

**Submission  
No 58**

## **INQUIRY INTO INTER-REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

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## **THREDBO HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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PO Box 6, Thredbo NSW 2625

14 May 2012

The Chair – Andrew Gee MP

State and Regional Development Committee

Parliament House - Macquarie Street

Sydney NSW 2000

### **Re – INQUIRY INTO INTER REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

#### **SNOWY MOUNTAINS REGION**

Dear Sir,

We make this submission to the above inquiry in a constructive effort to have Country Link provide a transport service beyond Cooma to Jindabyne and to Thredbo Village – a year round tourist destination. Our not for profit organisation through its volunteers, operates the Thredbo Ski Museum which provides at no cost, a community service to visitors and tourists to the snowy region.

Today there exists a public transport void beyond Cooma into the snowy mountains villages.

- This is the section of the existing Country link service that needs urgent attention.
- The network linkage of Country link train and coach services is catered for between Canberra and Cooma only at present.
- Country link could benefit tourism markedly in this region if it were to provide a basic coach service beyond Cooma into Jindabyne and the resort towns – particularly Thredbo which operates as a tourist destination year round.
- A simple coach service to these snowy towns would be of great benefit. For example in Thredbo there is a large youth hostel catering for youth and overseas visitors, there is 40 not for profit club lodges, plus commercial lodges all suffering from reduced tourist numbers at present and access by public transport is one common problem faced by all. Perisher Valley has 100 club lodges and many commercial businesses.
- Kosciuszko National Park is one of NSWs prestige parks and whilst NPWS is making efforts to increase the publics access to and use of the park and its attractions, this is not being supported by Govt in the provision of transport services to this major tourism region.

On behalf of the societies 180 members, the majority of whom reside outside the Snowy and Monaro region, we seek your committees favourable consideration of this submission to ensure that inter regional public transport can better serve the needs of regional NSW and in our case the Snowy Region in particular.

Yours Sincerely ,

Alan Fredericks

President.

## THREDBO SKI MUSEUM

The Thredbo Ski Museum is operated by volunteers of the not for profit Thredbo Historical Society. It is centrally located in the Thredbo Village square and easily accessible by resort holiday makers, day tourists and bus groups.

The museum displays a wide collection of historic items covering areas such as significant dates, geography, alpine pioneers, personalities, skis and alpine equipment, photos, clothing and fashion, films and books. It also has an expansive research library including a comprehensive set of Ski Year books. In addition to the permanent displays of the above items, the museum features changing exhibitions depicting the rich history of the development and progress of Australian alpine history, Thredbo Village and the NSW Alpine regions generally.

The Society conducts annual social events with a historical theme in Thredbo and at RAHS History House in Sydney, for members and the public.

Museum features include an early Kiandra ski, an Australian 1976 Winter Olympic uniform designed by Prue Acton and Laurie Seaman's camera from his ill fated trip to Mt Kosciuzsko.



### DETAILS

**VILLAGE SQUARE**  
**PO Box 6**  
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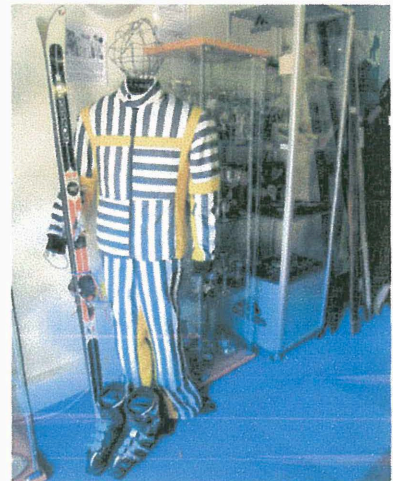
#### **Museum Opening Hours:**

July & August and Summer: Dec 26 to Jan 26 - open daily 1pm - 5pm (closed Mondays)

Feb to April & June plus September to mid October, Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays only - open 1pm - 5pm

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1. External view of the entrance to the Museum; 2. The 1900 Kiandra Ski together with the most senior volunteer THS Vice President the 1956 Australian Olympian Frank Prihoda wearing his Olympic team blazer. 3. The 1976 Australian team uniform at the Winter Olympic Games Opening and Closing Ceremony.