

June 2005

# Elouera Ski Club Ltd



Pygmy Possum Lodge, Charlotte Pass Village  
Kosciusko National Park  
&  
Castaways Units, Shoal Bay

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## NEWSLETTER

The Annual General Meeting was held on 21st June 2005 with just **Two (2)** members other than the Board in attendance.

Treasurer Geoff Mathie explained our financial position, emphasising the value of the Shoal Bay Units is listed in our accounts at around \$800,000, whereas today's estimated real value (by PRD) is between \$1.8M & \$2.2M (an extra \$1M to \$1.4M), this more than covers losses indicated in our accounts.

The Board welcomes Marcus White to its happy throng and bids farewell to Pat Martin and Peter Paske who did not offer themselves for re-election.

Geoff Mathie paid Tribute to Pat Martin and Ray Barnes (who had previously resigned in March due to ill health) along with a brief history of Elouera Ski Club as both Pat and Ray have contributed to the successful operation of the Club from the beginning back in the early 1980s.

Since the AGM we have also lost the services of Keith Kennedy who, those members who have made bookings at Castaways will have contacted, as Keith has been ably doing the Castaways Bookings since Jack retired from the post. Thank you Keith.

The Grey Nomad to be (Ian Warlters) is still on the Board however is about to embark on a Grey Nomad experience and will not be doing the Pygmy Possum bookings after August.

**No NEED TO PANIC**, Gary and Norrie Jeffery have offered to take over from Ian.  
Special thanks to Gary & Norrie.

The Club has 3 Bat phones to cover all contingencies the numbers of which have not changed.

The phone numbers are Pygmy Possum Bookings (02) 8715 6255  
Castaways Bookings (02) 9441 2039  
For all other inquires (02) 9441 2030

If the phone is unanswered please leave a clear and concise message (speak slowly) and we will get back to you, 'your call is important to us'. These phones can be passed from one person to another if required.

## **IMPORTANT**

## **NEW BOOKING PROCEDURES**

To make a booking please contact the relevant Booking Officer, to confirm that the dates that you require, are available. Complete a Booking Form in detail with date required, the names of all persons in your party, children's ages and relationship to member, bed preference, including your M/S number and any credits offered.

A booking may be relet if you have not forwarded written confirmation and money within 7 days.

**Send completed Form along with remittance (payable to "ELOUERA SKI CLUB LTD")**

To

**ELOUERA SKI CLUB LTD  
4 LEUMEAH CLOSE  
WEST PENNANT HILLS NSW 2125**

## **PYGMY POSSUM BOOKINGS**

**At the time of writing (29<sup>th</sup> July) vacancies exist in most weeks for the remainder of the season.  
So make up your mind or a friends mind and make a booking before it is too late.  
Summer Bookings are also invited for October 2005 through to May 2006**

### **CREDIT POINTS**

How about earning yourself some credit points by telling all your friends about the benefits of Pygmy Possum Lodge, (you get credit points for helping them to experience the facilities of your Lodge). It is important that accommodation in our Lodge is utilised to its maximum. Summer bookings are open and are starting to come in already.

### **SHOAL BAY**

Bookings are also available at Castaways / Shoal Bay by the week or just a couple of days; you also earn points by booking your friends into these units.  
Ring 02 9441 2039

### **MEMBERS LOANS**

Have you considered lending the Club money to build up your Credits? (All loan money is used for repaying other borrowings). (Current rate of \$ value is 5.3%)  
Ring Geoff Mathie 02 9441 2030 for details.

### **ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

We are now involved in a monitoring Programme to assist in our desire to obtain a new lease in the foreseeable future.

All members and guests are requested to assist by conserving energy whenever possible, and sorting garbage into its correct bins, bottles & cans (in green bags), paper & cardboard (in cardboard boxes), landfill type (in black bags).

The club is phasing out all unfriendly chemicals and will only be supplying acceptable cleaners and detergents in the future.

