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Presidents Ramblings

This report again sees me on the defensive. We are looking for nominations for Directors and we have two of the previous Directors not standing at all this year. We will find it hard to have a Corum. The club will need to make further difficult decisions in the next few months as we get closer to the new leasing arrangements with NPWS and Charlottes Pass Village.

We have continued to work closer with the village and have now installed the TV screen so that skiers will know what is happening with lifts and transport in during the week and in the difficult weather conditions. The screen will be located in the Games room so please be careful with playing sports in that room.

Thank you to all those who have booked for the winter, it is great to see us getting more beds filled and therefore improve our accounts. I am sure this has the potential to be another good year for the snow; hopefully we get lots of nice sunny days as well. The village has installed new snow making equipment which should also help around the base of the lifts.

Shoal Bay is the next major challenge to get our members to start using the accommodation more. We have just put in new windows in Unit 8 and Terry and Jan have been slowly doing maintenance to improve the looks of the other units. The next change will be the repainting of the bath room which is currently being organised with a local painter. If you have not seen the "get away" program on Channel 7 then you would have missed some of the fun things you can do at Port Stevens. Have a look on the podcasts. AGM is to be held the 4th Tuesday in June, please come along and talk to the Directors.

If you have some spare time then please nominate for a position, learn during the first year and hopefully make it a habit as we will be losing more of our long term dynamic leaders in the next few years and the club can only survive on a full complement of Directors.

Richard van Putten

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Treasurers Report

Unfortunately this year there seems to be a reluctance to book the end of July and early August the snow at this time of year tends to be dryer and more powdery and your club needs these weeks to be booked either by members or non members to ensure that we have a cash surplus each year (last financial year was the second year that we have had a cash deficit (\$8.5K), the first year was the year the Sewage Treatment Plant failure closed the village).

The drop in 2011 winter accommodation was in excess of \$30,000.00, which is a bit of a shock to the financial position.

All priority bookings were successful although some of the larger group had to take their second choice. There are still vacancies in most weeks especially first week of the July school holidays and the mid season end of July and early August (bookings graph available on the web site). Members booking non members into the lodge earn additional credits.

We are now approaching the time that the club will probably be offered a new lease, the terms and cost of which are unknown and as financial institutions do not lend money on the value of assets, they will only lend on the basis of profitability (ability to repay the loan from the asset that they lend the money). We have our units at Shoal Bay which are saleable if the need arises. We have a Westpac business loan with \$80K still owing, this loan matures in 2014 so we would like to have cleared ASAP.

Guests who paid their accommodation with a Visa or Mastercard will normally receive their refund by a refund back to the same credit card as long as it is still current.

There are still some food dockets not returned from last winter, remember no docket, no refund.

Food dockets should also be complete with address, if you do not use any food, we still require the docket.



PYGMY POSSUM LODGE

We have increased the time that our heaters & Hot Water Services are on the cheaper OP rate so that this should also help our electricity bill extra for Carbon Tax is still unknown (somewhere between \$2.5K and 12.5K pa).

We are required to install RCDs (safety switches) on most electrical circuits in the lodge (50) (most of these have already been installed RRP about \$200.00 each) this work has been carried out by licensed trade persons during work parties over the last couple of years.

We still have seven original HWSs still in service the spares in the lodge were purchased to replace the ones reported as leaking – they were not installed as the leaks turned out to be condensation due to a faulty de-humidifier in west wing drying room (damaged by someone placing something over the heater side of unit).

A reminder please keep the curtains in the rear of the Games Room open in winter to allow snow melt back from windows as if no heat gets to these windows the snow pressure on the glass will break it.

We are grateful to all those members who

acted as Lodge Captains (Wing Commanders), this is hopefully not a difficult job as long as all the others assist in everyway possible, please remember that they are also on holidays, and it might be your turn next year.

MEMBERS LOANS TO THE CLUB

If Members wish to lend the club money or add additional money to their Loan now, Credits earned to the end of March will be added to your Balance and will be available for 2013 Bookings.

