



This timeline highlights some of the highs and lows of Rascal's development. The information was extracted largely from Newsletters and AGM Minutes.

There are many gaps in this RASCAL story, but we hope you find these snippets interesting.

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Volume: 1967 to 1999 inclusive







Medical staff at Canberra Community Hospital, 1968 including key Rascal protagonists

Top: (l to r) Peter Mitchell, En Vilo, Bob Brown, Nobby Elvin, Philip Brown, unknown  
 Middle: Ralph Farnbach, Frances Newman, Margaret Sheldon, unknown, unknown  
 Bottom: Graham Dawson, Kevin Gordon, John Smiles, Hugh Pratt, John Erlich.

## Rascal in '67

On 19<sup>th</sup> January 1967, Mr Tom Leaney, Chief Radiographer with some Junior and Senior Resident Medical Officers and Registered Nurses at Canberra Community Hospital talked about forming a club for skiing and leisure activities.

At the Annual Meeting of the Residents and Sisters' Committee, the idea of building a cottage at the coast, or a ski / fishing lodge was first raised.

## RASCAL'S "CEDAMUS AMORI"

INCEPTIONAL BALL

at STARLIGHT ROOM

COACH HOUSE MOTOR INN, CANBERRA

FRIDAY, JUNE 28th, 1968

DINNER SERVED 8.30 p.m.

Double Ticket  
 Ten Dollars

Formal Dress

1968 fund raising ball

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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

*Associations Incorporation Ordinance 1953-1966*

**Certificate of Incorporation of  
an Association**

I, **THOMAS GEORGE McLEOD**  
Deputy Registrar of Companies for the Australian Capital  
Territory, in pursuance of section six of the *Associations  
Incorporation Ordinance 1953-1966*, hereby certify that

**R.A.S.C.A.L. INCORPORATED**  
has this day been incorporated under the Ordinance.

Dated this **FIFTH** day of **FEBRUARY**, 19 **69**.

*T. McLeod*  
DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

**Rascal was incorporated in 1969.**

## Rascal in '68

This idea developed into R.A.S.C.A.L – Resident and Sisters Club for Activities in Leisuretime.

But membership quickly expanded to include medical ancillary groups and all employees of the hospital. Later this expanded to all ACT hospitals .

(Former Greens Senator) Dr Bob Brown, Dr Frances Newman and Dr Tony Booth were the key protagonists.

The Clinical Superintendent Dr Nobby Elvin investigated the availability of land at Jindabyne. On 18th October the tender process commenced with a minimum \$2,000, sketch plan and commitment to complete construction of a suitable lodge within 12 months.

The architect Mr Peter Watt engaged was commissioned to design a lodge at Jindabyne within very tight budget limits.



The Lodge soon after completion. Note the oil heater tanks, lack of vegetation and the unsealed car park..



**R.A.S.C.A.L. INCORPORATED**

**LIFE DEBENTURE CERTIFICATE** No: **28**

The issue is made pursuant to the adoption of the Club Constitution on the twelfth day of February, 1969.

R.A.S.C.A.L. INCORPORATED certifies that  
*Mary OMODEI* is the  
Registered Holder of a Life Debenture, the sum of one hundred dollars having been  
received by R.A.S.C.A.L. INCORPORATED pursuant to the provisions of its  
Constitution.

This note is issued subject to the conditions set out in the Constitution and By-laws  
for the time being in force.

GIVEN under The Seal of R.A.S.C.A.L. INCORPORATED  
this *sixteenth* day of *May* 19 *72*.

*Booth* PRESIDENT  
*Frances Newman* SECRETARY  
*Elvin* PUBLIC OFFICER

**R.A.S.C.A.L. INCORPORATED**  
COMMON SEAL

Life Debenture Certificate. Issued in 1972. Life Members were still required to pay annual subs !



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## Rascal in '69

Dr Bob Brown elected as 1<sup>st</sup> President of R.A.S.C.A.L.

R.A.S.C.A.L. was incorporated under ACT legislation.

Two blocks of land at Jindabyne were leased from the Snowy Mountains Hydro Electric Authority for 99 years. The cost was \$200 pa for the first 10 years.

Jindabyne builder, Mr Hubert Hooverman of Hooverman Constructions, was contracted (8<sup>th</sup> August) to build the lodge for \$39,000.

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## Rascal in '70

President Dr Tony Booth

The Lodge was opened on 1 August by Club Patron, Dr Marcus Faunce.

The building cost \$43,000 and a further \$2,000 to furnish.

