

Yalara Alpine Ski Club

Newsletter

December 2021



Season comes to an abrupt end!

Well, it was another interesting year at Yalara, to say the least! After a promising start to the season, with some good falls (as seen in the above photo taken by Alex Arazny in July), COVID-19 raised its ugly head once again. While Sydney residents were placed back into lockdown, residents of regional areas were able to enjoy crowd-free skiing at Perisher. But that all changed in mid-August, when the Snowy Monaro LGA went into lockdown and the lodge was forced to close its doors. Financially, the lodge is faring better than others, and with strong vaccination rates, we can only hope for solid summer bookings and a better winter next year!

Vaccination requirements

From now on, guests staying at Yalara aged 12 and over must provide proof they have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 when booking (unless they have an exemption, such as a medical condition). The Board's priority is the safety and wellbeing of any person who stays at the lodge. Our vaccination policy is now up on our website: yalara.com.au

Draft Master Plan

Yalara has supported a submission by Perisher Blue, the Ski Lodges Organisation of Perisher, Smiggins and Guthega (SLOPES), and the Perisher Resorts Chamber of Commerce regarding the Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct Master Plan. It includes plans for an enhanced village centre to help Perisher become a year-round destination, planning for climate change, more overnight accommodation and improving the car park. For more information visit:

<https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Plans-for-your-area/Special-Activation-Precincts/Snowy-Mountains-Special-Activation-Precinct>

2022 working bee

Yalara's annual working bee will be held on the weekend of March 5 and 6. If you are interested in coming along and help with odd jobs such as cleaning and painting, please contact Macca via email at thistledome611@yahoo.com.au or phone 0412 653 158.

Lockers available

There are still a few half-lockers available at the lodge. If you are interested, please send an email to Matt Wiles at wilesm1000@gmail.com

Updating contact details

Please remember to advise of any updates to your email, postal address or phone number by emailing secretary@yalara.com.au

RIP Greg Macintyre & Michael Flynn

Sadly, Yalara lost two long-time members during the 2022 season. Greg Macintyre (pictured with his daughter and Yalara board member Cathy) was the husband of Yalara founding member Sandra Macintyre. He did copious work around the lodge and was a keen trout fisherman, who established the Yalara Alpine Fishing Club. Yalara life member Michael Flynn was also instrumental in building many of the original features of the lodge, including the kitchen, bunk beds, panelling and doors in the upstairs hallway. Both will be dearly missed.

