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Dear Boali Members and Guests,

Welcome to your first newsletter of 2005! We had a fantastic end to 2004. There were a number of Christmas parties and then, once the presents were unwrapped, and Christmas dinners were over, guests flocked down to Thredbo for a relaxing getaway in the mountains. New Year's festivities were enjoyed by all thanks to Peter's exquisite seven course "Gala Dinner". The vote was unanimous – why compete in the village with 100 other guests (and that's just in one restaurant!) when in Boali there's less than 40 others, so the service is perfect and by the time the meal has ended, your dinner companions are your new friends. What better way to start the year?

The other big events here in Thredbo were Shakespeare on the Green, the National Downhill Mountain bike Series and the 11th Annual Blues Festival. All of which brought a vibrant atmosphere to the village.

What's on right now you ask? School holidays are over and summer is well and truly upon us here in the mountains. You'll be swept away by a carpet of wildflowers of all descriptions, enjoy longer days, and summer walks. While other parts of the country swelter in summer heat, looking dry and brown, Thredbo enjoys warm but mild weather and greenery everywhere with the sound of water nearby as the creeks flow. The beauty of the mountains speaks for itself and it's never been a more perfect time to come down and visit us.

Hope to see you soon,
Melanie & Peter.

BOALI ACCOMODATION

Summer Availability

With the school holidays over, it is a great time for those who want a quiet break to come down to Boali. Go for a stroll, enjoy a guided walk, round of golf, fly fishing, shopping or coffee and cake in one of the cafes. If you bring a group of friends, you may even qualify for our member's special.

Love is in the Air...

And Valentine's Day is on the way! What more romantic way to celebrate than to come down to Boali and let us spoil you! On the weekend of Valentine's Day, (12th -14th February) we will provide not only a beautiful setting but a romantic candlelight 3 course meal, chocolates and a late check out for you and your beloved.



Easter

For those wanting to escape the city and get back to nature over Easter, we still have rooms available. The "Kidz club" is running Easter holiday activities over this time including a giant Easter egg hunt on Sunday 27th March. Of course we will have Easter eggs here as well!

April School Holidays

They're just around the corner! There is plenty to do for people of all ages and tastes but don't miss out on one of the last chances available to enjoy Thredbo before the busy winter season! "Kidz club" has holiday programs and there are still guided walks running. Some even say that April is their favorite time of year in the mountains!



VILLAGE NEWS

Thredbo wins Luxury Travel Reader's survey

In December, Thredbo picked up the award for best ski resort in Australia! We all knew that already but now it's official! Luxury Travel invited American Express Gold Card members and magazine readers to vote online for their best luxury travel experience. Over 10,000 responses were registered and Thredbo took top honors! Records show that each year 1 million visitors come to Thredbo and the village sets the benchmark as Australia's number one year round resort. It's no wonder with Thredbo laying claim to the longest runs, steepest terrain, highest lifted point and a famous village atmosphere.

VILLAGE NEWS CONTINUED...

Snowman being stalked in Thredbo

There is one last snowman in Thredbo who hides around the village each day. Clues are given out and if you find him, you and your immediate travel companions win a two day resort pass which means you get all the fun you can handle! The pass includes bobsled, chairlift, tennis, golf and leisure centre. Already Boali guests have won! The Larkin and Hamer family kids had a ball after finding the snowman tucked away in the squash courts! But hurry, you only have until March 28 before this snowman is gone forever...



THREDBO EVENTS

Here's a list of things to do and see in Thredbo at the moment. You may even like to put some of them in your diary.

Kosciuszko Sunrise Tour On Now until 30 April ,

This unique tour operates every Sunday at 3.30am! Yes you read correctly – 3.30am! We have heard that it is well worth getting up for and your efforts are rewarded when you see the dawning of a new day over Kosi.

NSW Interschool mountain bike race February 11 – 13

Kids, parents & teachers alike revel in getting out in the mountain air to compete for glory.



STOP THE PRESS!!!!