\$2,500 raised from social functions

\$2,500 raised in the form of 34 Foundation Memberships

\$24,000 loaned by the Commonwealth Bank using 12 personal guarantors

The rest raised in the form of \$20, \$40 and \$100 debentures from members

46% of the total cost was through member contributions!

Unimproved value of the land set at \$3,800.

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Rascal's 1970 Cedamus Amori ball used as ammunition in the Nurse's dispute.

## Nurses' demands

Sir, — In answer to questions raised by your correspondent, 'Not So Patient' (July 7), with reference to the recent ball at Canberra Hospital, I would like to make the following points:

1. The nursing staff, medical staff, and medical ancillary staff of the hospital have their own social club, known as **RASCAL Incorporated**.

2. The ball in question was **RASCAL's** third annual Cedamus Amori ball.

3. The whole of the preparation for and cleaning after the ball was done or paid for by the club.

4. The club elects its own

managing committee of 12 members and is therefore independent of the Hospital Administration, as it is independent of the taxpayers' money.

TONY BOOTH  
President,  
**Rascal Incorporated.**

Extract from Letter to the Editor, Canberra Times 7 July 1970. Author is 'Not So Patient'.

"They are very nicely off, thank you very much, in their heated quarters, with their three meals a day — and we, the tax payers, are footing the bill. They even held their annual nurses' ball there last week. Who paid for it and who did all the preparation for it and cleaned up afterwards? "



Sister Maeve Reilly, left, with Dr Eddie Cassar, Sister Heather Chown, Dr Frances Newman and Dr Jim Giallussi admires one of the cupid-and-heart

decorations which will be hung in the dining room at the nurses' quarters on Friday for the **RASCAL'S** annual ball.

Rascal's 1970 Cedamus Amori ball



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## Rascal in '71

President Glennis Welch

Annual subscription \$3.

The Rascal social calendar was particularly active as raising funds was a key priority.

Activities included: Annual Cedamus Amori Ball, football match, ski night, Canberra Community Hospital revue, car rallies, BBQs and a cruise on Lake Burley Griffin

In addition Rascal key rings were made, as was a brochure .

Debenture certificates (where members loaned money to the Club) were introduced.

Of special interest is that Rascal became a member of the Wine Consumers Association!.



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## Rascal in '72

President Dr Tony Booth

Name changed to Rascal Incorporated from R.A.S.C.A.L.

First Rascal Newsletter published (though we can only locate a Jan 1973 edition which is called Volume 1.) \

The Rascal Social sub-committee was formed.

Ski Council of the ACT article in The Canberra Times stated Rascal membership was at 350

The top level was carpeted to reduce noise penetrating to the sleeping areas. This was considered to be very successful.

## Rascal in '73

President Dr Tony Booth

Committee restructured to be more representative of all members since it was considered too heavily weighted in favour of Resident Medical Officers.

A landscaping plan was developed. It was suggested that Canberra members with an excess tree allowance might take them to Jindabyne!!

Two simple concrete walls were constructed to seal off the sleeping quarters from the living areas and the stairway.

## Rascal in '74

President Peter Schmidt

Extensive exterior landscaping undertaken together with many successful social activities.

Lodge now valued at \$80,000.

## Rascal in '75

President Dr Tony Booth

Guarantors released of their liability to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Boat purchased for \$500 and improvements to Lodge continued.

Future growth options canvassed among members included:

- Enlarge present Lodge
- Acquire land at coast
- Build above snowline

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### LODGE NEWS

At present your Committee is pursuing a policy of consolidating our present services and facilities.

As money becomes available you can look forward to many improvements, hopefully before next winter.

Following the great success of the new carpet in almost eliminating floor noise from the top level we now have constructed two simple concrete walls which will seal off the sleeping quarters from the living area and stairway. Those folk who then wish to celebrate and welcome the new day will no longer disturb those who didn't quite see the old day out.

As a bonus, these wall- will keep the output from the heaters confined to each level instead of rising up the stairs as well. This should make a big difference especially to the lower ground floor temperature.

