



# NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2023

## KEY DATES

1 April  
Winter bookings  
open for members'  
guests

7 Apr - 10 Apr  
Easter

7 Apr - 23 Apr  
School Holidays

11 May  
Last day for School  
Holidays  
cancellations

**AGM Dates**  
31 Mar  
Director Nomination  
Deadline

28 April  
AGM - Norths  
Cammeray

## TAC EVENTS

17-20 March  
Hiking Weekend

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## Chair's Report

### Summer 2022-23 Update

The Club has been reasonably well utilised over the summer months where guests have enjoyed all that Thredbo has to offer. Many guests enjoy regular family gathering in the lodge over summer whilst others prefer to hurtle down the mountain on bikes and still others enjoy a peaceful hike in the spectacular Australian alpine scenery. Whatever your preference Thredbo is a wonderful place to take a brief escape.

Our lodge has been managed remotely by Graeme and Jennifer Gibson. Catering may be available for larger groups staying three or more nights. If you want to enquire about catering availability during your planned visit, contact Graeme Gibson at [lodge@tac.org.au](mailto:lodge@tac.org.au).

In March Thredbo will host Australian MTB interschools and we have members staying and competing in this great event. For other keen mountain bikers bear in mind that Thredbo has world class mountain bike tracks with two lifts, the Kosciuszko Chair and the Merritts Gondola, to access these. The lodge provides space to store bikes during your visit as well as a pump and repair kits.

Our hiking weekend is fast approaching. Please come and join me on March 17-19 for a weekend of beautiful hikes and great company. Or if those dates don't suit, feel free to organise your own group. Let me know if you want any information at [chair@tac.org.au](mailto:chair@tac.org.au).

### Upcoming Winter 2023

We are now turning our minds to winter and are happy to report that Graeme and Jennifer will return for the 2023 season. Winter bookings for members are open. A number of our regular winter patrons made sure to secure their preferred ski weeks when winter bookings opened on 1 February making a good start to our winter bed night statistics. The School Holidays period is almost fully subscribed with space now available only in period one.

### AGM

The 2023 AGM is set for April 28 and will be held at Norths Cammeray as it was last year. All director positions become vacant at the AGM and a new Board must be constituted by nomination (and voting in the case where more than 10 nominations are received) at this time. Nomination for directorship is now open. Joining the board is a great way to get to know your Club and fellow members better. Any member who is interested in joining the Board should fill in a nomination form - [found here](#) - and submit by email to Deb Harvey [admin@tac.org.au](mailto:admin@tac.org.au). Nominations must be received by close of business Friday 31st March 2023.

### Keeping Your Member Details Up to Date

We remind members that our main form of communication is by email so please make sure you keep your details up to date on [Clubman](#). Key information is also posted on the club website [www.tac.org.au](http://www.tac.org.au). We send quarterly newsletters which are distributed by email and also posted on the website and our club [Facebook page](#). We also send regular email communications with key date information and information about new members.

I look forward to meeting more members, either in person in the lodge, at our functions or by email or phone.

**Angela Brooks - Chair**



# Get into the Alpine Outdoors at TAC this Autumn

## TAC Hiking Weekend - 17-20 March

The Club has organised a dedicated hiking weekend to be held 17-20 March 2023. The rates for these three nights will include dinner, bed and breakfast.

### Itinerary\*

**Friday** - arrival and Dinner at the lodge

**Saturday** - all day hike to Charlotte Pass with Thredbo Guides. It's a chance to enjoy spectacular mountain scenery as the hike passes by Mount Kosciusko, the Blue Lake and on to Charlotte's Pass. Return transport and lunch provided. Price \$150 per head, includes chairlift access to Eagle's Nest.

**Sunday** - we will walk either along the River Trail or via Dead Horse Gap (depending on interest) to Dead Horse Gap where we will meet for a catered lunch.

**Monday** - depart after breakfast at the lodge

\*Subject to change depending on final numbers.

If you are keen to join the fun, [book now](#) via the club booking system. We are happy to approve additional guests for this weekend - if you have a group, please submit an [online booking](#) for review and approval.

Any further enquiries should be directed to Angela Brooks [chair@tac.org.au](mailto:chair@tac.org.au).

## What's on in Thredbo - Mar/Apr

### MARCH

[5 – 10 | Australian Mountain Biking Interschools](#)

[18 | Gravity Series #2: Pump Track Party](#)

[19 | Gravity Series #3: Cruiser Crusher](#)

[26 | Gravity Girls](#)

### APRIL

[2 | Gravity Series #4: Supertrail Scramble](#)

[7 – 25 | Easter Adventure Carnival](#)

[24 | Gravity Series #5: Chainless Champs](#)

Full Calendar available [here](#).

## Availability

### March - 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
			32	30	30	23
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
23	23	14	21	21	21	32
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
32	32	32	32	32	28	28
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
32	32	32	32	32	32	32
26	27	28	29	30	31	
32	32	32	32	32	32	

### April - 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
						32
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
32	32	32	32	32	27	27
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
27	32	23	23	23	23	23
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## Registrar's Report

TAC membership remains healthy and stable. Whilst we are always sad to see some members leave - we continue to welcome new members to our club, and we thank our existing members for their continued support and participation in these efforts.

