

# SKI TRACKS

**NEWSLETTER of Elouera Ski Club**

**MAY 2016**

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

## *PYGMY POSSUM BOOKINGS 2016/17*

The new Lease Consultation with NPWS, CPV and Perisher is underway, we need to demonstrate that we are a viable proposition for a new lease beyond the 2017 season. So members need to use the lodge at Charlotte Pass. There is currently accommodation available for every week throughout the season with the exception of 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> August and 28<sup>th</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September. There are only a few vacancies for the period 14<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August. The Priority booking period has closed, so using the online booking system you need to choose a period where accommodation is available, and make a booking. 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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## *CHARLOTTE PASS SKI PACKAGES*

This year 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/lift-passes.html>

## *TIPS FOR MAKING BOOKINGS FOR LARGER GROUPS*

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 foodstore docket, they need to have a separate (but linked) booking.

## *FOODSTORE DOCKET RETURNS*

There is new simpler paperwork available for the refund of foodstore deposits but it is up to each member and the lodge captain to ensure that the dockets are completed and returned promptly.

We are trying to get refunds back as soon as possible after receiving the paperwork. To ensure it happens we need legible details of a bank account to direct credit the refund. Please note: We cannot refund to a credit card.

## *LODGE KEY RETURNS*

There are a lot of lodge keys being handed out for guests going to the lodge and they need to be returned promptly so that they are available for the next lot of guests. Those who still have a set can you please return them to 53 Bridge Rd Blaxland as quickly as possible for the start of the winter season.

## **LIGHTING STOVE GAS RINGS**

Gas Lighters will still work to light the gas rings when the flame is not burning, the spark created when the trigger is activated will ignite the gas. PLEASE DO NOT throw the lighter away when it stops producing a flame

## **UPDATES**

### ***Facebook***

We now have a Facebook page, so load your photos and stories and share with your family and friends.

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

### ***Sale of Castaways***

The Board would like to thank all the people who provided feedback on the sale of the castaway units to pay back debt and build a surplus fighting fund for the new lease. The Board has started the sale process with unit 5 as the first to be advertised. Following the last March board meeting, the sale process is now underway with internet advertising through Real Estate.com and Domain.com. A few inspections have occurred and as at 26 April, 2016 the Real Estate.com.au internet ad (see link below) had attracted 270 visits. Initial feedback is that people are looking for a holiday rental.

<http://www.realestate.com.au/property-apartment-nsw-shoal+bay-122416758>

### ***Charlotte Pass Lease Consultation***

The NPWS has held a number of stakeholder workshops at both Jindabyne and Sydney. Elouera Ski Club has been represented at each workshop. To stay up-to-date with the latest information access

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/alpineresorts/>

### ***Transfer of Memberships***

The Board has been very pleased with the number of older members who have been transferring their memberships to their children as this is helping to strengthen the club for the future. As we get older there are reasons why we cannot go down to the lodge and to transfer the membership encourages the younger members of the family to start

enjoying what you helped build. Thank you to those that have done that this year.

## **AGM NOTICE TO MEMBERS**

The club is in a transition phase with the 2016 and 2017 winter seasons remaining on the interim lease. With the club 30 years young, it is an ideal time for the younger generation to become actively involved, assist with running the club, gain valuable skills and guide its future to one that suits you.

You can become involved as a board member or as an official in the many operational functions. Every little bit helps with the smooth running of the club. There is a wealth of experience to be gained from the current board members who can support you in your role. And you can gain credit points for attending meetings and performing operational work. All Board Members become registered board directors with ASIC.

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

Your Club Board

Art Work generously donated by Zigi George  
in memory of Geoff Mathie



## **PYGMY POSSUM LODGE WORKING BEE 13<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016**

First as the new property maintenance manager for the Pygmy Possum lodge I would like to recognize Peter Quinnell for his dedication and leadership as the past property maintenance manager, which has facilitated in the handing over of a well maintained property.

This year's working bee had a total of 20 members, made up of 9 non-members and 11 club members. The estimated number of hours worked was at least a minimum of 1106 hours. Based on the minimum hourly rate of \$25.16 for casual level 3 cleaners I estimate the value of the work done by our volunteers equates to a minimum of \$27826.96. When credit points are added to the equation, this years March work party has saved the club at least \$13684. 96

The follow is a brief summary of the inside work completed:

- All bedroom and bathroom were scrupulously cleaned.
- All the doona covers, pillowslips, pillow and mattress protectors were washed, dried and fitted to beds.
- All mattresses were turned.
- All bath/bed room lights, heaters, and ceiling fans cleaned and checked.
- Both east and west wing kitchens were scrupulously cleaned, including stoves and the sorting of kitchen equipment.
- All fridges defrosted and cleaned.
- Both east and west wing lounge/dining rooms scrupulously cleaned, including shampooing carpets.
- Food store resupplied and a stocktake done.
- Drying rooms cleaned and checked.
- All level one areas cleaned.
- Fire exit signs checked, including a number that needed to be replaced due to battery failures.
- Minor repairs on internal fixtures.

External summary of work completed:

- Grass around lodge was cut.
- All handrails painted.
- All the timber decking area painted.

The following external walls were painted:

The west wing external bed room; western wall up to the extension; back door wall of the west and east side kitchens; western wall of the west side kitchen; front walls including both east and west quiet room balcony walls;

east and west wing walls above the games room roof and part of the east wing kitchen wall.

A section of timber fascia between the west wing dining/ lounge room and the games room balcony was replaced.

The service tunnel window was broken overnight due to wind and being left open. This was secured with a piece of timber. The plan is to replace this window with a fixed window.

Two loads of rubbish were removed from the service tunnel and workshop area.

The pool table cloth was replaced and a wonderful piece of artwork by Zigi Georges installed in the games room in memory of Geoff Mathie. See image on page 2.

In addition there was the usual array of repairs reported by via lodge captain's reports and found during week.

I do have a number of concerns with maintaining the lodge over the long term. To ensure that the workload placed on any one club volunteer is sustainable over the long term, I believe it is essential that the board actively recruits a number of members, or even non-members, to manage the following key areas regarding the maintenance of the lodge.

1. **Building maintenance** – maintaining the building itself (painting repairs to windows, doors, walls, external and internal plus plumbing).
2. **Electrical**
3. **Housekeeping** – Cleaning of bedrooms, bathrooms, dining/lounge rooms and other general areas, carpet cleaning, maintaining furnishing and washing of bed linen.
4. **Kitchens** – cleaning and maintaining of stoves, ovens, cupboards, fridges and ensure that the kitchen are appropriately equipped.
5. **Maintain the food store** - place, stack, check order, check dates, and undertake an annual stock take of items.

At this point in time 3 positions are filled: building maintenance and plumbing, electrical and the food store. That leaves Housekeeping and Kitchen to fill.

Pygmy Possum Building Maintenance Manager  
Peter Hill