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Message from the President

I would like to open with thanks to Geoff Mettam for all his efforts as President over the last few years. Dealing with the needs of club members and balancing that with a sometimes tenuous relationship with the National Parks is often a narrow path to tread.

The good news resulting from the recent AGM elections is that our Booking Officer, Julie Irvine has returned, refreshed and ready to take on the new season bookings. The main reason for Julie stepping down at the end of last season was the workload created by constant booking changes amid other tasks required of that role.

Geoff mentioned in the last Cold Facts that we are looking to adjust some of the heavily loaded committee roles. In order to lighten the load in the booking area where members have issues with the Booking Rules as applied, the Committee will form a three person panel to arbitrate on those issues. It is anticipated that this will save considerable time and effort for the Booking Officer.

The task of selecting and liaising with the various Hut Captains, will be taken on by the Hut Manager (currently Phil Warren). We often have difficulty in getting members to "volunteer" for this role. Phil's task will be to mentor the Hut Captains so that actions from week to week will be consistent and to smooth the task as much as possible.

Booking changes to be reviewed are the percentage payable at time of booking and the application of a booking change fee. For example the first change may be free but subsequent changes will incur a cost. Illawarra has some very generous booking rules, particularly when compared to other clubs. However generous the rules are, they are a standard that must be maintained and applied to ensure fairness to all members.

Finally on bookings, we will endeavour to have an assistant take over summer bookings. This will give the Booking Officer relief after the heavy winter workload.

The other heavily loaded role is that of the Treasurer. This role is a little more difficult to divide into sub-tasks, however we will be working to address the problem in the coming months.

Communication and connectivity are very much buzz words these days and this is no different with a sporting club like Illawarra. Over several years now we have strived to move the club into the electronic age with the club web site and the use of email. Email is a fast and efficient way to communicate with our members. Ideally, every member would have an email address registered with the club. This ideal is unfortunately a little way off.

For those who have registered email addresses, please notify the Committee if that address has changed. For any member that has not yet registered their email address, please do so as soon as possible. If you know of any member who does not have an email address, please encourage them to get one and register it with the club.

This brings me to the review of the Secretary and Cold facts editor roles. If every member has an email address then communication will be a faster and lighter task than having to print / fold / post by regular surface mail. On the Cold Facts front, some members are still requesting hard copy by surface mail. If every member could receive Cold Facts by email then print locally if required, this would greatly ease the task of the editor.

Mike Di Leva

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Committee 2011

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Editorial



Fellow Illawarra members, greetings, & in some way, "back to the future" as being CF Editor is a job I have done when I first joined Committee back in the early 80's.

At our just completed AGM the recent themes of change that I have been talking about saw me stand down after 4 years & Mike Di Leva return to Committee as President.

As I said at the AGM, the opportunity to be President of our Club has been nothing short of an honour & privilege. I take great pride in the fact that I was the first "second generation" President, my father having also held that office, & I thank the members for seeing fit to elect me to that position.

Mike has asked me to take over the Editors role, & I would first like to take this opportunity to congratulate & thank Adam on the job he has done for the past few years. Increased study & work commitments have meant Adam has had to stand down & we wish him well in those endeavours.

To streamline our communications, I would ask that if you have changes to your email address or any other contact details, could you please notify the committee via committee@iacski.com as soon as possible so you don't miss out on information.

Also, if you receive a hard copy of Cold Facts and now have an email, could you please notify the committee ASAP with your email address.

Email and visiting our website, is by far, the best way to receive IAC information as we only send hard copies of Cold Facts and AGM notices for those who don't have internet access. All other communications is now efficient, more detailed and instantaneous via the web.

Finally, if you have a Cold Facts submission, please send it to me via email coldfacts@iacski.com.

Geoff Mettam

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Farewell from Adam West

Editor 2008-2011

Hi all, just a quick note to say thanks for the opportunity to work with you all as I produced Cold Facts over the past three seasons. A thank you to Viola for the awesome covers she continues to supply and to Jonathan for showing me the ropes originally.

