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## Official Newsletter of the Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club

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## New Race Timing System

*BNSC Race Committee*

**Some Background** — The club has been timing electronically since the mid 1980's. Chris Heberle started with a basic system purchased by the club from Norway and this was expanded over time by Chris and Bill Little. Chris's original software program is still being used. Chris was the innovator in using electronic timing for cross country skiing in Australia. Birkebeiner was the first to start using it.

This system had some major problems last year and has been a headache for Bill for some years now. "Would it all go smoothly today?" The time to setup the old system creates pressure that nobody wants on race day plus it needs many volunteers which are always difficult to get.

This situation was not good enough if we wished to maintain our reputation for high standards of race organisation. We organise FIS sanctioned events and these require very accurate timing to 100th of a second.

**Investigations into a new system** — Michal Trnka and Bill Little investigated a number of timing systems and decided that the system offered by – *Race Results* in Cheltenham

Victoria was the best option. The system is manufactured in Germany.

Aaron Clarke from *Race Results* visited Mt Beauty in early June and gave the race committee a demonstration of the system.

A proposal was put to the committee to purchase the system for \$10,207.00. The committee approved and the order has been placed.

**Financing the System** — 1. Races the club conducts, 2. Grants, 3. Other users e.g. Half-Marathon committee & Mt Bike Club pay a fee 4. In the future the Kangaroo Hoppet could be timed by the system and a fee charged.

The system uses transponders that the skiers wear either as an ankleband (active type) or stuck onto the race bib (passive type as used on Hoppet bibs) These need to be paid for and as a consequence race entries will increase.

More info on the System Click [\[HERE\]](#)



*Aaron Clarke demonstrating the system to the BNSC Race Committee in June.*



*Left: Antennas used with the passive transponders and above the active transponders held in place with a velcro ankleband.*



## Office Bearers 2015/16

### Officers

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<b>Social Secretary</b>	Kerry Lucas

<b>Ordinary Committee Members</b>	Margaret Trnka Jim Gargan Ian Franzke Allan Marsland Michelle Forrer Alice Hamilton Penny Goebel Nick Wright
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### Volunteer Positions

<b>Bulletin Editor &amp; Website Administrator</b>	Paul L'Huillier
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Helen L'Huillier
<b>Clubhouse Stewards</b>	Tony Keeble & Megan Benne
<b>Ski de Femme Co-ordinator</b>	Ronice Goebel
<b>Skidoo Steward</b>	Ian Franzke
<b>Bush S&amp;R Victoria Delegate</b>	Ian Franzke

### Committees

<b>Race Committee</b>	Margaret Trnka (Secretary) Michal Trnka Ronice Goebel Nick Wright Paul L'Huillier
<b>Junior Committee</b>	Michelle Forrer (Convenor) Ronice Goebel Kate Prest
<b>Search &amp; Rescue Committee</b>	Ian Franzke (Convenor) Jim Gargan
<b>Club reps. on Hoppet Board</b>	Bill Little Ronice Goebel
<b>Hoppet Race Committee</b>	Bob Flower (Chairman) Allan Marsland (Race Director) Helen L'Huillier (Secretary)

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Local Infrastructure

Sport and recreation

## Clubhouse Rules

*Tony Keeble & Megan Benne*

Please note that our clubhouse is for **day use only**.

*We do have a few rules:*

1. No skis or waxing inside the building. (Waxing can be done in the skidoo shed next door, or in the Windy Corner Day Shelter waxing room.)
2. Use the shelves and hooks for your belongings, keep the benches clear for people to sit.
3. No outdoor footwear or wet clothes upstairs.
4. Clean up after yourself - no dishes to be left on the sink.
5. Take all your rubbish home. We do not have a rubbish bin in the clubhouse.
6. Lock the door if are the last person to leave, even in the middle of the day, to keep our belongings safe while we are out skiing.

## Worldloppet values:



- Bringing together people with the same passion!
- Promoting cross-country skiing around the world!
- Upholding traditions and local history!
- Assuring quality, continuity and regularity!
- Promoting a healthy lifestyle!
- Providing new challenges!

It's never too late to start cross-country skiing, a perfect challenge for people with diverse athletic backgrounds.





