



**AGENDA**  
**2016-17 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Draft (@25/02/18)**  
**7:30pm 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017**  
**Maori Chief Hotel**  
**Cnr York and Moray Street, South Melbourne VIC 3205**

Meeting Open at 7.30pm

Introduction and Apologies – Bruce Blackman (Chair).

Apologies

Rory McDermott – Dinner Plain

Rob Anderson - Valhalla

Representation from SKEG

PRESENTATIONS and discussions (7.30 to 8.40pm):

*Corral Car Park Update* – Simon Jones and Peter Sandow (FMSA Architects)

Urban design of the Hotham Village

Discussion with the Hotham Community, talking about how we can make a “sense of place” coming into the village, how to engage people in other places such as BigD, Jack Frost areas, in all seasons.

During Winter across the Alpine road – the place is buzzing but doesn’t have a great sense of place, no great character. Constraints with 3 organisations that need to manage the snow and roads, Vic Roads, Skiing Company and RMB. They all play a role in maintaining the area so people can move freely.

In summer the village is lacking sense of life and participation.

Other resorts – Keystone have a jump, gathering place, firepit, walking places.

Queenstown NZ – formalised the edge, brings you to the natural landscape of the lake.

Mt Buller – formalising a space, more inviting space all year round.

Mt Hotham – what are the qualities of the space to engage people. What story do we want to tell?

Refer to the Mt Hotham Web site, News, Sense of Place Project at [www.developmthotham.com.au](http://www.developmthotham.com.au) for additional details (URL ->

<http://www.developmthotham.com.au/publications-plans/stakeholder-news/2017112950197.asp> )

- Andrew swift, red robin mine
- Stone wall and the balustrading at the BigD
- Intension is to make Hotham Central a formalised Shared zone
  - Devices/signage to slow people down
  - More compelling sense of arrival
  - Possibly use Frustum structures in the arrival, add Stories of the Lodges within the structures e.g. Peninsula 40 years, Taki 50 years.
  - Lighting at Night Time
  - Get rid of gravel
  - Add ground covers, alpine grasses and natives to the area
  - Blend and combine the magnificent landscape we have, Hotham is an interruption on the Great Alpine Road.
  - Ensure there is more to do for visitors that do not ski.

Forward any ideas to [property@mthotham.com.au](mailto:property@mthotham.com.au), or call 03 5759 3550, 0418 306 225.

Question: is the landscaping funded by the Board or grant? Answer: Would definitely need to be funded through a grant.

Question: Corral Carpark has not been addressed– (passed to Jon to discuss later)

Question: Referring to Mt Buller's space area, is there a natural spot to replicate at Hotham.

Answer: Space will need to be manufactured.

Question: why do the rubbish huts need to be in front of the buildings, spoiling the view.

Answer: Historical spots, legacy. Relooking at collection methods. Using more green waste to reduce cost.

Question: Any hope of ever seeing a zoo cart. Answer: Open to discussion, put in suggestions.

Suggestion: Have an Ice-skating rink. Answer: there was one at Dinner Plain this year, not many people aware of it, even though there was extensive advertising, and was not successful. Possibly due to quality and location.

Peter Sandow discussed the Lock carpark which is being doubled in its capacity by putting in an enclosed airtight deck.

Plans have been lodged and granted, but with conditions – want to see a building that is camouflaged into the landscape.

It is to replace the central carpark and include a public car park, good for disabled facilities, toilets, food & beverage. RMB have asked the government to fund in the project as public infrastructure.

*MHARMB update* - presented by Jon Hutchins, CEO Mount Hotham ARMB

Jon believes the Corral carpark project can be funded by development and site fees.

Question: please give an overview of what is happening at the Corral.

Answer: expressions of interest august 2016, for the RMB building and a sense of arrival, to be replaced and a new structure to be built across the Corral Carpark. Looking to bring in 2 major accommodation chains into the area, Wyndham at Dinner Plain is bringing people onto the mountain, 53,000 members but they don't know about Hotham.

Part of the cost will be Ski patrol, medical centre and public area space.

*"Representing the interests of the Mt Hotham community."*

Interest on Davenport development is going to consultation. Two years ago, RMB were asked to add firepits, they were added at the tennis court area and has been a great success.

Bus stop layouts will be the next stage once corral is done.

### *The challenges of achieving a surplus at Mt Hotham – a club view – Gary Young, Treasurer Peninsula*

The Club made the decision they needed surplus to make improvements, but had difficulty achieving surplus.

- No real growth of their income stream
- Have not been able to increase income rates.
- No control over the RMB costs
- Gas is out of the Boards control, trying to reduce use
- Worked on eliminating drafts, glazed windows, reinsulating the lodge
- Energy costs have reduced due to solar cells
- Insurance cost has reduced based on the risk, switchboard checked, cleaning of filters and fans, bunk beds are compliant, cleaning of laundry lint etc.
- Booking system is now online so it has reduced costs on commissions.
  - hothamlodges.com.au, eob.com.au
- On mountain manager in summer, easy open and close process

### Q & A – Bruce Blackman

A Survey was sent to everyone to participate in the newsletters.

It was taken to the consultative meeting in August and questions out to our members, to see what the feedback was. General feedback from the RMB or mountain surveys was, people are never asked to participate and we don't see the results.

8 questions and comments were on the Survey

Q1 – Ski area priorities – people want new areas to ski

Q2 – What type of ski areas – people want more intermediate

Q3 – Have you been asked "How many people in the car" – No

Q4 – Translation to more guests in beds for 2017 – Yes

Q5 – Do you want the Food Vans – No

Q6 – Hotham 365 – do you know what it is – Yes

Q7 – Hotham 365 – is there a market – No

Q8 – What is the future direction for 365 – not for Hotham

Responses – targeted primary contacts of lodges and individuals, 50 responses

Do we try to send more widely?

Comment: What is HSA representation. Bruce asked for people to come onto the committee.

Comment: HSA need to be a collective and an advocate for the resort, eg, insurance. Jon responded on the compliance issues and agreed that we should share insurance brokers and regulations. Renting accommodation puts a burden on Safety. We need to have essential services done, and we pay for a one-off audit, instead of collective. Should we organise a co-operative? Commercial, collective buying power? It is a function that is needed. Does the HSA ask as part of the next survey? Modernise our website, and use it to pool their resources. Organise working sessions.

HSA AGM Business (8.40 to 9.30pm):

Approval of previous minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes –

Moved by: Peter Sandow

Second by: John Wright Arrabri

Presidents Report – Bruce Blackman

Focus is cost and sustainability of lodges and accommodation.

Refer to HSA website for Presidents report

Treasurers Report – Brian Vowles

Refer to HSA website for Treasurers report

Election of Office Bearers

Every role is free and vacant

Nominations to a committee position

General committee person (Jaime Sparks)

Roll over the incumbent.

Move to accept the incumbent - Gary Young, Second – Marina Henley

General Business

From the ski patrol – would like to thank for the new ambulance (big gig ski patrol fund raising)

Question was raised about LED lights and using the govt initiatives – there is a problem with contractors getting up the mountain that require additional lodges to use the scheme to get it up to 500 globes.

Need someone to deal with the electrician.

Bruce asked if anyone has done the replacement. – Peninsula & Austin and asked to put communication back through to our members.

Essential services testing – role on the committee to coordinate, who are the contractors that the lodges are using. Follow up from Last Year. Bruce will follow up with Jennie Molloy.

AGM Closed at (9.30pm):