



# VICTORIA POLICE ALPINE CLUB

Incorporated  
ABN 927 949 311 34

**P.O. Box 33 Blackburn South. Victoria. 3130**

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## **Information Package & Membership application**

**The Victoria Police Alpine Club is a self funded club dedicated to the promotion of all Alpine Sports and activities.**

The club is situated halfway between Mansfield and Mt Buller, Victoria and offers its own facilities comprising of an eight bedroom lodge on 14 acres only 30 minutes from the ski fields. The lodge sleeps up to 34 in either single or double bunks. It boasts a huge double kitchen, games & TV room, three bathrooms, laundry facilities, drying room, covered parking and covered outdoor BBQ and entertaining area.

**Open all year round**, the club offers direct access to the high country. Activities available include Snow Sports such as Skiing & Snowboarding, Bush Walking, Camping, Horse riding, 4 Wheel driving, Trail riding, Water Sports, Boating, and Fishing. The club is also available for conferences on application and depending on season.

Situated in Buttercup Road Merrijig, the lodge sits abreast the undulating splendour overlooking the valley and the magnificent Mt Timbertop, Mt Stirling and Mt Buller, offering some of the most spectacular views of the ranges all year round. A short drive from the lodge (40 minutes) will find you on top of Mt Buller.

The lodge is perfectly situated to take advantage of the numerous off season activities enjoyed in the "High Country".

There is a dining area, a lounge area with wood fireplace, a separate games room with its own wood fire, a pool table, large screen TV with DVD and surround sound. The TV also is compatible with PCs for presentations etc and is ideal for conferences with local catering available if required.

## **HISTORY**

In the early 1970's when the club was called the Victoria Police Ski Club the lodge consisted of a Forestry Commission Hut at Mirrimbah. Fortunately for us all today the Forestry Commission decided to demolish the Hut. Thus the inspiration for the current lodge was born. A group of dedicated Foundation members bought the current property and built the lodge. The early 90's saw the lodge extended with the inclusion of additional bedrooms and again in 2006 a further extension to each end of the lodge saw the completion of the games and TV room and a huge undercover entertaining area.

A volunteer Committee of Management runs the VPAC. This group of 12 people does all the work necessary to keep the facility running in an efficient manner. It is not necessary to be a Police member, or a skier to join the club and enjoy the lodge facilities and club activities.



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Some of our organised club activities include the following:

## **BUSH WALKING WEEKEND**

A weekend of muscle exhausting walking held in local ranges, sight seeing and views unlimited — held in the warmer weather.

## **4WD WEEKENDS**

Originally we allocated one weekend each year for a club four wheel drive outing. Due to popularity we now run several a year with one dedicated weekend for the diehard off road enthusiasts and some more sedate weekends for those that are not quite as adventurous. These weekends start off at the club with participants heading off into the surrounding terrain. We usually return to the lodge for Saturday night but on occasions these trips have turned into overnight bush camps. Usually Sundays are spent travelling home to Melbourne via the hills at Jamieson and ending up back at Warburton via big River. Other private 4X4 trips are run throughout the non skiing season.

## **LODGE LOCATION**

Lot 7 Buttercup Road, Merrijig. Take the Mt Buller Road out of Mansfield, travel 12.7km from the 100km 1 hour sign on the outskirts of Mansfield and turn left into Buttercup Road. Travel 2.7km down Buttercup road to the gate of the property. There are blue reflectors of the post and VPAC sign on gate. Pass over the cattle grid and up the driveway. Lodge Phone Number is 03 5777 5634 (See map on brochure)

## **SUPPLIED**

Facilities provided by the club include a dual kitchen (Completely renovated with new appliances in 2004) with gas hotplates, microwave ovens, gas stove and electric oven, fridges, drinks fridge, crockery, cutlery, glassware, cooking utensils, tea, coffee and sugar. There is also a phone in the foyer area that allows free local calls but is barred for STD. Full mobile phone service is available from the lodge. There is a huge living area with separate games room with pool table and large screen TV. There is an undercover outdoor entertaining / relaxation area with BBQ.

## **PLEASE BRING**

You must take your own linen including sheets, blankets, pillows, sleeping bags, towels, food and drink.



