



PRESIDENT'S REPORT 14 November 2009

Campground management: Last season's experiment in managing the campground by joining forces with Omarama Airport Limited to engage Tom and Rose Shields in a management and servicing contract for both organisations seems to have worked very well for OSC. In particular, feedback received by the Committee suggests a general improvement in the cleaning of the ablution block and kitchen.

The change to wheelibins for rubbish collection was instigated by Tom and produced an overall saving of a bit under \$1,000 for the season. New arrangements at the transfer station mean that we now need to segregate stuff for recycling if we are to minimise rubbish removal costs – for example, green, brown and white glass now have separate bins. This new discipline has the potential to save on costs, so I urge everyone to take the necessary care when disposing of their rubbish.

Campground improvements: Construction of the proposed extra sheltered dining and patio areas around the barbecues has unfortunately been caught up in a temporary hold-up with the building of the new chalets due to contractor problems – we were hoping to achieve some economies by using the same contractor at the same time.

The technical aspects of installing solar water heating has been thoroughly researched by committee member John Robinson but a few questions need to be answered about its economics before the committee will be in a position to make a decision one way or the other.

Chalet building programme: All chalet sites are spoken for. Full power, water, and drainage reticulation has been installed to all sites, and five new chalets are nearing completion for G Dale & Annie Laylee, Dick & Anna Georgeson, Jerry O'Neil, Bruce Graham and Scott Finkboner. Unfortunately, several mature trees had to be felled to make way for the new chalets, but 20 young Shad Bushes have since been planted in their place.

There are four sites where the holders have opted to delay building, for the time being (Alan Clark, David Craill (2) and Hugh Colton). However, time is running out because their sub-leases contain a condition that construction of new chalets must be completed by 30 April 2010 to allow the grounds and surrounding area to be tidied and all construction material removed. Some lessee changes may result if this deadline is not met. It is therefore important for anyone interested in building a chalet

to register their interest by going on the chalet site waiting list. Sites are allocated in waiting-list order.

Terminal extension: Omarama Airport Ltd (OAL) is working with the two commercial operators on plans to increase their accommodation in the terminal. This will provide more suitable booking office space on the eastern, public entrance, side of the building. This extension will also have a positive impact on OSC in that the present radio room will be shifted northwards and, not only will there be a better view of the runway, there will be a more efficient arrangement of the office space. OAL is hoping for construction to start at the end of this flying season for completion over winter, being ready for a new start in the spring of 2010.

Committee: The current committee comprises Max Stevens (President), Karen Morgan (VP), Jenny Wilkinson (Secretary), Laurie Kirkham (Treasurer), Kevin Bethwaite, Alain Bertucchi and John Robinson.

After many years on the committee, Laurie Kirkham has decided to step down with effect from the AGM. We wish to thank Laurie for her general contributions and wise counsel to the committee. Laurie's professional management of the OSC accounts has been of enormous benefit and, as I'm sure everyone will agree, her annual Financial Statements have always been informative and easy for clubs to follow. I am very pleased to say that these professional accounting services will not be lost to OSC, as Laurie has agreed to carry on as Treasurer.

With other sitting members prepared to stand again, there is a vacancy of one committee member.

Happy Soaring!

Max Stevens
President