**Boali Winter bookings Open (Members only) March 1.
Make sure that your levies are paid to ensure bookings
are processed.**

**Bookings for member's guests open March 15 and
commercial bookings are taken from April 1.**

Australian interschool mountain bike races March 7 – 9

The nations top schools compete in down hill, cross-country and 4X.

Easter Holiday Activities March 25 – 28

The kidz club comes alive in Thredbo with activities for all including a giant Easter egg hunt on Sunday 27th March.

April school holidays activities 9 – 24 April

There will be guided walks, kidz club, horse riding and all the usual summer activities in Thredbo that make it such a great place to relax and bring the kids.



Winter Menu Previews

Some of you may have heard that Wednesday night will be Chef's night off in winter. On this night Peter will have prepared a simple meal but it will be served by our helping hands – one of our other capable Boali staff. Alternatively, you take the opportunity to sample one of Thredbo's many fine restaurants. Children's meals will be provided at normal times. So that you have an idea of what to expect, we have made up some sample menus for the adult meal.

Menu 1

*Traditional Prawn cocktail
Served with buttered Toast*

*Beef Lasagna
With Napolitano sauce*

*Fresh Fruit Salad
And Ice cream*

Menu 2

*Creamy Leek and Potato
soup*

*Ricotta and Spinach
Crepes*

*With Béchamel and
Napolitano Sauce*

*Chocolate Mousse
With a Fresh Fruit garnish*

Menu 3

Calypso Chicken Salad

*Vegetable Lasagna
With Béchamel sauce*

*Caramel mousse
With whipped cream*

As you can see the standard will still be maintained and we will also be able to cater to individual needs, for example our vegetarian guests. We hope you are pleased with this sneak preview!

DIRECTOR'S

Call for nominations

It is that time of year again when people need to think about their commitment to the Lodge. The Board of Directors are a happy bunch but as with all organisations we need to continually look to renew ourselves.

If you are interested in standing for the Board, then don't hesitate, if you are wary of what it means...then speak to one of the existing directors. It is a rewarding job, lots of perks and the pay is something to write home about. But in all that you get to work with nice people.

Update on Repairs and Maintenance

TV Room

We have decided to shift the new TV Stereo unit into the room now occupied by the office. We will create a smaller more manageable office adjacent to what will become the TV room. This will free up the rest of the space to be used by children as a play area without endangering the equipment etc.

Water Filter.

We have installed a fresh water filter in the dining room. Whilst the water in Thredbo is pure and clean and passes through ultra violet sanitizers and meets top drinking standards we felt that members should have the opportunity to access drinking water that has passed through additional filtration. The change in water quality between Thredbo and Sydney particularly does upset some people. Reports from guests so far indicate the filter is a popular addition.

Kitchen Area

The really observant people will pick up that we have changed the arrangements for storing of food. Gone are the gunky fridges/freezers scattered around occupying space like silent sentinels in various parts of the lodge. We have purchased some new units that fit better into our arrangements and will help with the food prep. If anyone wants to buy the old units and transport them away, contact Melanie at the lodge please..

Spa and Drying Room

Peter has done a stirring job in tracking down many of the problems we have had with these facilities. So we have a revamped spa unit....and a new drying room fan and thermostat.

Showers

All the tiles in the shower units have been regouted. Not sure who did it all but suspect that if you see a person around the lodge looking a bit wild eyed it is that person. What a marathon effort that would have been but well appreciated.

Lounges

We are actively pursuing the replacement of the lounges which are now getting a bit shop-worn and weary. The Board is looking for something suitable to fit in with the curtains.

Other News

Meetings

The Full Board will meet next on the weekend of 7 May in Thredbo. The Operations Committee meets monthly in Canberra to orchestrate the day to day work on the lodge.

Gourmet Dinner

Don't forget that the June Long Weekend will again see the highly successful gourmet dinner night... Geoff Brookes has lined up Tom Kirk from Clonakilla wines to host this night in the very successful Boali Gourmet Dinner Series. Book early.

Reminder that the AGM is on 26
Feb and the venue is Mittagong
RSL. A formal notice is attached
to this Newsletter.