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## Birkie Bulletin October 2023

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### 2023 Athlete Grant Applications

Applications are now open for BNSC's National Team Travel Grants. Applicants must be current BNSC member (either individual or family, minimum 3 years), and a member of a Snow Australia Cross Country Ski Team actively engaged in an approved program that involves overseas travel. For full eligibility requirements and details on how to apply click here:

[2023 Athlete Grant Application](#)

Email applications to:  
The Secretary <[secretary@birkebeiner.org.au](mailto:secretary@birkebeiner.org.au)> or  
post: BNSC (Grant Applications), PO Box 192 Mount Beauty 3699

**\*\*Applications must be received by the 8th of October.**

**Late applications will not be considered.\*\***



## Snow Australia XC Update September 2023

FINN MARSLAND - XC PROGRAM DIRECTOR

### THIS UPDATE INCLUDES:

- Provisional 2023-2024 XC Team Selection
- Paul and de Campo Win 2023 Continental Cup
- XC Junior Champs
- SkiMo Camp / Event Update
- Membership - Now Open

To read full update click or tap:

[SAXC Update](#)

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## Birkie Bits by Nordic Nellie

Provisional selections of the 2023-24 XC National Teams have been announced with several BNSC members included. Phil Bellingham has been named to the Continental Cup team, and Rosie Franzke, Clancy Merrick Harvey, and Jayden Spring have been named to the Junior Team. Rosie and Clancy are also eligible for the 2024 Youth Winter Olympic Games. To learn more click [here](#).

BNSC member Katerina Paul is the overall female winner of the 2023 FIS Australia - New Zealand Continental Cup for Cross Country Skiing. This is the fifth time Paul has won the FIS ANC series. To find out more click [here](#).

And if you want to hear more from Katerina, she will be providing the live commentary on SC Play for the Klarälvsloppet, a 90km rollerski race in Sweden, 1st October. Check it out [here](#).

BNSC members were well represented at the 2023 Australian Junior XC Championships held at Perisher, the 2nd September. Bethany Franzke took first place in WU12 in both the skate and the classic events with her sister Rosie coming second in the WU18 skate. Liam and Carmen Cullen-Croke each placed second in both their skate and

and Carmen Cahill were each placed second in both their skate and classic events; Carmen in WU14 and Liam in MU16. Clancy Merrick Harvey placed second in the MU18 classic event. Hannah Gray took third in the WU20 classic and second place in the WU20 skate. For race details and full results click [here](#).

The Club welcomes three new BNSC/BSAR members: Michael Sherry, Eric Phillips, and Mardi Phillips. If you get the chance, please thank them for volunteering with Search & Rescue.

Big thanks go to Maggie Jowitt for her efforts as race secretary. She kindly stepped back into the role this season when no replacement could be found for Ann Bellingham who retired after several years as secretary.

**RACE SECRETARY NEEDED** - if you are interested in taking on this role please email The Secretary <[secretary@birkebeiner.org.au](mailto:secretary@birkebeiner.org.au)>.

End of Season BBQ will be in mid-November, date and details to be advised soon. Be sure to keep an eye out for the next Birkie Bulletin.

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## Looking Back....

Snow Australia Medalist, Hal Nerdal, recently passed away at age 95. Hal represented Australia at the 1960 Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley competing in Nordic Combined. He is the only Australian to have ever competed in Nordic Combined at the Olympics. To learn more about Hal, tap the button below:

Hal Nerdal



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