





FROM THE CEO

Celebrating 75 Years

The Australian Alps hold a unique place for many. The stories of the mountains being a meeting place for first nation's people stretch back millennia. Whilst in more recent times, the folklore of the mountain cattleman, whose names feature prominently on the huts across the high plains - Wallace's, Roper's, Ryder's, Edmondson's etc, visited 'Horseshoe Creek' and grazed their cattle across the high plains and is the stuff of legends. So too is Bogong Jack who shuffled stolen cattle from Wodonga to Omeo and back, rebranding or 'clean-skinning' them before meeting his untimely demise (search Bogong Jack Saddle Hut).

The game changing 'opening up' of Falls Creek was facilitated by the hydroelectricity pioneers, which ultimately formed up into the State Electricity Commission. The exploration of the potential for the Bogong High Plains to act as a catchment for hydro power was confirmed and in 1939 the better part of a

cattle track was redesigned and constructed to represent a road that would lead to Rocky Vallev.

Whilst the high plains were skied by many prior to the establishment of Falls Creek, the area's growing reputation as a ski destination, accessible by road, saw it grow in popularity and reputation.

Several pioneering workers for the SEC began construction of the first lodge 'Skyline' in 1946. It was constructed stealthily, but legally (they had 99-year lease) and occupied a site which could not be seen from the road, on or abouts what is now effectively the tow line for the International Poma or 'Inter' as it's known locally. There is a memorial to the lodge at the Gully bus stop just outside of GEBI's.

From these very humble beginnings, the early pioneers began settling in to Falls Creek with the St. Elmo's its first residents in 1946, taking up a position with the SEC as a hydrologist, measuring stream flows, rainfall and weather patterns. This first residence

was an SEC Hut which served as a radio transmitter tower for communications across the high plains. The radio handle given to the hut was 'Falls Creek.'

Over the next several decades Falls Creek flourished. The true foundations of an Australian alpine village took shape. Now some 75 years later, that alpine village is Australia's premier all season's alpine resort, home to over 300 permanent residents and over 140 businesses. Falls Creek resort employs circa 1800 people during its peak winter season, generating \$400m in gross state product, the largest of any resort in Victoria. The resort is well-known for its 110ha of snowmaking, access to and supplied from the highest large body of water in the country, Rocky Valley, the legacy of its foundations as a hydro facility. The resort is often described as 'progression perfect' with its groomed trails providing a true 'something for everyone' skiing/boarding experience. This has transferred across to the green season activities of mountain and gravel biking as well as hiking. In winter, the food and beverage offers are unmatched by any mountain in Australia, so too the well -known friendliness of the mountain staff.

To celebrate 75 years, resort management in collaboration with the Falls Creek Historical Society have mounted a light totem in Slalom Plaza, celebrating, by decade, the establishment of the buildings which make the Falls Creek village so unique. To the keen follower of Falls Creek history, you will note, not every building is listed, only those standing today, many renamed and nearly



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The Falls Creek Visitor Information Centre is located in the Resort Management Office upstairs on the corner of Slalom Street and

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Village Access

All roads in Falls Creek Village are now closed to all traffic.

or more details about Falls Creek

Falls Creek Resort Management can be contacted via info@fcrm.com.au or (03) 5758 1200







all substantially different to their origins, as stakeholders and business owners continue to invest in upgrades and improvements.

Keep an eye out for details of a special event to be held in September to mark the 75th Anniversary. The Falls Creek Historical Society, along with Resort Management will be hosting a rather quizzical night.

In November, the Historical Society will be hosting the annual Australian Alpine Snowsports History Associations conference. The 11th to the 13th sees delegates from all alpine regions in Australia come together to discuss all things unique to operating a historical society in the snow.

Ensuring that the resort history is preserved into perpetuity, the Falls Creek Historical Society is about to undertake its biggest project to date. The digitisation of its collection onto the Victoria Collections (Museum register).

Following the 2019/2020 bushfires the society committee prioritised the need to preserve its collection for future generations. Success in securing grant funding from The Summer Bushfire Recovery program, the digitisation will do just that. Part of the digitisation

platform is the collection of Oral histories., with former ski patroller John McDonald assisting the committee gathering interviews with well know Falls Creek residents. Keep on ear out for these in the very near future.

Foodie Tip of the Week:

KasaBar (https://kasa.bar/). Falls Creek's newest culinary addition offers modern and traditional Japanese cuisine. We dropped in for lunch and experienced the Gohan Bentos (cooked rice lunch box). The Chicken Katsu with panko crumbs was popular and similarly the Teriyaki Glazed Barramundi was oishii desu. Á small plate of salmon sushi and another with edamame kicked our lunch off nicely. Having met up with family who'd skied all morning, a pint of cold Sapporo completed the meal. Kanpai! (they've got Sake too if that's more your style). We'll head back for dinner to sample the ramen and don bowls before the end of the season. Note: KasaBar is walk in only and lunch and dinner offer two different menu selections, so two reasons to go!

