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## EDITORIAL

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A small magazine this issue with not a lot to report.

By now all members will have received the Directors' report for 1969, Balance Sheet and Statement of Expenditure. Personally I feel that our success is not only due to the efforts of our Directors, but also due to the "Warrugang" club spirit. Anyway, we all deserve a pat on the back to have made a success of a season like the one (thankfully) just past.

So we now have a glorious new season to look forward to. For those in the city there are quite a few bargains around at the moment, most ski shops are selling last seasons left overs with 20% discounts. No news yet on Perisher activities for the coming season, though I understand "Cottrills" will be running the buses still. Of course last season was hardly a test, but they did a pretty good job. As soon as any details are known regarding transport facilities, timetables etc., we will publish them in the magazine.

I do hope you are keeping fit these lazy summer days, how about letting me know of any unusual means of exercise you may know of (fit to print) and I will publish it. Sorry, no prizes, just a few laughs.

John Bible

### SWAP SHOP

We have had a swap shop in our publication before, I don't know how successful it was but have decided to start up again.

If you have any ski gear at all that you would like to sell or exchange just let me know and I will put the details in next issue of magazine. Please be as honest as possible with your description, I will not be acting as arbitrator, merely printing descriptions as given to me. Any legal readers might like to let me know if the preceding sentence gets me off the hook?

The same applies if you want to get some gear for junior, someone is sure to have an old pair of skis or boots tucked away that were bought in good faith for a son or daughter that now, either never goes skiing, or just plain grew out of them.

Anyway, the thing to do is to write to Box 1075 G.P.O. Sydney 2001, or telephone 451.7332.

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### SOCIAL JOTTINGS

By the time members receive this magazine our indefatigable Myrna will be on her way to Canada. During the trip she plans to visit Ian and Jan Clarke in Montreal, Coral Latter in Vancouver and Pat Errecaret in Lac Ste. Marie (Quebec). On the way through Honolulu Myrna plans to see Jennifer Connible (now understandably an ex member). Only Myrna could hope to keep a schedule like this and still find time to ski at Whistler Mountain near Vancouver and at Mt Tremblant near Montreal. All this and back in Sydney (Australia) by Good Friday.

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I am pleased to report that Ron Carroll is improving and making steady progress. Progress in more ways than one, as we understand Ron and Helen Winkworth have announced their engagement. Congratulations.

Our champion skier Ernie Langer is engaged to Margaret Mathieson, and Grant Westerholm is to get married in June. Our best wishes go to these members entering the matrimonial field.

The stork has been busy out Rockdale way and delivered a lovely daughter for John and Barbara Williamson, welcome to the future Warrugang member.

EASTER (WORK) PARTY

This Easter we plan to do some light work around the lodge and spare some time for socialising. Probably the hardest job will be stripping some old paint off the outside of the building at the direction of "the powers that be". We will need Porta Gas burners or blow torches. Any members that can help supply these items can rest assured that they will be carefully used and returned in good order. Many hands make light work, they say, but I am sure in this instance the right equipment will be better. Please contact me at 451.7332 or Bob Neil at 439.2140 if you can assist.

No previous skill is needed to join the Warrugang (work) party, just a willingness to help keep up the high standard of lodge maintenance and comfort.

While we are on the subject of our lodge, I am happy to say that we have high hopes of raising a "Warrugang" flag on our recently erected flag pole very shortly. Credit for this welcome addition to the lodge goes to Bram van der Kaag, who thought of the idea, and to Max Gault who supplied the pole and helped with its erection. Of course we can't forget Myrna, who fought out the design possibilities and price of the flag with the makers.

We have also had some notices printed setting out meal times and other relevant information, these will be attached to bedroom doors and other strategic places.

All those wishing to attend this years Easter (work) party should contact me at 451.7332 as soon as possible so that we can organise accommodation and food etc. We would also like to know if you will be travelling in your own vehicle or if you will need a lift. Unfortunately, we will not have Myrna to cook for us as she will only arrive back from Canada some time on Good Friday. So, Ladies and Gentlemen the position of cook (temporary) is open.

#### ADDRESS

We have experienced some difficulty lately with mail addressed through our Accountants. These gentlemen have moved to new premises and mail for the club sent to their old address has eventually been returned through the dead letter office.

Please address all mail to:

Warrugung Ski Club Ltd, Box 1075 G.P.O., Sydney 2001 N.S.W.

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#### BOOKINGS

Going skiing this year? Our booking officer reports that bookings from members, so far have been light. We urge you to book early to ensure you are able to obtain the date required. Our lodge accommodation is limited and will shortly be available to associate members and friends.

Please remember though that our booking officer will be overseas until after Easter. In the meantime bookings may be made through Bruce Wilkinson at 523.3941. At a reasonable hour please.

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#### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Those annual subscriptions are lagging again, we would be most appreciative if members whose subs are not up to date would make an effort to pay in the near future. These outstanding amounts cause us some embarrassment at times, so fellow members, how about it?

