

SKI TRACKS

Newsletter of the Elouera Ski Club

April 2015

Pygmy Possum Lodge 2015 bookings

Now that we have a lease extension until the end of the 2017 Season, we need to demonstrate to NPWS that we want a new lease beyond that date. So members need to utilise the lodge at Charlotte Pass. There is currently accommodation available for almost every week throughout the season with the exception of 5th to 14th July 2015. So as Priority booking have closed select a time that you chose and make a booking, space is available. Remember that bookings are Sunday to Sunday.

Charlotte Pass Resort ski packages come in three age groups: 0-13, 14-64, 65+ years. Members get bonus points for taking non-members to the Lodge.

Online bookings at: www.eloueraskiclub.asn.au

Credit card details for online bookings may be faxed to Gary Jeffery at 02 4966 4420 or emailed to bunya51.gj@gmail.com All bookings must include the food store deposit. Mail bookings can be posted to 42 Somerset Drive, Thornton 2322.

Annual Subscriptions

Accompanying this Newsletter is a letter referring to Annual Subscriptions.

Members' Loans to the Club

Members who lend money to the Club can receive their benefit in one of two ways, either as accommodation credits or as dividends.

For accommodation credits the rate is 2/3 bank OD rate, currently (1st Mar 2015) 5.29%. Loans for dividends receive them at the rate of 5%. Cheques are sent out in March and June each year. You will need to supply details for the Tax Office, including TFN, date of birth and address. This income is taxable.

Contact Geoff Mathie on 02 9875 2665 if you are interested.

Summertime at Pygmy Possum

How many of you have spent a summer holiday at Pygmy Possum? Our lodge is open all year round and summer in the mountains is a delight. Sometimes, though rarely, we have had snow on Christmas Eve but usually it is a cool and pleasant change from the coast, good walking weather, a chance to relax, smell the flowers, etc. Best of all you can drive right up to the lodge.

Notice to Members

URGENT (PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THIS ARTICLE).

Your CLUB needs you NOW.

Financially and structurally your Club's assets are very sound.

We are currently in a transition phase where we have secured an interim 3 year lease on the Pygmy possum Lodge, while we negotiate a new 30 year lease.

We would love to get a younger generation of members involved in the running of the club at this time so you can help steer the Club for a future which works for you.

You can be involved as a board member or as an official in the many operational functions of the Club.

There are numerous positions to fill - some require a small time commitment and some a larger one - some of you may be involved for 30 minutes, some for the next 30 years - whatever you are able to do, every little bit helps.

We have a great foundation but now is the time for fresh faces with fresh ideas to take the reins for the future.

Many of the current board and officials are ageing and are hoping to be able to hand over to a new generation with the coming of the new lease.

In addition to guiding the Club into the future you will receive credit points for attending meetings and performing operational work and all members of the board become registered board directors with ASIC.

If you or your adult children are interested in participating in any way we would love to see you at the June/July AGM.

Please let us know in advance so that we can arrange for catering.

Thanks in anticipation.

Your Club Board.

WORK PARTY REPORT MARCH 2015 - YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU

Do you want your club to continue with a new lease after October 2017?

Do you realise that a number of your Directors have been on the board since the club's origin over 30 years ago and may not be in a position to take it the next step. Your clubs needs new blood, new ideas, new abilities and enthusiasm to take it into the future. It needs you to consider the possibility of being a part of that body otherwise the club will languish through apathy and your children and grandchildren will not enjoy the amenities that you have enjoyed to date.

Do you realise what is involved in maintaining your club's Pygmy Possum Lodge to the standard that you enjoy.

A work party of 20 people has just spent a week completing that task.

It took one person 5 days to clean all the windows inside and out.

It took 4 ladies 5 days to thoroughly clean every room and bathroom.

It took one person 5 days to restock the food store to provide to supplies that you require.

It took 8 days to revarnish all the wood work on the east wing and most of the west wing.

It took 2 people 2 days to clean the refrigerators.

It took 3 people 5 days to clean and evenly stock both kitchens.

A plumber spent five days attending to all matters in that area.

Other people attended to electrical matters, carpentering and other general maintenance.

And so it goes on, grass cutting, outside painting, drain maintenance, carpet cleaning, vacuuming, dusting, spot removal from walls

Tellingly of those 20 people, only 5 were members. Of those 20, 16 were over 60 and of that 20 the average age of 8 was in the mid 70s.

One member and his wife have, for many years brought a number of their friends along. This year they brought 9. Not from any loyalty to the club, but because they enjoy the mountains the companionship and above all they are not adverse to hard work. Should they at any stage decide not to come, you can imagine how your lodge would look throughout the season. Unclean rooms and toilets, food store not stocked, repairs undone etc.

Your club does not just happen. It takes a lot of work and it needs people with enthusiasm and a commitment to the club to keep it happening.

Are you prepared to spend a week of hard work and fun in your year to ensure that your lodge is maintained in the manner that you like to see it. Don't leave it for someone else.

A major work party is held each year in March, usually a couple of weeks before Easter.

What you can do

If you think any of the bedroom equipment, such as doonas, mattress protectors, bath mats, etc., are not clean enough for your liking, there should be spares in one of the hallway cupboards.

Please change them and wash the offending item. Your lodge captain can assist you with coin for the washing machine.

These items are regularly washed by each work party but may need washing in between these times.

Please do not take items from one kitchen to the other.

If community items are short go to the food store for replacement and please do not leave your leftovers in the community cupboard for someone else to throw out. You may think others will use them but they usually don't and the result is clutter.