You are a great bunch and I wish I had more time to throw into the mix. Hopefully one day my circumstances will change and I'll be able to help the team out again.

Looking forward to catching up though the season and possibly a working bee or two.

Have a good one.

Adam West 

In Memoriam

Maureen Irvine – wife of Bob, mother of David, Karen, Narelle and Melissa, mother in law to Julie, & grandmother to Tyler, James and Madeleine passed away peacefully on Thursday 16th December 2010.

Maureen was vibrant member of our Illawarra community, she loved her times at Illawarra, her cross country skiing, and her contribution to our Huts work at Cascades and Tin Mines was significant – who will forget her log hut cake, made of chocolate sticks & complete with bush-rats.

Maureen was also responsible for at our Tin Mines 25 Year anniversary work party.

In fact, contribution to Huts by Maureen and Bob was recognised when they jointly received our Club Person of the Year Award.

Murton Family – Several members of this Illawarra Alpine Club family passed in recent times:

William Murton 04/07/1953 - 26/12/2008

Bill died from inoperable lung cancer.

Patricia Murton 25/09/1926 - 11/05/2010

Pat died from a subdural haematoma after a fall

Stanley Murton 18/01/1925 - 08/09/2010

Stan suffered many maladies and passed quietly in hospital.

Pat and Stan Murton were married for 63 years. They had two children, Bill and Kathy, who were also IAC members. Bill had three children, Jemima, Sam & Russell. Jemima had two children, Lucy and Kirra.

Stan and Pat were keen and active IAC club members, leading the way in competitive skiing (particularly Martini Rossi) and serious partying. Pat, in later years, painted snow scenes reflecting their happy times at the lodge.

Kathy has now resigned as member due to back injury, but remembers fondly her times at the lodge and sends her best to all.

Bookings

We have had a steady start with bookings this season, 2036 beds booked or 55%. I expect once the snow falls all available beds will go very quickly.

I encourage members when looking at placing a booking not to depart on a Saturday. If you do depart on a Saturday, it books out the Friday night, stopping a full weekend booking. My aim is to fill as many beds as possible, which means a healthier bank balance, which in turn goes back to the members in lower accommodation rates.

Also please check the vacancy page on the website, this is updated twice a week.

When making a booking, I would appreciate all members doing it via the [on line booking form](#). In the next off-season, the online booking form will be updated and fine-tuned so if you have any suggestions to make regarding this form and how it can be better or more efficient, please email me.

Just a reminder, when phoning regarding any booking issues, please ONLY call the IAC mobile phone number 0424 61 77 07, and not my private home phone number.

Hint! The very best and quickest way to contact me is via email.

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Maintenance

The lodge is looking great with a fresh coat of paint over all the exterior timber work. This gets done every 6 or 7 years to preserve the cedar boards and keep them in tip top condition. The managers flat has had a fresh coat of paint also, new carpet and curtains in readiness for our new managers.

The new dining room cabinetry work is complete and looks great. We also now have laundry hampers built in for dirty linen storage and more hygienic storage for all the cutlery and condiments. The dining room has also had a lighting upgrade with energy efficient lamps that looks great and uses less energy. Further energy savings are being made by the installation of smart thermostats to all bathrooms that use off peak electricity.

On an environmental side, recycling and garbage waste removal from the lodge is a daily chore, to reduce this please consider bringing your wine and beer along in casks and cans, carrying them into the lodge will be easier too!

We have also installed water saving shower heads to managers flat and Siberia showers. Please help to reduce our environmental impact whilst at the lodge by turning lights out, especially the bathrooms, and turning your heater down or off, if you're too warm.