Thank you again for all those members who have participated, your credits have been added to your accommodation credits, if you would like more information or have any queries or problems please ring me at any reasonable time on:
02 9875 2665

Money lent to the club is used to reduce the money that we owe the bank, interest is granted in the form of accommodation credits, the equivalent interest rate as from 1/4/2012 is 6.21%, this rate is determined by the bank Interest charged on our Accounts at the time, Loans are till the 1st April in the following year and notice to withdraw should be made in writing prior to 31st March in the current year otherwise the loan is reinvested till the following year.

If you wish to Deposit more funds to build up more Credits please use the form attached and forward cheques made out to:

“Elouera Ski Club Ltd”

And send to:

4 Leumeah Close
West Pennant Hills NSW 2125

Geoff Mathie
(Hon. Treasurer)

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MEMBERS LOANS TO THE CLUB

I.....M/S No.....being a member of Elouera Ski Club Ltd wish to lend the club an amount of \$.....and enclose a cheque / Money Order for that amount.

I understand that I will be granted Accommodation Credit Points at a rate determined from time to time by the board of directors of the club. I also understand that I may redeem these points for any of the clubs products, eg. Accommodation at Pygmy Possum, or Castaways, or Annual Subscriptions, etc.

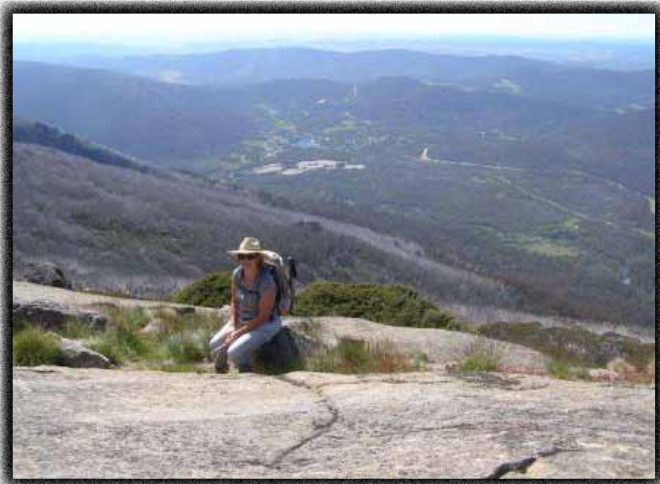
Signed.....

Date.....

March 2012 Work Party report

A well attended work party was held in March 2012, the group consisted of 3 directors & 2 spouses, 6 members & 3 spouses and 6 guests, many of these are the same people that attend all our work parties.

We experienced the first snow fall for the season on Friday morning March 23.



The following is a list of jobs done, it is possibly not conclusive:

INDOORS

Spring cleaned all bedrooms & all en-suites, Reported noisy fans and bed lamps requiring attention, Checked strip heaters, Washed and Ironed all doona covers and pillow slips, Washed and checked all pillow protectors & all mattress protectors, Cleaned shower curtains and bath mats, lamp shades & all "S" bends on hand basins Cleaned & Oiled en-suite fans, Cleaned ladies toilet, Vacuumed all hallways stairs and quiet lounges, Cleaned all chairs & upstairs store cupboards.

Cleaned all stoves, inside and behind, range hoods & range hood Filters, Checked oven doors for closing, Defrosted & cleaned Fridges and Freezer, inside, outside and back, Checked correct position of Heater element in Fridge drip trays, Checked thermostats in fridges for correct Temp (4degC) range setting & marked setting position, Re-fixed name plate to Fridge W12 13 14, Cleaned kitchen window surrounds, tiles and benches, Re-fixed noise abatement coating to sink drain boards. Cleaned and sorted saucepan cupboards, china cupboards, all drawers, all glasses (Stock took all items) and allocated evenly between wings, Washed kitchen floors & all place mats, Scrubbed all

table cloths in Dining Rooms, Cleaned light fittings in Dining/Lounge Room, Cleaned downstairs toilets, drying rooms, Laundry, Entrance Foyer.& all other cupboards, Restocked Food store & did a stock take.

