



Birkie Bulletin

July 2025

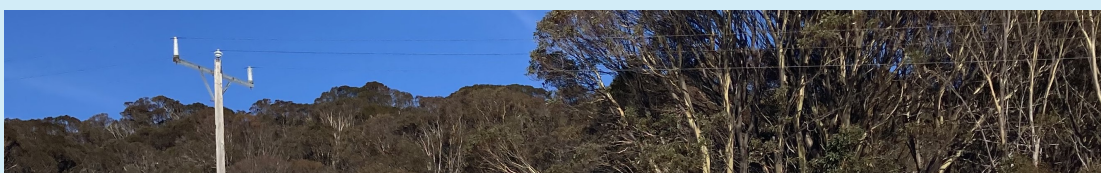
What an amazing start to the season. Hopefully you have been able to get out and take advantage of the great conditions. In the meantime, have a read of what's been happening and about exciting events to come.

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Birkie Bits...

The inaugural Ski Swap and Curry Night was the first social event for the season. On the Saturday of the Opening Weekend, Club members and friends gathered at the Mount Beauty Senior Centre to buy/sell/swap ski gear followed by a delicious curry dinner. It was good food and lots of new and existing families socialising together. This is a new event in lieu of the traditional Casserole night season opener, and as the feedback has been all positive, it looks to become a staple on the social calendar.





The first of five technique clinics planned for 2025 was held Sunday 29 June. Eleven people attended the clinic with Jacob Huseby to hone their classic skills. Jacob is a US ski coach who has coached on the US Super Tour and the US National Champs and is currently the Falls Creek National Training Centre Coach. It was a beautiful sunny day, with perfect conditions for improving technique. The clinics are presented by BNSC and Snow Australia. Please see below for info on the future clinics.

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Calling for nominations for The Birkie Award and Life Membership

The club's **Birkie Award** is awarded annually for outstanding service and commitment to club programs & events. The member's name and the year the award was received will be engraved on the perpetual shield, which will be displayed in the clubhouse. The member will also receive a framed certificate.

Life Memberships are awarded to honour a major contribution to the club over an extended period of time, with a maximum of two awarded any one year. Previous life membership recipients include: Helen & Paul L'Huillier; Alex Chapman; Jim Crebbin; Chris Heberle; Allan Marsland; Bruce Vine; Phil Evans; Brian Keeble; Bill Little; Bob Flower; Ronice Goebel; Jim Gargan; Finn Marsland.

The awards will be presented at the club's mid-season dinner in July. Please email your nominations to: secretary@birkebeiner.org.au

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The current 2020-2025 Alpine Resorts Strategic Plan is nearing its end. Alpine Resorts Victoria will be developing a new strategic plan for 2026-2030 and is providing all stakeholders an opportunity to have their say on the plan's development through a combination of online engagement and place-based in-person workshops. We encourage every BNSC member to have your say by participating in the ARV survey, please click or tap below. The survey closes midnight 6 July.

ARV Survey

Clubhouse Rules

The Clubhouse is for Day Use only. And for the comfort of others the committee asks all members to please observe the following rules:

1. No skis or waxing inside the building. (Waxing can be done in the skidoo shed next door, or in the Windy Corner Day Shelter waxing room.)
2. Use the shelves and hooks for your belongings, keep the downstairs benches clear for people to sit.
3. No outdoor footwear or wet clothes upstairs.
4. Clean up after yourself - no dishes to be left on the sink.
5. Take all your rubbish home. We do not have a rubbish bin in the clubhouse.
6. If you are the last person to leave the clubhouse please ensure all lights are off and the upstairs electric heater and kettle are off.
7. Lock the door if you are the last person to leave, even in the middle of the day, to keep our belongings safe while we are out skiing.

