

Ormond Ski Club 2024 Membership Guide

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Note that the summary of membership requirements and other club requirements included in this document has been extracted from the Club's Articles of Association, AGM and committee decisions. Costs of membership and other rates specified below are current at the time of printing for 2024 membership year and include GST.

If you have any questions about your OSC membership, please give me a call.

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1. Ormond Ski Club Membership Types:

Membership of Ormond Ski Club is offered to current and past staff and students of Ormond College at The University of Melbourne.

Student memberships are for current Students and Graduate Memberships for those that have graduated.

Spouses and children of Members can join as Family members and a Member may have a Buddy membership instead of a Spouse membership.

Children of Members who have left secondary school or who are over 18 years of age and no longer eligible for Child membership are welcome to join as Student or Graduate members.

Graduate

The normal membership class for graduates who attended Ormond College as a student or resident staff. Children of members are also entitled to apply for Graduate membership when their child is no longer covered by Child or Student Membership. Note in recent times the Ormond “brand” has expanded to cover additional forms of students, so check with the club to clarify eligibility if you were not a traditional resident Ormond student

Life & Hon Life

Life memberships were sold in the early stages of the club’s formation for capital raising. New life memberships are not available and Honorary Life Membership is at the sole discretion of the Committee.

Student

Available to current students who are at or have attended Ormond College (see comment above in graduate section on who is a student). It is also available to children of graduate or life members while continuing tertiary studies or for three years after leaving school or turning 18 if not a tertiary student. Student members are members in their own right.

Spouse and Child Members

Members may include their partners/spouses and children as Spouse and Child members respectively. Children who have left secondary school or who are 18 years of age or over if having left school, cease to be eligible for Child membership and need to join as Student or Graduate members in their own right. Spouse family members have all the rights and privileges of a normal graduate member. All Spouse and Child memberships are dependent on the Member continuing their membership. If a Member ceases their membership due to ill health or other serious concern, Spouse/Child members may apply to the Committee to seek Membership in their own right.

Buddy

A Member may elect to have a Buddy membership where the Member can bring a non-Member to the Lodge at Member rates. A Member cannot have both a Spouse and Buddy membership however Spouse and Buddy memberships are interchangeable in that the annual subscription is the same and the Member can specific to bring a Spouse or a Buddy (but not both) at any one time during the season.

Summer

A current member of any of the above membership categories may convert or join to summer use only membership which entitles them to summer only

usage of the lodge at an annual subscription of 20% of the normal full rate for their membership category. Direct joining as a summer member requires a 50% of graduate membership joining fee payment or 33% of student joining fee payment. Upgrading from summer membership to full membership requires payment of the difference in joining fees at the time

What about non-Ormond people seeking to join?

The Committee may at its discretion invite others to join the club as Graduate members. This is a rarely exercised option as the intent of the club is to provide low-cost skiing to Ormond students and graduates and their families, the club was not intended to be generally open to public membership. The general intention of the club organization is that friends of members visit the club as guests and are not entitled to club membership.

Membership entitles you to use the Ormond Lodge at Mt Hotham on an unlimited basis (subject to booking availability during winter) during both the winter and summer seasons. Discounts apply for members who have done more than 20 work party days (discounts increase with each additional 20 work party days) and for off peak times. Spouse or Buddy member lodge rates are the same as Members, 18 to 25-year-old get a 20% discount and Child members rates are half that of adult members. Spouse and Child members are also eligible for work party discounts. Members may also bring guests to the lodge; guest bed night rates are approximately twice members' rates. Details of rates are provided on the club web site and via the online booking system (www.ormondskiclub.com.au). Note that Buddy Members receive no work party discounts or voting rights

2. Joining Fees

The current Joining Fee for Ormond Ski Club is a onetime fee as described in the table below. Annual subscription is in addition to the Joining Fee.

