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INTEREST:

- Spring & Summer Trip Reports & Photos
- Membership Renewal

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# Off Piste



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*The Main Range (The Sentinel, Carruthers Peak) from Olsen's Lookout after a late season snowfall - 16 November 2021. Photo: Alan Levy*

## 2022 Membership Subscriptions

Membership Subscriptions for the 2022 season are now due, and can be paid on Register Now via the Club website, or by using the pdf form also available on the website and on page 24.

[Register Now](#) is the preferred and easiest method.

## Next Newsletter

The next newsletter will be produced in mid June. Deadline for contributions is 13 June. Please send any articles or photos to [cccseditor@gmail.com](mailto:cccseditor@gmail.com)

# President's Piece

Welcome to the first Off Piste newsletter for the 2022 season. Winter is approaching and once we are past the minor distraction of a federal election it hopefully won't be too long before we can dust off our ski gear. And speaking of politics and cross country ski gear, here's a comment from former Alaskan governor and vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin when asked about her negative polling: "Polls? Nah ... they're for strippers and cross-country skiers."

There are other more "esteemed" connections one can find between politicians and cross country skiing. Did you know that former New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark is a cross-country skier, as was former German chancellor Angela Merkel?

Back to our own skiing for 2022, dare we hope for a good snow season? Reporting in The Guardian on the Bureau of Meteorology's analysis of prospective long-term weather patterns for this year notes that "the typical west-to-east storm tracks [are set to] shift farther north, bringing bursts of cold weather to southern Australia. During winter, that set-up usually means more snow in the alps". Ben Domensino, a senior meteorologist at Weatherzone is reported saying: "The ingredients are there for a good [snow] season but it will just come down to the individual events". Here's hoping!

As usual, the club will be involved in a range of skiing activities during the season. We will be aiming to provide a good range of ski tours, with leaders and would-be leaders encouraged to assist us by contributing to that core part of our program – see the message from our tour coordinator on page 4. A number of our members will also be involved in racing events, including organising the club's own race, the Kosciuszko Tour. We will be aiming to support beginners and others in building up their skills, including by supporting the Come and Try XC Lessons in July. And our program of social meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month will commence on 25 May – details on page 23.

In the meantime, you could participate in the last of our off-season activities, a bushwalking weekend at Geehi Flats on 14-15 May, or involve yourself in one of the working bees at the Perisher Nordic Shelter.

Here's to a great 2022 ski season.

Ian Turland,  
President

**Snowman for sale needs repairs \$25**



## Accessing the Members Page

When logging in via the 'Member Login' page, you need to use the "Username" and "Password" provided to members via the email "CCSC Update to member login details 2021" on 13 July 2021 or via subsequent email when joining the club.

Please do not log in with your email address as this will not work.

## Membership for 2022

The 2022 Membership year will commence on 1 May 2022. Membership fees can be paid via this [Register Now](#) link or by completing the pdf form available on the website, on the Forms page.

Fees for 2022:

- \$50 for a single membership
- \$75 for a household membership

## Social Meetings

Some of the COVID restrictions that were in place for the Social Meetings last year are no longer required, however members should exercise common sense and not attend if experiencing COVID like symptoms. Hand Sanitiser will be provided for use at the meetings.

## Selwyn re-opens

The Selwyn ski facilities, in the northern part of Kosciuszko National Park, were all destroyed or extensively damaged in the 2020 bushfires. The construction of new facilities, including improved snow-making equipment, will see the Selwyn Snow Resort re-open on 2 July 2022. The gentler slopes at Mt Selwyn make it a good choice for honing free-heal downhill techniques, as well as providing a base from which to head out to the surrounding areas. The club will be looking to include tours in this area this year.

## Activities & Dates – 2022

Sat 14 May – **Snow Sale** (Old Bus Depot – Kingston) (see further details on page 4)

Wed 25 May – **First CCCSC Social Meeting for 2022** (see further details on page 23)

### Fri & Sat nights, 8 & 9 July - July Lodge Weekend (Kalkite)

Sat 9 July - Come & Try Skiing Open Day

Sun 10 July – ACT Ski de Femme

### Fri & Sat nights, 22 & 23 July - July Lodge Weekend (Kalkite)

Sat 23 July – Come & Try Open Day

### Fri & Sat nights, 29 & 30 July - July Lodge Weekend (Kalkite)

Sat 30 July – Kosciuszko Tour

### Sat 6 to Sat 13 August - XC Ski Week (Perisher)

Sat 6 August - PXC Cup

Sun 7 August – Boonoona Open

Mon 8 August – KAC XC Classic (moved from Wed to Mon)

Tues 9 August – Coffee Tour

Wed 10 August – Charlotte Pass Open & NSW Twilight Relays (moved from Mon to Wed)

Thur 11 August – Sundeck Handicap

Fri 12 August – Coffee Tour

Sat 13 August- Snowy Mountains Classic

### Tues 23 to Sun 28 August - Victoria Skiing (Falls Creek)

Sat 27 August – Kangaroo Hoppet

## From the Tour Co-ordinator

Hi skiers, winter is approaching. We would like to have a jam-packed tour program this year following on from our rather interrupted schedule last year. To have lots of tours, we need lots of tour leaders! You don't need any special training to be a tour leader. You need to be competent on skis, have a passion to visit parts of our beautiful alps and share it with others, and know the terrain that you'll be heading into and how to deal with potentially rough weather. I think these are all great qualities that many of our experienced club members have, so please, to keep our club thriving, how about you volunteer for leading a tour this year? To help new leaders, we can organise to have an experienced leader join a trip for some mentorship as well.