2025 BNSC RACE COMMITMENTS

Sun 13th July 10.00am **Birkie Classic** 2.5/5/10km (C)

Sat 9th August 10am **Ski De Femme** 1/2.5/5km

Sun 10th Aug 10:00am **Rocky Valley Rush** 22.5/15/7.5km (F)

Sat 16th Aug 9:30am **AUS Open/Junior Sprint Champs** (C)
CC/FIS

Sun 17th Aug 10:00am **AUS Open/Junior/Masters Champs**
10/10km (F) CC/FIS

Sat 23rd August 9:30am **Kangaroo Hoppet** 42/21/7km (F)

2025 XC Race Calendar

Upcoming Events...

Howmans Gap All-stars High Plains Tour

Date: Saturday 12 July

Where: Falls Creek

Courses: Freestyle with 1km, 2.5km, 5km and 10km options

Start: 11 am start in the Nordic Bowl

For more info and race entry please click or tap:

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High Plains Tour

BNSC Birkie Classic



The Birkebeiner Classic is scheduled for Sunday 13th July, providing you with a chance to test out your traditional classic technique. So, get those classic skis out and waxed, and head to the Nordic Bowl for a 10:00am start.

Registration is online only, collect bib in the Nordic Bowl between 8:45-9:30am and please be self-sufficient with your food and drinks, in line with good hygiene practices.

Race distances: 2.5km, 5km & 10km

Age Grouping: U12, U18, OPEN & 50+

Registration opening soon, check:

www.alpinetiming.com.au

Hope to see you all there!

2025 Technique Clinics with Jacob Huseby

(skill level intermediate and above)

July 12 - skate 2:00pm* Nordic Bowl (registration required)

July 13 - classic 2:00pm* Nordic Bowl (registration required)

July 20 - skate 3.00pm Nordic Bowl (registration required)

July 27 - Ski D' Femme prep for coaches skate 9:00am; classic
PM (free for SDF volunteers)

Aug 10 - skate 2:00pm* Nordic Bowl (registration required)

*Note change of time from morning session to afternoon

What is it? — Two-hour technique sessions with Jacob Huseby who is currently the Snow Australia National Team Coach and Falls Creek National Training Centre Coach. He is a US Ski and Snowboard certified coach and worked with the Australian Junior Worlds Team that podiumed at the 2025 Junior World Championships. We are fortunate that BNSC members can access Jacob's wealth of knowledge in all things xc.

The groups are limited to 12 adults and available to BNSC members only.

Who is it for? — It is for adult BNSC members who are intermediate skiers and above.

Program — Sessions are 2 hours, they start and finish in the Nordic Bowl.

Cost — \$10 /session plus current Birkebeiner membership. See below to renew or join the Club.

REGISTRATION — Opening soon, visit www.alpinetiming.com.au

Note, numbers will be capped to 12 participants.

Inquiries — to Jacob Huseby JHuseby@snow.org.au or WhatsApp +1 (360) 450 1807





2025 Birkie Junior Development Camp

Saturday 19th July - Sunday 20th July

What is it? — Two days of cross-country skiing skill development, using games, challenges, mini-tours and assorted activities. Sessions will be held morning and afternoon, with a lunch break in the middle. **Who is it for?** — Beginner/Intermediate Skiers aged Grade 2 to Year 8 looking to have fun on skis and improve their skills.

Proposed program:

Saturday 19th July (Classic Day)

8:45am — Meet at the Birkie Clubhouse

9:00am — Welcome

9:15am–11:30am — Classic Ski lessons/activities in groups

11:30 am–1:00pm — BYO lunch at the Clubhouse

1:00pm–2:30 pm — Classic Ski games/activities in groups

Sunday 20th July (Skate and/or Classic day)

9:00am — Meet at the Birkie Clubhouse

9:15am–11:30am — Ski lessons, technique dependent on experience /activities in groups

11:30 am–1:00pm — BYO lunch at the Clubhouse

1:00pm–2:30 pm — Skiing Snow-gaine / Adventure challenge!

