

# **The Kosciusko State Park Trust**

The Editor,  
Australian Ski Year Book.

Dear Sir,

In view of references in the press of recent dates alleging the lack of opportunity for New South Wales ski clubs to improve ski-ing facilities for their members in the

Kosciusko snowfields such as are stated to be afforded similar bodies in the Victorian snowfields, I desire to bring to your notice the attitude of the Kosciusko State Park Trust on the question of erection by ski clubs on the park area of accommodation lodges for their members.

The Trust has always been aware of the necessity for making adequate provisions for accommodation for the large numbers desirous of visiting the park area during the best ski-ing months. To this end it planned the erection of a snow lodge in the vicinity of Smiggin's Cafe, work on which proceeded until difficulties in securing the necessary authority to obtain materials (not yet overcome) caused a halt.

With a view to the demand for accommodation being met in some measure by ski clubs themselves, it was decided to grant permission to clubs to build accommodation lodges for their members on sites to be approved by the Trust and in accordance with a code of conditions adopted. In pursuance of this policy, the Kosciusko Snow Revellers' Club has been given permission to build on a site selected by the club. An application by the Kosciusko Alpine Club is at present under consideration.

A copy of the code of conditions referred to is attached.

In connection with its plans for developmental work generally, the Trust has established its own depot and it has already gained valuable experience in the use of local material, particularly granite, for building purposes. It built the hut for the Water Conservation and Irrigation Commission on the site of Adam's Hut on Spencer's

Creek as well as various buildings at Waste Point. Officers of clubs which are considering building might well take an opportunity of inspecting these buildings. Besides affording facilities for such inspections, the Trust will be happy to give clubs the benefit of advice based on its experience of construction work in the area and, as and when its own commitments permit, to assist in the erection, if desired.

All your clubs may not know that the Trust, in order to prevent the closing of the accommodation house at Rules Point, acquired the property and has taken steps to keep it open. The Trust did draw up plans for some modernisation of the place and went so far as to call for tenders to have the work, which included the installation of sewerage and of electric light, carried out. However, the Trust was unable to obtain any tenders whatever to do the work and, as yet, it has been unable itself to do any substantial work on the building because of other activities upon which its staff is necessarily engaged. However, a ski run has been cut on the Fiery Range and the accommodation house has been kept open through the winter and is at the present being run by Mrs. Prosser.

Yours faithfully,

M. McMAHON,  
Secretary.

