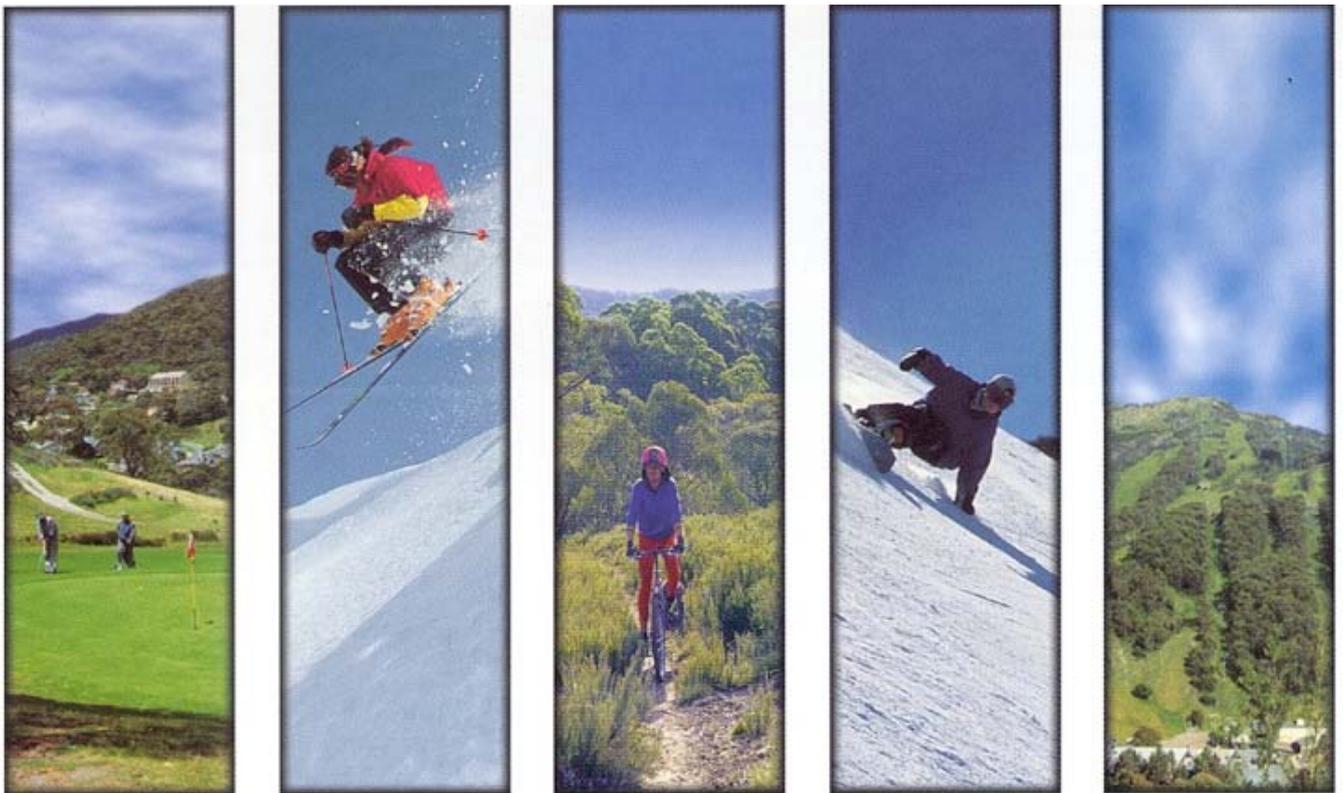


# Rascal

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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 ...

