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President's Piece

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Welcome to the last news-
letter for 2018. I find it hard
to believe that Christmas is
just over six weeks away!
The October lodge weekend
has been and gone and,
judging by the articles in this
newsletter, it looks like
some great spring skiing was
had over the weekend
(despite a wet and windy
start). By now the backcoun-
try spring skiing is pretty

much finished and our
thoughts are turning to
bushwalking, biking, kayak-
ing and other summer activi-
ties – unless you are one of
the lucky ones heading off
for the Northern hemisphere
winter.

The club will hold its Christ-
mas party on Wednesday
evening 5th December at
Lennox Gardens. It's a great
opportunity to catch up

reminisce about the season's
adventures. Hopefully the
summer storms will stay
away this time.
If I don't catch up with you
at the party - have a great
summer, stay safe and see
you in the new year.

Jo-Anne Clancy
President



***Ken Moylan, Marg Baz, Silke Speier and Corinne Vale skiing towards Carruthers Peak.
19 October 2018***

Photographer: Alan Levy

Xmas Party



**When: 6pm Wednesday 5th December
2018**

Where: Lennox Gardens

Trip Report – Snowy River – Sunday 21 October 2018

After heavy rain the night and day before we had originally planned to ski up alongside the road towards Seaman's Hut as we expected the Snowy River would be too high to cross.

When we drove up to the car park and checked the river height it looked to have come down substantially from the night before and people were crossing.

Alan Levy lead the trip with Mike Hinchey, Corinne Vale, Silke Speier, Sunny Giam and myself. We walked down the path to the Snowy carefully to avoid slipping on the ice. Crossing the Snowy is always an experience, it was cold as expected but only about thigh height at its deepest.

After crossing, drying our feet and putting skis on we skied up along the Snowy River. It is always spectacular at this time of year with the water carving its way through the layered snow pack and a good amount of water flow creating many waterfalls.

We stopped up past Mount Clarke for morning tea. After morning tea we skied up to Seaman's Hut where we had lunch. Corinne made the most of the nice snow by skiing up towards Etheridge Ridge and down towards the valley across from Seaman's Hut a few times while the rest of us rested on the grass at the back of the hut.

After lunch and a bit of a rest for most of us, we skied back down towards Snowy Bridge. Alan said

we should be able to ski most of the way back but I was a bit sceptical as looking down towards the road there did not look to be much snow. I should have known to trust him though. In the whole trip we took our skis off briefly and it was only about 1 km before getting back to the car park we eventually ran out of snow and walked up to the road where we walked back to the car park.

It ended up a great day with very nice snow for skiing. Totally different than the previous day with the storms and rain, this day had hardly a cloud in the sky.

Tony Brown



The upper Snowy River. 21 Oct 2018.

Photographer: Alan Levy

Trip Report – Mount Kosciuszko – Saturday 13 October 2018

Ian Turland drove Bruce Porter, Alan Levy and myself to meet Paul Davis and Margaret Baz at Jindabyne.

You always need to watch for suicidal kangaroos at this time of the morning, we had one jump straight in front of the car and slip over on the road causing us to come to a near stop to avoid it.

After meeting up at Jindabyne for some breakfast and coffee at the Nugget's bakery we headed to Thredbo.

There was quite a line at the lift ticket office so it took a while to get tickets and up to the Kosciuszko Chair lift. We were told to be back around 3.45 which sounded a bit early, suspect they are being cautious to ensure people get back before the lift stops.

At Eagle's Nest we got ready and put on skis. We skied up

the Kosciuszko Track and soon had to ditch the skis to walk a few hundred metres up towards the North Ramshead Lookout where we put the skis back on.

We then skied up to Lake Cootapatamba Lookout where we had morning tea. From the lookout we had another few hundred metre walk.

We put the skis back on and skied to Rawson's Pass and straight from there to the Kosciuszko summit. The skies were clear and we could see Mount Bogong, still covered in snow, clearly in the distance.

From the summit we skied along the south west ridge where we stopped for lunch. The views from here are spectacular.

After lunch we skied straight down to Cootapatamba Hut. Apparently they are going to

rebuild the hut over the summer.

After Cootapatamba Hut we headed up to North Ramshead. There was a short section where we had to take off the skis, it was less than 50m. We had afternoon tea at North Ramshead.

From North Ramshead we skied down to Aries Tor for some photos and then skied all the way back down to Eagle's Nest by just after 4.00 pm.

As we were going down on the lift there were still people coming up, so not sure what time the lift really stops.

It was a great spring days skiing with nice snow, blue skies and very little walking.

Tony Brown



Paul Davis, Ian Turland, Tony Brown, Bruce Porter and Marg Baz near Mt Kosciuszko. 13 October 2018.

Photographer: Alan Levy

Trip Report — Mount Kosciuszko — Saturday 13 October 2018 (cont'd)



Tony Brown, Marg Baz and Paul Davis on the south ridge of Mt Kosciuszko. 13 October 2018.

