



Birkebeiner Bulletin

5th August 2022

Proposed Lakeside-ANARE Development (Winter Activation)

Dear Birkebeiner members

As many of you will be aware, Falls Creek Resort has a plan to develop the ANARE hut (Lakeside precinct) as a day visitor centre/cafe. The original plan for the Lakeside-ANARE development was for 3-season ('green season') use only, for which Falls Creek Resort received a \$2.5M grant. This has now changed to all-year access to lakeside-ANARE, requiring winter clearing of the High Plains Road to the observation deck (near the dam wall).



A sub-committee of BNSC has developed a **position document** that considers the potential impacts of the proposed development on our club (and our clubhouse) as well as the broader cross country community. This document and the cover letter are now posted on our website.

It is likely that there are a variety of views within our club about the merits of the ANARE-Lakeside proposal. The committee fully respects this range of views and encourages you to become part of the conversation.

Regards, Ewen

The club's **Position Document** that was sent to *Falls Creek Resort Management* on 16th July 2022 included the following:

- [The Cover Letter](#)
 - [The Position Paper](#)
 - [An Appendix](#)
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Falls Creek Lakeside Development Plan

Click [\[HERE\]](#) to read all about it.

The latest – A Small Step in the Right Direction – 28th July 2022
[READ MORE ...>](#)

The Petition

NOTE – As of 5th August 2022 there are 2,355 signatures.

Hi All

Kate Prest (part of our [Action Group](#)) has just put up a petition on www.change.org. If you value the World Class XC Skiing that Falls Creek currently offers please sign the petition (link below) and share it far and wide. If you have time, please also fill out the reason for signing.

<https://chnng.it/MdtvnKHJLQ>

Yours in XC skiing

Paul Gray

<paul.gray.ibag@gmail.com>

Note – The Petition page explains the cross-country skiing position.

Cross Country Ski Association Victoria (XCSAV)

An organisation to represent the interests of cross-country skiers in Victorian alpine areas.

Click [\[HERE\]](#) for an introduction and proposal.

Membership is FREE. It needs your support. Click [\[HERE\]](#) to sign up.

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Notice of Inaugural General Meeting – *Cross Country Skiing Association Victoria (XCSAV)*

Date: Saturday, 13 August 2022 (via ZOOM)

Time: 8:00 pm

Link (for Zoom/Teams) – To Be Confirmed, will be provided by email once you sign up to become a member.

Hoppet Volunteers

Hello Everyone

The 2022 Kangaroo Hoppet is HAPPENING and I have volunteered to be the **2022 Volunteer Co-ordinator!** – Editors note: *Thank you Ronice...you are a selfless and amazing club member.*

The Hoppet events make a large contribution to the funding of BNSC. It allows BNSC to provide services such as:

- The Clubhouse and Race Hut
- Junior Joey, Junior Birkies and Junior Camp programs
- Community Events

Community Events

- Training programs for BNSC members in training, instructing, coaching and administration
- BNSC participation in Local, State and National XC bodies.
- BNSC social activities

We need volunteers to help Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club to effectively conduct the Hoppet, Birkebeiner and Joey events on Saturday 27th of August. (Thanks to all who have already volunteered!)

If your current circumstances allow, please check the list of Volunteer roles that would suit you.

Below is the list of jobs and I am hoping you can make yourself available for some of the times required. As you know - many hands make light work.

Your previous experience will tell you what you are in for and I can assure you of a welcome and refreshments including lunch on the day! If you are skiing perhaps a friend or family member can assist at the Start or Finish while you are skiing. And we always need help Packing Up!

Hoping to hear from you!

Best wishes

Ronice

2022 Hoppet Volunteer Co-ordinator

Email <secretary@birkebeiner.org.au>

Mobile: 0409 332 642

Thursday 25/8	8 am Sorting gear at Green Shed (near Windy Corner)
BNSC Clubhouse	3pm – 4:30pm Filling a lot of 10 lt. water containers for transport to Drink Stations.
Friday 26/8	In the Nordic Bowl <u>anytime</u> between 9:30 and about 3:00. Erecting tents, fences, flag poles, banners, inflatable arches, course marking, etc. Drink Station set-up at a time to be arranged.
Set-up Nordic Bowl & Drink Stations	
Sat. 27/8	At the Start area from 9:00 till after the Joey Start at 9:50. Checking skiers enter

Start marshal	the correct start area.
Sat. 27/8 Finish marshal	At the Finish assisting officials and ushering skiers towards the final Drinks Station. Shifts available between 10 am and 4pm.
Sat. 27/8 Drink Station Collection from 2pm approx.	Collect tents, boxes and other equipment from Sun Valley, Watchbed and Park Drink Stations and return to Green Shed at Windy Corner. Transport by large Over-snow vehicle.
Sat. 27/8 Bowl pack-up	In the Finish area packing up as practicable from 3pm. Also a great chance for Birkie and Hoppet skiers to help and cheer the last skiers in!

