

Elouera Ski Club Ltd



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2015 MAY NEWSLETTER

We have postponed the May newsletter while we complete our accounts and reports for the Annual General Meeting. As a number of people have realised Geoff Mathie has had a number of health issues which have limited his participation in the club affairs. He is still determined to be part of the Board and maintains knowledge of the clubs Treasury and Secretarial duties.

To support his efforts Judy Jenkinson and Richard van Putten have joined the committee from April and taken on duties to support Geoff's roles with Mark Epper taking on the Treasurer Role. Until the AGM correspondence will still go to Geoff and Merrill's address and various people will take responsibility to act on the documents.

2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2015 Annual General Meeting has been rescheduled to the 28th July 2015 at Burwood RSL. As per the previous years the meeting will appoint members to the Board as per the attached agenda and will provide all club members with an update of the work the club has been during for the past year.

PLEASE NOTE WE SENT OUT AN EMAIL TO MEMBERS TO ADVISE THEM OF THE CHANGE TO AGM DATE, IF YOU DID NOT GET THIS NOTE AND WANT TO BE ABLE TO JUST GET IMPORTANT UPDATES YOU NEED TO CONTACT ME WITH YOR EMAIL ADDRESS ON information@eloueraskiclub.asn.au LET ME KNOW IF YOU ONLY WANT THE NEWSLETTERS.

PYGMY POSSUM 2015/16 BOOKINGS

The Board at its April meeting agreed to the accommodation rates for the summer 2015 to 2016. This period will start from the 20th September 2015 to the Sunday of the long weekend in June 2016.

Remember there are a lot of beds still available for this winter period and it is starting to look like a good season so complete you're planning and book a week down there.

Vacancies exist for most periods prior to winter with a couple of exceptions at both
Pygmy Possum 0425 256 255 – Gary
And Castaways 0425 247 616 – Marie

ELOUERA SKI CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT

Please find attached the clubs financial report for the year ending the 31 March 2015.

PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT

Thank you to the committee for their dedication and support throughout the year.

We have been able to balance our books and keep the club in a good financial position for the last financial year, although we had a cash surplus the Board has decided not to issue any credits for membership for the past year. Occupancy of the lodge during the ski season continues to fall and need to improve. More financial details will be provided by Treasurer.

With all the effort of the board and members the head lease for CPV was extended to 31 October 2017 and we were given the same extension by Kevin Blyton from CPV, however there have been no further developments in furthering a new lease. The new minister was requested for an update and responded with the attached reply.

The club could not exist without the support of our booking officers and last year was no different. Gary Jefferies and Maree Mathie have done an exceptional job, thank you both.

The Work Parties of volunteers, both members and guests, have put a number of weeks into the mechanical and housekeeping duties of up keeping Pygmy Possum as usual, while Terry Slattery has been organising maintenance at Castaways.

As I said last year the Board is not getting any younger and the workload remains with a few who have remained dedicated to the survival of the club. We need to look deep into ourselves and find that time needed to support the club by becoming an active member on the Board, especially in the gaining of a lease beyond 2017.

We have more members than ever before but there are a lot of members are not actively participating by using club facilities. We need to find ways to encourage participation by those not involved and encourage the offspring to use the family accommodation

We have 4 very good apartments at Shoal Bay, centrally located on the beach front, which are being rented on a regular basis but could be used a lot more by members and guests. The increased patronage of these units would help offset the issues at Pygmy Possum until they are resolved. These units are right on the beach and provide a lot of options for entertainment in a village atmosphere.

Geoff Mathie has suffered some ill health during the past year, he has found it necessary to hand over his duties to Mark Epper as Treasurer and Richard van Putten as Secretary, he will continue as a Director and will mentor Mark and Richard in the execution of their positions.

I would like to give special thanks to Geoff Mathie for his efforts to the club since its inception, and to Merrill for her continued support and assistance over many years. We all wish Geoff improved health and a speedy recovery.

One of our more active members Dusan Hora died, aged 69, in August 2014 near the end of a weekly marathon that he ran each week for 1026 weeks. Each Sunday he would run around the Northern Beaches or Ku-Ring-Gai National Park. Dusan was a keen skier and was very involved in maintaining the lodge, undertaking some major repairs where his architectural training came in very handy. He organised marathon runs from Pygmy Possum to Kosciusko summit. He had organised a marathon for Sunday 28 December 2014. So on Saturday 27 December those staying at Pygmy Possum took part in a remembrance of Dusan and a celebration of his life at the summit of Mount Kosciusko.

To all my fellow Board members thank you once again for your support and acceptance.

Peter Quinnell

Attached: Letter from the Honorary Mark Speakman, Minister for the Environment.