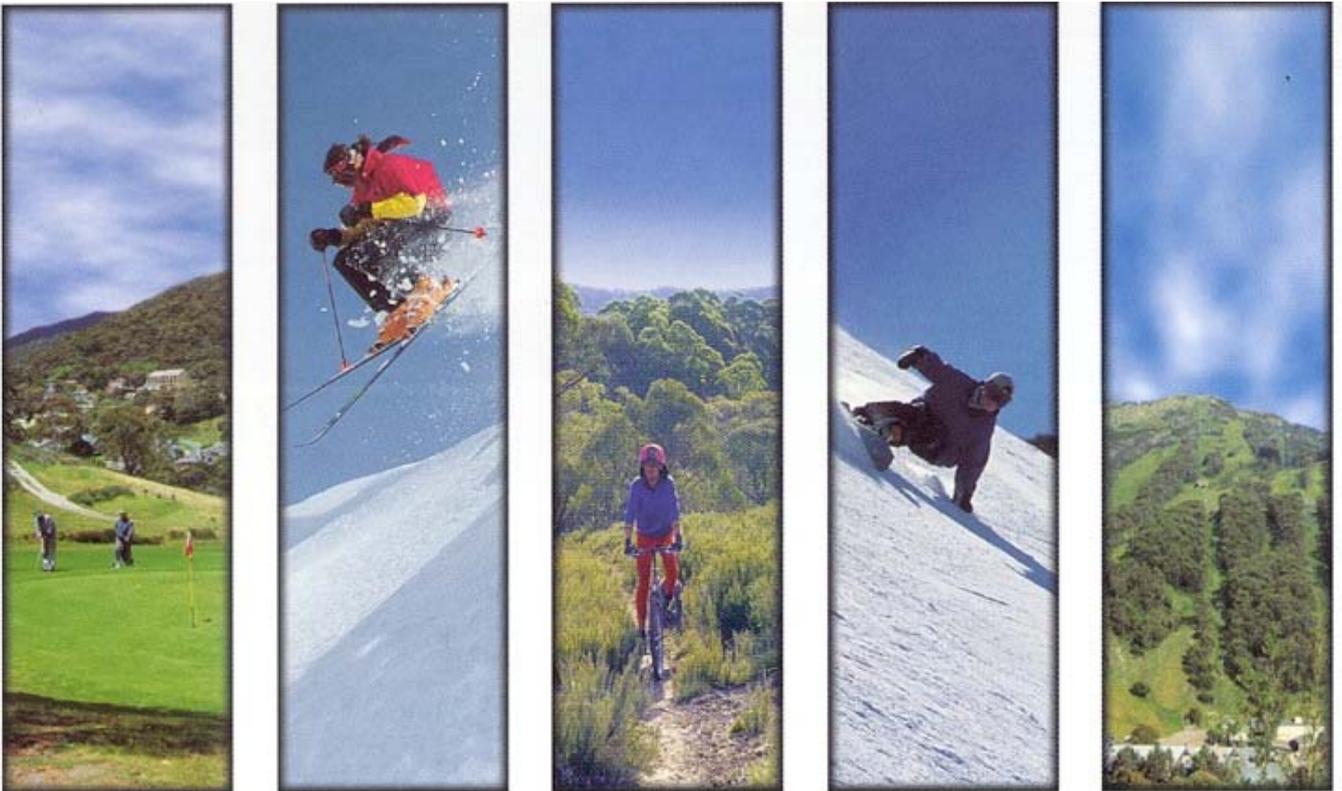


# Rascal

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**7—9 Banjo Paterson Crescent, 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 ...

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## Rascal Inc Information Board

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT



### **Rascal Committee 2015/16**

#### **President**

Jack Cornell

#### **Vice President**

Noel Ward

#### **Secretary**

Merril Markham

#### **Treasurer**

Linda Swift

#### **Public Officer**

Noel Ward

#### **Lodge Manager**

Noel Ward

#### **Committee Members**

Ann Landrigan

Colin Marshall

John Van Leeuwen

Lee-Ann Swift

Martin Hine

Tim Dunnet

### **Funding Rascal**

Another year, another AGM coming up.

I hope to see you at the AGM. The AGM is the key way in which the Committee gets confirmation that the way we have run Rascal in the past year reflected what you wanted of us.