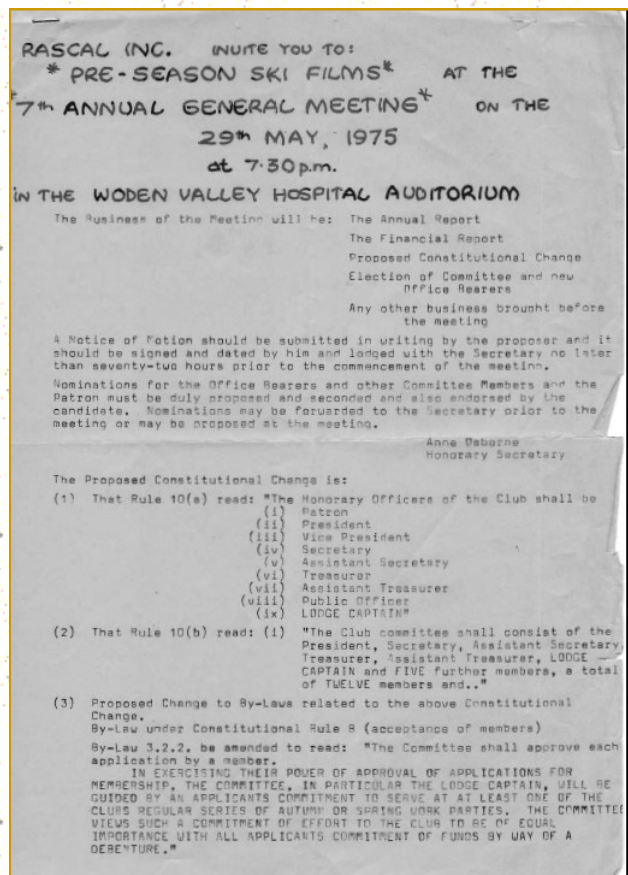
The parking area with drainage and retaining walls is the next project, together with leveling of the ground next to the Western end of the lodge.

A table tennis table is already available in the rumpus room.

### FUTURE PLANS.

Notwithstanding these present priorities, we want to look further ahead. What other amenities could we realistically provide and economically run ? Should more money be raised ? And how ? What other services should the club provide for its members ? We have some ideas but let us hear from you.

Extract from 1973 edition of Rascal News.



Ski film fund at 1975 AGM



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## Rascal in '76

President Dr Peter Honeyman

Social role of Club increasingly questioned as support waned.

Consideration given to building at the coast. The earlier decision to build at Jindabyne rather than the coast had been carried by only a small majority.

Informal vote at AGM for building at the coast versus above the snowline was 20 to 6.

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## Rascal in '77

President Dr Tony Booth

Discussion continued re building another lodge (at coast vs snow). It was decided to hold a plebiscite to pursue the coast option, but no one made their services available.

Disquiet about the Club's lack of aim, social functions, enthusiasm and support by the majority of members. It was agreed to increase the number of Newsletters per annum.

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## Rascal in '78

President Dr Tony Booth

Initial possibility of winding up the Club due to lack of member enthusiasm.

Secretary/Treasurer/Booking Clerk (paid) position established.

Social functions better attended

Treasurer's quote "This was the first time in the history of Rascal that the books were audited without a nasty letter from the Auditors"!

DR. PETER FITT  
DR. PETER WILSON

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AFTER HOURS 54 1900

SCULLIN HEALTH CENTRE

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28th December 78.

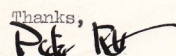
The Secretary,  
Rascal Ski Lodge.

Dear Sir,

My colleague Peter Wilson mentioned to me a short time ago that doctors in Health Centres were now eligible to join Rascal as members.

I am writing to enquire if this is indeed possible as I would like to join together with my wife (dr. Nancy McKenzie - A.C.T. School Health Service) and family.

Perhaps you could let me know the formalities?

Thanks,  
  
Peter Fitt.

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## Rascal in '79

President Dr Tony Booth

Sleeping and cooking arrangements in Lodge updated.

Mollymook investigated as a location for a coastal property.

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## Rascal in '80

President Tony Clarke

Two plebiscites indicated a desire by members to purchase land at the coast for camping. Rascal to provide up to \$25,000 for the purchase of a block of land at Guerrilla Bay.

Major heating upgrade

First Lodge Caretaker appointed to run the Lodge in winter. Recreation Room became Caretaker's Room for Hans and Eva Nusshold.



## Rascal in '81

President Tony Clarke

Proposal to purchase land at the coast abandoned in favour of extending the existing Lodge.

Architect, Bert Reed engaged to develop plans for extensions.

Committee investigated options to improve summer facilities, including a boatshed, ramp and other foreshore developments.

Annual subscription \$15.



## Rascal in '82

President Pat Schmidt

Final payment made on original construction loan.

Finalisation of Lodge extension plan to include :

- Expansion to 40-44 beds
- Balcony at top level
- Meeting council's parking requirements
- Improved lake access and
- Manager's bed-sitter and self-contained kitchenette, shower and toilet

Council indicated that it would be checking and enforcing space per person regulations. This provided an impetus to extend the Lodge.

