

# SKI TRACKS

**NEWSLETTER of Elouera Ski Club**

**MAY 2017**

**Pygmy Possum Lodge, Charlottes Pass  
Castaways Units, Shoal Bay**

## *PRESIDENT'S REPORT*

Welcome to our latest newsletter. The cooler weather of recent weeks means winter is just around the corner and it is only one month until the official start to the 2017 ski season.

Bookings for the Lodge for this season have been steady. There is still room if you are considering a trip to the lodge this winter, however we encourage you to make your booking soon. There is plenty of availability for the period 16 July to 6 August and limited availability at other times.

The Lodge is in good condition for the season following an extensive working bee in March. Some further work is being done later this month to address some of the damp issues we have experienced in recent years including replacement of some beds.

Note that the National Parks is introducing a new electronic fee collection at KNP to improve the visitor experience although there will be no change to how fees are collected for the 2017 ski season.

The Board has recently approved amendments to the Club's By Laws to more accurately reflect our activities and revised processes.

Looking forward to seeing you at the AGM on 27 June 2017.

## *BOOKINGS AT THE LODGE*

The online booking system is easy to use. You only need to choose a period where accommodation is available, and make a booking. Note that Food store payment must be made at time of the booking. Members get bonus credit points for taking non-members to the Lodge. Remember that bookings are Sunday to Sunday.

The preferred and simplest method of booking is via Online Bookings at <http://www.eloueraskiclub.asn.au/bookings/> and payment 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:

ESC Bookings  
PO Box 3157  
Thornton NSW 2322

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## *TIPS FOR MAKING LARGE GROUP BOOKINGS*

The online booking system has a feature that allows you to link together multiple booking applications under the same booking ID. If you are the group leader, first make your booking, then supply the booking ID number that is returned to you to the rest of your group. Other party members then fill in their own form linking to your booking. If your other party members want to use a separate Food store docket, they need to have a separate (but linked) booking.

## *CHARLOTTE PASS SKI PACKAGES*

Charlotte Pass Resort ski packages come in four age groups: 0-4; 5-13; 14-64 and 65+. Children under 4 ski for free. Full details can be found at

<http://www.charlottepass.com.au/resort-packages.html>

### ***FOOD STORE DOCKET RETURNS***

A new simpler process has been introduced for the refund of Food store deposits. In order to get your refund as quickly as possible please ensure dockets are completed legibly including bank account details for direct credit of refund and given to your lodge captain before you leave the Lodge.

Please note: We cannot refund to a credit card.

### ***LODGE KEY RETURNS***

If you have a set of lodge keys please return them to 53 Bridge Rd Blaxland as quickly as possible for the start of the winter season

### ***FACEBOOK***

Check out the photos of the early April snowfall on our Facebook page. It's a great way to share your photos and stories and share with your family, friends.

<https://www.facebook.com/PygmyPossumLodge>

### ***CHARLOTTE PASS LEASE***

The NSW Office for Environment and Heritage (OEH) have now entered the Request for Tender process: January-June 2017. Unfortunately there is not much further to report at this stage.

The Request for tender process is where shortlisted tenderers are invited to submit a tender proposal based on an Invitation for Tender by OEH. Tenderer submissions will be evaluated to identify the best value for money submission, against pre-agreed non-price and price related criteria.

The implementation of new management arrangements is expected in October 2017  
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/alpineresorts/>

### ***TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIPS***

In the past year a number of members have transferred their membership/s to other family members and this is leading to a revitalization of membership to younger members. We also had some new members join and we welcome them to our club.

If you haven't used the lodge for a number of years, now might be the time to transfer your membership to another family member, child or grandchild.

### ***AGM NOTICE TO MEMBERS***

The AGM will be held on **27 June, 2017** at the Burwood Club, 96 Shaftesbury Rd, Burwood.

Note that a number of vacancies exist on the Board. Now is an ideal time for younger club members to become more actively involved in the running and direction of the club while gaining valuable skills.

