



# Southern Cross ALPINE LODGE

## **Southern Cross Alpine Lodge Directors' Report For the year ended 31 December 2025 (AGM 5.00pm 30 May 2026)**

*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands  
(Psalm 19)*

As directors, we commence and conclude each board meeting with prayer for wisdom. Our prayer is that Southern Cross Alpine Lodge is a place where God is glorified and His people are refreshed and encouraged. Thank you for your partnership with us in this ministry and for entrusting us as your directors to guide Southern Cross with purpose.

**Staff:** We have been blessed to have a fabulous team serving us at Southern Cross in 2025. Thank you to our team of chefs (Stuart and Vanessa, Julie, Tanya, and Stephanie), hosts (Chris and Sarah, Phil and Marcia, Peter and Alison, Brian and Julie, Ann and Kevin, Steve and Jenny, Matt and Michelle, Mimy and Margaret, Rod and Lisa, Margie and Graham) and cleaners (Otto, John & Pinky Riordan).

**Bookings:** Brian Gaetjens continues to be primarily responsible for managing bookings at Southern Cross and we thank him for his service. This is a huge job and we are grateful for his efficiency and attention to detail.

**Maintenance:** Chris Hinchcliffe has headed up the maintenance team in 2025 and into 2026; thank you Chris. A huge amount of work has been done by an enthusiastic team of volunteers, including the Gungahlin church youth group. The lodge is looking fantastic. Work done in 2025 includes painting inside and outside, roof repairs, electrical works, new taps, and replacing the dining chairs. So far in 2026, work done includes replacing roof and underfloor insulation in western end of building, Optus mobile phone repeater, new ski/snowboard racks and the painting program continues. The stoves will be replaced after the 2026 season.

**Memberships:** We welcomed some new members during the year and farewelled others. Our current maximum PBS membership numbers are Class 1: 130 and Class 2: 100. There are a few PBS participations available for purchase. Please contact us if you would like to purchase additional (or sell). A reminder that we are a Christian lodge and a letter of good standing from your local minister is needed for all applications.

### **Constitution and other business:**

We remain committed to writing a new constitution, but progress has been delayed.

We have also reviewed our Child Protection Policy and are in the process of finalising this. We remain committed to ensuring Southern Cross is a safe place for children and vulnerable people.

Our recent PRREMS report (a compulsory audit and reflection tool managing the environmental impacts and risks of lodges in the Perisher region) demonstrates that

we are meeting or exceeding targets which is great news. We continue to look at ways to reduce our impact on the delicate alpine environment.

**The Alpine Church:** Southern Cross continues to partner with this unique ministry to bring Jesus to the slopes. Thank you to the chefs for manning the BBQ, Margie Heath for the homemade biscuits and her hospitality, Graham Morrison for leading the ministry team, and support from Southern Cross guests in welcoming and encouraging those who attend. Some weeks during 2026 winter/spring snow season saw more than 60 people come to church on Front Valley.

**Director Changes:** After 42 years of faithful service to Southern Cross, Graham Morrison stepped down at the 2025 AGM. Thank you again, Graham, for your wisdom, insight, enthusiasm and commitment to Southern Cross. We are glad you remain an active member of the Snowy Mountains community. We also farewelled Jeremy Freeman before the 2025 AGM and Stewart Vella later in the year. Thank you to both of you for your involvement as directors assisting us with a whole range of ministry, financial and administrative issues.

New directors appointed in 2025 are Matthew McOrist and Jen Morrison. Ann Collins continues as our secretary and we thank her for the large volume of work she attends to, often behind the scenes.

Your directors have met either in person or on Zoom on 8 occasions during the year. We had a very successful all day meeting on Saturday 25 October 2025 and thank Youthworks for the use of their boardroom for the day, and then for our 2026 AGM.

**Directors:** Ann Collins (Secretary), Brian Gaetjens (Bookings & Bookkeeping), Chris Hinchcliffe (Building & Safety), Matthew McOrist and Jen Morrison.