Those interested in leading tours this season are welcome to contact me with tour suggestions. Information that I will need includes:

- Name of Tour
- Description
- Terrain: Gentle / Hilly / Steep / Rough
- Length: Short (< 8km & < 200m climb) / Medium (8km - 15km or 200m - 600m climb) / Long (>15km or > 600m climb)
- Skill : Basic / Intermediate / Advanced / Telemark/XC Downhill
- Name of Tour Leader & Contact Details

Let's hope for great snow again this year!

Ralph Gailis,

[cccsctours@gmail.com](mailto:cccsctours@gmail.com)



# SNOWSALE CANBERRA

## MAY 14

**Former Transport Depot**  
21 Wentworth Ave  
Kingston ACT

**Sat. May 14 - 8.30am to 1.30pm**

**Drop off items for the Sale**  
Friday 13 May, 12.00pm – 5.00pm

**Collection of unsold items**  
Saturday 14 May, 3.00pm – 4.00pm

The Canberra Snow Sale has been running for 30 years and is a great opportunity to buy and/or sell new and pre-loved snow sports equipment.

All proceeds from the event go toward supporting local ACT snow sports programs and events.

**More information**  
[snow.org.au/snowsale](http://snow.org.au/snowsale)  
Wendy Olsen: [sale@snow.org.au](mailto:sale@snow.org.au)



## Racing News

Congratulations to our Olympic XC Ski team for their achievements at the Beijing Winter Olympics! I hope you managed to catch some of the XC action from the games and are now inspired to give it your best shot during our racing season.

Looking to tone up those ski muscles before the snow arrives? The K7 Ski School has some great xc ski training videos on their [website](#)

Check the racing calendar in this newsletter for all the events this season and entry details. The [PXC website](#) is also a great source of information.

## Perisher XC Ski Week: 6 - 13 August 2022

XC Ski Week is a week for all XC enthusiasts whether you're a beginner, a seasoned racer, or a recreational skier. Be a part of a week-long celebration of this great sport. Plenty for all – test yourself via a race, improve your skiing or simply have fun in the snow on the famous coffee tours. One thing to note is that the KAC race has been moved to the Monday whilst the Charlotte Pass Open and Twilight Relays are now on the Wednesday. The club can provide discount accommodation and car pooling for members who wish to take part in this fun week. For more information contact Jo-Anne Clancy on ..... or [ccsc Canberra@gmail.com](mailto:ccsc Canberra@gmail.com)

## Kosciuszko Tour: Saturday 30 July at Perisher Valley

The club will once again run the Kosciuszko Tour event at Perisher. Last year we had a great turn out despite the strong winds. The distance is approximately 15-18 km and can be done using freestyle (skate) or classic technique. We always try to choose an interesting course that takes entrants away from the regular trails to explore more of the Perisher Range (snow and weather permitting). Online entry will be available soon through the Snow Australia entry system and a link will be provided to members.

Volunteers are needed to help run the Kosciuszko Tour, including course marshals and timing assistants. There are many tasks that can be done by racers or non-racers, before, during or after the event. Any assistance is appreciated! To find out more contact Jo-Anne Clancy on ..... or [ccsc Canberra@gmail.com](mailto:ccsc Canberra@gmail.com). Discounted accommodation near Jindabyne is available for volunteers.

Here's hoping that we get to have a full season of events this year for the first time since 2019!

## Lodge Weekends

Our popular Kalkite lodge weekends are back again this season on the following dates:

### 1<sup>st</sup> Lodge Weekend: Friday 8 – Sunday 10 July 2022

This lodge weekend takes place in the school holidays, so it's perfect for families with kids. It coincides with the Come and Try XC beginner ski lesson on Saturday 9 July and the Ski de Femme on Sunday 10 July. Easy tours will also be provided by club members.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Lodge Weekend: Friday 22 – Sunday 24 July

As this lodge weekend is held in peak season, the snow conditions should allow for lots of touring options. For the beginners there is another Come and Try XC ski lesson on the Saturday. For more experienced skiers the club will offer a wide variety of tours or the opportunity to have a more advanced lesson.

These weekends are very popular, and spaces are limited. A registration link will be available shortly. For more information or to express your interest in attending, please contact [ccsc Canberra@gmail.com](mailto:ccsc Canberra@gmail.com)

# Trip Report - Spring Walks in the Mountains - 27-28 Nov 21

We all know what a wet spring we've had and that put a dampener on enthusiasm for these walks. Nevertheless Alan Levy and Mike Hinchy decided to give it a go and, as it turns out, were well rewarded.

On the Saturday, which dawned overcast, we decided to do a short walk up to Horse Camp Hut to see it in its spring livery. The rebuilt hut is one of the best jobs the Park have done in recent years. And the early flowers were out and the rain stayed away. There were a goodly number of other walkers and mountain bikers on the track but we had the hut to ourselves for lunch. Afterwards we decided to return via the aquaduct track and then did a diversion down the upper penstock to join the main trail. We concluded that this would make a nice ski route with the right amount of soft snow. So we returned after a somewhat leisurely 10km walk to prepare for what the Sunday had in store for us.