## 2015 Activities Calendar

### July

Sat 4	• Birkebeiner Classic (C) 2.5, 5 & 10km – 10am	Margaret Trnka
Sun 5	• <b>Adult Beginner Instruction Clinic</b> - 11am Nordic Bowl <i>Please book a spot by email &lt;gargan@internode.on.net&gt; or SMS 0409 493 202</i>	Jim Gargan
Thur 23	• Mid-Season Dinner – Roi's Restaurant (Two courses, subsidised \$15)	Kerry Lucas
-----	• Junior Birkie Coaching ( <i>refer to club website for timetable</i> )	Ronice Goebel

### August

-----	• Junior Birkie Coaching ( <i>refer to club website for timetable</i> )	Ronice Goebel
Sat 1 & Sun 2	• <b>Australian Junior Championships (BNSC are the organisers)</b>	Margaret Trnka
Sat 8	• <b>Adult Beginner Instruction Clinic</b> - 11am Clubhouse <i>Please book a spot by email &lt;gargan@internode.on.net&gt; or SMS 0409 493 202</i>	Jim Gargan
Sat 15 & Sun 16	• <b>Australian Senior Championships (BNSC are the organisers)</b>	Margaret Trnka
Thur 20	• Falls Creek Invitation Night Sprints	Finn Marsland
Sat 22	• Kangaroo Hoppet 9:30am (7, 21, 42km F) ( <b>BNSC are the organisers</b> )	Helen L'Huillier
Sun 30	• <b>Adult Beginner Instruction Clinic</b> - 10am Clubhouse <i>Please book a spot by email &lt;gargan@internode.on.net&gt; or SMS 0409 493 202</i>	Jim Gargan

### November/December

?*	• End of Season BBQ by the lake *TBA (to be announced)	Kerry Lucas
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## Junior Calendar

### July

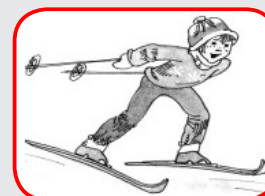
Sat 4	— Birkebeiner Classic (C) 2.5, 5 & 10km – 10am
Sun 5	— <b>Junior Joey #1</b> . Meet at the Nordic Bowl Falls Creek– 11am
Sat/Sun 18/19	— <b>Victorian Junior Championships (Sprint (C), Distance (F))</b> — Falls Creek
Sun 26	— Snow, Trek & Travel Mini Series #2 (F) – 11am

### August

Sat/Sun 1/2	— <b>Australian Junior Championships (Sprint (C), Distance (F))</b> — Falls Creek
Sun 9	— Snow, Trek & Travel Mini Series #3 (C) – 10:45am
Sat 8	— <b>Junior Joey #2</b> . Meet at the Clubhouse Falls Creek at 11am for a snowgaine event.
Sat 22rd	— <b>Joey Hoppet</b> .— <b>Nordic Bowl Falls Creek – 9:50 (7km) (F)</b>
Wed 26–Fri 28	— Australian Secondary Schools Ski Team Championships
Sun 30	— <b>Junior Joey #3</b> – Meet at the Clubhouse Falls Creek at 10am for a family fun day in the Nordic Bowl. Snow, Trek & Travel Mini Series #4 (F) starts at 11am. Following the Mini Series event there will be a BBQ.

**Junior Joey** events are run by parents and usually involve such activities as: novelty races, bumps and jumps, fun games and activities, snowgaines (treasure hunt with maps & clues) and family dress-up days. The juniors then progress to the Birkebeiner Junior Program (Junior Birkies) which gives the children an opportunity to improve technique and further develop their personal skiing skills.

**Contact** – Michelle Forrer – **Mob:** 0417 206 672 – **Email:** <mishforrer@gmail.com>



## Adult Instruction Clinics with Eric



During winter, our guest coach from Finland (Eric Stovall) will be out on the tracks offering adult ski skill *development* sessions. On some occasions, Ewan Watson, Level 2 coach and recent national team member, will also be available should these sessions prove popular.

Limited numbers in each session so places will be allocated on a *first-in first-served* basis.

**Bookings essential** — To Nick Wright (*BNSC liaison committee member*) email: <[wright.nick@bigpond.com](mailto:wright.nick@bigpond.com)>.

### Dates & Times

• Tuesday July 14th — 10am -11:30am	Skate
• Saturday July 25th — 2pm - 3:30pm	Skate
• Tuesday July 28th — 10am -11:30am	Classic
• Sunday August 9th — 1:30pm -3 pm	Skate
• Wednesday Aug 12th — 10am -11:30pm	Classic

*Meet in the Nordic Bowl by the Race Hut*

**Note** - Adult **Beginner** Instruction is offered in conjunction with Junior Joey Events - see Activities Calendar above.





## Pre-Season Casserole Dinner Report

*Kerry Lucas*

Pre Season Casserole Dinner was held on Saturday 6th June of the Queens Birthday long weekend. The event was very well received.

**Thank yous** – To the Outdoor School Bogong, our MC Ronice, all the kitchen helpers, all the people who helped set up and packed away, our guest speaker David Etheridge and of course the great food supplied.

**Attendance** – 100 people (approx 30 of them young people) About 90% RSVP'd! Which was appreciated.

There may have been some confusion with the start time (6pm) as people were still arriving 45minutes after, which made the little kids wait longer for their dinner.

**Guest Speaker** – David Etheridge gave a 20 minute presentation “*1 Inch of Powder on a Mile of Base*” about his scientific expeditions to Antarctica and Greenland.

