

BANOOL SKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

June 2018

Ski Season 2018



Hello, Members.

The 2018 ski season officially opens this weekend! Some snow is forecast for later today above 1600m, so we might have a white start after all.

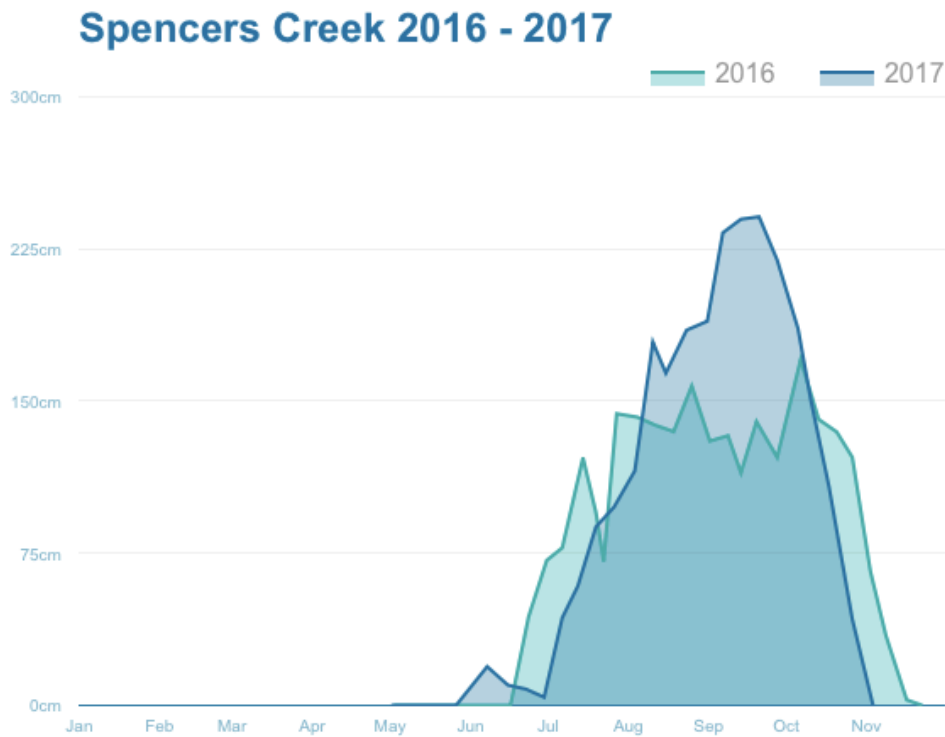
The long term snow season forecast is partially optimistic, the most hopeful prediction, according to the '[Grasshopper](#)' at [MountainWatch](#), being for an average season. It seems we need to temper our expectations for 2018 after having been spoilt in 2017 by heavy falls well into September.

Grasshopper foresees that “the first half of the season will be pretty good and that we’ll have a slight slowdown during spring.” Apparently the benchmark for high country snow depths is Spencers Creek, located between Thredbo and Perisher, and that maximum “depths should lie within a range of

180-210 cm when comparing to a long-term average of 195 cm at Spencers Creek. So, on the whole, we're in for a decent season."

Let's hope Grasshopper is right.

With regard to last season, it's interesting to look at the comparison of snow depths at Spencers Creek for 2016 and 2017. The late snow in 2017 was certainly exceptional:



Lodge spick and span for the new season



Your hard work in and around the work parties has brought the Lodge up to scratch for the opening of the season.

Maintenance and Improvement work parties were held in February, March and April, the switchboards were replaced in April and the Cleaning and Sorting work party took place in May. Special thanks go to the work party leaders Mike McIver, Peter Quigley and Jenny Kleine.

In addition to normal maintenance, notable improvements included:

- installing new power outlets, so that bunk rooms now have outlets
- replacing six sub-switchboards,
- installing a mainframe computer and extra shelving in the storeroom,
- replacing the TV aerial, thereby improving picture quality,
- lopping trees overhanging the Lodge,
- replacing the upper ridge, thereby curing long term leaks in the members' locker room and Flat 1,
- mounting an historic German sled next to the historic skis on the wall in the Rec Room.