Sunday dawned a red letter day of sunshine. We headed off to Cascade Hut noting the large number of cars already at the trail head. As we made our way down the track we were tempted to believe that we do it better than Scotland. Our heather is both purple and yellow and puts on a mighty display. We were joined by a smattering of walkers but the bulk of the traffic was mountain bikers, half of which were electrified. There was very little sign of the brumbies – the traffic probably scaring them back into the bush. We called in to the Devil's Dolmen on the way down and had lunch at the hut which for a while seemed like a biking hub.

By the end of the day of sunshine we had done just over 20 km, felt well exercised and glad we had made the effort.

Mike Hinchy



**Horse Camp Hut**



**Mike walking next to the penstock above Guthega power station.**



**View towards the Ramshead Range**



**The Devil's Dolmen on  
Bob's Ridge**



**Cascade Hut**

**Photos: Alan Levy**



## For Sale

For anybody that collects old skiing stuff, I have a set of 1982 Tyrolia TRB ski mountaineering bindings with ice clamps. Still usable. Cost: \$40

Dirk Stoffels 0408 944 536 [dirkj123@bigpond.com](mailto:dirkj123@bigpond.com)



## Trip Report - Stockyard Spur – 5 Dec 21

After Ralph Gailis put this walk on the summer program for early December, Bruce Porter and myself joined him for the big slog up Stockyard Spur to Pryors Hut and on to the summit of Mt Gingera. I had done most of this walk over ten years earlier and was keen to see how the track had been improved and whether this route would be suitable for a local ski trip at some stage.

We drove to Corin Dam and arrived around 8:45am. The weather was perfect for walking - overcast and not too warm - but the tops of the peaks were in cloud. From the carpark we quickly entered the bush from where the track climbed very steeply up the ridge. On the lower portion many steps had been constructed which made the walking easier. Higher up the trail continued via a series of small plateaus followed by steep slopes until after 2km we reached the cleared helipad area – 500m above our starting point. Once at the helipad we met the firetrail which then continued along Stockyard Spur to the Mt Franklin Road. Walking along the firetrail though the forest was quite pleasant but there were a few steep sections along the way. After 6.5km of walking we reached the Mt Franklin Road then headed south for another kilometre to Pryors Hut, arriving at 11:45am.

After a short break at the hut we followed the road south around the eastern side of Mt Gingera. This area had been burnt during the 2020 fires and there were many dead trees everywhere. We then joined the Mt Gingera summit trail which climbed through grassland and snowgums up the southern side of the mountain. The top of the mountain was in cloud/fog, so we didn't have any distant views. Close to the summit trig at the very southern end of the mountain was an amazing gnarled snowgum growing out of the rock. The western side of the summit was unburnt and we stopped for lunch under some picturesque trees, surrounded by flowers.

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**Snowgum on Mt Gingera.**  
Photo: Alan Levy



*The firetrail on Stockyard Spur. Photo: Alan Levy*



*Bruce and Ralph inside Pryors Hut. Photo: Alan Levy*

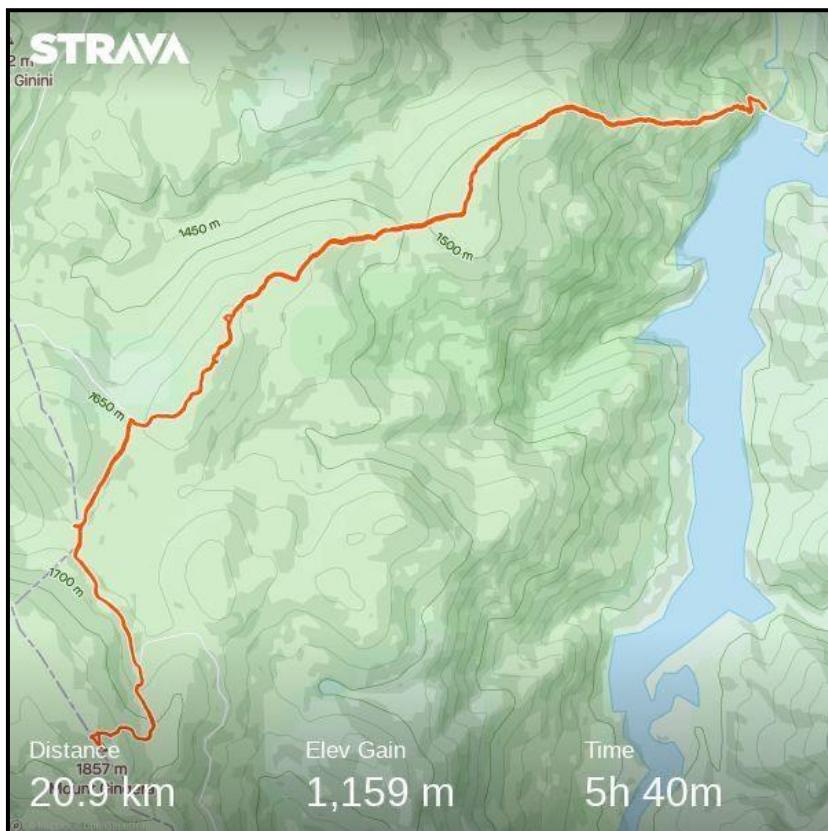


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We left the top around 1:30pm and retraced our steps back down to the road, past Pryors Hut and back along the Stockyard Spur firetrail towards Corin Dam. There was a steep climb of about 100m back up to the helipad before the steep descent down to the carpark. We arrived back at the car around 4:20pm. All up the round trip was 21km in distance and involved 1100m of climbing! With all the recent rain Corin Dam was completely full with water flowing down the spillway.

