



Please come to **Kandahar's 58th Annual General Meeting** followed by drinks, canapés and pizza.

Friday 1st June 2012 at 7:00pm

The Kirribilli Club, 11 Harbourview Crescent, Lavender Bay

RSVP is essential: Email [kandahar.skiclub@gmail.com](mailto:kandahar.skiclub@gmail.com) or phone Lisa on 9660 7849

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### AGM 2012

Our AGM will be held at last year's venue, The Kirribilli Club, kicking off with drinks on arrival then our AGM meeting at 7:00pm in The Lavender Room followed by drinks and food on The Water Terrace. There are 65 car spaces available in the Club's basement, \$12 flat rate; first in, first served. Website: [kirribillclub.com.au](http://kirribillclub.com.au)

Enclosed is the agenda, the Club's accounts, Chairman's report from Andrew Cutler and building report from Dave Humphries. Treasurer Chris Paine will address the accounts at the meeting.

#### Third generation members:

Come join us, be involved and meet fellow members. The Club offers a ski week for Gen Y members during uni holidays and attending the AGM is a good way to meet each other.

### Club news

We're getting hold of some vintage posters for the Lodges to brighten up some walls including one from the late 40s which celebrates the famous alpine ski race, 'Le Kandahar' in the Chamonix Valley. For more on why we share the same name and what our name has to do with a city in Afghanistan, see overleaf.

K2 Trapdoor: One of the many differences between 1988 (when K2 was built) and the present time is that the trapdoor in K2's living room was once viewed as just a trapdoor, but now needs to be considered as a lurking health & safety hazard. The Board has discussed ways to mitigate the risk of someone falling through it and Andrew has put interim measures in place – see his Chairman's report enclosed.

Booking Officer Anne Strange has moved and has new contact numbers: 0403 196 855 or 9979 9830.

Maria Silk-Young is planning a post-season social get-together (possibly a wine tasting) and has been looking into venues – will keep you posted.

### Sports news – a Kandahar race winner!

One of our members, Rusty Cutler won the annual Bridge-to-Bridge Duck Race at the **Back to Perisher easter weekend**. Three hundred people lined the banks of Perisher Creek to watch the gaggle of two hundred ducks head off, ably assisted by the Jindabyne Fire Brigade spraying the laggards. Duck # 42 was the eventual winner (Rusty's duck, so she takes the credit as well as the prize – a chocolate Easter duck). \$400 was raised for the Perisher Volunteer Ski Patrol.

Back to Perisher Weekend is jointly sponsored by NPWS and SLOPES. This was the fourth year and the most successful with a big crowd and lots on including Taronga's Zoomobile, a Fun Run, walks from Guthega out to Illawong and even a kitchen fire demonstration from The Fire Brigade.

For a comprehensive guide to sporting activities go to NSW Sport and Recreation web site: [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au) and for ski sports, SLOPES website's Sports page: [www.slopes.org.au](http://www.slopes.org.au)

Perisher's Winter Sports Club (WSC) conducts programs designed for enthusiasts to develop and progress their snow riding skills. The program caters for kids three years and over to adults who are interested in recreational skiing through to racing and boarding competitions. For more information:  
[www.perisher.com.au/wsc/index.php](http://www.perisher.com.au/wsc/index.php)

## Perisher news

**The Perisher Fire Station** is now unmanned until the start of the snow season. We lost the battle to have it remain open during summer and the minister won the right to save money this way. We don't yet know what the cost to the lodges' insurance premiums will be, however, we can thank SLOPES for working with our insurer to improve our position and the expected premium increases may be less than initially thought for 2013. Meantime, the situation will be monitored - keeping FARNSW unwanted model under scrutiny.

**Perisher's Mountains of Music** is on 8-11 June long weekend. The festival is packed full of entertainment for the whole family to enjoy, some great musical talent and lots happening. Purchase a Long Weekend Festival Pass for just \$155 per adult. Kids 14 years and under are FREE!

### Kandahar Trivia – are we really called after a place in Afghanistan?

The answer is – sort of... The Club's name was voted into existence at a 1955 meeting convened by the Club founders, Gordon and Ethel Robson. By this time the name 'Kandahar' was very prestigious in the skiing universe and a lot of resort restaurants and lodges were named 'Kandahar'. There was also a Kandahar binding, boot, ski and parka.

This was because in 1880, Frederick Roberts, Britain's commanding officer in Afghanistan was ordered to relieve the British garrison under siege in Kandahar. Marching 10,000 troops over rugged mountain terrain in 110 degree heat, Roberts reached Kandahar in 21 days to defeat Ayub Khan's Afghan Army. He was made Baron Roberts of Kandahar and became Britain's most beloved soldier, well known to Rudyard Kipling's readers as 'Bobs'.

