



PINETREES GUEST HOUSE

LORD HOWE ISLAND

"Such Infinite Variety So Near"

PINETREES LATEST LODGE

"TASMAN TAHITI"

has five new rooms with individual showers, basins and toilets and each has its own verandah. The front of each suite has a double glass door opening on to its own verandah, and there is ample ventilation everywhere. Alongside the doors are single and double box frames, above the doors and the shower annexe are vertical glass louvres. There is plenty of hot and cold water. Innerspring mattresses have bed lamps conveniently placed. Each room has ceiling to floor curtains with contrasting bedspreads. Intermediate walls are brick for quietness.

Floors and shower recess are covered with vinyl tiles. Electricity is city type 240 volt, suitable for electric razors, etc.; two of the rooms have double beds and 3 are twin. Tariff for this new accommodation is £3/10/- per person per day. Early booking is essential as Pinetrees accommodation is in strong demand.

Further particulars may be obtained from all major Travel Agents or by writing direct to G. M. KIRBY, Pinetrees Guest House, Lord Howe Island.

From Sydney, Lord Howe Island is 480 miles towards Fiji. This happy blending of Coral and Volcanic origins has resulted in surface scenery that has the spectacular quality of the best of Eastern Polynesia. Reminiscent of Moorea's tumbling skyline or Bora Bora's Bali H'ai, Lord Howe rises almost three thousand feet from the crashing surf of the South Pacific, while its coral guarded lagoon provides a runway for the largest flying boats in service in Australia. The most Southerly coral reef in existence has all the underwater wonder world of the Barrier, and spearfishermen and skin divers report a clarity of water at Lord Howe that, uncontaminated by river mud, results in better corals and photographic conditions. For ease of access to coral in sheltered waters Lord Howe is unequalled and the wide variety of corals that can be viewed is exciting the increasing interest of travellers. Lord Howe is one of the few Pacific Islands with a good surf beach. Most of the Eastern Pacific Islands are ringed with coral, but Lord Howe has miles of safe still water swimming inside its lagoon and is wide open to the Pacific for surf on its Eastern side.

Lord Howe Island is renowned for its mild climate, the warm current, always above 65° F., ensures all year round swimming and an abundance of surface fish.

Ansett's well-known Sandringham flying boats, Beachcomber and Pacific Chieftain, each carry 42 passengers and a large freight load, and annually transport thousands of holiday-makers to Lord Howe.

The Department of Civil Aviation maintains the Aeradio Station which includes a Continuous Radio Beacon for aircraft, landing by launch control, and radio telegraph service for the Island. Weather reporting by visual observation and High Altitude Radar reading is handled by the Department of Meteorology.

There is no place in the world like Lord Howe Island. Roughly crescent-shaped, about seven miles long with a magnificent coral reef shielding the concave side, the enclosed lagoon offers a safe alighting and taking off area for large flying boats. Aircraft arrive at the Island at approximately high tide, which

accounts for some early morning departures from Sydney. Coming in over the Island by air, the straight-forward loveliness of the place is immediately apparent. The deep blue water changes to greens, browns and golds where the corals come out of the ocean and with white water fringing their bases, two great mountains nearly three thousand feet high fall sheer to the surge of the South Pacific. On the landward side they sweep down to the lagoon, an area of iridescent opal with over three miles of sun-bleached beaches offering safe still water swimming. On the eastern side the breakers endlessly roll ashore on the three surf beaches, and all the shades which make up the many and varied vegetations of the Island, are patterned beneath as the flying boat swings low to the lagoon. The charm of the place is its unspoiled nature, and immense scenic variety, with associated avenues of activity all within a small compass. There are no tedious distances to get anywhere, and there are many scenic viewpoints of great beauty within easy distance of home. With its profusion of palms, great mountains and coral reefs it has a tropical appearance, without any of its disadvantages. There is no enervating heat, sandflies, malaria or snakes. You can walk through long grass or bushland anywhere on the Island with perfect safety. It is a place where you can be as busy as you like or laze the days away. With a sea-breeze blowing most of the time it feels clean and fresh like the deck of a ship. Naturally it is not always drenched in sunshine. Lord Howe lies in the North Tasman Sea, and is subject occasionally to strong winds and high seas. It is never very cold, as the warm current responsible for the most southerly coral reef in the world helps to maintain an equable climate which rarely goes below 60° or above 80°. Rainfall is about 75 inches annually. When it is windy on one side of the Island it is possible to surf and sunbake on the lee side less than ten minutes' bicycle ride from the house.