Thanks to Ralph for putting on this walk. As for using this route for winter skiing, an important aspect is whether the road is open to Corin Dam or shut near Corin Forest, about 9km away. The track up Stockyard Spur and along the firetrail is quite open and having skis strapped to your pack wouldn't be a problem as there were not many overhanging branches over the trail. If there were low level snowfalls the road may not be open to the dam, and even though you might be able to ski from the helipad it would be a steep, slippery climb to reach the snow. If the snow level was much higher then the climb up Stockyard Spur would be easier but it would involve a much further walk along the spur to reach skiable snow. Maybe one day I will use this route to go skiing, but it is much easier to drive to the Snowy Mountains!

Alan Levy



**Map of the route from Corin Dam along Stockyard Spur to Mt Gingera.**



**Work is progressing on the new building at Mt Selwyn to replace the infrastructure lost in the 2020 fires. The current re-opening date is 2 July 2022.**

## Trip Report - High Camp on the Abbotts - 22-23 January

In the month of January which saw Jindabyne receive over 200mm of rain it was an absolute miracle that this trip enjoyed perfect weather.

After a couple of members had to pull out just three, Alan Levy, Trevor Potts and myself headed out from Charlotte Pass along the rocky road full of optimism. This wasn't misplaced because the higher we trekked the more spectacular the wildflowers. They have responded to the wet season too in a big way.

Once at Snowy Bridge we headed up the wide valley towards Muellers Pass through carpets of snow daisies, eyebright, Billy buttons and trigger plants. Just leaving the road gave us an instant wilderness feel with the scattered remnant snow drifts painting some of the slopes. Once over Muellers Pass we headed down into Wilkinson's Valley for lunch beside the creek. Then it was a steady climb, first up to the plateau below the Abbotts peaks then up to the saddle between the first and second peaks along from Mt Townsend.

We made camp in the saddle with a stunning view overlooking the Geehi Flats and Khancoban pondage on the one side and Kosciuszko, Muellers Peak and the Ramsheads on the other. Upon climbing the first Abbott we were delighted to find a small tarn nestled just below the summit.

Every thing had gone to plan but by this stage Mike realised the 'rocky road' had done a mischief to the ball of his foot. Nevertheless the night was peaceful and Trevor slept out under the stars. Sunday dawned just as spectacular and we made a start back with Mike hobbling along. We made it back to Charlottes with Alan also feeling sore footed but Trevor full of go and looking forward to a five day trip later in the week.

We hope the photos speak for themselves.

Mike Hinckey



*Wildflowers on Muellers Pass. Photo: Mike Hinckey*



*Sunset over the Abbotts Range. Photo: Mike Hinckey*





Trevor and Mike enjoying the view from the Abbotts Range campsite. Photo: Alan Levy



Creek in the upper Snowy River valley below Mt Kosciuszko. Photo: Mike Hinchey

## Trip Report - The Sentinel - 5-6 February

Nine of us met at Charlotte Pass just before 10am on Sat 5 February. On the trip were Sonja Weinberg, John Giaccon, Ian Turland, Ralph Gailis, Susie Iball and friend Julie, Bill Stanhope, Lucy Coldwell and myself. The weather on arrival was very foggy with light misty rain, not what was forecast, but after waiting a while it quickly improved and we decided to head off on our overnight camp to The Sentinel.

We descended the track to the Snowy River, crossed easily over the rocks then began the long gradual uphill climb along the walking track towards Blue Lake. Luckily the cool, overcast weather helped keep the flies away. We stopped for morning tea at Soil Conservation Creek then continued up over the top of the Main Range and down towards The Sentinel. As the winds were coming from the east, this western side of the Main Range had less cloud and was mostly in sunshine. We arrived near the top of the Sentinel around 1pm and were able to set up all our tents in the sheltered campsite, mostly protected from the wind.

After lunch we did a two hour return walk out to the very end of Watsons Crags. This provided great views of Lady Northcote Canyon and the western face of the Main Range. Following dinner we walked out onto The Sentinel to hopefully see a spectacular sunset. The wind was picking up but we were able to find a sheltered location lower down the ridge to sit and enjoy the views. The scenery and cloud effects were spectacular however it quickly clouded in and started to rain, so we then retreated back to the campsite. We didn't get the sunset but a clearing of the cloud did provide some amazing colours in the sky. During the evening the wind picked up and our tents shook all night, which made sleep difficult.

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**The Sentinel late in the day.**  
Photo: Sonja Weinberg



Campsite at The Sentinel. Photo: Alan Levy



Tree covered rock on Watson's Crags. Photo: Lucy Coldwell



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The next morning started foggy but the cloud retreated and we were soon in sunshine. Ian and Ralph did a quick dash out to the trig point on The Sentinel. We then packed up and departed the campsite at 9:30am. The return route took us up to the ridge overlooking Blue Lake then down to the start of the Blue Lake track. We were back at the cars just before midday. This was another enjoyable trip and it was good to be able to show people this spectacular area.

