

In presenting my report to the Club, I would firstly like to thank all members of the Committee for their contributions to the Club over the past year. Although we have only had a couple of meetings all together, we have maintained a good communication by email, and this has worked really well. A couple of meetings were held in Melbourne, and particular thanks go to Danielle and Darren Richter, and to Deb and Murray Elrington for having us at their homes, on those evenings.

Some committee members also met at the Lodge early on, and there has been much discussion as to the improvements that could be made at the Lodge in the future. It is agreed by all that that our Club must maintain a good standard of accommodation and amenities, in line with contemporary standards. Therefore, the Committee has decided to embark on some improvements to the building as part of an ongoing program.

Over the past few years, the Club has been able to build up a significant fund of cash, which should be re-invested in the Club. It has been decided to carry out the program in 2 stages - some of the work about to commence, and a second stage will be carried out after the next season. An architect has done the necessary drawings for the project, and a builder engaged, who will start the main work in the next few days. The first stage will be completed by the end of April.

It is my pleasure now to be able to give you a run-down of the work being undertaken.

STAGE 1.

1. Bathrooms being Undated. The female bathroom area, is being divided into 2 self-contained bathrooms each incorporating shower, toilet and vanity basin. These will be tiled on the walls and floor and will be fitted with contemporary fittings and fixtures.
2. Room 1 Conversion. The space currently occupied by Room 1, is being converted into 2 self contained bathrooms, (with the same tiling and fittings as the 2 bathrooms on the other side of the passage), and a separate toilet with hand basin, will be situated in the space between these 2 bathrooms. Unfortunately, this will mean that we lose one bedroom for this season, but it was felt that it was better to have the builder/plumber do all the work on all the bathrooms at the same time.
3. New Fridges. Four new fridges with double glazed clear glass doors, have been purchased, and will be installed side by side in the pantry area in an alcove that will be sound-proofed and built out over the mezzanine floor area of the 4-Flat.
4. New Leather furniture. The green leather couches in the lower lounge, which have proved to very durable, are being moved to the TV room, and several 2 and 3 seater leather couches have been purchased, which will go into the lower lounge, and the same style also in the Upper Lounge in front of the window. There has been an on-going problem with the upholstery of the couches and chairs upstairs, and as we got a really good deal on the leather it was decided to replace them. The new ones should give good service for many years.

STAGE 2.

1 New Bedrooms at Northern end of the passage. It has been decided to add 2 bedrooms to the end of the Lodge, but this cannot be done until after this season as a Planning Permit will be required, and will be applied for shortly. These rooms will be slightly larger than the current Room 1, and will each accommodate a double bed and a bunk. This will give a net gain in bed-spaces of 3. It may be possible at some time in the future for one of these rooms to incorporate a small ensuite bathroom, and for it to be used as a Manager's accommodation. That would be for consideration by a future Committee.

2 Outside Deck on North side. As part of the Planning Permit that will be submitted to the authorities for approval shortly, we have decided to plan for a galvanised steel deck to be constructed with an entrance from the northern end of the pantry passage. The deck will be in similar style as used outside several other buildings at the mountain, and will give members a great opportunity to make use of that area facing the north. The preliminary design is set out on the attached sketch, which will be submitted for the Permit. The Season 2006 has been a difficult year for the snow industry generally, and Burrumbeep has not been an exception, in that our accommodation has been down on the previous year. The number of bed nights accommodation in Season 2006 was about 930, over half of which were Guest nights at about 510, and the total income from accommodation was approximately \$30,000, which was down from the previous year of \$55,000. Peter will report in more detail on the Clubs finances.

Once again, my thanks to the Committee for their support throughout this constructive year. I am sure the members and visitors will enjoy the changes.

Finally, I want to make special tribute to Marg and Mike Kermode for their many years' contribution to the Club as Booking Secretary people. Marg and Mike have decided to pass the baton and Darren and Danielle Richter have offered to take on this task, so please be kind to them, while they have the training wheels on!. Marg and Mike have done a fabulous job for as long as I can remember, and a very difficult job it can be -juggling of rooms, and changes to bookings etc.. Could you all please join me in offering them a vote of thanks for their great contribution to the Club over many years.

Now, all that needs to be said is that I hope the snow comes in big dumps, and on that note I wish Burrumbeep all the best for Season 2007.

Thank you. John
Tulloch.