



Kandahar's 56th Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 25th June 2010 at 7:30pm at Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Lower Parriwi Road, The Spit, Mosman

All members are welcome and friends and family can come along as well.

We have had a few new members join – our third generation are growing up and it would be good to see them there too. The meeting is short followed by drinks and snacks. RSVP by email to kandahar.skiclub@gmail.com or phone Lisa on 9660 7849.

Most of you have received this AGM notice via email, however about ten bounced back. If you didn't get my email, please contact me so I can update our email list. We post out 4 newsletters a year with a few supplementary emails in between. Our website is a good way to keep updated and includes links to Perisher's website and other useful sites, plus contact numbers and forms.

See Andrew's Chairman's report for a comprehensive snapshot on all the things the Board and the Club have had on the agenda for the past year. We also wish Graeme Anderson all the very best on his retirement as President of SLOPES and appreciate how exceptionally hard he has worked for Kandahar's benefit. The Board, on behalf of our members, thank him for his enormous contribution.

Lodge News

We had beautiful weather for the working bee and plenty of willing helpers. Thank you to the members who volunteered their time: Susie and Mark Currie, Sue and Chris Paine, Maria and Scott Silk Young, Anne and David Strange, James Burns, Andrew Cutler, Dave Humphries and myself. K2 is looking terrific with a whole new layout and big ensuite bathrooms. We installed Ipod docks, a replacement CD player for K2, new cushions (the yellow ones had seen better days), bedside stools, sturdy coat hangers, assorted glassware, mugs, first aid supplies, pillow protectors and indestructable plastic buckets which should see us through to the next ice age. Ian Cutler arranged for a couple of Roy Lascelles' photos of Kandahar (taken in the 1950s when it was a little red cabin) and had them enlarged. We hung one in each lodge. The working bee was a lot of work but we ate and drank well and enjoyed good company. Go to Kandahar's website to see some photos.

Bookings

A large number of members applied for the July school holidays, which meant that many missed out. Every effort will be made to accommodate these people next year. Members with school age children, who in the past were happy to ski outside school holidays, now want to ski in the holidays.

There are prime vacancies in August. Check the website and call Anne Strange on 9969 1435 or email morehols@idx.com.au

Vale

We have lost several of our first-generation members this year – Hugh Anderson, Bob Woodward and Betsy Sussman – all long-standing members of the Club. Bob Woodward was one of the pioneer members who helped build the original lodge in 1954. We send our condolences to their families.

Membership

I've had a few enquiries about the Club's membership arrangements and the rules for joining. As set out in Kandahar's Articles of Association, children of members may join the Club as a Restricted member on reaching 18 - 21 years of age. At 23 years, a Restricted member can join as a Full member and must take up this offer no later than the date of their 26th birthday. Membership is not offered after this date. If you have any queries about this, please get in touch with me. New members receive an information kit which provides information about how the Club runs and members' responsibilities.

Perisher News

What's new?

- If you do leave the lodge for apres ski drinks and go further than the Sundeck, there is a new bar open on the upper level of the Perisher Centre – CURVE, said to be 'relaxed, warm and inviting with great food' (sounds like Kandahar).
- It's good to see the Resort offering greater flexibility with a 4-Day Consecutive Lift Ticket now available. (Although what I've always really wanted is a Raincheck Option Lift Ticket).
- Aeropelican will be flying into Snowy Mountains Airport, Cooma. The New service will run three return flights daily from Sydney Sunday-Friday, and two return flights on Saturdays during winter. One way from \$129, peak times (Saturdays) \$215. Website: www.aeropelican.com.au
Snowlink run shuttles to Jindabyne which meet every flight: www.snowymountainsairport.com.au.

Discounts and freebies

- The \$48 Perisher Card looks like it could be a good way to save on lift tickets, e.g. Lift Tickets (Monday - Thursday): Adults \$84, Children \$46. You can also get discounts on group lessons and a 'buy one, get one free' access to First Tracks morning, plus a 15% off RRP at Columbia Flagship stores. There's more, go to www.perisher.com.au/winter/prices/p_card.html
- From 6 September to season end, you can get a 15% saving on selected 3 to 7 Day Lift Tickets and Lesson packages.
- Ski Sunday Afternoon for free with any 5, 6 or 7 Day Ticket starting on a Monday, mountain access is valid from 1pm on the preceding Sunday. Free 6th Lesson - Sunday afternoons only when you purchase a 5 or 6 Day First Timer lesson & Lift Ticket (Level 1 Lesson Only).
- Free Night Skiing for Children with a valid Lift Ticket (14 years and under).
- Skitube travel between Perisher Valley and Blue Cow is included with all valid Lift Tickets.

Happy skiing to those members who are visiting Kandahar this winter. For those of you who don't make it down for the snow, think about a late spring trip. I skied very late in the season last year on man-nurtured snow thanks to the armoury of snowguns under Mt P's chairlift. We also had a great walk to Porcupine Rocks the next day. Kandahar's summer rates kick in on 18th September.

