



# **Oldina Ski Club**

## **Information for Prospective Members 2021**



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## Introduction

Oldina Ski Club Victoria Inc. (“**Oldina**”) is a privately operated ski club providing members and guests with comfortable and friendly “on mountain” accommodation at Falls Creek and Mt Buller in the Victorian snowfields. Our members are families and individuals who share a love of snow sports and good company in a club environment.

Founded in 1963, the name “Oldina” is aboriginal for snowflake and our members share a love of the Australian high country in both summer and winter.

We see ourselves very much as a “club” and, as such, offer membership at rates significantly less than many other lodges. Our philosophy is to encourage both younger skiers and families to enjoy a range of snowsports in a friendly environment. Our membership package is designed to encourage those who want a long-term affiliation with a not for profit organisation.

## Key Benefits

The key benefits of Oldina membership include:

- ❖ Access to on-snow accommodation at two major ski resorts, Falls Creek and Mt Buller
- ❖ Quality en-suite accommodation with modern facilities
- ❖ Superb locations offering genuine ski-in ski-out access in normal snow conditions
- ❖ Low rates for full members (\$30/night in winter\*, \$20/night in summer)
- ❖ Discounted rates for dependent children
- ❖ Friendly club atmosphere
- ❖ Low member to bed ratio (approx. 90 members to 36 beds)

## Falls Creek



The Falls Creek village sits in an alpine bowl above the snowline with lifts to both sides of the 450 hectare Falls Creek Resort.

Its location next to the Rocky Valley and Pretty Valley dams ensures that Falls has excellent access to water for snowmaking. As a result, Falls Creek has the most consistent and reliable snow cover of any resort in Australia.

With a wide range of terrain and four distinct mountain faces, Falls Creek has a lot of variety to offer both skiers and snow boarders.



The playground region offers excellent beginners skiing while intermediates will revel in the variety of Sun Valley. Advanced skiers can head off to the summit and maze areas for challenging black runs.

## The Resort and Oldina lodge location



Oldina Lodge, 55 Arlberg Street

Our lodge is situated at 55 Arlberg St, with genuine ski-in and ski-out access. The Falls Express lift to Cloud 9, ski school and Sun Valley area is an easy 200 metre downhill trip on skis.

Originally built in 1965 by club members, the lodge was rebuilt in 1972 and completely renovated and refurbished in 1991.

The lodge now features accommodation for 27 people in 9 rooms on 3 levels with 8 en-suite bathrooms. Two apartment style rooms are located on the third level.

A recent addition is a games/TV room on the lower level.



The lodge operates on a self-help, self-catered basis with ample storage provided and supermarkets and other shops accessible via a short walk (about 5 minutes).

The club does not have a resident manager with long stay members taking on this role by arrangement.

Lodge residents (both members and guests) undertake simple tasks each day such as snow clearing, fireplace clearing and vacuuming/sweeping. Residents provide their own bed linen – all other living facilities are provided.

A laundry is situated on the ground level, adjacent to members' lockers. Skis/boards may be left in the lodge during the winter season only in specially locked pens for members who are frequent users of the lodge.

## **Mt Buller**

The Mt Buller Alpine Resort is 250km north east of Melbourne and occupies an area of 2,300 ha of which 850 ha is devoted to resort operations. Around a three hour drive from Melbourne means the resort is the closest Alpine Village to any major capital city in Australia. And it gets busy – especially on the weekends.

Mt Buller offers 180 ha of ski trails as well as wide, open space above the tree line. The longest ski trail is 2.5km with an average snow depth of 1.5m. There are 25 ski lifts, capable of moving 40,000 people every hour.





Oldina Flat 1 is on the ground floor of the Moose apartment complex

Oldina owns Flat 1 in the Moose Apartment complex located at Site 14, The Avenue. This is an outstanding location, minutes from the main Little Bourke Street ski run, effectively providing ski-in and ski-out access. It is opposite the new YHA building and very close to the village square.

The 10 bed apartment was acquired in 1980 when the Club decided that accommodation at Mt Buller would complement the Falls Creek lodge.

The apartment is used extensively by members especially at weekends and during the inter-school's ski competitions.

