

KAREELA HUTTE

AFTER the completion of the mile-long chairlift from Thredbo village for the 1958 winter season with the assistance of a helicopter, it seemed logical that this chairlift should be used to transport building materials for a lodge, which (it is hoped) will form the nucleus of the future Upper Thredbo Village. Although not a direct project of Ski Tourers' Association, most sponsors of Kareela Hutte are also prominent members of the Association. Austrian architect Otto Ernegg designed a most attractive ski lodge, the main feature being a V-shaped front with large windows overlooking the Thredbo Valley and a hillside roof anchored in the ground.

Building operations, which commenced at Easter, were a terrific race against the oncoming winter. Following an old European custom, a roof-raising party was held in May to mark the completion of the shell of the building. More than 100 guests including Sir William Hudson, commissioner S.M.A., members of Federal and State Parliaments, executives of the Kosciusko State Park Trust, and representatives of Ski Clubs, attended this unusual and most pleasant gathering. Sir Wilfred Kent-Hughes, Federal M.P. and former Minister of the Interior—an inveterate skier—and Lady Kent-Hughes performed the ceremony. The lodge was made habitable by the beginning of July, and was officially opened by the Federal

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Treasurer, Mr. Harold Holt, and Mr. Holt last August.

In return for free chairlift transport by Kosciusko Thredbo Ltd., Kareela Hutte for the first year conducted a restaurant for the benefit of all skiers on the mountain, which proved highly successful. The 16-bed lodge was well patronised, and those who stayed there on their skiing holiday greatly praised its charm and beautiful location. Having discharged our obligation to Kosciusko Thredbo Ltd., we will not run a restaurant in Kareela next winter season if it interferes with the comfort and convenience of resident members.

An important new area development is the installation of a Portogas-operated floodlight at the top chairlift station, consequent permission by the Department of Labour and Industry to operate the lift at night. This augurs well for the future top village, and will encourage Kareela residents to take part in the night life at Thredbo Alpine Village if they wish to do so.

Kareela is the ideal spot for those who want to live in the snow and at the same time enjoy all the facilities of the Thredbo area, Australia's fastest-growing alpine resort. With its proximity to the main range, Lake Albina Ski Lodge and other touring areas, it is an important link in the chain of high-altitude lodges.



Federal Treasurer Mr. Harold Holt and Mrs. Joan Pelc on the Thredbo Chairlift. Mr. Holt officially opened Kareela Huette near the top station of the lift.

Photo: David Beale.



Minister for the Interior Mr. Gordon Freeth and his family outside Kareela Huette at Thredbo taking a skiing lesson from ski instructor Leonhard Gwenter.

Photo: Frank Goodman.



Join Kareela Huette

The fabulous new club lodge at 6,000 ft near the top of the mile-long Thredbo chairlift.

- Easy, snow-free access via Thredbo Alpine Village, Australia's fastest-growing mountain resort.
- Inexpensive skiing holidays and unbooked weekend accommodation for foundation members.
- Snow from June to November.
- Ideal for experienced and intermediate skiers, novices and families with children. Longest ski runs in the Southern Alps served by lifts and tows. Superb ski touring. Beginners' slopes well served.
- Designed in contemporary alpine style, Kareela Huette is the most attractive ski lodge in the country. It accommodates 16 in six 2-bunk rooms and one 4-bunk room. All modern facilities including gas cooking and heating, large drying room, electric light, etc. Informal atmosphere and camaraderie. Glorious views.
- Reciprocal booking rights and reduced booking fees in the other lodges of the Ski Touring Association; Roslyn Lodge at Thredbo Alpine Village; Lake Albina Ski Lodge, at 6,530 ft, Australia's highest habitation; Illawong Ski Lodge near Guthega Dam.
- Life foundation membership fee £50 (payable if required in monthly instalments). Send money made out to Kareela Huette Project, to Charles Anton, C/o. Lumleys, 263 George Street, Sydney.
- Booking fees £6 per week. Booking agents World Travel Headquarters, A.P.A. Building, 263 George Street, Sydney, BW 4841. Week-end overflow accommodation, members only, £1 per night.
- For detailed information, illustrated brochure and literature, contact Charles Anton, B 0530.