

# HIGHWAY ALPINE CLUB

SKI-MAG

AUTUMN 2016



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## **CHAIRMANS REPORT - ALBERT BROWNE.**

I apologise for not posting out the President's Report and Financial Statement before the AGM on 30th July 2015 .Unfortunately the Financial Statements were only received from the Auditor on the day of the AGM .They were considered by the Board at a meeting prior to the AGM, were approved and were later presented to the AGM which after discussion also approved them.

In January 2016 we repaired our grease trap which NP&WS advised had developed a slow leak. We inserted a custom made stainless steel liner, cleaned the pipelines and reconnected them and now expect a very long trouble free life.. I have also, installed new sensor operated LED strip lights to light the front door keypad lock and the winter entrance keypad lock. Members should now have no difficulty seeing the keypad numerals.

I must ask, does anyone know who owns a 6ft high locker in the tool store. There are 2 lockers there taking up valuable space, One belongs to Sandor Mokos , the other has "me" written on the front and is a mystery. If no one claims it, we intend to cut it open and dispose of it and its contents. I hope we have a good snow season for 2016 and urge members to make use of our great lodge. Usage during the 2015 ski season was below 50%.

**Highway Alpine, Wheatley Road, Perisher Valley. 6457 5283**

**Thurlow Lodge, Unit 6 - 6 Thurlow Avenue, Nelson Bay.**

## Members

No doubt you have noticed that this Ski-Mag is long overdue. About the time it was due to be issued the club received notice that the Government had initiated a Governance Review for Perisher, Guthega and Charlottes Pass, with the intention of relieving National Parks and Wildlife of the responsibility for managing the resorts aimed to take effect from October 2017. The report was intended to be complete towards the end of April hence the delay with our Ski-Mag. Three meetings were held which took the form of round table discussions, with representatives of the NPWS, to give clubs and commercials the opportunity to express concerns and raise comments.

Four options were presented. 1. A head lease to manage both Perisher and Charlottes and the Municipal Services. 2. A head lease over Perisher/Charlottes with a separate lease over the Municipal Services (Garbage and Sewer). 3. Separate head leases over Perisher and Charlottes. 4. No change to current arrangements.

Club representatives at these meetings were asked to give a preference for one of the four options. At the meetings it was revealed that IPART some ten years ago recommended that Skiers must pay for all the facilities within the park and subsequently raised the park entry fees and lease rentals. Unfortunately the increased entry fees failed to raise the anticipated income. It was doomed to failure as only 50% of gate fees at Sawpit go directly to Kosciusko Park, all of our lease rental and Kosciusko entry passes purchased elsewhere went to general NP&WS revenue.

This resulted in a deficit of \$60 million compared to IPART calculated anticipated income. While it was stressed that no decision has been made, it was hard not to gain the impression that the government is anxious to recoup the \$60 million and would look favourably on any Head Lessee offering to pay this amount as lease premium. 'Slopes' the clubs representative association while expressing concerns about the distribution of rental and entry fees do favour a Head Lease with a view to develop a world class year round resort. It was expressed that a year round resort would provide increased revenue to balance out any cost increases charged to clubs.

At this stage no firm decision has been made and the Governance Revue has moved on to the second stage which is to test the market for a potential Head Lessee. 'Slopes' are providing regular updates on progress which will be uploaded to our web site.

The market engagement web page of Office of Environment & Heritage which oversees National Parks and Wildlife can be accessed at

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/alpineresorts/perisher-charlotte-market-engagement.htm>

Jan MacFarlane

Secretary

## HIGHWAY ALPINE LODGE - PERISHER

### BOOKING INFORMATION:

Our up to date rates sheet can be found on our web page on the tariff tab

[www.highwayalpine.com.au](http://www.highwayalpine.com.au)

Full details and payment details need to be sent to our Booking Officer Michelle Lorsch. Please note this includes details and ages of all people included in the booking.

PLEASE EMAIL A COPY OF YOUR BOOKING FORM AND PAYMENT RECEIPT TO [bookings@highwayalpine.com.au](mailto:bookings@highwayalpine.com.au)

Or Post to the address below with chq payment  
Highway Alpine Club, P.O. Box 2357 G.P.O  
SYDNEY 2001



## THURLOW LODGE

Thurlow lodge is a two bedroom serviced apartment in Nelson Bay. On site swimming pool and sleeps up to 5 people.

For Bookings please contact: Pat Martin ph: (02) 9399-8372

The beauty and variety of the Port Stephens area makes Thurlow Lodge a great base for a terrific holiday. Whale watching, water sports, sand dunes, boating, fishing, local restaurants, shopping, world class golf courses, coastal walks and beautiful scenery. Plan your next trip away to Thurlow Lodge for a great holiday experience



<b>Weekly Bookings (except school holidays) until 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017</b>	<b>\$350</b>
<b>Public Holiday Weekends (4 nights)</b>	<b>\$420</b>
<b>School Holidays 24 September - 9 October 2016 (per week)</b>	<b>\$420</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> December – 30 January 2017 (per week)</b>	<b>\$700</b>
<b>2 night weekends</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>Easter 2017 (4 nights)</b>	<b>\$420</b>
<i>Tariff includes \$15.00 booking fee and \$85.00 cleaning fee.</i>	
<i>Bookings at <u>Thurlow</u> are from 2pm on day of arrival to 10am on day of departure.</i>	

**HAVE YOU PAID YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES?**

**THERE ARE A LARGE NUMBER OF MEMBERS WHOSE YEARLY MEMBERSHIP IF PAST DUE. PLEASE PAY PROMPTLY.**

**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATE - *please ensure we have your current mobile and email***

Member's Full Name .....

Joint Member's name (if applicable) .....

Address.....

Email.....

**(Please keep email up to date)**

Mobile..... Home .....

Business.....

Member's Spouse/Partner for booking purposes  
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Member's Dependent Children

Name.....Age.....M/F.....

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