



Bogong Bulletin

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The Alpine Rovers and Venturers Newsletter



Half Weeks!

The BCMG has decided to offer Half Week Winter Parties this year over the week 10 period. Two options are offered, from Saturday 29th August to Wednesday 2nd September and Wednesday 2nd to Saturday 5th September. Operating like a regular winter party, only shorter, they will offer great spring skiing for those who can only get a few days off work. Half weeks will not be available for any other winter party. Apply on the regular application form from www.bogongroverchalet.org.au

Lake Eyre fills

Although it has been dry down in the South, rain through Queensland and Northern NSW has lead to Lake Eyre filling with water. Last time that there was a significant amount of water in the lake was in 2000 and we had a bumper snow season!



First Snow of 2009

Maybe as a result of Lake Eyre filling, Anzac Day saw the first significant snow falls of 2009. Over 30cm fell at Falls Creek, and with cold wet weather continued to be forecast, there looks to be more snow to fall this early in the season!



Vale Lee Thaw

Bogong Rover Lee Thaw passed away on Friday 3rd April. A Rover, avid skier and fisherman, Lee attended winter parties in the 40's and 50's and played a major part in the development of the Victorian Skiing industry at Mt Baw Baw, constructing huts and installing ski tows. The Rope Tow at the Chalet is one of Lee's old Mt Baw Baw tows. Lee was belatedly invested as a Bogong Rover at the 75th Anniversary celebrations last year.

Ski Fun Day

The Alpine Rover Crews annual day trip will be held at Lake Mountain on Sunday 26th July. After devastating bushfires burnt through the region this year it is an opportunity to help the Marysville and the entire Murrindindi area recover from the Black Saturday bushfire by going skiing. Help even more by hiring skis locally, buying lunch, or maybe even staying the night in the region.



Visit

www.bogongroverchalet.org.au

For more information on the Bogong Rover Chalet

What's On?

2009

- May 9-10
Food Weekend
Chalet Summer Season Closes
- June 6-8
Queens Birthday Weekend
Ski Season Opens
- June 10**
Ski Expo
- June 27-July 4
Victorian/QLD Snow Venture
- July 4-11
Week 2 Winter Party
- July 11-18
South Aust. Snow Venture
- July 18-25
Week 4 Winter Party
- July 26**
Ski Fun Day
- July 25-August 1
Week 5 Winter Party
- August 1-8
Week 6 Winter Party
- August 8-15
Week 7 Winter Party
- August 15-22
Week 8 Winter Party
- August 22-29
Week 9 Winter Party
- August 29
Kangaroo Hoppet Ski Marathon
- August 29-September 2**
Week 10a Half Week Winter Party
- September 2-September 5**
Week 10b Half Week Winter Party
- September 5-12
Week 11 Winter Party
- September 12-19
Week 12 Winter Party
- September 19-26
Victorian/QLD Snow Venture
- October 31-November 3
Melbourne Cup Weekend
Bogong Summer Season Opens

Alpine Rover Crew Chairman's Report

With Christmas, Bushfires, Floods and Computer Crashes, it's been a long time since the last Bogong Bulletin. Although the Bulletin hasn't been out, the management group has been busy.

Working bees have been completed at the Chalet, with some great efforts over the Australia Day and Easter Long Weekends. Teams have also been out promoting the chalet at scouting events.

Many Alpine Rovers volunteered their time to assist in the Black Saturday Bushfires Relief Effort. This has included manning the phones at the Victorian Rover Centre to co-ordinate scouting volunteers, helping at relief centers across the state, collecting donations, helping out at the Channel Nine Telethon, and fighting the fires. In the aftermath of the Bushfires, we can offer further support to the effected communities, particularly around Marysville, by visiting them and going skiing.

Luke Moore, ARC Chairman

2009 BCMG Positions

A new Management Group was elected in October. The New BCMG is Sheena Bailey - BCMG Chairman, Lynette Bailey - BCMG Secretary, Kathlene Pearce - Bookings Officer 18-26, John Linnell 18-26, Kyle Nash 18-26, Will Chrisfield 18-26, Bryce Gibson 18-26, Tony Brooks - Merchandise 26-30, Ben Stennett 26-30, Peter Rossborough - Maintenance 30+ & Doug Smith 30+. Cameron Roy and Andrew Tremain liaise with the management Group as South Australian Representatives, and we are looking for Rover Age Representatives from other States.

The Alpine Rover Crew positions remain unchanged, with Myself as Chairman and Mick Simpson as Secretary.