**Remember when holidaying**

### **PYGMY POSSUM IS A SMOKE FREE LODGE**

**(Smoking is only permitted outside the Building & you are required to "Bin Your Butts")**

**GO SLOW ON THE H2O (especially HOT)**

**KEEP WINDOWS AND DOORS CLOSED (TO MINIMISE HEAT LOSSES)**

**YOU ARE A PRIVILIDGED PERSON TO BE ABLE TO USE OUR FACILITIES PLEASE  
TREAT THEM WITH RESPECT AND ASSIST WHENEVER YOU CAN.**

**Current Members of the Board of Directors are**

**Ross Sutherland (President)**

**Alexander Bailey**

**Doug Chapman**

**Mark Gillett**

**Geoff Mathie (Treasurer) ph 9441 2030**

**John Mawbey**

**John Redpath**

**Merril Ross (Secretary)**

**Graeme Sawtell**

**John Springett**

**Ian Warlters**

**Marcus White**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT  
Year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005

This has been another successful year without the major problems associated with natural disasters (bushfires), equipment failure or maintenance and health issues (sewerage shutdown and water shortage due to holes in the water supply).

Thank you very much to the members of the board for your continued hard work in keeping the major functions of the Club operational and for your commitment, time and effort in ensuring the success of Elouera Ski Club.

There are two very special board members whom I'd like to acknowledge. Both are original founding members who have devoted a great deal of time, effort and expertise within the Club and both have been members in excess of twenty years.

The first is our outgoing President – Ray Barnes. Ray has retired due to ill health. I would like to publicly recognise Ray's more than twenty years of influence in all aspects of the establishment of Elouera Ski Club, from the initial planning stage to the completion of the Club and the maintenance and upkeep of the Club that we see and enjoy today. I would like to wish Ray, his wife and children all the very best for their future. In recognition of Ray's contribution to the Club since its inception, the board recently presented a clock/plaque on behalf of the members.

Then there's Pat Martin, thank you Pat for your more than twenty years of tireless effort in looking out for the members of the Club, your ongoing pursuit of improving the facilities and furnishings of Pygmy Possum Lodge and castaways buildings and for being such a proactive Director. I wish you all the very best for your future.

Major achievements of the Club over the past year include:

- Ongoing development of Governance within Elouera Ski Club which has resulted in the review and update of club policies and practices, development of roles and responsibilities for Directors and the board, strategic planning, risk management, OH&S and Code of Conduct. We have recently formed a governance committee to continue this work.
- Environmental Management System and lease renewal – a meeting was organised earlier this year with members from all lodges in Charlotte Pass Village. This meeting ensured that we established a common understanding in developing our plan to extend our lease. A positive and proactive meeting with strong satisfaction from attendees, many of whom had not been totally aware of the needs and expectations of a Plan of Management (POM). As a result, we have established clearer lines of communication with all lodges through the Charlotte Pass Lodges Association of lease renewal expectations and a strong link with National Parks and Wildlife (NP&W). Pygmy Possum Lodge has been identified as being the best performing lodge within Charlotte Pass Village in terms of energy efficiency.
- Working Parties – Thank you to everyone involved in the work party for Pygmy Possum Lodge. There were approximately eighteen members and non-members

who attended with the necessary skills required to complete the maintenance works identified. All urgent repair work has been completed. Currently we are upgrading furnishings and bedding. We are already developing a list of jobs for next year. The ongoing upgrade of the lodge and units at Castaways continue to be a priority.

- Castaways Units – carport repairs will be carried out utilising sinking funds, quotes have been received for the upgrade of balconies for units 2, 3 and 5. The hot water service in unit 8 has been adjusted, the washing machine has been repaired and the electricity supply authority will remove electricity supply wires from the street in front of the building.
- Financial management – the Club continues to be soundly managed. Financial reports were sent to all members through the mail. The Club has finally received satisfactory settlement from the insurance company over the sewerage treatment plant failure in 2001.

Thank you for the work and patronage of all members in making our club a great place to be part of. Let's hope that we have more good news with a great snow season ahead and continued good health.

Regards  
Ross Sutherland