Upholstered six Chairs for Games room, repaired damaged chair in E6 & damaged chairs from Dining Rooms, Cleaned all Windows, Checked cots & cot mattresses, Checked all room keys, Stock took supply cupboards

Label Air Conditioner Remotes (To be set at 28 C) & (Do Not Turn Off), Serviced Water Filter & Back Washed, Mounted Maintenance book holder on wall for water filter (complete with Manual) in Service Tunnel

OUTDOORS

Cut grass around entire building as requested by environmental officer from CP village and NPWLS, Pruned trees away from building, Painted Fascia boards where possible before it rained & snowed, Painted front entry stairs, Deepened Storm water Diversions at rear of both wings. Painted all green hand rails & seats on lounge verandahs

ELECTRICAL

Fitted new Thermostat To Fridge W 12 13 14, Replaced GPO in WW upper hallway, Checked all hot water services for leaks, Fitted Trays under HWS 3 & 4 in WW. Installed 2 RCD GPOs in kitchens, Replaced GPOs with GPOs with neons in WW, Installed RCDs to cover laundry, Installed RCD on circuit 12 in Lounge Rooms, Checked & Tagged leads and equipment, Emergency lighting checked & new batteries fitted as required, Replaced faulty Exit Light in foyer. Numbered wires in switchboards not already done, Checked Air Conditioners & all Unidare heater fan motors, replacing one faulty motor, then repaired the faulty motor, Checked & serviced drying room fan heaters, & dehumidifiers, manufactured a mounting bracket to fit larger motor to replace faulty fan in WW unit, saving the expenditure of \$999 for a new unit.

Checked all air time delay switches, Repaired Fluro in WW Foyer. Checked Telephone for operation, (decided to replace with new unit.)

Thank you to all for the great job done on behalf of all members.

Peter Quinnell

Pygmy Possum Lodge – Environment Update

Pygmy Possum Lodge continues to lead in environmental innovation and performance with recent recognition of its continued outstanding energy conservation achievements.

The club was one of the first to adopt the draft environmental management system put forward by CPV and now maintains its own policies and targets to work within the overall environmental requirements.

There has long been recognition in the resort that dam capacity is limited and during dry periods has occasionally resulted in closure of the resort. The challenge is how we can help to better manage water conservation particularly now that the recently amended Parks Plan of Management prevents the construction of any new reservoirs with the exception of those required for National Park's service requirements.

A further amendment to that plan encourages water conservation, recycling and reuse though adopting appropriate measures such as:

- Reduced water consumption;
- Effluent recycling;
- Stormwater capture and reuse;
- Demand management; and
- Efficient water management practices.

If you have a practical idea about how the club can improve water management at the Lodge please contact Alexander at

alexander@experience.com.au



Late Season Family Fun

Again dont forget the end of season snow!

Its great for families and friends to enjoy on a budget.

The lifts are closed but that doesnt stop you enjoying some bush walking, cross country skiing, tabogan racing and snow ball fights!



Castaways at Shoal Bay

Escape and relax at our Castaways budget accomodation, with your choice of going as a family, large group or as a couple. Only 2 hours from Sydney and beach front accomodation, Shoal bay has many things to offer, from relaxation to adventure. Some of the experiences include:

- Indulge in one of the four Shoal Bay beachfront restaurants and five bars.
- Relax and pamper yourself in the Shoal Bay Resort & Spa. Only a short walk across road from Castaways accomodation.
- Looking for something with more adventure or a new experience, Port Stephens has a large range of activities from sailing, jet skiing, diving, parasailing, fishing, dolphin and whale watching through to championship golf courses, bush walking, cycling and horse riding in the National Parks, quad biking and 4x4 driving on the Sand Dunes, Hunter Valley wine tours and more...

How to Book:

Simply ring Lyn on 0425 247 616