Alan Levy



Ralph at the Sentinel trig. Photo: Ralph Gailis



Spectacular sky colours over  
The Sentinel.  
Photo: Sonja Weinberg

Group photo near  
Blue Lake.  
Photo: Alan Levy



# Trip Report - Blue Waterholes-Cave Creek-Coolamine Plain -

## 5-6 April

The incessant rains made programming this trip this Autumn a hit and miss affair. Nevertheless, on a second attempt we managed to hit the jackpot. But just three of us, Alan Levy, Colin Carroll, a newcomer to XC skiing and myself met up at the Adaminaby Bakery for morning coffee before all piling into Mike's car. We passed the site of the previous night's fatal helicopter crash behind New Chum hill and were amazed at the extensive Snowy 2 works in the vicinity of the track to Gooandra. This may have implications for the coming winter's trips to Gooandra hut.

We arrived at Blue Waterholes and were surprised to see the public camping areas so occupied mid week. School excursions accounted for most of the crowds. We escaped the crowds however by choosing to camp downstream in an idyllic spot beside Cave Creek.

That afternoon we walked/waded (there are multiple creek crossings involved) downstream through Clarke Gorge as far as the waterfall. Mike and Colin then started to fish back upstream while Alan took his camera for a rewarding tour of the area. It was a perfect afternoon and the photos prove it. Mike and Colin even landed some plump rainbow trout.

The next day was a walking day. We headed up Nichols Gorge and took a cursory look into Murray Cave before heading up onto Coolaman Plain. This is an interesting verdant sub alpine plain dotted with sink holes and the home of some very healthy herds of brumbies. Our objective was Bill Jones's hut, one of the last to be built before the establishment of the Park. Despite its age it only has a dirt floor and the dunny has seen better days. After lunch we headed back to camp via the Blue Waterholes fire trail making the walk a circuit of 12kms. By this time



**Cave Creek and Clarke Gorge. Photo: Alan Levy**



**At Bill Jones Hut, on Coolamine Plain. Photo: Mike Hinckey**

the sky had darkened and we contemplated whether to camp another night or beat a retreat. The weather forecast was dire and some ominous claps of thunder convinced us to break camp.

We drove home through driving rain pretty satisfied we had pulled off a great trip against the odds.

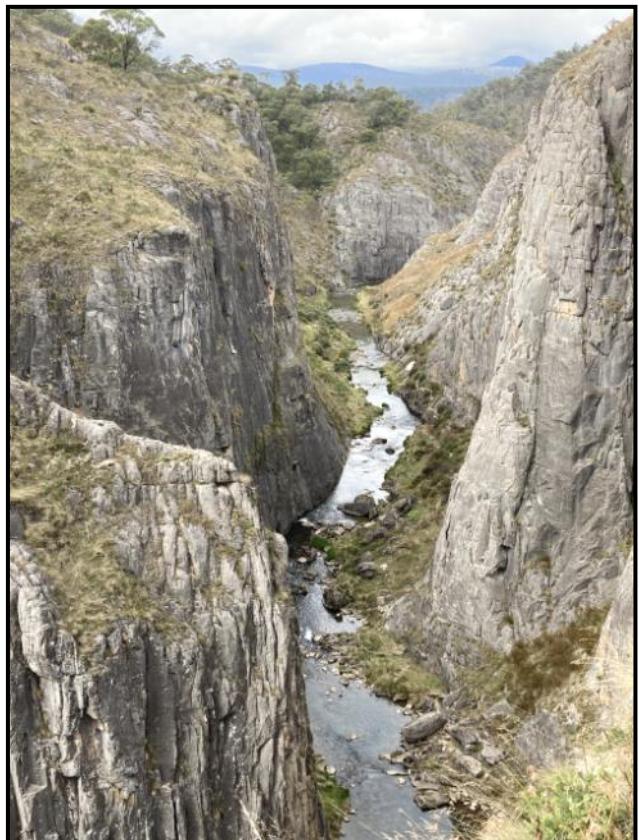
Mike Hinckey



*Campsite on Cave Creek.. Photo: Alan Levy*



*Cave Creek Falls. Photo: Mike Hinchey*



*Overlooking Clarke Gorge. Photo: Alan Levy*

## Spring Skiing Photos

Some photos of ski trips in late October and early November last year following the end of the Covid lockdown period. Luckily there was still good snow remaining on the Main Range at this time.