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#### ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



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## EDITORIAL

As we go to print there is good snow cover and quite a few lucky people have already been skiing. So, let's hope that this is a sign of a terrific season.

I wish all members and friends good skiing.

John Bible

DIRECTORS FOR 1970

At the Annual General Meeting on 6th March 1970, the members present elected Bruce Wilkinson, George Failes, Myrna Burke, Ken Wood, Bob Neil, Abraham van der Kaag and John Bible Directors of the club for 1970. Appointments were made at the first meeting of the new board of Directors as follows:

President:	Bruce Wilkinson
Vice President;	George Failes
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Building Director:	Bob Neil
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G. E. Failes  
Hon. Secretary

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Members Addresses Wanted

Would any reader who knows how we can get in touch with the following members please contact the Hon. Secretary, Warrugang Ski Club Ltd, Box 1075 G.P.O. Sydney 2001.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Last Known Address</u>
Geoffrey Frith	72 Hampden Road, Artarmon
Mrs Margaret Frith	Same address



EASTER (WORK) PARTY

Well, if you have heard any rumours about a fire at Warrugang over Easter they are true.

A serious fire broke out in the roof section above the small dormitory and kitchen about 1 pm on Easter Saturday. Thanks to the assistance of nearly everyone in the valley we managed to get the fire under control before too much damage was done. Some temporary repairs were done over that weekend and it is business as usual this season. By the time the season gets under way further repairs will have been effected and the lodge will be as comfortable as ever. Actually, it is quite alright as it is, the work party spent the rest of the weekend there and tidied things up.

In the confusion and smoke there were some moments of humour. Bruce Wilkinson tried to telephone the Fire Brigade on our newly installed multi-coin phone. Took him some considerable time, he couldn't find a 5 cent piece to operate the phone and with all the smoke he couldn't read the emergency instructions issued by the P.M.G. As it turned out the Fire Brigade never did arrive, we had the fire under control before they could get there. One of our longer standing members (Barbie) spluttered out that "we couldn't burn the old place down if we tried". Miss Graham was suffering from a slight case of asphyxiation at the time, apparently she had returned to the smoke filled building once too often to rescue a bottle of Bacardi.

We must mention the marvellous way everyone pitched in to help, there were helpers from "Weeroona", "Oldina" and "Technology", as well as a lot of people we didn't get a chance to thank. People seemed to come from everywhere, while one group concentrated on fighting the fire another group evacuated the building. All personal belongings, furniture and in fact anything that could be moved, was taken over the road out of possible danger. We have arranged for a "thank you" to all these people to appear in the Ski Australia magazine.

Of course our work party deserves all possible praise for their efforts, both before the fire and afterwards. Special mention goes to Lloyd Thomas who had our electricity re-connected very smartly after the fire. It would have been rather uncomfortable otherwise, as it began to snow early that evening. Thanks again Lloyd. And those who, under the able leadership of Ken Wood, were able to patch up the burnt wall to keep out the elements, thank you indeed.

# SKI HOLIDAY IN AUSTRIA

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In this world of selfish and egotistical people, it is a well known fact that one has much more fun doing something oneself rather than to read or hear about it.

Acknowledging this, we're going to put YOU on the plane to: AUSTRIA, Mecca of all skiers, land of glorious mountains, powder snow, sun and friendly people ---- All you need is lots of cash and a plane ticket and you're off.

Twenty-eight hours on the plane and you arrive in Vienna. You're very tired and all you want is sleep, sleep ..... At 2 am you wake up, and you find it impossible to go back to sleep (your biological clock is out of order). Soon you give up, get out of bed to get something to read. You take a glance out of the window, and you're lucky, it's snowing. There is no one to be seen, everything is quiet, white, beautiful, romantic and a little nostalgic. You get this rare feeling of being at peace with the world, of being warm, sheltered and content ..... In the morning you'll want to go on a guided tour. You're a little sad, so you gladly take the chance of a diversion to get your mind off the wonderful country and people you've left behind.

The scenery has changed now, the snow has begun to melt. It's noisy, slushy, dirty and ugly. The tour is like any other you've been on. Tourists are trying to outdo each other with their Ah's and Oh's their "how lovely", "how beautiful" and so on. But soon you find it's catching. You are beginning to forget your sadness, no longer do you see the dirt, the drabness and the ugliness. But you too will marvel at the beauty of the St. Stephens Cathedral, the Opera House, Schloss Schönbrunn and Schloss Belvedere. You too will relive the lives of Beethoven, of Schubert and Haydn. You too will be touched by the grandeur of that time long ago. Your stay in Vienna comes to a grand finale: a night at the Opera. An event you'll remember for years to come.

The bus you've boarded in Vienna takes you along the Autobahn to Salzburg. After leaving Salzburg you're entering the Alps proper, mountain range upon mountain range, a countryside of haunting beauty that has no equal anywhere in the world. The myths you hear about these mountains and their victims are reminiscent of the Sirens in Greek mythology. For they too lure their victims, enticing and taunting the unwary to come and conquer their alluring beauty, never to release them. Forever they remain prisoners in these castles of the gods. ....

