



25th March 2020

Dear Members,

The Board met last night to discuss potential impacts to the club as a result of the Corona Virus. Following is an update on activities that we are taking in response to Covid-19. The work we have put in at our Board meetings (held 10 times per year) have put us in a good position to be able to weather this storm, although we should point out, it will not be easy.

Financially, the club has been considered in our expenditure and focused specifically on activities that improve the lodge structure and amenity while keeping a reasonable “kitty” in the case of a poor season. This has meant that while the next 2 seasons will be particularly hard, we do believe that with continued strong management of the financials and support from the membership we will, as a club and a community, continue to be able to enjoy Pegasus for many years to come.

Pegasus Alpine Club will follow any and all directives issued by Mount Hotham Resort Management Board and the Victorian Government. The most important thing is to do our part in keeping everyone safe and well. To date we have not received any advice around whether the 2020 Snow Season will go ahead but will let you know as soon as we do.

However, given the Government restrictions and directives around social distancing the Board has made the difficult decision to not accept any further bookings for the 2020 season from Guests and to suspend both bookings and cancellations from our Members until further notice. We have further agreed that if a Guest requests to cancel their booking we will refund them as per our current booking conditions. All summer bookings will be cancelled if they have not been already. For members, we are working through our options and will advise you once we have more clarity from MHRMB on whether the season will progress in any form. This will place us in a better position to determine the best course of action.

Regarding workparties, we are hopeful the civil works to reinstate the emergency exit near room 12 will continue to progress and be completed within the next few weeks. We have made this decision in order to ensure that the club will be compliant to building regulations allowing us to trade if all or part of the season does progress. We expect that this will be the only approved workparty expenditure (apart from monies already committed) for the remainder of this season, in effect putting a number of initiatives such as window replacements on hold. Given current travel and group gathering restrictions all scheduled work parties have at this stage also been put on hold. Once again, we will advise if this position changes.

The Board will continue to meet and discuss our response to Covid-19 and the best action for the club. We will endeavour to communicate regularly and quickly with our members on any material developments or changes. In the meantime, if you have any questions about action that the Board is taking please reach out to any of the Committee members.

These are difficult times we know, so please take care of yourselves, your families and loved ones. The Pegasus family is an amazing community so remember to call upon your fellow members if you need anything, even a quick chat, and please do check in on those within our own small community to ensure that they are ok.

John Wood
Chairman