Craig Fairweather & Tony DiMilia
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From the Club Captain

| Illawarra Alpine Club – Club Programme for 2011 | | |
|---|-------------|---|
| May | 28-29 | Pre-season working bee food weekend |
| June | 1 | Winter season bookings open for Apres Members |
| | 9 | Summer Booking rate ends – Flat rate \$20 pn Adult / 10 pn Child |
| | 10 | Special Rate starts – Adult M\$52 Child M\$26 / Adult G\$78 Child G\$40 |
| | 10 | Lodge opens for winter bookings - Opening weekend and Mountains of Music festival (see 'Events' tab at www.perisher.com.au) |
| | 13-18 | Toddlers week # 1 |
| | 26 | Special Rate ends – Adult M\$52 Child M\$26 / Adult G\$78 Child G\$40 |
| | 27 | Shoulder rate starts - Adult M\$66 Child M\$33 / Adult G\$122 Child G\$58 |
| July | 4 - 8 | IAC Junior Race Development Program Training week #1 |
| | 4 - 15 | NSW Winter Public School Holidays |
| | 17 | Shoulder rate ends - Adult M\$66 Child M\$33 / Adult G\$122 Child G\$58 |
| | 18 | Peak rate starts – Adult M\$80 Child M\$41 / Adult G\$143 Child G\$75 |
| August | 6 | IAC Club Championships |
| | 10 | KAC Classic XC race |
| | 13 | Senior Illawarra Interclub Championships (IAC Hosts) |
| | 29 – 2 Sept | IAC Junior Race Development Program Training week #2 |
| September | 1 | Perisher 'Pub to Pub Classic' XC |
| | 3 | Junior Illawarra Interclub Championships (IAC Hosts) |
| | 4 | Peak rate ends – Adult M\$80 Child M\$41 / Adult G\$143 Child G\$75 |
| | 5 | Shoulder rate starts - Adult M\$66 Child M\$33 / Adult G\$122 Child G\$58 |
| | 12-16 | Toddlers Week # 2 |
| | 17 | Smiggins Bowl Championships (Caloola Hosts) |
| | 18 | Shoulder rate ends - Adult M\$66 Child M\$33 / Adult G\$122 Child G\$58 |
| | 19 | Special Rate starts – Adult M\$52 Child M\$26 / Adult G\$78 Child G\$40 |
| | 26 – 7 Oct | NSW Spring Public School Holidays |
| October | 3 | Lodge closes for 2011 |
| | 4 | Special Rate ends – Adult M\$52 Child M\$26 / Adult G\$78 Child G\$40 |
| | 8 | Lodge open for Spring/Summer bookings |
| | 8 | Summer Booking rate starts – Flat rate \$20 pn Adult / 10 pn Child |

A quick glance at the Perisher website shows the traditional mid-May pre-season dump underway and the slopes under early snow.

This all bodes well for a strong season, and there is much speculation around the mountains and in the industry that this winter will deliver bumper snowfalls. Let's all live in hope! It's been a cool -1C overnight average in suburban Canberra these past nights, so I'll type fast to keep my fingers warm.

I'd like to (very warmly) welcome our newest members of the Illawarra Junior Development squad in 2011, Liesl Harmey with Ethan and William Priddle.

Joining the IAC racing team in competition in the **Junior Illawarra Interclub Championships** on **Sept 3** and the Smiggins Bowl on the 24th is good timing for Liesl and the boys in a transition year with four 'elder' stars moving out of the program at season's end. Blythe, Whimbrel, Lorenz and Eric will still be able to play their part what could be our strongest and biggest team in ten years. Perfect timing to defend the hard-won 2010 Illawarra Junior Interclub trophy! The Smiggins Bowl Junior Shield looks like it may be

staying on the Lodge wall over next Summer if the team matches last year's dominance.

I'll say more about the great young rising talent backing up to replace the departing 16 & 17 year old group in the October issue, but with the new season a month away, we have a great year of junior alpine and nordic racing ahead of us.

Welcome back to Blythe, Louis, Whimbrel, Iris, Lorenz and Nina, Tyler, James, Eric, Max, Brooke and Jeremy!

