

# THREDBO ALPINE MUSEUM NEWSLETTER

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## Our President/s Report

We cannot believe how much there is to do being co-presidents of TAM. We're been very busy but have just scratched the surface.

Here is a list of some of our work;

- Emptied Shed 2 in Jindabyne.
- With Chrissi and Brett, we consolidated the ski boot collection in the Jindy shed to about 180 boots, giving accession numbers, photographing them and storing them in a way that they can be retrieved and eventually viewed online.
- Moved shelves and big items to the Thredbo container clearing space in the Jindy storage shed.
- Organising the Early Season drinks with 4 young Olympians to take place in the Museum on the 15th of June. This will be huge, come and join us!
- Organising the Mid Winter dinner with 4 Faces. This will be a VIP affair due to the amazing group of Face selections and those already booked in.
- We are in the process of purchasing a new computer to store all digital items of TAM with their accession numbers using the Mosaic system and run a virtual reality system with 360 degree views of skiing or biking down Thredbo created by Marcus Hanlon. Also it will be used by our volunteers to record hours worked, daily takings and other details that can be viewed by anyone with the password.
- Installing 4 security cameras in the Museum, viewable anytime with password.

We're working with Chrissi and Brett Webb to create a catalogue and organisational system that will give an excel spread sheet of all TAM items using the Mosaic system.



**Errol & Randy enjoying a beer at the Bistro celebrating the Thredbo Staff 70's, 80's & 90's Reunion - May 2022**

We're working with Alan to set up all Volunteers for winter and summer and we welcome Del Dickson as our new Social Media officer.

We're meeting with Caroline Brauer to discuss how KT can promote Thredbo through TAM.

We're working with Leah to design new red and white signage around the Museum.

There is much more. Our goal is to set up a template that will enable TAM to progress into the digital future, eventually having all items accessible online and a more interactive Museum. It is a long term project.

Cheers to winter 2022

Errol & Randy

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Join - support - drop in &  
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Thank you



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# Museum Update

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## MUSEUM UPDATE

The Community Volunteer Program kindly sponsored by Kosciuszko Thredbo Pty Ltd, enabled the Museum to be open a record number of days in the Autumn.

Regular participants include Marcus, Elsa and Errol Hanlon, Jane St Catherine, Simon Ayo, Jane Mitchell, Mandy Lamont, Chrissi and Brett Webb, Maureen Roberts and Kellie Meehan, all of whom competently guide visitors around the museum whilst sharing the history of Australian skiing and their experiences of life in Thredbo.

Work progresses on the digitalisation of objects which can be viewed on the Museum's data program Mosaic. The aim is put the complete collection on-line. Randy Weiman photographed 200 iconic pairs of ski boots ranging from the 1930s though to the 2000s. Maureen Roberts and Chrissi Webb continue to photograph their way through the 40 boxes of ski fashions dating back to pre-WWII. Approximately 100 of 200 pairs of skis remain to be "shot".

The federal government funded Australian Museums & Galleries Association (AMaGA) Chart grant facilitated the purchase of a new computer. It has an expanded memory capacity will enable opportunities to share Thredbo's past and present with the "digital" generation and target younger museum visitors.



The installation of the security camera purchased through a Small Museums Grant funded by the NSW Museums and Galleries ensures the safety of the Thredbo Alpine Museum's collection and equipment.

Randy Wieman, Errol and Marcus Hanlon worked hard at the storage units at Leesville when the entire contents of one unit was emptied in order for the large objects etc., to be transferred to the relocated shelving in the second container at Friday Flat.





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From February to May (open 40 days): **828 visitors** viewed the special Winter Olympic Collection on display.

This exhibition will continue during the winter so everyone will have the opportunity to enjoy the changing styles before the garments are "rested" for the next 4 years.

**Our team of community volunteers have enabled the doors to be open throughout the festive season.**

**Some comments in the visitors' book included:**

"Great little place, would have been a superb home for Grandma's fur hat!"

