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Welcome to the Club's first newsletter for 2003. The main purpose of this newsletter is of course to advise members of winter 2003 booking procedures and tariffs. If you have any queries re booking procedures etc please call Ian Murray.

The Kosciuszko fires have had a devastating impact on the environment which will take many years to recover. The size of the fires make it an environmental tragedy. Some historic huts in the wilderness areas have been destroyed and as we go to press we must be thankful that the resort areas were able to be saved.

These events reinforce how fragile our environment is. At 675,000 hectares, Kosciuszko National Park is the largest national park in New South Wales. It contains the highest mountains in Australia, the famous Snowy River, and has the only snowfields in New South Wales that can sustain a ski industry. It is one of twelve Australian locations that is internationally recognised as a UNESCO biosphere reserve, with its alpine and sub-alpine areas containing unique flora and fauna. Other biosphere reserves include Uluru-Ayers Rock, Wilson's Promontory and the Fitzgerald River.

Our lodge sits on a very special place!

As part of their aims of minimising the negative impacts on the park that tourism can cause, the NPWS, together with other key stakeholder groups with interests in the park, oversaw the development of an Environmental Management System for the park.

As a result, The Perisher Range Resorts Environmental Management System has been established.

The goal of the Perisher Range Resorts Environmental Management System is to ensure that all activities and development in the Perisher Range Resorts are carried out in a controlled and sustainable manner.

The Perisher Range Resorts Environmental Management System establishes a system for coordination and cooperation among the Perisher Ranger Resorts stakeholders to:

- collectively reduce impacts on the environment;
- identify and manage environmental risks within the Perisher Range Resorts;
- achieve and maintain compliance with legislation and other regulatory requirements;
- set environmental objectives within the resort to allow performance evaluation; and
- plan, document, measure and evaluate environmental performance.

Under recent legislation and NSW government policy, an environmental management system is recognised as a means by which organisations can demonstrate their commitment and ability to meet environmental criteria. The NSW government now requires that organisations wishing to do business with government can demonstrate their environmental performance through an environmental management system or plan.

This systematic approach helps to provide an organisation with the assurance that its performance not only meets, but will continue to meet, its legal and policy requirements.

There are significant compliance requirements that Karralika will need to meet ranging from continual aims to minimise the use of energy and water to maintaining and improving the environment immediately around the lodge. One area where all visitors to the lodge can help immediately is to enjoy the birds and other wildlife we see around the lodge but definitely, please do not feed the birds or other wildlife.

This winter we most likely will have our water use monitored and the club charged for water consumption.

There are many aspects to the System that will need to be addressed by the club and this will unfortunately also add to the administrative burden of the Board. Further information in respect of the System can be obtained from the Environmental Management System Officer at NPWS, P O Box 2228, Jindabyne NSW 2627 or email: perisher.ems@npws.nsw.gov.au.

Instructions to lodge captains are to be upgraded to include key elements of our further responsibilities as far as the Environmental Management System.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you have not yet paid your 2003 annual subscriptions of \$203.50 you are now in arrears. Bookings cannot be accepted from a member until their annual subscription has been paid.

SUMMER USAGE

Please also note the valley does not have a garbage collection service in summer. Members staying at the lodge must take their own garbage to the large bins situated in the valley car park. Further the large purple and yellow garbage bags must not be used in summer. The Club is required to purchase them (at great expense) for winter garbage collection services. You will find normal large garbage bags in the pantry for summer usage. We do however recommend you bring your own garbage bags in case the lodge supplies have inadvertently run out.

BOOKINGS

As in the past, booking for 2003 will only be accepted through the Club's postal address, P O Box 57, Killara 2071. A cheque for the full tariff payable must accompany all bookings to ensure quick and easy processing. The dates that members and non-members wish to secure can only be done in this way. Bookings cannot be confirmed by the booking secretary until the full tariff has been received.

To assist the Booking Secretary in allocating your booking times, alternate dates, where possible, should be included on your booking form. This process provides accommodation for as many members as possible during the ski season.

Bookings open for members and concessional rates on 1 March 2002 and non-members on 1 April 2002.

Should you have any queries regarding booking Ian Murray, the booking secretary can be contacted on 0413 611 249 or by email on ian@blacksheep.com.au.

Cleaner: The cleaner has now become a weekly fixture during the winter season and is responsible for the cleaning of the kitchen (other than bench tops, hot plates and refrigerators), bathrooms and all common areas. Guests are still requested to vacuum their bedrooms prior to departure and remake their beds with clean linen provided.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES – WINTER

There has been a change to Ski tube operations effective from the 2003 winter season. This year people with luggage (ski's and snowboards excepted) will not be permitted on uphill trains until 10:20am! Downhill passengers with luggage are permitted up till 3:12pm and thereafter, only after 5:12pm!

This has caused us to reconsider the timing of arrivals and departure from the lodge.

