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Rascal

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7 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 ...

Summer Newsletter 2024

Rascal Inc. Information Board

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Sunday 24 November
Black Mountain Peninsula 3-6pm

Call for a Treasurer
or Treasurer Assistant

Can you help?

We have had no response to the call for a treasurer. The current committee would like to continue with their tasks without taking on extra roles.

If splitting the Treasurer tasks might enable someone to help let us know.

Could you take on the oversight task of Treasurer if the data entry and payments are delegated to an assistant?

Could you take on the data entry and payments task if someone else does the oversight such as budget review tasks?

Message from the President

Rascal Inc ~ Summer 2024

The committee met at the lodge on 26 October for the annual planning day.

We reviewed the strategic plan and with some fine tuning, the plan has been endorsed for 2024. Objective No. 4 has been modified: Provide facilities, including the lodge building itself, that support the other objectives. Strategies are being developed for this objective.

The RASCAL website displays many graphs of membership and lodge usage data. Trends in the data for 2024 were considered and this information helped inform the discussion for the rest of the day.

Early Renewals and Annual subs

The decision was taken to stop early renewal vouchers. The annual subscriptions have been reduced by a comparable amount and the income to RASCAL will be similar to last year. Removing the vouchers simplifies the GST issues when these vouchers are used in a booking.

In December 2023, 150 members renewed their RASCAL membership and received early renewal vouchers. About one third of these members did not make a booking in 2024 so they were not able to make use of the vouchers. The main incentive to renew your membership in December remains the ability to make 2025 bookings. During 2025, you will receive monthly emails and three reminders to renew your membership.



Applications for Full membership

July and August continue to be heavily booked at the first and second tranche dates. The pressure on Peak winter bookings is the main reason the waitlist for applications for Full membership continues for 2025. New members, juniors upgrading and ex-rascal members are first offered Summer membership and then go on the waitlist for Full membership.

Lodge use in Summer

To encourage summer bookings the committee has reduced the low season room rates. The guest rate in low season continues at \$0. So, when you take a guest to the lodge in low season you just pay the room charge. Extra guests in Summer can be added to a booking by contacting the Office Manager. Mid-week block bookings in low season are reduced to \$250. This is a great deal where you can take friends and family to the lodge and have the place to yourself. Maybe your friends would be interested in joining as Summer members.

Fees and charges

The fees and charges for 2025 and the By-laws are on the website. As well as a reduction to the annual subscription and low season room rates there is a slight reduction to the cancellation fee. Cancellations seven days from your first night and for remaining nights in a booking will receive 30% refund.

Annual Subscriptions (including GST)

Full Member	\$110
Fellow Member	\$ 55
Summer Member	\$ 85
Juniors	\$ 50

These can be paid from 1st December 2024.

Membership lapses if not paid by January 1st 2025. SO... ensure you renew your membership as soon as you can to ensure you can get in those winter bookings!

Linda Swift
President

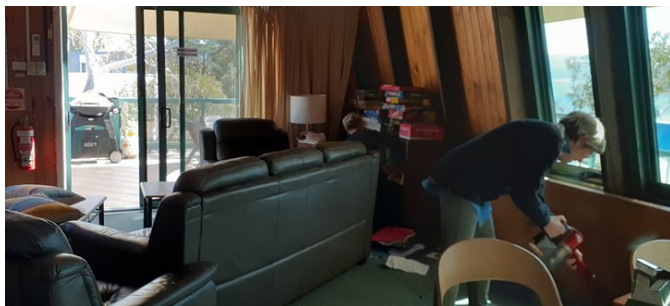
October working bee report

The October working bee was another successful activity for RASCAL. Eleven adults and two juniors worked on the post winter tasks. Moir ran the washing machine, drying room and clothesline from Friday afternoon to Sunday morning to wash all the bedding.

Alan and Kim set the shade sails and the water evaporative cooler ready for summer. Judith did a great job with her wipper snipper and weeding. The outside areas were made



presentable by Gavin and John. Anne and Ruth concentrated on the bathrooms, Pamela the leather lounges and Nicola the inside



windows and screens. We all helped with many other activities including a new coat of paint on the laundry door. Thanks also to juniors Amelie and Lachlan for their help.

The age range of participants was 11 to 84 years. Nine of us were over 65 years. We achieve a lot, but hopefully the next working bee will have more helpers and even more gets done.



Rascal Inc ~ Summer 2024

Have you stayed at the lodge in low season?

How about trying a mid-week block booking/ and or booking a couple of rooms and inviting a few friends to enjoy the lodge in low season. The deck, the lodge amenities and the countryside are wonderful when shared with friends.

I have been using the Lodge as a Spring/ Summer holiday spot for quite a few years - inviting some friends for a relaxing stay in a very pleasant environment.

In 2025 the mid-week block rates are lower than 2024. Hopefully, more members will be encouraged to book a non-peak season getaway.

Remember -bookings open for 2025 on 1 December so why not start planning a non-winter holiday in Jindabyne.

Wendy Zarb
Committee Member and Public Officer.

The Rascal Stories

Hi my name is Graham Heath.

I am a retired finance and general management professional who has worked in a variety of industries and countries.

I enjoy all outdoor activities but particularly mountain biking, skiing, trekking and swimming. I'm an avid reader and love to travel.

I joined Rascal in 2022 with my partner, Louise, and have been a Committee member since 2023 and see the Committee as custodians of the club for future generations.



BCA Audit 2024

The Rascal Committee committed to have an audit of the Lodge and its compliance to the Building Code of Australia (BCA) and this was completed in October 2024. This was last done in 2010.

Given the age of the lodge, the current BCA is very different to when the lodge was constructed with many of the non-compliances specific to fire safety.

In 2006, the lodge had its fire panel upgraded and a sprinkler system installed as part of a wider Performance Based Solution to mitigate the fire related non-compliances against the BCA and ensure fire safety for members and guests.

While the Performance Based Solution continues to mitigate the fire related non-compliances against the current BCA, three additional non-compliances were found by the current audit:

- Issues with the Annual Fire Safety Statement provided to Council and displayed in the lodge

- Smoke seals and fire dampers must be installed to all accommodation doors

- Accommodation doors are required to be self closing with a latch striker in place to ensure door closure

These non-compliances will be corrected in the coming weeks.

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Did you see your first of the month email?

This months message was the end of year barbeque next Sunday plus we need a member to join the committee as Treasurer.

Our RASCAL values

We share a love of the Snowy Mountains:

Recreation in the natural and built environment of the Snowy Mountains region is the main purpose of the club and what attracts people to be members.

We behave respectfully toward each other and our Environment:

We expect individuals and groups to behave appropriately at the lodge and during club activities away from the lodge.

We value and respect the activities our members enjoy:

Recognising we are not only a ski club and that other snowy mountains based activities are equally legitimate for us.

We enjoy and encourage social interaction:

We want members to interact with one another beyond their family and circle of guests.

RASCAL Key Dates

Date	Event
24 November	End of Year barbequecheck your email 1 November 3-6pm black Mountain Peninsula Rascal to provide sausage, onions on bread
1 December	Membership renewal opens for 2025
1 December	Bookings for 2025 open
8 February	Working Bee
2 May	Working Bee
15 March	Hike de Femme