

Presidents Report 1993/94

It is my pleasure to present my report for the year.

Well, so much for the 1993 season - full of promise on Queen's Birthday and that was about it. Unfortunately, we do need to recap on the year it hardly snowed. Despite the lack of snow, the lodge was close to full on 8 weekends and 6 mid weeks with the accommodation income reaching \$29,043. The keenest interstate visitors to the lodge were a group of 22 from Brisbane who were booked in for the last week of September, 20 actually came in the end and were charged summer rates. They have already written seeking another booking this year.

The good news for those who did use the lodge were the new bathrooms which were completed under the supervision of Jim Milledge to whom we are all grateful.

Due to the very poor snow the booking secretary was approached by various people for a refund of unused accommodation fees and the Committee considered all requests in early October.

The majority of requests came from guests and the Committee decided that a minimum 10% booking fee be retained by the club. In some cases where original bookings were moved (re booked) a higher booking fee was applied.

The refunds totalled \$6,614 (including \$2,850 to the Brisbane group) and this has been deducted from the accommodation figures I mentioned earlier.

The result on the club finances hasn't been too devastating. Leaving aside the normal operating income and expenses it looks like this We started the year 1/3/93 with:

	\$21,784	in the bank
received	\$7,300	in maintenance levies
giving a total of	\$29,084	to fund
		improvements/maintenance
spent	\$22,000	on the bathrooms/passageway area
	\$5,500	on SEC connection/wiring
		upgrade
Total	\$27,500	

and finished the year with \$6,593 in the bank.

In other words the accommodation income, such as it was, actually covered normal cash operating expenses - more details From the Treasurer later .

Bearing in mind the good general condition of the lodge the Committee has decided there will be no major projects for the Autumn '94 work program, with the possible exception of a mezzanine level in Flat 6. At the same time there are always numerous maintenance tasks to be completed during the two work parties that have been arranged. The benchtop griller unit has been modified to overcome some of the fat problems, but it is important to understand these units are for the cooking of lean meat not fat filled sausages, hopefully it will work better this time.

I would like, on behalf of the members, to thank the Committee for their diligent effort and enthusiasm through the year and I hope '94 is a much better ski season.

My final comment concerns Frances Williams, wife of member Chris. For those who may have met Frances you will be saddened to learn that she passed away on the 17th March after a long illness. I have already sent a card to Chris and his daughters Stephane and Lindsay.

Thank you,

MIKE KERMODE