

THE X'STAL NEWS

Welcome | Board Members | AGM Online 1 April 7.30-8.30pm

Our Current Board

The AAC Dinner Plain Cooperative's Board Members in 2024/5:

- Daniel Ho (our Booking Officer)
- Robyn Dols-Ringleben (our secretary)
- Ray Thornhill (our IT Support Officer - 7 years and membership officer of 2 years)
- Brian McDermott (our lodge administrator and Treasurer for most of the last 2 years)
- Samantha Lee (our Membership Officer)
- Chloe Ringleben - helping with social events and our younger members
- Ernest Ivanov (our Lodge Administrator/ Maintenance Officer from January 2025 - and has been on the Board for several years in the past)
- and myself David Wentworth-Perry (Board chair since 2021)

Geographically we are spread across Victoria and the ACT. We generally meet about 7-8 times per year for about 90 minutes per session, which is usually on a Monday evening at 7.30pm.



AAC Dinner Plain Lodge in

From the Editor

Welcome to both old and new members. The original intention was to publish and distribute about twice per year. Unfortunately the end of season edition never made it to the 'presses' but never mind we have lots of newsy items to tell you about for the coming season, including introducing you to our new winter 2025 managers.

Regards

David Wentworth-Perry

AAC DP Co-op Board Chair

Our Current Board cont.

Given how our members are spread across two jurisdictions we use the power of the internet via the software package Zoom.

2025 Winter Season Managers

Our 2025 winter managers will be Bev Parker and Matt Stenning. They come highly recommended and the meal examples the selection committee were shown look most mouth watering!

Bev and Matt are new to Dinner Plain so please give a warm welcome to make them feel part of our snow sports community.

Potential Bathroom Upgrades

The Board has been gathering quotes to potentially upgrade our 10 bathrooms!

Of the three options outlined in the newsletter last year a mid level upgrade may well be the way to proceed. Towards the end of last season the spa bathroom developed a number of cracked and needing to be replaced tiles. The Board commissioned the repair work and the outcome from the photos I have seen look very good, hence the possibility of repeating this level of renovation in the other bathrooms could or should be considered.

Please see below for before and after shots.

Our Coming AGM

The AAC Dinner Plain Cooperative AGM will be held on Tuesday evening 1 April from 7.30-8.30pm via Zoom. The link to click or copy and paste to join this meeting is:

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/86800108962?pwd=Ro8QmyhtLoGwiqPeHUZoKujY6WlCaW.I>

An agenda and discussion papers have been distributed recently to members.

One of the agenda items is to elect new Board members or re-elect Board members who are re-standing. Board members are elected for a two year period and are eligible to re-stand. There is no time limit on Board participation but understandably life pulls us in other directions at times. Board membership is not an onerous or difficult task to take on, as any Board member will tell you, however people do need a break every now and then. Consequently of the Board members listed above Robyn Dols-Ringleben (our current secretary) and Chloe Ringleben are not re-standing. Hence I would like to take this opportunity to thank them very much for the truly admirable work they have done over the last year and the volunteer services they have given to our general membership. Consequently the Board is very keen to have a member volunteer as our minutes secretary. Putting your hand up at the AGM would be a great time to volunteer if you were thinking of helping out with this role. Hence please contact me at boardchair@aacdinnerplain.com.au if you had any questions.



Work Party Participants from last year 17-19 May 2024 - more info see below



Broken and jutting up tiles in the spa bathroom



What was old has been made new again!



Work Party is On Again Sat/Sunday 3/4 May '25

One of the opportunities for members to help out their club is to attend the Work Parties the Board organises. The following email was sent to members and very pleasingly the response from members was very good. There are a small number of places left so if you were thinking of joining please say so.

The email read:

The 2025 Autumn Work Party (Working Bee) for our ACC Dinner Plain Lodge is scheduled for the weekend of Sat & Sun 3 & 4 May 2025.

Expressing your interest (EOI) in attending is now OPEN.