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SKI HOLIDAY IN AUSTRIA  
(Continued)

And then you're in Kitzbuehel, the ultimate in skiing luxury. Here is where the greats from film, theatre, industry and high finance mingle with politicians, princes and kings. There is a staggering multitude and variety of lifts. Dozens of ski runs of all shades and grades, some several miles long. Ice-bars made of snow, a gathering place for lonely beauties, trying to catch a rich heir, failing this, any male is better than none,

There are floodlit slopes and ice rinks, ice-shooting (a game similar to bowls only played on ice), sleigh rides and goodness knows what. Night life is as gay, varied and uninhibited as anywhere you find the three S's ..... Snow .... Ski .... Sex.

Once out on the slopes you realise why this is called THE PARADISE FOR SKIERS. Early March you get miraculous combination of snow and sun, the type of conditions we always dream about but rarely find. The ride up in one of the gondolas is an experience that alone is worth every penny you've spent so far. The view is breathtakingly beautiful ..... precipitous, jagged mountain ranges covered in white, little tufts of mist gently hugging the slopes. Any moment now you expect some heavenly orchestra to intone the Sound of Music ..... Then ... the moment you've been waiting for and dreaming about for a long, long time, has come at last. You can hardly believe its happening to you - but it is. You are on top of the Hahnenkamm, one of the most famous and dreaded of all International down-hill runs.

And now for the climax ... the take off .... Slowly and gently at first. Checking left, right, left .... now you're getting the rhythm, you loosen a little, you ease off on the checks the turns are less tight now, your head becomes light, the body and skis are moulded into one. A surge of unexpected strength and power's surging through you, you're gliding, floating and weaving with unbelievable ease. There is hardly any resistance when edging, yet the skis are tracking perfectly, at no stage is there the slightest hint of losing control. This is snow you've never skied before. You've become a bundle of unleashed energy, you're racing, trailing glistening fishtails that shimmer like rainbows against the sun. You are overcome with a feeling of exhilaration and exaltation bordering on ecstasy. You're laughing and yelling for sheer joy and excitement.

But all too soon the physical strain is taking its toll. Your body, so agile and nimble only moments ago, has been reduced to a quivering jelly. You're shaking all over, you can hardly stand up. But you're happy, deliriously happy. You've achieved what you set out to do .... to ski the Hahnenkamm in AUSTRIA.

Ernie Langer.



A TIMELY WARNING FROM THE NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SERVICE

Beware of the evil combination of wet, wind and cold

Wet, Cold, Lack of Food, Weariness, lead to exposure

Hypothermia

Definition - Hypothermia or what is commonly called exposure, occurs when the body temperature drops below normal

Cause - the cause is simply a drop in body temperature through wearing clothing inadequate for wet, cold and windy conditions. Exhaustion and hunger contribute to it.

Danger Signs - Hypothermia is not easy to recognise. The victim is exhausted, lags behind, stumbles, is reluctant to carry on and not "with it" mentally. He may be difficult to reason with.

Treatment - Shelter from the wind immediately. Drop off a ridge to the lee side and look for shelter in tussock, scrub, bush, or behind rocks.

Put on extra clothing, having something to eat and drink, and assess the situation carefully.

Recovery can be swift but, if it has not occurred within 15 minutes or if the victim has collapsed, he will be past warming himself; you must do it for him. You must treat him on the spot; he may collapse and die if you attempt to assist him to the shelter of a hut. If practicable, change him into dry clothing. Put him in a sleeping bag and have a strong member of the party get in with him and/or have two fit people, both in their sleeping bags, lie close alongside him.

This is the only safe method. Excessive external heat such as a fire can kill him. Alcohol must not be given. In any case, your patient should not be moved (especially by his own efforts) until fully recovered or until you get medical advice. Meanwhile watch the rest of the party. Make camp immediately where you can get the most shelter.

These simple rules Can Save Your Life

1. Whatever the length of the trip, prepare for it carefully. Do listen to and take heed of the weather forecasts. Take a parka on every trip into the hills - EVEN FOR A DAY OR HALF-DAY WALK.
2. For excursions on the open tops, add long trousers, gloves and a balaclava to your "MUST PACK" list. Wear woollen clothing; wet wool is warmer than wet cotton.
3. Have a good meal before setting out and frequent snacks during the day.
4. Plan your day so as to reach your destination with time to spare before nightfall. If the weather deteriorates, turn back, or take a safe alternative route which will provide all-important shelter.

5. Remember there is always a chance of having to spend the night in the open, and then a sleeping bag cover, a survival sheet, or plastic tube can save your life.
6. For safety, four is the minimum number for a party. Remember, one man cannot recognise Hypothermia in himself. A two-man party is too weak to help itself in a dangerous situation. If four are in the party, one can stay with a sick man, while two go for help. NEVER TRAVEL ALONE.

