



Kangaroo Hoppet Planning Meeting

31st May 2023, 7.30pm
at the *Hoppet Office*

Hoppet Race Committee Needs Help

From Alan Marsland

I would like to start with a bit of history.

Back in the late 1980's BNSC worked through the process that lead to the acceptance of the Kangaroo Hoppet as the eleventh member of the Worldloppet series of long distance ski races. The series has now grown to twenty members. (But is 19 at the moment as the membership of Russia is currently under suspension.)

When the event was accepted into Worldloppet there was a strong concern amongst some members of the BNSC committee that the club might end up bankrupt, so it was decided to form a new incorporated association to be responsible for the event, but that Birkebeiner would be responsible for the on snow operation of the event while Kangaroo Hoppet would be responsible for securing the resources to operate the event and the administration. In return BNSC would receive a fee for their efforts in operating the on snow aspects of the event through the Kangaroo Hoppet Race Committee. In 2022 it was \$8187.80.

This Hoppet Race Committee has always included a mix of Birkebeiner members and others from the wider Upper Kiewa Vallev

community.

Which brings us to May 2023 and planning for the 2023 Hoppet.

Major sponsorship arrangements are in place with AGL, Mount Beauty & District Community Bank, and Falls Creek Alpine Resort. A new 5 year MoU has just been signed with FCAR.

Entries have opened and planning for merchandising and general administration are on track.

Which leads us to the Race Committee.

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, 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.

Birkebeiner Casserole Dinner
Saturday 10th June
Mt Beauty Neighbourhood Centre
from 6pm

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

Our guest speaker will be
Pete Holmes

Sharing stories from his adventures skiing in the Himalayas and Italy

For a bio on Pete click [here](#)

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

Please RSVP to the social secretary, anmhall@yahoo.com by June 8th

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