Please send your EOI to boardchair@aacdinnerplain.com.au

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What to expect?

Members typically arrive on Friday night for a start on Saturday morning. Accommodation is provided free for Friday and Saturday nights.

Additionally we are offering up to two extra nights, free of charge, on Thursday and/or Sunday nights. Any extra nights booked outside of the Thur - Sun nights will be charged at summer rates.

This offer is to encourage members to participate and experience an extended stay at our lodge. The extra nights will also help members who have to travel considerable distances for the weekend.

The club will provide Saturday night dinner & nibbles, fuel allowance (\$150 per car from metropolitan points of origin and \$75 for regional) and accomodaton as per above.

The work party will be a general clean, undertake linen changes and several small to medium jobs, as well as stacking of the firewood for winter.

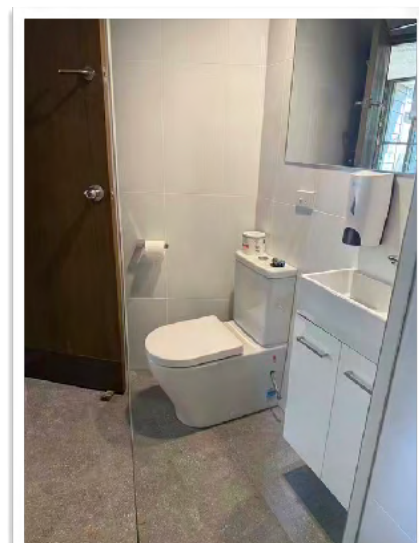
To participate in the work party, or if you have any other questions, please register your interest as stated above to boardchair@aacdinnerplain.com.au.

All members are encouraged to participate in the working bee. If you haven't been to one in the past 5 years please consider joining this one. It is a lot of fun and it creates a stronger community within your AAC DP Lodge.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards,

Ernest Ivanov (AAC DP Lodge Admin Manager)



Now safe and modern looking

The AAC President's Cocktail Party ...and what a hit it was!

.....Chloe Ringleben

We welcomed in the inaugural Australian Alpine Club President's Cocktail Party on the 11 of May. The AGM for the National AAC was held during the day at the newly renovated, upstairs RSL Boardroom in St Kilda . And because of the AGM prior, we had the privilege of having representation of all AAC Clubs at the party - Niseko, Anton, Falls Creek, Dinner Plain and Perisher.



The Welcome Desk: Robyn and Chloe

Ian Farrow, our President of AAC National, and David Perry (AAC Secretary) welcomed all attendees from all the lodges present to enjoy connecting with new and old members, share stories, hope for a great season ahead , enjoy beverage of choice and some very tasty canapés.

Everyone who attended felt it was a great success and a very enjoyable night. The evening only went until 8 pm so a few people could still go onto other events around Melbourne or home to a warm fire and a warm heart after such a lovely evening with like minded people.

As a new Member of DP, I certainly felt connection and community in the room. I was lucky to be sitting at the welcome desk with my brother for the early part of the evening and had the opportunity to introduce myself to most people, whilst I wrote up their name tag and the lodge they were connected to.

We said goodbye to Peter Esdale - formerly on the committee of AAC and long term Board member of Dinner Plain, with a selection of wines that represented his journey passing all those wineries to the ski fields over the years . There were a couple of boxes – as there are a lot of wineries!

There was also a prize for the best dressed- Will Christian and myself were the lucky winners of an extra free beverage as the prize!!

For those who were not able to make this event in Melbourne last year, I look forward to welcoming you to the Pre Season AAC President's Cocktail Party later this year! It was loads of fun and the wonderful community of AAC made me appreciate my membership even more!

The AAC President's Cocktail...more photos:



The members being addressed by Ian Farrow - AAC President



Ian Farrow and David Perry - with Peter Easdale giving his acceptance speech



The opportunity to meet new members and socialise was excellent.

More great photos from the Pres' party:

