



NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2022-23

KEY DATES

29 Dec - 9 Jan
8 Apr - 13 Apr
Guaranteed Catering
Available

7 Dec
School Holiday
Ballot Closed

15 Dec
Notification of
School Holiday
Ballot Results

31 Dec
Subs Due

31 Jan
School Holidays
Invoices Due

1 Feb
Winter Bookings
Open for Members

TAC EVENTS

Date - TBC
Road Bike Week

Date - TBC
Hiking Weekend

Date - TBC
MTB Weekend

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Chair's Report

Spring is usually a quiet time at the lodge as the focus moves away from winter sports. I had the pleasure to attend the Children's Races presentation in October at The Greens@North Sydney. It was a very enjoyable afternoon where the kids tried their hand at bowls prior to the trophies being given out. The day was not without sadness though as we learnt that Sandy Dawson was too ill to attend. As many of you would know Sandy passed away this week. I would like to extend my condolences to his family and thank Penny for her tribute to Sandy later in this newsletter.

Our first summer guests have enjoyed a week of hiking, eating and relaxing and making full use of all that Thredbo has to offer. Thredbo has plenty of summer activities to suit all tastes including hiking, biking, swimming, fishing, golfing, tennis yoga bobsledding and picnicking all easily accessible from the village. And just a short drive away there is boating and sailing on Lake Jindabyne, horse riding, visits to the Wild Brumby Schnapps Distillery, or visit the Yarrongobilly Caves.

Mountain biking at Thredbo is open for the summer and we have a number of keen mountain bikers already booked in for the summer period. 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.

Members can make use of reasonable rates at the lodge over summer to enjoy a summer holiday with a difference. Catering is available during the summer during two weeks from December 29 and during the week of Easter in April from April 6, 2023. It is also available on request when there is a group of 16 or more booked in for at least 3 nights. If you want to enquire about catering availability during your planned visit, contact Graeme Gibson at lodge@tac.org.au.

This year the Club plans to run two club-based weekends – one for hikers and one for mountain bikers. These will be held in February and March 2023, and both will be fully catered. The hiking weekend will include organised group hikes on the main range. The mountain biking weekend will include races in the Gravity series and a trophy for the fastest club member. Look out for more information soon.

Spring at the Lodge is a time of cleaning and maintenance. Lodge Managers Graeme and Jennifer did a wonderful job of cleaning and general maintenance in early October. The Board met on site last weekend and marked a range of items to be attended to both large and small. Whilst the lodge remains in good repair it is clear that some capital expenditure will be required in the short to medium term to repair and replace capital items including sections of the cladding and upstairs windows. The club's Future Fund - which was set up to provide for this kind of capital expenditure has more than enough funds to undertake these works.

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](mailto:Clubman@tac.org.au). Key information is also posted on the club website www.tac.org.au. We send quarterly newsletters which are distributed by email and also posted on our club website and 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

VALE - Alexander ("Sandy") Tamerlane Sinclair Dawson SC

It is with great sadness that we inform you that one of our wonderful TAC members, Sandy Dawson, passed away this week, aged 50, having from suffered brain cancer for many months. He faced that adversity with grit and determination, but also with his trademark good humour. The Club's heartfelt condolences go to his wife Alex, his children, Jack, Freya, Holly and Henry, to his parents Jane and Sandy, and to his brother Angus.

Sandy was an involved and much-loved second-generation member of the TAC community, his parents having joined in the 1970s and who brought their kids along with them. All the Dawson children, Sandy, Katrina and Angus, were skiers. Sandy formally joined in 1993 as a newly minted adult member and later added Alex in 2007. Carrying on that proud tradition, Sandy and Alex brought their own four children into the club in the school holidays. They were all very popular in the club.

Showing a genuine commitment to TAC, after the tragic passing of Sandy's sister Katrina, the family instigated a memorial trophy in 2015 for the most outstanding girl skier of the year. Victoria Sherlock was its first recipient. Sandy attended the event for the presentation of the trophy each year.

As to his professional life, Sandy became a barrister in 2003 having practiced as a solicitor for a number of years. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 2016. Sandy was an exceptional barrister, particularly in the field of defamation. He was a skilful, brilliant, engaging and committed advocate. He was, and remains, a giant of the NSW Bar and a leader of the profession. He was a man of high integrity and ethical courage.