Motion passed 22 to 1 to redevelop the Lodge.

Estimated cost of extension was \$240,000.

Financing to be achieved through increased capital injection from members by increasing debenture fees, annual subs and member numbers.

### PROPOSED NEW LODGE

35 BEDS

SUN DECKS

NEW DINING ROOM

NEW LOUNGE

RUMPUS ROOM

SPA

BOAT RAMP

MODERN KITCHEN

Telephone 824914

RASCAL Inc.,  
Woden Valley Hospital,  
P. O. Box 11,  
WODEN. A.C.T. 2606

### INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP OF RASCAL

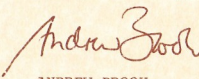
RASCAL is a hospital based Club, wholly owned by the members and run by an Independent committee elected annually by the members. The Club's Philosophy is to provide a reasonably priced recreational facility, in close proximity to the snow fields for health and ancillary professionals based in Canberra.

The main asset of the Club is an existing 28 bed ski lodge at Jindabyne, centrally located to Smiggins, Guthega, Perisher Valley and Thredbo. The lodge has a lake frontage and therefore has the added advantage of being conducive to summer holidays. Depending upon the season, boating, fishing, bushwalking, snow or water skiing, tennis or just lazing around can all be enjoyed from Rascal Lodge.

The Club Committee has recently decided to upgrade and expand the lodge in conformity with the Snowy Mountains Council requirements and to meet the emerging needs of the Club. This will result in an upgrading of the current facility to 35 beds. To this end it has been decided to invite an increased membership at a cost of \$1,200 per membership debenture. Comparable Club lodges in the area cost between \$4,000 and \$12,000 if they can be obtained.

The Committee seeks the support of eligible health and ancillary health professionals in Canberra, who are sympathetic with the Club's philosophy. A sketch plan of the extended lodge is featured on this cover and an Application Form is attached.

Yours faithfully,

  
ANDREW BROOK,  
President.

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## Rascal in '83

President Andrew Brook

Lodge extension costed at \$280,000, not including furnishings. It was decided that this cost and effort was well beyond the capabilities of the present membership.

It was also decided not to extend the Lodge but, instead, to actively recruit members from among hospital staff.

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## Rascal in '84

President Andrew Brook

Membership drive undertaken but overall numbers did not increase.

Membership opened to non-hospital staff.

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## Rascal in '85

President Greg Fraser

70 new members joined the Club!

Focus shifted to attracting member use during summer.

Lodge recarpeted.

Land valued at \$150,750.

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## Rascal in '86

President Greg Fraser

Membership stood at 244.

Hans and Eva concluded their period as Lodge Caretakers after 6 years and new Caretakers (Parvo and Jane Parviainen) appointed.

Two social functions held.

Microbee micro-computer purchased to assist in Club administration

Lodge improvements continued.

Since I last wrote we have seen the completion of a fantastic winter and spring with high usage of the Lodge throughout.

I have been to the Lodge several times recently and I have reflected on the improved amenity in the time we have been going to Jindabyne. Over that time major improvements have been made to the furniture and furnishings, cooking facilities, washing facilities and grounds. The recent installation of ladders and reading lights to the bunk rooms has added considerably to the comfort of one's stay.

There is, of course, more to be done. Indeed, the Committee is looking to purchase some new dining chairs and install a sliding screen door to the balcony on the top level. Some members are also keen to improve the amenity of the grounds so that we can capitalise on the magnificent garden planted many years ago.

Extract of President's message describing  
Lodge improvements— 1986 Newsletter



### "DINNER AT THE HARMONIE GERMAN CLUB":

A highly successful social evening was held on Friday, 13 June when 57 RASCAL members and friends attended a dinner at the Harmonie German Club, Narrabundah.

A highlight of the evening was the display and demonstration of a diverse and exciting range of ski equipment and clothing available for both downhill and cross-country enthusiasts.

The Committee is especially appreciative of the efforts of Meena Koerner who catered for the function, and Mr & Mrs Smith of CSE Camping and Sport Equipment, Phillip who provided and demonstrated all of the clothing and equipment on display. (Remember, a discount is available to RASCAL members at CSE).

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Because of the success of the night the Committee is now planning another social evening to co-incide with the end of the ski season and Hans and Eva Nusschold's departure.

