

Welcome to the Winter 2017 Bogong Ski Club Newsletter.

Members are reminded that junior members can now join the club as full members from when they turn 18 years of age and before they turn 21 years of age. It is up to members to ensure junior members of the family maintain their membership for five consecutive years preceding their application to qualify to become a full member of the club. On reaching the age 21 years former junior members of the club are no longer eligible to stay at Bogong Ski Club as a junior member.

### **Member News**

Anjali Dutta, Lachlan Hall and Julia L O'Brien are welcomed to the club as new members.

### **Ski Season 2017**

While the 2017 season got off to a slow start conditions really picked up once August arrived with snow depth quickly picking up to over 150 cm of snow.

With Ski season for 2017 slowly drawing to a close there are still some opportunities to get up to Falls Creek and enjoy the good snow conditions that are still on the mountain.

The club is providing an excellent opportunity for members and guests to sample the great conditions that will exist into spring by reducing bed rates to the summer bed rate from the 9 September on.

## **Falls Creek Summer Activities**

Falls Creek Summer activities will kick off as soon as the snow season finishes or even before the season finishes in the case of the McKayos endure.

For a full program of summer activities at Falls Creek look on the Falls Creek Resort Management website.

## **McKayos Snow Dirt Road Enduro**

From the summit of Mt McKay 22 kilometres to the shores of Lake Guy at Bogong Village. In between you have a ski resort, Alpine National Park and some of the country's best single track.

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Now picture bombing this with 300 other pinners all taking off in a mass start for a 1,750 metre total descent – that is the chaos part.

Australia's only mass start, snow dirt road enduro returns to the slopes of Falls Creek once more. Taking off from the summit of McKay (Australia's highest accessible point by car), riders will traverse the snowy peak, through single track, fire trails and the High Plains Road to the pristine shore of Lake Guy in Bogong Village.

This is one ride you will not experience get elsewhere.

Combining snow, dirt and road, the course takes riders 23 kilometres through snowy roads, single track (7 kilometres), fire trails and sealed mountain roads for a total descent of 1,750 metres. A mass start on snow is something that is not to be missed.

## **MTB Ignition Season Opener**

Get your riding mates together and kick off the 2017/18 MTB season with a bang.

Blue Dirt Mountain Biking presents Ignition, a mountain bike event hinged on the core social elements of the rider lifestyle.

Join at Falls Creek 18-19 November 2017 to celebrate all things MTB.

One ticket gets you everything. Don't miss out – Book Now

## **The Alpine Challenge**

The Alpine Challenge is without doubt the toughest, most challenging, most spectacular and rewarding mountain trail run in Australia—if not the southern hemisphere.

The 100 mile course runners take in six major climbs with 7,600 metres of ascent and descent including Mt Feathertop, Mt Hotham, Mt McKay, Spion Kopje, Mt Nelse and Victoria's highest mountain, Mt Bogong and four river crossings.

The 100 kilometre involves over 4,000 metres of ascent and descent.

## **Maintenance**

Major maintenance items that are in full swing at the lodge include:

- Replacement of two cracked double glazed windows in the dining room, one in room 8 and one in room 9. The replacement of these windows had to be delayed due to delays from the supplier.

- Replacement of the toilet bowl in room 9.
- Painting the outside of the lodge which had to be delayed until windows were replaced will have to wait until outside temperatures increase towards the end year.

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