Most notably though Sandy was a warm and wonderful person. He was kind, generous and modest. Sandy was fun to be around. He had a legendary wicked sense of humour and dry wit, with a particular talent for impersonation and mimicry. He was an hilarious raconteur. Sandy's impeccable dress sense also should not go unnoticed; he was the embodiment of sartorial splendour. He rocked the pocket hankie like no one else.

We deeply mourn his passing; we are poorer for our loss of him, but richer for having known him.

Vale Sandy.

Please note that Sandy's family have request privacy whilst they come to terms with their grief and mourn Sandy's loss. In lieu of flowers or meals they suggest making a donation to the Cure Brain Cancer Foundation if you wish to do so. A private service will be held, followed by a memorial at a later date, with details to be advised when they are known to us. Condolence notes can be sent to the family via his barrister's chamber, at Banco Chambers, care of the Clerk, Jeh Coutinho.



Ski Report

Kids Presentation – Barefoot Bowls at The Greens North Sydney

On the back of a terrific 2022 School Holiday Development Program and Junior Interclub races, we held the presentation day at The Greens North Sydney where we did some barefoot bowling and the 2022 season trophy presentation for the various periods and male/female junior club champions.

Firstly, I have to thank my wife Annick for stepping in and doing set up and running the day for me (whilst I was at Phillip Island for the Moto GP) and our Chair Angela Brooks for also stepping in to help with set up and running the trophy presentations. We had a fantastic turn out with around 50 people.

The results for the kids development program were provided in a school holiday email Wrap-Up on the 19th July, but just in case you missed it, I've provided the following summary.

Period 1

Thanks to Hamish Mackay for stepping up as parent co-ordinator for period 1.

Our three fastest skiers for the period were Jarvis Blue, Charmian Goodsir & Saskia MacKay.

Period 2

Thanks to Mike Bailey for stepping up as the period 2 parent co-ordinator.

Our three fastest skiers for the period were Juliette Bailey, Eloise Bailey and Riley Mawhinney.

Period 3

Thanks to Catriona Graham for stepping up as parent co-ordinator.

Our three fastest skiers for the TAC Club race were Will Graham, Olivia Clifford & Seb Grehan.

Period 4

Thanks to Jerome Yim & Mark Lenzner for stepping up as the parent co-ordinators for period 4.

Our three fastest skiers for the TAC Club race were Jasper Bolles, Claudia Lenzner & Isabel Keenan.



Katrina Dawson & Andy Neil trophies

The Katrina Dawson trophy is awarded to our Junior Female Club Champion and the Andy Neil trophy to the Junior Male Club Champion.

The Junior female club champion and recipient of the Katrina Dawson Trophy was Olivia Clifford.
The Junior male club champion and recipient of the Andy Neil trophy was Will Graham.

Unfortunately, due to ill health, Sandy Dawson couldn't attend this year to present the Katrina Dawson trophy and it is sadly noted as I write that Sandy passed away early this week. I have read and heard many beautiful things said about Sandy in the press. Many of you will have known Sandy better than I, so all I can say is he always graciously made time in his busy schedule to be available for the kids presentation which I know he loved.

Once again it was lovely to have Andy Neil present the Junior Male Champion trophy.

For those not doing a northern winter, keep up your fitness by utilising the club and take advantage of the many activities on offer in Thredbo. Be that hiking, jogging, golf, Mountain biking, road riding or a walk in one of the greatest outdoors in NSW.

Adult Race week

As mentioned in previous communications, unfortunately we couldn't hold the Adult Interclub races or the Kurt Lance Tri Series races this year due to bad weather. Next year it will be 5 years since we've held the Adult Races (2019 cancelled due to "too much snow"!, 2020 & 2021 due to Covid and 2022 bad weather). On that note, I'd really love for TAC to put together a team of our best racers for 2023 (you know who you are), so start thinking about how you can get down for the races next year.... Let's put our best team forward.

Have a great summer/winter, Christmas/New Year, keep up your fitness and keep thinking about skiing.

Simon Clifford - Director of Skiing

Treasurer's Report

With 2022 coming toward a close, the club's financial picture for the year is now coming into focus. I anticipate that the club will close the year with the very pleasing result of a small surplus - something of a relief after the past two years of disrupted business. The 2022 winter season was a bumper season 'a world record' according to Graeme of 2335 beds and summer numbers are still tracking well above our average with 579 Jan-Jun and a further 235 Oct-Dec.

Revenues for the year look like ending up just shy of \$600,000. The club has two principal income streams - Subscriptions, which generated around \$200,000 for the club and Accommodation which this year look like earning close to \$400,000. In addition strong new member numbers contributed \$35,000 in entrance fees.

