

2023 MOGUL SKI WORLD VICTORIAN INTERSCHOOLS SNOWSPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS

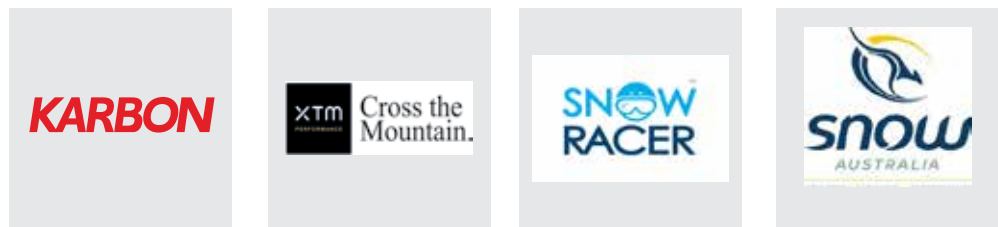
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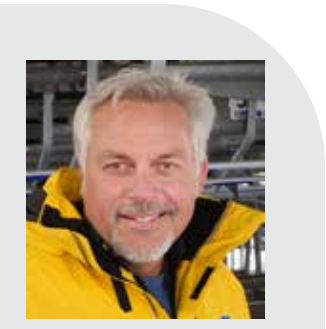
MESSAGE FROM GENERAL MANAGER BULLER SKI LIFTS

Events don't continue and flourish for 65 years without a powerful 'why' that motivates everyone involved. Interschools has this 'special sauce' and a longevity because it means so much, in various ways, to so many people. What we saw this year was that even with low snow and high uncertainty, the show not only went on, it exceeded everyone's expectations. It's a credit to all involved how this logistical behemoth runs so smoothly and delivers a combination of athletic competition, event management professionalism, community connection and, importantly, fun.

With my Buller Ski Lifts hat on I'd like to particularly call out the achievements of our mountain operations, snowmaking, grooming and race department teams who delivered racecourses in a very tricky season.

The BSL crew rose to each challenge, worked even longer hours and came up with creative solutions to give every child the best possible chance to experience a memorable Interschools. The collaboration that underpins this event is something we must not take for granted. No single entity could pull this off and as I listen to village operators, families, school coordinators, representatives of our sport and the event team it's clear we have a unique recipe for an enduring event that is important for our sport, our resort and our wider Mt Buller community.

Whether Interschools is the first step on the road for a future Olympian or an experience where a child deepens their connection to their fellow racers it has a role to play in fostering a love for snowsports by future generations of skiers and snowboarders. As we get ready to celebrate 100 years of skiing on Mt Buller in 2024 I think the health and vibrancy of Interschools would make those early Ski Club of Victoria pioneers very pleased indeed.



Noel Landry
General Manager
Buller Ski Lifts

MESSAGE FROM VICTORIAN INTERSCHOOLS ADVISORY GROUP

The Victorian Interschools Snowsports Advisory Group ("VISAG") is an Advisory Group of Snow Australia, and its key role is to reflect the three pillars of the Victorian Interschool Snowsports, being Schools, Snowsports, and the Host Resort. VISAG members include representatives from a mix of government and independent schools, the Mt Buller Resort, Buller Ski Lifts ("BSL") and the sport.

Despite some challenging snow conditions and weather during the early part of the week's competition – Interschools 2023 was a great success with near record number of competitors and entries. BSL, and in particular BSL's Race Department and Mountain Operations, produced racecourses across the resort which ensured that our student athletes had a week of memorable competition.

We continue to strive to improve the Interschools experience for our stakeholders, including the use of WhatsApp to provide any crucial time sensitive information and SnowRacer to provide near time results.

We thank our schools and families for their continued support of Interschools, and in particular our Snowsports Coordinators who are our conduit to our families and student athletes. Our Snowsports Coordinators take on considerable responsibility in promoting Interschools to their student population and ensuring that we have an efficient and successful competition.

I would also like to thank all the members of VISAG for their support and contribution during season 2023.

