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## **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT FOR 2010**

Welcome to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual General Meeting.

Your Club has had a reasonable year fiscally, as well as socially. Considering the new kitchen at Perisher, and modest maintenance at Thredbo, financially the start of the year was a concern to your Committee. However with solid bookings and some new members coming on aboard, the Committee managed to maintain our good financial position. As you will see in Ross's report, we have cut back on major projects, and are now maintaining the Lodges in their 5 star categories.

The new kitchen at Perisher has been a wonderful improvement, and by all reports has improved the comfort of our members stay. The Committee is looking at various projects, which were mentioned in our member's survey, some big, some small, all to help make your Geebung experience a better one. Please don't hesitate to contact your Committee if you have a good idea, or a suggestion, we welcome any feedback, and will consider these ideas for the future enhancement of the Club.

Our membership is full @ 475 members and we have 13 people on our wait list. This is another example of how healthy the Club is. Once again, this list is made up mainly from children of members, which we hope will keep the family club atmosphere going.

Perisher Lodge continues to have spare capacity (i.e. unused beds) each ski season. The Committee recognises the added travel logistics to access this Perisher lodge and have decided to offer a 10% member accommodation discount for the 2011 ski season to test whether this fills more beds. The Committee is also open to member suggestions regarding making our Perisher Lodge a more attractive choice.

The Website is growing and becoming more member friendly. It is now our "shopfront" and shows the quality of our Club. Members can book, pay, and download pictures of their Geebung Experience. Once again the Club continues to keep up with all the latest technology, but if we have missed something, don't hesitate to suggest to the Committee what we can do to make it better.

Don't forget that we have a great clothing range available including beanies, hoodies and lots more, and these will be available from our Lodge Managers. This is a great way to show support for the Club and they are also a great fashion accessory! Check them out on the website.

I would like to thank our marvellous Lodge Managers, Keith and Kali, who have done a fabulous job in keeping our accommodation in tip top order. This can be, at times, a thankless job, so our biggest thanks to both of them.

The Committee would like to thank Louise Bengtsson, the Booking Clerk and Administration Manager, for her dedication to the Club and on going services.

I would like this opportunity to thank all the committee members, who tirelessly give their time and energy for the reward of making your club; a place to be; a place to enjoy with your guests; at an affordable rate; with state of art friendliness. If you wish to be involved with helping the club, or joining the committee, please feel free to contact any committee member. Remember it's your club.

Yours in skiing,  
George Hamilton  
*Chairman*

## **Lodge Developments**

Given the relatively large expenditure last year on the new kitchen at Perisher a decision was made to only incur modest expenses in the current financial year.

At Thredbo we are in the process of replacing the last remaining old bedroom fan heaters with new slim panel convection units, similar to the ones in the Perisher bedrooms. At Perisher these have proved popular as they are silent and can be left on a low level if desired to keep the room at a more comfortable temperature. Interestingly our electricity consumption at Perisher has tended to be slightly lower since we installed these.

We are also arranging for some fairly extensive repainting of the interior of Thredbo. This will involve most ceilings, door frames, doors and certain previously painted walls. Some of these surfaces have probably not been repainted since the lodge was constructed.

We are also looking at replacing the bedroom furniture in Room D at Thredbo. This will basically be a trial to see if the proposed new design is functional and popular. Rooms C and D are the largest twin rooms and they have the depth (just) to each accommodate two king single beds. It is proposed to obtain beds which can also be pushed together, without any gap, so as to create a large king size bed. This sort of furniture should be particularly useful for our taller members and guests.

The idea is to also fit a more solid "built-in" wardrobe and drawer unit and to obtain a moveable bedside table and fixed bed-head in the same finish. This will probably be alpine ash veneer.

If the result is successful, the other bedrooms in the lodge can then be renovated in the same style - probably in stages to spread the cost over several years. Bedrooms A, B and E at Thredbo are not deep enough to accommodate beds of "king" length but can of course be renovated with standard bed lengths. (Perisher would also be restricted to this style for the same reason) Interestingly the older bedroom furniture in Perisher has stood up better than the furniture at Thredbo.

One practical problem is that the lodges would then need different sizes of linen whereas at the moment, we only need one.

We are also obtaining sets of ski/board vices and some basic ski tuning tools for the workbenches in both lodges.

The only work being done at Perisher this summer involves minor maintenance.

At this stage both Keith and Kali are planning to stay with us for the next season and hopefully beyond that - which is very pleasing.

The recent member survey also provided us with some very helpful guidance with respect to the lodges. Virtually all the responses indicated a general agreement with our current policy of improving the lodges over the medium term. There was however a fairly clear preference not to install more expensive features - such as heated bathroom floors.

Ross Stanton