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## Rascal Inc. Information Board

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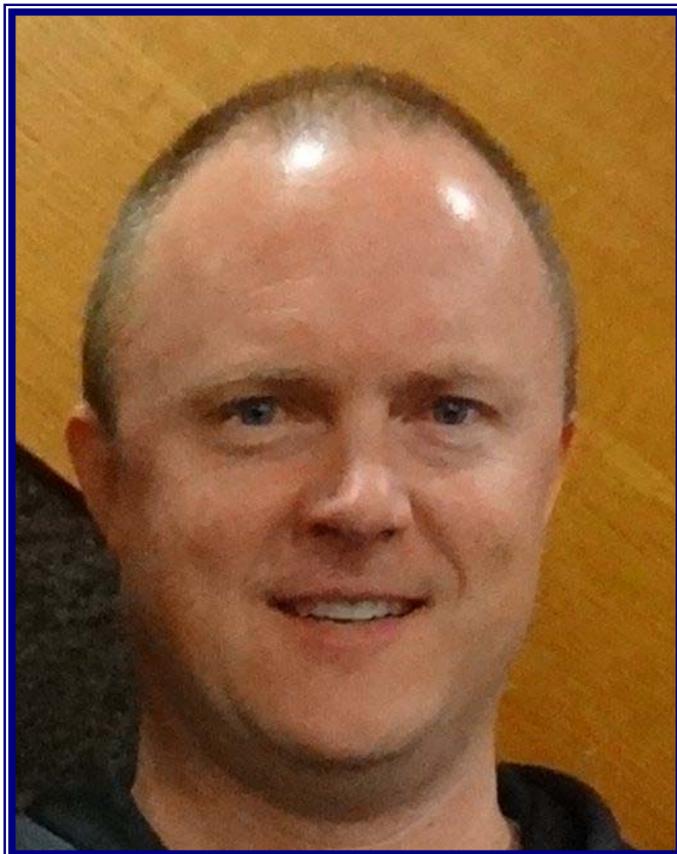
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### **Rascal Committee**

**2018/19**

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Sharon Mack / Anthony Galvin

#### **Committee Members**

Michael Law-Smith

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### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Happy Spring to everyone. At the start of September the official NSW snow depth is well over 2 metres (apparently it is the best reported snow depth since 2004) - with still more snow in the forecast over the next couple of weeks. Perisher has already officially extended the season to the 7th of October, I imagine Thredbo will be doing the same.



This extends the season into the first week of the October school holidays and creates a great opportunity to get some more time in the snow. The great news - there is still availability within the lodge for this week - take the opportunity to

get some more skiing in while the snow is good and the days are a little longer and more pleasant.

With spring arriving, it is time to start planning about activities for the warmer parts of the year.

Jindabyne and the Snowy Mountains offer many activities for the warmer months and summer provides a great opportunity to enjoy the location of the lodge and the spectacular views that it affords out over the lake and surrounding area. Previous committees have invested significant effort into equipping the lodge for summer - with projects like the deck, and the evaporative cooling upstairs, take the opportunity to get some time away and enjoy the lodge and everything that Jindabyne and the area has to offer.



While major works in the lodge are generally completed by tradespeople, a key part of the maintenance regime is member driven working bees. For

those who have not yet participated in a working bee - we have a couple of major ones schedule to do the season changes (summer to winter and back

again.) The next major one is the post winter working bee where we will be giving the lodge a spring clean, installing shade sails, re-commissioning the evaporative cooler and generally preparing the lodge for the warmer seasons. This will be held on the weekend

of the 13th of October. Working bees are a great chance to network with others in the lodge, learn a little more about how the lodge works and contribute to the wellbeing of the club. Participation in a working bee will get you free accommodation for the weekend, club funded and organised lunch and dinner on Saturday, and a free accommodation vouchers to the value of \$80 for adult members and their adult guests. If you can make it, jump on to the website and book a room for the weekend using the "Working Bee" rate (will make it a free booking. All you need to bring is yourself and your breakfast - the committee will sort everything else.



Working bees are also a great opportunity to engage with the committee around the future direction of the club and the lodge.

As part of our preparation for summer, the committee is working to get the apricot tree professionally pruned to maximise its fruit bearing potential this year.

As you have hopefully seen on the website, we have a new small dining table. The committee made the decision to replace the original small table with one which would fit in better, both physically and aesthetically with a replacement table. Thank you to Simon Matthews for his work and dedication with the design and construction of the new table. I can confirm that the table was tested with beer, wine and scotch during the ski season and performed admirably in all three tests.