Matt Anderson is Warden, Linda Moore & Les Wiebenga are Assistant Wardens, Jody Freeman Honorary Treasurer, Sue Tanck - Honorary Historian, Donna Anderson - Catering Officer and Chris Gunther - Webmaster

2009 Bookings Status

Once again the South Australians have done a great job in getting early bookings in. SA Snow Venture is already booked out, and week 2 is filling with South Australian Rovers. Week 4 will again be booked out to Little Yarra Steiner School, and Melbourne Bushwalkers are looking to come week 7 this year. There are plenty of places available on all the other winter parties. This year we are trialing Half Weeks over the week 10 period for people who may not be able to get a full week off work. (There should be fantastic spring skiing!)

We ask everyone who is planning on doing a winter party to get their applications in early. It helps the BCMG plan Winter Parties, and also helps the bookings officer get the job done efficiently. Members of the BCMG are volunteers, and have to fit their Chalet commitments between Family, Work and Study Commitments.



Have a Winter Party on Kevin!

You probably don't need any extra ideas on how to spend your stimulus payments. But how about using some of it to pay for your 09 winter party? Not only will it help stimulate the economy, but you will also stimulate yourself with a great week of skiing at the Bogong Rover Chalet. Maybe you could put the left over money towards some new ski gear from Ski

Expo on Wednesday 10th June at EMC

Winter Party Pricing

The BCMG has had to increase the cost of Winter Parties this year. Early Bird bookings have gone up \$5 and regular bookings by \$10. This has been due to the increasing cost of fresh food, fuel, transport and insurance. The BCMG's desire is to keep the costs of Winter Parties low, while still being able to maintain the chalet to a high standard.

2008/9 Maintenance, Improvement and Working Bees

Over the summer period we have had plenty of people contributing to the chalet at working bees. Jobs completed this summer include the cladding, installation of a UV water treatment plant, reconditioning Lister (he had a trip to Melbourne), lots of painting, weeding, electrical works, cleaning and firewood stacking.

The chalet is now almost ready for winter, and the Maintenance Team is beginning to plan the 2009/10 summer maintenance and improvements. The long term job of replacing the timber cladding with steel is almost completed, and now the most pressing job on the list is recoating the bathroom floor. Ideally this needs to be done over two weekends before Christmas. If anybody can assist us in this or any other maintenance task, contact us at bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au

Luke Moore, ARC Chairman

For the Alpine Rover who has all the Bogong Rover
Chalet Merchandise, introducing the new

Soft Shell Jackets

These jackets are very similar to the current jackets but made of a Water Repellent, Breathable and wind proof material.

(Water Repellent Rating: 3,000mm inner membrane, Breathability Rating: 3,000g/m2.)



These jackets are available on an order only basis, and will cost \$75, including delivery. Samples are at the chalet.

To order your jacket today either email, merchandise@brooksweb.id.au or call 0408 551 307

Bogong Bulletin Data Base:

We are currently working through our mailing list to make sure we have a comprehensive contact list of Alpine Rover Crew and Bogong Rover Crew.

If you get the bulletin by mail, could you please forward us an email address to bulletin@bogongroverchalet.org.au Also, if you know of anyone who does not get the bulletin and should, email their details to the above address too.

Bogong Rover Crew Nominations

While the season is still fresh in your mind, please consider Bogong Rover Crew nominations.

All Bogong Rovers can nominate, so if you have someone you think should be considered, nominate them now!

Nomination forms, along with eligibility are on our website at:

www.bogongroverchalet.org.au/aboutUsBogongRC or call me on 0410585433 and I'll organize a form to be posted to you/

Luke Moore, ARC Chairman



I Need Help

We try to put the Bogong Bulletin out 4 times a year. We try to fill it with things that will interest you but with one person doing most of the writing, I worry that it only has things that interest me!

I would love to get reports from winter parties, great tours, holidays or high country activities. As well as announcements, gossip and innuendo to fill the bulletin and keep it interesting.

If you have anything that may interest other Alpine Rovers, email it to me at

bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au

Luke Moore, ARC Chairman

New Email List

The Alpine Rover Crew email list will now be managed through the Victorian Rovers web server. This will allow us to more efficiently get urgent messages and the Bulletin out to you, and also to manage the list. The Bogong Bulletin will now come from bogongbulletin@groups.vicrovers.com. The new email system will be moderated, and allow Alpine Rovers to subscribe, unsubscribe and change their contact details themselves.

We apologise if we are sending the bulletin to people who have previously unsubscribed, but a computer crash has meant we have had to recreate our mailing list.

Address Update:

Have you changed your address or do you have an email address? Help us keep track of our Alpine Rover Crew by completing the form below and post this entire page (including old address label) to the above address. If you are receiving the bulletin via post, and would like to receive it by email, send your email address to bogongchalet@vicscouts.asn.au

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Alpine Rover Crew and Bogong Chalet Management Group

Ski Expo

Wednesday 10th June from 8pm

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EMC

68 Whitehorse Rd, Deepdene

Melway Ref 46 A7

Plenty of parking is available in Barnsbury Rd