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## **BOOKING INFORMATION**

The Booking Officer has full and total control of bed allocation and all matters pertaining to bookings. The booking officer is the only person empowered to arrange or confirm a booking.

## **RATES**

See web site [www.vpski.com](http://www.vpski.com) for up to date accommodation rates.

### **\*\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*\*\*\***

Accommodation must be paid for within 14 days of booking being accepted in order to confirm the booking. If bookings are not confirmed the dates will be re advertised as vacant or allocated to the next "Standby Booking".

## **BOOKING OFFICER**

**Preferred** Telephone Booking Hours:

**Tuesday & Thursday 6.30pm-9.30pm**

Booking Officer:

Telephone: 03 95100454

**Alternate contact number for  
emergencies is John Blaikie on  
0421 634335 any time.**

Bookings can be made anytime via our web site at [www.vpski.com](http://www.vpski.com) and completing the booking form on the accommodation link. Available dates and occupancy can also be viewed via the web site. All accommodation payments to:

**"Booking Officer, VPAC, 1 Moodie  
Place St Kilda 3182 "**

## **BOOKING PERIOD**

### **Accommodation Rates & guidelines**

**For all bookings the following time lines apply.**

**"Foundation and Life members" may book 4 months in advance and 2 months in advance for their guests.**

**"General club members" may book 3 months in advance and 2 months in advance for their guests.**

**"Guests" may book 2 months in advance**



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Before you ring please work out how many double & / or single beds you require, and how flexible your preferences are.

**All booking requests via the Booking link on the website.**

- On receiving confirmation from the booking officer, bed allocation is booked as tentative until the Booking Officer receives payment. Payment for bookings is required within 14 days of booking being made or immediately if booking is within 14 days of accommodation dates.
- Names of all persons attending Lodge are to be given to the Booking Officer at the time the booking is made. Payment will assure your booking and details of room and beds allocated will be giving to person making booking at that time. Confirmation of bed allocation is displayed on notice board at Lodge and must be complied with. Vacating of rooms by 10am day of departure is required so incoming guest can unpack. If you wish to use the facilities during your day of departure you can leave your bags in the lodge in either the laundry, next to the book case in living area or in the drying room if it is not the winter period. • If payment is not received by Booking Officer within 14 days your booking may be deleted and will be open for rebooking by any other members and guests.
- The preferred method of payment for accommodation is EFT via your bank. Account details supplied on booking confirmation or a cheque made out to the Victoria Police Alpine Club.

## **CANCELLATIONS AND ALTERATIONS**

The Booking Officer may use discretion when dealing with cancellations; however the following guidelines can be invoked:

- Cancellation will only be accepted in writing, and provided the written cancellation is received by the booking officer 14 days prior to the first day booked, a refund of 50% of the total booking shall be allowed.
- Alterations will be accepted at the discretion of the booking officer, having regard to normal parameters. However, in the case of movements of bookings to the future, the cancellation regulation shall apply.



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- Alterations or cancellation refunds not otherwise allowable, unless special circumstances, and at discretion of the committee management.

## **HOUSE RULES**

1. On arrival you **must** sign into the Visitors ledger, and sign out on departure. This is important for our liquor licence.
2. The Booking Officer will co-ordinate bookings to best satisfy the needs of all guests. Rooms and beds will be allocated as far as possible at time of booking. Final allocations are faxed to the caretaker who will place the information on the lodge noticeboard.
3. **Only the bedroom allocated to you is to be used.** Do not move into empty rooms as you may be asked to move at a very inconvenient time due to late arrivals. (We sometimes have late arrivals which are not on the bed allocation notice at the lodge.)
4. Water is tank supplied and you are requested to use it very wisely.
5. Septic tanks operate for toilets, so no foreign materials to be flushed.
6. In order to maintain the lodge in first class condition, cleaning chores are shared. Please read your chores and **DO THE RIGHT THING**
7. NO Pets or firearms of any description, at any time.
8. Children are welcome at all times and no charge is applied to children in a basinet or cot, but full charge applies to children occupying a bed. **(A child is under 18 years of age).**
9. **All guests are liable for damages caused by themselves or their children to club property.**
10. All financial members are entitled to a key on payment of a fee. Apply to the Secretary.
11. Power is to be left on at all times but if you are leaving the lodge for the day ensure the heaters and or air-conditioners are switched off.
12. Our lodge is built of timber. Please be Fire Wise. Ensure doors to wood heaters are closed and children are strictly not permitted to tend to the fires. Parents will be held responsible and liable for damage caused by children under their care.



