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Members, Board of Directors and General Manager  
Ski Club of Victoria  
Mt Buller

Cc Peter McIntyre, Chris Canavan, Nick Whitby

By email

To members and supporters of the Ski Club of Victoria

After seven years as a board director, including six as president and chair, of the Ski Club of Victoria, I have decided it is time to hand the reins over and allow a fresh pair of hands to take the leadership. I will therefore finish, and not stand for re-election, at next year's AGM.

It has been immensely satisfying to see the great progress made by the club during this time. Having resolved some early litigation issues and introduced a new constitution, we then undertook a major refurbishment of the Whitt, sourced an excellent general manager and set about improving the club's hospitality offerings, recruiting new members and strengthening mountain relationships.

In parallel we negotiated a new lease for the Whitt and Kandahar sites, and set about developing a master plan to develop the Whitt site. The aim of the project is to generate capital that will enable us to construct new modern facilities to take the club into the next era and in doing so, meet increasingly onerous rental imposts. The project has run into a number of stumbling blocks outside our control but I continue to believe it is highly worthy of commitment and pursuit by the club. The next steps will be to continue with the negotiations for the development and presentation of the master plan to the members, together with a major fundraising drive to support it. I will do what I can to support this process.

In closing, I would like to extend my extreme appreciation to the following

- Peter McIntyre, our visionary alpine architect who has developed the master plan and drafted endless concepts and designs, to try and protect the club's future
- Chris Canavan, legal adviser and mentor who has provided extensive guidance and support to the board for many years
- Nick Whitby and Grollo Leisure and Tourism, who have been amazing contributors not only to Mt Buller but also to the club
- My fellow board directors, who have each made extensive contributions each in their own right as well as being a great team to work with
- Eric Siewert, our incredibly hard working general manager who has taken the club to new heights with his hard work and amazing hospitality skills

I look forward to remaining as a member, supporting where I can, and seeing the club continue as the wonderful institution that it is.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzie Batten". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Suzie Batten