BYO snacks, drink and lunch each day.

Cost — \$40 /child plus Birkebeiner membership.

Ski Hire — equipment hire is available from Windy Corner if needed

Registration — Email expressions of interest to:

secretary@birkebeiner.org.au

Note, Please register by Monday 12th July. Numbers will be capped to 30 participants.

Health Protocols — these need to be observed. Please consider other and do not attend if you have any cold, flu symptoms. A refund for the camp will be issued if required.

You can renew or join the Birkebeiner Nordic Ski Club here:

Membership

Mid-Season Dinner

When: Saturday 26th July from 6.30pm

Where: Mount Beauty Senior Centre, Tawonga Crescent

Cost: \$25.00 per head (the meal is partly subsidised by the club), BYO drinks

Beautiful 2 course dinner provided by Lilli Pilli Café Mount Beauty Vegetarian option available

Please RSVP with any dietary requirements by Sunday 20th July to Johanna: ozjossu@gmail.co; Please advise if choosing vegetarian.

Ski De Femme



Save the Date!

Saturday 9th August 2025
30th Anniversary of Ski De Femme

All Things Kangaroo Hoppet...



Hoppet Race Committee Positions Vacant

Transport Coordinator - Liaise with ARV Falls Creek and 4Site re transport needs to get several tons of equipment and supplies out to the various locations on the High Plains and back again.



High Plains Coordinator - Assist with course setup Friday and provide support to food stations and marshals as required on Saturday. Must have good knowledge of High Plains and skidoo experience.

For more info contact: info@hoppet.com.au

Early Bird Entries Close 12th July 2025

Get in before the price goes up!

Hoppet Volunteers Wanted

More info, registration & volunteering can be found:

Hoppet Website



SNOW AUSTRALIA CROSS COUNTRY UPDATE JUNE 2025

FINN MARSLAND - XC PROGRAM DIRECTOR

- Cross Country - 2024/25 Season Wrap
- Four decades of Falls Creek training camps
- Cross Country athletes unite in pre-season testing push at AIS
- Coach EOIs for 2025/2026 Junior Tours



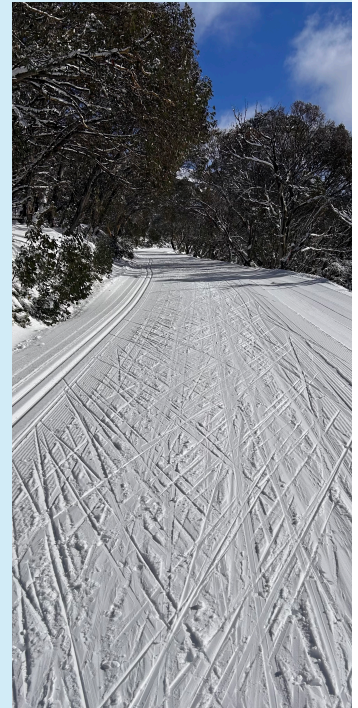


Full Update

Looking Back...

We started with the great start to the season with natural snow opening weekend and we'll finish...looking back it was not as long ago as people think that we had such a good start to the season. In 2019 there was 47cm of natural snow and Falls Creek had two more lifts operating than in the opening weekend of the record-breaking 2000 snow season!

2019 Falls Creek Opening Weekend



About us

2025/26 Committee

President – Andrew Hall

Vice President – Paul Gray

Secretary – Michelle Forrer

Treasurer – Jeanette McLaren

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MEMBERSHIPS

Family \$75, Individual \$35, Junior or Student (not in a family membership) \$25, Associate* \$25. Fees are payable by 30th June 2025. To JOIN OR RENEW please click or tap [HERE](#)

Membership

*Intended for existing members who no longer ski nor use the clubhouse, but would like to remain club members and receive correspondence and the bulletin newsletter, or for search and rescue squad members who do not require the use of club facilities.



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