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AGM REPORT

This year's AGM at the Kirribilli Ex-Services Club was attended by 35 members and associates.

Excellent attendance — thanks, everyone!

It was a great opportunity for people to catch-up - some stayed on for dinner.

There was an update on the questions raised at the 2011 AGM and the new member pricing and related changes were discussed.

Tim Stern and Chris Noone spoke about marketing, covering advertising in the SkiTube and refreshing the website as well as engaging members and potential members through Facebook.

The concept of SkiTube advertising received the meeting's approval and the importance of members bringing their friends and interesting them in Warrugang was stressed.

MEMBERSHIP UP!

The changes outlined in the last newsletter have had a most favourable impact for the Club.

Eliminating the building levy from new membership cost and freeing up the building levy to fund new memberships — as well as our members telling their friends about the benefits of Warrugang membership — has resulted in more than a dozen new members (see p4).

Some of those new memberships are for the member's adult children; helping assure Warrugang's future.

In some cases, the member has split the credit in their building levy account to enable two children to be substantially funded into new memberships, with the remaining balance for them quite affordable.

Building levy funding has also enabled a number of associates to upgrade to full membership.

Enabling membership transfer when a member wants to retire will help us to turn resignations into transfers and on-going membership.

And David Arens reports that he's had many enquiries from our ads in the SkiTube trains.

The ski season is the time to spread the word among your friends that the cost of joining Warrugang is now only \$6,640 and that we have a "try before you buy" new member special - pay as a friend, then join during that year and we will refund the difference between the accommodation cost paid that year and the member cost, plus free subscription for that first year.

Some figures for existing members—

- * New family members — \$5,320.
- * Associate upgrade — \$4,770.
- * New associate — \$550.

With the influx of new members, will the new member special last?

Talk to your friends today about the benefits. We want your family and friends at Warrugang.

Take advantage of our Shoulder and Value season accommodation specials and introduce your friends to Warrugang at a great price.



AIN'T IT GREAT!

The snow arrived early this year; so (with some help from news.com.au and other sources), let's celebrate with a list of some challenging runs. Give them a go!

Get in & book now
Get a group together and take
advantage of our specials

www.warrugang.com

❄️ **OLYMPIC: Back Perisher Mountain**

When conditions are good the Olympic T-bar starts up at the top of Sun Valley, and the race is on to make the first turns down Olympic face. The trip up on the T-bar alone is enough to have some people freaking out because there is a dog-leg kink in the path that often takes unsuspecting skiers perilously close to the edge. Then you stand on a narrow cliff ledge at the top, looking out over Perisher as you contemplate what line you will take down. If you do want a get-out clause, just drop in and traverse over to the top of Dog Leg and head for the Sun Valley T-bar (phew).

❄️ **UPPER QUAD FACE: Back Perisher Mountain — hike up off the top of the Perisher quad**

Once you've conquered Olympic, Upper Quad Face is the photographers' secret stash location on a blue-bird day after a snowfall. Just hike up and left off the top of the Perisher quad. There are not a lot of turns in it if you drop straight down but the untracked powder in this area makes it worth the hiking effort. Either drop straight down into Quad Face or go right to Olympic. Of course, you can always access Olympic this way too — who needs a T-bar? (those who don't like hiking in ski boots!)

❄️ **DOUBLE TROUBLE (your editor thinks this is an exceptional name) — off Pleasant Valley quad**

Double Trouble remains one of the best off-piste powder runs on the mountain when the conditions are right; which, basically, is when the wind blows from the west and Double Trouble fills with fresh snow. From the top of the Pleasant Valley quad, go to the right, hike up a little to the ridge line and traverse across. When you get to the small peak, it's time to pick your line and drop in. You come out at the cross-country loop at the bottom of Mother-In-Law at Guthega. A really long run.



Towers on Mt Perisher — familiar to Warrugangsters, but how many have seen the moon checking out the runs on Mt P during the day? (picture by Craig Smith)

❄️ **THE SCREW: Guthega** — where the top of the new quad will be

A hidden gem. Hit this on a powder day and it will rank among your best runs of the day. Sitting between popular Guthega runs Mother-In-Law and Schnaxl, The Screw is not too steep but it is awkward with varying terrain and requires good technique to negotiate it well (i.e. your editor has difficulty with it).

The new
www.warrugang.com
is coming — looks great!