Along with our juniors in the full scale program this year, we welcome back Tegan Hunt, Jack and Charlotte Mettam with Robert and Louise Stuart to join the team in competition whenever they're available - as always, the more the merrier!

Don't forget the **Club Championships** on **August 6** - a fun challenge for all members - like Ruby and Connor Edwards with mum Julie who joined us in 2010 in perfect conditions and enjoyed a great time. If it's been a while - don't be shy - members, this is your race day.

The year's biggest racing challenge will be assembling the ultimate team for the **Senior Illawarra Interclub Champs** on **August 13**. With GS Alpine ski and Snowboard events, plus a 2.5km XC challenge, I'm putting the call out to all former Junior legends of the last 15 years of our program and their parents to get behind an overall team podium placing in 2011.

IAC Seniors have had many brilliant individual performances in all events over the years, but for too long we've owned 4th or 5th standing overall. Senior snowboarders are desperately needed to back up our competitive ski and XC team list, and if you're 16 years or over on the 13th of August - young or young at heart - your club needs you! Make this year the one to join us as we host the Interclubs for an awesome weekend to remember in race and party-mode.



While you're booking, remember the T-shirt and zinc-cream springtime weather on sunny **September 24** when IAC will defend the **Smiggins Bowl** and almost every shield against the restless rabble of IMBAC, Snow Country, Muniong and this year's hosts, Caloola. All ages beach party atmosphere, friendly rivalry on the racecourse and XC trail, horseplay, tomfoolery, shenanigans, end-of-season partying and annual local bragging rights decided - what a weekend!

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ANZAC Huts Working Bee

Fire ravages Snowy Mountains hut

LUCY MORRELL 29 Jul, 2010

Whites River Hut has long been a haven for cross country skiers and bushwalkers but last week fire rendered the historic building closed.



Photo: Whites River Hut after the accidental cooking fire. Damage to the floor, walls and roof occurred when a skier from the Newcastle University mountaineering club attempted to light the cooking stove with accelerant. He did not realise there were hot coals in the stove and threw his fuel bottle when it caught fire. Kosciuszko Huts Association president Bob Moon said the fire was an accident and the person responsible was embarrassed.

White's River Hut - April 22-26 2011

With the expert plans and provisioning by Pat and Sue Edmondson, a team of eleven KHA and IAC volunteers spent a very productive Easter break completing fit-out to the newly re-established White's River Hut.

KHA reported on July 23, 2010 that the hut had been catastrophically damaged due to an individual's poor judgment refilling flammable fuel containers near the stove hearth, rendering this very popular hut unusable mid-season.

The fire was reported to have done considerable damage to the roof, a small amount of damage to walls and floor. KHA noted "This was a disaster for a hut heavily used by XC skiers in winter, and an important place of shelter had been wrecked."

The critical decision to re-build the hut was supported by NPWS and KHA and this commenced during the Summer with a new steel frame and stud walls clad with corrugated iron, and a new chimney constructed.

The KHA/IAC party started arriving from Good Friday with Pat, Sue and Col arriving on-site with Mike and Maia Edmondson, with partner Linda and daughter Frankie, Tim and Carla Edmondson and Narelle Irvine.

Jonathan and Eric Mandl arrived on mountain bikes for morning tea on Sunday to join the effort.

Main works over the five days included completing the internal stud walls and ceiling, cladding the walls and ceiling with Masonite panels and adding insulation batts to the ceiling cavities.

A petrol generator and air compressor hummed during daylight hours, allowing power and air tools to speed up the daunting works schedule. All hands were busied and the group was blessed with favourable, stable weather through the days after some very low temps overnight.

Late Saturday afternoon Mike took the young girls on a hike up the opposite steep mountainside topped with a huge granite outcrop that beamed like a lighthouse when struck by the setting sun, the valley below in deep shadow.

From the camp, all eyes looked up at dusk, hearing the coo-ees and calls from the group having reached the top of the cairn.

