

## **Ku-ring-gai Alpine Lodge – President’s Report 2018**

On behalf of the Directors, I am pleased to present the Annual Report of the Lodge’s operations for the 12 months ending 31 December 2018.

### **Financials**

Receipts from bookings and subscriptions in 2018 were about 6% less than in 2017.

Notable expenditure variations from last year were:

- Food usage was up from \$4,000 to \$6,000,
- Electricity and Gas both increased by under 5%.
- Repairs and maintenance were down from \$16,000 to \$6,000.

The resultant profit for 2018 was \$5,688, compared with \$6,372 in 2017.

### **Membership Transfers**

There were two membership transfers in 2018:

Jerard Barry to Petra Parker

David Robinson to Kristen Wright

There have been two additional transfers so far in 2019:

Estate of Philip Nygh to Margaret Nygh

Brett Batty to Daniel Cox

I welcome Petra, Kristen, Margaret and Daniel to membership of the Lodge.

### **Lodge Upgrades and Maintenance**

There were no major upgrade works done this year. There were many small items of maintenance and improvements, including: stacked the food store and wood store as usual, replaced kitchen lights with LED bars, replaced some bedroom lighting with LED, reduced kitchen hot water temperature, cleaned kitchen, cleaned windows, painted chimney top, painted other areas where needed.

### **Windows**

As noted in last year’s report, we tried hard to get the lounge room windows replaced before winter 2018, but bureaucratic delays in Department of Planning killed that idea. The delay was due to an insistence from Planning that the window frames should have a metal covering to meet the fire safety requirement. We regarded this as unnecessary, ugly and costly. During the winter, James Richter continued negotiations with Planning and OEH (Office of Environment and Heritage), and eventually won approval for not needing the metal cladding which would have added considerable expense and detracted from the appearance. The agreed design still meets the fire safety standards. We are indebted to James for that effort.

We were finally able to order the windows in November 2018, for installation in February 2019, but now manufacturing delays have caused that date to slip. The current plan is to install the new ones in the week before this year's AGM. I hope to be able to report at the meeting that they are installed.

### **Fire alarm**

It was noted last year that 4 false alarms in 2017 had resulted in fines of \$1,800 each. We have since succeeded in getting one of these fines waived and refunded. The new fire alarm installed since then has not resulted in any further false alarms.

### **Easter Work Party**

As usual, there will be a work party this Easter. At the time of writing, we have less than 10 members and family attending. I would encourage others to contribute to the maintenance effort by volunteering to attend. (There is space for 13 or more). This is a great opportunity to get to know other members, enjoy being in the valley in summer, contribute to the lodge, and have a lot of fun. This year the work party is being run by Ben Cox and Simon Pardey. Contact Ben if you are willing and able to attend.

### **Perisher View Ski Lodge**

In September, we received notification of a Development Application from Perisher View Ski Lodge for a block of 12 apartments in the space directly below our driveway and above the church. We considered many aspects of this building were particularly unsuitable for the location proposed. An objection to this DA was submitted on behalf of the club, and many individual objections were submitted by members. Our objection was prepared by Kate Lyons to whom we are grateful. There were also substantial objections from other major stakeholders in the valley – specifically from the Church, Perisher Blue, Hans Oversnow, Sundeck, and many other clubs. There were over 200 submissions, all of which were objections. Following the closing date in November the status of the DA became "Proponent reviewing submissions" which is where it remains today.

### **Perisher Cup**

This year, we again had two teams in the Perisher Cup.

Team 1: James Mort, James Crook, Ben Zucker and Penny Catchlove

Team 2: David Taylor, John Tarrant, Edward Taylor and Ethan Andrews-Zucker

The weather proved to be terrible on the day, but our results were respectable with Team 1 placing 8<sup>th</sup> and Team 2 14<sup>th</sup> out of 18 teams. All enjoyed the experience despite the conditions.

Thanks to James Crook for getting these teams together, to Pip Woodman for assisting with race management, and to Gina Andrews for team management.

### **Thanks**

I would like to thank the many members who contributed to the smooth running of the lodge. This includes our weekly Lodge Captains, those who attended work parties, our booking secretary Pam Woodman, our food store manager Wendy Open, and your directors.

Gordon Cox

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