Whilst the Committee, our Office Manager and I get some advice by email and telephone conversations, these are the opinions of a few member and may, or may not, represent a more general view.



Committees the world over tend to respond to such input, at times making decisions based on what, after the event, is found to have been an isolated opinion. It's the problem of the squeaky wheel.... and one not easily managed. The

AGM is the key mechanism, legislated by our ACT Government, by which Rascal gets feedback and direction from our members in a representative and majority-based manner. It appropriately drives how we run Rascal.

Under our Constitution (completely based on the ACT Incorporated Associations Act "Model Rules"), we have four defined positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary and another six Committee Member positions giving a large Committee of ten members.

After three years in the role and many more in other positions on the Committee, I will not be standing for re-election as President. It's time for members younger than me and my generation to step up and take on the responsibility of running Rascal.

Our Secretary, Merril Markham, is also calling it a day after a few years in the role.

I am aware of a few more Committee Members who are also not re-standing for the coming year, so Rascal is looking for new faces this year. Under the ACT Legislation that determines our Constitution, signed nominations must be received by the Secretary no later than seven days before the AGM. Merril can provide you with a nomination form if you would like to stand for any Commit-

tee position.

### **Lodge Interior Refresh – Improving Amenity**

As those in the Lodge last winter will be aware, Room 1 was not available for use as we had planned. That situation will be remedied for winter 2016 and, as you read this, Room 1, a five bed room intended for family and group use, should be open for bookings with first use around the start of the July school holidays.

A continuing series of potential safety issues with the internal arrangements in the Lodge caused the Committee to commission a full Risk Assessment of the Lodge (as well as of the new Room 1). At the time of writing this, I have seen a draft report which gives the go-ahead for Room 1 but which had not addressed the other key issues (including top-bunk use and safety), so the matter will probably become one for the new Committee to address.



Feedback last winter on the a new heating system was favourable, though we did have some issues when some members connected additional column heaters onto existing circuits and overloaded them. The column heaters were a legacy from the days of the failing electric furnace system and are now removed, so the issue will not plague the lodge this coming winter.

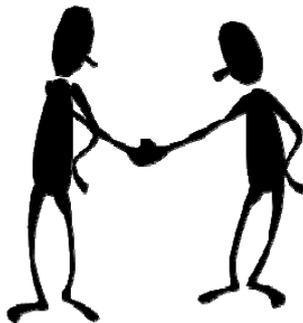
Another issue raised was the temperature of the hallways (essentially left unheated in the new arrangements due to an estimated high cost of operation and the dif-



difficulty of ensuring such heating was not left on indefinitely in an unoccupied lodge). The outgoing Committee has sought advice on this matter. Watch this space.

### **A Few Thank-You's**

First and foremost, a general thank-you to the Committee and to those volunteers who helped out with physical work in the Lodge. Rascal cannot run without you and you are becoming an increasingly rare breed:- one of those who put into Rascal rather than just take out of Rascal.



Specifically, I would like to thank **Linda Swift** for her work as Treasurer. The Financial Statements and external Audit again confirm that Rascal is on a sound financial footing (whilst continuing to provide reasonably priced accommodation to its members) and Linda, as Treasurer, is responsible for that. **Linda** also did most of the work involved in getting our room pricing onto a more sustainable and more "comfort reflective" basis. I also appreciate the supportive effort of our auditor **DMV Consulting**.

**Noel Ward** has as Lodge Manager (as well as Vice President and Public Officer) kept the Lodge functioning and operational and has had carriage of the Risk Management Assessment of the Lodge (in particular, Room 1). Thanks, Noel.

To **Linda** again and **Merril Markham** for continuing the Room 1 work so that there will be those additional comfortable beds this coming winter. To my wife **Angela**, who spent long hours down in the Lodge helping me with Room 1 and with the installation of the heat-pumps on the top

floor and the small heaters in the bedrooms and bunkrooms.

No list of those who contribute more than their share would be complete without a thank you to **Kim Dunnet**, our Office Manager.

I wish the incoming Committee success in the coming year.

On a personal note, this coming year, Angela and I have a lovely trip to Japan booked for May.

### **Jack Cornell - Outgoing President**



To Geoff McKnight for transporting the four very large boxes containing the flat packed storage cabinets to the lodge.

