



Crackenback Ski Club working party with tow 400 feet up on Crackenback Peak. l. to r. G. Hughes, J. Minter, J. McCallum, M. Mathews, T. van Dugtren, I. Curlewis, R. Minter, J. de Vries, D. Cassidy, T. Bell, Mrs. Mick Kater, M. Kater. Photo. P. Blaxland.

Crackenback Ski Club

THE Club was officially formed on 17th December, 1956, and now has over 90 members.

At an unofficial inaugural meeting last August a majority of those present were persuaded by Jimmy Walker to vote in favour of calling the Club The Dead Horse Ski Club. However an interim committee appointed at that meeting contained five lawyers who proved to their own entire satisfaction that Walker had put up both hands when Dead Horse won by one vote. A protest by the Crackenback faction was therefore upheld. The Dead Horsemen have appealed and a referendum will be held at the next annual general meeting to decide finally what we will call ourselves. Apparently the Dead Horsemen do not yet realise that the lawyers have so

drafted the Constitution that any change of name must be proved by one hundred per cent. of the members. Between battles on the name question the committee has found time to let a contract for the construction of a ten-bunk hut at Friday Flat for a contract price of £5,600. The hut site has an excellent view of the Thredbo River and Ramshead Range and is only fifty yards from the proposed bottom station of the Crackenback Peak Chair Lift. It has been designed by Jenkins & Maclurean with Constance Hughes in association. The ground floor is 1,200 square feet and contains five double bedrooms plus two bathrooms, a kitchen, living room, air lock and store. Upstairs there is an 800 square foot attic which is to provide emergency accommodation for club



Top of Northcote Canyon.

Photo. Brian Rumble.

members plus locker and storage space. We have hired the salvageable parts of Northcote Ski tow and plan to build a Hamilton type tow rising from 4,900 feet to 5,850 feet along the second survey line cut up Crackenback Peak by Kosciusko Chairlift and Thredbo Syndicate. The Syndicate has agreed to purchase the tow when its Chairlift goes into operation. A large working party is being organised to build the tow at Easter time. The drive unit is mounted on a sled which (it is hoped) will pull itself up the mountain under its own power in order to reach the site on which it is to operate.

The Ski Council has given us the formidable task of running the State Cham-

pionship Alpine events to be held at Crackenback Peak on August Bank Holiday week-end this year. These will be the first races to be held at Crackenback Peak and we expect that in addition to the beds available at our hut and Tony Sponar's lodge, the Snowy Mountain's Authority will allow competitors and officials to stay at Friday Flat Camp, one mile by road from the foot of Crackenback Peak. We hope that the downhill course will be cleared down as far as 5,000 feet so that a descent of over 2,000 feet should be available. With Tony Sponar setting the courses for both slalom and downhill this year's State Championship should be really interesting.

THREDBO VALLEY

CLUB HUT SITES

Kosciusko Chairlift and Thredbo Hotel Syndicate has pleasure in announcing that its access road from the Alpine Way to the Thredbo Hotel site has been completed.

- Club hut sites will be available for selection from and after the 1st August, 1957. All sites are on land over which the Syndicate has been granted an option to take up a long term lease upon completion of the Thredbo Hotel and Chairlift on Crackenback Peak.

- All sites have frontages to the Alpine Way or to the Syndicates access road and it is the intention of the Syndicate to provide water, sewerage, electricity and garbage collection services to club huts in its area.

- Plans of Subdivision and full particulars of tenure may be obtained from Mr. E. M. Nicholls, Architect, Caltex House, Kent Street, Sydney, on 15th July, 1957. All applications for sites must be accompanied by an Undertaking to complete a building of a design approved by the Kosciusko State Park Trust and the Syndicate within two years from date of allocation of site.

- Competing applications received on or before 1st August, 1957, will be subject to a ballot.

- The Syndicate has carried out clearing operations on Crackenback Peak to enable skiers to inspect the skiing grounds during the winter of 1957.