



Wombats Run News Letter

March 2011

Presidents message

Newsletter number two for 2011 puts us at the start of a new club year. As such this edition is being forwarded out as a hard mail to every member with a notification of the A.G.M. and a new venue. This year we have decided to hold the AGM at a venue a little more east than normal. The Mulgrave Club in Glen Waverley has been chosen to allow the opportunity to dine beforehand at the attached restaurant and perhaps attract some of you who have found the old city venue a little far to travel to. We have attached a map highlighting the location later on in the newsletter. The Mulgrave Clubs location puts it only a few minutes from either the Eastern or Monash Freeways on Wellington Road.

We have received a lot of feedback regarding the new bathroom renovations and I am pleased with how well these additions have been received. There can be no doubt that the new facilities have certainly raised the standard.

As members of the club you will be aware we have certain rules regarding whole of lodge bookings, family bookings and how far in advance various members or non-members can book. Certain occurrences regarding whole of lodge bookings have required the committee to revisit our rules and there have been some clarifications published later on in the newsletter regarding family and whole of lodge bookings in order to make it fairer for all users of the club.

The club calendar which can be perused on our web site reveals the club has received some fairly constant and large bookings over the last few months. This reflects the popularity of the club and also its attractiveness to corporate users who fortunately like to take their bookings mid-week keeping the weekends free for our members. On the downside, these large bookings mean heavy wear and tear on the premises and also necessitate extra cleaning. This brings me to my next point; please when you are at the club ensure you leave it as you would like to find it. By this I mean we expect our members and guests to sweep out the lodge and mop the floors when they leave. Also empty the rubbish bins under the kitchen bench via the outside access hatch and place the rubbish in the wheelie bins at the bottom of the lodge driveway. Unfortunately some club members recently left these bins full on leaving which proved quite unpleasant for the next guests who arrived several days later. The rates we charge to stay at the lodge are extremely cheap and I do not believe you could find anywhere cheaper in the district offering the same facilities we have. In order to keep our rates as low as

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possible for our members we need you to help us reduce our cleaning costs by doing your bit. If we have to keep hiring commercial cleaners because of the state the lodge is left in, then the only choice we have is to increase the rates to cover our costs.

On Saturday the 14th of May we are having our wood collect working bee. This working bee requires a few hands on deck and anyone with a decent trailer would assist greatly. We have our regular three or four dedicated persons on saws so anyone to assist in running trailer shuttles from the cutting site back to the lodge and our dedicated team of splitters would be greatly appreciated.

John Blaikie
Club President

Editors Report

This newsletter goes out to you all in hard copy so that you can ensure your details are correct and can be updated with our membership list. It is really important you record your correct email address and PLEASE write clearly, we rely on emails for our other Newsletters and getting other important information or calls for help out to you.

It would be lovely to see and meet more of you at the AGM this year and also at working bees and club weekends.

As always it can be difficult putting a newsletter together without input so if you wish to write an article or have photos from your trips to the club would be most pleased to use them in the newsletter.

Pam Blaikie

Regular reminders when you are “At the Lodge”

The Committee values feedback from members on any aspect of club activities. Please advise a member of the committee if there are any problems that require immediate attention.

Cleaning

In order for us to maintain affordable accommodation for all our members and guests, please be aware that it is essential that you are considerate of everyone and make sure that before you leave the lodge it is clean and tidy. Vacuum your room; wipe benches, bathrooms and toilets, especially if you have been at the lodge with a large group. Often there will be a group following the next day.

The lodge is not “serviced” every day. This year our cleaning costs have skyrocketed and although we have cleaners come in on a demand basis, this can still cost us \$180 a visit.

Again to enable us to keep cost low we need your help.

Rubbish and Recycle

The council has provided recycling bins, so members and guests are reminded to put out your recyclable bottles, cans and plastics in the bins.

All other rubbish should be taken down on a daily basis to the bins at the front gate and on departure from the lodge. Kitchen rubbish is accessed from outside. Often it can be a few days until the next guests and in summer the bins get nasty quickly, so please REMEMBER your rubbish.

Members and guests

- All members and guests MUST complete the sign in book on arrival; this is a requirement of our liquor license and our Auditors.
 - Please only sleep in the beds allocated to you by the booking officer.
 - Vacate your room by 10am. Please vacuum and dispose of any rubbish.
- * Leave your luggage in the laundry or drying room if you will be returning to the lodge that day.