#### The facts of life

1. Hypothermia is a definite killer. The young, fit and healthy are certainly susceptible. Four high-school boys died from exposure in the New Zealand mountains in 1968. The onset of Hypothermia can be swift. If it is unrecognised by either the victim or his friends, death can follow in one hour.
2. The signs or symptoms are frequently mistaken for simple fatigue and the exposure victim does not realise his own plight. His condition must be recognised and treated urgently (even if he objects) by his friends, or he will collapse.
3. People have died of exposure without once complaining of the cold. Indeed, the real danger lies in the lack of recognition of the condition by either the victim or his friends, since frequently each of the party is more or less affected.
4. At 50°F, a wind of 30 m.p.h. produces the same heat loss from unprotected skin as would be lost in windless conditions at 28 F. Wet skin loses heat 20 times faster than dry. Damp, windy conditions when temperatures are around 40°F are the most dangerous.

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#### SKI RESORTS ON KOSCIUSKO ROAD WINTER INFORMATION - 1970

Parking: The parking arrangements will be the same as last year.

All overnight parking will be at Sawpit Creek Car Park except for limited facilities for guests at Ski Rider Motel (Wilson's Valley), Sponar's Lakeside Inn (Digger's Creek) and Smiggin Holes Hotel.

The entrance to the Sawpit Creek Car Park has been sealed and investigations are being made into the need for a "lock up", supervised parking area near the Sawpit Terminal. Comments on the subject from skiers would be welcome.

Is there a great demand for this type of facility?

What would be a reasonable fee for maximum security parking?

Day parking areas are located at Smiggin Holes, Guthega and some small signposted areas alongside the road below Smiggin Holes.

Parking, other than in these areas, is not permitted on the Kosciusko Road.

Shuttle Bus: The Shuttle Bus system will continue to operate between Sawpit Creek and Smiggin Holes/Perisher Valley and timetables are now available. (details of interest to Club Members are listed on following pages in this magazine).

A Public Address system will be installed at Sawpit Creek Terminals and improved methods of loading passengers, luggage and skis will be introduced. Destination signs will be clearly displayed on all Shuttle Buses.

#### Access to Perisher Valley

The Smiggin Holes barrier will be left open and unattended except during the following periods -

1. Weekends (midday Friday to 4.30 p.m. Sunday).
2. Holiday periods.
3. Periods when bad weather and/or snow clearing activities create conditions on the road to Perisher which justify closure of the barrier.
4. Periods when traffic congestion, road obstruction or other factors justify closure of the barrier.

When the barrier is manned, access to Perisher will be permitted as last year, only to authorised vehicles; these include:-

- a. Shuttle Buses.
- b. Buses carrying guests booked into overnight accommodation beyond Smiggin Holes.
- c. Taxis on pre-arranged trips.
- d. Trade vehicles on approved business beyond Smiggin Holes.

In each case a written authority must be presented by the driver to the Ranger in charge of the barrier before proceeding to Perisher.

Applications for authority to travel past the barrier at Smiggin Holes can be made by mail to the Superintendent, Kosciusko National Park, or direct to Park Headquarters during normal office hours (8.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.).

These authorities may be temporarily cancelled or amended by the Ranger at Smiggin Holes if bad weather or road conditions warrant such action.

During periods other than those described in 1, 2, 3 and 4, above, vehicles may proceed beyond the barrier at Smiggin Holes to load or unload passengers, etc., at marked loading zones in Perisher Valley.

Parking in Perisher Valley will not be permitted.

Oversnow transport: This will be operated by Cottrill's Clipper Tours again this year and the timetables will be as listed.

Public Telephones in the Valley Terminals will be fitted with bells so that incoming calls can be received. Dialling numbers will be advertised as soon as they are allocated.

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BUS, ETC., TIMETABLE

Depart-Sawpit-Creek (Monday/Thursday)

9.45 a.m., 12.45 p.m., 4 p.m.

(Friday)

9.45 a.m., 12.45 p.m., 4 p.m., 5.15 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m.

(Saturday)

1 a.m., 3 a.m., 5 a.m., 6 a.m., 7 a.m. then each half hour until  
3 p.m., then 4 and 6 p.m.

(Sunday)

7.45 a.m., 9.45 a.m., 11.45 a.m., 1.15 p.m., 2.45 p.m., 4.15 p.m.,  
6 p.m.

Depart Perisher Valley No. 3 Terminal

( Monday/Thursday)

8.45 a.m., 12 noon, 3.15 p.m.

(Friday)

8.45 a.m., 12 noon, 3.15 p.m., 4.30 p.m., 6, 8 and 10 p.m.

(Saturday)

12 midnight, 2 a.m., 4 a.m., 6 a.m., 7.30 a.m., then each half hour  
until 3 p.m., then 4 and 5 p.m.

(Sunday)

9 a.m., 10.45 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 2 p.m., 3.30 p.m., 4.45 p.m., 5.30 p.m.,  
6.30 p.m.

Connecting oversnow transport will operate between terminals and all lodges in  
Smiggin Holes and Perisher Valley.

An oversnow service will operate between Perisher No. 3 Terminal and  
Charlotte Pass in conjunction with Chalet oversnow vehicles.

