



Illawong Ski Lodge Project

APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION MADE TO

SKI TOURERS' ASSOCIATION

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Dear Skier,

We feel sure you will be interested to hear that a new main-range project is being launched in the same way as Kunama Hutte and the Northcote Ski Tow.

ILLAWONG LODGE

This new lodge will form a further link in the chain of touring and shelter huts already part of the Ski Tourers' Association. With the approval of the Kosciusko State Park Trust, plans have been prepared for the conversion of the old "POUNDS CREEK HUT" into a first-class eight-bed chalet to be named "ILLAWONG LODGE" and equipped with electric light, "Fyrside" warmers, running hot and cold water, stainless steel sink, septic tank AND innerspring mattresses.

("ILLAWONG" means "view of the Water.")

SITE

Situated by the Snowy River, ILLAWONG will make possible easy access to the magnificent slopes of Mts. Twynam, Anderson and Tate, which offer some of the steepest, highest and longest runs in the Australian Alps. These mountains, rising majestically to heights from 6,300 ft. to 7,200 ft., form a huge amphitheatre, with ILLAWONG (5,400 ft.) at the centre, and provide for it a setting of breathtaking grandeur.

VARIETY OF RUNS

Every kind of ski-ing is possible in this area; the following four runs are good samples:—

"EASTERN FACING".
TWYNAM to SNOWY—2½ miles,
1,900 ft.
TATE to SNOWY, 2 miles,
1,600 ft.

"WESTERN FACING".
ANDERSON to FRIAR'S ALP—1½ miles,
1,700 ft.
TWYNAM to WATSON'S GORGE CREEK—1¾ miles,
2,600 ft.

Nor is there any lack of good practice slopes nearby; the charm and diversity of the area are endless.

ACCESS

ILLAWONG is easily reached. It is only 1½ miles upstream from Guthega, with almost no climbing, or a leisurely 2½ miles downstream along Spencer's Creek from Sugarloaf (near the Chalet).

FINANCE

It is proposed to finance the project by means of Foundation Memberships at *£25 each. Already arrangements have been made with a Cooma builder to prefabricate the walls, fittings and as much of the extensions as practicable. Quotes for this work, transport and foundations indicate that the reconstruction of POUND'S CREEK HUT can be carried out for approximately £1,000. We are confident that, with your support, this work will be completed and ILLAWONG ready for use this coming winter.

HELPERS

A working party is planned during the month of April. If you are keen to help in any way at all, just fill in the enclosed form and contact either of the sponsors. Any help (clerical, manual, etc.) will be greatly appreciated.

AFFILIATION

With ILLAWONG established, we intend applying for affiliation with the Ski Tourers' Association in the same way as did the Kunama Hutte and Northcote Ski Tow projects. The S.T.A. committee has already indicated its support for this new project, so that prospective members of ILLAWONG can look forward to S.T.A. membership and the mutual use of facilities already operating in its present lodges.

It is perhaps fitting that the reconstruction of POUND'S CREEK HUT, which has offered shelter to so many skiers touring the main range and enabled them to discover the superb runs of Twynam, Anderson and Tate, should be planned under the auspices of the Ski Tourers' Association.

Ski Heil.

JOHN C. TURNER,
CHARLES W. ANTON,
Sponsors.

* Payment by instalments can be arranged.