Dates to Remember 2011

4 x 4 Weekend

16th & 17th April

Book in for Friday 15th & Saturday 16th

Club Working Bee

14th & 15th May

Book in for Fri 13th & 14th

Wood Collect / General working bee

How often do you say to yourself and friends “the lodge is just like my own holiday home”. Well like a holiday home it does take some maintenance, how about booking into one of our working bees this year, they are always fun, never too taxing and you get FREE accommodation and a FEED on Saturday night. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Book now: Accommodation free with a BBQ dinner supplied on Saturday night.

Annual General Meeting

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

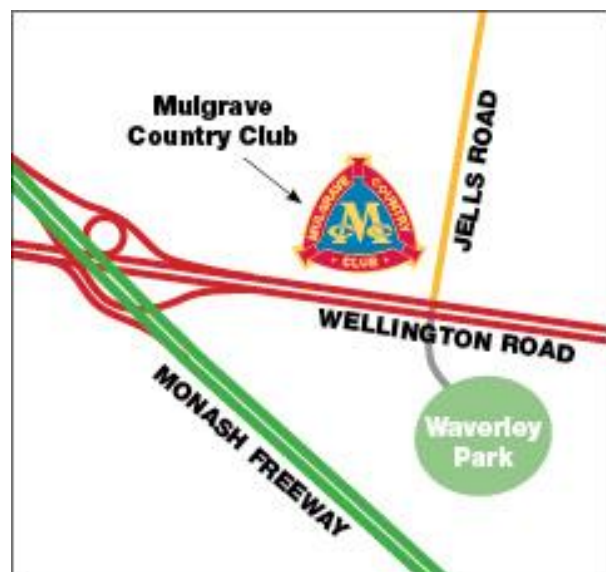
Monday 2nd May 8pm

Mulgrave Country Club

Corner of Wellington and Jells Roads,
Wheelers Hill

*Only a minute from the Monash Freeway
and a few minutes from the Wellington
Road exit of EASTLINK*

See Agenda at the end of this newsletter



Winter 1 st June - 30 th September		Summer 1 st October – 31 st May
Club Members Bookings 3 months in advance*		Club Members Bookings 3 months in advance*
Weekday <i>Sunday-Thursday</i>	Weekend <i>Friday-Saturday</i>	\$12 (everyday) \$40 family rate* *For one room only, families exceeding one room, will pay extra at individual rates
\$14	\$17	
*Foundation members may book 4 months in advance		
Guests Bookings 2 months in advance		Guests Bookings 2 months in advance
Weekday <i>Sunday-Thursday</i>	Weekend <i>Friday-Saturday</i>	\$22 (everyday) \$65 family rate* *For one room only, families exceeding one room, will pay extra at individual rates
\$27	\$32	
Whole of Lodge Bookings		
<p>If you want to book the lodge exclusively the following minimum costs apply.</p> <p>Summer \$506 per night up to 23 persons, plus \$22 for each additional person above 23</p> <p>Winter weekday \$918 up to 34 person (every bed) (Sunday to Thursday nights)</p> <p>Winter weekend \$1088 up to 34 persons (every bed) (Friday & Saturday nights)</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Important Family Booking Guidelines.</p> <p>As of the 1st April 2011 a family booking can only be made for the exclusive use of one room. If you require beds that exceed the capacity of a room then individual rates for each extra person apply at the appropriate member or guest rate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Family definition</p> <p>A family are those persons under 18 yrs of age that appear on your Medicare card or those you have nominated as family on your current family club membership form.</p>		
<p>Preferred Booking method : Online: www.vpski.com (Booking form available)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Booking Officers: Tom & Cheryl Grambau Telephone: 03 5968 9604 Booking times are Tuesday & Thursday 6.30pm-9.30pm (Please note this is a voluntary position and it may be necessary to leave a message)</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">***IMPORTANT PAYMENT ADVICE***</p> <p>The club has in the past received on occasion's large bookings during popular long weekends. These bookings have then at the last moment been cancelled. This has in effect prevented other members of the club from using these popular long weekends. This is unfair on those club members as it is very hard to organise trips to the club on one or two days' notice. As such Payment for accommodation must be made within 14 days of booking. If payment is not received in 14 days the room will be allocated to the next party requesting accommodation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please note that receipts will only be issued on request.</p>		

Please note, If you are making bookings for multiple persons, it is your responsibility to make the booking payment as a lump sum covering the entire booking. The club will not chase up individual guest payments on your behalf.

