the Committee, the winter Lodge Cartetaker and some of your fellow RASCALS.

And Members, please feel free to bring prospective new Members along as your guests.

New Constitution Adopted at AGM



At the AGM held on 26 March, Members voted 1) to rescind the (then) Constitution, and 2) to accept the new Constitution that was distributed with the last newsletter.

A copy of the new Constitution is enclosed with this Newsletter - please keep it in a safe place. Please note that the current By-Laws and Lodge Rules have been printed together with the Constitution and are to be found at the end of the booklet.

The new Constitution introduces two new grades of membership (honorary and summer), makes some important changes to the provisions relating to Junior membership, and introduces 2 new Committee positions - Immediate Past President and Lodge Manager.

New membership grades

The Category of Full membership replaces the existing category of Ordinary membership, without changing any of the rights and responsibilities of that membership category. The change of name is intended to clearly differentiate the status of this category of membership relative to other grades, all of which are in some way restricted.

The categories of Summer membership and Honorary membership are new grades. Summer Members will have membership rights for the non-winter months only - ie from October through to May

inclusive.

Honorary memberships may be awarded by the Committee to non-Members who have assisted the Club in "significant and tangible" ways.

New Rules 6.3.3 and 6.3.4 make explicit the parent/child relationship between a Sponsoring Member and any Junior Members associated with that Member. Rule 6.3.4 makes explicit the practical consequences of that association under various circumstances that might occur - these consequences are already implicitly in the Constitution, but have not previously been set out.

Important changes to Junior memberships

Rules 6.3.6 and 6.3.7, modify concessional provisions relating to Junior membership and provide incentive for Junior Members to convert to Full membership.

The principal change is the reduction of the absolute age limit for Junior Members to 18 (6.3.7). It was considered unrealistic to continue to categorise people as old as 25 as Junior Members. The Constitution imposes significant restrictions on Junior Members in their ability to use the Lodge independently and to participate in the organised life of the Club - while these were reasonable restrictions in the context of children who require supervision, they were not regarded as appropriate to mature adults.

However, the old Constitution did not make any provision for a reduced joining fee for Juniors wanting to upgrade to Full membership and the Committee believed that that situation provided exactly the wrong approach - it allowed adults to continue as Juniors for far too long and provided no incentive for Juniors to become Full Members. The result was an inequitable arrangement that

ultimately worked against the interest of the Junior Member and the Club.

Accordingly, the new Constitution introduces provisions for Junior Members to upgrade to Full membership at a special joining fee (reduced from \$500 to \$200). A \$200 joining fee was judged to represent very good value by comparison with other ski Clubs, and \$200 in today's terms represents a considerably lower financial burden than \$500 did when the previous age concession was introduced.

However, in order not to disadvantage Junior Members already aged between 18 and 25, the new Constitution also contains a grandfathering provision (Rule 6.3.8) that allows Junior Members in this age group to elect to retain their existing privileges under the old Constitution, OR to apply for Full membership at the concessional Joining Fee rate. The effect of Rule 6.3.8.1 is that those Junior Members who elect to continue as Juniors will not subsequently be eligible to apply for Full membership at the concessional Joining Fee rate.

Election forms have been sent to all financial Junior Members.

REMEMBER - if there are Junior Members associated with your membership you should be aware that under the new Constitution, those Junior Members will not be eligible to continue as Junior Members beyond the age of 18. They will, however, have the right to apply to upgrade to Full membership in the year following their 18th birthday.

If you have any questions about the new Constitution, please contact Mike Vale on (06) 241-2351.

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