



SNOWY SCHEME ASSOCIATION  
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## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Start of the Snowy Scheme (2009)

**THANK YOU** SSA Members for your help in making the 60th Reunion so satisfying to those who were able to be present. Here is a brief report of the Reunion and our future plans.

**ANNIVERSARY DAY 17 OCTOBER:** Adaminaby used their large cast of primary school children in costume to re-enact the SMA's opening ceremony 60 years ago to the day by re-delivering the visionary speeches to the 500 who gathered - the TV reporting went around Australia. Cooma's reunion dinner venues that night were filled to capacity (245 Ex-Services+ 105 Alpine) as the joy of old friendships was rekindled and life experiences since were shared. It was obvious that those who celebrated the anniversary regard the Snowy Scheme as a life-shaping experience that endured to make for a great life with fond memories of a unique experience to be shared with passion and pride.

**OTHER EVENTS BEFORE AND AFTER:** Coach tours into the mountains, colour slide shows, displays and about 400 at the tunnel rock bolting engineering Landmark Award at the Showgrounds brought out amazing stories of work and living to make the Scheme a reality. Migrant national costumes at the Reunion Reception Centre reminded all of the rich cultural mix that was unified by the work for the Scheme. Others found fun exploring Cooma's monthly Rotary Markets in Centennial Park. Just to see the towns now, to see what the great Snowy Hydro is doing to build on that heritage, to join in what was put on and to remember the former days made the reunion very memorable for the old hands, their families and their young ones.

**SNOWY SCHEME ASSOCIATION:** The voluntary committee want to keep giving you the chance for further reunion. We ended the 60th event with a good credit balance so that we can offer to maintain our mailing list and hold future reunions. The Cooma Call Centre contract is completed and made the holding of the major event practical. Now we have only the P.O. Box. We were also able to give Adaminaby Snowy Scheme Collection a donation - their Newsletter extract enclosed invites support.

**STATISTICS:** From the financial audit report the nett turnover was \$40,649 of which \$20,291 was for reunion bookings and \$10,059 expenses. 381 registered as Members to get us going but, as well, \$5,180 was given as generous donations by 114 Members in addition to the \$20 family membership. Major cash donors were Cooma Ex-Services Club, Sandvik Mining, State Tourism, SMEC Consulting Engineers and Commonwealth Department of Resources-Energy-Tourism. Generous in-kind donations were made by National Parks and Wildlife Service, Snowy Hydro and Cooma-Monaro Shire Council. Many local organisations and businesses in Cooma and Adaminaby also gave generous donations.

**FUTURE PLANS:** Please remember to update your postal and email address with us if it changes so you can receive future notices. An afternoon and evening get-together is planned in Cooma for Saturday 16 October 2010 for those who would want to gather this year. Please let us know if you wish to attend. Also, please let us know by return mail what are your preferred methods of future contact and how we can assist you in Snowy Scheme reunions. We would like to hold an annual gathering of SSA members if there is sufficient interest and we also hope to hold a larger Reunion celebration in October 2014 to celebrate the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of the Snowy Scheme.

**Office Bearers:** Wally Mills, Hon.Chairman; Sue Salvestro, Hon.Secretary; Val Leitch, Hon.Treasurer.

**Committee Members:** Margaret Clifford (Membership); Gail Eastaway (Publicity & Media); Frank Rodwell (Tours); Douglas O'Donnell (Functions); Hazel Mackenzie-Kay (Posters & Park Coordination); Charlie Salvestro (Security); Ron Hayman (Mailing); Jill Madew (ASSC Liaison); George Shelton (Reception Roster & Fishing Lodge); Diana Klima (Mannequin & Art Displays).



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### We acknowledge the Material Support, Concessional Charges and Cash Donations (other than from Members & ASSC)

Cooma-Monaro Express	P J Cochran - Adaminaby Reunion Day
Cooma Ex-Services Club	Adaminaby - P & C Association
Cooma Call Centre	Adaminaby - The Bakehouse
The Monaro Post	Adaminaby - Snowerks
ABC SE Radio	Adaminaby - Snowgoose Hotel
Albury Community Radio	Adaminaby Store
Alpine Hotel	Adaminaby Post Office
La Dolce Vita Resort, Fiji	Adaminaby Reunion Committee
Cooma-Monaro Shire Council	Adaminaby - various vintage car clubs
Snowy Hydro Limited	Snowy River Shire Council
Dep't Resources Energy & Tourism	Hon Steve Whan, MLA
SMEC Holdings Ltd	Mitre 10 Cooma
Valmai Mylan Costume Outfitters	High Country Motel & Tours
NSW Department of Tourism	Snowtels Family Caravan Park
Sandvik Mining & Construction	Cooma Motor Lodge
Centennial Plaza Centre Management	Engineers Australia Monaro Group
National Parks & Wildlife Service	Snowy River Echo
ACT Wine Industry Network	La Fiamma, Italian Newspaper
Cooma Visitors Centre	Ron Lehrmann Electrics Pty Ltd
Cooma Rotary Club	Cooma Mens Probus
Sabka Design	S-M Business Enterprise Centre
South East Printing Pty Ltd	Cooma Minister's Association
The Sign Van	Cooma Hospital Auxiliary
Intact Electrical Pty Ltd	Country Women's Association Cooma
The Fabric Salon	Little Gallery, Hain Centre
National Archives of Australia	Mark Kenmir & Co
Cooma Trout Acclimatisation Ass'n	Phil Rye Plant Hire
Cooma Bocce Sporting Club Inc	Polo Flat Private Airfield
Raglan Gallery & Cultural Centre	Mick Joffe Caricaturist
Centennial Park entertainment:- Harmony Chorus; Caledonian Society; Cooma Gymnastics; Snowy theme balladeer entertainers Martin Bowland, Diane Lindsay and Peter Simpson; Finger Pluckers; Evie Henderson's International Costumes; St Pat's Parish School PA System.	
Canberra Snowy Reunion Picnic org.	Snowy Mts C-School Swing Band

- there were many individual people who generously gave us their full support -  
THANK YOU ALL.