Christiania Ski Club
72nd Annual General Meeting
19 November 2026

President's Report

I'm pleased to present the 2026 annual report to members of CSC in a year when our bed nights rose for a second year running, helped by the strong return of our school groups.

Snow

The snow came earlier than in recent years, with big natural falls in the Valley in early August, and WHL's snow-making made the run from the Waterfall to the Rock Garden excellent. It also left a little early, and Dallas and Pedro headed home on 8 October.

Bed nights and school groups

We had about 680 bed nights this year, up from 600 in 2025 and 450 in 2024, though still well short of the 1,900 we had in 2019. Te Awamutu Intermediate returned for two weeks, and Mangakōtukutuku College joined us for a night thanks to Bryan Clements, so school groups made up 180 of those nights. The free stays for young children are being well used, while Midweek Guests at Member Rates has been slower to catch on.

Whakapapa Holdings Limited

WHL is working much more closely with the clubs and has put forward ideas for next season, including packages with club accommodation and pooling costs such as insurance and power. Vivian Oskam is on the working group. WHL has also signalled a discounted season pass for club members, with details to follow, so watch Bunkum and keep your subs up to date.

Lodge and work parties

Derby was cancelled this year, with Men's Few Days and our other events kept social and family focused. Thanks to everyone who helped with the March provisioning and the April and June work parties, and an extra big thank you to Frog for organising most of them.

Finances and subscriptions

The club made a loss of $17,554, including $10,896 of depreciation, and our cash fell by about $5,900 to $80,701. Subscription income rose by more than 10% and our insurance came down by about $4,000, but higher provisioning, power and rates costs and lower interest outweighed this. Kerry's report has the detail. Your committee proposes a $300 senior sub for 2027 and an end to the $200 work party levy, as set out in the AGM notice. Night rates will be reviewed in February.

The People of Christie

Dallas and Pedro have confirmed they will return for a sixteenth season. It's been great to welcome new members and families this year from as far afield as Christchurch, Piha and Whakatāne.

Thank you to your committee, and to Kerry for steering us through another tight year. As always, an enormous thank you to Jenny Muir and Gary Verberne, whose work on bookings, membership and Bunkum makes Christie run so smoothly every year.

Best wishes,



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