

## GUNUMA LODGE NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2024

Dear Members

We hope you are all enjoying the beginning of Autumn (and, for some, the long-awaited cool change!) Please see below a few updates from the Committee.

**Rates** – A reminder that new room rates took effect from 1 March 2024, as shown in the table below. You can also find the latest rates in the Booking Rules. The Booking Rules are located on the Gunuma website ([gunumalodge.com.au](http://gunumalodge.com.au)) under ‘Member Hub’ > ‘Key Documents’.

Table 2: Rates

2024	Member			Accompanied Guest			Guest (Unaccompanied)			Car Parking (per night)
	Adult/Adult Child	Child (5-17)	Infant (<5)	Adult/Adult Child	Child (5-17)	Infant (<5)	Adult/Adult Child	Child (5-17)	Infant (<5)	
Low	20	10	7	40	20	14	60	30	21	0
Shoulder	30	20	10	60	40	20	90	60	30	40
High	45	30	15	90	60	30	135	90	45	40

**Upgrade of windows and bathrooms** – The Committee has finally been able to arrange inspections of the windows and bathrooms at the Lodge, with a view to developing and submitting a development application for upgrades later this year. Further updates about this work will be provided once the inspections have taken place.

**Cot mattresses** – The Committee has purchased 5 x fold-up toddler mattresses. These are for children under 5 years old, noting children 5 years and over are entitled to a bed. Use of these mattresses will be on a first come, first served basis. They cannot be reserved. They will be stored under the bunk beds in rooms 5 and 6. Please ensure you bring a waterproof bed covering if you intend to use one of these mattresses during your stay.

**Sauna repairs** – The repairs on the sauna are going ahead in early April. If all goes to plan, the sauna \*should\* be operational in time for the winter season.

**Internet** – A new Starlink internet system will be installed at the Lodge this coming weekend. This should enable use of the recently installed smart tvs.

**Firewood** – Delivery of firewood has been postponed from March to May, in time for the May work party.

**Bookings for the Winter season** – A reminder that Booking Round 1 will open at 10am, Sunday 21 April 2024.

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## **March Work Party Report - by Wal Sheehan**

***“Well, they say small is beautiful and that was what it was at the March work party.***

***Three couples volunteered for the weekend, Butch and Donna Mayne from Queensland, Doug and Theresa Cox from Sydney and Wal and Jan Sheehan from the South Coast, ably lead by our Maintenance Manager Simon Alston.***

***Doug and Theresa Cox had not been to the lodge in over 15 years and were well pleased at the condition of the lodge and the memories it held. Doug, member 125, one of the originals that built the Lodge, recanted how the lodge was built and his involvement. Doug who went on from those days to work on four continents was very pleased to find the beauty of the Snowy Mountains was better than he could have imagined after all that time.***

***Butch and Donna were on a caravan trip down the east coast and had booked the lodge for a couple of days so that it matched the Work party dates. Being Queenslanders, both had not had the opportunity to see the mountains in full green and some alpine flowers. So, a day of work and extra days to explore was a real treat. They even managed the Guthega Pub for a meal.***

***Jan and Wal Sheehan are regular attendees at work parties. They both enjoy not only the tranquillity of the lodge, but the opportunity to catch up with members in the off season.***

***Simon, a jack of all trades, was across the lodge and the tasks to be achieved. Simon is more than just capable and energetic but being a son of a member has both fond memories of the lodge as a child and wants to ensure the lodge remains in first class condition.***

***The weather was simply perfect. That allowed the work party to do an amazing amount of work. Grass cutting, checking, cleaning the lodge, painting the railings and tables back and front, fitting door closures and repainting some bedroom doors together with repairing the lights and electrics that had failed.***

*We did leave some jobs for the next work party! Will you help?"*

