



COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

The following report with respect to the profit of the Association for the financial year ended 31st December 2021 and the state of the Association's affairs at that date is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee.

The names of the Committee in office at the date of the report are:

Committee

Yngve Amundsen, Kate Andrews, Fiona Bunting, Peter Bunting, Paul Burgess, Carl Groom, Danielle Halvorsen, Niel Halvorsen, Peta Howe, Pernille Jensen, Kari Svensen, Rolf Svensen

Just a reminder that this AGM is for the 2021 year.

The principal activities of the Association in the course of the 2021 financial year have been as the providers of accommodation for the encouragement, development and promotion of snow sports, ski touring and other athletic sports.

As reported last year, 2020 was a difficult one for the Club to traverse due to the uncertainties arising from the onset of Covid 19. The booking revenue that year was ultimately down only \$5100 from the year before. However, in this 2021 year, the winter season was much more deeply affected by the pandemic and the resort closure.

Even with the drop in revenue resulting from necessary booking cancellations and the resort closure, the Club still has good financial reserves and is in a strong financial position. The members and Committee remain motivated and the Club is well run. The lodges themselves are being physically well maintained with all of the regular working bees in January, February and March 2021 going ahead and another working bee also occurring in November 2021.

2021 was the Clubs 70th year in operation.

In May 2021 the Club celebrated this special anniversary with a very well attended AGM and 70th Anniversary dinner. It was lovely to see so many members attend with their family and friends.

The year's winter season was not a good one in terms of bookings as mentioned above. Both lodges were booked over the June long weekend however only one of the July booking weeks could go ahead with a few other days in July also

being taken by a smaller booking. One booking in August proceeded and again a few other days were filled in August before the resort was closed in its entirety. No bookings in September could proceed. Fortunately, there were three bookings in November and T1 was booked from 23 December to 16 January and T2 from 24 December to 14 January. The final booking revenue for 2021 was \$37,356 with the previous year's booking revenue being \$79,308.

We were fortunate to be able to obtain some additional revenue from Government COVID grants and with other revenue received, the total revenue for 2021 was \$93,186. Total expenditure for the year was \$104,725 with the largest expenditure items being rent and insurance. Accordingly, for the 2021 year, the club had a loss of \$11,539. Further details are contained in the Financial Report.

It is unfortunate that members were unable to utilize the lodges as much as they would have liked in 2021 however it is clear that we have an engaged membership and the vacant weeks were not through want of trying. We very much encourage members to make use of the huts all year round as there are plenty of activities available in the off-season in the Snowy Mountains region.

In 2021 a small increase in booking fees occurred commencing in February 2021. Rate adjustments happen only very occasionally and it was determined appropriate at that time to adjust given the increase in expenses in recent years and to streamline the booking fees. The booking fees are still very reasonable particularly when compared with other lodges and accommodation in Perisher. The fees are available on the Telemark website.

The Committee is very grateful to Fiona Bunting as the club's Booking Officer for all her efforts with the bookings during 2021 and during the entire Covid period. The additional work required was intense and we pass on our thanks to her for getting as many bookings as possible through to completion during that time. On that note, at the end of 2021, Fiona decided it was time to pass on the role of Booking Officer after 12 years. I would like to thank Fiona again for her tireless efforts over such a long period of time. It is not an easy role and we are extremely grateful to her for her amazing contribution to the Club. Fiona's mum Dee Stedman was also the Telemark Booking Officer for 10 years so that is an incredible 22 years of bookings looked after by mum and daughter. Thank you Fiona.

Insurance costs continue to be an ongoing major expense for Telemark and all clubs in Perisher. There was a small increase in premium for Telemark in 2021 however this was on top of a significant increase in the previous year. We continue to participate in the SLOPES group Insurance Program and benefit from the group approach. The Committee continues to review the insurance position and is considering options available.

During 2021 the Club applied for and obtained Government Covid grants. These grants went a significant way in reducing the losses to the Club. The Club has also appointed SLOPES to represent it (along with many other clubs) in

negotiations with NPWS regarding rent relief for 2021. That process is still ongoing. I would like to thank our amazing Treasurer Pernille Jensen for taking on much of the work in consultation with the accountants to get the Government grants through and working on the rent relief material. Pernille has worked incredibly hard to ensure the Club maintains its strong financial position. There is a lot of financial administration that occurs behind the scenes and Pernille has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Club to keep its finances in such good order.

The lodges continue to be well maintained and as mentioned above all the working bees proceeded with good numbers of members attending. The January and February working bees were again affected by poor weather so painting was, for the most part, impossible however much was achieved despite the rain. The March working bee was very well attended and a good amount of painting was achieved. Paul Burgess our Maintenance officer has done an amazing job in looking after the lodges and our sincere thanks to him and wife Paula for all that they do and also to Ruth Halvorsen for all her work in organizing the working bees and keeping records of what has been done and needs doing and to Rolf Svensen for all his continued work helping to maintain the lodges and also entertaining the participants with his guitar. A very special thank you also to all of the members who have come down to Telemark and participated in the working bees. The working bees are a great way for members to meet each other and I believe most agree that they are very enjoyable. We strongly encourage members to participate.

Members are reminded to complete the hut reports after their stay to help with the lodge maintenance and upkeep. The reports can be used for small or large issues and they help inform us of matters that need attending to during the working bees.

The Covid Sub-Committee made up of Yngve Amundsen, Carl Groom, Fiona Bunting and myself continued to review and consider the continuously changing Covid requirements as they related to the operation of the Club. Fiona Bunting made valiant attempts to fill the lodges with members and friends of Telemark located in the local LGA during the restrictions however ultimately the mountain was closed.

In terms of memberships, there were five new members in the 2021 year. Carl Rickards, James Harris, Kerry Groom, Rebecca Morton and Alex Rathgeber. Congratulations to those new members. We also had one member resignation in 2021. Sadly, in 2021, the Club lost two of its treasured members with the passing of both Trygve Amundsen and Harvey Halvorsen. Trygve and Harvey were both former Principal members who each had a deep love and pride in Telemark. They will be greatly missed.

Sonja Sim continues to do a fabulous job in her role as Sports Officer. The role is an important one as Sonja maintains the Sports Register which is our main method of recording the activities of members and guests of Telemark in their Sport and Recreation activities. Promoting and facilitating sporting activities is a vital part of our Club's registration so members are very strongly encouraged to

continue to record their activities in the Sports Register. Sonja has prepared a separate sports report outlining the activities of members and their guests and thanks again to her for keeping up this register with great efficiency.

Members can still access the Telemark Website and thank you to Monica Eastwood for her continuing assistance with updating the website. The website is a great source of information and contains information on booking rules, procedures and links to helpful sites and key contacts. Please also upload any photos you would like to share with other members.

2021 was my third year as President of Telemark and the role will go to a new President in 2022. My thanks to the Committee for all their help and guidance during my time as President. My thanks also to the members of Telemark Ski Club from whom I have received so much support. I am very proud to have held the role of President of this amazing and special Club.

Kate Andrews
President