



What a year for Hotham! We have seen some great changes throughout the resort that we are really proud of in 2015. A few of our highlights were:

- Only minor delays with no road closures in 2015. There was a substantial reduction in serious vehicle accidents due to improved traffic management practices
- Successful adoption of the multi-use trail network for a number of winter activities
- 5 x increase in disabled winter sports engagement
- A 26% reduction on gas bills. With lower oil prices, savings were passed on across the resort
- The Swindlers Valley Project Stage 2: replacing the drainage infrastructure to ensure a safe and secure snow sports area for guests. The \$7.6M infrastructure project was delivered in-house, under budget and on time. What an achievement
- Marketing our resort: together with the Mount Hotham Skiing Company, we rolled out a \$30K winter advertising campaign to increase tourism visitation. This summer we are launching the www.explore.mthotham.com.au a digital touring guide. It has a wealth of information on it and is a fantastic resource for guest and residents alike
- Strong Financials: great news, we are able to keep the service charge to a minor 2% increase, and the resort entry prices are staying the same for 2016

2016 has some exciting items on the board, with the Corral Carpark Redevelopment Plans open for community feedback. Designed to alleviate some major safety concerns regarding the Great Alpine Road, improve guest facilities, encourage investment and create a heart to

village life. This is a priority project that is going to have some big implications for improving the liveability and guest experiences up here at Hotham.

We welcome Mount Hotham Skiing Company's \$4.4M investment in snowmaking, which will benefit the whole resort.

The 5-20 year Development Masterplan is another project in the pipeline, it covers a lot of exciting infrastructure projects and we can't wait to share this long term direction with you.

January will see the return of the Adventure Kids Festival and Cool Summer Festival as well as a number of guided walks and retail sales. We have just launched the Beyond Hotham 4x4 self-touring guide, it's a detailed 56 page book outlining some great local drives.

With many exciting things going on up at Hotham, we want to keep you up to date with important information and tourism opportunities, so that you can continue to provide great service to your guests and make the most of opportunities at Hotham. Now is the perfect time to put yourself and your business emails onto our database at www.mthotham.com.au/database.

It has been a highly productive first year as CEO at the Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board. Thank you for welcoming me back to the resort and sharing your insights and experiences with me. I've enjoyed the great partnerships and feedback that we received from you in 2015, and I am looking forward to the exciting things in store for Mount Hotham in 2016. The Resort Management Board will close at 4.30pm on December 17, 2015 and reopen at 8am on January 4, 2016. Call 03 5759 3550 for the emergency contact numbers during this time.

Best wishes for the holiday season,

Jon Hutchins, CEO

For and on behalf of the Board, Management and Staff
Mount Hotham Alpine Resort Management Board