For 2003 winter season therefore, all members and guests are requested to depart from the lodge by 10:00am. Arrivals of members and guests are not permitted until 12:00pm. This arrival time will be consistent with ski tube availability for people with luggage and will allow (at last) the cleaner to have a clear go at cleaning the lodge prior to your arrival.

2003 WINTER SEASON DATES

Members priority winter bookings open	1 March, 2003
Members' priority booking period ends	31 March, 2003
Winter shoulder tariffs (exclusive of October long weekend)	7 June – 28 June 2003 and 13 September – 13 October 2003
Winter standard tariffs	28 June – 26 July 2003 and 30 August – 13 September 2003
Winter peak tariffs	26 July – 30 August 2003
June long weekend	7 – 9 June, 2003
October long weekend	4 - 6 October, 2003
School holidays – NSW	5 July – 21 July, 2003 27 September – 13 October 2003

2003 WINTER TARIFFS

The winter tariff includes full use of the pantry, a linen service and cleaning by contractors as specified above.

Member rates apply to the member and his/her spouse and members' children under the age of 18 years. Concessional rate applies to members' children between the ages of 18 – 21 years inclusive.

It is each member's responsibility to ensure any guest of theirs staying at the Lodge is aware of the Lodge rules and conditions of the tariffs and terms of cancellation of bookings. Members should accompany their non-members guest at the lodge. Please remember that the Lodge is a no smoking zone for both health and safety reasons.

Please note – there are now three tariff rates, peak standard and shoulder periods. The shoulder period represents a **32% discount** on "peak" rates.

Please also remember, Karralika does not have an in-house manager so it is expected that members and guests all contribute to keeping the lodge in good condition.

WINTER 2003 TARIFF RATES (inclusive of GST)

Shoulder period" 7 June – 28 June, 2003 and 13 September – 13 October 2003

(Note: if bookings for October long weekend only (i.e. not for whole week booking) will be subject to "standard" tariff rates).

	Week (7 nights)	Long Weekend (2 nights, 3 days)	Weekend (1 night, 2 days)	Day
Member	165	86	57	33
Concession	220	119	79	44
Non-Member	440	225	150	88

Standard winter rates: 28 June – 26 June 2003 and 30 August – 13 September 2003

	Week (7 nights)	Long Weekend (2 nights, 3 days)	Weekend (1 night, 2 days)	Day
Member	230	120	80	46
Concession	320	173	115	65
Non-Member	640	323	215	128

Peak period rates: 26 July – 30 August 2003

	Week (7 nights)	Long Weekend (2 nights, 3 days)	Weekend (1 night, 2 days)	Day
Member	242	126	84	48
Concession	336	182	121	68
Non-Member	672	339	226	134

BOOKING CANCELLATIONS

Cancellation fee for winter bookings is \$55 per person or cost of the booking, whichever is the lower. If the club is able to rebook for the number of beds and periods cancelled only the cancellation fee will be levied.

LINEN SERVICE

Included in the winter tariff is a linen service which provides sheets, pillowslips and towels. This service is included in the winter tariffs only (i.e. not included in summer tariffs where an additional charge applies).

BOOKING PRIORITIES

Booking priorities are unchanged and are in this order.

- Member
- Member and up to three guest (whether family or otherwise)
- Members' family
- Other guests

There are only sixteen places available for each week.

LODGE TELEPHONE

All phone calls are timed automatically and will tell the caller the cost of each call once you hang up. Please complete the phone log book when using the phone and on completion of your stay ensure telephone monies due are either given to the Lodge captain (winter) or remitted promptly to the Treasurer (via the Club's postal address: P O Box 57, Killara 2071).

ENTERTAINING AND CASUAL MEALS

The Club realises that members often have other friends staying in the Valley at the same time that they are holidaying. The location of the Lodge has meant that these guests are often invited to the Lodge for lunch etc. We ask members and their guests to allow such use in moderation. A fee of \$5.50 per head for guest who are not staying at the Lodge is charged to cover costs of food and savouries used by the non-paying guests. This \$5.50 should be given to your Lodge captain who will in turn include it in their report.

Please have regard for fellow guests' comfort and privacy.

LODGE EQUIPMENT FAILURE AND BREAKAGES

Must be reported to the Lodge Captain immediately they occur. Please do not attempt to repair lodge equipment yourself. The Lodge Captain should contact Roger Russell (maintenance director) who will determine what action to take.

PANTRY OUT OF STOCKS

If certain line items run out of stock during your stay at the lodge please advise Jeff Mullins. Members do not have authority to purchase items on the Clubs behalf, Jeff should be consulted and will make whatever arrangements are appropriate.

If line items are found to be past their 'use by date' kindly do not have this stock removed and destroyed. Rather please leave in the bulk storeroom with a sign "out of date – do not use". If such stock is removed we have no accurate means for gauging actual lodge consumption for future purchasing requirements.