Lord Robert's friend Henry Lunn, owner of Britain's biggest travel agency, organised the first long, timed downhill race in Montana, Switzerland in 1911. He persuaded Lord Roberts to lend his name to the event. The first Roberts of Kandahar Challenge Cup was run down (and across) the Plaine Morte Glacier. Winning time was 61 minutes over 5,000 vertical. The trophy was donated by Roberts.

The Roberts of Kandahar race was a success and repeated every season. In 1924, borrowing the now famous name, Arnold Lunn, Henry's son, founded the Kandahar Ski Club of Murren, Switzerland with other alpine racers which developed into the world's foremost alpine competition - a combined downhill and slalom called the 'Arlberg-Kandahar', run alternate years at St Anton and Murren.

The 'A-K' quickly developed offshoot Kandahar races founded at Sestriere, Garmisch and Chamonix, where the members of the Ski Club of Great Britain used to come to carry out their tests (in horse-drawn coaches!) led by Henry Lunn. The A-K spread to Quebec, New England, California to Chile, Norway and Scotland and is scheduled most years on the World Cup circuit.

Gordon Robson wrote a Club History Review of which this is an extract about the Club's name:

"Some years later we found that a rather pukkah Kandahar Ski Club existed, having been formed in London in the twenties. They were rather upset that we had pinched their name so they wrote to the Ski Council of NSW requesting their assistance in getting us to change our name. One letter of complaint was addressed from a ship. Our Hon Secretary at the time, Peter Barker, who was familiar with shipping details, replied suggesting that someone must be having us on as that ship had been sunk in the Indian Ocean during the war!"

Looking forward to seeing you at the AGM,



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# Kandahar Ski Lodge Limited Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the fifty eight Annual General Meeting of Kandahar Ski Club Limited will be held on:

Friday 1st June at 7.00pm

The Kirribilli Club  
11 Harbourview Crescent  
Lavender Bay

## AGENDA

Welcome

Apologies

To confirm the minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting

To receive and consider the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2011 together with the Directors' Report and the Auditor's Report thereon.

To elect seven directors, all current directors retiring in accordance with Rule 55 of the Rules of the Company.

To appoint Auditors.

To transact any other business which may be brought before the meeting in accordance with the Rules.

By order of the Board

Peter McDonald  
Secretary

# Minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting of the members of Kandahar Ski Club Limited on Friday 28th October 2011 at 7:00pm at The Kirribilli Club, 11 Harbour View Crescent, Lavender Bay.

