

# 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 – December 2008*

## Rascal Inc Information Board

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Wendy Zarb

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Richard Emerton

### PRESIDENTS REPORT



Let me begin by wishing all Rascal members and their families a wonderful Christmas and a fruitful and energetic New Year.

The Club reached a significant milestone in 2009 in that we now have managed to stem the water leaks in the middle and bottom levels and have consequently been able to replace the carpet on both those levels. The Lodge looks a million dollars with these improvements and I'd like to thank Ray Atkin and Marg Sharp for their sustained efforts in bringing these developments to fruition.



Rascal has been well served by our Office Managers, Kim and Tim Dunnet during 2008. Kim and Tim have agreed to stay on for 2009. This is a pleasing outcome given the valuable role they both play for the Club and their dedication and commitment to provide a high quality service to our Members and the Committee. Thanks Kim and Tim.

Renewals for 2009 are currently due so if you have not yet renewed you can do so on the Rascal web site [www.rascal.asn.au](http://www.rascal.asn.au). Information about Rascal's 2009 fees and charges is contained in this newsletter.

The Committee is conscious of the limited opportunity for members to meet socially as a group. The Club routinely held such functions in years gone by but the practice has dropped off in recent years and is now being revived. A pre ski season function will be held in 2009 along the lines of those conducted some years ago. Further details of the event will be provided closer to the time via the Newsletter.

By the time you read this the Mt Kosciuszko spring walk will have taken place. I hope it is/was a great success. Thanks go to Lynne Bentley for her enthusiastic efforts in initiating and organising this walk.

This is a wonderful use of the Lodge and it would be great to make this an annual event. If other members are interested in organizing a similar social event for Rascal mem-



bers and their friends then we would love to hear from you.

Lodge maintenance is a continuing challenge as the building ages and member requirements change. Attendance numbers at



working bees have been variable; it is often the same group of members and their families who attend and while we all have a great time, attendees are a relatively small subset of the membership. At its November meeting the Committee agreed to offer an incentive of accommodation vouchers valued at \$32 for each senior member attending a working bee. To enhance the value of both early renewal vouchers and working bee vouchers, vouchers can now be used to offset any casual booking. This means vouchers can now be used for winter High Season periods. This change will inevitably result in a loss of income for the Club.

The Club has tightened up on booking changes that are made at the last minute. Last season a few members made significant changes to bookings close to the first night of the booking. These changes released rooms that could have been used by others if sufficient notice had been given. This resulted in a loss of income to the Club and unnecessarily tied up rooms that other members could have booked.

The Committee has taken the view that the current cancellation fee arrangements will now be applied

when bookings are changed and where there is a loss of income for the Club. The fee will be calculated for all days of the original booking where the Club loses income. The cancellation fee is dependent on the amount of advance notice provided (Clause 7 of the By-Laws).

These changes will be implemented on the web site early in the New Year.

On to other Lodge matters, Telstra has advised that their Gold Phone service is being discontinued. The Committee considered whether there was sufficient need to maintain a phone at all given its expense and the now common availability of mobiles, and has decided to disconnect the phone early in the New Year. See the article in this newsletter for further information about why this decision was made.



All the best for 2009.

**Alan Laird**

President



**Vouchers can now be used for any casual (non-block) booking!**

Vouchers received for early renewals and vouchers for attend-

ing working bees can now be used for any casual bookings. This also includes High Season bookings. *Vouchers cannot be used for block bookings.*

**Rascals' smoke detectors are very sensitive!**



Rascal is often visited by the fire brigade these days because the smoke detectors are set off. The Fire Brigade charges about \$280 for false alarms.

**The smoke sensors are very sensitive and will sound with:**

- Aerosols from deodorant and hair sprays
- Burnt toast & cooking fumes - always use the fume hood or open a window to disperse unexpected smoke production
- Dust from shaking doonas or other bedding

**Any activity that is likely to set off the smoke detectors should be done outside**

“2009 Hike de Femme

It's that time of year again - time for an early reminder for next year's Hike de Femme which will be on the weekend of 21/22 (Sat & Sun) March 2009. So put the date in your calendars!