"Awesome and extremely informative – thank you"

"There are many interesting things that are on display, like the uniforms of Olympians and skis from a long time ago, I think it is a spectacular museum"

"Such a great museum volunteer"

"What a special place to hold Thredbo memories for all to enjoy. As a tour guide, I'll be sharing the museum with Tour Guides Australia"

## Museum Visitors

2020 TOTAL 2605  
2021 TOTAL 3898

Feb - May 2022  
**828**



Happy to help out when he can  
- Volunteer Roger Andrew

## Our 2022 Office Bearers

**Patron** Alan Rydge

**President/s**

Randy Wieman 0408 453 632 &

Errol Hanlon 0439 646 313

**Vice President/s**

Wayne Kirkpatrick 0418 766 484

Chrissi Webb 6456 2279

**Secretary** Maureen Roberts 6456 1289

Treasurer Raylene Jarvis 0414 679 409

**COMMITTEE** Alan Fredericks, Michelle Reichinger,  
Andrew Koczanowski, Brett Webb

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# Events & come see in the Museum

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## TAM & THREDBO EVENTS

**Wednesday 15 June 5 - 7pm**

### **Meet and Greet the Olympians**

Held in the Thredbo Alpine Museum (entry via the steps leading down from the Kosciuszko Room)

This will be a relaxed social evening for residents and guests to meet past and present Winter Olympians who are invited to share their experiences and speak about the clothing on display. Cost: \$10/pp, Beverages: \$5, Snacks provided.

**Wednesday July 20 from 6pm**

### **Mid-Winter Dinner and Faces of Thredbo Awards**

Our annual Mid-Winter Dinner and announcements of the next Faces of Thredbo Awards will take place in the Kosciuszko Room, Thredbo Alpine Hotel. TAM members \$75, non-members \$85. Includes alternate drop of a 2-course dinner, Entrée and Mains. Please advise of dietary requirements at the time of payment – through the website. Full bar available, table arrangements are in groups of 10. Bookings close June 15 or when fully booked. Preferred payment via Thredbo Alpine Museum website – events tab: [www.thredboalpinemuseum.org.au/event](http://www.thredboalpinemuseum.org.au/event), or deposit to Thredbo Alpine Museum bank details: BSB 032-728 Acc 106314. **Please use reference Mid-Winter Dinner & Guest Names.**

Inquiries; [contacts@thredboalpinemuseum.org.au](mailto:contacts@thredboalpinemuseum.org.au). Tickets purchased for the dinner in 2021 will be honoured, however please advise the names of those attending.

## AN OBJECT IN THE COLLECTION: Jack Morrissey's Kiandra skis

These wooden skis measure 190cm in length. They are 10 cm wide, with straight sides and they appear to have been used as jumping skis because each of the rough ski soles have 3 running grooves to ensure the skis tracked straight down the hill. On the tip of the shallow shovel is a curiously carved circular knob. It is difficult to identify the age of the skis however a pair with a similar knob appears in a Charles Kerry photograph taken of the Kiandra Ski Club circa 1896.



A Kiandra resident, Jack Morrissey was employed as a dingo trapper by the NSW Pastures Protection Board and he used these skis when setting traps in Winter or as the relieving mailman when Postmaster Bill Patrick was unable to collect or deliver the mail during his 40 year tenure in Kiandra.

When Jack grew old and moved to Nimmitabel, he brought the skis with him, and his grandson, a much younger Peter Evans, endeavoured to ski on them. How Peter managed to stay on the skis is a big question as the leather bindings have long since fallen off, leaving just the screws.

QUIZ QUESTION "Why is there a knob on the tip of each ski?" ANSWER – "to hold the sealskin climbing aid in place"

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# THREDBO SKI RACING CLUB CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

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In 1972 an inaugural meeting with the aim of establishing the Thredbo Ski Racing Club was held on January 2nd at Sasha's Apartments.

The objective was to form a club that was 'active in organising, co-ordinating and encouraging ski races and ski training at Thredbo – with special emphasis on Juniors. Discipline was minuted as being important in order to achieve results.

There were 11 training members, increasing to 30 over the next few years and reaching 60 in the 80's. The initial uniforms comprised of 12 bibs (donated by Mr Kurt Lance), 12 white caps (to be made by Mrs Coleman) and 24 black on orange badges. In 1973, after much deliberation, these were replaced with a full uniform.

