

In 1995 there was talk about the desirability of the Birkie club having its own club rooms. *Jeanette McLaren* and *Jim Crebbin* were given the task, but came to a dead end, as there was nothing available or suitable at Falls Creek, or if there was, it was far too expensive.

Then *Jim* heard that the resort's workshop was going to be relocated to a site above Windy Corner, and the old site would be given to a developer in exchange for building the new workshop. It was at this stage that BNSC applied to be able to tack our club rooms onto the end of the new workshop. Clearly someone in Birkie had the ear of *Neil Tappe* (Resort Manager) and the *Falls Creek Resort Management Board* as they gave us permission to proceed.

Allan Marsland and *Jim* met the architect, *Michael Morris*, who designed the original Woodsmoke and the workshop, and had him draw up plans to which we agreed.

Then we engaged *Mellow Constructions* to build our club rooms to lockup stage. Prior to the builder starting, we had disagreements about lots of things, and finally we paid him out for the work he had already done and for the timber he had on site or had ordered. As he was behind in all his other projects, he did not seem to mind.

Jim then volunteered to take over the project, and the following [slideshow and amateur video](#) will give you some idea of what a wonderful job he and the club members did to complete the building in eight months.

The people who took on special responsibilities were *Barb Lipscombe*, club president, *Marg Smith*, treasurer, and the committee, who led the fundraising.

The key roles on the building site were filled by *Jim Crebbin*, OIC, *Phillip Evans*, 2IC, *Bob and Jenny Flower*, kitchen construction, *Alex Chapman*, electrician, *Dermot Meaney*, builder adviser, *Peter Kiene*, plasterer, and *Juhani and Uli Rousu*, painters.

Much later, major works were taken on to extend the building to the south in the area that was originally intended to be a balcony.

Recently, with fantastic help from *Mike Smith* and *Rob Boland* (local builders) and many others, the old cedar cladding and windows were removed and aluminium cladding and double-glazed windows were installed. Another huge effort by club members.

Jim Crebbin
14 August 2022

Note: The clubhouse was opened on Saturday 1st June, 1996.