

BRUSH COMMITTEE MEETING

16/11/22 7.30pm

Via MS Teams

Attendees: Murray Neilson, Robyn Napolitano, John Campbell, David Robinson, Gail Weston, Brendan O’Neill, Geoff Pearce, Brett Stanley

Apologies: Tony Coffey

NO	ITEM DESCRIPTION:	ACTION BY:
1.	<p><b>FINANCIAL:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Current balance is \$246k, \$9254 owed on the credit card.</li> <li>*We have received \$2617 from our insurance company towards the cost of the geothermal repairs</li> <li>*We have received our insurance premium for the upcoming 12 months. It has increased to a whopping \$27680! This is a very substantial increase on last year but, by all reports, is in line with what other lodges are experiencing. Nevertheless, TC will enquire as to any options we may have to reduce this.</li> <li>*TC to put feelers out with our bank re a possible \$100-150k for the upcoming bathroom works</li> </ul>	<p>TC</p> <p>TC</p>
2.	<p><b>WEBSITE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* In order to move this forward and have the revamped website up and running by the opening of bookings, the committee has decided to hire a copy writer at a charge of \$1500. We still require more photos, especially internal shots, so if you have any, please dig them out and send to David Robinson.</li> </ul>	<p>DR</p>
3.	<p><b>MAINTENANCE:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*JC is preparing a risk management plan which is a requirement for our spa as it is designated a ‘category 2 aquatic centre’ - ongoing</li> <li>*JC/GP have discussed alternatives for the disposal of the spa water other than releasing into the ground. JC has a reasonably simple solution in mind – on-going</li> <li>*Mattress replacement: Committee is expecting a report from the work party re which mattresses are in need of replacement</li> <li>*The new dishwasher will be purchased and fitted prior to the ’23 season in order to maximize the warranty.</li> <li>*Replacement of the carpet in rooms 2,3, 6 and 7 to occur prior to ’23 season and the removal of the central wardrobe will commence during the November working bee.</li> <li>*Shelf units in LHS fridge are deteriorating and there’s some paint flaking from surface. Shelves to be brought back to Melbourne for re-coating</li> <li>*The foam in some of the lounge chairs is degrading and breaking up. GW to discuss replacements with JL. Waiting for further info</li> </ul>	<p>JC</p> <p>JC/GP</p> <p>GW-AM</p> <p>BS</p> <p>BS</p> <p>GW-JL</p>
4.	<p><b>BOOKINGS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*BO happy to continue with bookings but will be overseas when bookings open to the public</li> </ul>	

	<p>next year. BO to discuss with VL how to proceed</p> <p>* A decision around the COVID cancellation/refund policy needs to be made prior to opening bookings for 2023 – on going</p> <p>*Summer usage of the lodge: at this stage, members only. More info to follow once work program is finalized.</p> <p>*Group bookings for 2023 – We continue to receive queries re possible group bookings for '23. As stated in the previous minutes, we won't take whole lodge bookings for the July school holidays or the member's blackout period in August. DR/BO to reach out to RMIT and MUSKI to see if they have plans to return next season and if they can give us an indication of likely dates. As very loyal, returning customers, the committee feels we should accommodate their requests if at all possible.</p> <p>*There will be an accommodation rate increase for '23 of approximately 5%. Another change to rates is that the member's discount will apply to ensuite rooms in the same way that it applies to all other rooms.</p>	<p>BO-VL</p> <p>DR/BO</p>
5.	<p><b>PLANNING &amp; FACILITIES COMMITTEE:</b></p> <p>*The P&amp;F committee will make a presentation on the latest thoughts concerning the bathroom redevelopment to the AGM on December 7<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>*November working party is in situ at the time of this meeting and while the weather has not been kind, a great deal of progress has been made. Many thanks to the members who have taken part: Geoff Pearce, Andrew Mead, John Campbell, Matt Napolitano, Paul Wilson and Paul Weston. Please see attached photos. Final sheets to be hung mid-January. Window flashing to be fabricated and fitted when available.</p>	NG/PW
6.	<p><b>MANAGERS:</b></p> <p>*Several applications have been received for this position. GW to organize interviews prior to Christmas. BO and RN to attend.</p>	<p>GW</p> <p>RN</p> <p>BO</p>
7.	<p><b>GENERAL BUSINESS:</b></p> <p>*Welcome to Oscar Ziolkowski on taking up an associate membership. Oscar is Susan Davies' son and he looks forward to many happy years of association with Brush.</p> <p><b>*Our AGM will be held on Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm via Microsoft Teams. Here is the link:</b></p> <p><a href="https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YzVmMWFjYjktYmVjYS00NjcyLWFiNDQtNDE3MDBmNTcyYzgw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22d962579e-f986-42d9-ae2b-da8895a43b5b%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%2277398dcc-2b13-43f2-96ff-2b6a536717b8%22%7d">https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YzVmMWFjYjktYmVjYS00NjcyLWFiNDQtNDE3MDBmNTcyYzgw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22d962579e-f986-42d9-ae2b-da8895a43b5b%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%2277398dcc-2b13-43f2-96ff-2b6a536717b8%22%7d</a></p> <p>*In other Hotham news: the former CEO of Tourism North East Victoria, Amber Gardner, has been appointed as CEO of Alpine Resorts Victoria.</p> <p>*The HSA is looking into any tax implications for ski clubs as the ATO has indicated it will be looking at them this financial year. Our not-for-profit status is on-going but we may be required to certify this on an annual basis going forward.</p>	
	<p>Meeting closed at 9.30pm</p> <p><b>Next meeting – AGM Wednesday 7/12/22, 7.30pm, via Microsoft Teams</b></p>	

Next committee meeting – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm, via Microsoft Teams





