



ILLAWONG LODGE incorporating Pounds Creek Hut (1925),  
built and run by the Club since 1956.  
Listed on the Register of the National Estate.



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## MEMBERSHIP PROCESS AND APPLICATION

Illawong Lodge is located at about 1600 metres altitude in the Kosciuszko National Park, New South Wales, Australia, about three kilometres from the resort of Guthega. Illawong Ski Tourers (IST) formed in 1956 to transform the historic Pounds Creek Hut into Illawong Lodge. Today IST manages the lodge under licence from the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS). Illawong Lodge is listed on the Register of the National Estate, and on NPWS Register of Significant Heritage Items.

The lodge itself is small and remote, not accessible by road, snowbound in winter, and not connected to any mains utilities. It sleeps a maximum of eight people in a bunkroom and is powered by solar electricity, fuelled by bottled gas, has running internal hot and cold water, and an internal flushing toilet connected to a septic system. There is a well-equipped kitchen and non-perishable food and fuel are available to all residents.

IST is a not-for-profit incorporated association with a proud tradition of volunteering. Volunteer members and friends undertake all the maintenance and re-supply of the lodge. The annual Easter work party is the major event when gas bottles are refilled, non-perishable food is re-stocked, and building maintenance is carried out. It is also a big social occasion for members and their family and friends.

The lodge is solely managed by its members, so we place strong emphasis on our club values. These emphasise care of the lodge, particularly its cultural and heritage qualities, care of the unique alpine environment, and care of people. Safety is important to us, as is being able share the lodge harmoniously with others.

### **How do I become a member of Illawong Lodge?**

#### *1. Come to at least two Easter work parties*

These take place from Good Friday to Easter Monday each year at the lodge. You will be asked to take an active part in the volunteer work: carrying in stock or gas bottles, track work, cooking, or building maintenance jobs. It is your chance to assess whether Illawong is the place for you. Factors to consider are: whether you have the skills, experience and aptitude to be able to safely and independently visit this remote alpine location; whether you are comfortable with sharing the lodge with other members; and

whether you are prepared to be responsible for the lodge while staying there, particularly fire safety. It is also our chance to get to know you.

2. *Complete accreditation training*

To ensure that the lodge is operated safely and consistently, IST provides training on its various systems: fire, electricity, water and gas. This accreditation training is held during the Easter work party and takes about two hours. You can book via the website.

3. *Stay at Illawong at least once in winter or summer*

As a non-member you can stay at Illawong provided there is a member resident who is also an Accredited Lodge Leader (ALL). The job of the ALL is to look after the lodge and its systems while you are there. It is not their job to look after you. You will need to have the skills and experience to safely and independently make the visit. The club will provide an ALL to enable your stay in winter. Any summer visits by non-members will require you to organise your own ALL through your own networks. Booking information is available via the website.

4. *Obtain nominations from two current financial members*

Membership opens up the lodge to you and we need to have confidence that you and Illawong are a good match. Nominators should be personally able to comment on how well they think you will be able to share the lodge with others, and your preparedness to take responsibility for the lodge while staying there (especially in the event of an emergency). At least one of your nominators should be a member with whom you have stayed at the lodge.

5. *Complete a membership application form*

This is your chance to introduce yourself to the Committee who will decide your application. Your application should demonstrate that: you understand and support the values of Illawong; and you have read and understood the Safety Guidelines (see website). You should outline what you hope to obtain out of your membership of IST and, in turn, what you are able to offer Illawong Ski Tourers. You must agree to be bound by Illawong's rules; these can be made available to you upon request.

6. *Send the completed and signed application form*

Applications can be emailed to The Secretary at [illawong@illawong.asn.au](mailto:illawong@illawong.asn.au)

Your application will be referred to the Illawong Committee at its next meeting and you will be notified of the result of your application. The entrance fee and annual subscription are payable with 28 days of the notification. Annual subscription fees are payable by 1 February each year. Accommodation bookings are only accepted from financial members.

## Illawong Ski Tourers Incorporated

(incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009* (NSW))

### APPLICATION FOR ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

<b>APPLICANT</b>		
Name	Phone	
Address	Postcode	
Email		
I hereby apply to become a member of Illawong Ski Tourers Incorporated. In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the rules of the club for the time being in force.		
Signature	Date	
<b>SUPPORTING STATEMENT</b>		
How many nights have you stayed in Illawong? (excluding work parties)	Summer	Winter
Have you participated in work parties? If so, please give details.		
Have you completed accreditation training? Please provide details.		
Have you participated in the activities of Illawong Lodge in any other way? Please give details eg social occasions, Annual General Meetings, Long Lunches.		
Please tell us about your experience and skills in back country skiing, bush-walking, navigation, first aid and any other relevant skills or experience.		

*Applicant Supporting Statement Continued*

How are you prepared to look after the lodge and people associated with the lodge in accordance with the values and guidelines of the Illawong Ski Tourers Association? Your answer should demonstrate that you understand fire safety at the lodge, have read the Safety Guidelines (see website) and also support the values of the club.

Please tell us about yourself. You could include things you've done, your broad interests etc

Why do you want to be a member of Illawong and what could you contribute to Illawong Ski Tourers?

<b>PROPOSER</b>	
Name	
I, the abovenamed, a member of the association, nominate the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of Illawong Ski Tourers Incorporated	
Signature	Date
Have you shared the lodge with the applicant? If so, how many nights? When?	
In my opinion the applicant can congenially share Illawong Lodge with other members. (Please provide supporting details)	
In my opinion the applicant is prepared to look after the lodge and people associated with the lodge in accordance with the values and guidelines of the Illawong Ski Tourers association. (Please provide supporting details)	
Why I am nominating the applicant	

<b>SECONDER</b>	
Name	
I, the abovenamed, a member of the association, second the nomination of the applicant, who is personally known to me, for membership of Illawong Ski Tourers Incorporated	
Signature	Date
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Why I am seconding this nomination	