Hope to see you at the AGM.



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Minutes of the 55th Annual General Meeting of the Members of Kandahar Ski Club Limited on Friday 26 July 2009 at 7.30pm at Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Parriwi Road, The Spit.

Andrew Cutler welcomed members and their guests

Present:	Joshua Barker, Simon Barker, Stephen Basclain, Robert Bryan, Kathryn Condon, Andrew Cutler, Margaret Duckworth, David Humphries, Prue Johnstone, John Kraefft, Roy Lascelles, Chris Paine, Svend Petersen, Robert Powell, Jane Prior, Ethel Robson, Vivien Robson, Delia Russell, Christina Silk, Lucy Silk, Tom Silk Snr, Tom Silk Jnr, Annette Snelson, Anne Strange, Nicola Strange, Vicki Van Dyk, Katy Van Poppel, Margaret Woodward, Robert Woodward,
Guests:	Mirella Osterheld, Ricarda Barker, Craig Gordon
Apologies:	Fiona Robson, Graeme Anderson, Liz Watts, Anthony Kongats, Lorraine Kongats, Sue Hancock, Jane van Hagen, Stuart Miller, Mandy Miller, Matthew Snelson, Janet Simpkins, Steve Watts, Mark Currie, David Currie, Michael Currie, Marina Larcombe, James Larcombe, Ian Cutler, Lisa Chandler, Glen Reid, Jessica Reid, Peter Fielder, Iain Wyatt, Judy Wyatt
Minutes:	To confirm minutes of 54th AGM held 25 July 2008 Moved by Katie Van Poppel; seconded J Kraefft; carried
Financial Report:	Given by Simon Barker, audited, revenue of \$85,026 much stronger than previous year reflecting greater use of lodge. Sum of \$420,000 on hand to be able to meet our commitment to renovations of K2. Motion: to accept Financial Statements Moved by Svend Petersen; seconded R Woodward; carried
Election of Directors:	All directors retired.
Nominated:	Andrew Cutler, Simon Barker, Lisa Chandler, Ian Cutler, David Humphries, Christopher Paine and Anne Strange. Moved by Kathryn Condon; seconded Robert Powell; carried by Andrew Cutler
Auditors:	Directors authorised to determine the Auditors and auditors fees Moved by C Paine; seconded by S Barker; carried
Chairman's Report:	Presented by Andrew Cutler: We have taken up new Lease to secure the future by an additional 20 years. The building levy may need to be extended for a year due to the unplanned cost of the Lease extension. National Parks will enforce bed numbers by doing a random count of occupiers.
Bookings:	Anne Strange gave a report of the usage of the Lodge, fully booked till 19 September.
Building report:	Presented by David Humphries: Accepted tender of Jeff Wilkinson of Wilbild, our previous builder to commence renovations of K2 this summer.
General Business:	Svend Petersen raised the issue of mattress and pillow covers querying their cleaning. Response: Mattress covers are cleaned every year, no pillow covers exist. Pillows will be replaced as needed. A vote of thanks for the Board's work for the year; Moved by M Woodward; seconded by E Robson, carried
Closure:	Meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Chairman's 2009 report

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to our 56th AGM.

As I write this report I am hoping the slow start to the season has improved by tonight and we have a great season. I must inform you that we do not yet have an audited set of accounts this year. Simon our treasurer has been heavily involved in the restructure of the Indigenous Business Australia based in Canberra and has been inundated with that, so the accounts ran late. Once the accounts are audited we will post them to the web for viewing. We apologise for this occurrence but we are very confident the presented accounts show a true and fair record of our position.

The year 2009 was another busy one for the Kandahar board. We have a number of issues on our radar, the taxation challenge won by Mirrabooka last year was positive but it is still an area that we must watch as it is a threat to the viability of the lodge scene in the area.

1. The renovation of K2 is finished and we are extremely pleased with the outcome. The footprint of K2 has changed significantly - All bedrooms now have ensuite bathrooms, the living room in K2 has been extended by over a metre, a laundry has been added and the balcony widened. We also took advantage of these changes to "clean up" the lines at the front of the lodge, hopefully in keeping with the style Gordon Robson & Tom Silk had with K1. Dave Humphries has done an enormous amount of work on this project and I would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks from both the board and all our members to acknowledge him for all his time and effort.
2. As I alluded to The Australian Tax Office has finalised its action against a club challenging its tax exempt status, the club chose to take the matter to arbitration rather than challenge in the court system. The lodge involved has a strong legal connection and they put together a formidable team. SLOPES supported this action and the ATO capitulated before it went to court – this gives them an elegant way of challenging at a later date without having a ruling against them.

