



Email News Update - May 2011

Winter has started early this year with some good snow falls during the last few weeks and with snowmaking Perisher had limited opening of front valley on 20th and 21st May, boding well for a good start to the season.

Chairman's Jottings

A big thank you to Roger Russell and everyone involved in the annual work party which was held over the weekend prior to Easter. The lodge was given a good clean; a lick of paint here and there; wood for the season stacked and the lodge left ready for the winter season.

The work party was moved away from Easter so that members could book the lodge during this holiday period as we had the impression that there were members keen to utilise the lodge if it were available. Well, nobody booked the lodge, which is a real shame as the Snowy region at that time of year is simply magic.

I was fortunate to be able to attend the Alpine Resorts Sustainability Forum at Lake Crackenback Resort on the 9th and 10th of May and have come away with a few ideas on how we might further reduce our energy consumption in future years. The week of the Forum was that very cold snap we all experienced. Well, it really bucketed with snow that week. So much so that there was over half a metre of snow around the lodge and Sam and Peter Cusack were unable to get their truck with all this winter's supplies, up the hill to the lodge. It was so cold, the diesel in the truck froze and it was impossible to get the truck restarted and they had to leave it in the car park and come back a week later when conditions were more favourable. Sam and Peter's dedication to the provedoring is nothing short of amazing as they have had to spend a huge amount of time on this project this year. The club is very fortunate to have members like Sam and Peter, willing to commit time and energy like this.

Sam and Peter had also organised the delivery of the new beds which fortunately arrived just before the cold snap. As well as the two of them putting away and stacking all the food, they also un-wrapped all the beds and rearranged the bedrooms again. A truly mammoth job for two people.

As is usually the case, there is another twist to this tale. Sometime after the work party, a possum had managed to fall down the flue of the fireplace and had made one hell of a mess of the lodge thus undoing all the fine work of the work party.

A big thank you to my wife Lyn for the magnificent job she did on Mother's Day, cleaning up most of the mess. Our cleaner Beverley is still cleaning up the remaining bits and pieces and shampooing the carpet etc, however all is now good to go for the 'long weekend'.

For those of you concerned about the possum, fear not. He was caught (quite traumatised-as were we!) in the bedroom 1 bathroom and expertly reunited into the bush by the Perisher firemen.

Current Bookings

We are already well 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 25% on multiday passes up 24th June.

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

Perisher Updates

Perisher has introduced its new MyRide lift ticketing system, a new lift ticketing system fully integrated with an online platform allowing skiers to purchase tickets online before arriving on the mountain, with flexible skiing arrangements and the ability to recharge their tickets on line during the season. At the end of the day you can log on to Perisher's website to see which lifts have been ridden and how many vertical metres have been covered. It is worth checking how this works, go to www.perisher.com.au for details.

Another product is the SuperSki Ticket which allows you to ski up to 2 days at Thredbo within a 5 day ticket, for details go to www.superski.com.au.

Upcoming Events

The ski season at Perisher opens on the June long weekend. This also coincides with the Snowy Mountains of Music Festival which will run from 10 to 13 June 2011, catch great acts such as Ash Grunwald and Christine Anu, who will be joined by a host of others, 35 bands across 10 venues. The events will take place in Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes and Guthega Alpine Village, and more details can be found at www.snowymountainsofmusic.com.au.

Special Deals

Aeropelican operates flights from Sydney to Snowy Mountains during the season, 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.

Winter Arrival and Departure Times

Just a reminder that the arrival time for members and guests is not before 12.00pm. Departure time on Saturday must be before 10.00am. Should members wish to ski on their Saturday departure day, they will need to make other arrangements. Baggage should not be left in the lodge and use of the lodge after 10.00am on departure day is not permitted.

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.