

# SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS TO BETT'S CAMP

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For many years past, Bett's Camp has catered for skiers who have, on account of late booking, been unable to obtain accommodation at the Chalet, or because of the more reasonable tariff.

Although in the past it has served its purpose, it is time that consideration be given to improving the comfort and living space of this hut. With this end in view, sketch plans showing the possibilities of improvement are illustrated in this issue.

As much of the old building would be retained as is commensurate with the improvements necessary.

The main feature of the plan is

creased preparation and storage facilities, together with a direct-access porch on the road side.

Staff accommodation for married couples and help has been arranged off the kitchen.

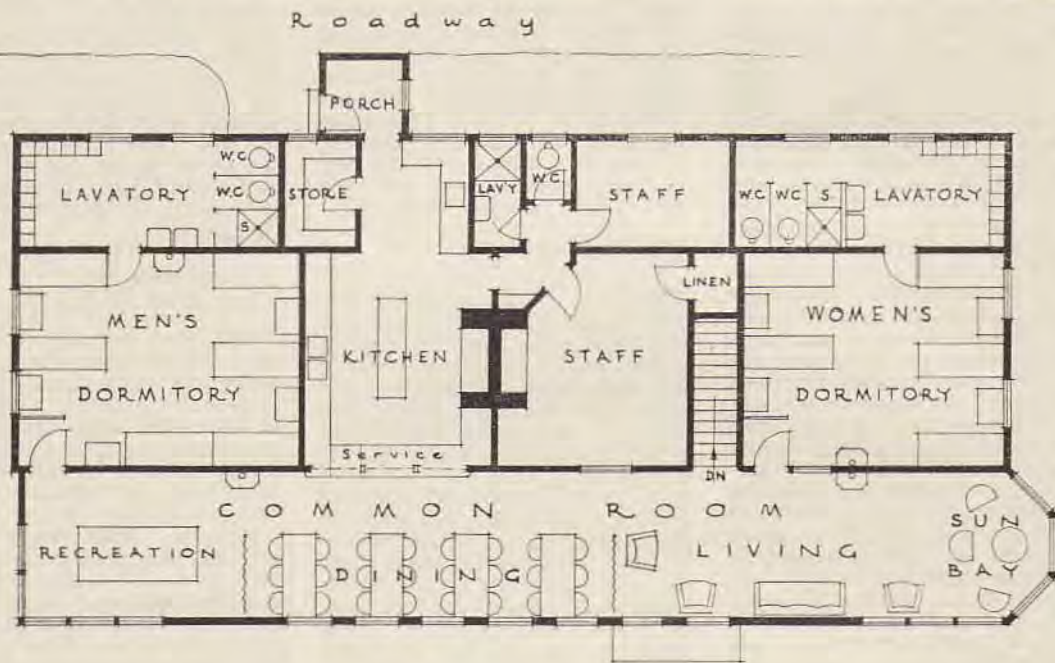
Dormitories with accommodation for 12 men and 10 or 12 women have access from the common room, and each dormitory opens to lavatory and shower rooms, which are provided with dressing space and individual lockers for each guest.

A new main entrance on the suggested plan is located on the

An attractive atmosphere could be obtained in the hut by the use of colour and the judicious selection of wall and ceiling finishes and furnishings. These should be both simple and serviceable.

For the common room is suggested hardwood wax polished floors with dado walls about 4 feet high of mottled honey-coloured hard board, wall surfaces and ceiling above dado lined with fibre board and decorated with a warm colour treatment to suit the room. Walls of dormitories could be similarly treated if sufficient funds were available.

The exterior walls to the new common room extension would be



MAIN FLOOR PLAN

the new Common Room, which would serve the purpose of dining, lounge, and recreation room. One end of this room has space for games, and the N.W. end is treated in the form of a sun bay, which would give excellent views of the practice slopes and receive morning and afternoon sun.

Directly opposite the dining section of this room is the self-service counter and kitchen; the counter would be arranged with drop-down sashes of ribbed glass.

The kitchen is provided with in-

lower basement level, and gives access to a stairway, which leads up to the common room; adjacent to this entrance is the ski and repair room. The remainder of the available space to basement is taken up with boiler room, drying room, laundry, fuel storage, and general store.

New septic tank installation would be necessary for the increased lavatory accommodation.

