

# Yalara Alpine Ski Club

## Newsletter

May 2020



### COVID-19 closes lodge

Well, what a year 2020 has been so far, with summer bushfires raging through the NSW Snowy Mountains followed by the global coronavirus pandemic forcing us to take the unprecedented move of closing the lodge indefinitely. At this stage, we are unsure whether there will be a ski season in Australia at all this year. If there is, it is likely to start late and require social distancing measures. Yalara's board of directors is monitoring the situation, along with government requirements and Perisher's advice. We are also working with SLOPES (the Ski Lodges Organisation of Perisher, Smiggins and Guthega) to determine if and when we will be able to open.

If the season does go ahead, we will advise all parties who have previously made a booking and give them seven days to confirm if they wish to proceed. If they do, we would appreciate payment within that seven-day period. If they decide not to proceed, bookings will be reopened with a priority given to members.

If we are forced to reduce numbers in the lodge in accordance with any government requirements,

then we will run a ballot if the lodge is overbooked.

Ensuring our guests take measures to address the cleanliness of their own rooms and the common areas will be key to our reopening. We will provide an update on additional rules to deal with that when and if the time comes. We would also strongly encourage anyone wishing to stay at the lodge to download the COVIDSafe app.

### AGM postponed

Coronavirus has also led to the postponement of our annual general meeting, which was planned for May 17. The Department of Fair Trading has granted us a three-month extension. If the situation is not resolved by that time, we can request another extension.

### Lockers available

Four half-lockers are now available at the lodge. If you are interested please send an email to Matt Wiles at [wilesm1000@gmail.com](mailto:wilesm1000@gmail.com)

### Selling shares

There are currently no shares for sale but if a buyer approaches the club secretary Andrew Frater will notify all members.

### Updating contact details

Please remember to advise of any updates to your email, postal address or phone number by emailing [secretary@yalara.com.au](mailto:secretary@yalara.com.au)

### Busy bees!

Huge thanks to Yalara members who have given up their time to make improvements at the lodge during the off-season. Special mention must be given to Colin Besley, who installed the new lino in the kitchen (pictured below). Eva, Reed, John and Anne also devoted a weekend to cleaning and painting at the lodge. This included painting the lower windows and the white wall at the back green, as well as the top railing (pictured left in March) grey and most of the sleepers (before the paint ran out!) We would also like to thank lodge manager Ray Northwood for his ongoing efforts behind-the-scenes to keep the lodge running.

