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Warrugang Ski Club History



The Warrugang ski hut in 1956

What is Warrugang Ski Club Limited and why was it formed?

Warrugang Ski Club was started by a group of mostly former geology students who had made summer hiking trips to Kosciusko and then started making winter trips from 1952.

They formed a club and in 1954 decided to build a ski hut on the site of the current Warrugang Lodge and carried out the construction themselves in the summer months. The hut was first used in winter 1955, but still needed much work to complete it.

In December 1954 Warrugang Ski Club Limited was incorporated as a company limited by guarantee to continue and formalise the club that had been established.

Among the formal reasons recorded for its formation were—

- ✿ To promote and encourage the development of the sport of skiing and other athletic sports.
- ✿ To promote good fellowship among and to make provision for the association of people interested in the sports of skiing, skating, mountaineering, sled-riding, walking, trail riding, fishing and other outdoor sports, games or activities and hobbies and pastimes associated therewith and, in the encouragement, and development of such sports, hobbies or pastimes.
- ✿ To establish, maintain and conduct a club or clubs for the accommodation of members of the Club interested in or desirous of participating or engaging in any or all of the sports, games, activities, hobbies and pastimes and for their friends.

The early love of the Snowy Mountains turned into a love of skiing and summer mountain pursuits. Over time, Warrugang developed a rich history of competitive skiing and members still participate in formal ski racing as well as competing against the mountain and each other in Warrugang's competition as to the longest distance or greatest vertical metres skied in the season.

Warrugang is a non-profit organisation that particularly aims to encourage the development of sport by providing a modern lodge facing Centre Valley and Mount Perisher in Perisher Valley and encouraging competition in winter – both organised racing and members competing against the mountain – and encouraging trail runners, bush walkers and anglers in summer to enjoy and appreciate life in the Snowy Mountains. . Many members arrange to return to the Lodge each year at the same time as other members they've met at the Lodge –to enjoy skiing or boarding and to socialise together.

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What is the Warrugang Club Badge?



The Club badge is a shield with a snow gum – “warogany” (later pronounced as “warrugang”) to the local aboriginal Ngarigu Tribe who inhabited the area from Canberra to the Snowy Mountains. The stylised snow gum in the badge is based on a snow gum still in front of the Lodge more than 60 years later.

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Does Warrugang Encourage Mountain Sport?

Warrugang is proud of it's rich history of being involved with the Kosciuszko region in both winter and summer.

The trophies displayed around the lodge indicate how successful Warrugang members were in skiing and we have a yearly competition amongst our members as to the distance and the number of vertical metres skied in the season.

We encourage our members to join into external competition, such as the KAC and Interschools racing (where members and their families have been quite successful over the years), Masters training and to "ski against the mountain" to continually improve their performance.

Warrugang gives priority to bookings for members involved in externally organised sport.

In summer, our members are encouraged to be involved in their mountain sport of choice; such as trail running, bush walking and angling.

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Warrugang Ski Club Lodge Accommodation

Why are there different accommodation rates?

The different parts of the tariff season – Value, School Holidays, Shoulder and Peak – reflect the pricing of accommodation generally in Perisher Valley. And our peak season is shorter than many Lodges, meaning that it's less expensive for members and their friends for more of the season and we encourage more to participate in snow-sport.

As a club, rather than a commercial Lodge, we have different accommodation rates for members, associates and friends–

- ✿ Members & associates – who have a financial commitment to Warrugang and pay an annual subscription – pay lower accommodation prices than non-members.
- ✿ Children of members/associates/friends pay around 60-65% of the relevant member/associate/friend rate – from 5 until they turn 13 years of age.
- ✿ From 13, full-time student children of members or associates until 21 stay at the adult member/associate rate.
- ✿ Everyone outside of that – e.g. spouse, friends and non-members children over 12 – pays the adult friend rate.

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Does Warrugang own the Lodge?

Warrugang paid for the building of the Lodge on land leased from the NSW government and has the right to occupy the Lodge during the period of the lease.

We currently have a 30 year lease, which started in 2008, with the right to extend for 2 periods of a further 10 years.

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How many friends can members take to the Lodge?

There is no limit to the number of friends a member can take to the Lodge other than is dictated by the available accommodation and the priority to members who book in the priority booking periods. However, members can only book friends to stay at the Lodge during the period that the member is staying.

Members are encouraged to enjoy the facilities of the Lodge with their friends but have a responsibility to ensure that the behaviour of their friends is appropriate to the shared environment of the Lodge.

