

.....Dinner at Craig's Hut.....

The Craig's Hut Story

Craig's Hut was home to Jim Craig, hero in the movie "Man From Snowy River". Built as a movie prop to last several months in 1981, it soon became a popular tourist attraction for those who have seen the film. The vehicle battling the rough bush tracks into Craig's Hut, in addition to time and weather, have taken their toll at the hut became unsafe after ten years.

Because of its popularity as a tourist haven for both local and overseas visitors, the Mansfield Alpine Four Wheel Drive Club in conjunction with the Department of Conservation, Forests and Land, businesses in the Mansfield region, and many volunteers undertook the complete rebuilding of the Hut. Work was completed in March 1993 and the "new" Craig's Hut was officially opened by the then Minister for Conservation and Environment, The Honourable Mark Birrell, MP on April 4th, 1993.

Craig's Hut is located on Clear Hills, off Circuit Road, 19kms from Telephone Box Junction and is inaccessible to standard vehicles. Located above the snowline, it offers magnificent panoramic high country views

Craig's Hut, despite modern vehicles, is remote with no services or facilities on site. Weather conditions can change rapidly. It is because of these dramatic changes in the weather that the original cattlemen's huts were built around the high country, to provide shelter in emergency conditions. Whilst not an original, Craig's Hut also acts as a haven for travellers in summer and for snow skiers in winter.

A Dinner is held annually at Craig's Hut to raise funds for continued maintenance and for ancillary facilities such as an historical information collection, information boards, and ongoing maintenance and rehabilitation of the area.

Why "Dinner at Craig's Hut"?

Since the rebuild of Craig's Hut in 1993, there has been four "Dinner at Craig's Hut" co-ordinated by the Mansfield Alpine Four Wheel Drive Club and the Country Fire Authority Four Wheel Drive Club.

"Dinner at Craig's Hut, 1998 will be jointly convened by the Mansfield Alpine and CFA Clubs and will continue to raise funds for the maintenance and upkeep of the hut and surrounds. It is an initiative, which supports the appropriate use of Victoria's High Country and fosters increasing co-operation between all user groups. It is also intended to raise awareness of the beauty and tranquillity of the area as a tourist attraction and to promote local business such as those providing the services for the evening.

The Dinner

"Dinner at Craig's Hut" is a formal, black tie, invitation only function.

It is attended by Members of Government (all Parties), representatives of businesses from Mansfield and Mt. Buller and further afield, Department of Natural Resources and Environment staff, Parks Victoria staff, Alpine Resorts Commission staff, Journalists and Tourism Organisations.

From your motel or resort accommodation you will be transported by 4WD coaches to Craig's Hut.

There you will enjoy pre-dinner drinks and a spectacular sunset over Victoria's high country, complete with background music.

At 6.30pm you will be invited to the marquee to enjoy a sumptuous meal, local wines and entertainment by a local band.

At the conclusion of the formal part of the evening you will have the choice of dancing, adjourning to the camp fire for a quiet chat or simply enjoying the peace and solitude of the high country enthralled by the myriad stars that are unseen in the city. The choice is yours....

At approximately midnight your coach will be ready to return you to your accommodation after a wonderful evening. Next morning you will awaken to the peace of the Delatite Valley and after breakfast, brace yourself for the harsh reality of life.

So - Why Dinner at Craig's Hut"?

For you to attend an unusual event that is not easily forgotten in the beauty of the High Country.

During the evening various items will be raffled.

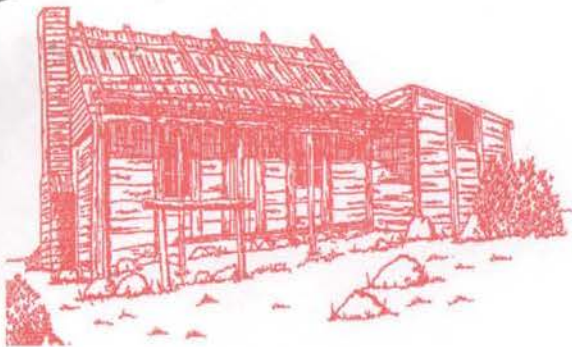
Booking for accommodation can be organised through the **Mansfield Visitors Information Centre** on 1800.060.686

WE INVITE YOU TO ATTEND AN EVENT OF THE YEAR.



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"Dinner at Craig's Hut"

Jointly Convened by:

Mansfield Alpine FWD Club Inc

&

Country Fire Authority FWD Club Inc

P.O. Box 110

West Footscray VIC 3012

Mansfield Alpine 4WD Club and CFA 4WD Club have pleasure in inviting

Hon. Graeme Stoney & Partner

to

Dinner at Craig's Hut

Clear Hills, Mt. Stirling

on

Saturday, February 7th 1998

from 5.30pm

Tickets: \$135 single

Dress: FORMAL

We hope that you will accept our invitation and look forward to having your Company at the Dinner. We are happy to inform you that transport has been arranged to ensure that you and your entourage arrive at Clear Hills, relaxed and ready for a wonderful evening.

Further information is provided in the accompanying information sheet. Booking for accommodation can be organised through the Mansfield Visitors Information Centre on 1800.060.686. Please let us know when you have arranged your accommodation. .

To ensure your booking please return your full payment or non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 per heads as soon as possible.

RSVP: 12 December 1997.

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Any queries please contact Margaret on 03.9687.5426.

Yours faithfully

Margaret McPherson

DINNER COMMITTEE

Craig's Hut rebuilt 1993 – Officially opened by: The Hon. Mark Birrell M.P.