Membership Type	Payment of Joining Fee
Graduate	Joining fee of \$750.00 payable when 50% when joining and 50% in second year of membership.
Student	Students pay \$200.00 upon joining. The balance of \$550.00 (or the difference to full Graduate membership at the time) becomes payable when the Student member transfers to Graduate membership.
Spouse, Buddy or Child	There is no joining fee for the Family membership options of Spouse, Buddy or Child.
Child moving to Student or Graduate	A child family member moving to student or graduate membership is required to pay the relevant joining fee
Summer Usage only	Joining fee of 50% of Graduate or 33% of Student payable when joining, No fee applicable if transferring from a membership category with higher joining fee. The difference is payable when transferring from a category with lower joining fee to Summer membership or transferring from Summer membership to a category with higher joining fee

3. Annual Subscriptions

The following annual subscriptions are currently levied on members

Member Category	Annual Subscription
Life and Hon Life	No annual subscription
Graduate	\$405.00
Student	\$202.50
Spouse or Buddy (one per member)	\$202.50
Child (3 to 18 years)	\$133.65
Child under 3 years	No annual subscription
Locker (where available)	\$90.00
Summer usage only – 20% of Graduate, Family or Student	

Children, once leaving secondary school or reaching 18 years of age, need to join the club in their own right as either Student or Graduate members. Children under three years old are free.

Graduate members who have turned 70 or older by the start of the club's financial year on 1 December are entitled to a 50% discount on the standard graduate membership subscription.

Leave of Absence (LoA) is available for members not residing in the state of Victoria and not using the lodge for skiing. No annual fee is required for the time LoA is taken up. The member needs to come off LoA if they wish to use the lodge again or if they return to Victoria.

Members need to apply for LoA in writing to the membership officer formally requesting Leave of Absence and quoting the reasons for requesting LoA. The Member will be informed by the Membership Officer whether the request for LoA has been approved.

4. Payment of Fees

Payment of Fees can be made by Internet Transfer to the Club's account. Details will be provided by the Membership Officer at the time of Application.

5. Work Party Requirements

The club relies on voluntary work by members and potential members to keep the lodge in good working condition. Work party tasks include painting, minor carpentry and repairs, cleaning, stocking food supplies, firewood, equipment, etc.

A minimum of **four (4)** work party days are required to be completed by all members before they can be admitted as a Member. Student membership is also available after completion of four work party days. No work party requirements apply for family members.

If joining as summer member 2 work party days are required. If moving to a full member from a summer member then an additional 2 work party days must be completed

Family members attending may have work party days credited towards membership. The work party organiser may credit a full, half, or zero day per work party day based on their assessment of the family members work contribution.

Members and Applicants traveling for significant distance to attend work parties at Mt Hotham (typically greater than nine hours continuous travel time by car based on Google or iPhone travel time) can apply to the committee to be credited with an additional work party day to recognise the travel required. This additional day applies to all work parties attended with the extra travel time.

Bed night discounts apply for members (including spouse members) completing more than 20 work party days. Starting at 20% for 20 days and progressing in increments of an additional 10% for an additional 20 days up to 80% for 140 or more days.

6. Procedures for Joining the Club

People who are eligible to join the club begin by starting to attend work parties during summer. Work parties are seen as an essential introduction to the club so that people get to know each other and understand how the club operates.

Preliminary applicant

People who may have attended work parties or who are otherwise known as being interested in membership are tracked as Preliminary Applicants in the club's database.

Applicants

People who have formally applied for and been accepted as meeting requirements for membership and have or are working to complete work party requirements are tracked as applicants in the club's database until they are formally accepted as members.

Applicants may have to wait for a vacancy before being admitted as members depending on total club numbers at any time. There is currently no waiting time for applicants who have completed the necessary requirements to become members

An application form is attached at the end of this document. Applicants are required to be nominated and seconded by members. Applicants may stay a night at member's rates for each work party day done while working towards full membership. Applicants are expected to move to graduate or student membership when they have completed the work party days required and their full membership is offered. Applicants who do not accept full membership when offered will be moved to the bottom of any waiting list that exists at the time.

7. Procedures for Booking the Lodge

Ski season bookings open in stages normally during April for the ski season. Initially they open for block booking (weekends or 5-day weeks) for members only. A couple of weeks later they open for members to block book their guests and finally bookings are opened for any remaining nights available.

Booking can be done directly by members using the log on password they have been given to access the members only part of the club's website. Alternatively bookings can be made by emailing the clubs booking officer at bookings@ormondskiclub.com.au

Bed night rates are set and published annually. The aim of the club is to provide low cost skiing for members, so members pay approximately half the rate of guests and well below commercial rates for comparable accommodation with meals

Summer usage bookings may be made at anytime by emailing the booking officer

8. Club Calendar

Regular events in the club's calendar are as follows:

December 1

Start of club's financial year, annual subscription notices sent to members in December. Subscription payments are due at the end of February

Late March – Early April

Annual General Meeting

Bookings for the next ski season normally open around the time of the AGM.

