

1954

Jan - 19<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>  
working party

Christine Crémer - La Seignère - Dampierre / Loire  
(Maine + Loire) France

Carol Dean + Valerie Stouane - Washed ceiling + walls of kitchen. Scrubbed entire ground floor (+ did it need it!?) Painted with first coat of paving paint. Put all blankets in the sun to air for several hours on Sunday morning. Tidied under house + brought all paints etc up + put in hall cupboard for use during the summer - took list of same. Looked round interior + exterior + made list of work to be done this summer. Beautiful weather + a very warm night.

January 30<sup>th</sup>  
- 1<sup>st</sup>

Anna Brown. } we dug an enormous  
Valerie Stouane. } hole! This is required  
Dennis Paine. } by law for kitchen  
Leticia Stouane } drainage. Also dug

drain removing enormous rocks in the process. Brought up coke + kerosene, also methylated spirits. Both chimneys were blocked - the one in sitting room completely blocked up so that smoke could not escape at all. After consultation with Maurice Selte, we cleared it by tapping with stalour poles to free soot + were able to light fire successfully the next day. Dennis fixed the drip pan the pump. Inspected roof. Anna + I scrubbed upstairs floor. Dumped rubbish over Hell's Corner. Took delivery of a dozen 18 foot (3" x 1") boards but decided against using them as they looked too odd as cover strips on outside of building. Dreadful drama with blankets getting fly-blown - decided fly spray is essential + blankets should be put away in day time.

Aune scrubbed out the bath room. We also collected some rocks as a contribution to the stone-work.

Dennis repaired the top of the wood-box. Forget to mention that Aine removed a reset cover strip on east side & bad weather <sup>stopped</sup> completion of the job.

March 6<sup>th</sup>  
- 8<sup>th</sup>

Joan Smith, Maryon Byron & Valerie Sloane.

Cut & stored wood under Cabin. Over 2 tons!  
Filled drain & covered pit. Lovely weather.

March 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>

Joan Walkley. Kath Magill  
Alice Hart. working party.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>

Christine Gerner } Roadmaking, painting & lots of  
Valerie Sloane } help from Alan Walkley.

Also Pat Barker, Lannis White, Carol Dean & (Guest) Marie Maxwell.

Later  
of Maryon Byron  
Joan Smith

Saturday - Road making with gelignite explosion !!

Sunday - Painting, cleaning out cupboards, two boards off dresser :: boxes!

May 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>

Mania Slate 1<sup>st</sup> time in three years. Unbelievable progress  
Valerie Sloane - Finishing benches before the winter, also next coat of paint on door & collecting & cutting more kindling to complete fire job done by Peggy Lewis last weekend.

June 12-14<sup>th</sup>

Queen's Birthday Dan Dixon + Carol Dean (Cicely & Don Ross sleeping only) Wonderful snows & good sking on Shaky Knees

June 19-21

Moi sente - and not as Mrs Dean would say, "rapt in it". Economy weekend - no stoves lit, no Tilley, no visitors encouraged, no meals cooked except breakfast + no one to organise me. Consequently was ready to leave by 10 am for energetic day. Saturday super - just like Spring as to snow & weather. Sunday shows promise after heavy frost. Lyette W.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
- 4<sup>th</sup>

Valerie Sloane - 1<sup>st</sup> skiing weekend, weather dull & legs wobbly - but fun.

Gillian Pain - 70 Avoca Street South Jamaica.  
First, but not the last visit to Buller.

July 11<sup>th</sup> + 12<sup>th</sup>

Two glorious days of sunshine & lovely snow. One night spent in Calum.  
Lauris White, Carol Dean & visitor David Roumer.

July 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

Valerie Sloane. Lovely weather. Powder Snow. Good company. Super weekend.  
Carol Dean for Saturday night - was on my way to Kandahak but came & found it went & warm so stayed the night.

But a White - A.I. Richmond. What a chapman!

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>

Arthur's Aunt's the cakes but oh those tea towels - Top!

And that hot-box - talk about a Turkish bath - women throwing off bed clothes right, left at 2:30 am - and then Tops stoked to fire!

ForSC racing weekend - AWSC no 1 placed fifth & qualified for the final. AWSC no 2 " ninth

(field of 13) - Not bad. Lots of fresh snow (we needed it).

Lynette Walker Jess a Row Goddess

Valerie Sloane.

David Whyte

July 30 Aug 1.

