

# BANOOLSKI CLUB NEWSLETTER

November 2018

## Birraleen AGM



Hello, Members.

We're back at Windy Hill for this year's Birraleen AGM. You should have received an email from our Secretary, the redoubtable Owen Maher, that, due to venue requirements, the actual meeting has been brought forward to 7:00pm and dinner will follow the meeting. The [Windy Hill Venue](#) is on the corner of Napier and Brewster Streets, Essendon.

## Changes at the top

There have been changes in holders of positions on both the Banool Committee and the Birraleen Board.

After many years service to the Club on the Committee, ten of them as Treasurer, Mike Ranjel has moved on. Club finances were in safe hands with Mike. He negotiated the loan for the lease renewal Lodge refurbishments and then saw it repaid quickly and painlessly. He left the Club finances in an

admirably strong position when he relinquished the Treasurer position three years ago. Since then he has helped the new Treasurer, Linda Rautela, ease into her new role. The Committee would like to thank Mike for his wonderful dedication to the Club as an officeholder and Committee member and wishes him well pursuing other interests.

Due to ongoing family commitments our other Mike, Mike McIver, is also leaving the Committee. Mike has been our House Officer, often an onerous and time-consuming job, for several years. Mike's broad building and engineering knowledge and his exacting attention to detail have been invaluable in maintaining the Lodge. The Committee thanks Mike for his wonderful contribution to the Club. To take on the House Officer role we would like to welcome Bob Ratcliffe, who has stepped in when most needed. Mike McIver's resignation will take effect from December 31, so Bob will officially take on the position then.



### *Current Committee*

With these changes the Committee now consists of:

**Miles Rozman**, President

**Chris Ritter**, Vice-President

**Owen Maher**, Secretary

**Linda Rautela**, Treasurer

**Bob Ratcliffe**, House Officer

**Alan Gawthorpe**, Bookings Officer

**Jenny Kleine**, Provisions Officer

**Mark Mackenzie**, General Committee Member

There is one ordinary member vacancy on the Committee.

In addition to changes to the Banool Committee, Malcolm Nagorcka has announced that he will not be standing for re-election to the Birraleen Board at this week's Birraleen AGM. Malcolm considers that it has always been preferable for Board members to also be Banool Committee members and as such, not being a Committee member, he has felt it best to stand down.

As the Board does not require the number of members it currently has, the Banool Committee has decided not to fill the vacancy. Board members are currently Owen Maher, who, as Committee Secretary, is required to be on the Board, Bob Ratcliffe and George Peart.

## Membership changes

Changes have not been restricted to Board and Committee level. We would like to welcome Geoff and Jacque Maher, who became Birraleen shareholders and Banool Ski Club Members in July. As Owen's son, Geoff has a lifetime's association with the Club. Geoff, Jacque and family are welcome additions to Banool.

The Committee also needs to announce that longtime mystery Member, Maurice Heley, has sold his membership back to the Club, being replaced by Geoff and Jacquie. Maurice was an original Member but has been resident in the USA for many years.

South Australian Members, Tim and Jen Teague, have decided Banool is one step too far and are putting their membership up for sale. The Committee is processing membership requests to buy their share.

## A key issue

The Committee has recently reiterated that Members' children should at no time be given Members' keys to access the Storeroom and Workroom. Members' children having access to the Storeroom raises issues regarding the Club's licensing agreement, while the Workroom contains valuable equipment that is potentially dangerous. Keys are therefore for the use of Members only. The Committee has decided to fit keypad operated locks on locker rooms so that family members can have access to family equipment in general lockers and ski lockers.



## Work Party Dates

A group led by House Officer, Mike McIver, including Bob Ratcliffe, Linda Rautela, Chris and Heather Ritter, Jenny Kleine and John and Ruth Kennedy went up to the Lodge for the Evaluation



Weekend from 26th to 28th October. The works database was updated and a Committee meeting held. A quorum was achieved with the help of Skype, Alan Gawthorpe and Mark Mackenzie attending remotely.

An important item on the agenda was the determining of work party dates for 2018/2019.

The dates are:

Maintenance and Improvement	2 - 3 February
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Maintenance and Improvement	6 - 7 April
Cleaning and Sorting	4 - 5 May

Mike, who remains the House Office until December 31, asks that you let him know which Work Party you will be attending by email at [mike@mciver.info](mailto:mike@mciver.info).

## Booking process

Our Booking Officer, Alan Gawthorpe, and our Treasurer, Linda Rautela, are working at revamping the booking process. Alan works just about non-stop on bookings during the ski season and for considerable periods at other times of the year. To modernise the booking process and alleviate the Booking Officer's workload, the revamp aims to computerise as much of the booking process as possible.

Upgrading the booking system necessarily involves fully integrating the booking process into Xero, our computerised accounting system. Linda spends as much time on Xero as Alan does on bookings. It is time that can be saved if invoices are issued automatically when a booking is accepted and payments processed electronically by Xero.

In addition, it is planned to have the booking spreadsheet computerised and available online.