We look forward to welcoming back our schools and student athletes in season 2024 and hopefully introducing new student athletes to the wonders of snowsports.



John Dyson
Chair
Victorian interschools Advisory Group

EVENT MANAGER REPORT

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What an amazing eight days of Interschools competition we have had. Winter 2023 certainly provided all of us with challenges. Despite above average temperatures leading onto the 2023 Mogul Ski World Victorian Interschools Cross Country Championships we had a fantastic day of Cross Country Classic and Freestyle relay racing. A huge thank you to our Mountain Operations and Race and Event Department for relocating the Cross Country course from Tirol Flat to the Baldy location.

In the lead up to the Ski and Snowboard event week it was evident that we would not be able to hold all of our events on their traditional locations. Little Buller Spur and Burnt Hut race locations were moved to the Summit and Skyline Race Course. The Ski and Snowboard Cross course our busiest event site provided the greatest challenge. Extraordinary efforts from our snowmaking and grooming teams built the Shakey Knees Cross Course almost entirely with new generation Snow Factory and traditional snow making snow.

The Bourke St Mini Moguls course was moved to the skiers left of the run. Significant snow farming took place in the event lead up on Chamois our preferred Secondary School mogul event site. Unfortunately weather and temperature conditions caused significant snow loss on the jump landing and access to Lydias chair. As a result all Secondary School mogul events were moved to Bourke St with a rebuilt jump table. Division 3 Girls and Division 1 Boys and Girls events were successfully held under lights on Bourke St for the first time ever.

Improved race conditions through the second half of the week saw some fantastic competition days on all event sites.

Much thanks goes to our vital school coordinators. Without their extraordinary efforts to coordinate their school snowsports communities and finalise event entries and lift ticket orders, the events would not be what they are today.

Thanks also goes to our 450 event volunteers that make the operation of our 87 individual events a possibility.

In a significant rebound from the post COVID 2022 events we achieved a near record 6,600 event entries from 240 schools and over 3000 individual competitors.

Encouragingly growth in our youngest Divisions has been significant, which importantly points to long term participation and engagement in the Victorian Interschools.

Congratulations to all of our 2023 School team, Individual and Champion School winners.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our amazing Interschools community back to Mt Buller in winter 2024.



