

# Yalara Alpine Ski Club

## Newsletter

December 2020



### A season like no other!

Well the end of 2020 is fast approaching, and it is definitely a year we will be glad to farewell! Back in April, when we sent our last newsletter, we weren't even sure if Yalara was going to be able to open this season due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. Well, we did it, with new rules and restrictions in place and the help of a live-in lodge manager to help enforce social distancing measures and regular cleaning (thanks Macca!). It was an extremely challenging year for our booking manager, Nicola Moran, who was faced with countless cancellations and variations as guests were unable to coordinate available lift passes with the dates of their stay. We greatly appreciate her efforts throughout the year, and would like to say a big thanks for her diligence. While bookings were down significantly this season, guests who did make it work had a great time and enjoyed skiing and riding on uncrowded slopes.

### Summer bookings

We are pleased to report that bookings during the off-season are strong this year, which will help

offset some of the lost bookings lost over winter. But there are still some gaps if members are interested in getting a group together for a hiking holiday over summer. A reminder you can also book out the whole lodge if you wish. Email [bookings@yalara.com.au](mailto:bookings@yalara.com.au) for further details. Guests travelling during this time should be aware they need to clean the lodge at the end of their stay and take their rubbish to the bin near Perisher Fire Station.

### Working bee

The next Yalara working bee will be held the weekend of March 6 and 7, 2021. If you are interested in coming along to help with odd jobs and cleaning please call Macca on 0412 653 158 or email [thistledome611@yahoo.com.au](mailto:thistledome611@yahoo.com.au)

Participants will also have the option to arrive Friday and leave Monday to make the journey worthwhile.

### Improvements & maintenance

Plans are afoot for a new helmet storage rack at the lodge, as well as everything from new salad tongs to kelly pool beads!

### Lockers available

If you are interested in getting a locker at the lodge please send an email to Matt Wiles at [wilesm1000@gmail.com](mailto:wilesm1000@gmail.com) to register your interest.

### Updating contact details

Please remember to advise of any updates to your email, postal address or phone number by emailing [secretary@yalara.com.au](mailto:secretary@yalara.com.au)

### Thanks Ray Northwood!

We would like to say a huge thanks to life member Ray Northwood, who retired from the board of directors at this year's AGM after an incredible three decades! This included two stints as president, from 1997 to 2005 and 2009 to 2015, as well as eight years as booking manager, from 2009 to 2016, and most recently as lodge manager. Ray has given up countless hours of his own time and made regular trips to Yalara during the off-season to keep the lodge running shipshape, and we are forever indebted to him for his selfless service.

We hope you are enjoying a well-deserved break Ray!

