



Bogong Bulletin

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The Alpine Rovers and Venturers Newsletter

Calendar of Events For 2005

March 4-7	Labour Day Discovery W/end (No Working Bee)
March 11-13	Working Bee
March 25-28 – Easter	Easter Working Bee & Nobs Training
April 1	Preferential Bookings Close
April 1-4	Venturer Mountain Bike W/end
April 22-25	Anzac W/end Working Bee
May 7-8	Food Weekend Working Bee
June 10-13	Queens Birthday W/end
June 15	Bogong Ski Expo
June 25-July 2	Week 1 Snow Venture
July 2-9	Week 2 Open Week
July 9-16	Week 3 Open Week
July 16-23	Week 4 Snow Venture
July 16	Ski Fun Day
July 23-30	Week 5 Open Week
July 30-Aug 6	Week 6 Open Week
Aug 6-13	Week 7 Open Week
Aug 13-20	Week 8 Open Week
Aug 20-27	Week 9 Open Week
Aug 27	Kangaroo Hoppet
Aug 27-Sep 3	Week 10 Open Week
Sep 3-10	Week 11 Open Week
Sep 10-17	Week 12 Open Week
Sep 17-24	Week 13 Snow Venture
Oct 12	Alpine Rover Crew AGM

Welcome to the first Bogong Bulletin of 2005!

The new management group elected at the AGM was:

Jason Paino (Venturer Rep)

Dave Key (Rover – Environment officer)

Stuart Bailey (Rover - Maintenance)

Stuart Linnell (Rover)

Matt Moore (Rover - Bookings)

James Stewart (Rover)

Chris Gunther (Rover - Internet)

Dan Angus (BCMG Chairman)

Mick Anton (26-30)

Bernice Mahoney (26-30)

Charlotte Duff (30+)

Peter Rossborough (30+ - Maintenance)

Alpine Rover Crew

Luke Moore (ARC Chairman)

Mick Simpson (ARC Secretary).

There are also the appointed positions of

Jody Freeman (Treasurer)

Sue Tanck (Historian)

Matt Anderson (Warden)

Les Weibanga (Warden)

Nick Wright (SA Rep)

Brett Gardner (NSW)

The AGM also saw the departure of Andrew Gallagher as Assistant Warden. I would like to thank him for his time in the role, and am sure he will continue his involvement with the chalet.

The 2005 management group will this year oversee the first stages of rebuilding the Rope Tow, an upgrade of the septic system and improvements to the freshwater system, continued painting cladding to the exterior of the chalet, a Venturer Mountain Bike Weekend, three Snow Ventures, and ten Winter Parties, a Labour day Event for rovers, Ski Expo and Ski Fun Day, and the regular annual maintenance tasks.

Luke Moore – ARC Chairman

STOP PRESS :

2005 Winter Party
Application Forms are now
available on the Chalet
website:

www.bogongroverchalet.org.au

Congratulations to.....

Bogong Rovers Luke Moore, Linda Moore, Ray White, and Dan Wilson on receiving a W.F.Waters award for service to Roving, particularly the Chalet. Other 2005 awardees are Alpine Rovers Rodney Abson and Chris Young, as well as Josh Hutton, Adrian Rietwyk, Ben Eriksson, Chris Allan, and Adrian Irving. Congratulations to all! The Awards will be presented at Rover Dinner, Saturday 9th April.

BCMG Chairman's Report

It has been busy the last few months with a lot of planning and promotional work taking place. With regard to promotion, we have started to promote the chalet not only as a first class cross country skiing destination but also for its use by snowboarders and general weeklong retreats.

While it is important that we encourage new members to give cross country touring a go, by widening our scope of promotions we will hopefully attract the wider rover population to the chalet by removing the stigma that you have to be able to ski to enjoy a winter party. Once there though I'm sure it will take no convincing as to the rewards of taking a tour to see the magical beauty of the high country.

We were able to promote at the recent Australian Moot held in Tasmania at the beautiful moot site - Lake Barrington. This has lead to a few interstate inquiries, so who knows, you might be joined by some more interstaters on your next winter party.

On that note just a reminder to get your application forms in ASAP as the early bird rates will be running out soon as usual and you also want to be able to secure your place on a winter party this year.

We will be once again running our ski expo this year which is a great opportunity to hear about new gear, for first timers what they need to consider before going to the chalet, and also it is a chance to catch up with your friends. All that is left to say is for everyone to start getting fit and ready for winter, and I'll see you all on the slopes!!!

Yours in Roving,

Dan Angus -
BCMG Chairman

Pre Season Checklist

With the 2005 Ski season approaching its time to get your gear out of storage and give it a once over before the first falls (or go what a few alpine rovers have done, and ski the Northern Hemisphere).

Skis:

- Scrape off any storage wax.
- Inspect skis & get any base repairs done.
- Apply wax for winter.

