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Waters Falls

Alpine and Scouting legend Bill Waters has been honoured by the naming of a waterfall after him. Waters Falls, as they are now officially called, are near Fainters Falls close to Bogong village. They were previously unnamed, due to their remote location in difficult terrain, and were one of two falls revealed in 2005 during site research for a new hydro power station.

The campaign to name the falls after this pioneer of Alpine walking and skiing has been led by one of Bill Water's former friends and a fellow Rover, Jim Crebbin.

It has been a lengthy wait for Jim Crebbin, an Alpine Rover, who has been pushing for the naming of the falls for over 6 years. The second waterfall is called Tree Fern Falls. You can see the falls on the final upward drive into Falls Creek on the opposite ridge. Information provided courtesy of Parks Victoria.

<http://parkweb.vic.gov.au/about-us/news/falls-named-after-alps-legend>

Ski Expo 2012

Ski Expo will be held on Wednesday 13th June at EMC in Deepdene. Ski Expo is a great chance to buy all sorts of quality outdoors gear (not just skis) and get expert advice about your equipment or an upcoming trip you have planned.

It is also a chance to catch up with friends before winter, and hear amazing stories and advice from a guest speaker. Supper is provided, and there are always great deals offered by Doug on various items.

- Cross country skis, poles and boots
- Telemark Skis
- Plastic Boots
- Downhill skis and boots
- Gore-Tex Jackets
- Tents
- Sleeping Bags
- Stoves
- Packs
- Books
- Maps
- Waxes
- Snowboards and Boots
- Merino Wool Thermals
- Expert Advice

Mountain Bike Weekend

Mountain Bike Weekend is on again. This year the event will be held from Thursday 12th April until Sunday 15th April. As usual it is going to be an exciting event with plenty of mountain biking to be had. Places visited previously have included Wallace's Hut, Mount Nelse, Mount McKay, Shannonvale, Langfords Gap, Kelly's Hut, Fitzgerald's Hut and Cope Hut.

If you know someone who is interested in attending this event, please fill out an application form (available from the website) and send it off with the money (\$60) asap. More details (and the application form) can be found at

<http://www.bogongroverchalet.org.au/summerMtbWeekend.html> .



ARC Chairman Report

Wow! How this year has flown by! Belated congratulations to the latest members of the BCMG, elected last October. Kathleen Pearce has taken on the challenge of the chairperson role for another 12 months, while Will Chrisfield, Bryce Gibson, Paddy Dennis, Tony Brooks, Jessica Ashburner, John Linnell and Peter Rossborough continue to support the BCMG. Welcome to some new members for 2012- namely Sam Atkins (previously served on the BCMG), Sheena Bailey (chairperson in 2009) and Doug Smith (also previously served on the BCMG) and Robbie Fisher.

Preparations are under way for this year's Ski Expo, to be held on the 13th June (Wednesday) at EMC. As always, it will be a good night with a guest speaker and some big discounts to be had on various ski items. This year we have completed a number of maintenance tasks, the main task being that of replacing the fireplace in the Dining Room. A big thanks must go out to the team who completed this project on the Australia Day weekend- Peter Rossborough, Matt Anderson and Luke Moore. All three currently serve on the BCMG or ARC. While their help is much appreciated, we always need others able to 'lend a hand' who aren't necessarily serving on the committee. Remember, the rover motto is "Service" and this applies as much to the Scouting movement as to the community external to scouting.

Other maintenance tasks that have been completed this year are listed below under the heading "Maintenance Tasks Completed".

Early Bird bookings closed a few days ago (1st April) so if you haven't booked your winter party yet, you're going to have to cough up a bit extra to have the time of your life at a Winter Party this year.

According to Bruce A. Peterson, this year's season is going to be marginally better than the 2011 season, with an expectation of about 20cm more snow than the overall average (from 1954-2011). Read his full report at <http://www.mso.anu.edu.au/~peterson/snowdepth.pdf> (if you're interested in that sort of thing).

See you on the snow!

Lynette Bailey, ARC Chairman















Rover Ski Moot

This year week 4 almost fits with Victorian Uni Holidays so we are holding a Rover Ski Moot. Details are as follows:

Date: Saturday July 21st – Saturday July 28th

Cost: \$340 (includes accommodation from 20/7-28/7, food, use of ski tow and bus transport between Falls Creek and Mount Beauty).