The Anniversary weekend. Five in residence (Harper & his Karen) - party Saturday night & race for gold Key on Sunday (won by Nan Dixon)

Lynette Walker.

New tea-towels. I replaced the divot.  
Another hot box weekend. Rose this  
time at 5.20. T. up. But retired again  
P. B.

John R. Walkley.

Valerie Stane - 5 KV Races. Powder snow &  
perfect weather.

Jane Husley.

Aug 19-22

Victorian Championships.

Val Stane, Lynette Walker & Nan Dixon arrived 3-45 am  
after walking from the White Bridge - result of Carol's  
U.S. jaw belt & burst radiator hose. Rained cats & dogs  
all Friday - most of which spent in bed. Slaloms  
on Saturday on rotten snow & beastly weather. Downhills  
in sunshine on Sunday.

Lynette Walker.

Jane Husley.

Robin Barker

Valerie Stane

Robin Stanton. N.S.W.

Sat 19<sup>th</sup>

Sun 20<sup>th</sup>

February

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Valerie Stane Maryon Byron Moore

Piling Exterior with help of Tom O'Hair & Reg O'Hair  
General cleaning & fixing.

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Aug 27<sup>th</sup> - Sep 12<sup>th</sup> Roger Walkley, Allan Walkley, J.E.A. Walkley.  
1<sup>st</sup> week windy & cold, then on Wednesday night started snowing & snowed almost continuously till following Monday morning. Second week glorious weather & snow for skiing.

Sep 4<sup>th</sup> Anne Skinner  
- Sep 12<sup>th</sup> Richard Skinner.  
Peppy Skinner

Lots of work parties here - not written up

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19-20 February Valerie Hoare, Marjory Byron & Rose  
Ciling exterior with help of Reg & Ann & Tom & Jim  
General cleaning & fixing.

June 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Queens Birthday Weekend.  
Jane Husley  
Deirdre Hyde.

June 11<sup>th</sup> Cicely Rose

June 11<sup>th</sup> Jess Gadsden, Ron Gadsden, J Husley.  
A Black weekend - Moose burnt down on Saturday night - heily wind blowing down valley. Poor skiing on the summit and bad weather.

July 10<sup>th</sup> Joan Walkley, Allan Walkley  
Jess Gadsden & Ron A wet weekend.  
1994 White " (internally too!)

June 25 Came up with Squirrel Frost to install the Hooker for Ski Rescue Service. Pat Barker, Carol Dean, Peg Nelson & Cyril carried a bit

Peg brought the Champagne to christen the hooker.  
The great moment arrived but - it was the wrong  
voltage!! so back to the car with the leets.  
We stayed at Womens Saturday night & a  
pleasant time was had by all!

Enough snow on Bourke St for skiing in moderation  
We drank the champagne!!

July 15-17

Lynette Walker, Peg Nelson, Marjory Byron - more  
Jess Gadsden, Peg Lewis, Win Watson & Carol Dean  
Marilyn <sup>(guest)</sup> Cofferill - dull Saturday but lovely skiing  
Sunday - heavenly sunny day  
Our thoughts were with Val Sloane (Stanton) <sup>married July 9th</sup> ~~passing~~ on the Tasman

July 23rd &  
24th

Jean Gadsden a guest: Walter Robertson Beautiful day Sat. Snowing Sunday  
J. E. G. Walkley Marjory Byron of auro

July 29th  
31st

Jess Gadsden, Nan Dixon, Pat Barker - AWSC team in  
70VSC races - held in typical race weather. Came fourth.  
Deidre Hyde, Jennifer Wallace, Susan Somerset.

Aug 5-7

J. Walkley. Found in cabin 3/7½ + blanket pin, these  
now in J.H. drawer of dresser.

L. Walker. D. Hyde (+ Richard Masters one  
night). Snowed most of weekend after clear  
full moon Friday night. Snow superb.

Aug 12-15

Aug 14-21

J. Walkley - wet snow, misty.  
Margaret Hills & Man hills  
Wish the weather had been as good  
as the cabins.

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Aug 26-28

Kyette Walker - "Guest!"

Sep 26

R Skinner

~~Sep 2~~

Aug 25 - Sep 8

T. Whyte + David

Sep 2 - 19

J Walkley + Roger

Sep 2 - 12

Warrand, Margaret, Jimmy and Richard Begg

Sept 10-12

Kyette Walker, Carl Dean, Peg Nelson,  
Pat Barker, Mary Lou Duggitt + friend  
Hal Dixon  
Nan Dixon

Sept 16-18

Red + Jess Gadsden, Dallas Robertson, Dee  
Hyde, Jane Huskey, Roma McLaren &  
Barbara Lane Sunshine on Fur!

