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### **Dear Members**

Winter is now well past us (aside from the occasional return of wintry conditions such as we're having as I write).

It was a 'wet' winter in 2016, bringing lots of snow as well as rain. On balance though, the season delivered some great powder mornings and lots of sunny days. As usual, Falls Creek pipped Mt Buller on this score.

The new bathroom facilities at Mt Buller were well received by members and guests alike. Evidently money well spent and ensures we remain one of the most well maintained and presented lodges on the mountain.

In October a hardy group formed a work party at Buller to paint, clean, repair and set up the lodge for the bikers. It was a very cold BBQ dinner on Saturday night with temperatures dropping to 4 degrees! Many thanks once again to the work party volunteers. This summer we welcome Kayla and Matt as our lodge managers at Buller.

You really should consider a trip to Mt Buller or Falls Creek over summer for a very affordable break in the high country.

We are continuing the ongoing maintenance program at Buller with the internal common areas and outside of the building being painted over summer. We're also updating the hand basins in the guest rooms.

At Falls Creek, the body corporate is considering its approach to repairing the external masonry of the building which is in urgent need of attention. The Board is working with other unit owners to find an appropriate, cost effective option, however it is anticipated that this will be a considerable repair cost.

The Annual Dinner was held on 26 October 2016 at the Savage Club, hosted once again by Peter Ross. A more intimate group of regular attendees enjoyed a relaxed evening with great food and wine. It's always a pleasure to see a number of our founding members chatting through the evening with our new (and not so new) members.

We will open the bookings for winter 2017 on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 at 9:00pm. There are always a few early birds who book early so if you have your dates ready, then don't delay! Bookings to the public will open a month later.

Best wishes

Malcolm Ross

Chairman

**“Life is like a ten speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use.” ~**

*Charles M. Schulz*

### **Winter Bookings**

Winter bookings open for members on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 9pm, non-member bookings will open on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 so get in early. Last year the peak season bookings went quickly and Falls Creek was booked up in a matter of days so set your alarm!

We are pleased to welcome Matt and Kyla as our Summer Lodge Managers at Mt Buller for 2016/17. Matt and Kyla are from Gympie, Qld and are keen mountain bikers who are looking forward to being part of SkiLib.

They love getting out on their 'fat' bikes as well as the regular mountain bikes. Kyla has been working as a dental hygienist and Matt is a qualified tradesman, has worked as a massage therapist and also builds mountain bike trails. All pretty handy things to have when living on Buller!

Matt and Kyla came highly recommended from last years Lodge Managers and they are looking forward to welcoming the SkiLib members and guests this summer.



Once again Buller is undergoing renovations, the lodge is currently having the lounge roof and some walls re-painted along with some windows replaced. In the bedrooms all the vanities and sinks are being replaced, and some much needed work to fix a few leaks in the ensuite area.

Falls Creek will undergo some maintenance in the bathrooms and the board is working closely with the other owners in the building to plan for major works in the next 2-3 years