Sad news that our Office Manager, Kim Dunnet has tendered her resignation from the position. Kim has been a magnificent support to the club for the last ten years and will be sadly missed from her role. Kim has indicated that she will work out her current agreement to assist with the transition of a new office manager. This role is critical to the smooth operation of RASCAL, supporting the membership by providing coordination over all bookings and providing critical supporting to the committee. I personally would like to thank Kim for her assistance to me moving into my current role, without her support I would have drowned. However, Kim's planned departure has created a new job for the committee - to recruit and appoint a new Office Manager. For those not aware, Office Manager is a paid position. If you are interested in considering the role, or



enjoy being part of the RASCAL community? There are opportunities to bring new members into the club, either as summer - or full members. Check the RASCAL website for full details, or please feel free to reach out to myself or any of the other committee members with any queries.

Finally - I encourage everyone to get involved in the club, with the committee and at the lodge. Use opportunities like pre-season events and working bees to network. Do you have a view on how we can position RASCAL for the future



- talk to a committee member, or would you consider standing for a position on the committee next year to allow you to drive it? And finally the lodge - make sure that it is somewhere that we can be proud of. Keep the communal areas clean and tidy, empty a bin, sweep or mop the kitchen floor, vacuum the living room, top up the toilet paper and paper towels and don't forget to give your room a vacuum before you leave at the end of your stay.

### **Welcome new members:**

Last but not least Rascal would also like to welcome our new members Matthew Honeycombe, Michael Jackson, Chelsea Jackson and Georgia Sadler.

Enjoy the rest of the ski season, hope to see a few faces at the working bee.

**Colin McLean** - President



know someone who is interested please feel free to reach out to me and I can share more information.

As I mentioned at the pre-season event, I really want to promote the community side of RASCAL. Each time I have had a stay at the lodge I have either met new people, or strengthened relationships with members who I have previously met. This to me is a highlight of the communal living and a part of RASCAL that I really love. Do you know someone who you believe would

## Lodge Etiquette

To ensure all of our members and guests are able to be safe and enjoy staying in the lodge, there are a couple of things that we ask everyone be aware of and assist us with.

### Security:

- Security at the RASCAL lodge is everyone's responsibility. While the committee aims to provide a secure building, there are a couple of simple steps which will assist us to do this and keep the lodge and everyone and everything in it safe:
  - \* Secure your personal equipment. Ensure all of your personal valuables are locked if possible (eg skis in a ski rack,) or at a minimum stored in an appropriate location (eg laptops and iPads in your bedroom.)
  - \* Always close and lock perimeter doors behind you. Unless you are in the immediate area, ensure that the door to the entry foyer is closed and locked. Similarly, unless you are on the deck, ensure that the sliding door off the lounge room is closed and locked.

### Safety:

- To enable the club to meet our obligations with our insurance providers, all occupants of the lodge must be registered for the night(s) that they are staying. This registration is managed via the booking database. ie if you are not registered in the database, you cannot stay. If you have a last minute emergency please contact the office manager to see if your requirements can be accommodated.
- To enable the club to meet our obligations with respect to fire safety please ensure that fire exit paths are clear. We are not able to use corridors as places to store overflow from bedrooms as this may block access to a fire exit. The club has a secure shed on the western side of the lodge which is accessible to members and suitable for storing items like suitcases during your stay.
- The rules for fire protection are different in sleeping and living spaces, it is not acceptable to sleep in common areas (like the lounge room.)

### Check in/out:

- Check in/out time for RASCAL has been set at 5pm. This is to allow anyone wanting to ski for the day the opportunity to ski, then freshen up prior to driving home. If you know you will be returning to the lodge after 5pm please ensure that you vacate your room PRIOR to departing for your days skiing. Bags etc can be stored in the lobby (if space allows) or in the shed.
- Please ensure you remove any rubbish and vacuum your room as part of checking out. Now that we have the cordless vacuum cleaners this is a very

quick and simple task, This will make the room ready for its next occupants. Please ensure that you empty the vacuums after each use (there are bins on each level and bathrooms for this.)