This view was made eerily stark by the dead forest of skeleton white snowgums that ran up the slope like a houndstooth pattern, victims of the 2003 fires.

There was a lot of burnt and mangled debris from the original hut structure, what couldn't be recycled back into the hut was sorted and loads ferried out with Rob Gibbs, Ranger on duty and Andrew Miller, whose region extends into the Jagungal wilderness and who joined us on Tuesday morning.

Tim succumbed to a slip on icy river boulders fetching water on Saturday morning and hurt his hand with a nasty injury and deep cut that was decided needed specialist medical attention.

Sadly, Tim and Carla left to have this injury seen to, and bid farewell to the group.

Pat and Col oversaw Eric cutting Masonite templates to fit in around the exposed internal snowgum beams, while Col buried himself in carpentry with saws, planes and nail guns firing through the day.



Linda prepared and painted the window frames, with Maia and Frankie fetching water and ferrying supplies around the site in a wheelbarrow.

Mike and Linda bedded down the new granite block entry path from annexe door to inner hut doorway which looks great completed.

Sue kept busy in the kitchen and mess area, providing superb, healthy, delicious and nourishing meals for all from dawn to dusk. They say an army marches on its stomach, and thanks to Sue, the White's River 'battalion' marched on great tucker – how does a five-star Osso Bucco sound for dinner in the wilderness?

Plenty of small hands kept the cooking firewood supply plentiful, and buckets of water from the river running 'on tap' for cooking and cuppa's.

Narelle kept busy with lots of tasks around the site and like Jonathan, Eric, Maia and Linda, bounced from job to job under Pat's direction.

Optus network reception was plentiful and Narelle kept us up to date with weather forecasts and e-tablet furnished news from civilisation yonder.

A great sing-along jamboree on Saturday night was led by Pat's harmonica, followed by recitations of selected Banjo Patterson works from Linda and Narelle – very impressive!



On Monday afternoon Mike and Maia rode out on bikes, following Rob Gibbs and Narelle with a load of scrap iron and debris, and Linda with Frankie in four wheel drives.

By Tuesday the bulk of the work was completed as far as materials would allow. More Masonite sheets would have allowed the entire ceiling to be finished, and although Eric finished the last 'puttying' of the window frames, Sue wished we had a razor blade to clean and finish the new window glass. The granite masonry walkway was complete, however Andrew judged that the NPWS stonemason may have around four days of work ahead of him to complete the hearth, finishing the setting for the woodstove. All agreed on Sunday night how well the hut held the warmth from the stove, and now insulated, White's River Hut will be a very welcome and cosy stay over on a mid-winter XC tour.

Jonathan and Eric rode out (about 45mins mostly all downhill, after a two hour trek in) on Tuesday before midday, and leaving Andrew to lunch with Pat, Sue and Col who were setting the camp down, leaving that afternoon.



Grateful thanks to Pat, Sue and Col, and all who volunteered their Easter to camp and work in a beautiful little valley, well served with crystal clear rivers and views down south to Blue Cow Mountain and Mt Twynam in the distance.

Lots of good work completed, late afternoon explorations and nearby forays accomplished, all in great company with highly detailed levels of organisation. You'll always get a friendly welcome and walk away with a great experience that makes it a pleasure to lend a hand.

Consider a XC tour to this area of the park this winter, accessed from Guthega Power Station and following the

Munyang River upstream to its junction with White's River, where you'll find the newly re-built hut waiting for you.

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Golden Tracks / 50 Year Celebrations

Fellow members,

As previously announced in Cold Facts, we are currently preparing our 50 year anniversary book, the sequel to the Silver Tracks which marked 25 years of the Illawarra Alpine Club.

"The first AGM of the Illawarra Alpine club was held on Monday October 16, 1961" Silver Tracks, 1985.

A Golden Anniversary Dinner is now planned for October 22nd, 2011.

Cost will be approximately \$60, so keep the date free and stay tuned for further updates.

