



Modern Transport, Hotel Kosciusko

The Kosciusko State Park Trust

THAT man proposes but circumstance disposes is a truth applicable to a wide range of post-war projects, including much of the developmental and constructional work planned by the Kosciusko State Park Trust. Lack of manpower and essential materials has delayed the fulfilment of certain plans, which represent only the initial stage of a comprehensive and progressive policy.

The Rock Creek Hut, which was partially built before last season's snow began to fall, has been completed and will be available during the coming winter as an additional shelter on the route from the Hotel to the Chalet. Its construction was largely experimental to determine the suitability of local stone for this type of building and those who have inspected it agree that it harmonises well with its environment, as well as being solid and comfortable. Plans were completed for the erection of somewhat larger types of shelter huts in Albina, Guthega and Pounds Creek, and much of the necessary material was secured, but difficulties in obtaining manpower and certain essentials proved insurmountable. A works depot is in course of construction at Waste Point, where a large amount of material and plant has been assembled. This will enable pre-fabrication

and preparation of material to be carried out during the winter months so that building operations can be resumed as soon as weather permits.

To open up the Park to the public, the Trust proposes to erect, within the limits of its financial resources, a number of small establishments which would provide very good accommodation at a reasonable cost, and be under personal management. They would cater for the requirements of 25 to 30 persons. Sites for such establishments can be found near Smiggins Holes, the Perisher Mountain, Mt. Wheatley and Pounds Creek Valley. Later, as the demand for this type of accommodation increases, the claims of White's River, Grey Mare Range, Jagungal and other localities can be considered.

The Trust intends to erect unattended, but comfortable, stop-over or safety huts, to accommodate six persons normally, but a greater number in emergency. Structures of this type will be erected on the Main Range and at such intervals as will enable skiers to travel in security and give access to areas at present little used. Each hut will be equipped with wireless and will be supervised by Trust rangers.

During the disruption of communications between Kosciusko area and Cooma, experienced during the heavy snow falls last winter, Station 2XL, Cooma, rendered valuable aid in establishing contact with the wireless installations in the Kosciusko area and receiving and transmitting messages. In the light of this experience the Trust, by arrangement with the management of Station 2XL, effected an installation at Cooma which the management has agreed to operate and to receive and transmit messages in time of need. The installations at the Hotel and the Chalet have been im-

proved and reports received indicate that their operation has been very satisfactory. Efforts have been made to improve the installations at Betts Camp, White's River and Alpine Hut. All wireless sets will be under regular supervision during the coming winter and the practical experience gained last year should ensure valuable service.

Apart from its plans for the development of snow sports, the Trust is not unmindful of the need for providing other recreational facilities such as riding, fishing, walking and scientific pursuits, all of which are receiving careful consideration.