David Speirs
Event Manager

2022/23 EVENT ENTRIES

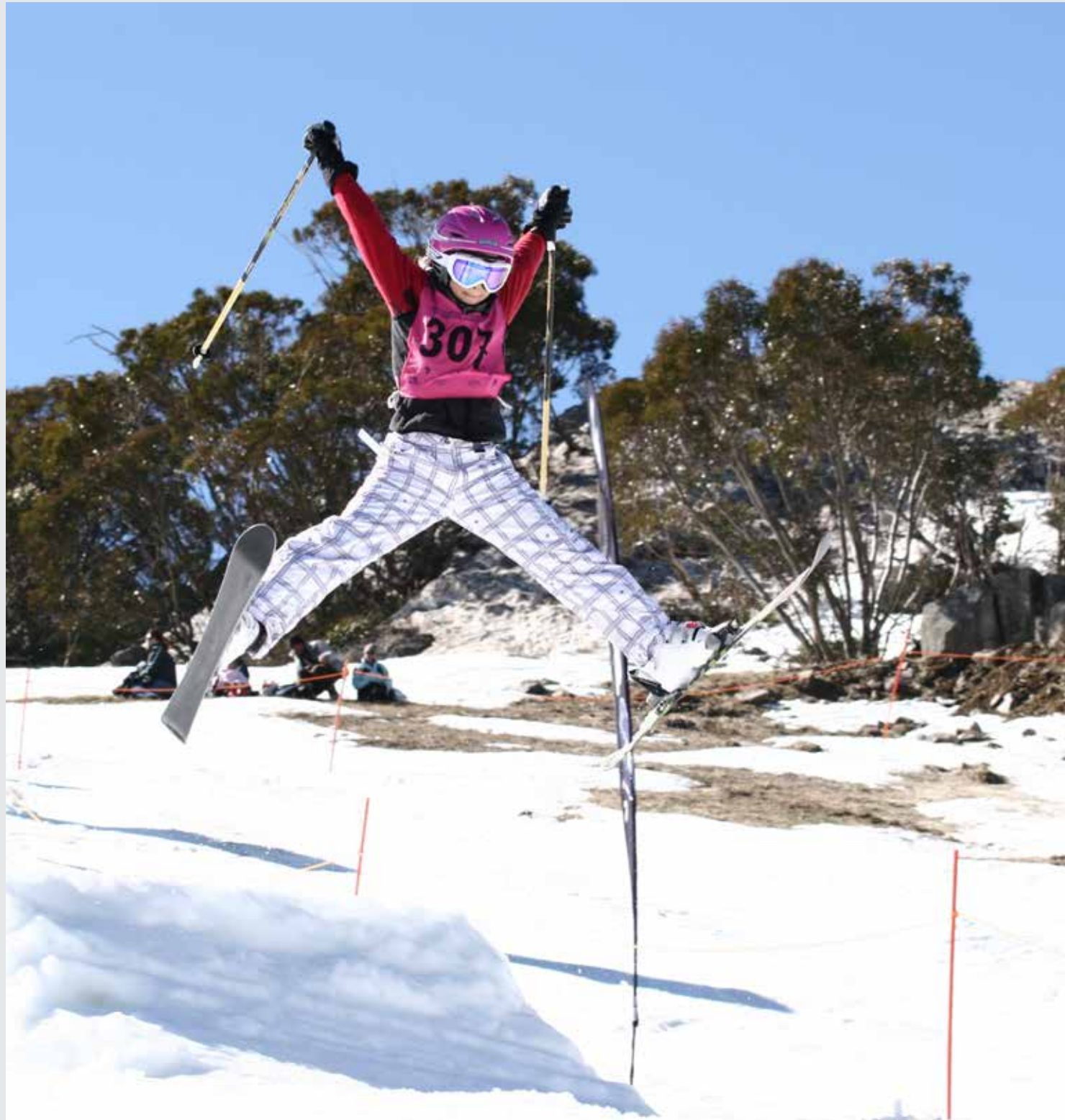


Overall event statistics

	2022	2023	%
Event entries	5687	6595	+16
Competitors	2714	3064	+13
Schools	208	240	+15

Discipline entries

Alpine	2069	2255	+9
Ski Cross	1733	1937	+12
Moguls	508	603	+19
Snowboard GS	307	426	+39
Snowboard Cross	285	382	+34
Cross Country Classic	319	360	+13
Cross Country Relay	249	295	+18
Slopestyle Ski	134	189	+41
Slopestyle Snowboard	89	119	+34
Multiclass	16	30	+87



Jakara Anthony
Div 5 Moguls 2008
Olympic Gold Medalist 2022

VICTORIAN INTERSCHOOLS

HISTORY

The Victorian Interschools Snowsport Championships, were first staged in 1958 at Mt Buller. The first Schools to compete were Melbourne Grammar School and Scotch College.

Since the early days of 1958 the Victorian Interschools Snowsport Championships (or Interschools) have grown to become one of the largest events of its type in the world.

In 2023 there were just under 6,600 entries in the event across 9 disciplines from 240 schools.

A far cry from the first Interschools which consisted of 4 boys from Melbourne Grammar School and 4 boys from Scotch College competing in an Alpine Giant Slalom event.

Today competitors have the choice of Alpine Giant Slalom, Snowboard Giant Slalom, Snowboard Cross, Ski Cross, Moguls, Cross Country Classical, Cross Country Freestyle Relay, Slopestyle Ski and Slopestyle Snowboard.



Scotty James
Div 5 Snowboard Cross 2001
Olympic Silver Medalist 2022
World Champion 2015, 2017, 2019



Anton Grimus
Div 5 Alpine
World Cup Medalist 2012

2023 PRE EVENT ACTIVITY

EVENT POSTER

The 2023 Event Poster was produced in February and distributed via high res file on the Interschools website. The poster was also distributed to over 80 Melbourne metropolitan schools.



