## **2021 EVENT**

Plans were in full swing for running the actual Kangaroo Hoppet on the snow, when disappointedly we were forced to cancel the event due to COVID-19 restrictions and instead hold the Virtual Event only. At the time, we had around 200 entries, so we offered a full refund or a roll over entry for next year, most opted for the roll over.

The Virtual Hoppet was again a big hit with almost 1200 entered, 31 countries and all Australian states and mainland territories represented, and ages from just a few months to 83. (The babies and toddlers competed in the pouch class, reserved for children who were carried or towed along by their parents.) The following countries were represented by a grand group of participants: Argentina, Austria, Canada, Czechia, Dubai, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK and the USA.

The virtual event ran between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August. Activities included running, walking, cycling, swimming, roller skiing, inline skating, kayaking, mountain biking, exercise machines and also XC skiing.

New neck buffs and T- Shirts were designed, therefore everyone received a Buff in the mail & some also received T-Shirts that were ordered online.

The Facebook group page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/KangarooHoppet">https://www.facebook.com/groups/KangarooHoppet</a> was well received with 534 members.

People enjoyed keeping connected and motivated whilst still being able participate in a physical activity.