Go ahead ... contact Ronice as above.

Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club presents

Ski De Femme



Saturday 13th August 2022
A community cross-country ski event for women at Falls Creek
 Free coaching clinics - classic and skating

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

GREAT SPOT PRIZES TO BE WON!
NO RACE FEES
BEGINNERS WELCOME
IT'S FUN!!
For more information
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or
Ann Bellingham: 0427 006 246
REGISTRATION: <https://alpinetiming.com.au//rg322>
www.birkebeiner.org.au

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BIRKEBEINER NORDIC SKI CLUB

To Register click [\[HERE\]](#)

Other Club Events coming up...

1. **Rock Valley Rush** – Sunday 21st August. Click [\[HERE\]](#) for details. The live entry link is NOT ACTIVE yet.
 2. **Kangaroo Hoppet** – Cheap entry finishes on 13th August. Click [\[HERE\]](#) to enter.
 3. **Australian Junior Championships** – Weekend of Saturday 3rd September (Sprint - F) and Sunday 4th September (Distance - C). The live entry link is NOT ACTIVE yet.
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Race Reports

Birkebeiner Classic

Held Sunday 24th July in fine, mild weather conditions on softening snow at the Falls Creek cross country trail network.

The race gives skiers a chance to get back to the traditional striding technique called 'classic'. Skiers wax with 'grip' wax which enables them to climb the hills but also slide down the hill. Other skiers use non-wax skis (pattern-based, zeros, etc) that are designed to replicate the wax.

An excellent 5km course was planned and set by *Andrew Hall* and *Lucas*, the groomer, starting and finishing in the Nordic Bowl. Many other club members helped on the day to create an enjoyable but challenging course that everyone commented on favourably. It was a great team effort Birkies. Well done everyone.

Unfortunately, the dreaded COVID and many other respiratory illnesses meant a large number of DNS, particularly in the Master Classes. There were a total of 36 entries in the three distances – 10km, 5km and 2.5km and it was great to see some of our National Team athletes zipping around the course.

Results were as follows:

10km MALE

1. Seve De Campo 29:45.44
2. Phil Bellingham
3. Fedele De Campo

FEMALE

1. Kat Paul 35:26.34
2. Maddie Hooker
3. Hannah Price

5km

1. Patrick Slingo
 2. Hamish Retchford
- Jim Gargan

1. Emma Prest
2. Ann Bellingham

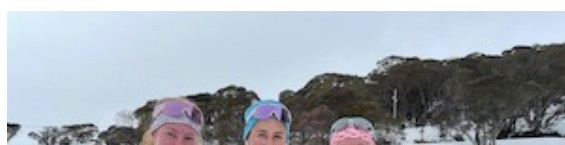
2.5km

1. Sebastian Crumpler
2. Colby Peters
3. Hugo Crumpler

1. Marion Baines

Thanks to our wonderful local businesses that sponsored the race – ROCKY VALLEY BIKES & SNOWSPORTS, WINDY CORNER CAFÉ and HONEYBIRD COFFEE - who generously provided the fantastic prizes.

Ann Bellingham
Race Secretary





Australian Open Championships

After a two-year break from running a high-powered event due to Covid, on the 30th/31st of July the Club ran the Open Championships on behalf of Snow Australia. Whilst there was a fair bit of 'remembering' how to do things the committee and volunteers were soon back into the swing of things and the weekend ran smoothly. A special shout out to *Stephanie Germancheva* who has taken on the role of Volunteer Coordinator this year.

Saturday was the Classic Sprint and the bluebird day and the fantastic course organised by *Andrew Walker* gave spectators an exciting view of the racing around the Nordic bowl. *Kat Paul* dominated the field in her favourite event whilst *Lars Young Vik* making his first appearance in Falls Creek racing won the Men's event.

