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STOP PRESS: There is some space in Pygmy Possum Lodge from now until end January. Book now and escape the crowds on the coast and enjoy the relative cool of the mountains this summer. The Kosi Bar & Bistro in the Kosciuszko Chalet Hotel will again be open from December 27th offering drinks, meals and refreshments from 9am to 4 pm.



BOARD'S MESSAGE

The Board would like to thank members for their support during 2019. We had a bumper season at Pygmy Possum with solid booking all winter. Castaways continues to be popular with members wanting a coastal getaway.

The Board wishes you, your family and friends a safe and happy festive season and looks forward to working with you in 2020.

PYGMY POSSUM LODGE BOOKINGS 2020/21

Next season's booking rates are on the club website under the Pygmy Possum Ski Lodge menu. 2020 Winter Priority bookings for members and their sponsored guests can be applied for between NOW and the priority bookings closure at 5:00pm 18th February 2020. Your booking submitted and fully paid for by the closure time and date ensures your best opportunity to book the ski holiday dates you want. After the priority round decisions are made, the bookings are opened up to members and the general public alike. Note that the 10% discount for early booking is available until 31 March, and after that there is a 5% discount available until 30 April. Details of the priority bookings system are available at https://eloueraskiclub.asn.au/bookings/priority_bookings.php. Remember members receive accommodation credit points for taking non-members to the Lodge. Book using the Online Form at <http://www.eloueraskiclub.asn.au/bookings/>

Paper copies of booking sheets can be obtained by contacting the booking officer at booking.officer@eloueraskiclub.asn.au or phoning 0425 256 255 after 5pm.

CHARLOTTE PASS SKI PACKAGES

Full details of Charlotte Pass ski packages can be found at <http://www.charlottepass.com.au/lift-passes.html>

FOOD STORE USE

The elimination of the food store deposit was welcomed by members and guests during 2019 winter season and it certainly simplified the administrative tasks for both lodge captains and our booking officer. We will continue to manage the food store at Pygmy Possum Lodge without the deposit, relying on the honesty of users to record and pay for used items. At the end of your stay the documentation of the food usage needs to be given to the Lodge Captain. A cash payment can be made to the Lodge Captain or payment can be made directly to the club using the club BPAY Biller

Code and the BPAY Reference number of your original booking. We thank the Lodge Captains who used the online tools to record the dollar value food usage and monies paid in by booking parties. Most people who used the system found it easier than shuffling the paper forms. Feedback from users during the season has helped us to improve the Lodge Captains interface.

MEMBER'S ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The 2020 Annual Subscription fee is unchanged from the 2019 fee of \$110 (incl GST). The invoice for the year from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 will be sent in February 2020 and is due by 1 April 2020.

Payments for subscriptions must be made in cash and **cannot** be made using accommodation credit points. The club needs a cash flow to ensure funds are available to satisfy the financial obligations arising from the new lease and the ongoing running costs at Pygmy Possum Lodge. The penalty for late payment of the fees is 50% (\$55.00) and will apply to fees not paid by 30 June 2020. It should also be noted that membership rights will be suspended if fees remain outstanding. Some members fees remain outstanding for 2019. After 5 years of non payment membership will lapse.

STORAGE AT PYGMY POSSUM

A recent audit of trunks and lockers has shown that there are members who have paid for storage but have not used the lodge for many years. There are members who want to take up a trunk or locker, so if you no longer need your storage and relinquish your locker or trunk you will be offered a refund on a pro rata basis for period remaining to 31 March 2021 when hire fees are next due.

ACCOMMODATION CREDIT POINTS

All members with an email address on the register can access their accommodation credit points transaction report at any time by going to the Membership tab on the club website, then entering their member id and member surname. If these credentials match, an email of the report is sent to the registered email address for the membership. The report includes transactions found in the previous 12 months. The email also details the contacts information the club has on record for the membership, plus the payments due and made for storage hire and annual subscriptions. Credits are allocated for booking refunds, bringing guests with you when you book and compensation for costs incurred for work done for the club. If you haven't received this email, check your spam folders for a message from information@eloueraskiclub.asn.au. Please consider teaching your email filters to accept email from this address!

CASTAWAYS AT SHOAL BAY, PORT STEPHENS

Have you considered a holiday at beautiful Shoal Bay? There is limited accommodation available in January and February 2020. Special provisions applies for members including a 20% discount on the <https://portstephensaccommodation.com/accommodation/Holiday-Apartment-Unit-8-17-Shoal-Bay-Road-Shoal-Bay/8178-Castaways-Unit-8-17-Shoal-Bay-Road/> advertised rates for periods other than the Christmas holiday and Easter Holiday peaks. Also payment of the booking fee or security deposit is not required.

Correction: The 2019 Spring Newsletter incorrectly detailed the route of the Snowies Iconic Walk.

Three sections of new track are planned to complement the existing tracks around Mount Kosciuszko and Main Range – Guthega to Charlotte Pass, Charlotte Pass to Perisher via Porcupine Rocks and Perisher to Bullocks Flat. After detailed analysis of several route options, the final alignment was selected to maximise the visitor experience of each route, minimise environmental impacts and ensure construction costs fit the project budget.



<https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/topics/parks-reserves-and-protected-areas/park-management/community-engagement/snowies-iconic-walk-review-of-environmental-factors>