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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The Board wishes all members and their family a Happy New Year!

Chairman's jottings

Welcome everyone to the first Newsletter for 2008. I hope 2008 proves to be a great one for you all.

Included with the Newsletter is the Notice of Annual General Meeting and last year's financial statements.

Nothing much has happened since preparing the accounts, we are still waiting for the National Parks people to issue their offer for beds and new lease to us. We have applied for six additional bed entitlements. The new lease will be for a period of 20 years with an option to extend for a further 30 years and whilst the new lease comes at a cost increase, we are excited about it as it provides certainty for the club and the next generation of members.

We have commissioned an architect to draw up plans that will extend the lodge slightly towards the driveway from the current entrance and remodel the area that currently includes the ski room and bunk room areas in order to not only bring this part of the lodge up to the standard of the rest of the building but also to create new bedrooms that will better service our anticipated additional bed entitlements.

Hopefully there will be some preliminary working drawings available to view at the AGM.

Amanda Scott is stepping down from the Board and I would like to thank her for her support and enthusiasm whilst on the Board; it is always great to have input from younger members, thanks Amanda.

There being vacancies on the Board, we would like to hear from you if you have a mind to giving up some time to assist in the running of the Club.

I know it's still mid Summer but 1st March is just around the corner and you should be planning your winter break at Karralika now. A reminder that priority bookings for members only apply during March. Also, as there are now quite a few members who are not as familiar with the Club rules as others could I please remind everyone that, like most clubs (whether ski; golf or business) non members should be accompanied by the recommending member. The lodge is a communal place and it is unreasonable to expect other members to be responsible for other members friends. The Board is also not comfortable with bookings where no member would be present, as, if some incident/accident were to occur where no member was present to act as lodge captain, insurance and legal consequences could be difficult. Our tariffs have for many years been generously structured to provide for discounted rates for members and their family as well as providing priority booking rights. However, membership was never envisaged to extend the right to the member to allow unaccompanied friends (or family members) to stay at the lodge.

I hope to be able to catch up with many of you at the forthcoming AGM.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Law', with a horizontal line underneath.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note that 2007 subscriptions are now extremely overdue. If you haven't already done so, please send your cheque for the amount of \$231 to PO Box 57, Killara, NSW 2071. Remember that bookings will not be accepted until subscriptions have been paid.

2008 WINTER TARIFFS AND DEALS

Priority bookings for Winter 2008 open for members on 1st March 2008 and last for the month of March.

Tariffs have increased by 5% this season, to cover increases in overheads and anticipated additional costs associated with taking up a new lease with the National Parks.

KIDS UNDER 5 WEEK

As you will remember, last year we trialled a designated week where members could bring their children who were under 5 years old.

The whole purpose of this week is to encourage members with young families to enjoy watching their children take their first steps on skis.

This year, the week where children under 5 can stay at the lodge with their parents is 20th September to 27th September and we encourage all members with small families to seriously consider making a booking for this week. Please be aware that as it is only the one week, demand is likely to be high so get your bookings in early (March, while member priority bookings apply). Also, subject to how many members do apply for bookings, we may have to restrict the number of guests members may wish to bring. The initiative after all is to encourage the next generation of Karralika members and we want to be able to maximise this.

As with last year, children under 2 years of age will be free.

WINTER ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

Arrival time for members and guests is not before 12:00pm. Departure time on Saturday is 10:00am. Should members wish to continue to ski on their Saturday departure date they will need to make other arrangements. Baggage should not be left in the lodge and use of the lodge after 10:00am on departure day is not permitted.

WINTER 2008 BOOKING RATES

Shoulder period (1): 7th – 28th June and 20th September – 4th October

	Week (7 nights)	Long Weekend (2 nights)	Weekend (1 night)
	\$	\$	\$
Member	189	100	67
Concession	256	138	92
Non-member	500	260	180

Shoulder period (2): 13th – 20th September

	Week (7 nights)	Long Weekend (2 nights)	Weekend (1 night)
	\$	\$	\$
Member	245	128	86
Concession	334	180	117
Non-member	645	322	220

Standard winter rates: 28th June – 26th July and 30th August – 13th September and 4th October to 6th October

	Week (7 nights)	Long Weekend (2 nights)	Weekend (1 night)
	\$	\$	\$
Member	300	155	105
Concession	411	223	147
Non-member	780	390	260

Peak period rates: 26th July – 30th August

	Week (7 nights)	Long Weekend (2 nights)	Weekend (1 night)
	\$	\$	\$
Member	388	200	136
Concession	445	257	173
Non-member	875	445	300

2008/9 SUMMER TARIFFS

Bookings for Summer 2008/9 open on 1st September 2008. All rates are inclusive of GST.

Summer tariffs have been at hugely discounted rates compared to the cost of running the lodge for many years and we intend to continue to offer very attractive rates to members so as to encourage summer usage and experience what the high country can offer in summer. A sort of training for when we don't have snow!

We have increased rates by 10% from last year as summer rates have not changed substantially for many years.

7th October 2008 – 20th December 2008; and 10th January 2009 to 5th June 2009

	Week (7 nights)	Long Weekend (2 nights)	Weekend (1 night)
	\$	\$	\$
Member	165	100	66
Concession	200	120	80
Non-member	330	200	132

20th December 2008 to 10th January 2009

	Week (7 nights)	Long Weekend (2 nights)	Weekend (1 night)
	\$	\$	\$
Member	190	115	75
Concession	225	135	90
Non-member	375	225	150

As with previous years, the lodge may be booked during the summer tariff periods exclusively for a week, as follows:

One week exclusive use: \$2,800

During the Summer tariff season children under 5 years of age may stay at the lodge free of charge and children under 13 years of age may stay at the lodge for half the scheduled rate applicable.

BOOKING PRIORITIES

Booking priorities are unchanged and are in this order.

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

Please note that our lease only permits 16 people staying at the lodge at any one time. Contravention of our lease obligations in this regard represents a serious breach and the Board reserves the right to terminate the membership of a member responsible for such a breach of our lease requirements.

Members are reminded that where they have recommended non-member friends to stay at the lodge but will not be staying at the lodge at the same time, they remain responsible for the actions of those guests including any breach of the lease terms mentioned above.

BOOKING CANCELLATIONS

If bookings are cancelled 21 days or more in advance of your first day of stay, a cancellation fee of \$100 (per person) or cost of the booking, whichever is the lower, will be charged.

If winter bookings are cancelled with less than 21 days notice, the full tariff will be forfeited except for when the accommodation is re-let in which case the cancellation fee will apply.

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. Club linen is not available during the summer tariff period.

SUGGESTION BOX

The Board looks forward to your suggestions concerning any improvements to the lodge or the running of the lodge. These can be forwarded via email or post.

LODGE TELEPHONE

The Lodge telephone is now an honour system. Local calls will cost 50c each and long distance calls to Sydney or country NSW will be \$1.00. The Lodge Captain is to collect the money at the week's end.

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 STOCK

If certain line items run out of stock during your stay at the lodge please advise Roger Russell (0405 156 355). Members do not have authority to purchase items on the club's behalf.

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 purchasing requirements.