Members taking large numbers of friends to the Lodge are reminded that they will need to be particularly careful to consider the shared environment of the Lodge and the effect of their gathering on the other guests at the Lodge.

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Does Warrugang have oversnow transport?

Like other community based clubs, we don't have an oversnow, so members use 4SITE oversnow for transport when they arrive or leave with luggage. But, for the rest of your stay, it's an easy walk to and from Perisher village.

And it's even easier in the afternoons, as Warrugang aims to make your skiing or snowboarding day end well. We want members to enjoy their skiing or boarding – and the rest of their time in the snow.

Each afternoon, our Lodge manager takes your après boots down to the White Spider bar which is just across the road from the bottom of the Perisher Quad chair, collects your skis and ski boots or snowboard and takes them back to the Lodge, allowing you to relax while you enjoy your time with your friends and then more easily walk back to the Lodge. No trudging back in ski boots carrying your skis!

Warrugang has built a Lodge that provides quality accommodation and catering – so you can enjoy both your skiing or snowboarding and socialising with club members and not have to worry about preparing meals nor finding that you are in bunk beds or communal bathrooms.

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How and when can I make my booking to stay at the Lodge?

In 2022, Warrugang moved to an electronic booking system. Members have a login that enables them to book for their family and friends as well as pay their annual subscription.

Warrugang has a member's winter priority booking period which usually starts in April and runs for around 3 weeks. There is a similar summer members priority booking period.

All bookings made in the members priority booking period are waitlisted until the end of the period so we can give all members the opportunity to have their booking considered in accordance with our allocation policy (see below)..

Once the members priority booking period has expired, members can see when there is available space at the Lodge and make real-time bookings for themselves and their family & friends.

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I didn't renew my subscription – can I book?

Unfortunately not – bookings are restricted to financial members, which is why we encourage members to ensure that they are financial by paying their subscription promptly. And don't forget that you need to be a financial member to vote at the AGM.

Members can quickly pay their subscription through the booking system.

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How is winter accommodation allocated?

Should bookings received in the priority bookings periods exceed the available accommodation, the Board has set a policy that will allocate accommodation in order—

The initial priorities applied are—

- ✳ Double member bookings; then
- ✳ Member and associate bookings; then
- ✳ Single member bookings; then
- ✳ Associate bookings; then
- ✳ Friend bookings.

Within each priority group, the following are the secondary level of priority—

- ✳ A member of the party is to be involved in externally organised racing during that booking.
- ✳ 7 day bookings.
- ✳ 5 day bookings.
- ✳ 2 day bookings.

In addition, for the July school holidays, members who have applied unsuccessfully in the previous year for accommodation in the July school holidays have priority within the secondary level.

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When do I pay for my booking?

At the end of the members priority booking period, you will receive an invoice for your bookings that were successful. The booking officer will contact members in relation to unsuccessful bookings to offer other available dates..

Accepted bookings for less than 7 days must be paid in full and bookings for 7 days or more need to have a 50% deposit paid to secure the booking. The electronic booking system has a credit/debit card facility to enable you to make payment of bookings and subscriptions.

We require payment of the deposit or the full amount (as applicable) in 7 days or the reservation will be opened up to others.

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Can I book a particular room?

Priority for accommodation does not indicate priority for particular rooms as the room use can vary as the bookings come in during the season. For example, in any week, the booking officer may need to allocate larger rooms to a group of children, some of whom (e.g. the under 5's) may be accommodated on mattresses on the floor.

In fairness to all members, only requests for particular rooms that are supported by medical conditions are considered.

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Can I book a room for just myself?

Members or guests who specifically request a room to themselves will, if there is sufficient space at the lodge one month prior to the start of the booking, be charged a 50% single supplement – payable at that time. A single room cannot be guaranteed until approved and the supplement paid..

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I missed out on accommodation when I wanted to be at the Lodge this year but I know that lots of friends got in instead. How do I make sure that I get into the Lodge next year?

The best way that members can ensure that they can enjoy the Lodge facilities when they'd prefer is to book in the relevant priority booking period when the member priority for accommodation means that choices made by members are met before the applications for members friends are considered.

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How long can I stay at the Lodge each year?

Our lease precludes members staying for more than 6 weeks in any winter season or for more than 26 weeks in any year.

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How many people can stay at the Lodge at one time?

Like all lodges in Perisher, our lease has a bed limit, which restricts us to 24 persons of or over the age of 5 years at any one time. In winter, two of those beds are allocated to our managers.

