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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

With the season moving into spring skiing the Board and I would like to keep you informed of what is afoot within the club.

Firstly, after a very slow start, what a great year for snow! Seriously, if you have not been down to the ski fields this year you are missing some of the best snow I have seen in eight years. Spring skiing is likely to be exceptional.

As detailed further in the newsletter, due to our purchase of additional bed leases we are in a position to accept further memberships. If you have relatives or friends interested in joining our club, I urge you to have them write to the club promptly. Please be aware that the number of new memberships is limited so we cannot guarantee all applicants will be successful.

Drawings for proposed extensions to the lodge are still at the preliminary stage. Many of you have already provided commentary to us what should be considered when designing these extensions and we thank you for them. It is good to get feedback.

By all expectations, it looks like we should meet our financial budget for the year which means club usage has been good. However, a number of matters have arisen which cause concern.

I won't beat about the bush, some members are becoming unnecessarily demanding, particularly towards accommodation booking.

We are a 'not for profit' co-operative and the lodge is for the use of the members and their friends. It is not a 5 star resort with full time staff. When you book, you may be asked to share a room depending upon the configuration of bookings for that week. This has always been the case at Karralika and is unlikely to change any time soon. If sharing is something you are unable to contemplate if this situation arises, your only option is to cancel your booking. The Booking

Secretary always tries to work out the best outcomes for everyone and it is unacceptable to harass her.

In spite of what I'm sure are your best efforts, there are elements in respect of the cleaning of the lodge on departure that does not seem to be happening as it should. Some of you may have experienced difficulties with the dishwasher playing up. This is only occurring because the dishwasher has not had (at least weekly) a clean and rinse and fluid top up. Also, plates etc should be properly rinsed before going into the dishwasher. The instructions for use of the dishwasher are clearly detailed on the wall next to it. The bar area is not part of the cleaners responsibility so please ensure this area is left clean for the incoming members. The grease filters above the stove should be put through the dishwasher to clear off the accumulating grease, weekly. Please make every effort to leave the lodge in the way you would expect to find it. Coming into a well kept lodge makes for a more enjoyable experience for everyone.

Best wishes

Ian Fergusson

KARRALIKA CLOTHING

A reminder that Karralika has a line of clothing available for purchase including mens' and women's' polar vests and rugby jerseys. These are available in a wide range of colours and sizes.

The full range can be found at www.karralika.com/clothing

WEBSITE

Remember to check out Karralika's website at <http://www.karralika.com> to keep up-to-date with news and events. You can also check out the lodge availability for any week. If anyone has some photos they would like to share on the website, please email them to website@karralika.com

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

The majority of members are now receiving the newsletter via email. This saves a lot of time and resources and we would encourage all of those members who are still receiving it by Australia Post to send their email address to Ross at newsletter@karralika.com

KARRALIKA QUIZ

If you are down at the lodge with young children and you are looking for something for them to do, you may be interested in downloading and printing off the Karralika Quiz from the website at http://www.karralika.com/Downloads/Karralika_Quiz.pdf Last year, we split up the kids into 2 teams and they spent the next few hours exploring around the lodge for the answers which are all somewhere in the lodge. It is also a good way for the kids to find out where all the fire extinguishers and fire exits are located.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

You have all heard that Karralika was granted an extra 6 beds. We have already 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.

The increase in beds has allowed Karralika to increase its membership base and so we would like to ask for expressions of interest from member's families and friends. There is no set criteria but the Board will take into account whether the applicant:

- is known to existing members
- has used the lodge in the past
- is an active skier

There is no guarantee that an application will be successful and we don't have a fixed idea yet as to how many new members will be introduced. We do want to make sure that any new members will fit into the club environment and so we would like each application to include a reference from two existing members.

A letter giving details of the applicant's suitability and references should be posted to the Club Secretary before the 1st November. Applications will be recorded in the order they are received and placed in a list to be reviewed by the Board before the end of the year.

WINTER 2008

It has been a great season and bookings at Karralika were above average with only three weeks in July not fully booked. One of the issues to come out of the increase in bed entitlements is that there are no spare beds if the lodge is full and so the room configurations can be tricky. For next year, members should be aware that if they are booking as a single, they may have to share a room as this is how a co-operative club works.

Another issue to come out of this season has been the amount of cardboard and newspapers that are left in the lodge. It is very simple to package these up at the end of the week and take them down to the Ski Tube and put them in the bins behind the Ski Tube building on the edge of the car park.

We are also trying to reduce the amount of laundry so we would like everyone to use only one sheet and one doona cover if possible.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual subscriptions for next year will be sent out on the 1st November and we are going to be a little more strict this time on late payers. We have only just received payment from some members for last years subs and this is not fair on the members who pay on time. It also takes a lot of time and effort for the Board to chase up these payments. We are going to set a final payment date and if the subs are not paid by then, the membership will be cancelled. Karralika is a very popular club and we regularly receive membership enquiries from people with no association with the club.

SUMMER AT THE LODGE

Summer is a beautiful and peaceful time in the Snowy Mountains. For information on things to do in summer in the mountains go to www.snowymountains.com.au

SUMMER 2008/9 RATES (inclusive of GST)

7th October 2008 to 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

The whole lodge can be booked for \$2,800 for a week or \$1,000 for a weekend (1 night).

BOOKING CANCELLATIONS

Cancellation fee for summer bookings is \$50 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

There is no linen service during the summer so you must bring your own sheets, pillowslips and towels. The linen service is included in the winter tariffs only.

BOOKING PRIORITIES

Booking priorities are in the following order:

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

There are twenty places available for each week.

BOOKINGS

Summer bookings commence on the 1st October. As in the past, booking for 2008/9 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 bookings, alternate dates, where possible, should be included on your booking form.

Should you have any queries regarding bookings, Merryn Pearse, the Booking Secretary can be contacted by email on bookings@karralika.com