

## The Additions to the Chalet

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At the urgent request of members of the Ski Club of Australia and members of the Ski Council, the Government Tourist Bureau obtained a grant of money in order to build certain facilities and to increase the accommodation at the Chalet and, as a consequence, work was commenced early in February, 1933, by the Building Construction Branch.

Foundation proved to be a difficult matter owing to the stony and elsewhere boggy nature of the ground. Huge quan-



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The New Buildings at the Chalet, Charlotte's Pass.

titles of stone were required to complete the foundations of the buildings that have now been added to the Chalet.

The additions are as follows: The main entrance is now in front of the building and leads into an entrance hall where ski can be put under cover and racks are provided for that purpose; immediately off the main entrance is the Ski Club work-

room, where facilities for fitting ski have been provided. A stair leads from the entrance hall to a landing from which the new dining room may be reached, and this landing also gives access to a further stairway leading to the new dormitory upstairs, the sun balcony, the committee room, and club room. Two new bathrooms, with plunge and shower baths, have been provided, and central heating has been extended throughout the new section which, incidentally, is more extensive than the original building.

At the time of writing the final touches are being put on by carpenters, painters, plumbers and electricians, and the Chalet is a hive of activity. Chaos seems to reign in certain sections of the building as yet, but we confidently expect to have the whole of the new additions ready for occupation by about May 23rd or 24th. Owing to the extremely short notice, furniture and fittings have, at the time of writing, not arrived, but information is to hand that all the furnishings will be completed by May 15th, and, providing transport is not completely blocked by snow, every phase of the work should be completed by the date given above. The new additions will provide considerably more comfort for visitors to the Chalet and should tend to popularise it to a very great extent.

In conclusion, it should be stated that Mr. Grogan who, incidentally, built the original Chalet, was again in charge of building operations, and the writer wishes to express his appreciation of the wholehearted way in which Mr. Grogan assisted in meeting the innumerable obstacles incidental to extensive alterations, and to congratulate him upon his achievement.

### ARRANGEMENTS FOR 1933 SEASON.

Intending competitors in the various open events are referred to the Racing List at the end of this issue. At the time of writing, the Japanese visit is still uncertain, but we have had to allow for it in making arrangements for the season. The Ski Club of Australia will be at the Chalet for the first three weeks of July, followed by the Kosciusko Alpine Club, which will also be sending a team to Kiandra on July 19. The Ski Council will be holding the Australian Championships, inter-State match and (possibly) International match at the Chalet between August 7-15 with a possible extension to August 18 if weather conditions require it. An Accommodation Committee has been dealing (by permission of the Tourist Bureau) with this period, in order to ensure that inter-State and New Zealand visitors shall be certain of accommodation. The inter-Varsity match follows immediately after the inter-State events.

Owing to the necessity of running the Victorian Championships before the selection of the Victorian team the inter-State events cannot be started before August 7. This, unfortunately, may mean that the visiting team will have to race within a day of arrival at the Chalet, but there is no way out of it. If the Japanese team cannot come this year it will be possible to spread out the events to allow the Victorians time to rest and practise.