There are also opportunities to assist with operational functions.

You also gain credit points if you help with the running of club. If you would like to discuss how you can help please contact either Ross Wheatley on 0411 202 062 or Richard van Putten on 0417 236 365.

We would love to see you or your adult children at the June AGM. Please let us know in advance so that we can arrange for catering

### ***PYGMY POSSUM LODGE WORKING BEE MARCH 2017***

The working bee in March 2017 prepared the lodge for the winter season. A number of people worked hard cleaning all the rooms including the kitchen, completing the painting to the outside of the building, shampooing the carpets, checking all heaters and electrics and restocking the foodstore and introducing new products.

## **FOODSTORE**

Thank you to all those who responded to the survey on the food store post the 2016 winter season. We were not able to act on all the suggestions but we have enhanced the range of food available e.g. with some extra varieties of pasta (including gluten free), brown, basmati and arborio rice, curry paste, tinned coconut milk, whole grain mustard, chick peas, kidney beans, tinned beetroot, pasta sauces and tomato paste, olive oil, jars of olives, smoked oysters, rice crackers, Jatz biscuits, sweet biscuits, tinned cream. Photos of the available stock and the food store docket with the list of items is available from <http://eloueraskiclub.asn.au/lodges/PygmyPossum/facilities/food.php>. Please use the food store, it is there for your benefit and we cannot justify a wider range of stock if it is not used

## **LOCKERS AND TRUNKS**

Graeme Sawtell has finalised a review of the allocation of lockers and trunks. If you would like to be placed on the waiting list for lockers and trunks, please send an email to [information@eloueraskiclub.asn.au](mailto:information@eloueraskiclub.asn.au) Annual cost is \$20 trunks and \$50 for lockers.

## **CASTAWAYS SHOAL BAY**

The club retains a four bedroom apartment at Shoal Bay that is available for rent. Details of accommodation rates and booking can be found at [Castaways Rates and Booking](#)

## **DO YOU HAVE HISTORICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE LODGE?**

As we approach the finalisation of the new lease process and transfer of membership to younger members is becoming more frequent, we are in danger of losing much of the early history of the lodge. So if you have documents or photographs about the lodge's early days, please send it to [information@eloueraskiclub.asn.au](mailto:information@eloueraskiclub.asn.au)

## **UPGRADED BY LAWS 2017**

The Board at its March meeting has reviewed and approved the Bylaws with amendments and inclusions based on the existing

documents and a fresh look at the future direction of the club. The new Bylaws have been placed on the Website for all club members to read and understand. It should be remembered that the club has always used the Memorandum of Articles of the Association and the By Laws to rule the way the club operates.

The Memorandum can only be changed by all the members through the AGM or a special meeting. The Bylaw's provide more clarity about the internal operation of the club and are changes by the full Board of Directors meeting who then approve the changes.

The some changes to the Bylaw's will provide a new direction for the club and are detailed below:

1. Allocation of Credits has been restricted for the short period to those working for the club or bringing a number of non-members to stay at our lodgings. The allocation of credits for membership units was stopped some years ago and was never intended to continue in the same form with the acquisition of the new lease. The By Laws still leave a provision to provide membership credits in the future.
2. The lodge captains at Pygmy Possum will from now on be awarded credits if they are responsible for more than two family groups. This is in recognition of the work they have done while on their own holiday at the lodge. The Board retains the right to allocate these points when they have determined that the lodge captain has provide a satisfactory service.
3. Guests who turn up to the lodge on the day requesting accommodation will only be granted accommodation if they are seen to be responsible adults and they will be required to pay an additional fee of \$20 or 10% of the cost of the stay, depending on which is greater, for our willingness to accept them in the lodge.
4. The Board has decided to remove associates and affiliates from our membership lists as the new lease will require an accurate list of potential people who will use the lodgings for the benefit of the park and it will make our accounting much simpler in our upgrade web database management.