

Directors' Report for the year ended 31 December 2018



Celebrating over 56 years of Christian ministry since 1963

Southern Cross
ALPINE LODGE

Southern Cross Alpine Lodge stands over 1680 metres above sea level in world heritage, Kosciuszko National Park. If you are reading this as a member you know the joy of coming "home" to Southern Cross. Many people have expressed this feeling and what a joy it is to have another "home" where at any time of the year you will feel welcomed. A place where body, mind and spirit are refreshed. Lots of work goes into keeping our lodge in top condition and maintaining bookings, so there are every year a few people in particular to thank.

Maintenance: A big thanks to Steve T and Peter for all your work. Planning is under way to enclose part of the front verandah. This is scheduled to commence in October 2019. An interim new tea/coffee area is now complete. Routine maintenance is also essential; thanks to those able to be with us at working bees this year and last year.

Bookings: A big thanks to Brian for all your work over the year. We now have a new accounting (Xero) and updated booking system with a new contact data base (including Mailchimp), which took many, many hours of development to bring into use. Thanks Brian for your wisdom and perseverance getting this up and running. Thanks also to Julie and Ann Collins for your assistance with bookings. A special thanks to our ever-patient Accountant at Youthworks, Fei Lim, as well as her staff.

Hosts and Chefs: A very big thanks to our chefs over the year; Julie, Shakuntala, Tanya, Scott, Stephanie. Peter S and Peter M. Fantastic meals served each day with a smile. Thanks to Michelle for organizing a fabulous menu. Thanks to our hosts; Peter and Alison, Steve and Jenny, Kevin and Ann, Jan, Brian and Julie, Graham and Margie, Bev and Mike, Mimy, Margaret and Michael, and Scott and Kristen. What amazing weeks, each unique.

Memberships and marketing: We now have approximately 3 of each class of PBS membership available for re-sale. A reminder that we have a maximum of approximately 130 Class 1 and 100 Class 2 memberships. Thanks to Peter for your great work. We are also looking at upgrading our website, so watch for the changes. [The invitation is always there join us on Facebook.](#)

Each Sunday, Southern Cross joins with the wider Perisher community for a service at the highest church in Australia, **The Alpine Church!** Our chef cooks a sausage-bbq; we enjoy the fellowship, teaching and singing.

Finally, thanks to you, our members, for your ongoing support over the past year. Your directors are very aware of the wonderful people that we do our best to serve. Southern Cross is people, the lodge community. We hope that you will be able to come "home" sometime during 2019.

Your directors have met formally 7 times during the year either face to face or on Skype.

Directors: Graham Morrison (Chairman) Bev Day-Cassin, Steve Thompson, Peter Matthews, Brian Gaetjens, Steve Hutchinson, Ann Collins