Pinetrees is the largest guest house on the Island and a 50/- per day tariff puts maximum value in the holiday pound. Noted for its hospitality, excellent and plentiful food, Pinetrees also provides a regular round of entertainment without additional cost. There is always a crowd at the place, many of whom have been there before. Visitors are met at the wharf and transported with luggage to Pinetrees. Early morning tea at 7.15 a.m., morning tea at 10.45, afternoon tea at 3.45 and supper at 9 p.m. are also provided. The house has unlimited fresh water and electrically heated hot water in every building, with hot showers, and several bathrooms. There is septic toilet accommodation and continuous 240 volt A.C. 50 cycle electric light. Pinetrees, in addition to being on the local supply line, has two large diesel engines and generators, taken over from the Department of Civil Aviation, which insures continuous power supply in quantities not available from local supplies. There are plenty of lights and power points. Being central to many places of interest, it has many advantages of location. It is a half-minute walk to the lagoon beach. It has its own full-size hard tennis court, 110 ft. x 56 ft. The Island Bowling Club with five-rink green adjoins the property: visitors are welcome and may

play on either a green-fee basis or annual subscription. The Island post office, hospital, doctor's residence and bond store are all handy. The house maintains a fleet of bicycles which are hired at 15/- per week each. There are a couple of ping-pong tables, several sets of quoits, darts, etc. A three-quarter sized billiard table is available, 56-foot floor for dancing with electric amplifier and Ronisch piano contribute to entertainment.

The flat-rate tariff without extras includes the services of an experienced guide and fisherman for launch trips, coral excursions, aqua-planing, barbecue picnics, conducted truck trips for Island sightseeing and fishing. The 30-foot twin screw launch "Albatross" is used for lagoon work and deep-sea fishing, and has a wide margin of safety. Deep-sea fishing trips are not included in flat-rate tariff.

At the house itself a send-off dance is held regularly each week and the services of an excellent pianist obtained.

Comfort is the first consideration in the matter of dress, which is mainly informal, shorts and shirts and slacks being worn by those who wish to do so. Most people change for dinner at night, men into slacks and sports coats or similar, ladies into frocks. At local dances held twice a week dress is optional. Extensive additions to the wardrobe are not necessary, as walking, boating, launch trips, coral reef excursions or fishing do not require good clothes. Include a cardigan, raincoat, windbreaker, beach wear, swimming gear, sun-glasses, tennis racquet, balls, sandshoes and comfortable strong walking shoes. An electric torch is essential. The local stores cater for most holiday requirements — ordinary size films are available. An excellent range of local pictures is available. Beer and spirits are obtainable and visitors may have their requirements delivered to the house three days per week. Prices average 1/6 per bottle above Sydney rates. Radio telegrams may be sent from any post office to the Island or to any part of the Commonwealth from the Island at 12 words for 3/-. Bank Travellers' Cheques are accepted at Pinetrees. The Commonwealth Savings Bank has an agency at the local post office. Visitors coming to the Island can have their signatures forwarded by their own branches, and can operate their accounts within certain limits laid down by Head Office of the bank. As part of N.S.W. no income tax clearance is necessary. Residents are subject to all Federal Taxation. A small hospital and dispensary is available and the Department of Public Health subsidises a doctor and trained nurse. An extensive library of some eight hundred volumes is available. Visitors often leave books with the library when departing. Talkies are screened at the local hall on Tuesday and Saturday nights. There is a regular dance at the community hall on Wednesday nights. The Lord Howe Bowling Club has a dance on Friday nights. Admission of 4/- to dances at the hall includes supper. The Lord Howe Island Board levies a tax of 1/- per day on each visitor and guest houses are required to collect this amount from guests.