



## **Email News Update - December 2009**

From the Board, best wishes for the holiday season and the New Year.

This news update is to provide brief information updates regarding the Summer of 2009/10, and particularly the progress with starting the extensions to the lodge. Articles and feedback are welcome by emailing [website@karralika.com](mailto:website@karralika.com).

## **Annual Subscriptions**

Annual subscriptions for the year commencing 1 November 2009 are now due and payable by 31 December 2009. If any members haven't yet received their Notice for Annual Subscription, or have any queries, they should email [treasurer@karralika.com](mailto:treasurer@karralika.com).

## **Current Bookings**

Due to the extensions being carried out, the lodge will be closed for the Summer. The lodge will re-open for the Winter 2010 season and bookings will be open for members on 1 March and non-members on 1 April. Details will become available on the Karralika web site ([www.karralika.com](http://www.karralika.com)) early next year.

## **Perisher Valley News Updates**

Ongoing improvements to road and services infrastructure at Perisher are continuing throughout the summer, as part of an upgrade spanning several years. We are seeing these improvements gradually, recently with the road and drainage improvement on the south side of the valley.

## **Summer Events and Entertainment**

The Thredbo Blues Festival is a weekend of great blues music, dancing, food and wine in the stunning surrounds of Thredbo from 15 to 17 January. Visit [www.thredboblues.com.au](http://www.thredboblues.com.au) for the preliminary program, and for further information and the latest updates.

The Country Music Channel's CMC Rocks the Snowys festival is being held in Thredbo from 5 to 6 March. For details go to [www.musicchannels.com.au/RocksTheSnowys2010](http://www.musicchannels.com.au/RocksTheSnowys2010).

The 2nd Back to Perisher Weekend is being planned for the Easter Weekend from 2 to 5 April (Easter). The event is supported by the NPWS, SLOPES, Perisher Resort, the Fire Brigade and other local agencies. Features will include a Fun Run from Perisher Gap to Charlottes Pass, guided bush walks, a gala event at the Man, and children's rides on fire trucks and cross country vehicles. More information will become available through the season.

Thredbo Jazz Festival will be held from 30 April to 5 May. A weekend of great jazz music, dancing, food and wine in Thredbo. For more information visit [www.thredbojazz.com.au](http://www.thredbojazz.com.au).

The Snowy Mountains of Music Festival will run from 11 to 14 June 2010 presenting a mix of world, folk, roots, celtic, acoustic, traditional music, song, dance, poetry and yarnspinning. More details can be found at [www.snowymountainsofmusic.com.au/page/festivaloverview](http://www.snowymountainsofmusic.com.au/page/festivaloverview).

Some other activities over the summer include photography and aboriginal discovery programs, see [www.discoveryphoto.org](http://www.discoveryphoto.org). There are also various kids and sports activities, see [www.thredbo.com.au/activities-and-events/events-and-races/](http://www.thredbo.com.au/activities-and-events/events-and-races/) and [www.perisher.com.au](http://www.perisher.com.au).

If you are looking for accommodation whilst Karralika is closed for the extension works you could make enquiries re other lodge availability via SLOPES at [Sheridan@ol.com.au](mailto:Sheridan@ol.com.au), attention Bert Sheridan.

## **Lodge Extensions**

In the last edition we reported that the DA approval for our proposed extensions had been obtained and Kevin Smith was completing structural drawings for the project. Roger Russell has been busy arranging builders who are able to undertake the extensions this summer and complete the work in time for the winter season, and looking at ways of keeping the costs controlled and the work progressing quickly.

The extensions will provide for three new bedrooms with ensuites on the upper level of the lodge, one of these with disabled facilities. The bunk room will disappear and the lodge will extend out to the east from the current ski room area to accommodate the additional rooms, and there will be rearrangement of the ski room and entry area.

We are pleased to report that preparation works have been completed, including removing a large amount of rock, and that the floor slab has been laid and much of the frame has been erected. The work is rapidly in progress.

We hope to be able to provide members with photo's etc showing the upgrade at the club's AGM which will be held in March.

## **Lost property**

We have a request for information about a lost helmet, if anyone knows of an unclaimed ski helmet (grey, large) left in the lodge after 8 August, could they please contact Merryn Pearse on (02) 9909 2735.

## **Ski Storage / Grog Storage**

The ski room will be rebuilt as part of the extension, and the skis will be temporarily relocated. We'll check skis stored with old dates (or undated) and put aside for disposal. As a rule the ski store should only be used for skis, stocks and boots on a year by year basis, and at the owner's risky. Anything stored unused for more than 3 years in either the Ski or the Member's Store may be disposed of.

We note some members have raised the level of storage within the lodge to on art form with complete wardrobe of ski gear included with their ski storage. Whilst we admire this ingenuity it goes against the purpose and spirit of storage at the lodge. We have and always will have, very limited storage space. So, as the previous paragraph states, only ski's, stocks and boots thanks very much!