

LAKE MOUNTAIN STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (SCC)

MEETING #2 – 8TH April 2024

The following topics were discussed at the April meeting of the Lake Mountain Stakeholder Consultative Committee.

Lake Mountain specific discussion points

Topic 1 – Toboggan Upgrade

Completion of the toboggan slopes upgrades to increase current resort offerings and user experience, by creating a widened slope, allowing more natural and produced snow to be captured and retained effectively, viewing platforms at either end or the benefit of increased safety measures with these changes. The project has been completed on time and below budget.

Topic 2 – End of Season confirmation

End of season will be determined by numbers and snow fall. Numbers will be assessed throughout the season and snow production will slow down accordingly. The resort focus will be to ensure that the season is run efficiently.

Topic 3 – White Season Recruitment

White season staff recruitment has been challenging, hoping to wrap up the process by the end of April.

Topic 4 – Green Season Visitation

As a continuation of previous months the visitation numbers are down approx. 20%, which is similar to Tourism Northeast numbers.

ARV Discussion Points

Topic 1 – Mt Buller/Mt Stirling GM Recruitment

GM recruitment has been finalised for Mt Buller and Mt Stirling, Alan Aurther has been appointed and starts on the 13th of April.

Topic 2 – ARV Strategic Plans, policies and projects

Alpine Resorts Strategic Plan review is being finalised from the feedback received from the SCC's and it will be presented shortly to the ARV Board and the then to the Minister for their approval. It will be made available on the ARV website once approved.

Work has begun on the ARV Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, currently out to market for a consultant to assist in this area. ARV will be engaging with the SCCs as this develops.

Alpine Resorts Leasing Policy review is underway in partnership with DEECA. ARV has established a Stakeholder Reference Group to assist in undertaking this work, with members being drawn from the SCC's, Finance and Real Estate.

ARV are working on the ARV Asset Management Strategy to determine status, future demand, and planning for future asset requirements.

Carrying Capacity Analysis Project that was brought to the last committee by Katie Bowker, noting that ARV have compiled the SCC's feedback and are now in the market for a consultant to continue this work. ARV will continue to engage the committee as the project progresses.

Topic 3 – Bushfire Insurance

The Bushfire Insurance work led by ARV and undertaken by KPMG has been presented to cross Government groups, including the Department of Treasury & Finance, DEECA (Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action), Department of Premier and Cabinet. Several options are being explored. ARV will continue to monitor and provide feedback to the SCC's as it becomes available.

Topic 3 – Traditional Owner Engagement

ARV has been working on the Traditional Owner Engagement and Self Determination Strategy and have engaged a Traditional Owner Consultants to undertake this work.

The next meeting of the Lake Mountain Stakeholder Consultative Committee will be held on the 12th of June 2024.