Now, ganbatte - get out there & hit the trails. Stuart Smythe, CEO

Falls Creek Resort Management

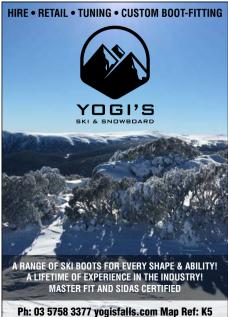


FROM THE CEO

Skyline Lodge under construction in the summer of 1946 – 47 which became the first ski lodge in Falls Creek. In 1946, Toni and Skippy St Elmo lived in a two room hut near the existing road beside the creek down the gully to be known as Falls Creek. Pic – Courtesy the St Elmo collection.







FALLS CREEK
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By Steve Lee

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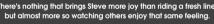
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ick in September 2020, local legend and three-time inter Olympian, Steve Lee, had a debilitating stroke. is currently fighting his way back through extensive

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STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD

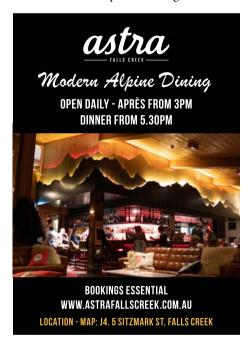
Lakeside Development Project

A ctivation of the foreshore of Rocky Valley Dam at Falls Creek has been in the strategy pipeline over many years.

The Falls Creek Masterplan 2016 lists the Lakeside Development precinct as a key development node and the Victorian Alpine Resort Visitor Economy Development plan has further highlighted this precinct as a priority transformational project.

Current project background

The lakeside precinct currently houses the ANARE shed (the acronym stands for the Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition). This shed, currently used for storage, provides scenic views across Rocky Valley Dam, the highest significant body of water in Australia. The current upgrade for the precinct provides for the redevelopment of the ANARE shed into a destination venue, incorporating trail head for the Falls to Hotham Alpine Crossing, water



sports base, cafe, public space/shelter, and interpretation centre.

The establishment of an iconic alpine crossing trailhead, along with a pontoon, jetty and enhancement of the tourism infrastructure will underpin other nature-based activities and highlight the significance of the alpine environment, flora and fauna through using this precinct as an education gateway.

The project advanced post the 2019/2020 bushfires and consequential evacuations of the resort over that summer, resulting in the complete loss of summer trade for the remainder of the green season. The Falls Creek Community Recovery Committee's surveying of priority projects across its local community saw this project as the preferred development for consideration to apply for grant funding through Bushfire Recovery Victoria's Local Economic Recovery Program.

The application was successful and the Falls Creek Alpine Resort Management Board (FCARMB) received \$2.5m to undertake works to activate this area.

FCARMB established a project steering committee in early 2021 with the key asset owners of associated infrastructure in the region, AGL and Parks Victoria, to begin the formulation of the development plans.

In collaboration with Regional Development Victoria, FCARMB managed to secure further support to activate the lakeside area, with funds secured to construct a boat ramp, via Victorian Fisheries Authority funding and the Victorian Government's Alpine Recovery Funding.

Community engagement

Following the FCARMB's engagement framework and consistent with the project's engagement plan, an external service provider has been engaged and a series of facilitated sessions with broader users has commenced.

The FCARMB executive has also been engaging with high volume users, including schools, clubs, tour operators, event companies and the like to get further scope on what is currently in the initial design phase.

As the engagement continues, this site (see below) will continue to be updated with information gained from feedback and engagement.

An online survey will shortly be made available to all interested parties. Early registrations are possible through both the below link and direct contact with FCARMB's Economic Development and Land Management Team (landmanagement@fallscreek.com.au).

Impact on existing cross country trails

Full all-year-round activation of the redeveloped ANARE shed would likely require the removal of snow from the key access road which provides transport to the Lakeside Precinct. This road currently forms the base of part of the cross country trail network.

Whilst the FCARMB has not made a decision with respect to clearing snow from the road and will not be doing so in its remaining term, community feedback is being sought on a range of opportunities for activation of the lakeside precinct. This includes working with clubs and user groups on the widening of other cross country access options and new trail development to compensate if future changes are made to the current trail network.

This feedback will inform future strategic planning around the lakeside and its activation. In addition, the FCARMB will be recommending to the incoming ARV Board that a strategic review of XC skiing be undertaken as a priority project.

