

## Snowy River Ski Club 2009 Chairman's report

Welcome everyone to the 2009 Annual General Meeting. First and foremost let me thank those people who continue to make invaluable contributions to the operation and upkeep of the Lodge, in particular April Henderson, David Hogg and Tony and Polly Adams who have just completed a first year on the board.

Our focus as a board continues to be on ensuring that the Lodge remains a safe and enjoyable place to holiday in winter and summer. Between writing this report and the AGM, Tony Slatyer, our maintenance officer, will have met with Andrew Fairfield-Smith, the builder who did the Tiobunga reconstruction project, to discuss options for rebuilding the deck and will have had a status meeting with NPWS to discuss our progress implementing the Health and Building Audit. Tony will report on these items at the AGM to advise us of their implications.

An important item of business this year is to propose a change to \$300 annual membership fee limit in our governing rules. Our current philosophy of cost allocation is:

- Bookings income should cover costs associated with use of the lodge,
- Income from membership fees should cover fixed (and therefore compulsory) costs,
- Levies should be used to finance major works that add value to the Lodge.

This has worked well for a number of years, but as you will see from the financial figures, the fixed costs associated with operating the Lodge continue to increase, for the most part because of unavoidable costs imposed on us by the NPWS. Because these fixed costs are substantially covered by the annual membership fee, the fee will need to be increased.

In accordance with the rules, the actual membership fee for a year will continue to be determined at the AGM.

I ask you to support the proposed change, enabling the board to continue operating with the current financing model; with this we can continue to offer reasonably priced winter accommodation to members.

Peter Newton  
Chairman 2009