- If you have not had the window open during your stay, on your last day please open the window enough to provide some airflow into the room. This will allow the room to air out and be fresh for the next occupant.
- If you need to make a last minute change to a booking and are unable to complete it online, please contact the office manager via phone or email so we can see if we can accommodate your new requirements.

### **Cleaning/General Lodge Tasks:**

- While we have contract cleaners supporting us through the year, we need the lodge users to assist with day to day tasks around the lodge. The committee will publish a schedule of when the cleaners are expected in the lodge, should specific items require attention outside of these times (eg kitchen floor needs mopping) please grab a couple of members and address it to make the lodge more pleasant for everyone.
- While we have a relationship with a Jindabyne local who takes the outside bins up the street for us, we need to get the rubbish and recycling into the outside bins ourselves. If the bin looks full or is getting smelly, please empty it to the bins outside the main door and replace the bin liner - this will assist in reducing the issue of ants in the kitchen!
- There are bulk supplies of toilet paper and paper towels in the laundry. Please use these to keep the toilet paper and paper towels in the toilets stocked up for everyone's convenience. If the supplies in the laundry start run low, please email [PurchasingOfficer@rascal.asn.au](mailto:PurchasingOfficer@rascal.asn.au), or let the office manager know and the committee will arrange for a top up.
- The club provides essential kitchen supplies include washing up liquid, tea, coffee, milo, sugar, glad wrap and foil. If these supplies start to run low, please email [PurchasingOfficer@rascal.asn.au](mailto:PurchasingOfficer@rascal.asn.au) or contact the office manager and we will arrange for them to be restocked.

### **General Lodge Etiquette:**

- Apart from bedrooms, the remainder of the lodge is communal space. Please ensure that you store your belongings in an appropriate way/place while you are in the lodge.
- If you have made a booking that you no longer require, please ensure that you cancel it as early as possible - this will assist you (as the further out from the booking, the greater the amount that we can refund) and also opens up the lodge for others to book.

The committee aims to provide a safe and comfortable lodge for our members and their guests to enjoy, your support in these areas will ensure we can do this.

Thankyou from the **RASCAL Committee**

### New Table for the Lodge

Towards the end of last year the Committee wanted to replace the small pine table in the Lodge with one that matched the long table that was constructed by the Lodge builder, Hubert Hooverman in 1969.



Rascal member Simon Matthews kindly offered to build the table. It was difficult to exactly match the top surface so a modern wrap around laminex surface was used. Simon said he was after a more rustic look, hence the gal bolts and nuts and leaving the timber natural, the curved edges makes for easy cleaning. The timber frame and legs are spotted gum, oiled and waxed and no paint was used, so requires little to no maintenance.

Thanks Simon, for your considerable work in designing and building the table.

### Office Manager Required: Apply within!

As noted in the President's report, the committee has reluctantly accepted Kim Dunnet's resignation from the role of Office Manager effective December this year, hence we need to replace this critical role. I am sure that most of you would have had some interaction with Kim during your time as a member so have some appreciation for what she does:

- Focal point for all incoming correspondence to the club (either via email or post)
- Ongoing maintenance of the membership database
- Coordination of all lodge bookings and payments
- Advice and assistance with booking enquiries or issues
- Reconciliation of all incoming financial transactions
- Publication of RASCAL's newsletter
- Attendance and reporting at the monthly committee meetings



The Office Manager works closely with the committee to support the day to day and strategic management of the club and is one of only two paid positions at RASCAL, and the committee aims to ensure that the compensation is reflective of the effort required to support the role.

If you are interested, or know someone else who may be interested in taking on this role please reach out either to Kim ([officemanager@rascal.com.au](mailto:officemanager@rascal.com.au) or 0499 047 077) or Colin ([president@rascal.com.au](mailto:president@rascal.com.au) or 0414 146 448) for a chat. Kim has indicated her willingness to support the incoming person over the next couple of months to ensure a smooth transition, and ideally we would love to appoint an incoming Office Manager prior to the October committee meeting.

**Colin McLean - RASCAL President**

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