



Email News Update - May 2010

During the summer the extensions of the lodge have progressed well within a tight timeframe, and the lodge is now looking great for winter. Roger Russell and others have been hard at work managing and coordinating the many activities associated with the construction, and the work party teams have been following through to clean up after the building work, and to prepare and provision the lodge for the snow season. Karralika now has three very nice new bedrooms near the entry area, replacing the old bunk room and ski store area, and which can be used in either double or twin configuration.

Winter 2010

The snow has started with a cold front passing through early May bringing the first snowfalls to the higher peaks and then down to the valley floor, and more recently some early snowmaking. The long range weather forecast is reportedly looking good for 2010 as heavier snowfalls should increase dramatically in early July with snowfalls which could be the best for some time. We should still see some good snowfalls in August and September that should keep the cover decent enough to have skiing and boarding continuing up to the closing weekend. For details go to www.snowatch.com.au.

Current Bookings

We are strongly booked for this ski season, but there are still places available for June, coinciding with the Perisher Snowy Mountains of Music celebrations on the June long weekend, and the early season lift tickets saving up to 30% on multiday passes up 25 to June.

There are also places available late season during September, with only a small number of places still available during July and August. There is strong demand for Kid's week so if you are keen to stay at the lodge that week we suggest you call the booking secretary promptly.

For bookings, rates and further details see the February Newsletter or go to the Karralika web site (www.karralika.com).

Perisher News Updates

During the summer Perisher has been upgrading its facilities including significant mountain grooming to smooth out several runs and lift loading areas and new snow fences to improve snow retention in a number of areas, particularly in Guthega. The snowmaking system has been expanded on Mount Perisher to provide better skiing conditions and better access from Happy Valley to Mount Perisher, as well as extending the Happy Valley T-bar making return access from Mount Perisher easier.

Other improved services at Perisher also include the re-opening of the Happy Valley Kiosk and the opening of a new Curved Bar in the Perisher centre.

Upcoming Events

The ski season at Perisher opens on 11 June for the June long weekend. This also coincides with the Snowy Mountains of Music Festival which will run from 11 to 14 June 2010 presenting a mix of world, folk, roots, celtic, acoustic, traditional music, song, dance, poetry and yarnspinning. The events will take place in up to 10 indoor venues in Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes and Guthega Alpine Village, and more details can be found at www.snowymountainsofmusic.com.au/page/festivaloverview.

Special Deals

Save up to 30% on the regular lift ticket rates with the early season lift tickets which are valid up to 25 June, and ski free from 1pm Sunday for a 5+ day ticket starting on a Monday.

There are 40% discounts on ski hire from Perisher Snowsports at Bullocks Flat and Smiggins Holes with a Rebel / Perisher discount voucher (copy attached).

Aeropelican commences flights from Sydney to Snowy Mountains on 11 June, for details go to their website www.aeropelican.com.au.

Entertainment

Plan your entertainment for when you're in the snow, go to the Perisher Valley Entertainment Calendar at www.perisher.com.au/winter/entertainment/index.php for a full listing of events.

Mountain Activities

Brief details of mountain activities in Perisher Valley are:

- Perisher night skiing on Tuesday nights from 6-9pm is scheduled from 30 June through to 22 September, and on Saturday nights throughout July and August (nb: dates subject to change).
- Perisher fireworks on Thursday nights at 7pm is scheduled throughout July and August, subject to weather(nb: dates subject to change).
- Join in on snow shoe tours at night during the full moon and learn about mountain fauna and flora, for bookings call Perisher Guest Services on 1300 655 822, and for details see below.

For more information on these and other activities, go to the Entertainment site for Perisher at www.perisher.com.au/winter/entertainment, and click on additional activities for the above.

Lids for Kids

Lids for Kids is a current initiative on the slopes, they are now compulsory for Kid's programs and lessons. Helmets are included free of charge with pre-booked All Day Kids' Programs and with hire of full ski equipment through Perisher Snowsports Hire.

Karralika Shirt Clearance Sale

Karralika has a small number of shirts for clearance. They are the blue chambray style shirt with long sleeves and the Karralika logo on the pocket. These are available "as is" in L and XL sizes for the clearance price of \$20 each including postage. Please send a request with a cheque to Merryn at PO Box 57 Killara 2071, including sizes and your postal address.

Members Stores

Following the extensions to the lodge, the member's stores have been relocated. The ski store is now downstairs near room 1, and the secondary store is now in the under stairs area adjacent to the wood store. All items stored must be securely packed or tied, and clearly labelled with the member's name and year of leaving in storage, and be stored according to the notices in each store.

Some items relocated during the extensions were unmarked or had been in store for several years and have tagged for removal. If you identify any of these items then remove the tag and recover the item. If you are missing anything, particularly boots, skis or stocks, have a look in the wood store area as there are also some unmarked items there.

As a general comment the Board is concerned with the extent of member equipment and other items that are left in the lodge. The Board takes no responsibility for the safe keeping of these items. Should storage of personal items continue to escalate the club may have to reconsider the ability of members to leave personal items at the lodge.

Electrical Equipment

It was also noted that the member's stores also included some electrical equipment, which for liability reasons should not be used in the lodge. In particular personal electric heaters, electric blankets and cooking equipment should not be used or stored in the lodge.

Contributions

The purpose of this news update is to provide brief information updates during the ski season and throughout the year. Articles and feedback are welcome by emailing website@karralika.com.