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Here's to a great season of snow in 2008!

Chairman's jottings

Welcome to the second newsletter for 2008. At the clubs AGM on 7th March the only change to the Board was the appointment of Steve Forbes caused by the resignation of Amanda Scott. I'd like to thank Amanda for her enthusiastic contribution whilst on the Board and hope that she will be able to contribute to the Club management again in the future. We are fortunate to have Steve on board. Living along the Alpine Way near the Ski Tube and hearing the local gossip as well as being able to keep an eye on the lodge will be a big bonus.

The National Parks have finally released their offers for additional beds and lease extensions and I'm very happy to report that Karralika has been offered all 6 additional beds applied for. We will also be entering into a new lease that will provide certainty for a further 50 years, good news for our younger (and future) members!

This means that for this winter we are able to book up to 20 to stay at the lodge at any one time. However, this will obviously be dependent upon the makeup of the groups that are booking. The snow has arrived very early this year and the experts are predicting a very good season so I hope those of you wanting to ski this year have got your bookings in. I would like to remind you (particularly our newer members) your priority period for bookings expired at the end of March. From 1st April we accept bookings over and above the priority member plus three ratio so please don't complain to Merryn if you now find you can't get a booking in your preferred week.

I have recently received a letter from Richard Shilizzi, who many of you will know, advising that as it is unlikely he will be returning back to Australia, he has sadly decided to relinquish his membership. Richard has been a member for 30 years, most of it whilst he has lived in The Netherlands sorting out world radio astronomy puzzles. Such is the friendships made at Karralika that even when no longer likely to be able to utilise the club us 'originals' are most reluctant to part with the ties our membership gives us. I hope the same friendships are forming between the newer generation at Karralika. Friendship is after all, what life is all about.

Best wishes to you all for the coming season.

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

DISCOUNTED SKI TICKETS

As with last year, Perisher Blue is offering discounted ticket to club members for the flat spot between the end of the school holidays and before the full August season. By utilising this, the club also receives a small rebate at the end of the season. Here is the extract from SLOPES re this offer:

Perisher Blue welcomes us all for the July flat spot after the school hols and before the FULL August season.

Look it up on the web. YOU get the accommodation BONUS PERIOD discounted prices, and your club gets an additional 5% at the end of the season.

P/B said: With the July Bonus Ticket prices, more than happy to accommodate using the same system that we have had in place in previous years ie make the booking to Perisher Blue Snow Holidays, citing the club members name and club. Please remind them the rebate goes to the Lodge (via SLOPES) not the individual at the time of making the purchase.

So if you look up the web under bonus prices, you will see that the Bonus week is starting 27 or 28 July. You call 1300655811, give your Club and your name etc and pay, and a 5 day pass is \$366 instead of \$431, and another 5% comes back to your Club in October. DO NOT JUST TURN UP AT THE WINDOW. IT DOES NOT WORK THAT WAY!!!

WINTER 2008 BOOKINGS

KIDS UNDER 5 WEEK

Last year we trialled a special designated week whereby children under 5 years of age are permitted to stay at the lodge with their parents. Children under 2 years of age are free. Children between the ages of 2 and 5 years are half price (half the member or non-member rate depending upon whether the parent is a member). The week was very popular so we are having another week this year commencing 20th September 2008.

WINTER ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

The arrival time for members and guests is not before 12.00pm. Departure time on Saturday must be before 10.00am. Should members wishing to ski on their Saturday departure day, 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 RATES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Peak period rates: 26th July – 30th August

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

SUMMER 2008/2009 TARIFFS

Bookings for Summer 2008/2009 open on the 1st September 2008. All rates are inclusive of GST.

**Summer rates (1): 7th October 2008 – 20th December 2008
10th January 2009 – 5th June 2009**

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

Summer rates (2): 20th December 2008 – 10th January 2009

	Week	Long Weekend	Weekend
	(7 nights)	(2 nights)	(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 for \$2,800. During the Summer tariff period, children under 5 years of age may stay at the lodge free of charge and children under 13 years may stay 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 20 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 on 0405 156 355) 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. Members do not have authority to purchase items on the club's behalf; Roger 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 purchasing requirements.