There'll be another reminder closer to the date, but this gives all Rascal femmes plenty of time to pull out the walking boots and polish them up, and maybe walk around the block a few times between now and then.....

And if you have any queries, please ring Lynne Bentley on (02) 6257 6719, who will be delighted to answer them.”

## What's Happening ~ Jindabyne....

### **26 Dec 08: Jindabyne's Man From Snowy River Boxing Day Rodeo**

Boxing Day exhibitions, shows, sporting events, 15 action packed 'Rough Riding & Time Event Programs', sideshows, food stalls and bar facilities available. No Alcohol allowed through the gate, the event is a Glass Free Zone.



For more info visit: [http://www.visitnsw.com/town/Jindabyne/Jindabyne's\\_Man\\_From\\_Snowy\\_River\\_Boxing\\_Day\\_Rodeo/info.aspx](http://www.visitnsw.com/town/Jindabyne/Jindabyne's_Man_From_Snowy_River_Boxing_Day_Rodeo/info.aspx) OR Contact: Jindabyne Sports Grounds - 0412 812 723

### **16-18 JAN 09: Thredbo Blues Festival**



3-Day celebration of blues & roots music in bars, restaurants and outdoors throughout spectacular Thredbo Village in the Snowy Mountains

For more info visit: <http://thredboblues.net.au>

### **21-22 FEB 09: Flowing Festival & Dragon Boat Challenge**

The 4th Annual Flowing Festival will include, fireworks on Saturday night and Market Day on Sunday and the Jindabyne Dragon Boat Challenge.

NB: I have confirmed dates for the Dragon Boat challenge are on this weekend not the weekend of Feb 10th.



For more info visit: <http://www.floatingfestival.com.au/>

### **10-13 APR 09: Lake Light Sculpture ~ Exhibitions & Shows**



An inspiring free outdoor sculpture exhibition and competition held on the stunning foreshore of Lake Jindabyne with 'Light' being the distinctive component of the event.

For more info visit: [http://www.visitnsw.com/town/Jindabyne/Lake\\_Light\\_Sculpture/info.aspx](http://www.visitnsw.com/town/Jindabyne/Lake_Light_Sculpture/info.aspx)

### **8-10 MAY 09: Thredbo Jazz Festival**

Details on headlining acts, programs and cost information can be found on their website. Student concessions are also available.

For more info visit: <http://www.thredbojazz.net.au/>



## Rascals Weekend ~ Pre Summer Oct 08

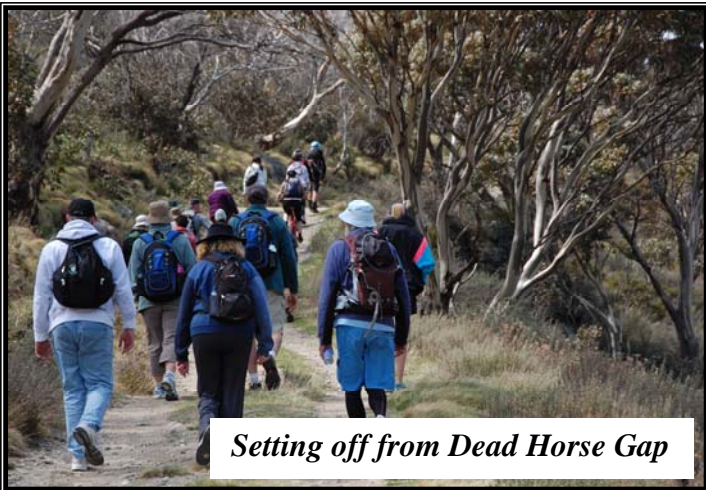
What a time to spend a weekend at our club. Still cool but no flies in the mountains. Our family decided to book the club for a weekend and arrange some activities for our guests. The first choice is to decide who the guests will be! We chose family, neighbourhood friends and other friends. This was a bit risky as most people did not know each other but we went ahead anyway. Kim booked the club for the weekend and then after paying there was no going back. Two weeks before we were to go we had a full contingent of adults and kids. 24-26 in all.

The male bathroom wasn't quite fixed which was a bit disappointing but we managed to work around the one bathroom situation.

