

SKI TRACKS

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Dear Members

I trust the Christmas and New Year celebrations have left you feeling relaxed and ready to plan your next trip or just relax and soak up a well earned rest. I will be trying to fill Ian Warlter's rather large shoes as the incoming Newsletter editor and will do my best to keep you informed of current news and business within our Club and activities that may impact on our Club. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian for his many years of editorial splendour and wish him well in his travels with his 'better half', Merran. Have a great 2007 one and all.

Regards

Ross Sutherland



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Great News

For the lucky few staying at Pygmy Possum Lodge on Christmas Day, a 'white Christmas'. Light snow falls throughout Charlotte Pass Village and the surrounding alpine region made it a Christmas to remember.

Your Support Needed

In any self-help Club such as ours, there are times when visitors or members inadvertently make changes within the lodge that can cause problems. One such problem that regularly occurs is the changing of thermostat settings for heating within the lodge. To date there has not been any problems with the thermostats, rather with the person/persons who change the thermostat settings thinking that in doing so the lodge will heat up or cool down.

Quite often, the problem can be as simple as windows being left open in rooms upstairs – losing valuable heat.

I ask that if there are any problems within the lodge – too hot or too cool – please contact the lodge captain or Geoff Mathie on 9441 2030 or the free call 1800 number as displayed inside lodge phone booth. *Please do not change any thermostat settings for any reason.*

Priority Bookings

Reminders:

- *Weekly bookings in 2007 begin from noon on Sunday and end noon the following Sunday*
- *There is NO additional booking fee or credit card levy*
- *A booking form cover sheet is*

provided with your booking form, signing your booking form is taken as acceptance of the terms and conditions as printed on the cover sheet.

Priority Winter Bookings

- Priority Booking Date/Time by post is to arrive by: **Tuesday 6th March 2007**
- All forms should be completed in every detail and include payment, cheques payable to Elouera Ski Club Ltd or full credit card details (master card or Visa only) and membership number, then addressed to: *(any other address will jeopardise your booking)*

PRIORITY BOOKING
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NSW 2125

- Bookings may be hand delivered to the above address by **5.00pm (1700hrs)** on: **Tuesday 6th March 2007**
NOT AT THE SYDNEY MARKETS CLUB

Bookings other than Priority

For Bookings prior to Tuesday 6th March 2007 and after priority bookings have been determined, ring the Booking Officer On (02) 8715 6255 to check on availability and confirmation of dates required, then complete a Booking Form and send with payment to:

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.....or check website. If booking on-line, print a copy of your booking and post it with your payment to the above address. If not received within 7 days at the above address, booking may be re-let.

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On-line Bookings

A huge thank you to Judy Jenkinson who has worked extremely hard to provide access to an on-line booking facility for club members. Judy has work diligently and she has given a great deal of time and effort towards the development of our 'web' presence.

On behalf of our members ...thank you Judy! On-line booking can be accessed through our website at:

www.eloueraskiclub.asn.au

To assist us in ensuring our booking system has no glitches, and to develop a smooth, fast and efficient process, I ask that members, where possible, take the opportunity to trial the new system. In this way, we will have everything running efficiently before the peak ski season begins.

As with any booking information, it is extremely important that the person making a booking provides all information required. Failure to provide this information could jeopardise your booking.

For members not accessing the Internet, bookings can be completed in the usual way. We will continue to provide both paper forms and written communication through newsletters for a minimum of two years before moving more directly to the Internet.

Charlotte Pass Village Resorts embraces environmental management

by Alexander Bailey, EMS Co-ordinator - Charlotte Pass Village

Charlotte Pass Village Resort is a small high altitude village situated within the Kosciuszko National Park, an area of outstanding natural beauty and environmental diversity, which provides all season accommodation for up to 604 guests in a heritage chalet and 12 club lodges.

In winter, visitors can enjoy a snow bound village atmosphere and a range of activities either on the resort's slopes or in the surrounding mountains.

Summer provides scenic surroundings and unparalleled access to bushwalking and other alpine activities. The resort managers, lodge members, operators, natural area managers and service providers recognise the potential for environmental impacts to occur as a result of their activities within and beyond the resort and the need for exemplary environmental management to minimise these impacts. These organisations recognise that openness and transparency is necessary to establish and maintain trust between organisations and with resort users and the community. They also recognise that such actions will enhance the reputations of their organisations individually and of the Charlotte Pass Village Resort.

Communication and education is an integral part of this operational philosophy, helping to increase the environmental awareness of

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organisations' staff, the community and all Park visitors.

An environmental commitment was undertaken by Charlotte Pass Village on behalf of all village stakeholders in October 2005 to ensure that its unique environment is preserved for all.

Environmental Commitment and Policy

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We address significant environmental issues and set ourselves ambitious goals for improvement.

We aim to increase the environmental awareness of our staff, the community and all visitors to the Resort and the Park while actively seeking their ideas for enhancing our environmental performance.

We specifically commit to:

- Conserve, enhance, repair and restore the natural, cultural, aesthetic and social values of the resort area whilst recognising viable economic ventures that will provide appropriate high quality recreation.
- Implement best practice standards for ecologically sustainable tourism, natural area and threatened species management.

- Meet or exceed the requirements of all applicable environmental legislation and regulations.

- Prevent or at least minimise any adverse environmental effects by:

- o Establishing a framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives consistent with this policy;

- o Implementing clear, effective and scientific planning, management and monitoring processes;

- o Establishing, implementing and maintaining an effective Environmental Management System based on current Australian Standards and specific to the Resort;

- o Efficiently using natural resources, including water and energy, and avoiding waste;

- o Using technologies, materials and systems in the design, construction, operation, maintenance and decommissioning of resort structures, which meet or exceed best practice environmental benchmarks; and

- o Measuring and verifying our environmental performance.

- Follow open and cooperative processes and participate in consultation programs and joint environmental initiatives.

- Promote responsible development and sustainable use of the resort for recreation including protecting the area's ecosystems, waterways and species. Continually improve our overall environmental performance.

We look forward to working in collaboration to meet these commitments and through our actions influence the activities of others to enhance the economic, social and environmental sustainability of our organisations and the region to which we contribute.

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Exercises for Seniors to build up the arms and shoulders

Even though I lead a fairly active life, I am sure I could benefit from this exercise programme and it seems so easy that I thought that I would pass it on to some of my family and friends.

The programme suggests doing it three times a week or every second day as you progress.

Begin by standing on a firm but comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 2 kg potato sack in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you will find you can hold this position for just a bit longer. After a couple of weeks, move up to 5kg potato sacks. Then 25kg potato sacks, and eventually to get to where you can lift a 50kg potato sack in each hand and hold your arms out straight for more than a minute (I'm at this level already)

After you feel confident at this level, put a small potato in each of the sacks.

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PYGMY POSSUM LODGE IS A
SMOKE FREE ZONE**