



## Illawong Lodge Survey – Contribute to Illawong's History

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Illawong Ski Tourers has had a connection with Illawong Lodge for more than fifty years. We need to record those connections now or many may be lost forever.

The purpose of this survey is to begin to explore the connections that people have with the lodge, and in particular, their memories of work parties.

We want hear from all Illawong members, their families and friends who have visited Illawong over the years.

This information will assist the committee and members to better understand people's connections to the lodge and what it means to them. Knowing more about people's relationship with Illawong Lodge will help plan for its sustainability and maintain its connection to the Australian Alps in terms of recreation, the environment, and its social and cultural heritage.

We are particularly interested the club's annual Easter work party to carry in winter supplies and undertake building maintenance. We would like to find out more about what this activity means to people and some of the stories they recall over the years.

We are collecting some basic demographic details in order to determine more about the survey respondents overall and to find out whether different groups of people tell us different things. Individuals will not be identified in the summary report of findings to the committee and members.

All raw data will be provided to the committee. You can select whether to give your name so the committee can contact you if they want to find out more from you or if they need to check whether you would like to have something you say attributed to you in any further publications of findings.

In the following 16 questions, please tell us your views and the things you recall about Illawong. Completing the survey will take about 10 to 20 minutes depending on the length of your answers.

Please forward the link to this survey to others who have had a connection with Illawong.

We hope you find this survey stimulating and thought-provoking. If you have any questions about this survey please contact us on:

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Thank you for your support  
Elspeth Macdonald and Rob Baker

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1. We are interested in finding out more about the connections Illawong members have to the lodge and Illawong Ski Tourers.

Please tell us more about yourself.

Name (optional):	
Postcode (required):	
Email Address (optional):	

## 2. Your age group?

<input type="checkbox"/> up to 19 years
<input type="checkbox"/> 20-29 years
<input type="checkbox"/> 30-39 years
<input type="checkbox"/> 40-49 years
<input type="checkbox"/> 50-59 years
<input type="checkbox"/> 60-69 years
<input type="checkbox"/> 70 and over

## 3. Your gender?

<input type="checkbox"/> Male
<input type="checkbox"/> Female

## 4. Your occupation(s)?

Current occupation(s)?	
Previous occupation(s)?	

**5. Who introduced you to Illawong Lodge or Illawong Ski Tourers?**

Who was the person?	
Were they family, friends, work colleagues, scout group etc?	

**6. How long have you been going to Illawong?**

In which year was your FIRST visit to Illawong?	
In which year was your LAST or MOST RECENT to visit Illawong?	

**7. How much time do you spend at Illawong?**

On average, how MANY TIMES do you come to Illawong in a year?	
On average, how LONG are your visits?	

**8. If you are member of Illawong Lodge, for how long have you been a member of the lodge or Illawong Ski Tourers?**

In which year did you join Illawong?	
For how many years (or months) have you been a member?	

**9. Why do you visit Illawong? (You can answer as many as are relevant.)**

<input type="checkbox"/> ski or snowboard Spencers Creek, Tynam, Tate etc
<input type="checkbox"/> ski or snowboard the Western Faces
<input type="checkbox"/> snowshowing
<input type="checkbox"/> to enjoy being in the snow in winter
<input type="checkbox"/> to enjoy being in the high country in summer
<input type="checkbox"/> fly fishing
<input type="checkbox"/> walking
<input type="checkbox"/> summer wildflowers
<input type="checkbox"/> wildlife/birdlife
<input type="checkbox"/> company of others
<input type="checkbox"/> solitude
<input type="checkbox"/> escape from "technology"
<input type="checkbox"/> connection to the past
<input type="checkbox"/> work parties
<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (please specify)

**10. What are the main attractions Illawong holds for you?**

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**11. What TWO things do you most value about Illawong?**

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12. Please tell us about anything you would like to change about Illawong?

13. The NEXT THREE questions focus on the Illawong Easter workparties and the carrying in of provisions.

Think back to Easter and other workparties (in the past and present) and complete the following:

Tell us about a time you remember about the Easter workparties... "I remember a time when...

14. If you have seen or observed changes to the workparty or carrying of provisions by members over time, please describe what you have observed.

15. We currently have the annual Easter workparty, a workparty on the Australia Day weekend when necessary, the AGM and the Xmas Party.

Are there other activities you think Illawong could organise?

16. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about your links or contact with Illawong?

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**One last request**

Do you know anyone else who might like to complete this survey?

Could you please forward the pdf or link to this survey to others who have had a connection with Illawong?

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Thank you for your help with this survey and for contributing to Illawong's history.

A report will be published in a future newsletter.