

Mt HOTHAM CONSULTATIVE FORUM

CHARTER **Adopted 9th June 2014**

Introduction

The development of the Mt Hotham Strategic Management Plan was the result of the efforts, views and inputs from a wide range of Hotham stakeholders. The Plan was approved by the Minister in February 2014, and sets the foundation for the mountain's development over the next 5 years.

Role of the Forum

The Mt Hotham Resort Management Board is eager to continue the consultative spirit which created the Strategic Management Plan, and proposes that a Consultative Forum be created to provide a forum for the Board to hear the views of, and consult with Mt Hotham's major stakeholders.

Terms of Reference

The Forum will consider advice from, and initiate suggestions to, the Mt Hotham Resort Management Board with reference to the Mt Hotham Strategic Management Plan and its seven Program areas:

- Our customer and community focus,
- Our year round resort,
- Our services,
- Our developer services,
- Our environment on the ridge,
- Our strategic partnerships, and
- Our corporate governance.

The Forum will also have the ability to provide suggestions about and give feedback on the development and implementation of initiatives such as to enhance Mt Hotham, grow visitation, and improve the customer experience.

Aims

The aims of the Forum, arising from its terms of reference are:

- to improve communication amongst Mt Hotham's major stakeholders,
- to improve the major stakeholders' understanding of MHRMB's business plans and imperatives,
- to improve the MHRMB's understanding of stakeholder needs and expectations,
- to provide feedback on MHRMB's service initiatives.

Membership

It is envisaged that membership will consist of representatives from the following key Mt Hotham stakeholder organisations:

- Mt Hotham Resort Management Board (Board Member),
- Hotham Skiing Company,
- Hotham Ski Association,

- Mt Hotham Chamber of Commerce,
- Alpine Shire including Dinner Plain and
- Tourism North East

Meetings

The Mt Hotham Consultative Forum will meet at least three times a year, normally in March, August and December. Further meetings may be arranged as required including the annual Stakeholders Meeting.

Meetings will, in principle, be scheduled for the week prior to a MHRMB board meeting, thus allowing the Board Member who chairs the Forum to report in a timely fashion to the Board on the Forum's meetings.

Secretarial support for the Forum will be provided by the RMB.

Minutes of Success and Forum Effectiveness

To be determined annually by the Forum.

Deb Spring,
Chair,
Mt Hotham Resort Management Board