Jan Bailey



Extract from 1986 newsletter describing a  
fund raising dinner

We are looking again at the position of spouse of members. At present spouses have the rights and privileges of membership. In essence, spouses enjoy vicarious membership rather than membership in their own right. The Committee has been placed in a difficult position in considering the position of spouses where they no longer continue to be a spouse. We are considering several alternatives:

- retain the existing rule but give spouses an automatic right of membership within 12 months of the dissolution of the marriage, partnership, etc.
- retain existing rule but give spouse automatic entry to waiting list for membership.
- remove clause 7 (existing provision) and change rules so that spouses become members in their own rights.

We would appreciate any views on this matter from members.

Extract from 1987 Newsletter about the  
Committee's consideration of spouse  
membership.

RASCAL Inc

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS 1988

Your annual subscriptions are due by 31st January 1988

FAMILY \$45

COUPLE \$38

SINGLE \$31

WAITING LIST \$15



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## Rascal in '87

President Greg Fraser

Continued with the pattern of 3-4 Newsletters per year and at least one social function.

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## Rascal in '88

President Jack Walters

Further Lodge Improvements, new Booking Officer and Lodge Caretakers (Lachlan Maclean and Rachel Bannister) appointed

Membership survey indicated a high level of satisfaction with the Club.

Annual subscription \$31.

Land valued at \$160,000.

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## Rascal in '89

President Chris Fogarty

Continued consolidation of the Club's activities.

Pre-season cocktail party well attended.

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## Rascal in '90

President Monty Fox

Membership arrangements rationalised: 'nominated spouse' category removed due to sensitivities of relationship changes.

A guaranteed no-waiting path to Senior Membership for Juniors was introduced.

Membership increased by 30 per cent after which new memberships were frozen to reduce pressure on winter bookings

Lodge Caretaker's Room created and drying room redesigned.

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## Rascal in '91

President Monty Fox

Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Commission offered to sell to the Club the two blocks of land on which the Lodge was built. Motion passed at the AGM to proceed. There were 22 for and 1 against the motion.

The land was purchased for \$115,000 plus costs.

Reference was made to isolated vandalism in the Lodge.

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## Rascal in '92

President Dr George Malecky

Land purchase finalised.

Furnishings and bedding maintained and 'upgraded'.

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(E585377)

NEW SOUTH WALES  
CERTIFICATE OF TITLE  
REAL PROPERTY ACT, 1900

TORRENS TITLE  
REFERENCED TO FOLIO OF THE REGISTER

IDENTIFIER	131/219583
EDITION	1
DATE OF ISSUE	10. 7. 1992

I certify that the person described in the First Schedule is the registered proprietor of an estate in fee simple (or such other estate or interest as is set forth in that Schedule) in the land within described subject to such exceptions, encumbrances, interests and entries as appear in the Second Schedule and to any additional entries in the Folio of the Register.

*K. Medley*  
REGISTRAR GENERAL

LAND  
LOT 131 IN DEPOSITED PLAN 219583  
AT JINDABYNE  
SHIRE OF SNOWY RIVER  
PARISH OF CLYDE COUNTY OF WALLACE  
TITLE DIAGRAM: DP219583

FIRST SCHEDULE  
R.A.S.C.A.L. INCORPORATED (T E496949)

SECOND SCHEDULE  
1. LAND EXCLUDES MINERALS AND IS SUBJECT TO RESERVATIONS AND CONDITIONS IN FAVOUR OF THE CROWN - SEE CROWN GRANT(S)

original received 9-11-99  
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
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PLEASE CLIP THIS CERTIFICATE AND ADD IT TO THIS CERTIFICATE OR ANY NOTIFICATION HEREON

WARNING: BEFORE DEALING WITH THIS LAND, CHECK THE CURRENT FOLIO OF THE REGISTER

Certificate of Title for Block 131, Rascal purchased Blocks 131 and 132 in 1992.

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## Rascal in '93

President Dr George Malecky

Further improvements to comfort in lounge room area.

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## Rascal in '94

President Dr George Malecky

Except for the marriage of the Lodge Caretakers, it was a quiet year!

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## Rascal in '95

President Monty Fox

New Lodge Caretaker (Mark Dury, Blue Cow ski instructor) appointed.

New Committee takes on challenge to turn declining membership around, focussing on a major membership drive and attracting Summer Members with a reduced joining fee.

Major reviews and analyses conducted of comparable accommodation in Jindabyne, membership demographics, Lodge usage, credit card payment options and Booking Officer duties.

Member survey undertaken to explore needs and expectations.

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## Rascal in '96

President Richard Emerton

New Lodge Caretaker (Jason Muir, Perisher Blue ski instructor) appointed.