The below graph provides a breakdown of member classes of Thredbo Alpine Club As of 24 February 2023:

Members: 342

Members (Senior): 21

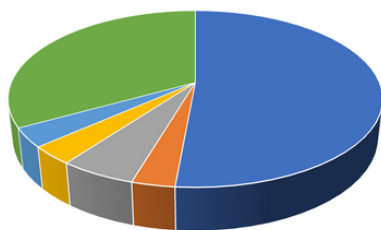
Members (18–25): 37

Members (Overseas): 22

Members (Life / Foundation / Honorary): 23

Children of members: 220

Membership classes



- Members
- Senior Members
- 18–25-year-old members
- Overseas members
- Life / Foundation / Honorary Members
- Children of members

### A reminder to all parent members whose children are turning or have recently turned 18

For those members with young adults who are turning or have already turned 18 – please consider asking them if they are interested in taking up their own membership of Thredbo Alpine Club.

18 year olds who are children of members and are still at school are charged **member adult rates** until the end of the school year,

after that they pay **guest rates** when staying at the club. If they take up their own membership, they can enjoy their own full membership rights and rates.

**Interested?** We would love for them to take up their own membership so they can continue to enjoy the club as a member. The family entrance rate for joining the club for 18–21 year olds is \$300.

The entrance Fee may be paid either in one lump sum or in two instalments.

If paying by instalment:

- 1st instalment – 50% of joining fee – due on joining
- 2nd instalment – 50% of joining fee plus 2% admin fee – due 1 February the year following joining.

If the entrance fee is paid in one lump sum, the subscription fee for the year of joining is included in the joining fee.

If you have family or friends who would be interested in applying for membership of TAC please remember the application forms and club rules can be downloaded from the club's [website](#).

We would like to thank all the members of the Thredbo Alpine Club for their continued support of the Club. Our club relies on the dedication and hard work of the members as volunteers. On behalf of the membership, we thank the board for their time as volunteers we are grateful for their contributions. We encourage all members to continue to participate in the club's activities, provide feedback, and contribute to its success.

Looking forward to a great 2023!

**Best regards, Ange O'Dea (TAC Registrar)**



## Treasurer's Report

The unaudited financial reports to the end of December 2022 stand in marked contrast to those of twelve months ago. Whereas the 2021 results were deeply affected by the pandemic travel restrictions, 2022 has seen a substantial rebound in travel to Thredbo. As a result of this COVID driven pent up demand, along with the added attraction of a good snow season, lodge usage was at some of the highest levels we have seen for some time. The Club will finish the financial year with a very strong operating profit of around \$60,000 with entrance fees of \$40,000 bringing the total surplus for the year to over \$100,000.

Summer bed nights from Jan-Jun 2022 plus Oct-Dec 2022, while not at quite the level of the previous year, remained pleasing at 911 and generating \$73,000 in revenue. An historically strong winter season of 2341 bed nights yielded \$332,000, bringing total accommodation income to \$405,000. Annual subscriptions of close to \$200,000 took total income to just over \$600,000.

On the expenses side of the equation, not unsurprisingly we saw significant jumps in our outlays on gas and electricity. We were able to make some small cuts to certain costs. Two superfluous telephone lines were disconnected and the Foxtel subscription was terminated in favour of streaming services available on the club's new-ish Smart TVs. Ski programme expenses were also under budget due to the heavy rain during Adult Race week that forced the cancellation of the races. Other running costs came in more or less as anticipated apart from those directly linked to the number of people in the lodge, vis. cost of provisions and cost of laundry.

Total members' funds at year end are \$2,319,397, and total cash is now \$718,137 including the Future Fund. The Board has yet to decide the amount to be transferred to the Future Fund in 2023. The current balance is \$264,103. The Club financial health is excellent, 2022 having made up considerable ground lost over the past two years of uncertainty.

**Sue Bishop - Treasurer**

## Bookings Report

### To End Feb 2022-23

#### Summer Bookings

So far we have 543 beds booked for the summer of 2022-23 which is slightly down on last year's bookings.

#### Winter Bookings

We already have 902 beds booked for our winter season.

### Bookings Rules and Code of Conduct

Our Rules and Code of Conduct are available on the website. Please make time to familiarise with how the TAC community works, including the cancellation policy. [Club Rules](#)

We look forward to seeing you at the lodge soon!

**Lyn Wood and Angela Brooks, Booking Directors**





## Skiing

Skiing preparations are underway for the 2023 winter season.

### **JUNE/JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS CHILDREN'S SKI DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

School holiday bookings were over subscribed once again this year. The holiday ballot has been finalised and Periods 2, 3 and 4 are full with period 1 starting to fill, although we still have spots available. Those who missed out last year were given their first preference this year and the same will be done in next year's ballot for the families who missed out this year.