Buses from Smiggin Holes Terminal to Sawpit Creek will depart 20 minutes  
later than the time of departure from Perisher No. 3 Terminal.

Buses from Smiggin Holes Terminal to Perisher Valley Terminals will depart  
25 minutes later than the time of departure from Sawpit Creek.

<u>Charges:</u>	Bus - Sawpit to Smiggins	\$0.70 single	\$1.40 return
	Sawpit to Perisher	\$1.00 "	\$2.00 return
	Smiggins to Perisher	\$0.30 "	\$0.60 return

Oversnow - Smiggins Terminal to Perisher Lodges	\$2.00
Smiggins Terminal to Smiggins Lodges	\$1.00
Perisher Terminals to Perisher Lodges	\$1.00
Perisher Valley to Charlotte Pass	\$3.00
Children 3/14 years inclusive, half fare	

Enquiries and Bookings for services - Perisher Valley No. 1 Terminal and phone  
Smiggin Holes 258 and 259 (all hours)

The above timetables commence Friday, 5th June and terminate Monday 5th October.

SPECIAL INVITATION

The Kiandra Pioneer Ski Club (1870) Ltd invites members and friends of "Warrugang" to help celebrate their centenary on the 11th and 12th July, 1970 at Perisher Valley.

The following events are scheduled for the weekend;-

1. Kiandra Pioneer Ski Club Invitation Race, giant slalom 11th July 11 am, the first seeding race on the calendar for 1970. Entries for the invitation race must come from our individual members along with present grading. Entries close 8th July.

Racers must check the notice board in the Valley Inn, Friday evening or early Saturday morning as to the location of the race and any possible time change.

2. Old Style Kiandra Down Hill (in period dress), 11th July, 3 pm. Special prizes for the best dressed competitors.
3. Presentation and Old Style Kiandra Night at the Man From Snowy River Hotel - 11th July, 8.30 pm.
4. Relay Long Run, Teams event, three members to a team, to be held on the Long Run course at Perisher Valley on the 12th July, 10.30 am. Entries close 8th July.

All entries to be addressed to Mr R. C. Killen, 11 Byrne Ave, South Coogee, 2034 N.S.W.

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SOCIAL JOTTINGS

Engagements:- congratulations and a happy future to the following members.

Hank Beaverstock and Marilyn Glover who are planning a July wedding. Two of our Easter helpers, Lloyd Thomas and Francine Morin. And Robert Dryburgh and Nicki Glover.

SWAP SHOP

For Sale

One pair of Fischer skis, 200 cm. A reasonable offer will be accepted. These skis are said to be in reasonable condition but the bindings would need attention or replacing.

Anyone interested in these skis should contact Judy Colvin, telephone 48.1035 in the evenings.

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A.N.S.F. RACE CALENDAR 1970

July 24/25	A.C.T & Victorian Championships will both probably be held this weekend
July 30/31	Ross Milne Memorial, Victoria
August 3/4	Thredbo Cup
August 6/7/8	Wills International Cup
August 10/11/12	National Championships N.S.W.
August 15/16	N.S.W. Championships

Supplementary

July 11	Kiandra Pioneer Ski Club Invitation Race Perisher.
September 19	Old Man's Race and Dubonnet Cup

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Waxing your skis  
to go faster?



No, sandpapering them  
to go slower ...



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#### EXTENSIONS TO LODGE

A most heartening response was given to our request for suggestions from members regarding our proposed extensions. Those members who did write have been written to personally but the text of the Directors' reply is given below for the benefit of all. The suggestions generally were pertinent and most helpful and most favoured the plan generally as presented:-

Members will no doubt appreciate that the various bodies such as the Park Trust, Board of Fire Commissioners, etc., etc., make it rather difficult for us to do what we would really like. This applies particularly to provision of anything that may appear we will overcrowd beyond our statutory eighteen guests. The Bank Manager is, of course, another boggy.

The comments contained in members' letters were as follows, and our remarks follow each -

1. Skylight over hall section upstairs.

Windows each end will illuminate this area. Proposal would break roof line and Architects state this would be extremely difficult to waterproof, particularly as it would face weather side - rejected.

2. (a) Enlarge room 10 to make family suite.  
(b) Convert rooms 9 and 10 to four-bunk family room.  
(c) Retain some dormitory accommodation. Division of existing men's dormitory unnecessary.

Whole project is designed to provide private accommodation which is sought by majority. Any departure presents problems to Booking Officer. Approval may be obtained for 20 beds (present 18) but this will be absolute limit - rejected.

3. (a) Bathrooms for upper floor.  
(b) Rooms should have individual toilet facilities.  
(c) Two staircases not necessary.

It is agreed that bathrooms and toilets should eventually be on upper floor. Altered plans will provide space for this - finances prevent at present time. Present shower and toilet accommodation more than adequate. Two stairways will provide access, greater flexibility, and provide two fire exits from top floor and latter will assist plan approval by Authorities who do not now favour two-storey accommodation as a general rule.

4. No connecting doors between common room and accommodation area.

Plan is misleading, these will be provided.