2012 Bookings Status

Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8a	8b	9	10	11	12	13
Status														

Easter Working Bee

It is on Friday 6th – Monday 9th April and we need your help. Working bees are a great social weekend as well as giving you the chance to give something back to Rover Skiing. Let the Bookings officer know on 0407242 538 or bookings@bogongroverchalet.org.au if you can attend.

New Fire Place

The Dining Room fire place has been replaced with a fan forced slow combustion heater. This should heat the dining room quicker and will use less fuel than the old open fire place. The old fire place will be installed at Clifford Park Scout Camp. Like the oven in the kitchen, please don't slam the door. Also, you may need to use the gas stove in the kitchen for wood burning plaques, or alternatively the electric soldering iron. Thanks must go to Peter Rossborough for removing the old fireplace, Peter and Matt Anderson for installing the new fireplace, and Luke Moore for completing the brickwork to make it look nice.



Wallace's Hut Restoration

Parks Victoria and the Victorian High Country Huts Association have been doing some great work in restoring Wallace's Hut. The work crews have so far spent two weekends based at the Chalet working to bring the hut back to its original condition. Using traditional building techniques and few modern tools they have excavated the land around the hut to its original level and replaced all of the rotten timbers.

To see the quality of the work being done and the passion of the volunteers doing the work is awe inspiring and the Alpine and Bogong Rover Crews thank them for this.



Suggestions Box

Contrary to popular belief the BCMG consider all the suggestions in the suggestion box. But we ask that if you leave a suggestion could you please put your name and a contact number or email on it if we need clarification (or a volunteer to do the job).

Maintenance Tasks Completed

- Maintenance tasks that have been completed this year have included:
- Improved fuel supply to Ned (the drying room heater)
- Replaced Dining room fireplace for a slow combustion heater
- About 2 rows of Snowgum wood chopped and stacked in woodshed (supplied to us by Parks Victoria)
- UV treatment reinstalled and operating
- Fireplace bricked up and working very well
- Extra 24V lights installed in dining room
- Brighter Lights in wood shed and bulk pantry
- New First Aid Kit
- Fly screens repaired and new ones installed to toilet windows
- Wardens flat window repaired
- New rope installed on new flagpole
- Bulk food stock-take completed
- Axes and splitters re-handled
- Grease trap didn't need cleaning - the 'bugs' work!

We still have quite a few items on the list to be completed before Winter. It would be great if you could help us at the Easter Working Bee.

Local Fauna

We thought they were out there but have a look at this little beauty we nearly ran a wheel burrow over on the Labour Day Working bee. Please be careful in the Australian Bush.

Remember- First Aid for a Snake Bite:

1. Check for danger to yourself!
2. Calm and reassure patient
3. Bandage firmly over the bite, then up the limb towards the heart, then down the limb away from the heart.



First Aid Kits

The chalet has some expedition and workplace first aid kits. These have been raided over winter and would not have been useful if we had a medical emergency over summer. The first aid kits at the chalet are for medical emergencies. We remind all chalet users that they should plan to be self sufficient in regards to personal first aid kits and medical/blister treatment supplies. A stock of medical supplies is available in the first aid cupboard to deal with minor injuries.

Lost from the Chalet

Over the summer we have noticed a few items missing from the chalet.

Expedition first aid kit marked Bogong Rover Chalet

Trangia Stove marked Bogong Rover Chalet

These items probably got left in a pack after a tour and taken home, we would love for them to appear at the Chalet again or be dropped off at the Rover Office.

Blue Name Tapes

Alpine and Bogong Rovers updating their uniforms can get blue name tapes from the rover office or by contacting Luke Moore at lucasmooore75@gmail.com

Log Books

The older log books have been missing from the chalet for quite a while. We took them out after the fires and have been trying to get copies made. This has proved to be quite expensive and for now the logbooks will be returned to the chalet. A great BP project may be for a rover to scan them and create an electronic copy. Contact Sue Tanck at soozee32@gmail.com if you can assist.

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 presents

Ski Expo 2012

Wednesday 13th June from 8pm

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EMC

68 Whitehorse Rd, Deepdene

Melway Ref 46 A7

Plenty of parking is available in Barnsbury Rd