For further detail: https://corporate. fallscreek.com.au/lakeside-development-project-planning/ •







COMFORTABLE SKIING

What the Foot?

ike us grown-ups, the foot has a job to do. Unlike all of us, it's a damn Important job. It holds us up, walks over rough surfaces, has 26 tiny bones and 13 joints that hold the weight of our body plus the extra forces (three to five times the body weight!) put through it when walking, running, jumping, hopping, skipping, dancing and skiing. And yet it is also sensitive enough to feel a tiny grain of sand between our toes. Astounding.

Leonardo Da Vinci said, "the human foot is a masterpiece of engineering and a work of art," and I absolutely agree. It is amazing, and yet so often we take for granted what it does for us... until it gets sore. Then we freak out about why it's sore and isn't working properly. When really, we should just be amazed it can do its usual feats of brilliance without issues!

The human foot is designed for standing, walking and running. But sometimes the loads we're wanting to put through it can be more than what it's ready for. When we start running and get sore feet because we've increased the load on the foot faster than it can adapt to the changes, we look at reducing these loads with strengthening, stretches or maybe orthotics (and usually better footwear).

The complexity of the foot and its mechanical function means there is a limit to the absolute understanding of it by humans and it is constantly debated amongst academics and clinicians. When it comes to skiing, the foot was absolutely not designed to be in a ski boot (a honking, great plastic box) or be in the same position

all day. The foot is designed to move, to conform, to flex and stretch yet a ski boot prevents these natural motions.

In a ski boot the foot needs some extra help to support the crazy forces that we're putting through it. The foot needs to be able to allow for pronation (rolling in of the ankle and midfoot) to initiate turns and absorb shock. It also needs to be able to supinate (rolling out) to create a rigid platform with which to hold an edge and go through the middle and end of a turn. And every movement you make, you want it to translate into the ski to control your skiing. So much movement, yet so little space!

Therefore, the first port of call to resolve most ski boot issues is an appropriate ski orthotic. They independently fix half of the problems that pop up and keep the foot stable and secure so the rest of the issues can then be dealt with. Ski orthotics disperse pressure evenly across the bottom of the foot to prevent burning spots, they support and align to prevent muscle fatigue, and improve translation of your movements into the boot and ski with less energy loss.

So, whatever the issue or injury, a thorough understanding of the anatomy, physiology

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Pic – Courtesy Ortho Ski

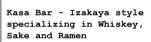
and biomechanics of the foot is mandatory for those attending to your ski boots. • Article courtesy Ortho Ski





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RIGHT PROJECT

Wrong Location

n 25 July, the 'Mount Beauty raw water off-take Reference Group' were invited to meet with the North East Water Board of Directors to express their views on the proposed pumping station.

Nine of the original 12 members were in attendance and took the opportunity to share with the Board their opinions on the challenge of updating our 'raw' water supply. This was after the completion of many hours of Reference Group meetings and correspondence with NEW and the Group's members.

It should be noted that after this process, a majority of Reference Group members still felt that Site 2 (Embankment Drive)

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was not the appropriate site for NEW's pumping station. An alternative area (commonly known as 'Site 9') was seen as the best alternative location. Importantly, a majority of members felt that despite all the meetings and discussions, there was insufficient information and data available to accurately explore Site 9.

Since Site 9 was the only feasible alternative to Site 2, a majority of reference group members recommended that the Board could not make an informed decision. The common theme was that there was simply not enough reliable detail around what a potential solution may look like for Site 9 (which incorporates both the AGL Tailrace and the West Kiewa River). It should also be noted that AGL was co-operative in this process and is very open to discussing longterm solutions which include some of their assets (eg. the Tailrace).

The NEW Board announced their decision on Wednesday 27th July, that an 'independent project assurance review' is to be undertaken on the two remaining sites (2 and 9). This acknowledged that further work needs to be done to develop a potential solution for Site 9 in order to accurately compare it to the fully engineered plans that have been undertaken for Site 2.

This announcement clearly represents that a decision on site selection has not yet been finalised. Importantly, it is also an acknowledgment by the NEW Board that a very significant portion of the local and tourist community have objected to Site 2 based on how the river is accessed and used by community members and visitors alike.

Perhaps contrary to some of the messaging up to this point, it was made clear in the NEW Board's decision, that cost alone is not the primary factor in their decision. But, that there are many other factors to be considered, including: the loss of amenity; economic costs; safety concerns; and potential environmental impacts (if Site 2 was to progress).