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13. **No outdoor fire / campfires etc are allowed at any time of the year.**

14. Vehicles are to be parked in the carport. The area outside the lodge is for unloading & loading only.

15. Please keep the noise to a minimum after 10.pm.

16. Your garbage is to be placed in the wheelie bins at the front of the cattle grid. Garbage collection is early Thursday morning. Use the recycle bins outside the kitchen for tins, glass etc.

17. Mini bikes and four-wheel drive vehicles are **not permitted** off road on the Club property.

18. Rooms must be vacated by 10am on the last day of your stay as new guests can arrive from 10 am onwards. Luggage may be left in the foyer, laundry or in the drying room if it is not winter.

19. If you are the last to leave the lodge please ensure the lights are off and fire is secure. Power must stay on but make sure room / bathroom heaters are switched off at the power points and the air-conditioners are off. Please lock the doors and sign out.

20. The Caretaker acts under the authority of the Committee of Management in all matters relating to the running of the Lodge to ensure the comfort of all members and guests. This authority is extended to all matters relating to cleanliness of the Lodge, use of equipment and bedroom allocation.

21. **Please drive slowly and keep the dust down.** The water supply of the lodge and our neighbours is tank water from our roofs and the less dust the better for water quality.





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The VPAC **Home Page** may be found at [www.vpski.com](http://www.vpski.com) and contains back copies of the Newsletter **Wombat's Run**, current information, the Club pamphlet, a selection of pictorial scenes around the Lodge and has E-mail links for all committee members.

**For further enquiries see web site and committee member list and contact details.**



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<p><b>Applicant</b></p> <p>(Please send this application together with payment sheet and fees payable to the above address)</p>	<p>I hereby apply to become a member of the Victoria Police Alpine Club Incorporated. In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the Club for the time being in force. <b>I understand that a security check may be carried out and I hereby authorise such security check by signing below. The results of any such check will remain confidential.</b></p>		
<b>Family Name</b>			
<b>Given Names</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>Post Code</b>			
<b>Phone AH.</b>		<b>Phone BH.</b>	
<b>Phone Mob</b>		<b>Email Address (will remain confidential)</b>	
<b>Occupation</b>			
<b>Membership Type (Please circle)</b>	<b>Family / Single</b>		<b>Police / Associate</b>
<p>Please complete if <b>Family Membership</b></p> <p>(A fully dependant child under 18 years is included under family membership)</p>	<p>Name of Spouse / Partner .....</p> <p>Names of dependant Children</p> <p>1..... Date of Birth .....</p> <p>2..... Date of Birth .....</p> <p>3..... Date of Birth .....</p> <p>4..... Date of Birth .....</p>		
<b>Police Members Only</b>	<p>Reg No. .... Rank .....</p> <p>Work Centre / Station .....</p>		
<b>Signature of Applicant</b>	<p>Signed..... Date .....</p>		
<b>Proposer to Complete</b>	<p>I, ..... a member of the Victoria Police Alpine Club, nominate the applicant who is personally known to me, for membership to the Club.</p> <p>Signed ..... Date .....</p>		
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**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Joining Fee                      \$150                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family Subscription              \$50                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Or**

Single Subscription              \$40                      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total**    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make cheques payable to "Victoria Police Alpine Club" and mail to:*

**PO Box 33**

**Blackburn South, Victoria, 3130.**

**Or direct EFT to BSB 704230 Account number 100010305**

**Reference "New" and your surname.**

**Office Use Only**

Treasurer / Secretary to complete: -

<b><u>Application Received</u></b>	<u>Date:</u> _____
<b><u>Fees Received</u></b>	<u>Date:</u> _____ <u>Amount:</u> _____
<b><u>Key Forwarded</u></b>	<u>Date:</u> _____
<b><u>Address List Updated</u></b>	<u>Date:</u> _____
<b><u>Membership Approved by Committee</u></b>	<u>Date:</u> _____
<b><u>Information Forwarded</u></b>	<u>Date:</u> _____
<b><u>Other</u></b>	<u>Date:</u> _____