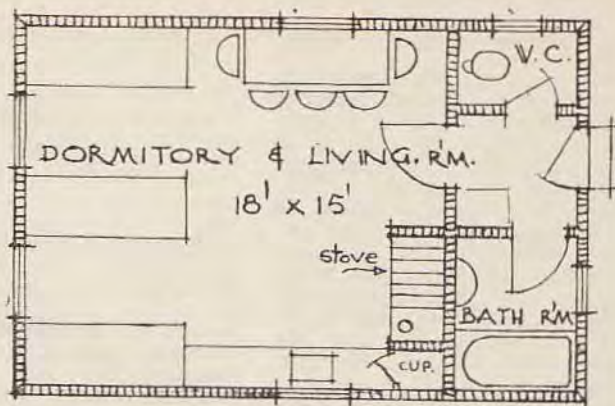
Kitchen cooking facilities could be supplemented by additional electrical equipment,

constructed of wood frame on local stone foundation, the outside lining of stained hardwood weatherboards, with eaves, window frames, and doors in suitable bright colouring.

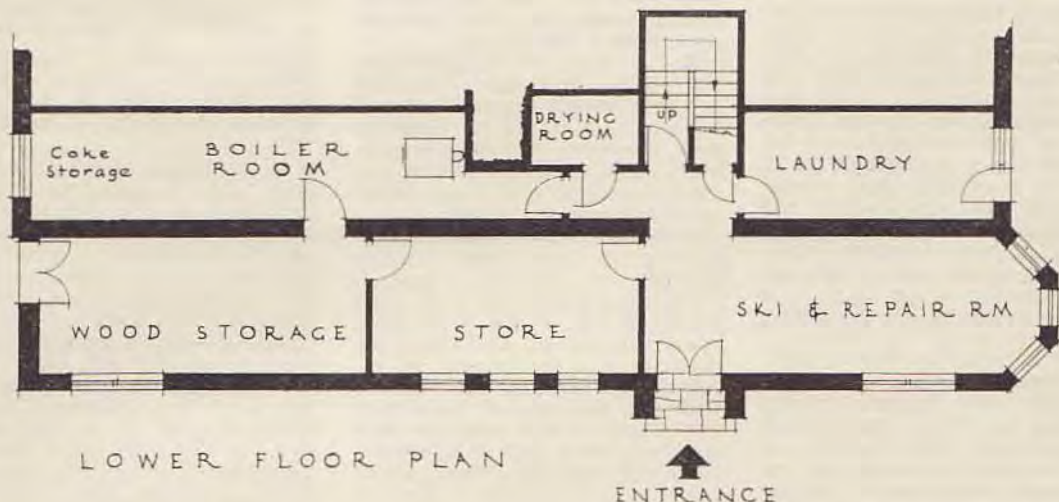
The furnishings to common room would consist of refectory tables with "Windsor" type chairs to dining section, and show wood frame lounge and easy chairs with cushion seats and backs for the living section.

A bright cane suite of table and easy chairs would be suitable for





Ground Plan for Main Range Shelter Hut.



the sun bay.

Windows hung with curtains of peasant weave in warm tones, cream venetian blinds, or draw-down holland blinds, with the natural light-coloured wood floor, appropriately interspersed with highly coloured rugs and mats would give a friendly and informal atmosphere.

For the recreation section a ping-pong table is required.

The dormitories to be equipped with combination dressing table and hanging space fitment, together with serviceable wood frame chairs. Coloured mats on floors.

The mechanical equipment would consist of coke or oil fired hot

water system for lavatories and kitchen. A hot water radiation system would be desirable for heating, but as an alternative individual coke slow-combustion stoves could be used. (This alternative would reduce installation cost, but is doubtful whether any reduction in fuel consumption cost would be obtained.)

Electric light could be generated by a crude oil engine housed in a separate outbuilding (because of noise and vibration).

#### Shelter Huts

A plan is also presented for a combined dormitory and living

room. This provides both for economy of construction and economic use of fuel, as the one fire heats both living and sleeping sections. Note how the fireplace is placed internally — well away from cold exterior walls, which would reduce its heating strength.

Separate W.C. appears to be essential. In the case of a breakdown it is least objectionable, and provides a place for an emergency toilette.

Space is provided internally for the storage of a limited amount of dry firewood, and a lock-up cupboard for supplies would also be advisable.