



THIRROUL SKI CLUB LTD. MARANATHA LODGE NEWSLETTER

Hi Members this will be our last Newsletter as this year is almost over and some of you are dusting off your skis ,,ready for a grand overseas ski trip, I know of several groups heading to Japan and the U.S. I guess the G.F.C. does not hold the Maranatha skiers back even though the exchange rate means its going too cost more for a day ticket it just means you have to do more runs to get the same value,,, like about 30% more but we can do it.

Everyone should have received their A.G.M. notice to be held on the 31st January at Wollongong Uni Recreation Centre at 3pm. I am happy to report that your club had an excellent year. Bookings were very strong from both members and non members and this relates to an excellent financial return for the club, full financials are available of course in the reports that every member receives early next year. On a sad note Glen Frost has told us he is not coming back to us next year [no more valley scandal from Kooks Cnr bugger]. Glens plans are to work in the valley not far from us, actually in a job where he doesn't have to work as hard as we worked him [think he is getting soft need some concrete pills glen]. Glens heart is always going to be with Maranatha as his children have all joined our club, Glen did a spectacular job over his 2 years with us and we will miss his cooking and his happy attitude to his job and the well being of lodge guests a job well done.

So the committee is on the search for a new Manager we will advertise for expressions of interest early next year but if any member knows of anyone who fits the bill for us please get in touch with us and we will progress things further .

The Annual end of year function was held at the end of October in the form of a Cruise on Sydney Harbour ,,for those who attended the evening was a blast because we didn't have the whole boat and there was Bucks and Hens parties downstairs complete with strippers, its not true that Hansy Buettner got some photos to publish in this Newsletter because I have not seen them yet! maybe next edition. On another note the Cruise was only attended by 37 people and they are the ones who always go to these events namely the committee and a few others. As it stands now the committee will not put the effort into running an end of year event because of the lack of support from you the members, maybe give it some thought as to what members want to happen socially and drop us a line or discuss it at the A.G.M. Remember the Ski Club Balls we used to have at North W, gong surf club they were great nights have we all got so old we can, t party anymore ,,I know I still can.

VALLEY NEWS N.P.W.S. have released figures about the take up of the recent bed allocation and it appears that there is 47 beds in Perisher that were not sold and taken up,,,, it is believed that they will be sold of in 2009.

Perisher Blue has advised that they are not proceeding with the \$800 million development that they had projected to N.P.W.S. , I can see a good and bad side to this it means the slopes wont get any more packed out in winter than they are now. But a big development would have meant more facilities for summer use,,, a definite plus for club lodges like us as it would mean more interest for summer bookings.

REMEMBER to tell all your friends that the lodge is available for summer bookings and the rates are really reasonable and there is heaps too do like ride your pushy to Charlottes pass [the hotel there is now open in summer] walk to the porcupine and of course sit on the balcony with a glass of sav blanc in your hand and watch the sun go down.

Lodge News in early April Kevin is planning to get the stairwell covering installed and we have some minor works to attend to in the Basement to do with the fire regulations that will also be completed this summer and maybe new carpet in the dining room.

On behalf of myself and the committee I extend our best wishes to you and your families for a safe and happy Christmas and Holiday period and I hope I can chat to you all at the A.G.M.

Regards Ian Gregory

Ps look out for a small rise in Accommodation rates for next Season in the region of 4% ,, details will be out next year.