**Order of proceedings** – I think our order of proceedings went well. They were running late but were; 1. Welcome everyone, introduce the new committee and explain what the night had in store. 2. Main meal 3. Awards and presentations 4. Dessert 5. Guest speaker. We were packed up by 9.30pm. A children's video was set up in the dining room while Davids presentation was on. Some gear was also sold at the second hand gear corner.

*(Thanks to Trish Cross & Ann Bellingham for the photos)*

### **2015 Ian Ryan Award**

*Congratulations to Jim Crebbin for winning the 2015 Ian Ryan Award. Well deserved Jim.*

*Pictured from left: Ronice Goebel (president), Jim and Julie Ryan*

*Click [\[HERE\]](#) to view previous winners.*



*From left: Megan Benne, Michelle Forrer & Kerry Lucas*





Our Olympian Phil Bellingham surrounded by a group of junior joeys. Phil is a great role model for our young skiers



President Ronice presenting Nick Blackwell with his \$500 Victalent Award.



From left: Nick Blackwell & Jarrah Forrer after being presented with their \$500 Victalent Award.



# Ski De Femme

Saturday August 8th 2015

Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club presents

A community cross country ski event for women at Falls Creek  
Free coaching clinics - classic and skating.

10am Start Meet in the Nordic Bowl  
12pm 1km, 2.5km and 5 km races

Presentations at Nordic Bowl or Windy Corner Day Shelter after the event.

**GREAT SPOT PRIZES TO BE WON!!**

**NO RACE FEES**

**IT'S COOL AND ITS FUN!!**

**BEGINNERS WELCOME!**




Registration preferred. Register at  
[www.birkebeiner.org.au/events/races/racing/ski-de-femme/](http://www.birkebeiner.org.au/events/races/racing/ski-de-femme/)

For more information:  
Ronice Goebel: 03 5754 4 910 or 0409 332 642 or  
Alice Hamilton: 0419 349 319

[www.birkebeiner.org.au](http://www.birkebeiner.org.au)





## Rocky Valley Rush Sun Valley Ramble

14km 7km

**SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2015**

**RACE Details**

- Start and Finish in the Nordic Bowl
- Mass Start Classic 7/14KM - 11:15AM (Following conclusion of Mini Series)
- Freestyle 14KM Only - 11:35AM
- Race Rocky Valley Rush - 2 Laps of Sun Valley loop
- Course Sun Valley Ramble - 1 lap of Sun Valley loop

**RACE Classes - Classic RVR & SVR**

A 0 - 15 %  
B 15 - 30%  
C 30 - 45%  
D 45 - 60%

Club/Lodge Grade  
Note: Grading based on previous results in 2015 tour events

**RACE Classes - Freestyle RVR**

OPEN Class Men  
OPEN Class Women  
Note: No other grades or age classes

**Distinctive coffee mugs for grade winners**

**To enter online click - [HERE]**

**ENTRY Fees**

Senior \$20.00  
Junior \$10.00 - Under 20 31/12/15

Online payment via <https://regonline.activeglobal.com/rockyvalley2015> by 5:00PM 07/08/2015. Late entry fee \$10.

**Race Number Collection and Late Entries**

- Both race number and late entries will be issued at the Windy Corner day shelter from 9:00 - 10:00AM

SPOT  
PRIZES

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TROPHIES





## New Groomer for Falls Creek

*Geoff Sorenson — Groomer*

In early June 2015 Falls Creek Resort Management received delivery of a new Cross Country Groomer.

The **Prinoth BR-350** has been commissioned by the service technicians and is at the Trail Head awaiting the arrival of fresh snowfalls.

Resort Management Director of Infrastructure & Mountain Response, Callum Brown says, *“The new groomer is now fully commissioned and will enable the Cross Country Groomer Operators to deliver a fantastic product to our Cross Country Trail users. In addition to the improved product outcome, the increased grooming speed will improve*

*the efficiency of the service delivery and ensure more trail can be groomed when conditions are favourable.”*

The state-of-the-art BR-350 groomer, powered by a reliable Caterpillar C9 engine is equipped with a power Posi-flex tiller, Leitner blade and alloy combi-tracks. It is equipped with a pair of new Yellowstone Tracksetters with variable pressure options which will help deliver consistent trail quality in a variety of snow conditions. Groomer operators for 2015, Ross Forest, Paul Lupton (returning after a year off) and Geoff Sorenson are looking forward to the BR-350's improved operating features.



*The new Prinoth BR-350 Groomer (Italy)*



*Yellowstone Tracksetters (USA)*



*Trails we can expect from the new Prinoth BR-350 Groomer and its Yellowstone Tracksetting equipment*

## New Cross Country Trails Signage

*Geoff Sorenson*

Falls Creek Resort Management operations staff have had a busy summer developing and installing a new Cross Country trails signage system. Falls Creek Resort Managements CEO Stuart Smythe says, “The new Cross Country signs are part of a larger resort signage upgrade which was initiated during the 14/15 summer. The installation of over 40 signs in the resort trail system will enable trail users to easily navigate their way around.”