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Red Gadsden, Stella Jamieson (Friday night)  
Peg Nelson, Carol Dean, Durdie Hyde,  
Jennie Wallace (Saturday) Gala weekend  
all dressed up Jess - (mermaid)  
Peg - (snow bunny), Carol (doll from Loughka),  
Durdie + Jenny (Eggs) Stella (Robin Hood)  
Hail storm during obstacle race, snowed  
hard at night, horrible, muddy, wet snow  
on Sunday.  
~~I was there too~~

1956.

get a new tap!

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>  
Tues.

Arrived about 7pm. Cow camp completely deserted. Was greeted by very friendly capt! Next day did stocktaking + crated empty bottles. Took away 2 crates - left after lunch. Note plenty of water in dam, wish it were always so - J. Walkley

Feb 25<sup>th</sup>

Peg Nelson, Carl Dean, Lannis White, Lillian Dreyer, Finnish Pearson (Moose)

Arrived Saturday night after Navy Ski Club Ball!

Mar 10-12<sup>th</sup>

Much scraping, sanding, puttying + pruning of windows Margaret + Allan hills

Cleared wood under cabin + restacked put wood from west end under cabin Split blocks + stacked. Put undercoat on living room windows toilet window, kitchen + bathroom + lobby windows. Swept out from under 6 drawers under bunks upstairs + dusted out drawers. The clean blankets are in three drawers from window end. No water what so ever.

March 26<sup>th</sup>

Peg Nelson, Lyn Walker, Carl Dean, Lillian Dreyer Arrived Sat. night.

Undercoated downstairs + <sup>(undercoat)</sup> small upstairs windows Yellow on kitchen ceiling

Undercoat inside downstairs windows gave bottles to moose for drink.

Took remainder of soiled blankets down

Delivered groceries + returned milk + then cover cleared (not still look messy)



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Easter  
March 31<sup>st</sup>

Dede Hyde, Jane Tusley & Joseph  
Wallace.

Decanted the Rum into 4 gallon tins &  
the meths into bottles. Painted the  
Riveted walls & woodwork & rebron  
it looks pretty smart. Finished inside  
windows. Cooked for 20 at U.S.C. in  
between time!

June 1<sup>st</sup>

Queen's birthday week-end

Kathleen Magill, J. Walkley, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

Arrived Saturday midday. Powder snow  
everywhere, but only enough to ski on at  
summit.

June 10<sup>th</sup>

Joan & Johnny Walker & Georgina Watson  
Dede Hyde, Elizabeth Milled, Anne Hindoch

Rain, wind, snow from 12 PM. - Saturday  
Peg Nelson, Carl Dean, arrived 6 PM Sat. in snow  
Sunday - wonderful snow fall everything covered  
cold bleak blizzardy day - good skiing.

4 <sup>2 girls & 2 men</sup> beds out in snow all night at 31 snow pole  
- found themselves in morning - all well!

June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Nan Dixon, George Watson, Joan  
Walker, Jane Tusley, Sue Somers.

Perfect blissful dry powder snow and  
blue skies & sunshine - just heaven.  
Cloudy & colder Sunday, & both towns  
ran. Wonderful skiing.

June 29<sup>th</sup> -  
July 1<sup>st</sup>

Peg Nelson, Carl Dean, Lyn Walker, Nan Dixon, De Hyde  
Jane Tusley arrived early hours Sat. morning after much  
germozzle with cars. Masses of snow dull weather  
good skiing. Bunked it & Bull Run Town got young Sun after  
noon

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July 1<sup>st</sup> Marjory Byron Moore, Cedric Sloane, Patricia Mildred  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Elizabeth Mildred. Weather stayed in state  
of deterioration!! Cold, wet, foggy, sleety, about  
3 feet more snow since Wednesday, & still snowing!  
Does the sun ever shine on Buller??

Thanks to you Marjory, for a very comfy, time indoors.

July 5<sup>th</sup> Peg Linn But White In day night  
Nan Dixon, Peg Nelson, Carol Dean + Bob Cay  
(Water babies) arrived rather late on Sat. morn  
after a most eventful trip!! (Floods at Molesworth).  
Dull all weekend, snow fair on skiing?  
We all missed Kofler Cup but Pat Barker + Georgina  
represented Women's with aplomb.