The Club, as in previous years, is running the ski program for members' children during the June/July school holidays. The Mountain/Thredbo Snowsports threw a spanner in the works for the 2023 season, bringing forward the Children's Interclub race by one week (arghh!), so we had to make some last minute changes to the bookings. Thank you so much to all involved in switching periods last minute. We're confirming instructors and I will be in touch with each period families to send out details very soon.

As in previous years, the children in each period will be graded into 3 squads by the instructors on the first day of the 4 days of instruction. A Club race on the last day of each period will be conducted and Nastar medals will be awarded on handicap results.

Note: The Thredbo Junior Interclub will be held during TAC Period 2, on Tuesday the 4th July at 1:00pm. This is a change from previous years, however the Junior Interclub committee have to fit in with Interschools.

Although the TAC Interclub team is somewhat limited in numbers, we've never been in a position we've had too many, so if you are down at Thredbo and you'd like your kids to participate, please let me know, I'm sure we'll fit them in.

Once again, there will be a Children' Ski Program Presentation Day in October (TBC) when awards will be made for the most improved in each squad, best sport in each squad and the Andy Neil and Katrina Dawson trophies. It was such a great day in 2022 with bare foot bowling on the Greens at North Sydney we'll be looking to hold it there again this year.



## MEMBERS' RACE WEEK 6 – 12 AUGUST 2023

Adult race preparations are also well underway. I have been in discussions with Southern Alps re the Kurt Lance Series. We're still confirming our coaches however the courses are all but locked in. Once again, we'd love to build on the success of 2018 & 2019 where we had 20 odd racers and if we can see that number and more again it would be a huge success for the Club.

Once again, the TAC Lloyd Hughes Combined Races Club Champion Trophy, which is the culmination of points awarded for four of the races from the Kurt Lance Series, will be for TAC members only. Races, will include the Slalom, Giant Slalom, Super G and Skier Cross. Details of the week's schedule can be found on the [club website](#):

As usual, we have set aside 16 beds (until 30 June) for racers for race week, but I urge all racers to get in early and get your booking confirmed so that you can be there and participate. Those who want to participate in the tri race champion trophy will need to be in for the **first race on Wednesday**.

We are always looking for more members to join the week's festivities and events and increase racer numbers! As always, we need ambitious good skiers who wish to step up to the next level of performance skiing by taking advantage of the four Ski Instructor race training classes during the week, at Club expense, as well as testing your skills in the events and if sufficient places, in the TAC InterClub Team! To ensure continuity of Club competition skiers, we need an injection of 18-35 year olds, male & female, but all are welcome to join and to continue to enhance the tradition, started many years ago, of competition within TAC and with our InterClub friends.

If you would like to participate in any of these races and join the week, **NOW IS THE TIME to REGISTER and BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATION!!** Please call me to register and then use the link below to book your accommodation,

**EMAIL:** [skiing@tac.org.au](mailto:skiing@tac.org.au) **MOBILE:** 0414 633 330 for further information.

I look forward to seeing new members joining the Race Week!

Finally, I'd like to see a regular "back country" ski group get off the ground for later in the season, to extend the ski season, have fun, do something different and get more lodge bed nights.....let me know if you are interested.

Hope to see you at the lodge this year.

**Simon Clifford - Ski Director**

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## Operations

The lodge has been under remote management over the summer period with Graeme overseeing room allocations and arranging support staff to clean the lodge after bookings. Occupancy has been good up to the beginning of February. In the coming months there is plenty of opportunity for members and their guests to stay at the Lodge and to partake in the many great events hosted by Thredbo Resort or to simply pursue the activities that they enjoy.

The ski room has again filled up with equipment despite continued request for this not to happen. Ski equipment may not be left at the lodge unless in allocated lockers (of which there are a limited number and all currently fully utilised). Leaving ski equipment in the day area and using padlocks on the storage prejudices the use of this area by those staying at the lodge. Members should be aware that in March 2023 there will be another clearout of unauthorised equipment that has been left at the Lodge.



## Maintenance

As an update, an extensive work list has been prepared in consultation with Graeme Gibson and the Board identifying maintenance tasks and when they should be undertaken. Progress has been slow due to the Christmas New Year break, availability of contractors and the fact that the work is being managed remotely. This means a concerted effort is required for the remaining work, identified for this summer, to be completed by June.

From the identified work list items, Graeme has been in contact with Tim Robertson, a local resident qualified to undertake maintenance and a meeting is scheduled for the 16th to 22nd March 2023. Graeme has also been talking with Jindabyne Blind Lady re repairs to the curtains/blinds in the bed rooms, Alpine Window & Glass regarding window repair and an electrician regarding an Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger as well as the performance of the regular Fire Inspection.

Contact has been made with a licensed builder Richie Murton to undertake an assessment of the cladding and review of the initial installation and the recommended maintenance of the material including painting. This assessment to determine our next steps in addressing the cladding issue.

**Greg Taylor - Director Maintenance and Operations**