Expenses are likely to come in around \$570,000 for the year - the big ticket items being rent, wages, maintenance, insurance and non-cash expenses (amortisation and depreciation). The club invested \$25,000 in its Ski Programme - shy of the \$30,000 budget due to wash outs in the Adult Race Week.

Total cash reserves at the end of October are \$623,000 and members' equity \$2,356,869. We have just rolled over the Buffer Fund for a further 6 months, with interest rates higher than they have been in some time.

As Greg has flagged, following the November on-site meeting there is a maintenance programme to attend to over the summer and some capital works will be required in the medium term. There are funds set aside for this purpose. As is the usual practice, at the end of the club's financial year once the full financial picture is in view, an amount will be flagged for deposit into the future fund.

Sue Bishop - Treasurer



Summer at TAC

January Catering

Lona and Caro will be our in house caterers at TAC from 29 Dec to 8 Jan. There's still plenty of availability during from early January for anyone after a relaxing break in the mountains without having to cook!

TAC Hiking Weekend

We are planning another hiking weekend similar to the one that we ran two years ago (last year was washed out). The weekend will involve two days of hiking - with routes and details yet to be finalised - in on a Friday and out on a Monday so two full days of hiking.

The weekend of 17-20 March has been earmarked for this event. More details will be provided as the date approaches. If anyone would like more information please contact Ange Brooks - chair@tac.org.au.

What's on in Thredbo - Dec/Jan

4 Dec Gravity Girls

11 Dec Gravity Series #1: Ricochet Rumble

12 – 23 Dec MTB School Holiday Camps

15 – 18 Dec Ultra-Trail Kosciuszko

23 Dec – 15 Jan Kids Summer Adventure Festival

31 Dec Thredbo Music Series: Got Soul Collective presented by

Kosciuszko Pale Ale

7 Jan Thredbo Music Series: INXS Tribute Show presented by Kosciuszko Pale Ale

7 – 14 Jan Thredbo Fun & Fitness Week

14 Jan Thredbo Music Series: Ash Grunwald presented by Kosciuszko Pale Ale

18 Jan Gravity Girls

27 – 29 Jan Thredbo Blues Festival

Full Calendar available [here](#).

December - 2022

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January - 2023

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SPRING BREAK! is not just for American teenagers.

In this case it was for 15 or so “over 50s” with all levels of fitness, to walk in the gorgeous alpine air and take in all that Thredbo had to offer this month.

As we had the numbers, we were able to secure the extraordinary catering of Jen and Graeme. (But I have to say, the kitchen downstairs is now fully stocked with everything you need to cook up a storm, and we have a new BBQ.)

On one day, some of us hiked up to the top of the Snowgums lift. It was a strenuous but not difficult walk, with lots of steps but relatively easy ground to cover. Some of us jumped on the chairlift (the Kosciuszko lift is now also running now that the mountain bike season has started but only Snowgums was open then). We all then sat on top of the world, with our packed lunch, and took in the vista in the sunshine before strolling back down the hill for a glass of wine in front of the fire.

The odd swim, board game, hand of cards, and zoom yoga rounded off the activities with our wonderful friends. Catching up was at a maximum. With only 4 days away, it felt like a lifetime and we returned to Sydney refreshed and reinvigorated. It snowed on our last day!!! What a treat. If you're thinking about going down to the Lodge, think no more and start booking. It was truly wonderful. The photos however really say it all.

Penny Wass - Secretary

.....and it turns out that Jen is more than just an amazing cook! Proud hubby Graeme had tipped us off that in her spare time Jen was just a little bit crafty....

So amidst resounding oohs and aahs from the not quite teenagers, one afternoon after returning from our hike, Jen (with a little persuasion) showed us the quilt she had recently completed and which had won viewers' choice at a local art fair.

On the way home to the South Coast, Jen dropped the quilt in to the Braidwood Airing of the Quilts where we have just learnt it won “Best Quilt in Show”.

Big congratulations to Jen....maybe we need to start thinking about a quilting weekend sometime early next year?



Maintenance

I am pleased to report that Graeme and Jenny did an excellent job addressing the maintenance aspects of the club during the ski season - marked by a steep learning curve that began when the heating system failed at the start of the season. Having mastered the heating and other club infrastructure over the ski season Graeme has by default taken on maintenance over the summer, which should place us in a good position the next ski season.