Booking procedure

Before you book please work out how many double & / or single beds you require, and how flexible your preferences are. You can complete the online booking request at any time via the web site links.

Online booking - use the link from the accommodation page



Step 1. Check Bed Availability via our Calendar link

(This calendar is designed to help you plan your stay at the lodge, confirmation is still required from the booking officer)

Step 2. "Submit your booking request" via the link and supply details to all relevant questions.

Step 3. The booking officer will confirm your booking.

Remember the booking officer is a voluntary position and the phones are not manned 24 hours a day.

PAYMENT METHODS

1. Cheque made out to the Victoria Police Alpine Club.
(post to: Tom Grambau P.O. Box 610. Emerald. Victoria. 3782)
2. Direct deposit to our co-op account (Ask Booking Officer at time of booking for account details)
3. Direct BSB deposit from another bank (Ask Booking Officer at time of booking for account details)

If you do a Bank transfer please include a reference as follows

Name / date of accommodation e.g. Blaikie 04-04-2011

PLEASE NOTE

- Bed allocation is booked as tentative until the Booking Officer receives payment. **Payment for bookings is required within two weeks of making the booking** or if made at short notice less than two weeks from date of stay, then payment is required immediately.
- Names of **all persons attending** Lodge are to be given to the Booking Officer at the time the booking is made.
- 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.

The Committee 2010-2011

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Want to keep up to date with "What's On in Mansfield"
Try this website it may help you plan you next visit.

<http://www.mansfieldonline.com.au/index.html>



New sign at the gate

Our thanks go to Bill Nash who has lovingly spent many months preparing this new sign for the club, welcoming our members and guests.

IMPORTANT GUEST REQUIREMENTS

The Victoria Police Alpine Club is run by volunteers and provides extremely cheap accommodation for our guests. Many hours are devoted freely to the upkeep of our premises by just a handful of members. We are not a serviced hotel or apartment and unfortunately not everyone leaves the lodge as they find it which has necessitated us employing expensive cleaning services. As such we feel we need to reinforce the following requirements.

In order to keep the accommodation rates down our guests are expected to play their part in keeping the lodge premises clean, tidy and in a condition you would wish to find on your arrival as a guest.

We require our guests to follow these simple guidelines prior to departing.

- Ensure that the bins under the kitchen bench (accessed from outside) are emptied on your departure and the plastic bin liners be replaced from the supply that is kept in the enclosure. Rubbish to be placed in the wheelie bins at the bottom of the drive. All glass, cardboard and plastic to be placed in the recycle wheelie bins on the back veranda of the lodge.
- Empty the waste paper bins in the kitchen and bathrooms and replace the plastic bin liners from the pantry supply when required. Rubbish to be placed in the wheelie bins at the bottom of the drive.
- Sweep the tiled areas of loose dirt and if required mop the tiled areas (including bathrooms) with the equipment supplied in the laundry.
- Vacuum your room with the vacuum cleaners supplied and stored in the drying room and laundry.
- Turn off all electrical switches (including the kitchen urn) on departure.
- Keep the kitchen area and benches clean and sanitary by wiping them down with the cleaning equipment supplied under the sinks. Ensure you remove all food from fridges upon leaving as there may not be another guest for several days. Ensure nothing was spilled in the fridges.

The lodge is inspected by our caretaker on departure of guests and if the lodge is found to be in a filthy state requiring a cleaner to be employed then this cost will be invoiced to the persons who left it in that condition.

If all our guests adhere to these simple tasks then we can avoid the expensive cleaning costs which we have had to pay in the past. If we have to continue to employ cleaners due to guests leaving the lodge filthy then we will unfortunately increase our rates accordingly.

John Blaikie
Club President

Club Ride

After a couple of last minute withdrawals last weekend a party of half a dozen riders set off for a backside numbing ride of 170 KS around the high country taking in some of the best the area has to offer. Our extreme thanks go to our logistics co-ordinator and cook Tania who drove down to Sheepyard Flat to ensure riders and bikes were refuelled for the day.