The Reference Group's community members would like to thank all of the individual North East Water staff involved in the Reference Group meetings. Their efforts to support and co-ordinate the site visits, attend the technical group meetings and their attendance at regular after-hours meetings in Mount Beauty, is hugely appreciated. It also showed a genuine attempt to consider the project's complex issues and to attempt to arrive at a mutually



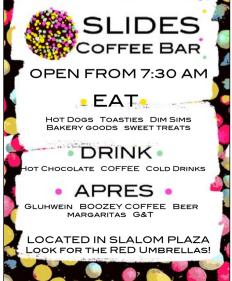
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agreeable solution. In particular, we thank Ms Cath Botta and Ms Jo Murdoch for their leadership and commitment to this process.

Whilst this outcome is a positive step in the right direction, our community requires clarity on the assurance process and which issues exactly will be considered in advising the Board on their next decision. We remind community members that over 1,500 signed a petition and clearly expressed their view that this is a good and necessary investment in the future of our water security, but that Site 2 is simply the wrong location. If we do not advocate for and look after our tiny riverfront reserve, then who will? And how will we tell our children that we didn't take action to save our Kiewa River from further industrial development. •

One for Steve

teve Lee represented his country at three winter Olympics, Sarajevo in 1984, Calgary in 1988 and Albertville in 1992. He also won a World Cup Super G at Furano in Japan in 1985 becoming only the second Australian to win a World Cup event after Malcom Milne (also a Falls Creek skier).

After suffering a severe stroke in September 2020, Steve has lost a lot of the use of the left side of his body – but his sense of humour is still there.

Last Sunday, 7th of August was Steve's 60th birthday and as is want, about 85 of his nearest and dearest turned up at Attunga Lodge (the home where Steve grew up and which still houses his World Cup wining trophy from Furano, Japan) being

graciously hosted by James and Bron and their team a great night was had by all.

After cutting the cake with daughter Layla, Steve was treated to something of a stripshow from a 'blast from the past!' He then, with a couple of the old skiing buddies from the touring and Olympic days, proceeded to entertain the crowd with some fascinating stories of the glory days and the antics a team of young Aussie skiers get up to when they are roaming international resorts with a raging thirst.

One significant little statement said 'Any success any member of the team had – it was for all the team' – a sign of the great bonding that existed among the group.

Thanks Steve for a great night and all the best for the sixtieth and for many more to come. •











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Why does my skin feel drier at the snow?

How do I avoid dry skin?

My lips are so dry and cracked. Help!

But what happens if it is not sunny, do I still need sunscreen?

Ok, so I need to wear sunscreen. How do I apply?

Which sunscreen is best?

But I didn't get sunburnt, just windburnt!

What about my goggle tan? I can't go home without it!

OK, so How do I meet Le Skin Chalet and get some help?

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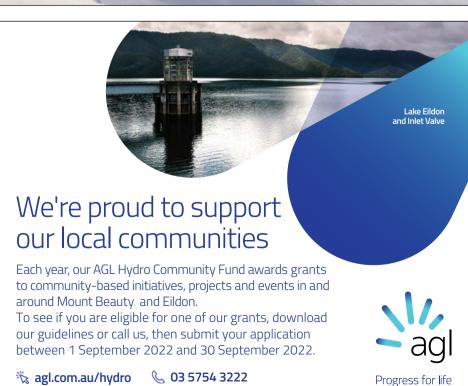
The le Skin Chalet team from left, Dr Priska McDonald, Dr Alice Rudd, Dr Felicity Gould. Pic – Courtesy Le Skin Chalet

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VICTORIAN INTERSCHOOLS

Small but Classy

fter two years of cancellations due to COVID-19, the Victorian Interschool Ski Championships were finally back on the calendar at Mount Buller (Sunday 7th August 2022). Mount Beauty Primary and Secondary schools sent a small but very strong team for the one-day Cross Country Skiing events. The format of the day is individual classic racing in the morning and team skate relays (3 skiers per team) in the afternoon. Skiers are allocated to divisions based on their school year level; Division 5 for grade 3 and 4 all the way up to Division 1 for year 11 and 12.

Most of the Mount Beauty skiers have been regular attendees at the Birkie Junior Ski Team weekly roller-ski sessions. This program runs in term two and is in part aimed to prepare the junior skiers for events like the interschools.

Race day for us started super early (just after 4am) to ensure we had enough time to drive to Mount Buller. The sun rose to welcome an unexpectedly sunny and still day on the mountain. Upon our arrival, the race village was buzzing with over 280 competitors from around the state, excitedly preparing to race.