*Group climbing the slopes of Carruthers Peak, Sun 24 October 21. Photo: Alan Levy*



*Campsite near the Snowy River below Seamans Hut, Wed 27 October 21. Photo: Alan Levy*



*Group returning from Watsons Crags, Thur 21 October 21. Photo: Noel Mungovan*



*Impressive snow banks along the Snowy River near Snowy Bridge, Tues 26 October 21. Photo: Sue Genner*



**Michelle, Bill, Mike and Caroline below Carruthers Peak, Sun 24 October 21. Photo: Alan Levy**



**Skiing near North Ramshead, Tues 9 November 21. Photo: Sue Genner**



**Group near the Snowy River, enroute to Kunama Hutte ruin and Club Lake, Sun 31 October 21. Photo: Jenny Lyons**



**Ken Moylan skiing along the Kosciuszko South Ridge, Tues 9 November 21. Photo: Alan Levy**



# AUSTRALIAN CROSS COUNTRY SKIING 2022 RACE CALENDAR

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Day	Start	Race	Location	Contact	Contact No.
<b>March/April/May</b>					
Feb 27	9:00am	Snowy Mountains Nordic Come & Try Rollerski	Jindabyne	Kaz Forman	0425 675 555
Mar 27	9:00am	NSWACT XC Rollerski Challenge (F)	Canberra	Finn Marsland	0408 147 940
Mar 26-27	9:00am	North-East Victoria Challenge (F)	Barnawartha	Lynn Maree Cullen	0409 592 226
Apr 9/10	9:00am	<b>AUS Rollerski Championship Sprint &amp; 5/10km (F) FIS</b>	<b>Canberra</b>	<b>Finn Marsland</b>	<b>0408 147 940</b>
Apr 30	TBC	Lake Mountain Hill Climb (C / F)	Lake Mountain		
May 28/29	TBC	FIS Melbourne Rollerski International (Teardrop) FIS	Melbourne	Finn Marsland	0408 147 940
<b>June</b>					
Sat 11	11:00am	Come & Try XC Skiing Days - Children's equipment supplied	Lake Mountain	Ray Malins	0428 228 860
Sat 11	1:00pm	Snow Mountains Nordic Rollerski Challenge	Jindabyne	Tim Greville	0428 159 336
Sun 26	10:00am	TNSC Come & Try XC Skiing	Falls Creek	Lynn-Maree Cullen	0409 592 226
<b>July</b>					
Sat 2	10:00am	TNSC Come & Try XC Skiing	Falls Creek	Lynn-Maree Cullen	0409 592 226
Sat 2	11:00am	Paddy Pallin Junior (F) 0.5-2.5km	Perisher	Tim Greville	0428 159 336
Sun 3	11:00am	Cooma Clean Out the Cobwebs (F) 1/5km	Perisher	Bolt	0447 642 270
Sun 3	10:00am	Junior Sprint X	Lake Mountain	Ray Malins	0428 228 860
Sun 3	1:00pm	Come & Try XC Skiing Days - Children's equipment supplied	Lake Mountain	Ray Malins	0428 228 860
Sat 9	8:30am	Come & Try XC Skiing open day	Perisher	wolsen@snow.org.au	
Sat 9	11:00am	Come & Try XC Skiing Days - Children's equipment supplied	Lake Mountain	Ray Malins	0428 228 860
Sat 9	11:00am	Snow Trek & Travel High Plains Tour (F) 1/2.5/5/10	Falls Creek	Len Budge	0417 352 845
Sun 10	8:30am	ACT Ski de Femme	Perisher	R Cunningham	0400 718 047
Sun 10	11:00am	Cooma Clean Out the Waxbox (C) 5km 1km (F)	Perisher	Bolt	0447 642 270
Sun 10	11:00am	Come & Try XC Skiing Days - Children's equipment supplied	Lake Mountain	Ray Malins	0428 228 860
Sat 16	9:30am	<b>ACT Sprint Champ's (C)</b>	<b>Perisher</b>	<b>Kaz Forman</b>	<b>0425 675 555</b>
Sat 16	9:30am	<b>Vic Junior Sprint Champ's (F)</b>	<b>Falls Creek</b>	<b>Ben Derrick</b>	<b>0400 110 046</b>
Sun 17	9:30am	<b>NSW Distance Champ's (F)</b>	<b>Perisher</b>	<b>Kaz Forman</b>	<b>0425 675 555</b>
Sun 17	10:00am	<b>Vic Junior Distance Champ's (C)</b>	<b>Falls Creek</b>	<b>Ben Derrick</b>	<b>0400 110 046</b>
Mon 18	8:30am	NSW/ACT Interschools	Perisher	www.interschools.com	
Fri 22	9:00am	South Australia / Regional NSW Interschools Races	Falls Creek	www.interschools.com	
Sat 23	8:30am	Come & Try XC Skiing open day	Perisher	wolsen@snow.org.au	
