



On the Summit of Mt. Franklin

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THE Canberra Alpine Club is planning to open up ski runs and to construct a jump conforming to national standards on Mt. Ginini this year. This work will be carried out in co-operation with the Commonwealth Government authorities.

The project is part of the Canberra Alpine Club's long-term plans to open up the ranges on the western border of the Australian Capital Territory for skiers—from Franklin to Mt. Bimberi, 6274 feet, about 20 miles away to the south. Mt. Ginini, 5782 feet, is 382 feet higher than Mt. Franklin and its eastern face, where it is proposed to construct the new runs and jump, is a more reliable snow field than Mt. Franklin. The new runs will be about three miles from the Club's chalet and easily accessible by either the road—which is not snow-ploughed

—or by a traverse around the eastern side of the mountain.

The Club has been very active recently developing the Franklin area. By the end of 1945, the only runs cut through the snow gums were the three-quarters of a mile wood run and a short run in the direction of the Cotter Valley.

A major addition was the cutting of what is now known as the slalom run down the south-east side of Mt. Franklin. This is a very wide swathe cut through quite tall snow gums which made the running of the slalom in the 1949 Balmain sports an exciting and interesting contest for the competitors. A nursery run near the Chalet was also cut out recently and this has proved very popular with newcomers to the Canberra snow fields.