As collaborators of the Anniversary Book, one chapter, in particular needs more member support - Social Activities. If you have photographs or stories about partying at the lodge (winter or summer), group skiing activities (in resort or back country), Pub to Pub, or anything fun, could you please contact me.

The other chapter we need more submissions for is when members have enjoyed ski holidays overseas together. This is something that has become much more popular in the second 25 years.

So, if anyone has a good story (not too long though) or photo(s) of any of these activities, please email Jarvis Fletcher on jfletcher@kembla.com.au. Please have a look through your albums, digital or that old paper copy stuff, we'd really appreciate your help. Remember not to send low resolution files designed for internet. Photographs should be between 400KB and 1MB in size.

Jarvis Fletcher & Phil Warren

Club / Lodge Internet

Last year the committee trialled the provision of wireless internet (WIFI) at the lodge.

Unfortunately, regional internet providers do not offer the high limits enjoyed in the cities and the download allowance was quickly consumed.

It became unsustainable to provide this to members, so WIFI internet will not be available this year at the lodge for members.

So, if you need internet connectivity while at the lodge it is best to bring your own via your smart phone, ipad or mobile internet modem.

BLAST FROM THE PAST!



Back to Perisher Weekend

EASTER 2011

Back to Perisher Weekend this year, held from 22 to 25 April, was our third in 3 years - and the most successful to date!

Again BtP was jointly sponsored by NPWS and SLOPES. The Perisher Resorts area was blessed with fine weather for the various events over the Weekend. And the combined school holiday/Easter/ANZAC Day period meant there were lots of people staying in our Club lodges to enjoy the activities.

The Saturday morning Fun Run was attended by 120 participants - and there may have been a few extra who did not officially register. All children and the adult place getters were given certificates, with the children also receiving book prizes from NPWS. In a surprise result this year, the first male (James Whelan) and female (Chloe Hartnett) competitors across the line - covering the 6.1km distance in about 24 minutes - were aged 14 and 13 respectively. Chloe and James received certificates as the first placed in their respective children's divisions and also as the "Overall Winners". Their names will be engraved on the Fun Run trophy, a plaque with the names of all previous winners. The plaque will be on display in the Perisher Historical Society cabinet in the Perisher Ski Tube building.

The Saturday afternoon Duck Race down Perisher Creek was attended by 280 people. The 100 brightly coloured plastic ducks on offer were not enough to satisfy demand and so distribution had to be restricted to children (next year we plan to have at least 200 ducks to avoid disappointment!). At our request, the Perisher Fire Brigade backed one of their vehicles down to the creek and hosed with jets of water any ducks that failed to keep up with the pace! The kids - and those not so young but young at heart - had a terrific time at this event.

JAX was almost full on Saturday evening for the presentation of the prizes for the Fun Run. Andrew Harrigan (Manager Visitor and Business Services, NPWS) and Frank Zipfing (President, SLOPES) were both on hand to congratulate the various winners and to hand out the prizes and certificates. Food was provided by SLOPES. It was a great way to finish after the fun of the day's events.

The Guthega Super Sleuth event on Sunday morning was attended by some 40 people - a terrific start for the first

year of this event as part of the BtP calendar. Participants explored Guthega to find the answers to questions posed by the organisers. [There were a few teething problems with the question/answer format (eg. missing signs that were relied on to provide some of the answers!) and the time taken to cover the territory to find all the answers. To address these issues and with an expected increase in numbers next year, there may have to be shorter programs concentrating on specific areas of the Guthega resort.] Everyone seemed to enjoy the event and learnt a bit about Guthega. Very popular at the end was sitting outside the Guthega Alpine Inn in the beautiful sunshine and enjoying refreshments!

The Sunday afternoon bike ride around the resort organised by Dave Woods (Environmental Liaison Officer, NPWS) was attended by 40 people who had the opportunity to see bush rats, broad tooth rats, antechinus, frogs and forest bats. These up close encounters with local native fauna were very rewarding for all.