Special thanks go to Bob Ratcliffe for the switchboards, Mark Mackenzie for putting in new power outlets, Mike Ranjel for the mainframe computer, Wes Bruders, a regular guest, for the upper ridge repairs and Klaus Berchenreiter, who attends the 'Boys Weekend', for the historic German sled.

Jenny Kleine announced at the completion of the Cleaning and Sorting work party that the Lodge was in just about the best condition she has seen before the beginning of a new ski season.

New Committee

The new Committee elected at the AGM is unchanged from last year, with the exception that Ron Stead did not renominate and his position was not filled.

President: Miles Rozman

Vice-President: Chris Ritter

Secretary: Owen Maher

Treasurer: Linda Rautela

Booking Officer: Alan Gawthorpe

House Officer: Mike McIver

Provisions Officer: Jenny Kleine

General Member: Mike Ranjel

In addition to the official positions, Mike Ranjel assists the Treasurer and deals with IT infrastructure, while Chris Ritter manages the [website](#) and edits the newsletter.

Committee vacancy

Long time Committee member, Ron Stead, did not renominate for the Committee this year. On behalf of the members, the Committee would like to express its appreciation for Ron's many years of service to the Club.

Ron's General Committee position was not filled at the recent AGM. Any member who would like to become involved in the running of the Club would be more than welcome to nominate for the vacant position. Being on the Committee is personally rewarding and not too onerous a commitment.

Members Only areas

Those who worked on improving and cleaning up the storeroom and workroom have asked that members be reminded that these areas are strictly for members only.

Workroom

It is both a health and safety and security issue that tools are only for the use of members or someone sanctioned by a member and that, if guests come into the room, a member be present. Members are also reminded to keep the workroom clean and tidy at all times and to replace all tools in their correct positions. It is unfair on all members if they have to tidy up after someone else and/or a tool cannot be located.

Storeroom

Considerable work has gone into refurbishing, tidying and provisioning the storeroom. A mainframe computer has been installed in a dedicated cabinet, new shelving has been installed and provisions have been tidied and replenished.

It is imperative that only members enter the storeroom to fetch provisions and sign for beverage purchases. A family member or friend should not be given a key to fetch provisions or beverages on

behalf of a member. Members are also requested to check accuracy and to write clearly when signing for beverages.

It goes without saying that the storeroom should be kept tidy at all times and that only those authorised should handle IT equipment.

Provisioning of flats

Members are asked not to overfill food provisions in the flats. To avoid wastage members should wait until jars/containers are a third full before restocking.

FCAA Cards

FCAA (Falls Creek Alpine Association) discount cards are again available and will be placed on the bench where the beverage register is kept in the storeroom. Plenty of discounts are available on and off the mountain when presenting the card. Members are asked to take one.

Significant dates 2018/2019

The Committee at its last meeting on Wednesday, 9 May, decided on some important Club dates for 2018/2019.

Event	Date
Club Weekend/Dinner	September 14/15, 2018
Evaluation Weekend	October 27/28, 2018
Birraleen AGM	November 22, 2018
Work Party 1	February 2/3, 2019
Work Party 2	March 2/3, 2019
Work Party 3	April 6/7, 2019
Banool AGM	April 11, 2019
Work Party 4	May 4/5, 2019

Temporary Booking Officer

Alan Gawthorpe, our hard-working and ever reliable Booking Officer, will be away for part of the ski season, from July 20 to August 15. **Steve Grocott** will be filling in for him. While Alan is away you can contact Steve on 0413 389 719 or the booking number, 03 9379 3499. To book you can send a completed [booking form](#) to Steve at stephen.grocott@gmail.com. The bookings email, bookings@banoolskiclub.com.au should also work. You can check guest rates [here](#).

See you on the slopes!

The Committee wishes to thank all the members who worked hard to maintain and improve the Lodge in work parties this year. We hope to see as many of you and your guests as possible on the slopes this year. Happy Skiing!