❄️ **PARACHUTE: Guthega** — just go as far left as you can at the top of the T-bar

A black-run steep groomer that is great for high-speed turns but which is not open that often as it faces into the sun and requires just the right conditions. It drops you fast from Guthega Peak all the way to Guthega Village and is one of your editor's favourites when it's open, along with the blue rated Woodpecker/Wombats which face slightly differently, are open more often and lots of fun as well.

❄️ **KAMIKAZE: Mt Blue Cow** — left on Zali's near the top

The beauty of Kamikaze is that you can either go right to the Summit quad chair or left into Yarrandoo (see Rock Garden below for a description). In wind-blown snow, Kamikaze has some fantastic powder, but the entrance can be tricky. (PS: no names, but someone's partner tried this while all the guys were looking on wondering if they should - she had a great prang along the way and then spent time shedding skis, stocks, beanie, even gloves as she slid down, but she survived — and put the guys to shame)

❄️ **ROCK GARDEN: Mt Blue Cow** — off The Ridge quad chair

Conditions are always changing in Rock Garden and that's without thinking about whether there is sufficient clearance over the wind-blown powder. It's steep and it's a long way down to the Ridge quad chair as you connect with Yarrandoo, work your way through the fallen trees & over the bridge (that few seem to know of) connecting to Roller Coaster. It's ungroomed, difficult, pristine and satisfying.

❄️ **HIDDEN VALLEY: North Perisher** — off The Interceptor quad chair

Isn't Hidden Valley a nice gentle run? Yes, if you look to the left as you are coming up on the Interceptor chair, it's all green and lots of fun in store for you. But look to the right and you can find yourself with some black-diamond steepness - and often some well worked ice doesn't make it any easier — a challenge. But it's a great place out of the wind when the weather closes in everywhere else.

❄️ **THE NORTH FACE: North Perisher** — off the North Perisher T-bar

Very few people manage to make it across to North Perisher, let alone try the T-bar. But, this can be one of the best powder trails at Perisher after a snowfall - and underutilised. Go for it!

❄️ **DEVIL'S PLAYGROUND: North Perisher** — just keep going

Devil's Playground is as far as you can go left off the North Perisher T-bar. It needs new snow on the ground but drops you all the way down to Rollercoaster and then on to The Ridge chair. Another long run.



Now, if you're thinking difficult terrain, try this!

But it's much more fun at the White Spider!

DIRECTORS 2012

When nominations closed for the 2012/13 directors, the following had nominated for this year—

- * Carl Banning
- * Christine Jones
- * Peter Funnell
- * Tim Doubleday
- * Tim Stern

The Board has filled the remaining 2 director positions as casual vacancies in accordance with article 47 of our Constitution. The two new directors are—

- * Ellis Gentle
- * Jane Ritchard

Ellis is manager of real time system development for the Australian Energy Market Operator and Jane is CFO for a major law firm.

NEW MEMBERS ROLL CALL

The Board has approved new member applications—

- * Warren Jack
- * Craig Smith
- * Myra Smith
- * Deborah Corcoran
- * Tony Corcoran
- * Andrew Mayall
- * Matthew Mayall
- * Georgia Morris
- * Megan Morris
- * Jeremy Smith
- * Kate Loneragan
- * Stephen Hunter (associate upgrade)
- * Amanda Gentle (associate upgrade)
- * Lesley Scott (associate upgrade)
- * Chris Noone (associate upgrade)
- * Olivia Bell (transfer from Elizabeth Middlebrook)
- * Morgan Barry (transfer from Hedley Stevenson)

New associate membership -

- * Jess Arnold
- * Hedley Stevenson

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MAINTENANCE

The Lodge received some attention over summer ready for this season; but not as much as we'd like as we were unable to obtain volunteers for a working bee.

There's still an amount of internal painting and general freshening up we need to do, such as wear strips on the stair treads.

Our new commercial fridge went in to satisfy the Food Safety inspector whose visits to lodges seems to have been followed by a lot of new refrigeration equipment.

Carl and Peter were able to have the room 6 leaky shower tray replaced and also persuaded the window manufacturer to replace a dining room window that had a design defect causing the window to fog up. The lounge door to the balcony was also made watertight.

ENGINEER HUMOUR - LOGIC PREVAILS

To the optimist, the glass is half-full.

To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty.

To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers.

The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We've been waiting for fifteen minutes!"

The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!"

The priest saw the green-keeper and said, "Hello George, What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"

The green-keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime."

The group fell silent for a moment.

The priest said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight."

The doctor said, "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything she can do for them."

Then the engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"