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# Rascal

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... skiing, snowboarding, hiking, bike riding, sailing, photography, fishing, relaxing, golf, swimming ...

*Autumn Newsletter – February 2021*

**RASCAL Annual General Meeting – 22 April**

# Rasal Inc. Information Board

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(no mail received at this address)

## Have You Renewed?

If not, your membership is now **lapsed** and you cannot book accommodation nor attend the AGM.

But you can renew, at any time in 2021, without additional fees.

## DO IT NOW!

Go online to renew or contact Angela for assistance to renew.

## Rascal Committee

### President

Colin McLean

### Vice-President

Rachel Appleby

### Secretary

Vacant

### Treasurer

Robert Rice

### Lodge Manager

Sharen Mack &  
Anthony Galvin

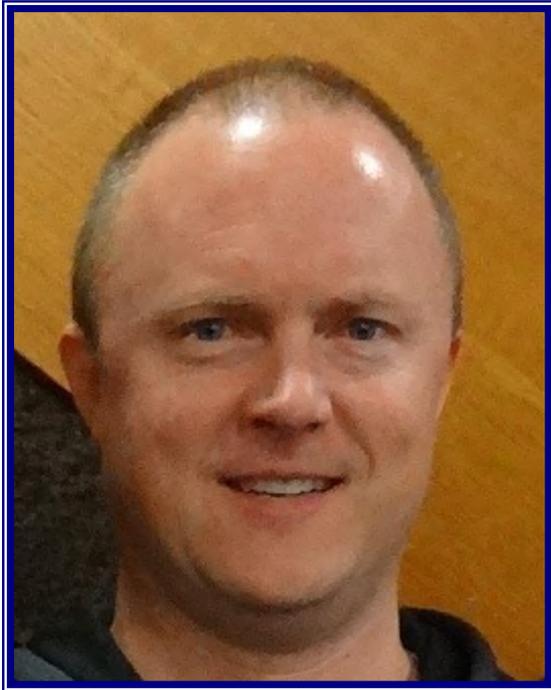
### Committee Members

Gale Funston  
Deanna Henderson  
Kirsteen Maclean

### Public Officer

Angela Cornell

## **From the President**



Looking back, when I agreed to take on the role of President, I really did not have any idea what was likely to be in front of me. I guess I had assumed that I would have 12 months of business as usual with some form of forward planning thrown in for good measure. Nothing that I could have possibly imagined would have prepared me for what we have gone through in the last 12 months and what impact the local and global events would have on the club.

These have been incredibly trying times, with significant effort and input required from the committee to allow us to make the progress that we have made. I extend my personal thanks to the committee for their investment and support in moving back towards normal operation. This has, and continues to be an ongoing activity for us stay on top of the rules and ensure that we comply with the requirements. While the aim is to be operating as close to normal as possible, we are not there 100%. There are some “normal” parts of the RASCAL operation which we still cannot return to (eg check in/check out times, and times for the lodge to be vacant for cleaning). Please ensure that you check the current requirements prior to checking in to ensure we can continue to operate the lodge.

So let’s move on to the positives. This year, RASCAL celebrates 50 years since the original opening of the lodge. If you are not across the history of the club, jump on the website and check out the two timeline documents which are linked under the Rascal Inc menu. If you have any photos or information that is not currently reflected in the timeline documents, please feel free to share them with us so we can capture as much information as possible about our history.

The lodge has been well utilised over the summer period, with a number of members taking the opportunity to get to Jindabyne and enjoy the warmer months in the mountains. If anyone has any view around the pros and cons of us using the block

booking system over the summer period please feel free to reach out to me and share them.

We are once again able to hold working bees, with one planned for the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of Feb. After 12 months of no work being done, we are expecting that there will be heaps to be done. If you are available that weekend it would be great to see you at the lodge for a big weekend of returning the lodge to its former glory. Working Bees are a great chance to learn more about how the lodge works, help the club to manage our costs by completing a lot of routine maintenance works, and to socialise with other club members. As per normal, the club will provide snacks, lunch and dinner for Saturday and we aim to get the work completed during Saturday, providing Sunday for final tidy up and some leisure time.

We have returned to casual lodge bookings for usage from the 1<sup>st</sup> of March. If you haven't locked in your holiday plans for the rest of the year now is the time before the lodge fills up.

Although COVID forced the postponement of Annual General Meetings for the 2020 calendar year, we are moving back to a more normal timeframe this year. As with every year, this creates an opportunity for new members to join the committee and to be able to have more input into the current operation and future direction of the club. In 2020 we were able to continue to operate by moving to either fully virtual, or hybrid virtual/face to face meetings and expect to be able to continue to do this. The commitment is approximately 1 hour per month to attend a committee meeting, plus a small amount of preparation and follow up time. If you are interested in joining the committee please feel free to reach out to me with any queries.

Finally – thank you all for continuing to support the committee's work. As I highlighted previously, this has involved significant personal time investment. As we do return closer to normal, our continued success relies heavily on our members and their guests to support the club and committee to enact and enforce our COVID management plan.

