



Mt Stirling Stakeholder Consultative Committee

Key Themes

Meeting #6

The following topics were discussed at the meeting on 27 October 2023.

Mt Stirling discussion points

- **Financials.** The principles for apportioning shared Buller/Stirling costs (asset management, governance, HR, insurance, marketing, resort entry, sewerage, waste, water) to Stirling were agreed, so as to generate a sufficiently accurate P&L without requiring a high ongoing administrative burden. Applying these principles in conjunction with direct Stirling income, operating costs and depreciation results in a budgeted loss of \$693k in 2023.
- **2023 snow season wrap-up.** Stirling was open on 86 days, roads were cleared on 7, chains were fitted to 2WD's on 3, tobogganing was available at TBJ on 16, guests were shuttled from TBJ to the snow on 61, there were 30 ski patrol callouts and an ambulance was required 4 times. Car based visitation was strongest during the term 2 school holidays while bus-based school groups were strongest in August. Visitation was 30% up on the 10-year average but down 18% on 2022.
- **Mirimbah Masterplan.** The draft plan is nearly complete, pending addition of scenarios for the arrival zone dealing with traffic, transport and flow, and clarity on the costs and benefits of implementing the plan. An updated draft will be available for stakeholder feedback in due course.
- **Summer works.** Planning for the 2024 capital projects is underway which includes \$140k on re-sheeting roads and culverts, \$100k on replacing batteries in the TBJ micro-hydro system, and \$22k on the mountain huts.
- **Areas of focus.** Now that ARV has been in operation for over 12 months, SCC members agreed to collate thoughts on their "top ten" areas for ARV and the Stirling SCC to focus their efforts in the near to medium term.

ARV Discussion Points

- **New Minister.** Steve Dimopoulos, Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events is also now the Environment Minister which includes responsibility for the alpine resorts.
- **Strategic Plan.** The 5-year Alpine Resorts Strategic Plan is being updated to reflect the change to ARV.
- **Corporate Plan.** A consolidated ARV annual plan covering all resorts is being prepared for submission to DEECA in December 2023.
- **2024 Budget.** Draft budgets have been prepared for each resort, and members of the different SCC's can provide feedback on the draft for their resort by 17 November 2023.

Next meeting

Friday 8 December 2023.