Development of new resort trail maps was included as part of the signage upgrade. Resort Director of Infrastructure &

Mountain Response, Callum Brown says, “The quality of the new Cross Country signs are state of the art and with more information available to the trail users, the Cross Country product will be a safer more enjoyable activity.” The signage is designed as dual season signage with reversible panels showing summer trails for walking, road cycling and mountain biking. Interested readers can visit <<http://www.naturetourismservices.com.au/HTML/dual-season-alpine-resort-signage.html>> for further details. Click the link.



*Windy Corner Trail Head*



*Entrance to the Nordic Bowl*





# 2015

## Mini Series

### Event Dates

Date	Start Time	Technique
Sunday 28-06-2015	11:00am	Classic
Sunday 26-07-2015	11:00am	Freestyle
Sunday 09-08-2015	10:45am	Classic
Sunday 30-08-2015	11:00am	Freestyle

#### Note:

- Classic technique is permitted in Freestyle events
- All age classes will be mass started at various intervals
- Race registration from 9:15AM Windy Corner Day Shelter
- Laser Biathlon training post 28/06 and 26/07 events (\$5)
- Coaching/Course inspection 45 mins before race start

### Distances and Age Grouping

Under 7	.5Km
Under 9	.75Km
Under 11	1.0Km
Under 13 and Under 15	1.5Km
Under 17 and Under 19	2.5Km

### Entry Fee

\$5.00 per event

**OPEN TO:** All children under 19 years of age at the 31/12/2015 who are NOT members of the Victorian State X-C Ski Squad. Squad members are invited to participate as guides/forerunners.

- At the last series event a diploma will be awarded to all participants and a medal for those who completed all 4 events
- **Contact/Enquiries:** Lynn-Maree Cullen - 0409592226 or lmc0511@gmail.com







## Snow Trek & Travel Mini Series Race Brief 2015

Major sponsor **SNOW TREK and TRAVEL Wodonga**  
<[www.crosscountryskier.com.au](http://www.crosscountryskier.com.au)>

Hosted by **Telemark Nordic Ski Club (TNSC)**. The newly reformed TNSC is a ski club based in Albury/Wodonga. TNSC re-established the Mini Series junior ski races in 2013 Australian ski season.

These races were originally established by TNSC in 1989. In its first year the Mini Series had 248 junior cross country skiers compete. The Mini Series events attracted junior skiers from the first time skier to junior skiers who were aiming for State development squads. The Mini Series aim is to increase the number of juniors participating in the sport of cross country skiing.

2015 TNSC will organise four **Snow Trek and Travel** Mini Series races (snow permitting). Each event to be held at Falls Creek in the Nordic Bowl on:

1. Sunday 28th June – Classic Technique 11am
2. Sunday 26th July – Freestyle Technique 11am
3. Sunday 9th August – Classic Technique 10:45am
4. Sunday 30th August – Freestyle Technique 11am

**Please note an earlier start time on 9<sup>th</sup> August. The Rocky Valley Rush /Sun Valley Ramble Tour race will start at the completion of the Mini Series.**

**Age Classes:** (D.O.B: taken from December 31<sup>st</sup> 2015). Classes range from Under 7 - Under 19 years of age. All classes are mass started in their respective age group. The Under 7 age group will be the first to start.

**Race Entries:** Cost \$5.00 Entries will be taken at Windy Corner Day Shelter from 9:15am – 10:15am. Late entries will be available at the Nordic Bowl Race Hut from 10:35 -10:55am.

### Race Courses/Distances:

The **Snow Trek and Travel Mini Series** start and finish will be at the Race Hut in the Nordic Bowl at Falls Creek. The distances vary from 500metres to 2.5km depending upon the junior's age group.

Course inspection/coaching are available for those junior skiers who enter the Mini Series. This will take place 45 minutes prior to the start of each mini series. Junior skiers are encouraged to meet at the Nordic Bowl Race Hut and the TNSC coaches will take them around the race course providing coaching/instruction on how to ski the course.

### Prizes/Presentations/Results:

1. At the end of each event skiers will receive a drink and a small snack bar.
2. Spot Prizes will be awarded at each of the four Events.

3. Spot prizes will be handed to the lucky skier once they have completed their race.
4. Presentations will be held after the fourth Mini Series on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August in the Nordic Bowl. Each competitor will receive a diploma for their participation and for those who compete in all **Snow Trek and Travel Mini Series Events** for 2015 they will be awarded a special medallion.
5. A copy of each event results will be left on the notice board in the Windy Corner Day Shelter. A copy will be also emailed out to participants and their school.

**Laser Biathlon Training:** Laser Biathlon will be available for those interested and wanting a challenge, at the conclusion of the Mini Series on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July.