The requirements for us to remain tax free include the following;

- No distribution of profits to members
- That all the monies received are from members
- We ACTIVELY promote the sport of skiing
- We are not purely for accommodation on the slopes

Because of this you will notice that we continue to insist all cheques for accommodation are from our members. We are also promoting more heavily the skiing activities that our members can take advantage of such as lessons, cross-country races, "Kandahar back-country tours" and we are also trying to ensure we have some accommodation available for inter-schools race week. This is a challenge but we want to give preference to inter-school race week competitors if possible. One of our members Peter MacDonald has kindly offered to advise the board on opportunities to promote skiing as a Club.

3. Finally we have completed the Lease with NPWS after they eventually managed to get their paperwork complete.

Working Bees

This year saw two successful working bees. As well as the usual clean-out under the lodges the working bee also saw the lodges packed up for the renovations and our second working bee was to put everything back together again after their completion. I would like to thank all those who helped on the working bee – you guys are the lifeblood of Kandahar Ski Club and make a much bigger difference to the Club than you imagine.

Chairman's report continued

Bookings

Last year we saw good utilisation of the club throughout the season, and more pressure on spots for the school holidays. The pressure on School Holiday booking has intensified this year. So far the year's bookings outside the school holidays are looking a little lighter with some vacancies still available in the prime weeks of August and we will be keeping the website updated with the vacancies that are available – please check this regularly. Anne continues to do a wonderful job of ensuring everyone receives a fair go as she juggles the bookings. Thank you Anne, for accomplishing the impossible.

The Future

There are a few things that we have been discussing as board recently that we would like your feedback on;

- Some great news is that Maria Silk-Young has offered to re-establish the social committee along with her daughter Sophia, and we can look forward to some Club events to draw us back together.
- We are considering a linen service where sheets, pillowslips, bathmat & towels would be supplied – this will see our accommodation costs rise by about \$10 per person per week. In our last survey the carting (and washing on return) of linen was a major frustration. To successfully implement this we will need a process to which everyone honestly adheres to.
- Do we need to implement a payments system where we can book & pay online? Pressure areas such as the school holidays will still need manual control.
- The K2 kitchen layout could be improved. It was not part of our scope for K2's renovations just completed but we'd consider suggestions for a future tweak. For now, we need a rest from renovations and enjoy the lodges for what they have to offer both during the ski season and the summer season as well.

SLOPES

Once again SLOPES has done a great job for us this year pushing the cause of the Lodges and keeping us all informed of what is happening in the Valley. SLOPES is now facing one of it's biggest challenges so far as Graeme Anderson has just announced his resignation as the President and stepped down from the board. As a club we would like to express our sincere thanks to Graeme for all his work and tenacity in achieving the best outcomes for all the lodges in Perisher, Smiggins and Guthega. I would also like to personally thank Graeme as he has been a great mentor and support to me and I hope to be able to continue to tap into his sage advice.

On a personal note I would also like to acknowledge my board for all their work and help – they make mine the easiest job on the board and few of you see all the hard work and long hours they put into this club, in particular Dave spent many hours project managing the work on K2, Lisa has done an awesome job on the new website and I encourage you all to visit it and avail yourself of these resources. Anne has wrestled this year with the School holiday booking pressure and has worked very hard to fairly allocate the scarce beds and Ian has taken over the stores role, so speak to him about any changes you would like. Chris works very efficiently to make the Club actually run and Simon has managed to do the accounts despite enormous work pressure and being exiled to Canberra. Thank you all.

Chris and Dave did another self-funded study tour of Europe, this time to the Bernese region. They had an absolutely fantastic trip and I would recommend these ski tours as a great way to see Europe and to give you a real impetus and reason to improve your fitness and skiing.

I would also like to thank those of you who have given me advice and feedback on issues – keep it coming it as without it we cannot give you what you want from the Club.



Andrew Cutler, President

Building Report 2010

The building works to K2 have been finished in time for the opening of the ski season. We had a great turnout at the working bee to put everything back into K2, so a big thank you to everyone who turned up and made it a fun weekend. Also thank you again to Peter Fielder for flying me down to do some of the building inspections.

The final cost of the construction has come in at about \$438,000 including GST. We got a couple of unexpected variations at the start, including needing deeper foundations in one corner of the new works because we found an old beer bottle dump there. The big variation though was to upgrade the roof structure of K2 to meet the new structural codes. We had put in contingencies to cover these though. We also also did some external painting to K1.

Our builder has done a great job, as he did with K1. But it won't be perfect and it will take over the next year to get the lodge bedded down, to fix the minor defects, and to put in the things we didn't think about. So we ask for your help and patience over the next year, and if there is anything not right then send me an email and we shall try and address it in the summer.

Lastly, you'll notice that we now have insect and fire screens on all new windows. These are a requirement of the new fire standard. If you remove these at all during your week, please make sure you put them back when you leave.

David Humphries

Building Committee

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