

## **WARRUGANG SKI CLUB LTD**

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### **PRESIDENTS REPORT 2022**

Dear Warrugang member,

Last year I wrote that “2020 was a year of surprises with its ups and downs seemingly never-ending”.

And then 2021 came along!

That year started well – as things often do just before they are about to go in the other direction – with very substantial bookings and great expectations. Then the lockdowns started and very few of our members were able to enjoy what should have been a great year in the snow.

The Board is thankful for the patience of our members as we worked through change after change after change as the 2021 season progressed; perhaps appropriately stated as downhill.

Our revenue, which the previous year was only 60% of what it had been in 2019, fell to only 42% of 2019.

Our then manager, David Arens, managed to cover the season as always; although the last months must have been quite lonely.

As you know, after 22 years, David has stepped down to pursue the offer of a full-time opportunity in a teaching role at TAFE. The Board understands and respects David’s decision to accept the offer from TAFE, which is a reflection of David’s skill & passion for cooking as well as his teaching ability. We would like to thank David and Cristina for 22 amazing seasons and wish them, Vita and Axel all the best.

After a search, we found our next manager close to home – Slim Hunter; a member for many years. We are sure that Slim will do a great job for Warrugang.

In 2020, we made a loss of \$32,456; a more than \$60,000 turnaround on 2019.

The 2021 result was a loss of \$7,314; an improvement through joining fees, an increase in member annual subscriptions and \$13,500 which we were finally able to gain from ServiceNSW as Covid 19 assistance. We managed to repay some more of our retired members’ building loans.

Another change occurred towards the end of 2021 – our move to an electronic booking service.

Coinciding with that change was the decision of our stalwart booking officer, Kerry McEwan, that, while it has been a pleasure working with the members over the past many years, a new system coming in would be a good opportunity to give someone else a go.

It was a great loss for Warrugang and I would like to thank Kerry for the marvellous job she has done for so many years; especially for her extremely hard work in 2021 with initially very high bookings followed by the need to rebook and sometimes, rebook again, as the lockdowns spread and then unravel so much of her work to organise refunds for our members and their guests.

As with all new systems, it has taken a while to get for our new booking system to be sorted out in a way that will work best for Warrugang members.

There are a few more points that need to be refined but the system now appears to be working well. Feedback from members has been positive.

On a sad note for 2022, one of our founding members – Barbie Graham – passed away only a few days ago. There are so few of the original Warrugangsters left.

Every year we are fortunate to have Chris Jones who has made an enormous contribution as our Treasurer since 2003. Thanks, Chris.

Gordon Scholes has assisted particularly in relation to membership and has involved himself heavily in many Board matters; particularly in relation to the new booking system. Greatly appreciated, Gordon.

Thanks also to Jane Ritchard, our company secretary. Jane will be assisting with reconciling our management invoices – a difficult task which will hopefully be easier under our electronic booking system and coincides with our move to electronic payment of our accounts.

Paul Tumminello joined the board just after our AGM last year. Paul has been of great assistance in many areas and has, more recently, taken to chasing up the payment of outstanding member amounts – with great success. Well done, Paul.

A very special mention for Carl Banning and Peter Funnell who continue to do a sterling job with our maintenance, which this year expanded to getting the lodge changeover underway from David to our new manager at the same time as a number of maintenance problems, such as window winders, broken timber blinds, a mysterious water leak in one of the rooms and some loose masonry in our chimney, just to mention a few, needing attention. This year, when David announced that he had taken on the full-time TAFE position, Carl also put in quite a lot of effort to locate a possible replacement manager.

The changeover to Slim Hunter required, amongst other things, that we purchase a new Skiddoo and trailer. Carl sourced a Skiddoo and then decided we could save some money if he built the trailer; so we now have a new one with a giant W on the back and a section to take ski poles back to the lodge. While he was at it, Carl built a new fire grate to replace what was at the end of its useful life. And Peter was at the lodge replacing timber blinds and fixing windows & winders – all while working with Slim to help him get ready to settle in.

Members may not realise the amount of work that goes into the maintenance side which Carl and Peter quietly get on with so that when you arrive for your skiing everything is in good shape.

As I mentioned last year, there is an amount of maintenance that we need to do for the long-term – such as some repainting of balcony railings and the fire escape stairs as well as the area leading into the kitchen where some coats of paint and allied work are needed. Some of the carpet is becoming threadbare.

There is some painting of the stairway balustrades as well as the interior sections of our windows required. The southern entrance area windows definitely need some work soon.

While we don't have to worry about painting our nice blue exterior cladding, we do need to replace the fascia boards soon; hopefully with something as long-lasting as our cladding.

All of the hard work by your directors means that 2022 should be a great year for Warrugang.

Looking forward to seeing you at the lodge,



Tim Doubleday  
President, Warrugang Ski Club Limited