We might have had one of the smallest teams at the race but made up for it with some outstanding performances and spirited cheering. The relays were the highlight of the day –racing together as a team. The conditions were tough for these events with the soft, spring like snow, staring to freeze, making it hard to balance and push off. Undaunted, all our teams excelled in highly competitive fields. Our division 2 boys team came 2nd with superstars Beau Duggan, Mack Hull and Ben Weir, despite both Beau and Mack being still eligible for division 3. In division 4, our primary school boys, Tom Docherty,

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Tully Duggan and Hamish Retchford, took a convincing win and collected some impressive silverware! Special mention to our division 1 boys' team (Callum Bowring and Harri Silvester) who would have come 4th, however, they were relegated given they only had two skiers (Harri skied twice!).

In the individual classic races, all our team skied their hearts out. Stand out performances included podium positions for Hamish Retchford (1st Div 4), Beau Duggan (2nd in the Div 3) and Tully Duggan (3rd Div 4).

Unfortunately, we lost our female representatives to illness shortly before the event. Looking forward to having the girls back in 2023.

Big shout out to the Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club (Australia's premier Nordic club) for their ongoing support of our junior skiers. Also, thanks to all the parents who helped on the day and in preparation for the event.





Division Four Relay winners, Hamish Retchford, Tom Docherty and Tully Duggan with some significant silverware! Pic – Courtesy Leanne Kilpatric

Next stop National Interschool championships in Perisher, NSW...•

Thanks Tim for the report – and well done to the whole team. Ed



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CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

What's on this Weekend

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This event is always loads of fun and it's a wonderful way to meet like-minded people on the mountain while advancing your ski skills. At noon, 1km, 2.5km, and 5km races will be held, and I have on good authority that the spot prizes this year are very good, so you won't want to miss this



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Australian National Championships Recap

On the 30th and 31st of July the first leg of the Australian National Championships were held at Falls Creek. It was a thrilling weekend for spectators and athletes alike as we watched the best of the best in our country compete in some nail-bitingly close events, with four different athletes winning each of the four events held. A big thanks to the Birkebeiner Ski Club organising this event on behalf of Snow Australia, the hardworking technical delegates, Sandra Paul and Ben Derrick, and to mother nature for





The Successful gals on Saturday in the Women's final: Sarah Slattery, Ella Jackson, Katerina Paul, Phoebe Cridland. Pic – Finn Marsland

gifting us with a crisp sunny blue-bird day. For some competitors, this would be their first race since 2019 due to the pandemic!

In the women's event, we once-again witnessed a masterclass on how to perform a classic sprint race by Katerina Paul, who won both the time-trial and final heat



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by several seconds. The battle for second place was a clincher with a double pole sprint over the finish line by myself, Ella Jackson, securing second position by a mere 0.5 seconds from Phoebe Cridland in third. The fourth woman in the final heat was Sarah Slattery, making her debut as a nationals sprint finalist.

The men's events proved equally as exciting, with four of the male competitors being recent Australian representatives at the Beijing Olympics. Norwegian-Australian Lars Young-Vic made a memorable first appearance to Australian Champs by taking the win for both the time-trial and final heat. Seve de Campo and Phil Bellingham had a close fight to the finish placing second and third respectively in the final heat, which was an impressive rise in rank from their time-trial positions of 5th and 9th. Bentley Walker-Broose then rolled in to fourth position in the final, after a great day of tough back-to-back heats where he was consistently in contention for a medalling position.

Sunday's conditions for the distance skate race (10km for Women, 15km for Men) were a little more testing, and a notable



mention must go to Rusty Bellingham's performance as the race volunteer who was tasked with standing at the back of the Sun Valley loop in a biting wind for the entirety of the event! Every athlete who competing in this event demonstrated great resilience and skill to muster through not only the wind and visibility challenges, but the difficulty of the course itself having very few opportunities on the route gain your breath.

The women's podium for the 10km skate time trial was Zana Evans in 1st place, Kat Paul in 2nd, and Phoebe Cridland in 3rd. The men's 15km time trial podium was Phillip Bellingham in 1st (proud son of aforementioned Rusty), Seve De Campo in 2nd place, and Lars Young-Vik in 3rd position.

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The guys working hard in the Men's Quarter Final, Lars Young-Vik, Declan Bourke, Adam Stecher, Jack Hirst. Pic – Finn Marsland

Best of luck to all of our athletes as they compete in the second leg of the National Championships in Perisher next weekend. • Ella Jackson

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In this particular case it is a very significant birthday for Bunty Crosby who will celebrate 90 years young next Sunday the 21st of August.

Bunty is a well-known and respected member of this community and this paper, on behalf of the community would wish Bunty all the very best for this one and more to come. When you see Bunty out shopping make sure you wish her all the best. •



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Pic – Courtesy the family

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