



### A successful season... finally!

After two seasons of COVID-19 disruptions and cancellations, we were thrilled to finally have a somewhat normal season at Yalara this year! Nearly all guests were members and their family. The few non-members who came to stay at the lodge were mostly there at the same time as their member hosts.

The season began with all rooms in use on the opening weekend. Sadly, there were some cancellations and booking changes that meant the lodge was not full in the July school holidays.

We had a couple of cases of COVID in the lodge, but the affected guests did their best to isolate and return home asap, causing minimum disruption.

Thanks to John Engel for the above pic of Yalara, taken early in the season. It was one of the entries in our inaugural photo comp. The winner will be announced soon!

#### Summer bookings

If you are thinking of booking a stay at Yalara over summer – perhaps trying out the new 9km Guthega to Charlotte Pass walk – there are still rooms available over the warmer months. Please check the booking page of Yalara's website for availability. November 2022

## March 2023 working bee

Yalara's annual working bee will be held on the first weekend of March. If you are interested in coming along and helping with odd jobs such as cleaning and painting, please contact Macca via email at

thistledome611@yahoo.com.au or phone 0412 653 158.

### New deposit requirements

The Yalara board has made the decision to increase the deposit required to confirm a booking from 20 per cent to 50 per cent. We are also planning to introduce a new online payment system linked to the booking system, which we hope will be implemented in early 2023.

## **RIP Neville Read**

We were sad to lose another Yalara life member this season. Much-loved member Neville Read was 92-years-old when he passed away in July. RIP Nev!



## Locker availability update

There are no lockers available at the moment, but a full locker may become available in 2023. Email Matt Wiles to register your interest <u>wilesm1000@gmail.com</u>

# New lounge in games room!

We are excited to reveal the new lounge in the downstairs games room at Yalara. A huge thanks to Natasha and Karl Seidel, who came across the lounge and offered to take it down to the lodge for us. We are so fortunate to have such passionate members!

The board is working on other improvements at the lodge, including obtaining quotes to add an ensuite bathroom to room four and convert the men's bathroom into a new room. Stay tuned for further updates as things progress!

