

Elouera Ski Club Pygmy Possum Lodge Environmental Policy

1. Introduction

Charlotte Pass Ski Resort is a small, high altitude village situated within the Kosciuszko National Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty and environmental diversity.

Elouera Ski Club Ltd operates Pygmy Possum Lodge, a self-managed club lodge in the Resort, providing all season accommodation for up to 54 guests. In winter the members and guests of Elouera Ski Club Inc enjoy a snow bound village atmosphere and a range of activities either on the resort's slopes or in the surrounding mountains. Summer time provides scenic surroundings and access to bushwalking and other alpine activities.

The lodge members, managers, and service providers recognise the potential for environmental impacts to occur as a result of their activities in the resort, and so the need for exemplary environmental management to minimise these impacts.

The Club also recognises that Charlotte Pass Ski Resort has developed, and is progressively implementing an Environmental Management System (EMS) to ensure that environmental risks due to the resort's activities are minimised and that if they do occur, the use of the EMS will assist in mitigating the impacts. We also recognise that responsible and timely environmental action will enhance the reputation of our lodge and of the Charlotte Pass Resort.

We agree with the resort management that openness and transparency is necessary to establish and maintain trust between users of the resort and with the broader community.

2. Environmental Policy

Elouera Ski Club Ltd and its members will ensure that Pygmy Possum Lodge is widely recognised for its exemplary environmental performance in the natural, cultural, aesthetic and social aspects of its operations.

We aim to be recognised as a destination of choice for ecologically sustainable alpine accommodation and tourism in Australia and commit to managing all aspects of our operations in the Charlotte Pass Village Resort in an environmentally responsible manner at all times.

We will respect, conserve, enhance and restore the values of all aspects of our activities and will implement accepted best practice for sustainable recreation based accommodation in the lodge and for our activities in the resort.

We will work broadly within the requirements of the Charlotte Pass Resort environmental commitment and policy and the resort's Environmental Management System (EMS).

We address significant environmental issues and set ourselves ambitious goals to increase the environmental awareness of our club members, lodge guests and suppliers together with the broader community and will actively seeking ideas for enhancing our environmental performance.

We specifically commit to:

- Cooperatively assisting with the conservation, enhancement, repair and restoration of the natural, cultural, aesthetic and social values of the resort whilst also recognising viable economic ventures that will provide appropriate high quality accommodation and recreation activities;

- Meet or exceed the requirements of all applicable environmental legislation and regulations.
- Prevent or at least control and minimise adverse environmental impacts and effects by:
 - Working broadly within the Charlotte Pass Resort Environmental Management System;
 - Establishing, implementing and maintaining the appropriate elements of an effective Environmental Management System for the Club and the Lodge
 - Working within the EMS framework to set and review environmental objectives and targets that are consistent with this policy;
 - Implementing clear and effective planning, management and monitoring processes;
 - Efficiently using natural resources, including water and energy, and avoiding waste;
 - Using technologies, materials and systems in design, construction, operation and maintenance of the lodge that meet or exceed best practice environmental benchmarks;
 - Measuring, verifying and reporting on our environmental performance;
 - Communicating and providing education to assist in increasing environmental awareness of our members, guests, visitors, contractors and the broader community.
- Follow open and cooperative processes and participate in consultation programs and joint environmental initiatives.
- Support responsible development and sustainable use of the resort for recreation including protecting the area’s ecosystems, waterways and species.
- Continually improve our overall environmental performance

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