Moose Apartments were constructed approximately 30 years ago but remain well managed and maintained. A major facelift of the building and an upgrade of our apartment was carried out during 2002. A renovation to the kitchen was completed in 2018 along with new carpets throughout and window furnishings in the front rooms.



Oldina's flat is a three bedroom corner apartment on the ground floor. It has a large lounge/dining area with superb views to the south over The Bluff and surrounding ranges.

Following the upgrade, the apartment has two en-suite bedrooms and a separate third bedroom and bathroom/laundry. It also has a modern kitchen with large fridge, stove, microwave and dishwasher.

There is a large open plan dining and lounge area with a TV. As with our Falls Creek Lodge, the apartment is smoke free and operates on a self-help, self-catering basis with residents providing their own linen.

## Club Structure

### General

The club comprises approximately 90 members who elect a committee of 9 -10 people each year at our Annual General Meeting in March. Committee roles include:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Minimum of four Committee Members and a Booking Officer

The general committee members are responsible for specific tasks such as Club Communications, Facilities Management, Marketing, and Membership.

The club was incorporated in June 2000.

### Club Finances

The club is in a sound financial position and the Club's finances are well managed. Despite the variability in Australia's snow seasons, Oldina normally operates at a cash surplus.

Further details of the Clubs financial position are available on request.

### Social Activities

Oldina prides itself on being a friendly club and members and their families often ski together during stays at the Club. Oldina has skiers of all standards within its membership meaning that it is always easy to find someone at a similar skiing level. Members and guests also often enjoy visits together to snowfield restaurants and nightspots.

The children of some of our members are naturally skiers of very high standard having been on skis from an early age. Many of these “kids” have gone on to become interschool and race club skiers at both Mt Buller and Falls Creek.

To maintain regular contact, the Club has a number of social gatherings during the year, including:

- ❖ Annual General Meeting each March
- ❖ Two social get-togethers usually held pre-season in May/June and post season in November where we share a meal, drinks and tales of our exploits on the snow
- ❖ The Club also publishes a regular newsletter for members which includes booking information, member news and information concerning skiing generally.

## Membership

### Key Benefits

Membership is open to approved applicants over the age of 18 years. Apart from access to superbly located accommodation at two of Victoria’s leading ski resorts, members enjoy a range of benefits including:

- ❖ Low cost accommodation
  - \$30 per night for members high season (\$27 Early Winter / \$25 Late Winter)
  - \$30 for dependent children of members (under 18) (\$27 Early Winter / \$25 Late Winter)
  - \$40/ \$50 for dependent students of members (18-25)
- ❖ Early booking privileges
- ❖ Full voting rights
- ❖ Low annual fees

Members pay a joining fee that can be paid in 3 annual instalments (with an additional 10% charge per instalment) during which time the new member has full membership booking rights, but no voting rights.

### Early Booking Privileges

Early booking privileges means that in most cases members are able to stay on the snow when they want. Members have a one month exclusive booking window during which time they can make bookings for themselves and their immediate families. After this period, bookings are open to guests.

### Flexibility

Another unique feature of Oldina membership is that as your family grows, the flexibility of your membership grows with it. For example, dependent children who are tertiary students continue to enjoy the benefits of concessional booking rates (currently \$40/\$50 per night) up to the age of 25 years.



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## Security

Both the lodge at Falls Creek and the apartment at Mt Buller have coded security door access. The security codes are changed frequently and will be automatically sent to you on confirmation of your bookings.

## Work Parties

New members are encouraged to attend a few work parties to meet members and get a better understanding of the running of a Club. A work party credit is given to the member attending however, places are sometimes limited and attendance agreed based on the work that needs to be carried out.

Work party dates are communicated in the newsletters. The first newsletter for the season is sent in early April following the AGM and new committee appointments.

## Member lockers Falls Creek

At our lodge at Falls Creek we have a number of member lockers for frequent visitors. This saves you lugging bedding, non-perishable food and so on at every visit. However, there is a current wait-list for lockers and they are allocated on a first come first serve basis. Please ask a committee member if you are interested in a locker,

Being an apartment, Mt Buller has no provision for members to leave equipment, bedding or food during the season.