We are required to keep a register of all persons who stay, whether in summer or winter. That register is regularly inspected by the NSW government.

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Why am I asked for the ages of my children and my friends' children who are accompanying me to the Lodge – is it all that important?

The age of children is important for 2 reasons—

- ✿ The bed number restrictions in our lease are strictly policed by the NSW government – even to the number of beds (occupied or not) onsite and by inspection of our accommodation register. Under the lease, the government has the power to inspect rooms to determine compliance.

However, while the consequences for Warrugang if we exceed the bed limits are unpleasant, the accommodation we provide for children under 5 years of age is exempt from those restrictions.

Therefore, we do our best to ensure we can demonstrate that we have collected the information that should enable us to accurately keep within the provisions of the lease.

- ✿ The tariff for children staying at the Lodge depends on their age.

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There's a spare bed in my room, but I'm told it can't be used – why's that?

When taking up the 2008 lease, we opted for a system that maximised flexibility in that we are allowed 25 beds onsite, but only 24 can be occupied at any time. That allowed us to create 2 family rooms—

- ✿ Room 2 – a king double or 2 king singles and 2 bunks.
- ✿ Room 3 – a king double or 2 king singles and an extra single bed.

That means that if the two bunks in room 2 and all the beds in other rooms are filled, the single bed in room 3 can't be used.

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Summer in Perisher – bushwalking and bike-riding – sounds like fun, but how do I book?

Yes, trail running, bushwalking, bike-riding and angling in Perisher during summer is fun – even though the usual winter facilities of supermarket, post office, hotel and shops aren't usually open..

And the Lodge is in self-catering mode as our managers are only engaged during the ski season.

The Lodge is only available for member bookings – although members can take friends with them to the Lodge.

As the booking member is responsible for opening and closing the Lodge and for cleanliness as well as reporting breakages and maintenance items, we only permit one group to be at the Lodge at the same time.

Booking for summer follows the winter members priority booking period procedure, with priority summer bookings opening around early September for around 2 weeks.

At the time, the tariffs are posted on the Warrugang website.

Once the summer priority period closes and the bookings are allocated, members can see when there is available space at the Lodge and make real-time bookings for themselves and their friends.

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Warrugang Ski Club Limited – Governance & Corporate

How is Warrugang governed?

Warrugang is a company limited by guarantee..

As a company, the club is governed by corporate law and the company documents, known as the Memorandum and Articles of Association, lodged for its formation.

These have been amended by the members since through members' vote at Annual General Meetings.

A copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association is on the Warrugang website.

To govern the company, a Board of directors is elected every year from members who are nominated by 2 other members. A list of the current directors and contact details is on the Warrugang website.

The election takes place at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) when the accounts for the past year and the President's report are formally laid before the meeting, having been circulated to members at least 21 days earlier.

The AGM is the formal opportunity for members to engage in debate on the club's past, present and future. However, the Board encourages members to raise issues and suggestions at any time by contacting one of the directors.

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How are directors appointed?

Directors are elected at the Annual General Meeting from the members nominated.

Nominations must be proposed and seconded by financial members of the Club and the nominee, who must also be a financial member, must signify acceptance of the nomination.

The form of nomination must include the names of, and be signed by, the proposer, seconder and the nominee and must be sent to the Club Secretary at least 45 days before the Annual General Meeting or by 31 January each year (whichever is the later).

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What are the entitlements of Warrugang members?

Members have rights, entitlements and duties under the Memorandum and Articles of Association, as well as under company law.

In addition, being a member of Warrugang means that you are a member of a club that encourages competition in winter – both external racing and members competing against the mountain – and encouraging trail runners, bush walkers and anglers in summer to enjoy and appreciate life in the Snowy Mountains and have access with family and friends to the club Lodge maintained for members engaging in mountain activities – summer and winter.

Members also have priority in allocation of Lodge accommodation for bookings received during the priority booking period and (for further information, see [“How is accommodation allocated?”](#)) and pay lower accommodation prices than non-members.

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Warrugang is a company limited by guarantee; what is the guarantee?

Every member of a company limited by guarantee agrees to pay an amount should the company be wound up. Should that occur to Warrugang, the amount is set by the Articles of Association at a maximum of \$1 per member.

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Could members wind up Warrugang and split the proceeds?

The Club’s constitution provides that any money left after paying debts shall not be distributed among the members of the Club but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects altogether or in part similar to the objects of the Club (such as promote and encourage the development of the sport of skiing and other athletic sports such as skiing, skating, mountaineering, sled-riding, walking, trail riding, fishing and other outdoor sports) and which also prohibits the distribution of its or their income and property among their members.