5. Ceilings of rooms 6 and 7 to be soundproofed and carpet on stairs to prevent noise.

This aspect has been considered and construction and insulation should suffice. Stair surface will be covered by carpet if necessary.

6. Are stairways adequate as far as fire is concerned?

Refer item 3. Regulations will be complied with.

7. Heating barely adequate for existing building.

Unit has capacity; proper insulation will assist. Assistance for system will be provided if necessary.

8. Two-stage development to ensure finance and provide bathrooms, etc., upstairs and obviate need for two stairways.

Refer item 3. Basically a two-stage development will be employed as suggested to eventually provide upstairs bathrooms and toilets. Problems of placement of male and female guests to conveniently use existing facilities have been considered and Booking Officer will watch.

9. (a) Make upper bunks three-quarter size and fully enclose with railing.  
(b) Enlarge bunks.

We cannot enlarge bunks and thus virtually increase accommodation - finality as regards actual type of bed is still under discussion, but we agree that railings are necessary for an upper bunk.

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RACE WEEKEND 1970

Saturday & Sunday 19th/20th September

Perfect days with clear skies and ideal snow conditions set the stage for a great weekend. Surely this must have been the first two successive fine days of the season and this, despite the presence of some noted weather Jonahs!

The course was set this year by Hannes Furstauer, on the Chairlift side of No. 7 Poma Lift. It was a diabolical, twisting thing, frightening to behold but one which your author was able to negotiate quite capably on his back with skis in the air after only properly negotiating one gate.

The roll-up was quite good although bolstered by both associate and non-members. Most of the old brigade were absent and apparently just as well as this was the year of the young man with the younger junior associates showing full intent of taking out the titles when, to Dad's relief, they can

Perhaps, if the participants are game, a fun report of the after-dark activities will appear elsewhere in this magazine.

The results were:-

SLALOM COURSE set by Hannes Furstauer - his time, 32 seconds; a.m. 19/9/70  
Weather - bright sunshine                      Snow - hard packed powder  
Course set on the south side of No. 7 Poma Lift

	<u>1st run</u>	<u>2nd run</u>	<u>aggregate</u>
Don Widdicombe (non-member)	42.3	=	=
Bill Hall (non-member)	46.1	45.0	91.1
Peter Roberts (member)	50.3	50.2	100.5
Robert Tobias (member)	41.11	41.15	82.26
Warren Rose (member)	55.0	53.4	108.4
Bram van der Kaag (member)	79.2	58.1	137.3
Margaret Emery (member)	=	49.0	=
Tony Wilkinson (associate member)	49.9	54.4	103.13
Helen Wilkinson (member)	166.0	60.0	226.0
Wilton Ainsworth (member)	52.4	52.22	104.62
Bruce Wilkinson (member)	240.01	=	=
Judy Colvin (non-member)	52.2	50.0	102.2
John Goodyear (associate member)	58.1	185.3	243.4
Myrna Burke (member)	76.4	81.2	157.6
Christabel Craker (member)	68.1	95.3	163.4
Bruce Cole (member)	45.4	44.4	89.8
Colin Duivenbode (associate member)	62.2	120.28	182.48
Geoffrey Wilkinson (associate member)	91.3	44.3	135.6
Michael Wilkinson (associate member)	45.15	44.44	89.59

DOWNHILL COURSE - p.m. 19/9/70 (best two times aggregate)

	<u>Practice</u>	<u>1st Run</u>	<u>2nd Run</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>
Robert Tobias (member)	35.6	34.9	34.0	68.9
Michael Saddington (member)	37.2	35.3	35.9	71.2
Peter Roberts (member)	42.0	49.3	41.2	83.2
Bram van der Kaag (member)	40.2	41.0	39.2	79.4
Ann Cameron (member)	=	72.4	75.1	147.5
Judy Colvin (non-member)	44.6	42.5	40.0	82.5
Charles Bradbury (member)	35.4	33.9	33.1	67.0
Tony Wilkinson (associate member)	34.2	33.0	33.1	66.1
Geoffrey Wilkinson (associate member)	37.0	35.9	35.3	71.2
Margaret Emery (member)	43.2	40.8	39.0	79.8
John Goodyear (associate member)	41.6	41.1	40.2	81.3
Christabel Craker (member)	=	72.5	65.3	137.8
Wilton Ainsworth (member)	41.5	40.2	39.9	80.1



	<u>Practice</u>	<u>1st Run</u>	<u>2nd Run</u>	<u>Aggregate</u>
Bill Hall (non-member)	35.9	34.1	33.8	67.9
Bruce Cole (member)	37.5	36.8	36.1	72.9
Bruce Wilkinson (member)	-	58.5	-	-
Don Widdicombe (non-member)	-	36.2	35.7	71.9
Michael Wilkinson (associate member)	-	38.0	36.2	74.2
Myrna Burke (member)	-	78.4	79.0	157.4
Graeme Cox (Cronulla Club)	-	44.2		

LANGLAUF - a.m. 20/9/70

	<u>Time</u>
Peter Roberts (member)	12.40 min.
Max Gault (member)	9.78
Margaret Emery (member)	11.30
Michael Wilkinson (associate member)	11.95
Myrna Burke (member)	19.22
Kay van der Kaag (non-member)	25.52

p.s. You will note that the Downhill Race was not run exactly as is usual, but with the lack of more experienced organisers, this was how it turned out.

