

# SKI TRACKS

NEWSLETTER of Elouera Ski Club

DECEMBER 2017

Pygmy Possum Lodge, Charlotte Pass  
Castaways Unit, Shoal Bay

**STOP PRESS:** Due to a number of cancellations there is plenty of space in Pygmy Possum Lodge during the first half of January. Book now to escape the crowds and enjoy the relative cool of the mountains this summer.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter.

As advised recently the lease on Pygmy Possum Lodge at Charlotte Pass has been extended for a further six months until the end of April 2018. This extension will enable sufficient time for us to negotiate a longer term lease with Charlotte Pass Village Pty Ltd, the head lessee.

In the interim, we have set the Lodge accommodation rates through until June 2019. Refer below. More details are on our website which continues to evolve and include more useful information and easier navigation for members and guests.

Membership subscription fees will be due in the first half of 2018 together with fees for lockers and trunks. Invoices will be sent out shortly. Please note that payment can easily be made via BPay.

As you know managing our Club relies heavily on volunteer support. Please consider if you can assist in any way. This year we have four new Board members who each bring new skills and ideas. For example we now have video conferencing at Board meetings to allow interstate and out of Sydney Board members to fully participate.

On behalf of the Board, we wish you and your family a safe and happy Christmas and many more years skiing at Charlotte Pass or beach holidays at our Shoal Bay Unit.

Ross Wheatley

## **NEW SUB LEASE FOR PYGMY POSSUM**

The club has commenced preliminary discussions regarding the new sub lease with Charlotte Pass Snow Resorts (CPSR), the head lessee, previously known as Charlotte Pass Village.

CPSR have provided a comprehensive view of the resort in the future which includes extended winter season through to the October long weekend, increased number of lifts, additional snow making equipment and upgraded transport in the winter months. The Chalet will also go through significant improvements including function rooms and year round café facilities starting in 2019.

At this stage the terms of the head lease have been agreed between the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH). The lease will be for just over 40 years commencing on 1

May 2018. Our club has been offered an exclusive sublease for our current building which contains a number of the back to back conditions to the head lease.

Our Lodge will continue to provide accommodation to members, guests and others. The land on which the Lodge is located will have Torrens Title which will allow us to use the land more effectively. The sublease will require the club to contribute to some of the capital works as well as annual fees. The contributions and fees will be similar to the current annual fees we pay.

The first step now is for OEH to conduct a survey of the village for the Torrens Title requirements and then arrange for property valuations, while we finalise the terms of the sublease with CPSR.

Once the Board know more we will communicate with members.

Richard van Putten, Secretary

#### **PYGMY POSSUM LODGE BOOKINGS 2018/19**

Next season's booking rates have been determined by the Board and are on the club website under the Pygmy Possum Ski Lodge menu. Priority bookings for members and their sponsored guests are open for Winter 2018. Get your booking submitted and fully paid for by Tuesday 20th February to ensure your 2018 ski trip. Remember that members get accommodation credit points for taking non-members to the Lodge.

Book using the Online Form at <http://www.eloueraskiclub.asn.au/bookings/> and pay via BPAY®.

Paper copies of booking sheets can be obtained by contacting the booking officer at [booking.officer@eloueraskiclub.asn.au](mailto:booking.officer@eloueraskiclub.asn.au) or phoning 0425 256 255 after 5pm. Completed forms with full payment can be posted to:

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#### **CHARLOTTE PASS SKI PACKAGES**

Full details of Charlotte Pass packages can be found at <http://www.charlottepass.com.au/lift-passes.html>

#### **FOODSTORE DOCKET and LODGE KEY RETURNS**

The Board would like to thank Lodge Captains for the prompt return of foodstore dockets and keys. This made administration tasks easier and enabled refunds of unused foodstore deposits to be made promptly.

To ensure refunds we need legible details of a bank account to direct credit the refund. Please note: We cannot refund to a credit card.