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Warrugang Ski Club Ltd – Membership

How can I become a member?

Persons who would like to be members of Warrugang should complete the application form that is on the Warrugang website.

The Board considers each application and the applicant is advised of the result.

The Board requires that applicants are nominated by existing members and prefers applicants who have stayed at the Lodge.

If successful, the cost is a joining fee of \$9,900 including GST (non-refundable) and a debenture of \$40 – a total cost of \$9,940. An annual subscription is also payable; except for the calendar year of joining.

The immediate family of existing members who join receive 20% off the joining fee. The total cost for a family member, including debenture, is \$7,960 incl. GST.

Contact Gordon Scholes: gordon.scholes@cacepartners.com.au for information on new membership.

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What is Associate membership and Summer membership?

- ❄ Associate membership is available for the partners and children of members. The advantage of associate membership is that accommodation rates are lower than friends' rates.

The cost is a joining fee of \$1,100 incl. GST (non-refundable) and the usual annual subscription..

- ❄ Summer membership is for existing members who find that they can no longer ski and wish to use the Lodge only in summer.

When a member moves to summer membership, the transfer is treated as a resignation from full membership; their debenture of \$40 is repaid and the balance of their building levy is scheduled to be repaid as funds become available.

An annual subscription is payable.

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Can a child (under 18) be a member of Warrugang?

The relationship between a member and any company is essentially contractual in nature. Minors (children under 18) cannot be bound contractually.

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What is the debenture?

The \$40 debenture is a loan that was set in the 1950's as a contribution towards the club's finances – it is refundable on retirement from Warrugang.

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What is the building levy?

To fund the rebuilding of the Lodge in the early 2000's the club required building levies to be contributed by members. These are refundable on retirement from Warrugang subject to availability of funds.

New members no longer have to pay a building levy.

When retirements occur, the Board considers the Club's financial situation regularly with a view to repaying those levies when finances permit.

As at November 2023, the building levies contributed by retired members have been repaid.

Current members with a building levy balance are encouraged to fund another membership for a family member or close friend by using some of their building levy – subject to Board approval (to satisfy corporate law requirements).

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Can I sell my membership?

Reselling of memberships isn't available as the members of the club are members of a company limited by guarantee (limited to \$1 per member) and not members/shareholders of a company limited by shares.

At the time Warrugang was established, it was the most effective way to have members in an incorporated entity with limited liability.

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Can I transfer or pass on my membership e.g. when I can't go skiing anymore?

Members can request transfer of their membership to, e.g. their children or close friends – subject to Board approval – either by a request in writing or by a similar expression in a will..

Warrugang has built itself on having members who want to be part of a snow sport club, not just to have an alternative to commercial accommodation. Therefore, the Board prefers to have the opportunity of someone from the family or a close friend who understands the way the aims of Warrugang and wants to be part of the club into the future.

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How do I resign and what happens to the money I paid?

Under Warrugang's Articles of Association (see [How is Warrugang governed?](#)), any member wishing to resign must give notice in writing one month before the intention to resign.

That notice needs to state the intention to resign and be addressed to the Secretary, Warrugang Ski Club, Box 1075 GPO Sydney NSW 2001. However, delivery of that message can be made by email..

Once the month elapses, their debenture of \$40 is repaid and the balance of their building levy is scheduled to be repaid as funds become available.

The joining fee that was paid is retained by the club.

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If I resign, how long will I have to wait for the return of my building levy balance?

That depends on the amount still outstanding to be repaid to members and the club's financial position.

Warrugang aims to repay as soon as is possible, but we need an influx of replacement members or a significant surplus from operating the club to fund this.

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Can my annual subscriptions be paid out of my building levy?

Member building levies were applied to the capital cost of the rebuilding of the Lodge.

The club structures its finances on the basis that it has both—

- ✿ expenditure that is recurring, and
- ✿ expenditure that is related to operating the Lodge.

Subscriptions are set each year after considering recurring expenditure for operating the club. The Lodge operating costs are borne by those members who use the Lodge through the accommodation charges.

In short, paying subscriptions out of building levies would affect the budgetary balance of the Club.

The Board considers the financial position each time it sets subscriptions and where possible will rebate the subscription against the levies if the Club's finances allow.

When retirements occur, the Board considers the Club's financial situation with a view to repaying those levies as finances permit.

As at November 2023, the building levies contributed by retired members have been repaid.

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