## Andrew Cutler welcomed members and their guests

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| Present: | Christina Silk, Fiona Robson, Andrew Paine, Robert Anderson, Jane van Hagen, Brent Gerstle, Leonie Bryan, Rob Bryan, Janet Cutler, Lorraine Kongats, Anthony Kongats, Jane Prior, Sophie Chandler, Mike Holland, John Kraefft, Svend Petersen, Tony Oesterheld, Paul Oesterheld, Margaret Duckworth, Stephen Gittoes, Tim Sussman, Roy Lascelles, Ethel Robson, Maria Silk Young, Tom Silk jnr, Tom Silk, Lucy Riding, Michael Gittoes, Vivien Kuhl, Bronwyn Ross-Jones, Bruce Cooper. |
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| Board Members Present: | Andrew Cutler, Lisa Chandler, David Humphries, Anne Strange, Ian Cutler, Chris Paine, Peter McDonald |
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| Guests: | Peter Farley, Sue Paine, Phil Smith, Vicki Cutler, Hetty Cutler, Phoebe Cutler, Nanette Burnell, Helen Petersen, Luke Gittoes, Hugh Gittoes, Sarah Gittoes, Chrasila Gittoes, Scott Young, Lewis Chandler, Paramjoy Kaur, . |
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| Apologies: | Alex Anderson, Robert Anderson, Annette + Neville Snelson, Iain & Judy Wyatt, Elizabeth Watkins, Michael Golding, Victoria Christian, Margaret Woodwood, Pat Prior, Susan Hancock, Ed Shillington, Katy Van Poppel, Phil & Cath Condon (Silk), Adrian Cox, Lucy Fisher, Peter & Charmaine Fielder, Patrick Fisher, Mark Currie, Mike Currie, David Currie, Matthew Snelson, Stephen Watts, Liz Watts, Jamie Mackay, Charlie Powell, Bob Powell, Nan Powell, Claudia Ross Jones, Anne Brettingham Moore, Bryce Ross Jones, Max King, Felicity Carter, Vicki Van Dyk, Kevin Holland, Jason Holland, Prue Johnstone, Thomas Johnstone, Henry Johnstone, Glenn Reid, Jessica Reid, Kate Reid, Ian Liley, Amanda Penfold, Scott Wallace Penfold, Sebastian Wallace Archer, Ian Shillington, Alexandra Kongats, David Wright, Matthew Wright, Justin Robson, Brenda Liley. |
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| Minutes: | To confirm minutes of 56th AGM held on 25th June 2010. Moved by Anthony Kongats and seconded by Jane Prior. The motion was carried. |
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| Financial Accounts: | <p>The issue of auditor was raised by the Chairman Mr Andrew Cutler. The auditor has been slow in auditing the accounts and due to this the AGM was postponed to this date rather than the usual June/July time frame.</p> <p>Due to a change in the ASIC requirements and auditor is no longer required for a company of the size and nature of Kandahar. This has allowed the board to discontinue with our present auditor in an efficient process. Although Kandahar is not required to have independently audited books the board will continue this practice through a new auditor to ensure the financial governance of the club is maintained.</p> <p>The financial report for the year 2010 was put to the meeting with the motion that the financial statements should be accepted. The motion was moved by Svend Petersen; seconded by Jane Prior. The motion was carried.</p> |
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| Auditors Fees: | That the auditors fees be set by the board. Moved by Maria Silk Young, seconded by Anthony Kongats. The motion was carried. |
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| Election of Directors: | In accordance with the Kandahar constitution, all board members resigned and stood for re-election. There were no other nominations. The motion was put that Andrew Cutler, Lisa Chandler, David Humphries, Anne Strange, Ian Cutler, Chris Paine, Peter McDonald be elected to the board. Moved by Ethel Robson, seconded by Jane Van Hagen unanimously carried. |
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| Chairman's Report: | The report was received by the meeting. Mr Andrew Cutler thanked the committee and especially Maria Silk Young for organising an end of year function last year. It was very successful. Another social function is likely to be held in February 2012.  |
| Bookings:          | The report was received by the meeting. Ms Anne Strange again reminded the members what a great place Kandahar is for spring, summer and autumn and happy to take bookings.  |
| Building report:   | The report was received by the meeting. There is no major work expected in the short-term however the coaches will require recovering and the washing machine in K1 will be replaced next time it breaks down.   |
| Stores report:     | The report was received by the meeting. Mr Ian Cutler was open to take on suggestions on what to stock however wants to keep the range to a reasonable level of modesty.   |
|                    | Vote of thanks to the board: A vote of thanks was moved by Ms Jane van Hagen and unanimously carried.  |
| General Business:  | <p><b>Internet:</b> It was suggested an "airlan" router be used in the lodge. This will be investigated.</p> <p><b>Booking systems and use of cheques:</b> With the decline in the use of cheques of younger members in particular Mr Cutler informed the meeting that we were reviewing other forms of both bookings and payments systems. This had been looked into in the past however with new software applications and with other lodges adopting this method; the board will review systems available.</p> <p><b>Priority bookings for the purpose of ski racing:</b> A discussion was held on the reasoning behind ski racing families having priority for the lodge. On one hand the clubs establishment is the focus on snow sports rather than accommodation, however others expressed the view that this should not necessarily give priority to ski racers. The question is to be considered by the board and put to in a broader survey of member's requirements and needs.</p> <p><b>Club overseas ski trips:</b> A trip was organised to Japan in 2011/12 season however due to the tsunami and subsequent problems it was abandoned. The board will look at other opportunities in 2012/13. A discussion was held on expanding the club to an international operation with the purchase of real estate overseas. It is clear that due to funding, legal and tax issues this is fraught with complications and it is better to use the clubs buying power to organise discounted trips to overseas locations through professional providers.</p> <p><b>Ski Gear:</b> It was suggested that the web site be used to exchange/sell gear. The idea of club fleeces and other apparel was also suggested. Both ideas will be considered by the board.</p> <p><b>Membership contacts:</b> It was suggested that all members be provided an opportunity to opt into a sharing of contact information. It was also suggested a face book page may be the ideal solution. The board will consider this.</p> <p><b>Membership forecasts and demographics:</b> The board has been requested to provide the members information on the future likely membership of the club so that the members can understand not only potential squeeze points around bookings but also ensure the lodge has enough future members to be sustainable.</p> |
| Closure:           | The chairman Mr Andrew Cutler closed the meeting at 8:30pm   |

# Chairman's report 2011-12

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen and welcome to our 58th AGM, it is nice to have our AGM back on time and Chris will speak more about this in the Treasurer's report. Last season was a good one financially for Kandahar with us banking about \$30,000 however, due to the fact we have changed accounting methods and the way we accrue expenses the Statement of Income does not reflect this and Chris will explain this in his report at the AGM.