November to June – Summer / Work party Season

Regular work parties are run over summer for maintenance on the lodge at Mt Hotham. They are typically run on the weekends listed below each year though additional days may be included depending on the amount of work to be done. Food is provided at no charge for work party attendees. If you have any specific building maintenance skills or experience let the work party organizer know so they can assign appropriate work.

Typical work-party dates include:

Australia Day weekend

Mid March / Labor Day weekend

Easter

Anzac Day weekend

Early May weekend (The latest time you can guarantee no snow)

Queen's Birthday Weekend (For a final clean up before the ski season)

June to October – Ski Season

Bookings for use of the lodge during the ski season (and also for summer usage) are made to the club's booking officer via the online booking page through the Member Login page on the website. The lodge is made exclusively available for one week in July to Ormond students and is reserved for President's Weekend in the first weekend in September for invited members who have contributed to the club's operations and work parties. Otherwise the lodge is generally available to members and their guests.

9. How the Lodge Operates

Arrival

Upon arrival at Mt Hotham in winter you can unload your car on the road below the lodge next to bus stop 4 (Spiral Stairs). It is a short (100 metres) but steep walk up the hill to the lodge so bring your gear in back packs or similar, so it is easy to carry. The walk up is worth it as the view in the morning as the sun rises over the valley is spectacular. There is commercial over-snow transport available to carry your gear from your unloading point to the lodge if you wish (Sno-Tow Oversnow Transport - mobile 0408 516 162). After unloading you need to park your car in the overnight parking down the road towards Omeo and get the free village bus back to the lodge at bus stop 4. In summer you can drive up to the back of the lodge via a gravel road that runs up the Big D ski run. During winter it is covered in snow so you have to walk up from the main road.

Access

The lodge has a coded front door lock, the code can be obtained from the lodge leader or booking officer. If you are the first person to arrive at the lodge after a period when it has been empty, you will need to turn on the power, gas and water. Instructions for starting up the lodge are contained in the Lodge Leaders Guide and a summary of the opening instructions is located on the wall directly in front of you as you enter through the front door, to the left of the door to the stair well.

Lodge Leader

A series of appointed lodge leaders who are usually an experienced club member staying at the lodge manage the Lodge operation during the ski season. On arrival you should introduce yourself to the lodge leader. The lodge leader will in any case probably introduce themselves and others to you in the lodge. A Lodge Leaders Guide is located at the lodge hanging at the end of the kitchen and provides directions for all normal lodge operations.

Rooms

The booking officer assigns bunkrooms, and a bed list is faxed up to the lodge each week and posted on the notice board next to the kitchen. The lodge has 14 bunkrooms and can accommodate up to 42 people, normal maximum booked is 39 to give some flexibility in room assignments for the Booking officer. There is a range of rooms from two bunk to family style accommodating up five people and the booking officer assigns rooms to best suit the groups staying at the lodge. Blankets and pillows are provided but you need to bring your own sheets, pillowcase, and towels. Some rooms have double beds so check with the booking officer to determine your room assignment if you need to know what sort of bed linen to bring. Please don't change rooms from the one assigned you as this may affect people who are coming in after you and causes great confusion and difficulty for the Booking officer who may add additional people into rooms at short notice.

Facilities

The lodge is well equipped with all services required for a ski holiday with a large drying room, ski room, laundry and workroom for tuning skis, locker room, wood store with a season's firewood and food store. Recreation facilities, apart from the large living area and open fire include a spa and sauna in the snow on the balcony and a large games room. People are encouraged to mix and get to know the others staying at the lodge at the same time. The lodge is well heated and normally only light clothing is required when inside.

Meals

Food is provided and members and guests only need to bring their own beer (in cans preferably as no glass allowed in spa area) and wine etc. Fresh food is delivered twice a week and groceries are stored in the food store at the start of the season. Fridge space is provided for fresh food storage and there is secure outside balcony storage for cold drinks. A normal skiing day starts with breakfast from 7:30 am. Breakfast finishes at 8:15am and by then most people will be heading out for the first morning runs. Light lunch is on a "help yourself" basis from leftovers and other supplies for sandwiches in the pantry. The evening meal is at around 7:30 p.m. and is a substantial and sociable affair.

