

June 2015

HOTHAM
Mount Hotham Resort Management Board



COMMUNITY NEWS



OPENING WEEKEND EVENTS

6th & 7th June 2015

Zirky's Restaurant

Join Zirky's Restaurant for their reopening.

\$125 p/p contact Zirky's to book

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Opening Weekend at Dinner Plain

6th June 12:pm Alpine Peasant Long Table Lunch

Part of the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival: Roast Collection

Rundells is excited to be hosting another one of our long table peasant lunches on Saturday 6th June.

The lunch will showcase the variety and quality of local produce that pays homage to the ethos of "slow food" and sharing with family and friends.

Lunch & A Glass of Wine \$45.

Bookings essential, places are limited.

Rundell's 03 5159 6422

7th June 6pm Fireworks in the Alps

The best vantage point will be around Horse Shoe Circle. The sky lights up at 6pm.

7th June 1-4pm

Dinner Plain is set to blast back to the future with an interactive experience on Sunday afternoon that highlights the golden moments of Dinner Plain's past. There is gold panning for kids, wine tasting for the adults and stage coach rides for the whole family and best of all you don't have to strike it rich to be involved.



DIAMOND PATTERN TYRE CHAINS NEEDED FOR MOUNT HOTHAM

Two years ago, Mt Hotham Resort Management Board brought in a new requirement for the winter season: for safety and quicker, easier access, all visitors must carry diamond pattern tyre chains. Ladder chains, spider chains and snow socks are not approved.

Jon Hutchins, CEO at Mt Hotham Resort Management Board, said that this decision had been a game changer, leading to a massive decrease in accidents on the Great Alpine Road.

"In the first year, there was a 60 per cent decrease in serious vehicle incidents, from 34 serious incidents in 2012 to 14 in 2013. This decreased to just 11 incidents last year."

"Travelling to Mt Hotham along the Great Alpine Road is a spectacular driving experience, with magnificent views. We have the highest sealed road in Australia, and some of the highest snowfalls."

"To enjoy it and get to the resort safely and smoothly, travellers need to prepare

their vehicles adequately. That's why the correct diamond pattern snow chains and good tyres are essential."

Mr Hutchins said his resort had worked with VicRoads and the Victoria Police to bring in the requirement to carry diamond pattern tyre chains after a difficult 2012 season on the alpine roads.

The resort is calling on all ski shops and tyre chain suppliers to make sure they supply diamond pattern tyre chains to customers travelling to Mt Hotham this winter.

"For safety, we are urging ski shops and snow chain suppliers to only supply and fit appropriate diamond pattern

chains to their customers' vehicles," Jon Hutchins said.

"If you supply ladder chains, spider chains or snow socks to your customers, they will not be permitted to travel along the Great Alpine Road to Mt Hotham Resort."

With snow falling several times already this year, it looks like the 2015 snow season may be a bumper one for Victoria's alpine resorts.

"We can't wait for the season to begin – hopefully it is our safest and busiest yet," Jon said. "For information on where to buy or hire these chains, please visit www.mthotham.com.au".



MOUNT HOTHAM SKI CO MASTERCLASSES

Advanced skiers and snowboarders will be able to reach their peak, master the mountain and shred like a local with Hotham's new ski and snowboard Masterclasses launching in 2015.

Taken by Hotham's elite ski and snowboard coaches, these new sessions are designed to take an advanced rider up to the next level and fine tuning their technique, mastering the steeps, deeps, trees, moguls, freestyle park and natural features that Hotham is so well known for. Sessions are available daily in peak season with a focus on a different discipline in each session.

For more information visit www.hotham.com.au/Masterclasses



YAMA KITCHEN & BAR

Long-time chef collaborators get the band back together & hit the snow road to Mt Hotham

North East Victoria's Michael Ryan and Jeanette Henderson of two-hat Provenance Restaurant in Beechworth, and Hamish Nugent and Rachel Reed of chef's hat Tani Eat & Drink in Bright are getting back together again to launch a new restaurant at Mt Hotham this snow season.

The new restaurant, Yama Kitchen and Bar, is in the space that was The White Room at Hotham Central. Doors will open on Monday 22 June ahead of the winter school holidays.

The two couples previously collaborated at Range in Myrtleford, Tsubo in Dinner Plain and at a restaurant in Hakuba in Japan.

Michael Ryan commented: "We're getting the band back together. Yama means 'mountain' in Japanese so you'll certainly see some shared influences from Japanese cuisine but also broader Asian flavours and techniques." He continued, "We'll be taking a shared approach to dining, the way friends love to eat after a day on the slopes – and of course some fun apres-ski bar snacks."

The menu will feature larger dishes to share (think slow-roasted suckling lamb leg with Szechuan spices, grass-fed rib eye with smoked miso butter or whole roasted duck), lots of smaller dishes you may want to share or keep for yourself (silken tofu with XO sauce, smoked carrots with yoghurt, fried Brussels sprouts with miso powder, cured fish with shio koji), and fun bar food (kimchi and cheese jaffle, fried pickles, salted caramel and bacon popcorn, steamed buns, sweet crab roll).

With their respective restaurants on the doorstep of Victoria's snowfields, they saw an opportunity to play with a different style of menu to their sub-alpine restaurants.