July 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> Pat Barker, Carol Dean, Peg Nelson, Jane Dinsley,  
De Hyde, Nan Dixon, Jill Massey, Greene.  
Norm Biew stayed Sat. night. No time trials on Sat.  
owing to disorganisation. Koroora Cup run  
Sunday - short + sharp - one run - in typical  
race weather on Wood run - left of Tow. Judy  
Treas 1<sup>st</sup>, Nan 2<sup>nd</sup>, De 3<sup>rd</sup>, Peg 4<sup>th</sup>, Jane 5<sup>th</sup>.

Peg + Carol + De stayed out for a week of training  
(+ raining?) what a week! Because there was very little coke (due to a strike)  
we couldn't light the heater during the day. But it was leaning  
with rain outside - skiing was impossible. We played cards until we froze then we  
took to Scottish sword dancing and on occasional trips up to the Bull Run Cabin  
in the rain - it was warm there

20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> Same members again plus Lopsy White.  
Inter-club heat was run - also in snow +  
mist. Women's "B" team were a glorious 3<sup>rd</sup>  
behind U.S.C and Kandahar - with A.W.S.C  
"A" team 4<sup>th</sup> Jane did the superb runs  
resulting in 5<sup>th</sup> best time (for U.S.C). Lovely  
snow Sunday after slight Sat. night  
celebrations. (N.D. stayed till Wed.)

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July 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Jill Massy-Greene, Kaks Key.  
Pat Barker.

(Rain)

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Pat Barker, Peter Mantov, Cam McLaren.  
Nan Dixon - Hal Dixon. Paul Kinges.  
First week-end of glorious sunshine  
and snow.

12<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Lill Wnter-Group. Wonderful weekend though  
subsequent four days of blizzard & wintry conditions.

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> Anna Brown.

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Peg Nelson, Nan Dixon, Carl Dean,  
De Hyde (arrived Sat.) dreadful weather  
much raining with Charles for the champs.  
Weekend P. Barker, Lynn Walker & Liz Muldrick

Aug 24 - 31 Very bad weather when we were up.  
R Skinner. S.

2<sup>nd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Sept Margaret, Richard and Jimmy Bigg  
Snow-tunnel dug by Lew Richards and Richard  
in big drift outside.

Three days glorious sun, then duller to temper the burn.  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> tank holed in 2 places, kitchen flooded - mended  
temporarily by Harold James but new tank indicated. By turning  
off tank tap in kitchen, able to use cistern and get water in  
taps by pumping. Holes caused by damp on floor under tank  
rising - onwards.

Sept 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> Pat Barker, Georgie Watson, Jess, Ron & Geoffrey  
Gadsden, De Hyde.  
Arrived sleepless after U.S.C. Ball but all  
partied on well. Weather awful & freezing.  
Korora Galah weekend - dancing girls

very scantily clad but very feminine!

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5-17 Jan

Peg Nelson, Carol Dean, Bob Coy, Mick Moore  
Pulled down stone wall on north side ready for  
extensions. Most work done Saturday then  
Peg's birthday party at night - champagne!!  
much visiting. Weather glorious both days.  
Cleaned up on Sunday then off early for trip along  
Stirling road and swim in Delatite

26-25

Peg Nelson, Carol Dean + guest Lilian Deger.  
Arrived Saturday evening - sorted out food for  
builders who arrived Sunday night to stay at Moose

- 30<sup>th</sup>

Carol cooked (at Moose) until Wednesday for the  
5 men ~~they~~ then Jane Tinsley brought up mayonise  
Byron Moore to carry on the good work.  
(30 bags coke and 1 ton wood-split ordered from Max Otter)

31<sup>st</sup>

Eventually materials arrived after days of delay and  
cabin was completed in five days.

Wood in front of cabin was cut by machine saw  
~~owned~~ <sup>owned</sup> by builders.  
(Moose)

Annex of Women's cabin very convenient for  
washing, eating and accommodating carpenters.

Gas stove and heating unit very efficient at Moose

3<sup>rd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

<sup>hope ours is as good.</sup>  
Peg + Carol arrived to confer with Bob McLean  
all Saturday morning, delaying departure of the  
other four men - it was worth it though many  
complications worked out.

1-5<sup>th</sup> Feb

mayonise has forgotten to mention Anna Boonin's