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The following are the results of the apparently only weekly race held this season, and it was held just before Race Weekend, on Thursday 17th September:-

Ruedi	31.6 + 10 = 41.6	31.0 + 10 = 41.0	= 82.6
Penny	24.2 + 18 = 42.2	25.1 + 18 = 43.1	= 85.3
Bram	24.0 + 18 = 42.0	25.4 + 18 = 43.4	= 85.4
Margaret	22.1 + 20 = 42.1	23.0 + 20 = 43.0	= 85.1
Bruce C	21.0 + 20 = 41.0	21.6 + 20 = 41.6	= 82.6
Colin	44.0 + 7 = 51.0	27.9 + 7 = 34.9	= 85.9
Hilda	36.1 + 10 = 46.1	38.5 + 10 = 48.5	= 94.6
David	39.0 + 15 = 54.0	33.2 + 15 = 48.2	= 102.2
Don	19.1 + 25 = 44.1	18.7 + 25 = 43.7	= 87.8
Agnette	27.3 + 5 = 32.3	28.8 + 5 = 33.8	= 66.1 (missed gate)
Ross	62.2 + 0 = 62.2	52.5 + 0 = 52.5	= 114.7
John G	27.0 + 7 = 34.0	33.4 + 7 = 40.4	= 74.4
John A	-	28.9 + 5 = 33.9	
Peter R	84.6		
Wilton	28.0 + 20 = 48.0	22.1 + 10 = 32.1	= 80.1

Fastest times - Don 18.7; Margaret 22.1  
Fastest Girl: Margaret 85.1, second: Penny 85.3  
Fastest Man: John G 74.4, second: Wilton 80.1  
Wooden spoon Peter

#### 1970 SKI YEAR BOOK

Ski Council of NSW has sent us a circular letter regarding sales of this year's Ski Year Book and asking that we recommend to members that they purchase a copy, if they have not already done so. When we wrote to us in August 300 copies were on hand and perhaps you would like to support the cause and purchase a copy. A telephone call to the Booking Officer will enable us to make up a list for sending to Ski Council, and so reduce that number of 300 magazines waiting for an owner.

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Cindy Brew is currently overseas and earlier this year visited Norway and here is her account of that visit:-

#### EASTER IN NORWAY, 1970

From London I arranged a package trip to Norway for a total of seven days. Actually it was just after Easter as all ski resorts were fully booked by the Norwegians themselves. The trip included plane to Oslo, train to Geilo, accommodation with all meals at the Youth Hostel, train to Bergen and plane to London.

The Tourist Office assured me there would still be good snow in April, and when approaching from the air, I saw the whole country covered with snow - lakes, fjords, everything. The first thing I did in Geilo was to buy cross-country skis, and as the bindings were being fitted, I hired Alpine skis, and skied alpine all the first day. I tried all the lifts and ski runs, some are long and fairly flat, others are shorter and steeper. There are wide, clear spaces and runs through trees. All day a light powdery snow was falling and this made the surface beautiful.

For the next three days I went touring. You just take one of the chairlifts up, and meet someone from the hostel, or anyone, take a look at the map and choose one of the trails which are clearly marked with poles and signs in the snow, and also with ski tracks. There are nice huts, situated about half a day's skiing distance, where you eat your packed lunch and can buy a hot drink. I was struck by the similarity to the Snowy Mountains; the mountain tops are fairly level and rolling, only the valleys are steep. You can travel long distances with only gentle climbing and descending, which is ideal for touring. Most tours were 20 to 30 km. And you can see a long distance too. The weather was beautiful during these tours, sunshine every day, yet the temperature was always at or just below freezing point. Everyone had lovely suntans.

On the fifth day I did some Alpine skiing to use up lift tickets, and did some touring around the Lake. Geilo is a pretty town and ski resort, with plenty of night life. The hotels run dances, discotheques and sometimes special party nights, and there is a movie twice a week in the local hall. Norwegian people are very friendly to ski with and so enthusiastic about touring. When I had a few hours in Bergen, I took the cable car up to Mt. Fløyen, and it was packed with skiers going up to spend Sunday on the mountain trails, and only a few minutes from the city. No wonder they are all so healthy.

I found prices in Norway very reasonable, here are some examples, in dollars:-

Cross-country skis, bindings and fitting of bindings,	\$28.80
Hire of metal skis and stocks, 5 days	9.20
Book of lift tickets from which I had 22 long rides and 2 short rides	6.12
And the package trip, inclusive, was	121.64

The only thing expensive was oranges, understandably, they were eight cents each.

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THE PROBLEM OF HUTS IN WILDERNESS & OTHER REMOTE AREAS OF KOSCIUSKO  
NATIONAL PARK

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Many members and friends are interested in this subject and quoted below is a circular received from the Superintendent of the Park asking for comments so please let us have your thoughts as quickly as possible so we may pass them on to the authorities.