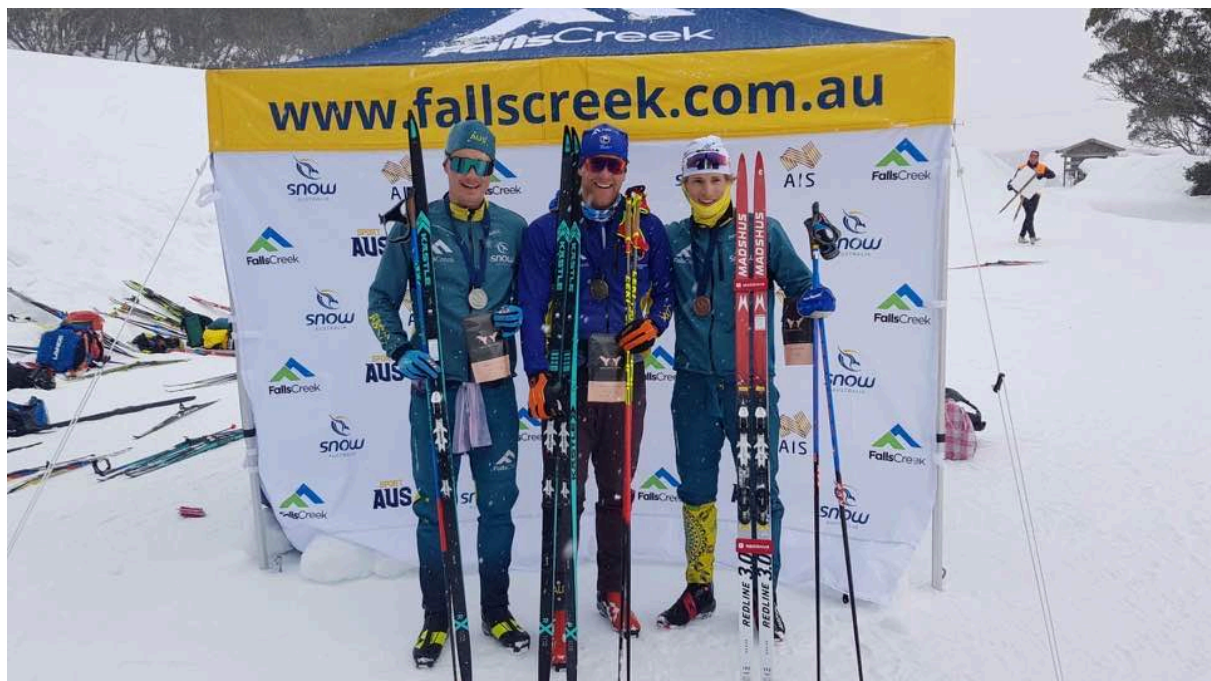
Sunday began with some cloud cover which turned to snow during the Men's event, presenting much colder conditions to challenge athletes and volunteers. Alpine Timing's professional support over the weekend was fantastic and their new feature of lap times and progressive leader updates made the time trial event super exciting for spectators. *Kat Paul* and *Zana Evans* from NSW were swapping the lead throughout and ended up in a very tight finish with *Zana* taking the win by just 9 seconds. Third place went to *Phoebe Cridland*. In the Men's event, a blanket could be thrown across the first placings during the race but in the end, *Phil Bellingham* edged out *Seve de Campo* for the win by 16 seconds, with *Lars Young Vik* coming in third.

The shortest presentations ever were held in the bowl due to the snowstorm. Age class winners were recognised and will be provided with certificates shortly.

Running FIS accredited National Championships is quite a responsibility for our club and I am proud of the way the team headed by *Ewen Silvester* (Chief of Race) managed the weekend.

To help spread the load for the remaining race events we would be looking forward to seeing anyone who hasn't already volunteered at our upcoming races; the Rocky Valley Rush (21st of August) and the National Junior Championships (3rd/4th of September).

Maggie Jowitt
Race Secretary
(AUS Open Championships)



From left: 2nd-Seve de Campo, 1st-Phil Bellingham
& 3rd-Lars Young Vik*

** Birkie member. Congratulations Phil.*





From left: 2nd-Kat Paul*, 1st- Zana Evans & 3rd-Phoebe Cridland
* Birkie member. Congratulations Kat.

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