A temporary Clubhouse was located at the old Bank of NSW premises in the village until the current clubhouse was built at the base of the Ramshead Chairlift, organised by a building committee under the direction of Otmar Dorfer. A licence agreement for the site proposed by KT was accepted by the general meeting on October 2nd, 1977.

President of NSW Ski Association, Kurt Lance negotiated a grant of \$15,000 from NSW Dept of Sport and Recreation, and further funds were raised.

The Club went on to produce many Olympians in the Alpine discipline – more than any other race club in Australia: Stephen Clifford (1972), David Griff (1976), Kim Clifford (1976 & 1980), Jacqui Cowderoy (1980), Rowena Bright (2002), Kathrin Nikolussi (2002), Paralympian Rod Hacon, Paralympian Michael Milton 1988, 1992, 1994, 2002 and 2006).

Notable founding members included the families Dorfer, Hodgkinson, Lance, Nekvapil, Prihoda, Studley, Tierney, Tomasi, van der Lee and Griffin."

TSRC 40 Year Anniversary Dinner

By 2012, the club had 88 training members and today in 2022 it is anticipated there will be even more members. Going forward, it's interesting to see the children and grand children of the early members are now training with the club. So that's how traditions are built. The list of Winter Olympians grows and includes Jono Brauer, Lavinia Chrystal and Madi Hoffman.

This year as part of the recently approved TSRC Strategic Plan, the TSRC will introduce yearly selective membership for all athletes, commencing 2022. Athletes will be monitored throughout the season on a range of important criteria and personal characteristics to meet the minimum expectations of the Club whilst aligning with the purpose as a SA pathway program provider.

The monitoring of all members by Program Staff will include an overview of skill level relevant to age and expectation, attendance (minimum day count), skills assessment results, attitude, focus, effort, motivation, commitment to sport, physical fitness, equipment care, behaviour, leadership, teamwork and race results (Snow Australia and FIS races only).

Given the requirements on criteria are met to an acceptable standard, and dependent on athlete number projections, selected athletes will be invited to attend TSRC as a training member for the Northern Hemisphere (TBC) and the following Australian winter.

The TSRC Program Director and Head Coach Craig Branch, who was contracted by Snow Australia to coach with the alpine athletes in Beijing, will be supported a team of six instructors: Christian Geiger, Adam Barwood, Peter Fuchs, Zali Offord, Mila Randall and Nick Jones.

The club's president Richard Davis concluded "The committee continues to work on new initiatives with key stakeholders, particularly Kosciuszko Thredbo and Snow Australia, to work on improvements in how athletes can manage training and education, upgrades to our website, new fundraising initiatives, improvements to TSRC's corporate structure and, of course, preparing for celebrations to mark the club's 50th year." (TSRC on-line)



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# AASHA Report/Update

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Alan Fredericks

## AUSTRALIAN ALPINE SNOWSPORTS HISTORY ASSOCIATION

### 2022 CONFERENCE FALLS CREEK SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER

With covid restrictions causing cancellation of the proposed 2020 and 2021 annual AASHA Conferences at Falls Creek, plans are now well underway for the Falls Creek Historical Society to host this years conference in November.

Members of existing alpine/Ski history bodies and interested ski historians plus the general public will be most welcome.

The format will broadly follow as below;

Friday 4 November 6 or 7 pm WELCOME  
DRINKS

Saturday 5 November – Annual Conference  
including Guest Speakers

Sunday 6 November - Farewell activities and  
Easy away

More information with conference details and accommodation options will be provided by Falls Creek closer to the event. In the short term if you are seeking more information then please contact me as below.

Alan Fredericks Past AASHA President  
E [alanf@bigpond.net.au](mailto:alanf@bigpond.net.au) Mob 0417 401 403

## MEMBERS VISITING THREDBO WINTER 2022 VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

With winter now upon us, we are offering any of our members planning a visit to Thredbo this season, an open invitation to offer some of their time to volunteer to open the museum so we can honour our commitment to display our collection to the public. This winter it is proposed to open the museum 7 days a week.

Our opening times are 12 noon to 4 pm or  
1pm to 5 pm.

Whilst we do have a core group of local Thredbo volunteers, many of these people have winter work obligations, as you would expect.