**Officials/Helpers:** Helpers and officials are always welcome. Please contact Lynn-Maree Cullen on Mob: 0409 592 226 or Email <[lmc0511@gmail.com](mailto:lmc0511@gmail.com)> if you are able to assist TNSC organising these junior events.

*Lynn-Maree Cullen - Coordinator*  
*Telemark NSC*



*New signage in Sun Valley*



Looking Back...

## The Story of Inga

– mother of a birkebeiner king

By Rolf Kjørnsli

Most of the attention of the Norse saga-writers was centred on the exploits of men, with only brief glimpses of women's deeds shining through the shadows cast by their powerful male contemporaries.

One female name, however, stands out clearly among the many heroes of the past – Inga of Varteig, mother of the king's son Håkon, who was taken across the mountain between Lillehammer and Østerdalen in January of the year 1206.



Einar Sigstad's painting of Inga, mother of the royal child Håkon Håkonsson.

We do not know for certain whether Inga was with him for the whole of the trek or for just a part of it. But according to the saga, her party decided that due to the stormy weather their two best skiers, Torstein Skevla and Skjervald Skrukka, should go ahead with the boy and take him to a place of safety.

They found shelter for the child in a remote mountain barn, where they melted snow for him to drink. The saga indicates that Inga, with the help of guides, found her way to the barn, and then accompanied her son for the remainder of the journey down to Østerdalen and subsequently north to Nidaros.

Later, she stuck by her son's side through thick and thin – even undergoing torture with red hot irons to 'prove' that Håkon was indeed the king's offspring.

Inga never became queen, but she is one of the sagas' most outstanding characters – beautiful, noble and courageous.

She lived to see her son become one of Norway's most powerful kings. Håkon Håkonsson brought peace to the land, and under his rule, Norway enjoyed her greatest medieval status.

In Inga of Varteig's memory, "Inga-låmi" – Norway's biggest all-female ski gathering – is staged from Birkebeineren Ski Stadium in Lillehammer on the second weekend of March each year.

When it first took place in 1993, the event had 1,638 entries. Six years later, more than 6,000 women of all ages took part in the 1999 Inga-låmi.

Looking Back...





## Birkie Bits

by Nordic Ned

### Mid-Season Dinner

This will be held on *Thursday 23 July at Roi's Restaurant* Kiewa Valley Highway Tawonga starting at 6pm. The two course meal is subsidised \$15.00 by the club. Members pay for their own drinks.

**RSVP:** By Monday 20 July to Kerry Lucas:

- **Email:** <km.lucas@bigpond.com>
- **Tel:** 5754 1341 or • **Mob:** 0407 814 114

### 25 Years — 25 Faces of the Hoppet

As this is our 25th Kangaroo Hoppet, 25 'Faces of the Hoppet' are being featured in celebration. You can see them all on the Hoppet website, click [\[HERE\]](#) or follow them on the Kangaroo Hoppet Facebook page. *The latest is club member and three time Winter Olympian Esther Bottomley.*

### On line race entries:

Click this link <[www.ausxc.com](http://www.ausxc.com)> for the links to the online entries for senior and junior national championships, the Rocky Valley Rush and the Kangaroo Hoppet.

### 2015 Ian Ryan Award

Congratulations to Jim Crebbin for winning this year's award.

### Paul Kovacs

This season, national team member Paul Kovacs is writing the cross country news for Ken Bell's paper *'This Week in Falls Creek & Mt Beauty'*. His first three articles for the season are well written and have been well received. Check out the paper online – Click [\[HERE\]](#). Last year, club member Katerina Paul was the writer.

### 2015 Worldloppet Annual Meeting – France

In June Allan Marsland and Ben Derrick attended the annual meeting of Worldloppet in France. Allan has attended 25+ of these AGM's.

### Power to the Race Hut

Late last year, the large transformer on a power pole in the Bowl was struck by lightning. Recently the power company replaced this at no cost to the club. Also, Ian Franzke arranged to have an external power point (on its own circuit) placed on the outside of the Hut so skiers can plug in their waxing equipment without having to actually access the Hut. This will overcome problems we had at last year's Nationals when the timing system went down due to the increased demand on the power circuit.

### Finnish club coach

Eric Stovall arrived in Australia last Sunday. We welcome him and look forward to meeting him.

### Esther Opens Ski Season

Esther Bottomley, together with Falls Creek Lifts General Manager Francis Jackson and new Resort CEO Stuart Smyth, were pictured in "This Week" cutting the ribbon to officially open the 2015 ski season. Congratulations, Esther.

### Vic Interclub Relays – Falls Creek Sunday 12 July

If you wish to race for the club this year, you will need to place your name on the list in the clubhouse. There will be nobody chasing up team members this year.

