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## News Bulletin — 12 August 2021

### Mid Season Dinner Postponed

The **Mid-Season Dinner** scheduled for this Friday 13th August has been postponed to a date post-winter. It will most likely be held in conjunction with the **25th Anniversary of the opening of the clubhouse** at a local venue.

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### Ski de Femme Cancelled

The Ski de Femme scheduled to be held on Saturday 14th August has been cancelled.

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### Clubhouse

**COVID-19 Protocols** — The clubhouse is accessible. COVID-19 protocols are in place including the *Service Vic QR Code*. A new door lock has been added and there is a new code that has been communicated to members in a previous email. Please read all documentation in the Clubhouse in regards to this.

**Numbers permitted in the clubhouse** — the 1 member per 4 square metres applies so the maximum number allowed is 20 members.

### Note

#### COVID-19 Testing

The new table of restrictions notes "it is **strongly recommended** that anyone travelling to an Alpine resort has a negative COVID-19 test in the 72 hours prior to entering the resort".

### **Resort Entry**

Resort Entry Permits are to be purchased before coming up and Season Permit Holders must [register their trip](#) before leaving home.

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## **AUSXC Junior Cup Races & Australian Open Championships**

In Victoria, the **AUSXC Junior Cup** at Falls Creek will comprise both the *Freestyle Sprint Time Trial* and the *Classic Distance* races on Saturday 21st August. On Sunday August 22, the **Rocky Valley Rush** is scheduled. Juniors (and any seniors) can choose to race in it as well. These junior events are effectively a replacement for both the cancelled Victorian Junior Championships and the lost opportunity to compete in the AUS Juniors.

SAXC would also like to inform you that the **FIS / AUS Open Championship** event postponed from July 31 / August 1st has been rescheduled for [September 4/5 at Falls Creek](#), with the same *Classic Sprint and Freestyle 5/10km events* originally on the FIS calendar.

**For race entry, please register at** [www.alpinetiming.com.au](http://www.alpinetiming.com.au) when registration is advertised there.

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## **2021 On-Snow Hoppet Cancelled**

Insurmountable difficulties re safety and distancing requirements, plus the possibility of further lockdowns have meant that the 30th on-snow Hoppet has been cancelled. Instead, another **Virtual Hoppet** will be held with the possibility of an open track in Hoppet Week.

**For details on the Virtual Hoppet please visit** [www.hoppet.com.au](http://www.hoppet.com.au)

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# Tawonga Primary School Ski Program

www.alpineobserver.com.au

Wednesday, August 11

## Learning to improvise amid lockdown disappointment

By KELLIE SHEPPARD

**TAWONGA** Primary School students have taken a different approach to learning after the lockdown COVID restrictions placed their annual ski program on hold.

Packed and ready to hit the slopes, students were devastated to learn that their annual term three ski program had, again, been suspended.

Despite the Department of Education allowing students to attend excursions, the restrictions around shared facilities and requirement for COVID testing made it impossible for the program to go ahead as planned.

"The ski program is a definite highlight for our students and they were so excited to be going this year," principal Kim Franzke said.

"With 100 percent participation of our grade three to six students, we had quite a lot of disappointed kids."

Instead of succumbing to the sadness though, Ms Franzke took the opportunity to provide her students with a fun lesson in improvisation and adapting to difficult situations.

"We couldn't go to the snow, but we could still teach the children other important aspects such as putting on their gear and doing up boots along with basic skiing balance skills," she said.

"We borrowed roller skis from the Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club and had the younger students practice on carpet inside the buildings with the older ones outside in the school yard."

Though this provided a fun distraction, Ms Franzke has still been working out the logistics for a condensed program to continue moving forward.

"All of the adults who accompany the students on these trips have agreed to be tested in line with the requirements for entry to the resort prior to our next excursion, but it essentially means that we all have to tag one another in rotation off the school campus," she said.

"It's a logistical nightmare and it would be so much easier to just throw our hands in the air and say it's all too hard but the health and wellbeing of our students is a top priority and cancelling would be too hard on them."

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**A DIFFERENT APPROACH:** Tawonga Primary School students (from left) Charlotte Ryder, Jai Redmond, Grace Shaban, Emily Macklan, Eddy Franzke and Rock McLean enjoyed learning to ski despite not being able to go to the snow.



## Wright & Bellingham Win AUS Open

August 10 | Australian Racing



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For a full report on the **Australian Championships** held at Perisher Valley last weekend visit the AUSXC website <<https://ausxc.com/2021/08/10/wright-bellingham-win-aus-open/>>

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## Nick Blackwell - Interview



Read *Nick's* interview with *Casey Wright* [\[HERE\]](#)  
The interview also appeared in *Ken Bell's 'This Week...'* publication.

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## **Ella Jackson - Interview**



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