I look forward to seeing you all in the mountains.

Cheers



## **Call for ideas to celebrate Rascal’s 50-year ‘Golden’ Anniversary.**

On the 01/08/2020, Rascal Ski Lodge reached an amazing milestone of 50 years since it was opened. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions last year we were unable to celebrate this incredible achievement.

Now with the Covid-19 restrictions having eased, the Committee is looking into ways that we can celebrate this 50-year ‘Golden’ anniversary in 2021.

Some ideas that have been put forward are a celebratory dinner and/or a plaque to be created and put up at the lodge.

However, as this is a members’ club, the Committee would like to hear from you, the members, with your ideas on how best we can celebrate it (taking into consideration any relevant Covid-19 restrictions).

The Committee are looking to discuss the options put forward in its meeting in the beginning of April.

So, if you have a fantastic idea on how best to celebrate Rascal’s 50 years, then please email them to the Office Manager ([OfficeManager@rascal.asn.au](mailto:OfficeManager@rascal.asn.au)) by the 1st of April.

## **R.A.S.C.A.L. Incorporated Annual General Meeting**

Rascal’s Annual General Meeting is an important date in our calendar.

It is the main opportunity for members to hear about the Committee’s work over the past year (and this past year has been an eventful one) as well as the opportunity to discuss the future direction of the club and the lodge with the Committee.

It’s also a great opportunity to get to know other club members a bit better. And so you might consider a meal beforehand with other members – fuller details later but **6pm** is the “meal get-together” time in the Club and a room is already booked for this purpose.

The details of our AGM are:

Date and time:	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April at 7:30pm
Venue:	Croatia-Deakin Soccer Club 3 Grose St, Deakin ACT 2600

The Agenda, an official Notice of the AGM and a call for motions will be circulated by emails closer to April but now is a good time to add the date to your diary and calendar.

Rascal utilises the “Model Rules”, as set out in the ACT Incorporated Associations legislation, for its Constitution. This ensures our Constitution remains legally relevant and can be easily updated (by simply adopting the new Model Rules at an AGM) if the ACT Government changes its legislation.

All matters outside those standard clauses in the Constitution are handled in the Rascal ByLaws.

If you want to put a special motion to the AGM, you should comply with the requirements for such as set out in the legislation (and reflected in the Rascal Constitution).

## **Hike de Femme 2021**

**The 2021 Hike de Femme is from Friday 12 March to Sunday 14 March - Covid-19 dependent.**



For those unfamiliar with Hike de Femme this is how it usually plays out. Most of us travel to Jindabyne some time on the Friday (Lodge entry and access only after 4pm due to CoViD19 cleaning arrangements).

Only an average level of fitness is required and we welcome new ideas of places to walk.

### **How to book**

All rooms will be \$90 for the two nights. This cost will be invoiced to the 'Room Captain' (person who books the room) and is intended to be shared amongst the room occupants. In order to make a booking, email to [HdF@rascal.asn.au](mailto:HdF@rascal.asn.au) with the following information:

1. If you wish a room on your own; OR
2. if you are happy to share a room, then please indicate the names of the friends; OR
3. if you would like a room and are happy to share with any other participant.

### **Further information**

Please refer to the many emails sent recently to Rascal Members for more comprehensive details and, if you have any questions, please contact Judy or Marg at [hdf@rascal.asn.au](mailto:hdf@rascal.asn.au).

Judy Roberts and Marg Sharp - Rascal Hike de Femme Organisers

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## **Service NSW Check-in App**

This year, Rascal will again have Casual bookings from 1 March under COVID-safe arrangement promulgated by the NSW Government.

The Rascal plan to manage this can be accessed on our website.

Part of the NSW Government's preferred arrangements involve the use of its Service NSW smartphone app for verifiable Check-in and Check-out at registered locations (Rascal Lodge is one).

The Service NSW application can be downloaded from either the GooglePlay website or from the Apple AppStore (depending on your smartphone choice).

Information on this app and its use is available from this NSW Government website:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/being-covid-safe/check-in/service-nsw-app>

## Key Dates Calendar

Date	Event
21 February 2021	Photo competition entries close
27 February 2021	Working Bee – login to your account to book your room
1 March 2021	Winter bookings (round 2) open
22 April 2021	RASCAL Annual General Meeting
1 June 2021	Final allocations of winter bookings open – see Rascal ByLaw 7 for more information
1 December 2021	Renewals for 2022 open
1 December 2021	Casual bookings for 2022 open, including winter period (for 2022-renewed Full Senior members)
31 December 2021	Last day to renew your membership for 2022 to avoid becoming a “Lapsed Member” and losing booking and voting privileges

Please note that these dates may be subject to change & final dates will be advertised on our website in the lead up to an event.

### Want more information?

Keep an eye on our website [www.rascal.asn.au](http://www.rascal.asn.au) for up to date information or contact Angela, our Office Manager, via [OfficeManager@rascal.asn.au](mailto:OfficeManager@rascal.asn.au) / 0499 047 077 / PO Box 7137 KALEEN ACT 2617