Photographer: Alan Levy

Ski and Snow Photos



*Melinda Brouwer,
Sonja Weinberg
and Ian Turland
crossing Blue Lake
late in the season,
on the October
Lodge weekend.
Friday 19 October
2018.*

*Photographer:
David Drohan*

Ski and Snow Photos (cont'd)



Corinne Vale, Silke Speier, Marg Baz and Ken Moylan near The Sentinel. 19 October 2018.

Photographer: Alan Levy



Group descending Mt Stilwell ahead of an approaching storm. 20 October 2018.

Photographer: Alan Levy

Ski and Snow Photos (cont'd)



Old snow gum taken up behind Charlotte Pass during a storm, on the Lodge weekend. They always look their best in the wet. 20 October 2018. Photographer: Tony Brown



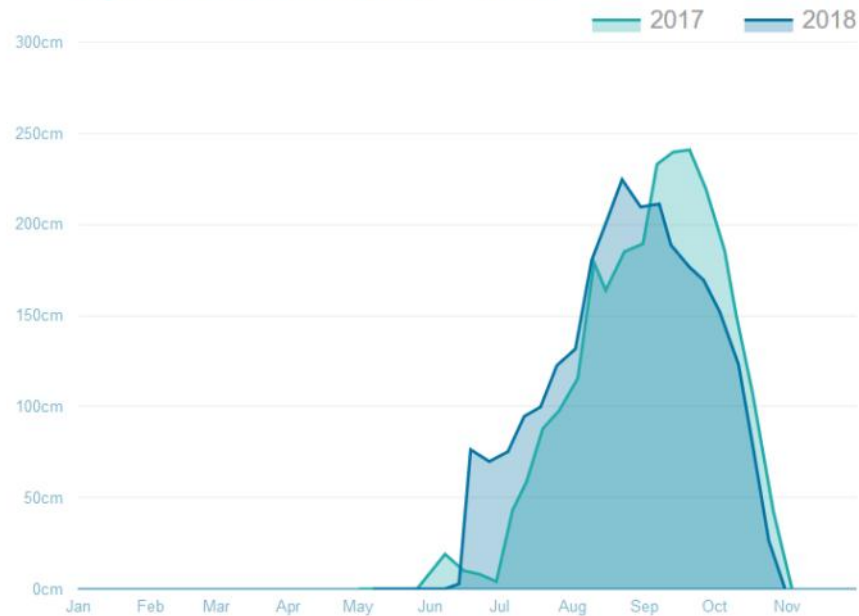
Twisted snow gum near Charlotte Pass in the rain. 20 October 2018. Photographer: Tony Brown



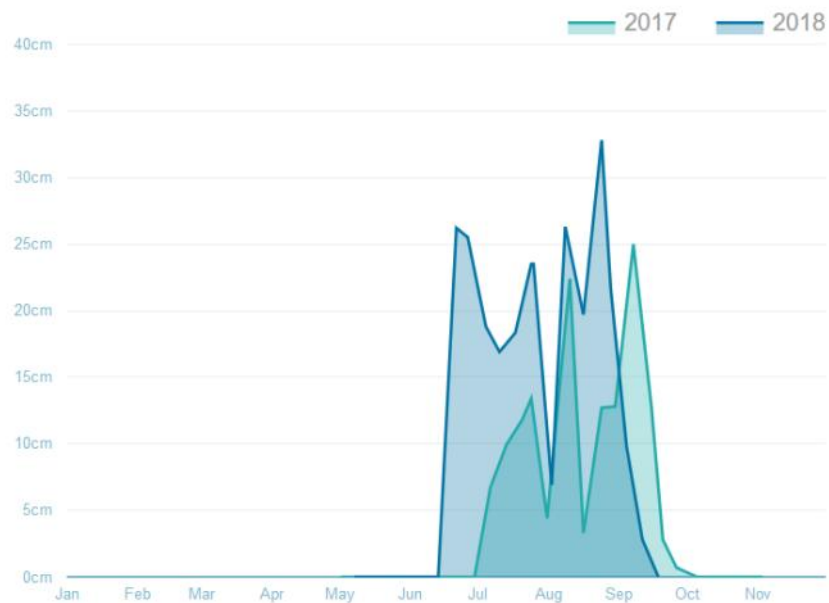
This snow gum really stood out across the mountain with its yellow trunk. 20 October 2018. Photographer: Tony Brown

Snowy Hydro Snow Depth—4 November 2018

Spencers Creek 2017 - 2018



Three Mile Dam 2017 - 2018





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Club Snow Camping Gear for hire

The following gear which is owned by the Club is available for hire to Club members. These prices are cheap. The commercial hire charge for a 2-person tent is \$45 per weekend.

Tent (Macpac 3-4 person) - \$20/weekend ; - \$30/week

Trangia stove - \$3/weekend; - \$5/week



Club Safety Gear for use by Tour Leaders

The Club has four Personal Locator Beacons (PLB), two GPS units and some first aid kits which are available free of charge to members leading Club ski tours.

PLB (GME MT410G) **Contact** Alan Levy, Jo-Anne Clancy, Bruce Porter or Lachlan Kennedy

GPS (Garmin Etrex Vista HcX) **Contact** Alan Levy & Jo-Anne Clancy