Bindings:

- Inspect for damage
- Check and tighten screws
- Clean and lubricate moving parts with silicone spray

Boots:

- Inspect for damage (especially the 3 pin holes)
- Replace worn laces
- Clean and Snow seal leather boots
- Clean and silicone spray or Armourall plastic boots

Stocks/Poles

- Inspect for damage
- Clean moving parts on collapsible poles

Your skiing gear is some of the most expensive outdoors equipment you can own, and your life may depend on it one day. Treat it right and you will enjoy your time on the snow more!

**Don't Forget:
Early Bird
Rates
Finish 1st April!**



Early Bird Rates:

We offer early bird rates to assist with our planning for the winter season. By getting your forms in early, **WE** are able to better plan the choice Nobs for Winter Parties, purchasing of Food for the season, booking of buses, and deciding which weeks are open! By getting your form in early YOU save \$\$\$\$.

Ski Tow

Planning is underway for the new ski tow. Insurance money has been received and the design is almost finalized. We are now going through the process of getting the building permits, and approval to erect the tow hut. Unfortunately it does not look like we will be able to commence construction before this winter.

Bogong Rovers.

Last year there were no Bogong Rovers invested for the first time in many years. If you are a Bogong Rover and know of anyone deserved, please contact Luke Moore – ARC Chairman at bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au, Mick Simpson – ARC Secretary on smsimpson@virtual.net.au, or Matt Anderson – Warden on matt@trendprint.com.au

Don't Forget our new address!

Bogong Rover Chalet
c/o Rover Office
PO Box 774
Mt Waverley 3149

Expert Ski Purchasing Tip:

If you buy new skis or boots without letting your other half know - make sure they are the same colour as the old ones (and hide the old ones!!)

2005 Snow Ventures

Three weeks have been set aside as Venturer Ski Parties in 2005. **Week 1 and 13** will be for Victorian and NSW Venturers, and **Week 4** will be for South Australian Venturers.

The cost of the Venturer Ski parties is \$275 for the week for Venturers and Leaders attending the week.

There are also package deals available. From Adelaide (week 4) it is \$600 which includes return transport, ski hire and overnight accommodation from Adelaide. From Melbourne (weeks 1 & 13) will cost \$410 which includes ski hire and transport. See the chalet website for more details and application forms.

Maintenance:

Aside from the tow hut rebuild there are many other tasks to be completed over summer. There will be the regular cleaning, rubbish removal, and general maintenance tasks. We have projects that include painting, continuing the exterior cladding, installation of a filtration and sterilization system on the water supply, and finally the replacement of the septic system tipping trough.

We have a list of tasks requiring various skill levels and expertise. If you are going to the chalet and want something to do, contact the bookings officer.

Nobs Training

We will be running Nobs Training at the chalet over the Easter Long Weekend, as well as running a one day session in Melbourne in June. Email bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au for details or call the bookings officer on 0407242538.

Working Bees

If you are planning on coming to any of the working bees or the food weekend, please let the bookings officer know in advance as places are limited (35 people).



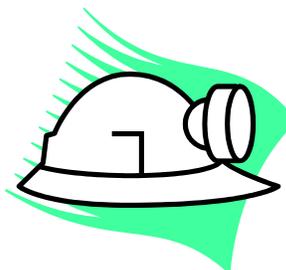
Waiting for Snow.....

Check out The Frog's predictions for the coming season at: www.snowatch.com.au

Ski Fun Day

Saturday 16th July is Ski Fun Day. This event will be held at either Mt Baw Baw or Lake Mountain

depending on the snow conditions. Ski Fun Day is not an instructional day, just a chance to get together and ski with friends. Checkout the chalet website closer to the time for details.



Labour Day Discovery Weekend

This year the management group is running a Weekend for rovers

who have not been to the chalet before to discover one of Victorian Rovers best assets. When they have been there once, they will come back!

Email and the Bulletin

If you are getting the Bogong Bulletin by snail mail we would love for you get it via email. We have over 450 people receiving the Bulletin electronically and with 4 editions every year the BCMG saves \$900 in postage alone. If you are connected to the world wide web the Bulletin is uploaded about a week before the snail mail version goes out. Please send your email address to smsimpson@virtual.net.au even if you have already done so!! I try to maintain the Bogong Bulletin email address list but sometimes it can get a little daunting with so many addresses. I am slowly working my way through the 1000 plus names on our bookings database and updating the email addresses from that source as well. If you know someone who would like to receive the Bogong Bulletin via email please have them send me their email address as well. Mick Simpson -Alpine Rover Crew Secretary

Are you an Ambulance Member?

Most private health insurance only covers the first leg of an emergency evacuation. Transfer to another hospital could cost you thousands. Join your states ambulance service any maybe save \$\$\$\$

Address Update:

Have you changed your address or do you have an email address? Help us keep track of our Alpine Rover Crew by completing the form below, and post this entire page (including old address label) to the above address. If you are receiving the bulletin via post, and would like to receive it by email, send your email address to bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au

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