

BE WARNED
NATIONAL PARKS AND COUNCIL MAY MAKE RANDOM BED COUNT
INSPECTIONS TO THE LODGE - DO NOT EXCEED LEGAL SAFETY LIMIT

IMPORTANT BOOKING PROCEDURES

To make a booking at Pygmy Possum please do it online booking on the website www.eloueraskiclub.asn and include all relevant information in the remarks at the bottom of the form, if you specifically wish to be with other people make sure you use the same booking ID number, otherwise our remote mind readers may miss the extremely important fact that you could not survive a weeks holiday with that person in the other wing. 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 Cheque (payable to "ELOUERA SKI CLUB LTD" Or Visa or MasterCard

To ELOUERA SKI CLUB LTD
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 WEST PENNANT HILLS NSW 2125

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 Ring Gary 0425 256 255

WORKING PARTY - 25th October to 1st November 2010

Peter is again organising a working party to descend on Pigmy Possum lodge in late October to fix the things that got broke during the winter and to get the regular maintenance items attended too. If there are any members out there that have a spare week to spend on the lodge and have specific skills could they please contact Peter Quinnell on 9521 4562 or (0419 149 346). Please leave a clear message on answering machine if Peter does not answer.

SKI TRACKS

August 2010

PRESIDENTS REPORT

by Richard van Putten

The club had its Annual General Meeting on the 22nd June 2010. It was good to see the bigger number of people attend and to talk to the Board Members on the night about club issues. I am pleased to announce that we have a new Board Member in Terry Slattery who will take on maintenance duties for the Castaway Lodge. What was also good to hear was the number of people who discussed the possibility of joining the Board in the future? We have a number of vacant positions on the Board so when you decide please come to some of our regular meetings to see how it works.



The snow season has started slowly but did we have some big dumps in early August. This is traditional for our field and with the amount of snow now under ski, it should mean we have snow on the ground into October. The ski lifts will need to close on the 19th September again this year as it is very hard to keep staff after this period and the village has not had the occupancy to justify keeping the lifts open for the late season snow that always seems to fall.

For us cross country skiers that means we have the slopes to ourselves so don't be shy, if you book a week from 20th Sept to Mid October you are reasonably certain of getting some good skiing in and if not there is fantastic high country walking that is easy to reach from the lodge, knowing that you can get back easily for a nice relaxing cup of tea or soup depending on your preferences.

I would like to point out that the position of Lodge Captain for the week you are down the snow is a very important one for our club, as this is the only way we can keep the rates as low as we do. The Lodge Captain needs the other club members to help them to make everybody's visit perfect from the lodge's perspective. The lodge captains duties are not finished when they leave the lodge. Please help the lodge captain by reporting things that break, people who lose their self-control and others that need help with the lodge tasks.

SPECIAL DEAL!

BOOK 12th to 19th SEPTEMBER

(Last week of lifts)

Elouera Ski club will refund your
OVERSNOW
TRANSPORT COSTS!
 from Perisha to Charrlottes Pass



BOOK RELEASE

We have been fortunate to be a sponsor of a new book 'Take A Walk in Kosciuszko National Park' which retails at RRP \$34.95. The club members are able to purchase the book for \$31.50 postage paid. The book has been selling well and we have just received a new shipment from the supplier. It is an excellent book of the current available walks in the National Park and also contains lots of good info on the area, so please give Geoff a ring to reserve your copy.

CLUB ISSUES

MEMBERS LOANS

Have you considered lending the Club money to build up your Credits?
 (All loan money is used for repaying other borrowing). (Current rate of \$ value is 6.3%)
 If no loan money comes in we will just re-borrow back from the Bank.
 Ring Geoff Mathie 0425 216 477 for details.

NEW LEASE FOR CHARLOTTE PASS VILLAGE

The new lease is still some time off for the village and the sub leases for each of the lodges. However, there is a lot of planning going on in the background that we are not full appreciative of and require us to support the village in a number of areas, including patronage, skiing the slopes and management of our lodge, garbage collection sewage waste, water management and to no small amount the power we use in the lodge. We do not expect to see the new lease until 2012 at the earliest so there is a lot more to be done.

Individual Board members have put a lot of time into getting these things working more effectively and ensuring that the village knows we are behind their efforts. Below there is an article on the power consumption of the lodge which had been going very good for a long time, but one of the guest this year has taken it upon himself to change the good work which has now increased the consumption significantly.

PYGMY POSSUM LODGE

We have just received a new electricity bill the price went up again on the 1st July 2010 making a 100% total price rise since March this year - that means double the cost (around \$10,000.00) as long as we don't use any more electricity.

The new preferred heating is by using the Air Conditioners as they give us between two and three times the heat per kilowatt as the electric heaters, however someone at this stage unknown has plugged the 15amp plug on one of the heaters into a 10 Amp Power Point, (they won't normally fit but by forcing the plug and breaking the Power Point they will). This Power point is controlled by a timer, which is limited to 10 Amps, fortunately it was found in time before the timer caught fire. The timer and the Power Point (about \$90.00 plus labour) will have to be replaced on our next work Party.

The fans for the electric heaters are plugged into the scanners near each heater, someone has also unplugged the scanner and plugged the fan directly into the power point which will blow all of the heat out off the heater when the heat is not required and cause overheating of the lodge for a short time.

If you think that the heating is not working properly, check that all units are plugged in and turned on (except the heater under the Air Conditioner in the lounge area which is only to be used if the Air Cond fails). Persons have been known to unplug the air conditioner so that they could plug in their computer or computer games unfortunately they have not re-plugged the air conditioner (this power point is controlled by a thermostat so that it will only work when everybody is getting cold.

If you are having a problem with the heating PLEASE ring using the free call number in the phone booth.

Also if one of the safety switch type Circuit Breakers trips it requires to be completely switched off before it can be reset.



ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

We are involved in a monitoring Program 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 to be emptied directly into Yellow Skip (do not include the plastic bag) just up the road in the old turning circle, paper & cardboard in the Blue Skip (again no plastic bags), other garbage, landfill type (in black bags) bags & all.

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

CASTAWAYS UNITS SHOAL BAY

Construction work on the back yard and carports is now in progress at last. 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 Natalie 0425 247 616

BOOKING OFFICER

I would like to thank Gary our booking manger as he has managed to keep up his fine booking work while he has been traveling between Sydney and Melbourne. His son Callan was in a critical condition in a Melbourne hospital following an horrific car accident, he still needs a lot of rehabilitation but is no longer on the endangered species list, and we thank all those who have asked about Callan's progress.

BOOKINGS Special deal for 12th to 19th September (Last week of lifts)

The lifts will be closing down on the 19th September and we are organising a special discount of transport from Perisher via oversnow to the lodge for all who book for 5-7 days of that last week only. To get this deal you will need to book the week the normal way and the club will refund your transport costs on your return.

For those yet to go skiing you can purchase half day lift tickets at 12 noon for use after 12.30pm (this is not very well publicised so you may have to do some insisting).

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

The phone numbers are:

Pygmy Possum Bookings	0425 256 255
Castaways Bookings	0425 247 616
For all other inquires	0425 216 477

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.