Dave has installed mesh screens in order to comply with the fire regulations – the solution we have been forced into is neither elegant, effective or long-lasting, but it keeps the bureaucracy happy. Can every one please be careful when opening the Velux windows in the bedrooms as the can break the flyscreens. It may mean we need to replace the existing Velux windows with a hopper style window at some point in the future.

Just a reminder the taxation challenge won by Mirrabooka 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.

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 McDonald had kindly offered to advise the board on the encouragement of skiing.

At the end of the 2011 season Perisher Ski Resort released what they call the "Freedom Pass" and I commend Peter Brulisauer, Resort Manager for this initiative. I recommend you all visit Perisher's website. The offer was a very good deal, you paid \$199 last year & \$500 in May a total of \$699 for a seasons pass for about the same price as a weeks skiing. Perisher Ski Resort plan to offer it again this year.

## The Future

We still plan to release a survey in the near future to help guide us in the management of the Club so please reply to it when we get it out. Some of issues we want feedback on include;

- We feel we will shortly need to transition to an online payment (& booking?) system as cheques become less used. Our challenge here is that the current options actually put a lot more work on the board, are relatively expensive and don't easily allow the booking officer to manage the bookings to ensure everyone gets a fair go.
- Do we want a wi-fi connection in the lodge as people tend to take work with them on holidays and if so, how do we stop it being abused with games, movies and other apps used by a small number exhausting the download limit for everyone else.
- Do we want a linen service.
- Any other changes or improvements that you the members wish to make to your lodge.

## Working Bees

This year saw another successful working bee. As well as the usual clean-out under the lodges the working bee also saw the grass cut around the lodges, re-grouting of the showers, oiling the decks and a heap of small jobs we need to keep on top of. 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

I particularly wish to thank Peter Fielder and his family, they are fantastic in their support of the Club and all the work they do.

## Recycling

A new recycling regime now operates in the valley. We are supplied with recycling bags. Can you please separate paper and glass, tins and plastics into separate bags and use one wheelie bin for garbage and the other for recyclables and put them both out for collection on Mondays & Thursdays. So now there should be no need to store the recycling under K2.

## Trap Doors

The board have put locks on the trap doors as we are worried about the risk that they carry. The keys will be stored in the kitchen stores pantries. We are looking at a form of guard we can place around the K2 trap as it has a drop of over 1 metre and the only one in regular use. There are danger signs on the underside of the doors. Can everyone take care and ensure the trapdoor is closed immediately after use.

## Bookings

Last year we saw good utilisation of the club throughout the season, and some pressure on spots for the school holidays. The website is updated with the vacancies available. 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.

## Social Committee

Maria Silk-Young has taken over running the Social Committee and I wish to thank her for doing a great job. This year we had a Pre-season party at Janet Cutler's place at Elvina with a ferry ride thrown in which was well received and the lousy summer weather stayed away for a beautiful day. A post season event is being explored.

## 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 ably run by Frank Zipfinger who will be at our meeting. As a club we would like to express our sincere thanks to SLOPES for all their work and tenacity in achieving the best outcomes for all the lodges in Perisher, Smiggins & Guthega. Currently SLOPES is developing a web presence. SLOPES also had a major offensive against elements in NSW Fire & Rescue who have moved to designating Perisher Valley as a retained station and is serviced in summer by staff from Jindabyne. This is a dangerous and unworkable solution that is highly likely to end in the coroners court with Fire Fighters responding 36km up a dangerous road in all conditions and endangering other road users. SLOPES received no support from NPWS, the Commercial operators or the O'Farrell government and we will continue to try and overturn the ridiculous solution F&RNSW have foisted upon us.

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 Chris has worked very hard this year as Treasurer streamlining our accounting processes and engaging a new auditor – I am sure he is wondering what has hit him. Don't worry Chris it will be easier next year. Peter has been great at trying to keep me on track in all our meetings and delivering the minutes with a sense of humour. 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, and Lisa continues to produce informative newsletters for us and finally thank you to Dave for all his support. Thank you all.



Andrew Cutler,  
President



# Building Report 2012

Our snow gums, that we planted a year ago, have all survived the winter and are doing well.

At the working bee we installed a new washing machine in K1 and a new BBQ. We regouted some of the bathroom tiles, changed the shower curtains and installed new mattress and pillow protectors. We have bought some extra bedside tables.

We are having some minor works done by our builder which should be completed by now. Most importantly we have added insulation to the handicapped bedroom in K1 to remedy the condensation problems on the external wall.

This summer we are going to reupholster all the lounges. We are also going to buy a new 2-seat lounge for K1 and some ottomans for both lodges. We will also replace the cushions.

At the next working bee we are going to start repainting the external walls and over the summer we will ask the builder to repaint the front windows to K1.

David Humphries  
Building Committee