An inspection of the building and surrounds was carried out on the 19 November by the Board members. The key points arising from the inspection are:

- The downstairs kitchenette is well stocked with kitchen utensils and once the mobile bench is delivered it will be very suitable for uncatered guest use.
- The cladding to the building is mostly in good condition but is obviously showing signs of early deterioration in certain areas. To commence a dialogue with the supplier our initial concerns and draft report has been passed onto James Hardie. Several of the windows were also noted to have moved or bent affecting the window seal. Money from the future fund will be required to cover the staged replacement of cladding and windows. Exactly when this occurs is still to be determined.
- Minor works were identified for the summer season as part of the ongoing maintenance program. This includes leaks, holes in eaves etc. which is nothing out of the usual, considering the environment and building use.
- The Board identified several longer-term projects to be investigated for implementation as part of maintaining the club at a high standard. Further investigation and planning are required by the Board before implementing and/or presenting to the members.

Overall, the maintenance program, supporting documentation and controls are in a good position with necessary funds available for the currently planned work and for several longer-term projects.

Operations

The new Club Managers Jen & Graeme stepped into their role without skipping a beat. Jen produced consistently delicious meals that were received with great appreciation by the members and Graeme ran a tight ship on the day to day operations of the lodge including co-opting resident members to help with the installation of the new lounge in the middle of Adult Race Week.

No major hiccups occurred in what was one of the club's busiest winter seasons in the past decade which was no doubt fuelled by pent up demand from two years without access to ski fields for many members. Jen & Graeme worked almost non-stop and without assistance for the whole seventeen weeks of the season and are now enjoying a well deserved rest, working their way through their own maintenance lists at home on the south coast!

While they won't be in residence at the lodge over the summer, Graeme will oversee operations at the club during this time and remains the point of contact for summer catering and other enquiries - lodge@tac.org.au.

The board is deeply appreciative of the tremendous job Jen & Graeme have done in steering TAC through the winter and extends a warm thanks for their Herculean efforts during this time.

Greg Taylor - Director Maintenance & Operations





Registrar's Report

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the nineteen new members that have joined the club in 2022. With another application under consideration, we are pleased to report a healthy balance of new members joining to older members resigning their membership of the club.

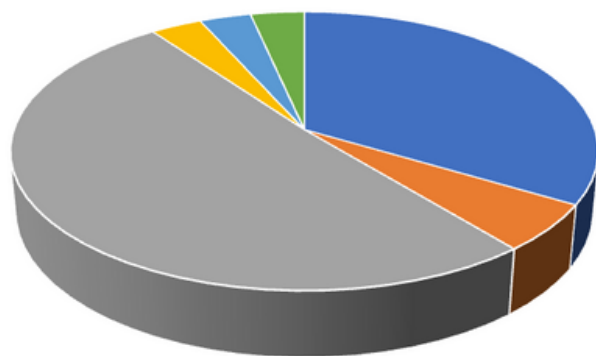
Whilst we will miss those members that have decided not to renew their membership status, we embrace our newly joined members and hope that they enjoy as many good times at the club in both the summer and winter months as those that have enjoyed TAC membership before them.

The club membership base is in good shape - especially in light of the number of young members embracing TAC club membership – we now have 37 members in the 18-25 bracket. We continue to welcome those children of members who are turning 18 year of age to take up their own membership at TAC - so they can independently enjoy the club in their adult years.

Wishing you a Happy, Healthy & Safe Holiday season!

Ange O'Dea - Registrar

TAC membership by class NOV 22



- Under 18
- 18-25
- Member
- Senior
- Overseas
- Life / Foundation / Honorary

Bookings Report

Winter 2022

Our final winter bed night tally for the season was 2335 beds. One of the best results in years.

Summer 2022-23

So far we have 392 beds booked for the summer of 2022-23 which is slightly down on last year's bookings.

School Holiday Ballot

The school holiday ballot opened in late October and closes on December 7. Members with school aged children are reminded to apply by ballot for bookings next year.

Those members who missed out on a booking for 2022 will have first preference in 2023. The ballot will be drawn after this date and members who applied for the ballot, will be notified of the outcome by December 15 2023.

Rules and Code of Conduct

Our Rules and Code of Conduct document is available on the [website](#). Please make time to familiarise with how the TAC community works, including expected standards of behaviour in the lodge and the cancellation policy.

We look forward to seeing you at the lodge soon!

Lyn Wood and Angela Brooks, Booking Directors