Phil Price and Karen Bisset for assembling and levelling, ready for use, the two storage cabinets in the new Rascal shed.

Again to Phil for donating the native plants several years ago, these are now maturing nicely and currently in flower. Phil has recently weeded around these plants so the garden is looking great.

To Alan Swift for moving the tools and other contents of the old games room to the new 'lockable' cabinets in the shed and for removing the games room cupboards.

As with any task at the Lodge, there is still plenty more to do! We are looking forward to hearing how the recent working bee has gone as we know there were a few big tasks to be carried out !!



- 1 x Pair gloves, black/ grey - size LM
- 1 x Black crop top - Moda - size 16
- 1 x Pair goggles - small, silver - no brand
- 1 x Fitted white sheet
- 1 x White i-Phone charger
- 1 x Blue Rayban sunglasses

All unclaimed items will be given to a charity after a 3 month period. Please contact the Office Manager regarding any enquiries:

Phone: 0499 047 077 OR Email: OfficeManager@rascal.asn.au

## WORKING BEE INFORMATION:

**Come and join the Rascal Community by assisting with one of our working bees. You can earn yourself accommodation vouchers to use when making your next booking at the Lodge.**



**Upcoming dates for working bees:**

- 30 April 2016 - Pre-Winter
- 22 October 2016 - Post Winter

Book online now to ensure that you secure your accommodation.



## Have you paid your membership renewals?

### Need to update your contact details?

We have commenced a new year, renewals are due and as a part of the process we suggest that you take a look at your contact details and update them if there have been any changes. Go to [www.rascal.asn.au](http://www.rascal.asn.au) and select 'Log on' to take you to the Members Main Menu. Look in the 'My details' column and click 'Change my contact details'. If you don't have access to the internet contact the Office Manager for assistance!

***NB. If you haven't renewed for 2016 your membership is now lapsed, log on, renew***



# Rascal Inc

## Annual General Meeting 2016

Wednesday, 23 March 2016

8:00 PM

**Southern Cross Club**

"Catchpole Room", Corner Catchpole & Bowman Street,  
**Macquarie** ACT 2614

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### **Pre-AGM dinner arrangements:**

If you wish to dine before the AGM, the Southern Cross Club has "*The Cornerstone Brasserie*" restaurant. The Brasserie offers a wide variety of items on the menu, from small appetites to 400gm T-bone steaks plus daily specials. To make a reservation for dinner you will need to contact the restaurant directly on **Ph: 02 6251 2255** – This year Rascal will not be reserving a table for it's members. It is suggested that you book for 6:00 pm to allow plenty of time to enjoy your meal.

In the past the club has provided tea, coffee and cake to be served during the meeting however on each occasion there has been a lot of wastage due to food not all being consumed therefore this year we will only providing tea and coffee.

The AGM will start at 8:00 pm sharp in the function room. The evening promises to provide a great opportunity to meet with members, catch up with friends and elect your new Committee for 2016.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

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# *Rascal Inc*

## AGM Agenda 2016

**Wednesday, 23rd March, 2016 8 PM**

**“Catchpole Room”, Southern Cross Club,**

**Corner Catchpole & Bowman Street, Macquarie ACT 2614**

1. Apologies
2. Acceptance of Minutes of 2015 AGM
3. President’s Report
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. Public Officer’s Report
6. Election of Office Bearers (Secretary):
  - 6.1 Declaration by Secretary that all nominees are Financial Members of the Association
  - 6.2 Declaration by Secretary of nominations received and uncontested positions’ results
  - 6.3 Declaration by Secretary of positions for which no nomination has been received
  - 6.4 Secretary to conduct election for contested positions (if any)
  - 6.5 Nominations from floor for uncontested vacancies (if any)
  - 6.6 Secretary to conduct election for vacant positions (if required due to multiple nominations for same vacant position)
7. New President assumes chair for remainder of Annual General Meeting
8. General Business
9. Close

***\* There will be some copies of the agenda made available at the meeting.***

**If undeliverable, return to:**

**Rascal Incorporated  
PO Box 535  
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**Rascal AGM 23 March 2016 - Save the date!  
Committee nominations are due to the Secretary a  
minimum of 7 days prior to the meeting.**