Duties

The Lodge Leader assigns duties to all people staying in the lodge on the bed list. These will generally involve a simple task once a day and you will normally work in a group with 2 or 3 others to help. Tasks include breakfast and dinner preparation, breakfast or dinner wash up, vegetable preparation, vacuuming living areas, cleaning the ski room, etc. Bathroom cleaning and oven cleaning is done twice a week by paid cleaners. The kitchen has a large

professional stove and ovens and high-speed professional dishwasher to handle the food preparation and clean up for the lodge comfortably.

Leaving the Lodge

The lodge is one of the highest buildings in Australia with almost all the runs below it, you can ski straight out the front door. If you are the last person out of the lodge in the morning, ensure that the doors are locked. When you return after skiing you come back up the Big-D lift and then ski back down to the lodge off-piste. If you don't stay out late at the pub you only ever have to walk the hill up to the lodge on your first day.

If the lodge is to be left empty for a few days, then the lodge will normally be shutdown. This will usually be determined by the lodge leader and booking officer. Instructions for shutting down the lodge are contained in the lodge leader's guide and a summary is located on the wall directly in front of you as you enter through the front door, to the left of the door to the stair well.

Security

Unfortunately, theft of ski gear from lodges has become a problem at Mt Hotham. Please ensure the lodge doors are kept locked at all times to maintain security. Use the keypads for entry at all times and ensure the doors lock behind you when you leave the lodge.

Lockers

The club has installed a number of lockers that are available for members to use for storage of ski equipment and other personal affects. Members pay an annual fee for the use of the locker and this is charged to them as part of subs renewal each year. Whilst there are 54 lockers installed, there is generally high demand for lockers and members may have to go onto a wait list before they a locker is available. Members can request a locker or be added to the wait list by contacting the Membership officer.

Remember to Bring

Sheets / pillow slips

Towels

Bathers for Spa and Sauna

Drinks

10. Club Communications

The club publishes a newsletter by email or normal mail several times a year to inform members of club activities. The club maintains a Website that provides member information, an online booking system and details of lodge booking status during the ski season.

When you join as a member you will be given a password to log onto the member section of the club website for access to your account details which can be edited online and also for making bookings.

Committee contacts are listed on the Website (the committee is elected at the AGM in March/April each year).

Web page: www.ormondskiclub.com.au/v2

Ormond Ski Club Room Guide

Upstairs rooms

Bedroom 7 1 x d/b 2 x s/b	Bedroom 6 2 x s/b	Bedroom 5 1 x d/b 1 x s/b	Bedroom 4 4 x s/b	Bedroom 3 4 x s/b	<i>Bathrooms x 4</i>	Bedroom 2 1 x d/b 1x s/b	Bedroom 1 1x d/b 1 x s/b
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Downstairs rooms

<i>Bathrooms x 2</i>	Bedroom 15 2 x d/b 2 x s/b	Bedroom 14 2 x d/b 2 x s/b	<i>Bathroom</i>	Bedroom 12 2 x d/b 2 x s/b with ensuite
<i>Rec Room</i>	Bedroom 8 1 x d/b 1 x s/b	Bedroom 9 1 x d/b 1 x s/b	Bedroom 10 1 x d/b 1 x s/b	Bedroom 11 1 x d/b 1 x s/b

Room Statistics

s/b = single bed configured as bunks
 d/b = double bed

- 42 person capacity total
- 1 x 2 person single bunk bed rooms (R6)
- 6 x 2 person single/double bunk bed rooms (R2, R5, R8-11)
- 2 x 4 person single bunk bed rooms (R3, R4)
- 1 x 3 person family room with d/b (R1)
- 1 x 4 person family room with d/b (R7)
- 2 x 5 person family room with d/b (R14, R15)
- 1 x 6 person family room with d/b (R12)

Ormond Ski Club

Membership Application Form

Applicants should complete this form and forward to
Ryan Lowe
Unit 1 33 Storey Rd Reservoir VIC 3073 or
Scan and email to:
membership@ormondskiclub.com.au

Name : _____

Address : _____

: _____

: _____

Date of Birth : _____

Home Phone : _____

Mobile Phone : _____

Work Phone : _____

Email : _____

Do you want to receive club notices and newsletters by email : Y / N

Attended Ormond College Y / N If yes which years: _____

Child of OSC member Y / N

Applying for Student or Graduate membership : _____

Applicant's Signature : _____

Date : _____

Nominator and seconder must be current OSC members

Nominated: _____ Seconded : _____

Signed : _____ Signed : _____