Sun 24	10:30am	Birkebeiner Classic (C) 2.5/5/10km	Falls Creek	Ann Bellingham	0427 006 246
Sun 24	11:00am	Cooma Open (F) 10km	Perisher	Bolt	0447 642 270
Sun 24	11:00am	Come & Try XC Skiing Days - Children's equipment supplied	Lake Mountain	Ray Malins	0428 228 860
Sat 30	9:30am	<b>AUS Open Sprint Champ's (C) */* CC/FIS</b>	<b>Falls Creek</b>	<b>Ann Bellingham</b>	<b>0427 006 246</b>
Sat 30	10:00am	Canberra X-C Ski Club Kosciusko Tour (C/F) 18km	Perisher	Jo-Anne Clancy	0411 156 959
Sun 31	10:00am	<b>AUS Open Champ's 10/15 (F) */* CC/FIS</b>	<b>Falls Creek</b>	<b>Ann Bellingham</b>	<b>0427 006 246</b>
<b>August</b>					
Wed 3 – Fri 5		AUS Secondary Schools Ski Team Championship	Falls Creek	Ann Bellingham	0427 006 246
Sat 6	9:30am	PXC Cup 10km (F)	Perisher	Wayne Pethybridge	0431 285 566
Sat 6	11:00am	Hotham to Dinner Plain (F) 12km	Hotham	Mick Sinclair	0408 127 325
Sun 7	9:00am	Victorian Interschool XC Championships	Mt Buller	www.interschools.com.au	
Sun 7	10:00am	City Tatts Boonooona Open (C/F) 5km	Perisher	Michael Sterndale	0412 043 900
Sun 7	11:00am	Snow, Trek & Travel Mini Series #1 (C) 0.5/1.5/2.5 k	Falls Creek	Lynn-Maree Cullen	0409 592 226
Mon 8	10:00am	KAC X-C Classic (C/F) 8.5km	Perisher	Kathy Hatton	02 9411 5974
Wed 10	11:00am	Charlotte Pass Open (C) 5km	CharlPass	Kathy Hatton	02 9411 5974
Wed 10	5:00pm	NSW Twilight Relays (F)	Perisher	Peter Ward	0409 338 978
Thu 11	11:00am	Sundeck Handicap Race (F) 7.5km	Perisher	sundeckhotel.com.au	
Sat 13	9:30am	Snowy Mountains Classic (F) 2.5/7.5/15/30 km	Perisher	Peter Cunningham	0477 356 835
Sat 13	10:00am	Ski de Femme (F) Fun Race 1, 2.5 & 5km	Falls Creek	Ronice Goebel	03 5754 4910
Sat 13	11:00am	Come & Try XC Skiing Days - Children's equipment supplied	Lake Mountain	Ray Malins	0428 228 860
Sun 14	10:00am	NSW Ski Orienteering Champs	Perisher	Marina Iskhakova	0412 308 310
Sun 14	10:30am	Tullicoutry/St Philack Cup (F) 5/8km	Baw Baw	Paul Proctor	0417 352 052
Sun 14	11:00am	Lake Mountain Challenge (F) 2/5/15km	Lake Mountain	Ray Malins	0428 228 860
Sat 20	9:30am	<b>AUS Open Sprint Champ's (F) */* CC/FIS</b>	<b>Perisher</b>	<b>Kaz Forman</b>	<b>0425 675 555</b>
Sun 21	9:30am	<b>AUS Open Champ's 5/10 (C) */* CC/FIS</b>	<b>Perisher</b>	<b>Kaz Forman</b>	<b>0425 675 555</b>
Sun 21	10:30am	Rocky Valley Rush/Sun Val Ramble (15/7.5km) (F)	Falls Creek	Ann Bellingham	0427 006 246
Mon 22	1:00pm	Amelia Time Trial and Team Sprints	Perisher	Leslie Ludwig	0459 642 222
Wed 24	9:00am	NSW/ACT/QLD/SA Interschool Races	Perisher	www.interschools.com.au	
Thu 25	6:00pm	Falls Creek Invitation Night Sprints	Falls Creek	Race Secretary	03 5754 1045
	9:30am	Kangaroo Hoppet (F) 42km CC/FIS			
Sat 27	9:40am	Australian Birkebeiner (F) 21km	Falls Creek	Race Secretary	03 5754 1045
	9:50am	Joey Hoppet (F) 7km			
<b>September</b>					
Sat 3	9:30am	AUS Junior Championships Sprint (F) ** FIS	Falls Creek	Ann Bellingham	0427 006 246
	pm	TBC Aus Junior XC-Cross event			
Sat 3	11:00am	<b>NZ Merino Muster</b>	<b>Snow Farm</b>	www.snowfarmnz.com	
Sun 4	10:00am	<b>AUS Junior Championships Distance (C) ** FIS</b>	<b>Falls Creek</b>	<b>Ann Bellingham</b>	<b>0427 006 246</b>
Fri 9	9:00am	Australian Interschool XC Championship	Perisher	www.interschools.com.au	
Sat 10	11:00am	Snowy Mountains Nordic Family Cup	Perisher	Tim Greville	0428 159 336
Sat 10 / Sun 11	11:00am	Snow, Trek & Travel Mini Series #2 (F) 0.5/1.5/2.5 k	Falls Creek	Lynn-Maree Cullen	0409 592 226
Sat 10 / Sun 11		Perisher Cup	Perisher	Kim Easdale	0412851615

