



## TALARIA SKI CLUB Inc.

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### **Ski Weekend 10<sup>th</sup> June – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Report**

Hi everyone,

The 1<sup>st</sup> ski weekend of the 2022 season at Talaria was enjoyed by all with 13 adults and 8 children keeping the Lodge buzzing with activity and conversation. On Friday chains were not required for 4 wheel drive vehicles going up the Ladder and we arrived to a good snow cover, an outside temperature of -5°C, a fresh breeze blowing from the NW and clear skies.

#### Lodge Opening

The lounge heater went on ASAP followed by the lights (after a minor glitch with the power system). The cold spell had been prolonged so the water system, despite being shut down properly the previous weekend, was frozen. Toilets and sink outlets were frozen and a number of taps were frozen open or could only be partially closed. Situation NORMAL for a big freeze. It was simply a matter of waiting for the lodge to warm up and using the heated public toilets across the village road from Talaria until the majority of services were operational about 10:00am Saturday morning. The ladies shower pipes run underneath the lodge and didn't thaw out over the weekend. The RH men's shower was shared.

The only real intervention necessary was to warm the 25mm hot water tank cold water inlet pipe at the back of the hot water tank, located in the ceiling water tank space (it doesn't always drain properly and can get blocked with ice) and to pour some lukewarm water into the toilet bowls. There is a 240v power point, a fluoro light and a hot air gun in the water tank space for de-icing this connection.

Once water was flowing through the small kitchen sink hot water tap the drying room heater was lit. It was necessary to dump some water from the hot water coil, using the drain valve, (as per instructions on the wall) to get the water flowing up to the hot water tank in the correct direction.

#### Generator

The generator is now fully serviced with an expertly repaired exhaust deflector. Nick and I connected a new start button to replace the key start (you still have to turn the key on and OFF) and replaced the fuse holder for the electronic gas mechanism. We did have a problem with the gas fuse blowing preventing the generator running on gas. With the gas bottle ON you should hear the gas supply unit making a noise when the silver gas switch is moved UP into the ON position. The fuse is 7.5amps – there are spare fuses in the top solar power cabinet.

It is recommended that the generator be run for 2hrs on a Saturday afternoon to make sure the batteries are not run down too low on the second night. Start on petrol and warm the motor for 15min before changing over to gas.

#### Heaters

All heaters were operational over the weekend and working without any issues. It took some effort to get the Bunkroom heater going as it had not been shut down properly and had flooded with heating oil. Approximately 1L of heating had to be bailed out using paper

towel. The distribution rings in this heater are a little wonky but the heater works OK. The heater will be given some TLC at a summer working bee.

To prevent another flooding incident and to be consistent across ALL heaters the RED oil supply valve should be turned OFF on all heaters. A reminder – as soon as the heaters start to produce black soot they need to be shut down and cleaned. There is a new wire brush (it might have to be cut down) in the workshop to clean the air holes in the base of the heaters.

### General

Importantly members and guests had a great weekend skiing with enough snow for some cross-country skiing and, downhill skiing on Sunday and Monday with Ben Lomond Ski Lifts pulling all stops out to get Summit and eventually Bills tows running.

All the best Karl