Dave Woods also conducted walks to The Porcupine on the Friday and to Blue Lake on the Monday specifically for SLOPES Members. Start numbers were a little low but they picked up along the way. These walks are informative and provide information on the Park and it's flora and fauna that unguided walkers do not get.

We understand that park entry at the Sawpit Gate was a record for Easter (no doubt helped by the 5 day Easter weekend) and that many Members took advantage of the discounted entry price arranged by SLOPES with NPWS.

These events would not be the huge success they are without the assistance of the following to whom we are extremely grateful:

- NPWS and in particular to Dave Woods and his team who co-sponsored BtP and also provided the Fun Run winners trophy and the book prizes.
- SLOPES as co-sponsor (with NPWS) and organisers of the various events on behalf of Member Clubs.
- Perisher Fire Brigade.
- All Class Insurance for insuring the Fun Run as a donation.
- JAX Bar.
- The Kosciuszko Chalet Hotel at Charlotte Pass.
- The Guthega Alpine Inn.
- Turnak Ski Club for organising the Guthega event.
- Aurora Ski Club for organising the Fun Run, Duck Race and serving food at JAX.
- Kate Fennell for designing and printing the Fun Run certificates.
- And finally individually from SLOPES Dave Read who had the overall co-ordination of the weekend (and was everywhere to be seen in roles ranging from megaphone announcer to prize presenter) and Noni De Carvalho who organised the Guthega Super Sleuth event.

Regards
Frank P Zipfing
President, SLOPES

Mike to launch Alps Collection

Mike Edmondson was three years old when he first toured in the Snowy Mountains, seated in a wooden fruit box attached to handmade skis.

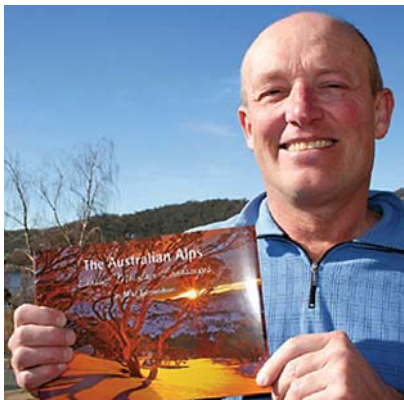


Photo: Mike Edmondson displays his new book.

Mr Edmondson moved to Jindabyne some 30 years ago and today guides photographers, year round, through the local wilderness.

This book was 10 years in the making and showcases Mr Edmondson's favourite images selected from 34,000 mountain scenes. As a photographer and a wilderness guide, Mr Edmondson said it was important to display the beauty of the High Country.

"It's my role to share the mountains with people, it's my spiritual connection to nature," Mr Edmondson said. As a self-taught photographer, Mr Edmondson recommends anyone with dreams "go out and do it".

Retailing at \$29.95 the book is a beautiful coffee table book for mountain lodges or a perfect souvenir of your mountain visit.

It is available from Perisher Newsagency or Perisher Post Office, just call in and pick up a copy during your next visit.

Noticeboard

Missing: one pair Stockli Sinox Pro carve skis.

Medium orange in colour, 164 cm's, fairly wide tip mountain ski style. These ski's have been used, but looked near new. I last saw them in the locked ski-cage in the ski-room of the Lodge about 3 years ago. I did not place them in a bag, nor did they have my name on them. When I looked for them in early December 2010, they were gone. Someone might have accidentally taken them thinking they belonged to another family member or some other similar reason.

If you know where they are, or have any information where they went, please call Peter Smith on 02 4229 3292 or 0405 525 874.

Thank you.

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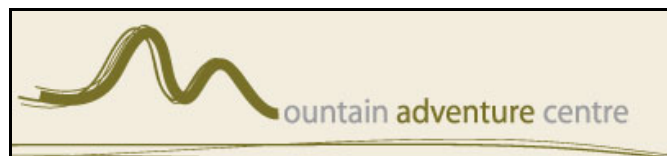
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