Online entries: <https://www.snow.org.au/events/list/>



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#### LEGEND

F Freestyle Race  
C Classic Race  
\* Senior Selection  
\*\* Junior Selection  
CC Continental Cup  
FIS FIS Race

Event details, times and dates may be subject to change without notice.  
Skiers should confirm details with race organisers. Updates will be posted at [www.ausxc.com/](http://www.ausxc.com/)



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## Club Committee Contacts

Position	Name	Email	Phone
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Secretary			
Treasurer			
Membership Secretary			
Tour Coordinator			
Kosciuszko Tour Coordinator			
Meeting Coordinator			
Newsletter Editor			
Webmaster			



### 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 two 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 or Ken.



## An End of Snow Prediction, Evaluated

Last year I tried to predict the end of the 2021 ski season. I had analysed years of snow depth data and used it to predict when the snow would be all gone, as measured at Spencer's Creek.

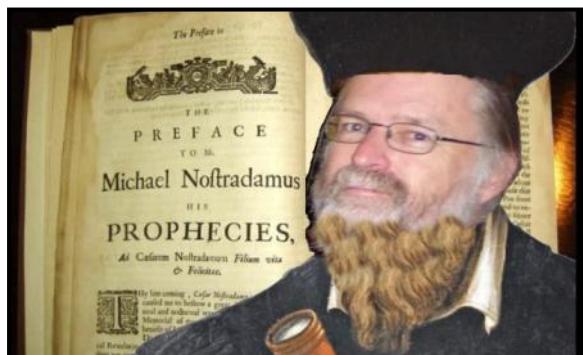
In the weeks after my prediction was published, I watched with trepidation the gradual decline in snow depth. How close would my prediction of 0cm of snow, at Spencer's Creek, as measured by Snowy Hydro, on 3 November come to being true?

5 November 2021 was the magic day. Only 2 days late from the prediction, or 2/42nds late (almost 5%). I feel pretty good about that.

I might next study the snow leads on Carruther's and Clarke, as seen from Charlottes Pass, and see if there is a year-to-year pattern.

Look for another prediction in this October's issue of Off Piste. Can I repeat last season's accuracy? Keep your membership and find out.

Skistradamus, April 2022



*Ice formations in the Snowy River, Wed 27 October 21, Photo: Sonja Weinberg*

# Social Meetings 2022 (All Welcome)

## Wednesday 25 May 2022

### Photos (Summer Activities) and Socialising

**Speaker:** Club Members

The first meeting of the year will be used for Club members to catch up and socialise, and to show some of their best photos from last season or over the summer break. Members are welcome to bring along photos on a memory stick.

## Wednesday 8 June 2022

### Skiing in Sweden

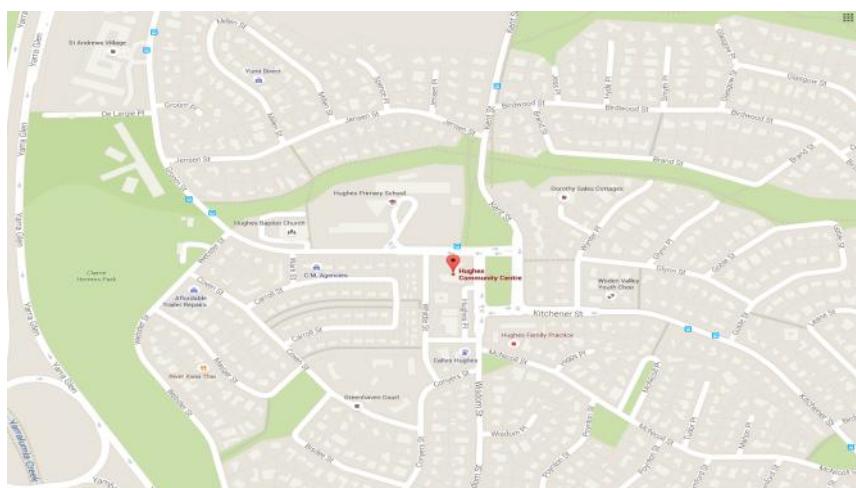
**Speaker:** Alan Laird

Alan Laird will talk about his experiences of skiing in Sweden, including in the Sylarna region and skiing part of the Kungsleden (King's Trail), a 425km trail that extends north of the Arctic Circle.

## Wednesday 22 June 2022

### To be advised.

Details of this meeting will be placed on the club website and provided to members once confirmed.



Meetings are held at the Hughes Community Centre, Hughes Place, Hughes, Canberra, Canberra on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from mid May to October. Door opens at 7.30 pm for 7.45 pm start. Light refreshments will be provided.



**Application for Membership 2022**  
Canberra Cross Country Ski Club Inc  
ABN 55 670 450 108

To join ONLINE go to  
[www.cccsc.asn.au](http://www.cccsc.asn.au) and click REGISTER NOW

### MEMBER DETAILS

**Tick the box if you do not wish your:**

- email to be distributed on the email list
  - **Information on the members only area of the website that includes your name**  **suburb**  **email**  **No**  **and preferred phone numbers**
  - Blank box means agreement to information on members page
- All other information will be kept confidential with only summarised results reported.

**Postal address** (Number, Street, Suburb or Town, State, Postcode)

Member 1	Year of Birth
First Name <input type="text"/> email <input type="text"/> Phone	Last name <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Member 2	Year of Birth
First Name <input type="text"/> email <input type="text"/> Phone	Last name <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
First and last name of other household Members and Year of Birth	
Member 3	<b>YoB</b> <input type="text"/>
Member 4	<b>YoB</b> <input type="text"/>
Member 5	<b>YoB</b> <input type="text"/>
If we apply to become members of Canberra Cross Country Ski Club (CCCSC) and agree to be bound by the Constitution of CCCSC while members.	
<b>Signed</b> by or for each member above:	
Have you ever been a member of the CCCSC before?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> What Date did you join ..... <a href="mailto:cccsc@canberra.org.au">cccsc@canberra.org.au</a>
Make cheques payable to: "CCCSC" Mail this form and your cheque to "PO Box 799, DICKSON ACT 2602" or Bring this form and your cheque or cash to a CCCSC meeting.	
Membership fees: \$50 for single membership \$75 for household membership	\$