



Birkebeiner Bulletin

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Reminder - AGM is 23rd May 2023

The BNSC Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 (please note change of date) at the Mount Beauty Auditorium adjacent to the Information Centre.

Members will be able to attend the meeting **online** using the Zoom Video Conferencing application, or they can attend in person.

To attend via Zoom, email the secretary: secretary@birkebeiner.org.au by 5:00 pm Monday 22nd May indicating your intention to join the meeting. You will be emailed the invitation.

[2023 AGM Agenda](#)

[2022 AGM Minutes](#)

Meeting Reports

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- President (Ewen Silvester)
- [Financial](#) (Jeanette McLaren)
- Membership (Stephanie Germancheva)
- [Race](#) (Ann Bellingham)
- [Kangaroo Hoppet](#) (Allan Marsland)
- Junior (Paul Gray)
- [Search & Rescue](#) (Warren Sanders)
- Clubhouse (Peter Smith)
- [Social](#) (Mary Hall)

All committee positions will be declared vacant. In particular, the positions of **President** and **Race Secretary** will need to be filled.

The AGM will conclude with a light supper.

NOMINATIONS

If you are interested in an *executive position* or an *ordinary committee* role please complete a [Nomination Form](#). The form is in Word format so it can be downloaded, filled in and emailed to secretary@birkebeiner.org.au by 5:00 pm Monday 22nd May.

Alternatively, a form can be downloaded, printed off, filled in and mailed to *Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club, PO Box 192, Mount Beauty 3699*.

The club also has a number of sub-committees i.e. race, junior, clubhouse and search & rescue. If you would like to assist with one of these, please indicate your interest on the form.

Proxy voting: A member may appoint another member as his or her proxy to vote and speak on his or her behalf at the AGM. This must be in writing and signed by the member who is appointing the proxy. Click [\[HERE\]](#) to download a form in Word format. Email it to the secretary by 5:00 pm Monday 22nd May. The form can also be handed to the secretary prior to the start of the AGM.

Heartfelt thank you goes to those committee members stepping down from roles after many years of service:

Ewen Silvester – President

Ann Bellingham – Race Secretary

Peter Smith – Clubhouse Manager

The club relies on volunteers so please have a think about how you can contribute in 2023/24

Hoppet Race Committee Needs Help

As we settle down into our post Covid world, there have been a number of changes in Hoppet Race Committee membership and this year we have a number of key vacancies which need to be filled

year we have a number of key vacancies which need to be filled, including:

1. Chief of Race. Chairing the Jury and overall oversight of race operations.
2. Radio Base Station. Operating the communications centre in the SES building at Windy Corner on Race Day.
3. Communications setup. Organising the hire of radio equipment and setting up the repeater.
4. Transport Coordinator. Based at Windy Corner on Hoppet Friday and Saturday.
5. Race Committee Chairman

The regular income from the Hoppet is the key factor allowing the club to operate programs for members and maintain the clubhouse in good condition, and still keep membership fees relatively low.

With this in mind it is important that the positions on the Race Committee are filled. There will be a meeting at 7:30 on Wednesday 31 May at the Hoppet office to start planning for this year's Hoppet and filling the vacant positions on the Race Committee will be high on the agenda. If you are at all interested in getting involved, or just want to learn a bit more about it, you will be very welcome. And there will be a few drinkies and nibbles and time for a chat after the meeting. Please contact Allan Marsland on 0419 417 704 or email to allan.marsland@gmail.com to get more information.

Birkie Bits by *Nordic Nellie*

Overseas Athlete Reports

BNSC provides grants to club athletes to assist with their overseas travel expenses. As a condition for receiving funds, athletes are required to report on their trip to the committee and members. Have a read of [Andrew Barnett's](#) report to find out how his season went.

Working Bee

Clubhouse Working Bee will start 10am 27th May, lunch provided. Please let me (Nordic Nellie, aka Mary) know by 25th May if you will be attending so we know how many to cater for, email anmhall@yahoo.com or 0492960885.

Casserole Dinner

When: Saturday 10th June, 6-10pm

Where: Neighborhood Centre, Mt Beauty (large conference room)

Please bring: a casserole (singles) and a salad or dessert to share (families).

Presentation: Pete Holmes will be sharing his skiing adventures in the Himalayas & Italy.

The club's Birkie Award will be awarded to a very deserving member.

Please RSVP: anmhall@yahoo.com or 0492960885

2023 Upcoming Events

Mt Beauty Running Festival - In case you haven't entered yet, Saturday 20th May for a 3k & 10k road run, or 14k trail run, click [\[HERE\]](#) for details and to enter.

Kangaroo Hoppet - Early Bird Entries are now open, for further details & to enter please go to hoppet.com.au

Merino Muster - Early bird entries for the Merino Muster World Loppet close 1st June 2023, for more info & to enter go to www.merinomuster.com