(Above) Tania our cook and (Below) the merry crew



Renew your membership today

Ladies and gents, it will soon be that time of the year when club renewals are due. (1st April)

Please consider renewing early to prevent your membership lapsing. Attached is the 2011 – 2012 membership renewal notice.

Cost: Family: \$50
Single: \$40

The preferred method is direct payment, but payment by cheque is also acceptable. Details are as follows

- **If you have a Co-Op Account**
- Account Number: 901006 S1
- Account Name: VPAC (Victoria Police Alpine Club)
- **When your bank is not the Co-Op**
- BSB 704 230
- Account Number: 100 010 305
- Account name: VPAC (Victoria Police Alpine Club)

BE CERTAIN TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE WITH THE TRANSFER (First & SURNAME), OTHERWISE IT WILL BE A DONATION FROM AN ANONYMOUS PERSON.

If people have any issues, contact the treasurer **Adrian Healy** on:

- Mob: 0417 568 523 or adrian.healy@police.vic.gov.au

***** Please ensure you print your email address clearly as we are getting a large number of incorrect email returns on our membership email list*****

Remember: if your child has turned 18 they can become a member of the club by paying the single membership. There is no addition membership fee.
What a great 18th Birthday present!

Renewal of Membership for 2011-2012

Club members are reminded that annual subscriptions are due by **1st April 2012**.

If payment is not received **within one month** from this date your membership will lapse. Please complete the renewal form below and forward together with your payment. *(If you have a regular payment from the Co-op we still require this form to be returned to maintain our records).*

* SINGLE - \$40.00

OR

* FAMILY - \$50.00

Police / Associate (* circle applicable)

* **Pls. indicate your privacy instructions - I wish my details to remain confidential – YES or NO** *

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ *(Pls. complete all areas to update our records)*

Telephone: Priv. _____ Bus. _____ Mob. _____

Email: Priv. _____

Alt _____ Email _____

The VPAC respects members' privacy and will not divulge personal details including e-mail addresses to any other body/members without the individual's consent. E-mails to members will be forwarded BCC (blind carbon copy) so no other individual sees other e-mail addresses. E-mail is an essential communication method of the VPAC, ensuring timely distribution of information/messages and minimizing running costs to keep members' subscriptions down.

Associate member, *please state occupation:* _____

IMPORTANT: All Family memberships must complete the following:

Name of spouse or partner: _____

Name/s of dependent children
under 18yrs:

_____	Date of Birth:	_____
_____	Date of Birth:	_____
_____	Date of Birth:	_____
_____	Date of Birth:	_____

- A **fully dependent** child **under 18 years** is included under the family membership

Payment method : (please circle one only)

**Police Credit - Regular payment form

Direct deposit Police Co-op account **901006 s1

Bank transfer **BSB 704 230 Account **100 010 305**

**Cheque made payable to VPAC.

**Personal details notification only.

*****NOTE***** If making a direct deposit please ensure you reference your name otherwise it becomes an anonymous deposit.

Please mail this completed form/s to: **VPAC [Inc.]**

PO Box 33

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Annual General Meeting

Agenda

(Note New Venue)

8.00pm Monday 2 May 2011

*Venue : **Mulgrave Country Club***

Corner of Wellington and Jells Roads, Wheelers Hill

Only a minute from the Monash Freeway and a few minutes from the Wellington Road exit of EASTLINK

Agenda

- Welcome
 - Apologies
 - Minutes from the 2010-2011 AGM
 - Business Arising
 - Reports – President, Treasurer, Booking Officer, Workmaster
 - General Business
 - Election of 2011-2012 Committee of Management
 - Election of Auditor
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Nomination for Committee Members

May 2011 – May 2012

I, current member of the V.P.A.C. would like to propose

.....for a current position on the Committee of Management of the

V.P.A.C., from May 2011 to May 2012

.....Signature

.....Signature (Seconder)

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Doug is offering members government pricing less a further 5% and can also set up an account that allows members to order direct from him at the above pricing.

Follow the link for a full list. www.officenational.com.au

Doug can be contacted via

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Contact details as follows or check the link on the club web site.

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or Daylesford Information Centre 5348 1339

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