### Volunteer race officials needed

The club is conducting the National Junior Championship (August 1-2) and Senior Championships (August 15-16) at Falls Creek. The club has a race committee of five with Margaret Trnka as race secretary and convenor. It is responsible for organising the competitions BUT it cannot do it on its own. We need helpers, and over the years, Birkebeiner members have been very generous with their time assisting to run events (think of the number of volunteers needed for the Hoppet). Can you please assist again on one of the championship days mentioned above?

Please contact Paul L'Huillier (volunteer coordinator) mobile: 0400 056 247 or email: <[paullhuillier@bigpond.com](mailto:paullhuillier@bigpond.com)> with your offer.

### National Training Camp at Howmans Gap

Finn Marsland has the Senior and Junior National Teams doing early morning training (7-9am, prior to the lifts opening), skiing on man-made snow around Cloud 9 – the only snow about during this past week.

## Junior Birkie Coaching Program

Ronice Goebel

**Contact:** Ronice Goebel: Tel: 5754 4910, Mobile: 0409 332 642 or Email: <[ronice.goebel@gmail.com](mailto:ronice.goebel@gmail.com)>

Keep an eye on the website <<http://birkebeiner.org.au/programs/junior-birkie/>> and the clubhouse noticeboard for announcements.



## JUNIOR BIRKIES

### JUNIOR BIRKIES IS ON!

If you are ready to graduate from Junior Joeys, and are in year 5 to 9, then come along on Sundays from 11am to 12.30 (sometimes 12.30)

### STARTS Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Meet at the club house and get ready to rock and roll and ski! That means getting there ready to ski by 10.45 am!

You will have fun and learn a few more skills to get you zipping around the horse yards quicker or ready to race!

Coaching will be every Sunday until the Hoppet.

It's free for belonging to this great club!

COACHES include your favorite super keen club coaches and our guest coach Eric Stovall from Kronoby Finland.

REGISTRATION : Parents to Contact Ronice, sign up juniors at the club house, and complete the medical form. The program will be available at the clubhouse. Parents are encouraged to be involved.

NOTE - Times will vary when National races that BNSC organizes are scheduled.

Check club notice board regularly.

KEEN? CONTACT RONICE 5754 4910 / 0409 332 642  
<[ronice.goebel@gmail.com](mailto:ronice.goebel@gmail.com)>



## Search & Rescue News

Dear Members

**Book soon** for Federation Walks Weekend, 24-25 October 2015 in Hepburn Springs.

Bookings open on 15 June. Most walk descriptions are already available, the last few should be ready by the end of May. The walk sheets are beautiful, browse and enjoy. Choose your walk preferences and book soon. Remember the earlier you book, the better chance you have of getting your first walk choices. The menu for the Saturday evening meal is also there to tempt you.

Have a look at the website for walks and meals, as well as information about how to book and what will happen at the venue. Booking is online, and clubs may wish to nominate a club representative to assist any members not familiar with the online booking system.

Visit <http://www.fedwalks.org.au> and read the information under Booking and At the Event.

If you have any questions, please email the Fed15 booking team: [bookings@fedwalks.org.au](mailto:bookings@fedwalks.org.au).

The Fed15 organisers look forward to welcoming bushwalkers from many Victorian clubs for a memorable Bushwalking Victoria event in the Great Dividing Trail, Goldfields and Spa country.

*Organising Committee  
Federation Walks Weekend 2015*



*New signage at the junction of  
McKay Rd and the Pipeline Track*

## Junior Birkie 2 Day Camp

The popularity of this junior camp was indicated with the camp being oversubscribed within two days of the applications opening.

It is being held on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th July with the 24 juniors being accommodated at the Outdoor School Bogong. Michelle Forrer has been the co-ordinator for a number of years and does a terrific job supported by husband Conrad, parents and coaches.



*New Kangaroo Hoppet banners  
Thanks Graham Bottomley for the designs*

## Ski Sale

Due to ill health, long time member Colin Geraghty has decided that his skiing days are over. He has *donated* his ski equipment to the club, and would like to see it go to members who can use it.

- Atomic (ATC) Skating - Pilot bindings 190cm
- Fisher (RCS) Skating – Solomon bindings 195cm
- Jarrvinen Classic – Solomon bindings 200cm
- Rosignol Telemark – Solomon bindings 200cm
- Volkl (Waxless classic) – Solomon bindings 180cm
- V2 Traction Chains (as new) Cost \$75.00

**Contact** – Paul L'Huillier if you are interested.

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## BNSC Membership List — 29th June 2015