Constitution edited at AGM.

Removal of constitutional requirement for at least 5 members of the committee to belong to the ACT Health Industry.

The Committee also recommends that Members agree to remove the constitutional requirement that at least five members of the Committee belong to the ACT Health industry. For a number of recent years, this requirement has put unreasonable demands on this shrinking group of Members. The result has been that people who didn't want to be on the Committee have allowed themselves to be coerced into accepting nomination simply "to help make up the five". This approach to recruiting Committee members does not encourage enthusiastic participation in Committee business.

Extract of 1995 Newsletter

Introduction of new Summer and Honorary Membership categories and concessional joining fee for Juniors upgrading to Senior membership.

Rascal five-year strategic plan developed and published.

Focus on Lodge upgrades, attracting new members and retaining existing members.

Club administration upgraded with new membership and accounting databases

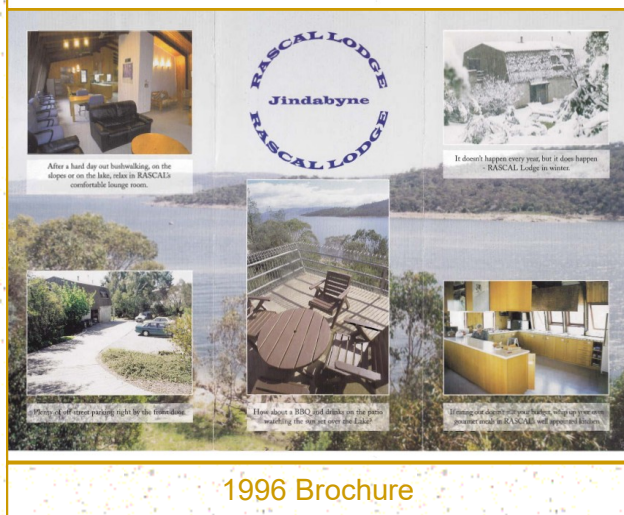
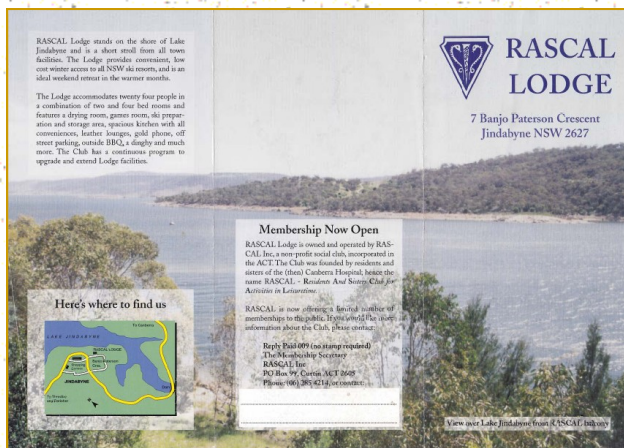
Rascal website and credit card payments introduced.

New Brochure produced and distributed widely.

Major maintenance undertaken, including painting, water-proofing, new floor coverings and bathroom refurbishment.

Inaugural Cross Country Ski de Femme in August.





1996 Brochure

## Rascal in '97

President Richard Emerton

New Lodge Caretaker (Alison Bombardier) appointed.

Social aspects of the Club's operations revitalised with:

Two successful fishing weekends in April and November.

- The inaugural Hike de Femme with 8 participants
- And a second Ski de Femme weekend

Further improvements at the Lodge undertaken.

The internet site was revamped and a new system of posting keys out to members for a fee of \$5 with return by reply-paid post was trialled in winter and found to be popular.

Annual subscription \$55.

## Rascal in '98

President Richard Emerton

Chris Acker resigned his long-standing position as Lodge Manager (maintenance of the building).

Major improvements to the Lodge undertaken – including a new kitchen installed and all smoke detectors upgraded.

Hike de Femme held 21-22 March with 11 participants.



Two images of the pre 1998 kitchen. Note the copper fume hood, overhead (head bumping) cupboards and pantry door..

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## Rascal in '99

President Richard Emerton

TT Architecture commissioned to produce deck designs and options.

New deck and fire escape constructed using a \$40,000 loan from Commonwealth Bank of Australia.

Decision made to install roof mounted evaporative cooling to improve amenity in the living area in summer but this declined by Council.

Rascal internet site re-designed.

Two pre-season functions were held.

Lodge Caretaker position jointly shared by Alison Bombadier and Andy Speight.

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