So if you are a member visiting Thredbo and prepared to offer your services for a day or two (4 hours shift) we would be delighted to hear from you by contacting Alan Fredericks as below.

Your contribution would be much appreciated and we believe your experience there will be significantly rewarding.

Alan Fredericks - Volunteer Co Ordinator  
E [alanf@bigpond.net.au](mailto:alanf@bigpond.net.au)  
Mob 0417 401 403



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# PROFILE OF A MEMBER Brett Webb

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### Brett Webb

A new face on the TAM Committee is Brett Webb.

Brett was born in Jindabyne in the mid-1970s, to parents involved in the snowsports industry. He became a toddler on skis, skiing every winter and at the age of 9 he commenced training with the TSRC, reaching Junior FIS in 1991.

In 1992 his ski interests changed radically, after he watched Glenn Plake star in 'Licence to Thrill' and decided to try his hand at 'extreme' skiing. This new direction led him on a path to the southern alps of New Zealand and then, in 1996, to Lake Tahoe, California USA, and to a group of skiers including luminaries such as Shane McConkey and Kent Kreidler.

A knee injury brought him back to Sydney where he decided to broaden his employment skills and interests. Upon recovery and reflection, rock climbing became his major outdoor pursuit.

Eventually his artistic skills led him into cabinet making and setting up a joinery in the Goulburn locality. His spectrum of skills resulted in him taking up employment with a land surveying firm as a draftsman.



Today he operates "Astique Design Consultancy" in Jindabyne, that combines his knowledge of computer aided design and the construction/ development industry to create building and land subdivision designs. This residency in Jindabyne allows him to resume his love of alpine skiing, snowsports and backcountry ski touring.

Brett brings to the TAM committee his enthusiasm for the heritage and preservation of Australian snow sports and his practical skills. He would hope that these skills will assist TAM moving forward whilst providing museum visitors with an alternative perspective to the history of Australian snowsports.



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# STAFF REUNION

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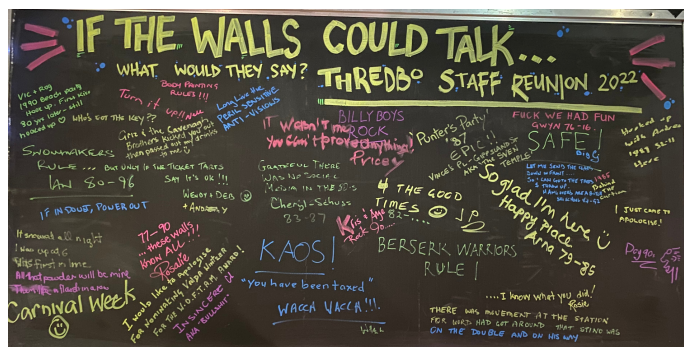
## 70'S - 80'S -90'S Thredbo Staff



The last weekend of May saw Thredbo welcome past staff members that worked during the 70's, 80's & 90's.

So great to see all the old faces back in town, enjoying a beer in the Bistro, sharing many memories, stories and laughs, ending the night in the Keller enjoying the local band the Hip Replacements!

Looking forward to the next reunion!



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# Membership & Opening Times

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## Become a TAM member today

Individual, Family, Lodge & Corporate memberships available.

### TAM MEMBERSHIP FEES 2021/22

#### Individuals

1 year \$45  
5 years \$225  
10 years \$450

#### Family

1 year \$60  
5 years \$300

#### Group/Club Lodge

Annual \$220/year

#### Corporate

Gold: \$1500/yr  
Silver: \$1000/yr  
Bronze: \$500/yr

#### Membership payments direct deposit

Thredbo Alpine Museum

BSB 032 728 Acc. 106314



<https://www.thredboalpinemuseum.org.au/membership-payment>

## Winter Opening Times

**12 – 4 pm**

**OPEN DAILY** subject to volunteer availability

### Remember when?

Ski School uniforms: 1950s, 1970s, 1980s



### INVITATION

Contributions for the newsletter from the TAM membership are very welcome.

Please forward them by email to Alan Fredericks: [alanf@bigpond.com](mailto:alanf@bigpond.com)