" As you may realise the problem of retaining and maintaining old mountain huts in Kosciusko National Park is exercising the minds of many people.

The Service has to devise a policy and a system of management which will provide skiers and bushwalkers with any necessary shelter in essential locations, yet which will be economically feasible, physically manageable, and aesthetically and ecologically acceptable.

There is a variety of user groups involved, including your own, and we are anxious to secure the views of these people expressed as succinctly as possible.

I would therefore be grateful if you would examine the attached list of points amongst your members and then let us have your concise thoughts on the subject. I have in mind that at a later date (possibly early in December) we may be able to organise an outdoor meeting, say at White's River, when a proper agenda can be discussed by all interested groups.

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The following points and principles are put down here for the purpose of thought, debate and the development of policy and management ideas:-

1. Most of the huts are in a poor state of repair. They will continue to deteriorate and become an increasing financial burden on someone. Should they be maintained or demolished? If they are to be maintained, how should the job be done and who should pay for it?
2. Outside the established ski resorts, Government policy is that no exclusive rights (either to individuals or to groups) should exist for the use of any site

in a National Park. Any huts retained in the undeveloped areas should therefore remain as public property.

3. A likely problem with huts whose care is vested in specific clubs or groups is a tendency to "upgrade" them gradually, so that their maintenance and servicing becomes a bigger job each year. What level of sophistication should be chosen to have a hut in keeping with its primitive surrounds and minimise maintenance and servicing?

4. Huts tend to become focal points for litter and general rubbish. The National Parks and Wildlife Service believes that hut users, who pack supplies in, should be prepared to pack out non-combustible rubbish. Alternatives are costly removal by the Service, or the gradual deterioration of hut surrounds through the burying of rubbish. Are there any other ways in which rubbish accumulation in the back-country can be prevented? Have you any other comments?

5. Existing huts are used both in summer and in winter. Are they suitably located to meet the requirements of both skiers and bushwalkers? Should there be separate huts to allow for different user needs? Is it possible now to define the main routes taken by users in summer and in winter, upon which huts could be located?

6. Do you feel there should be huts at all?

7. Should stocking of huts with rations, first aid gear, fuel, etc., be practised -

- (a) Year round?
- (b) Prior to winter?
- (c) During winter?

8. If it is practised, how should it be done, and by whom?

9. Should a charge be made to persons using serviced and maintained huts? If so, how much, and how should a fee system operate?

10. Firewood is in short supply already at many sites. Should portable gas or other fuel be used for heating and cooking, with appropriate appliances?

11. Should huts be serviced by (a) ground vehicle, (b) oversnow vehicle, (c) packhorse, (d) helicopter, (e) other method?

12. Do you object to vehicles being used in the areas being used by ski tourers, bushwalkers, etc.?

13. What maximum size do you suggest for a hut in remote areas of the Park?

14. If huts were grouped, how many huts, and of what size, would you regard as acceptable at a typical remote site?

15. What distance interval do you feel should be established for shelter huts on recognised routes? Is there a difference in this figure according

to summer and winter conditions? If so, indicate figures.

16. What materials do you suggest should be used in shelter hut construction? Have you any views on the architectural styles to be adopted?

17. Do you think that time limitations should be placed on hut occupancy in remote areas (a) all the time, (b) at peak periods, (c) not at all?

18. Should user groups be permitted to have locked boxes in huts, containing rations, etc.?

19. Are you a (a) ski-tourer with pack, etc., (self-sufficient)?  
(b) langlaufer, travelling "light"?  
(c) bushwalker?  
(d) member of another user group (please name it)?

NOTE: The answers to these questions, either by individuals or groups, will be a most useful guide to us in policy determination.

If you can return them to this office by 31st October, they will be of considerable use in preparing an agenda for discussion in December.

If you find the October deadline impossible or difficult to meet, let us have your views anyway, even if only at the proposed December meeting to which delegates will be invited.

N. C. Gare  
Superintendent, Kosciusko National Park "

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#### ANNUAL DINNER 1970

An excellent evening was enjoyed by 90 Warrugangsters at Pfahler's Hotel on Saturday, 10th October. There was the usual good representation from country areas, however, the numbers did not quite total last year's good effort.

The band this year enabled us to hear ourselves think, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all and room on the dance floor was at a premium. How the good skiers still had enough energy left after that good snow to jerk and jump around as they did was beyond comprehension.

It was extremely pleasing to see our old friends Barbara Graham and Ron Carroll present, and particularly Ron after his severe illness. Barbara was able, despite her large plaster cast, to enjoy one dance!

Ruedi and Anneke were present and were the recipients of a very fine gift of pottery, designed and made in beautiful fashion by Hilda Anstice.

Our congratulations and thanks are once again due to Madam Organiser, Myrna Burke, for choice of venue and excellent menu and, for a change, a very lovely cool evening.



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The Lodge on fire



Rescuing the contents

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