WEBSITE

The Victorian Interschools website also underwent an image and content update in early 2023.



SCHOOL COORDINATOR MEETINGS

School Coordinator meetings were held in early May for new and experienced Coordinators.



Presentations included

- Welcome from John Dyson Chair VISAG
- Snow ID registration and renewal information
- Event entry system functionality
- Lift ticketing ordering and pick up process
- Volunteer requirements and roles
- Snow ready program
- Event Entry Closure Dates
- Enews Communications and alerts
- Mt Buller resort investments and improvements
- Race Training products and opportunities
- Accommodation links
- Multiclass information
- Key/important event rules
- Event partners and Sponsors

ENEWS COMMUNICATION

Regular monthly pre event Enews communication contained Event information, Accommodation links, race training opportunities, rule updates, volunteer training, Snow Ready, Little Shredders information etc.



2023 PRE EVENT ACTIVITY

BIB ROLLING

One of the largest tasks involved in the Victorian Interschools is the rolling of 6000 competitor bibs into 240 School bags. A huge thank you goes to our amazing group of volunteers and Event Management team



PERPETUAL TROPHIES

Each year there are over 150 trophies presented to winning individuals, teams and schools. These trophies are displayed in school trophy cabinets throughout the school year



COMPETITOR GIFTS

Competitor gifts in 2023 consisted of Blazer pins that were distributed in early July and competitor caps.



EVENT COMMUNICATION

Time Critical event updates were conducted via Cross Country, Primary and Secondary School Whats App groups during the event periods.



SNOWRACER, RACE TRIALS AND MULTICLASS

SNOWRACER EVENTS

The July School Holidays saw the hosting of the Snowracer events on July 2nd and 9th on the Skyline race course at Mt Buller. Over 220 competitors took part in each of these events that provide valuable race experience for Interschools competitors.



SCHOOL RACE TRIALS

A significant number of schools chose to hold race trails and Mogul grading selections in late July and early August. The race trial and training events whilst delivering the



opportunities for schools to make team selections for the Interschools, also deliver a great opportunity for students to gain race experience and skills in an Interschools type format.



MULTICLASS

The Multiclass Event hosted at the Victorian Interschools since 2013, is an opportunity for capable skiers and snowboarders with an intellectual or physical impairment, from any Victorian School, to participate in a fun and inclusive environment.



The key objectives of the event are to:

- Offer a Multiclass Snowsports event for all Primary and Secondary aged students with an intellectual or physical impairment and Special Olympic athletes, through inclusion as part of the mainstream Interschools event.
- Develop a greater sense of opportunity and inclusion for all within the Alpine community through a common love of skiing / boarding and foster understanding, achieve respect and receive recognition from their peers and the wider community.
- Provide an opportunity for people with special needs to demonstrate courage and compete safely and confidently against their peers in a race environment

The Multiclass event includes a pre-event two day training block culminating in a bib presentation dinner on the Tuesday night of the event week.

The dinner was attended by all Multiclass and Special Olympics competitors. In addition representatives from Multiclass, Mt Buller, Snow Australia, Victoria Police, DWA, Paralympics, Snow Sisters and other supporters attended.



2023 EVENT MOMENTS

BALDY CROSS COUNTRY LOOP, BOURKE ST TWILIGHT MOGULS, SHAKEY KNEES SKI AND SNOWBOARD CROSS COURSE, OPENING AND CLOSING FIREWORK SHOWS





RECEPTIONS, CEREMONIES AND FIREWORK SHOWS



The Buller Interschools Association hosted Opening and Closing receptions for School Coordinators, Sport, Sponsor and resort stakeholders at the ABOM restaurant and the Ski Club of Victoria. Opening and Closing ceremonies in conjunction with Firework shows are also supported by the Buller Interschools Association. The Opening Ceremony predominantly attended by Primary Schools is an extremely popular event where students gather behind their school signs and march up Athletes walk and into the Village Square. The Closing Firework show was held following the Division 1 Slopestyle and Mogul medal presentations in the Village Square



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