

Elouera Ski Club Ltd



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Update - 2020 Winter Season at Pygmy Possum Lodge

We are fast approaching the 2020 winter season and several members have recently enquired whether Pygmy Possum Lodge will be open for the upcoming season. The Lodge is currently closed until 1st June.

As at 16 May 2020, the Board of Elouera Ski Club are unable to provide any certainty or substantive guidance on whether the Lodge or in fact Charlotte Pass will be open for the upcoming winter season. The current expectation is that Charlotte Pass will not open prior to the commencement of the NSW school holidays.

The Board can provide the following update on the current situation:

- All NSW ski resorts including Charlotte Pass, Perisher and Thredbo are monitoring the COVID status and developing plans should they be allowed to open. This includes the use of the ski-tube to Perisher or an equivalent service.
- Charlotte Pass, Perisher and Thredbo are working together as a group, and would be submitting a plan to the government which will then be reviewed.
- CPSR, who manage Charlotte Pass, are continuing to develop COVIDSafe operating plans to ensure Charlotte Pass Village is ready and safe to open for the 2020 season e.g. essential services, lifts and oversnow transport. CPSR have indicated they are actively working and communicating with all levels of Government, Police and health professionals to keep the health and safety of all staff and visitors a top priority.
- The Elouera Ski Club Board met this week and have decided to take the following steps:
 - A COVIDSafe committee has been established to plan how a safe opening of Pygmy Possum Lodge could occur, if permitted.
 - The lodge has recently been re-stocked with all cleaning supplies (paper towel, toilet paper, detergent etc). Food items have not been restocked.
 - COVID signage has been installed throughout the Lodge.
 - Alcohol hand cleanser stations have been set up in various locations.
 - The lodge closure has been extended to 30 June 2020.
 - The 2020 autumn working bee was cancelled, but some of our dedicated members have been able to complete various important tasks including:

- Installation of all six new stoves,
- Installation of a second washing machine,
- Trial of double glazing installed to windows in some bedrooms, and
- Replacement of all doonas and covers.

Our COVIDSafe committee will, of course, be working within any NSW Health guidelines about how the ski resorts can be safely re-opened, once they are made available. It is expected that such guidelines will involve social distancing, a minimum 4 square metre per person area and a 10 or 20 people gathering limit. These guidelines may force changes on how the Lodge operates this winter. The committee encourages all members and guests this winter to have a flu vaccination and use the COVIDsafe app at all times.

The COVIDsafe committee can be contacted on covidsubcom@eloueraskiclub.asn.au.

The Board will meet again in late May and as the situation becomes clearer we will continue to keep you up to date on our expectations and plans for the coming Winter season as soon as possible.

Keep well,

Secretary and Board ESC