Hamish Nugent commented: "We all love the snow and saw an opportunity to bring something different to Hotham's dining offering. A fun informal eatery and a bar where people (like us) can enjoy a quality drink in a relaxed space."

The drinks list feature beers you may or may not have heard of, a concise wine selection and classic cocktails.

The restaurant will be open seven nights and lunch Thursday to Sunday. Provenance and Tani will remain open as usual.

Mount Hotham Resort Management would like to thank all of the stakeholders who attended the 2015 Briefing held on the 29th April.

We appreciate your input & support.

THANK YOU



MOUNT HOTHAM & DISABLED WINTER SPORT AUSTRALIA

Mount Hotham Resort Management has been working closely with Disabled Winter Sport Australia (DWA) to improve disabled visitor parking, access and services throughout the resort. During the 2014 winter season Phil Knight of DWA was appointed as the Mount Hotham Resort Coordinator. Phil worked in the MHRMB office reviewing access for the disabled and improving their overall visitor experience. This included implementing a training program for volunteer DWA guides who will have the

ability to help disabled visitors enjoy the snow experience with their family and friends. As part of the resort's efforts to provide greater access, the MHRMB has also purchased a Volkswagen Transporter for the 2015 winter season for a wheelchair and disabled taxi service on demand.

A resort guide specifically for disabled guests with vital information was designed and printed in partnership with Disabled Winter Sport Australia. This will help make the Mount Hotham

experience more enjoyable for disabled guests. We strongly encourage disabled snow sports participants to join Disabled Winter Sport Australia as a member to take advantage of their services and tailored offers for disabled visitors.

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Disabled Wintersport Australia



HOTHAM HOME TO HOWLING HUSKYS

Mt. Hotham's Share the Snow campaign includes sharing the trails with a team of beautiful Siberian Huskies this winter! Howling Husky Sled Dog Tours is the new dogsled company operating full time at Mt. Hotham this season. They will be offering 3 different types of tours and are booking up fast!

Owners Jake Greaves and Kyla Seipp have been running sled dogs with a combined experience of 16 years in Australia and overseas. Howling Huskys has officially been operating for 6 years within various Australian Alpine resorts and are now permanently expanding into Mt. Hotham.

Jake has lived in the shadow of Hotham for the better part of 8 years now. He first came to the area to start running dogs in Dinner Plain before moving forward to Mt. Baw Baw to start his business. Jake started with just 7 huskies in his team and has always wanted to run tours in the area he calls home.

Kyla came from Jasper, Canada where she worked at a kennel of 80 Alaskan Huskies in the Rocky Mountains. She came to Australia 2 years ago to live the dream of bouncing between hemispheres to live the forever winter. Instead she found her forever family. She says "I was hopeless from the start, falling madly in love with the dogs and like they say dogs take after their owners".

Howling Huskys have 38 stunning Siberian Huskies as part of their kennel,

where 29 have been rescued or rehomed. Thanks to Jake and Kyla they are now able to do what they were bred for and receive the love they deserve.

Howling Huskys will be operating 5 days a week at Mt. Hotham with the exclusion of Tuesday and Wednesday when the dogs get their well-deserved days off. All the tours venture onto the back country trails of Mt. Hotham. Be whisked away into the winter wonderland of painted snow gums to find incredible views over the Alpine National Park. There will be 9 huskies ready to take you on one of the three different types of tours available. "The Stumpy Tailed Trail lasts an hour and a half and is named after Koda our first Husky. 9 years on he is still running strong in lead position. Possum Path our family tour is named after Storm our best lead dog whose nickname is "Little Miss" or "Possum". Polar Paws Express is 45 minutes of pure fun and named after Polar Bear and Nanook (meaning 'Polar Bear' in Canadian Inuit) who are now both retired. These dogs were part of the original 7 who started at Dinner Plain 8 years ago."

Howling Huskys will be operating at Mt. Hotham from June 6th – seasons end. They have a great motto which matches the Australian ski season perfectly- "Snow or no snow we go!" This means wheels. Kyla says "The dogs love to run regardless of the weather and so do we!"

Howling Huskys will be operating out of the back end of Wire Plain Hut. It is at bus stop number 11 and near the day visitor's car park. Being at Mt. Hotham has a much deeper meaning to Jake and Kyla than just running dogsled tours, it means home. Jake says "With our dogs once they become part of the pack they stay with us forever. We do not put our retired dogs through that abandonment of being rehomed after their working life. Running at Hotham means our retired dogs get to stay home in the husky haven we have created for them. Live their days out of the snow and in warm beds which is much better for their aging bodies. Each night our working dogs will arrive back to the kennel which is little over an hour's drive from our trails at Wire Plain. When the dogs have their days off they will be running freely around our play yard."

"This also means we get to sleep in our own beds each night. Since the announcement of Hotham we have expanded our family and rescued 2 goats, 1 miniature pony and a few beautiful hens. We have never been able to have other animals on our 100 acres as we have always packed up the whole kennel and moved to Mt. Baw Baw for 3 months of the year."

Howling Huskys couldn't be happier about being at Mt. Hotham this season and hopefully many more seasons to come!