#### **LOCKERS and TRUNKS at PYGMY POSSUM LODGE**

The lockers and trunks for private storage at the lodge are available for hire to members. There are trunks and lockers available now. To request a locker or trunk, send email to [information@eloueraskiclub.asn.au](mailto:information@eloueraskiclub.asn.au). The cost for locker and trunk hire remains unchanged at \$50 (inc GST) per year for a locker and \$20 (incl GST) per year for a trunk. The invoices for the coming three year period were sent by email to the current lessees of storage on 9th December. If you have the use of a locker or trunk and you have not received an emailed invoice contact us immediately. Failure to pay on time may result in the storage facility being forfeited.

#### **MEMBER'S ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

There is a minimal increase in the Annual Subscription fee to \$55 (incl GST). The invoice for the year from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 will be sent in early February 2018.

The Board has reluctantly decided that payments for subscriptions and storage **cannot** be made using accommodation credit points. The club has significant financial obligations including electricity and sewage services at Pygmy Possum Lodge and therefore needs a cash flow to ensure funds are available. It should be noted that membership rights will be suspended if fees remain outstanding.

#### **HELPING WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF YOUR CLUB**

The Board members of the Elouera Ski Club have the responsibility of running the club on a viable basis in order to provide the services to its members as outlined in the "Articles of Association" of the club. (The <http://eloueraskiclub.asn.au/membership/> web page has a link to the "Articles of Association".) The work done by the Board and other nominated club members includes:

- keep the club accounts;
- maintain the club records;
- maintain the buildings and their contents;
- manage the bookings from Application, to Offer, to Confirmed, to Completed or Cancelled;
- manage the accounts of the bookings;
- process the returns/accounts from lodge captains;
- run the food store – stocking, stock taking, post booking accounting;
- produce newsletters, plus email and post to members;
- manage members subscription payments
- manage locker and trunk holdings, and the payments of their fees;
- maintain the club website; and
- produce and maintain computer software to support many of the club's administrative actions.

Pygmy Possum Lodge and Castaways low accommodation costs are possible only by the support of members and friends who volunteer their time and expertise to ensure the smooth running of the club.

#### **Can you help?**

The Board is seeking additional support and backup in a number of areas. Volunteers are rewarded with accommodation credit points.

##### **1. Administrative Assistance**

The majority of the day to day administration for the club is managed via a web interface. Anyone with a laptop or home computer system and a reliable internet connection could for

example help with bookings management, Lodge Captains returns processing, or administering the subscriptions and locker and trunk payments. We seek someone with good attention to detail who is comfortable with learning and using web interfaces to provide assistance in these areas on an as needs basis. You would receive extensive support to learn the system. Please contact [information@eloueraskiclub.asn.au](mailto:information@eloueraskiclub.asn.au) to offer your help.

## **2. Information Technology Support for the Club**

The club's website is hosted on a virtual server "in the cloud". It is run using a linux operating system, MySQL database and PHP and Python scripts. If you are interested in acting as an assistant administrator of this system, please contact [information@eloueraskiclub.asn.au](mailto:information@eloueraskiclub.asn.au) and Judy Jenkinson will contact you to discuss the role you would like to play.

## **3. What Else Would You Like to Do for the Club?**

Is there something you would like to see the club do, but it just isn't happening? Please contact [information@eloueraskiclub.asn.au](mailto:information@eloueraskiclub.asn.au) to offer your ideas, and your help if possible.

## **UPDATES**

### **Facebook**

Don't forget we have a Facebook page, so load your photos and stories and share with your family and friends. <https://www.facebook.com/PygmyPossumLodge>

### **Transfer of Memberships**

New active members are essential for the revitalisation of our club as we enter a new exciting era. If you no longer use the club's accommodation think about transferring your membership to your children or selling some or all of your shares. Contact [information@eloueraskiclub.asn.au](mailto:information@eloueraskiclub.asn.au) if you would like to sell some or all of your shares.

## **LOST MEMBERS**

The club has lost contact with the following members. If you know them could you please provide the club secretary with information as to their address or phone number so that we can get in contact with them.

- Elizabeth Young formerly from Bungendore
- Lindsay McGregor formerly from Warrimoo
- Peter Fitzhardinge formerly from Christchurch NZ
- Brian Malone formerly from Kiama Downes
- Steven Smith formerly from Pymble
- Joseph Ficara formerly from Five Dock