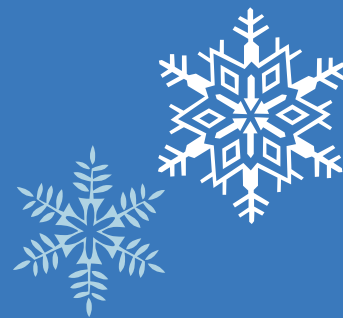


# AUSTRALIAN ALPINE CLUB



NOVEMBER 2005

# FALLS CREEK

## newsletter



### AAC Falls Creek 'rates and dates' for 2006

- Work Party weekend: first weekend in May
- Foundation members' week: 23–29 July. Members over 50 with at least 20 years standing \$272, other Members \$322, AAC \$364, Guests \$598. Includes dinner Sunday to Thursday.
- Race weekend: 11–12 August: Members \$104, AAC \$118, Guests \$196, includes presentation dinner and race entry (children half price).
- 'The Age' Corporate Ski Races 26–29 July. Kangaroo Hoppet 26 August.
- Children's weeks: 18–24 June and 17–23 September. Children under 6 free of charge.
- Off peak tariffs: 9 June to 17 June and 3 September until lifts close.

### AAC FALLS CREEK 2006\*

	Winter Tariff			Off Peak			Summer Tariff		
	Member	AAC	Guest	Member	AAC	Guest	Member	AAC	Guest
Week	222	264	498	168	198	374	100	120	150
Night	37	44	83	28	33	62	20	24	30

\* Children 16 years and under half price

The AAC 2006 Booking Information Sheet will be mailed to all Australian Alpine Club members later this year or early next year. As with the 2005 Booking Information Sheet there will be space available for advertisements. If you know of anybody who may be interested in advertising, please ask them to e-mail Ian Farrow ([ian.farrow@gmail.com](mailto:ian.farrow@gmail.com)).

### AAC National Council

The AAC national council held its annual general meeting at the Perisher Huette on Saturday 22 October. Delegates from each of the AAC projects attend this meeting. AAC Falls Creek was represented by Ian Farrow and John Harding.

Issues discussed included progress with the AAC Niseko project, finances, 2006 booking sheet and booking issues, individual project reports, the AAC website and the AAC Races. Anton will be hosting the AAC races in 2006 and Falls Creek will be hosting them in 2007.



## Members who...

introduce new members to the Club will receive a one week accommodation voucher ...



**WORK PARTY WEEKEND: SATURDAY 6 AND SUNDAY 7 MAY 2006**

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# VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

## A pretty good season

The 2005 season can best be summed up as a great start in June, an average middle in July and a pretty good finish in August and September. The snowfalls seemed to arrive at just the right times to maintain the snow conditions at Falls Creek. The same could not be said for all Victorian alpine resorts, with reports of mountain staff at one resort forced to gather snow that had slid off lodge rooves and deposit it on the slopes. Weather

in the Victorian alpine region this season varied from snowfalls of up to 40cm to wind speed records (198kmh at Mt Hotham). Falls Creek stood up well to the vagaries of the weather conditions, because of both its altitude and the considerable snowmaking capacity.

## The Hoppet

Some one thousand competitors from 22 countries competed in the fifteenth annual Kangaroo Hoppet event at Falls Creek on Saturday 27th August.

The Kangaroo Hoppet is Australia's premier long distance cross country ski race, and a member of the prestigious Worldloppet series of international cross country ski events. Worldloppet races are held each year in Austria, Italy, Germany, Japan, Canada, USA, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, France, Norway, Estonia, the Czech Republic and Australia.

The event comprised three cross-country ski races, the marathon length 42 kilometre Kangaroo Hoppet, the half-marathon 21 kilometre Australian Birkebeiner and the 7 kilometre Joey Hoppet. Three Hoppet competitors stayed at the lodge including former AAC Falls Creek Chairman John Binning (1st in his class for the Joey Hoppet), his international extreme skiing daughter Andrea Binning (5th in her class for the Australian Birkebeiner) and guest Ron Stride (3rd in his class for the Joey Hoppet).

## The race trophy is coming back

Congratulations to the Race Team from AAC Falls Creek, comprising John Cameron, Ross Barker and Emma Pitt on reclaiming the AAC Roslyn Wesche trophy. In 2004 Anton Huette dislodged our traditional dominance in this annual event and it seems they were so confident of retaining it this year that they neglected to bring the trophy with them to hand back to our team. The trophy is dedicated to the memory of Roslyn Wesche who was killed when one of the earliest AAC projects, the Kunama Huette in the Snowy Mountains, was destroyed by an avalanche in 1956.

## Rates for 2006

Accommodation rates for 2006 will be increased slightly to reflect movements in consumer prices over the past year. The rate for members during peak season will rise from \$36 to \$37 per day, with rates for other categories rising by proportionate amounts.

## Subscriptions for 2006

We are sending subscription notices as early as possible so that members don't receive them at inconvenient times such as just prior to the end of the calendar year, when some of us are focussing on matters other than snowsports. The usual incentives will apply for paying them on time.

Several members have literally disappeared without providing forwarding addresses. Please remember that it is your responsibility to notify the Club when you change your postal address, it is not our responsibility to somehow try to find you.

## Work Party 2006

The next Work Party will be held on the first weekend in May, 2006. The usual accommodation voucher conditions will apply.

## 2006 Lodge Manager

The Committee has decided to advertise the position of Lodge Manager for the 2006 season. The principle adopted is that the position will be advertised at least every two years, with the current Lodge Manager entitled to re-apply. The position will be publicly advertised and the selection process will take place in November. All details will be available through the [www.aacfalls creek.com](http://www.aacfalls creek.com) website.

## Thanks and Season's Greetings

As this is likely to be the final newsletter for 2005 it is appropriate to thank those that have helped to make 2005 a successful season for AAC Falls Creek, including fellow Committee members, Lodge Manager Adam Westmore, booking agents Ken & Alan Long and ProAcct staff Jenny and Narelle for their assistance. Thank you also to the many members who have actively supported the Club and provided feedback and ideas.

It may seem a strange time of year to be writing this, but since there won't be another newsletter until 2006, I would like to express best wishes to all for the forthcoming festive season and the new year and to wish safe skiing / boarding to those seeking northern hemisphere alpine relief from the Australian summer

