

Ku-ring-gai Alpine Lodge – President’s Report 2019

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 2019.

Financials

Receipts from bookings and subscriptions in 2019 were about 1% more than in 2018.

Notable expenditure variations from last year were:

- Community charges down \$2,244
- Food cost down \$3,296
- Gas up \$1,894
- Electricity down \$628
- Insurance up \$1,790

This year we were required to report lease transactions under a new accounting standard. This had the following effects:

- The right to use the lodge is recognised as an asset,
- The obligation to pay rent is recognised as a liability

Rent paid is split between interest on the lease liability and amortisation of the right to use the lodge (this is not technically accurate but is a good way of thinking about it).

Adopting this standard decreased our net profit by approximately \$1,300. We would be happy to answer any specific questions about the changed accounting treatment.

Membership Transfers

There were two membership transfers in 2019 (noted in 2018 report):

- Estate of Philip Nygh to Margaret Nygh
- Brett Batty to Daniel Cox

There has been 1 transfer so far in 2020:

- Estate of Hugh Macready to Kate Lyons

Lodge Upgrades and Maintenance

There were no major upgrade works done this year. There were many smaller items of maintenance and improvements, including:

- stacking the food store
- stacking the wood store
- cleaning the kitchen thoroughly
- cleaning all windows
- installing safety rail on Room 3 upper bunk
- repurposing middle level tool cupboard as extra linen store
- repairing plumbing and wall in Room 6 bathroom
- painting various areas where needed.

Easter Work Party

We did have an Easter Work Party planned for the coming Easter. However, due to the pandemic movement restrictions, this will not go ahead. Therefore, the wood and food stores will not be stocked.

2020 Winter Season

It seems likely that the Resort and the Lodge will not open for this coming winter season, although that is not decided at the time of writing. If the Lodge does open, members and guests will need to manage with the minimal wood and food supplies remaining from last year.

New Windows

We have finalised details for replacing the single-glazed windows in the basement and middle levels with uPVC double-glazed units of the same style as the living room. This will reduce the heat loss and window condensation in these rooms. The plan is to install them just after Easter 2020. It is uncertain whether this will be achievable now due to the COVID-19 situation.

Perisher Cup

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

Team 1: David Buckley, Finn Buckley, Tess Buckley and Edward Fay; and

Team 2: Simon Berry, David Berry, James Crook and Curt Rondeau

The snow conditions and weather were really good compared to the conditions in 2018. Team 1 came 7th out of 15, and Team 2 10th out of 15.

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

Lodge President

As most of you know, I am a foundation member of the Lodge and contributed to the initial building effort in 1961-2. I've now been President of the Lodge since 2011. With my advancing years, I feel that it is high time for a younger member to take over the reins. Accordingly, at our February 2020 Board Meeting, I resigned as President, and we elected Simon Pardey as our new President. Simon may not be known to some members but has been active on the board and in work parties in recent years and is a ski and fitness enthusiast. Simon is the nephew of Danny Simon who older members will remember as one of our foundation members.

I have been very grateful for the good teamwork and support of the board and members while I have been President. Together, we have achieved some significant upgrades to the Lodge. I wish Simon well in his new role.

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 stayed in the Lodge, those who attended work parties, our booking secretary Pam Woodman, and your directors.

Gordon Cox
Past President
24 March 2020