Everyone arrived in dribs and drabs on the Friday night and got to bed without too much fuss. The thought of the bush walk the next morning may have been the motivator to have an early night.

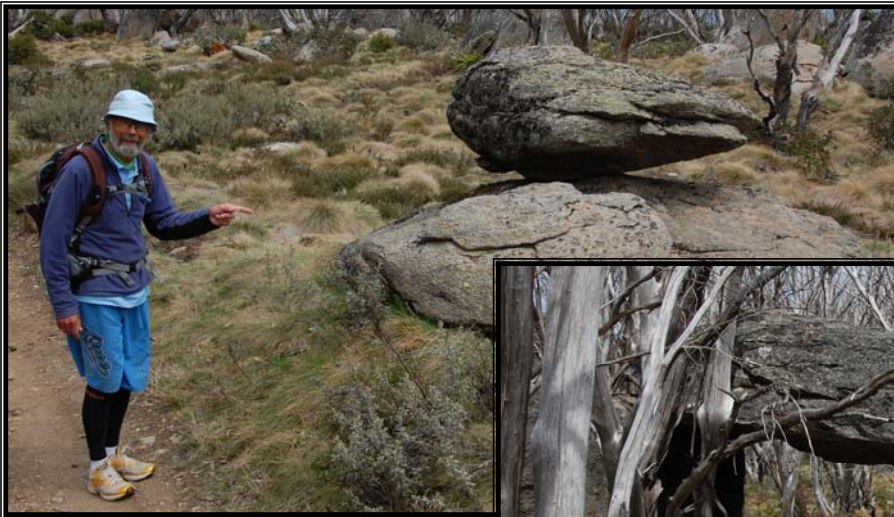
How to have a successful bush walk: give the same instructions to all.. and then watch what happens! The plan for Sat. morning was to get everyone to park at Dead Horse Gap car park which is 6 km past the Thredbo turnoff. This achieved, we then set off to locate the "Devils Kitchen" rock formation which had been kindly located by Ian McNeil some 5 years or so

previously. GPS coordinates were provided. Even though all had been given specifics as to what to bring for the walk, few did. Let this be a lesson for future walkers. We had 24 people, mainly adults and some kids for the 10km round trip. Now strangely, some thought it was a circular trip instead of an out and back trip. 3 got lost by going ahead on the Cascade Hut trail and went right on past the turn off for the Devil



*Setting off from Dead Horse Gap*

Kitchen! Tim said 3 missing out of 24 in army terms is a good result! We found them an hour later, and after enjoying the view of the rock formation, eating our lunches and climbing all over it, we headed back about 2 hours behind time schedule, arriving at the Dead Horse Gap car park at 5.00pm instead of 2.30pm. A great combined dinner was had after drinks and nibbles on the deck. What a spot to enjoy life! The quietness of the lake as dusk approaches can be a very enjoyable time to share with friends. No TV and no radio...even though it was ACT election weekend!



**Left:** The rock formation indicating the location of the 'Devils Kitchen'.

**Below:** The 'Devils Kitchen' rock formation



An early night again! Everybody pooped and full of good food. Sunday was to be a different day after a breakfast of bacon and eggs on the deck. Perk coffee to follow. A number of us had brought bikes. With bike racks and a car trailer we headed up to Charlotte Pass for a down hill ride. The kids were very excited and so were their mums! What will happen if little Johnny falls off? Well he didn't and all the kids had a ball. After reloading the bikes at Spencers creek we headed up to Rainers gap for the ride down to the old NPWS entrance. This was some ride! We were coasting at 64km per hour. After the kids and adults got over the adrenalin rush we headed back to Rascal for a late lunch on the deck. A leisurely drive home with good memories.

This is a very good way to get people together for a fun weekend. It is cheap and the weather is generally dependable at that time of year. Give it a go!

**Peter Dunnet**

*Photos courtesy of David Evans & Kim Dunnet*



**Starting Block for the down hill ride from Charlottes Pass**

**If undeliverable, return to:**

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**The Rascal Office Managers would like to wish you all a safe and Merry Christmas!  
NB. This newsletter contains renewal information.**