Surname*	1st name*	Town/City	Type	No.	Surname*	1st name*	Town/City	Type	No.
Chapman	Alex	Mt Beauty	Life	1	Michener	Norm	Emerald Bch	Adult	1
Crebbin	Jim	Mt Beauty	Life	1	Michener	Helen	Emerald Bch	Adult	1
Evans	Philip	Mt Beauty	Life	1	Moig	Carol	Tawonga Sth	Adult	1
Flower	Bob	Tawonga Sth	Life	1	Paul	Katerina	Taggerty	Adult	1
Heberle	Chris	Perth	Life	1	Quinn	Jarrold	Tawonga	Adult	1
Keeble	Brian	Mt Beauty	Life	1	Ruedin	Dani	Albury	Adult	1
L'Huillier	Helen	Mt Beauty	Life	1	Tilley	Sue	Mt. Beauty	Adult	1
L'Huillier	Paul	Mt Beauty	Life	1	Valente	Anthony	Mt. Beauty	Adult	1
Little	Bill	Tawonga Sth	Life	1	Watson	Ewan	Fairfield	Adult	1
Marsland	Allan	Tawonga Sth	Life	1	Wright	Nicholas	Mt Beauty	Adult	1
Vine	Bruce	Mt Beauty	Life	1	Zagorski	Mark	Mt Beauty	Adult	1
Evans	Anthony	Rosanna	Junior	1	McMillan	Mark	Albury	Family	3
Evans	Claire	Rosanna	Junior	1	Armitage	Elise	Tawonga Sth	Family	5
Middlemiss	William	Brighton	Junior	1	Beanland	Greg	Warrandyte	Family	4
Spittle	Ashleigh	Viewbank	Junior	1	Bellingham	Ann	Mt Beauty	Family	3
Paine	Jarrold	Tawonga Sth	S&R	1	Blackwell	Roger	Tawonga Sth	Family	4
Little	Gael	Tawonga Sth	Associate	1	Boland	Cosette	Tawonga Sth	Family	5
Panozzo	David	Tawonga Sth	S&R	1	Bowring	Lisa	Tawonga Sth	Family	4
Sadilek	Oldrich	Bairnsdale	Adult	1	Brennan	Natasha	Hackett	Family	4
Wellington	Francesca	Mt Beauty	Adult	1	Carter	Robyn	Buckland	Family	5
Bailey	John	Mt. Beauty	Adult	1	Caswell	Simon	Ferntree Gly	Family	4
Bantick	Brady	Elsternwick	Adult	1	Clarke	Charles	Malvern Est	Family	4
Bellingham	Alice	Charlestown	Adult	1	Crapper	Tony	Balwyn Nth	Family	4
Bottomley	Judith	Mt Beauty	Adult	1	DeCoppi	Priscilla	Bright	Family	4
Bottomley	Graeme	Mt Beauty	Adult	1	Eriksson	Martin	Tawonga Sth	Family	5
Bottomley	Esther	Mt Beauty	Adult	1	Fitzgerald	Paul	Beechworth	Family	5
Bourke	Michael	Kew	Adult	1	Flanagan	Emma	Armadae	Family	4
Clark	Eileen	Lavington	Adult	1	Flanagan	Matt	Wangaratta	Family	4
Coleman	Sandi	Mt Beauty	Adult	1	Forrer	Michelle	Mt Beauty	Family	4
Crebbin	Meg	Mt Beauty	Adult	1	Franzke	Ian	Mt Beauty	Family	4
Cross	Trish	Mt. Beauty	Adult	1	Gargan	James	Tawonga Sth	Family	2
Crowley	Kate	Hobart	Adult	1	Gorham	Ellen	Tawonga Sth	Family	4
Delany	Chris	R'hampton Qld	Adult	1	Gray	Paul	Tawonga Sth	Family	4
Field	Geoff	West Haven	Adult	1	Gray	Mark	Alphington	Family	4
Goebel	Ronice	Harrierville	Adult	1	Grimmer	Nick	Beechworth	Family	3
Hamilton	Alice	Tawonga	Adult	1	Grindlay	Joanne	Yarraville	Family	4
Hamilton	Doug	St Kilda Est	Adult	1	Harvey	Steven	Clifton Hill	Family	4
Heddle	Bob	Kerang	Adult	1	Harvey	Ken	Mt Beauty	Family	2
Henson	Marjalyn	Mt. Beauty	Adult	1	Heman	Damian	Tawonga Sth	Family	4
Herd	David	K'garoo Grd	Adult	1	Hertzog	Sue	Tawonga Sth	Family	3
Honey	Paddy	Mt Beauty	Adult	1	Hind	Yvette	Victoria	Family	5
McCasker	Nicole	East Albury	Adult	1	Hume	Blair	Tawonga Sth	Family	3
McDowell	Veronica	Tawonga Sth	Adult	1	Keeble	Tony	Tawonga	Family	6
McDowell	Stephen	Tawonga Sth	Adult	1	Kildea	Jackie	Wangaratta	Family	2
McLaren	Jeanette	Albury	Adult	1	Kovacs	Geza	Porepunkah	Family	4
Mellor	Nadia	Albury	Adult	1					



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Lucas	Kerry	Tawonga Sth	Family	4
Marsland	Finn	Mt Beauty	Family	4
Matheson	Heath	Tawonga Sth	Family	3
McManamny	Tegwyn	Beechworth	Family	3
Montgomery	Nick	Armadales	Family	3
Murray	Ian	Langwarrin	Family	2
Phillips	Gary	Fairfield	Family	4
Phillips	Belinda	Mt Beauty	Family	3
Pihkanen	Johanna	Yackand'ah	Family	5
Pollard	Michael	Mount Eliza	Family	4
Prest	Kate	Camberwell	Family	4
Richardson	Stuart	Tawonga Sth	Family	4
Robinson	Jeff	Mt Beauty	Family	5
Slocombe	Andrew	Mornington	Family	5
Smith	Alicia	Bright	Family	5
Spring	Fiona	Kew	Family	5
Stratton	Richard	Mt Beauty	Family	5
Terlikar	Linda	Surrey Hills	Family	4
Thomas	Elaine	Mt Beauty	Family	2
Tonn	Len	Tawonga Sth	Family	3
Trnka	Michal	Tawonga Sth	Family	6
Van d Ploeg	Daniel	Tawonga	Family	7
Wigg	Fiona	Beechworth	Family	4
Wright	Chris	Launching Pl	Family	4
Zwar	Jane	Yackand'ah	Family	3

\*of the Primary Member for a family

**Total 291**

**Note:** Some S&R members are included in families & adults

## Membership Report

*Helen L'Huillier – Membership Secretary*

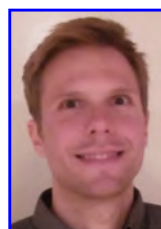
Just a reminder to any member who has not yet renewed for 2015, that membership renewals were due on June 1st and payable by June 30. Look for your name on the list of current members above. If you are having trouble with the online registration, or believe you have paid, but your name is missing, contact the membership secretary by email: <[helenlhu@bigpond.com](mailto:helenlhu@bigpond.com)> or telephone: 03 5754 4606 (A/H).

## Nick & Eric Day Tour

On Tuesday Nick met with Eric in the city and gave him 'Nikko's Up Down In & Out Runabout' tour of Melbourne, including:

- Walking through the narrow Melbourne lane ways and stopping for coffee.
- Visiting the library to look at the view from the balcony and to find Ned Kelly.
- Lead Shot Put Tower above Melbourne Central Train Station.
- Watching Peking Duck being cooked in China Town.
- Views from SouthBank on the Yarra.
- Eureka Sky Deck Tower for views of far away.
- A.C.M.I. and Federation Square where they were making snow for promoting all the Victorian Ski Resorts. We even saw people ice skating.
- Hosier Lane to view all the street art paintings.

## Eric Storvall Club coach from Finland



Eric landed at Tullamarine, and was met by Di Phillips (a Melbourne based club member) who whisked him away to Healsville Sanctuary on his first day to meet some local fauna and get his first taste of our uniquely evolved critters. Di and family are hosting Eric in Melbourne for 3 days after which he will arrive in Mt Beauty. Day 2 will see Eric

guided around Melbourne by Nick Wright who will ensure jet lag does not get a look in, and on day 3, after a wander along the Yarra with Ronice on bikes or a session of yoga he will head up the Hume to Mt Beauty and stay with Brian Keeble for a few days.

Eric will be billeted in Mt Beauty with the Forrers, Blackwells and Bellinghams, ensuring he has a great introduction to the Aussie lifestyle. No doubt Eric's love of guitar will see a few jam sessions with these families.

**Nick Wright** (BNSC committee member) will be the GTF (Go To Facilitator) for any needs.

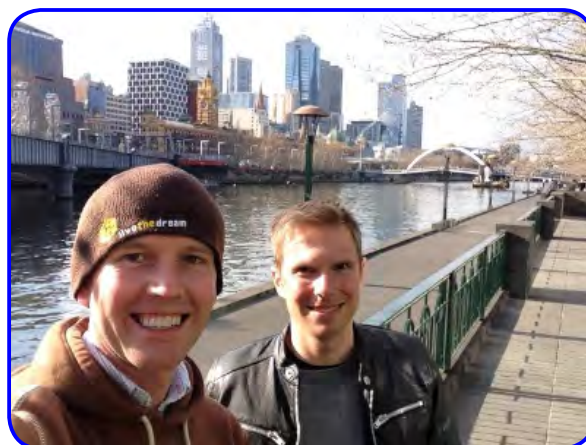
**Nick** will also be the contact person for registering for the **Adult Clinics** that Eric will be conducting during the season (refer to page 3).

We hope Eric enjoys his time in Mount Beauty and Falls Creek and makes good friends with BNSC.

*Ronice Goebel (president)*



*Eric meeting some Australian native wildlife at the Healesville Sanctuary. Thanks to Di Phillips for the photo.*



*From left: Nick Wright & Eric wandering around South Bank – Melbourne*