

Email News Update – May 2013

Chairman's Jottings

It's been a few years since I have been able to get down to the lodge in the non-ski periods but was lucky to be able to spend Easter at the lodge this year. I had forgotten how fantastic the area is in summer/autumn. We had a great time taking walks; BBQing outside the lodge and the grandkids had great fun participating in the duck race in Perisher Creek.

Thanks to the work party volunteers and Sam and Peter Cusack who have organised the food store supplies, the lodge is in great shape for this winter. The exterior of the lodge has had a complete repaint job and looks great.

Neil Primrose who did so much for the lodge in the early days and who was one of our "first one hundred" members sadly passed away recently. Neil was a very active member and not only contributed at work parties but for many years looked after the provisioning of the food store. It is nice to know his legacy lives on through his children Xanthe and Rohan who are both active members of the club.

Best wishes to you all for the ski season, I hope you have your bookings in and are now desperately trying to get fit ready for those black runs!

Regards,

Ian

Work Party

A big thanks again to Roger Russell and his team this year, consisting of wife Jeannette, Bob White, Merryn and Rod Pearce, Bruce Walters, Bruce Edwards, Barbara & Greg Nuttall.

The wood has been split (hydraulically – thanks Bruce Edwards) and stacked. Linen store, pantry, kitchen and bar areas have all been thoroughly cleaned and organised.

Steps were taken to eliminate the sewer smells experienced in some areas of the lodge – see later in this newsletter for an in-depth explanation.

After the major leaks in room 6 last year, a new ceiling was installed to help reduce/eliminate the problem. Put your science hat on and read the detailed explanation later in this newsletter.

It is easy to forget how much time and effort some members put in to keeping the lodge in tip-top shape and ensuring such a great holiday location. Hopefully the 2014 work party will see a bigger turnout and some younger members too.

Remember: More people = quicker completion time = more fun time (like fishing, mountain biking, bushwalking, reading, exploring etc).

Pantry

Thanks again to Sam and Pete Cusack for undertaking the pantry and food store restocking duties. Thousands of stairs climbed to ensure members and guests are well fed and that they have good ski legs.

Current Bookings

We are well booked across July and early August, but with plenty of space available in June and late August. Go to <http://www.karralika.com/availability.html> to see when you can fit your large groups in. Availability is now live and is updated as soon as bookings are confirmed.

Perisher Updates and Reminders

Note: At the time of writing, the perisher.com.au website was not fully updated for the 2013 season, so some links and information may be out of date by the time you read this newsletter.

- Early bird savings for online purchase of lift tickets, lessons and hire before May 31st

- MyRide Dashboard

Track your ski & snowboard stats with the MyRide Dashboard again in 2013.

iPhone and Android apps as well as a mobile website (<http://perisher.com.au/mobi>) are available to track your stats in real time.

Register and get set up before you go so you can track your rides as soon as you hit the slopes. *Perisher web site is still showing the page for 2012 – so check back soon.*

- Perisher Historical Society

The Sixth Annual Dinner will be held at the Marritz Alpine Inn on Sunday 9th June 2013.

6:00pm for 6:30pm, \$80 per person

This year the book, ***Highway to Heaven – A History of Perisher and the Ski Resorts Along the Kosciuszko Road*** by Peter Southwell-Keely will be launched by John Barilaro MP, joined by Robyn Parker MP.

Enquiries to Pamela Woodman on 0417 887 475. Bookings can be made by ringing Marritz Alpine on 02 6457 5220. Special B&B and Skitube pricing available if you can't all fit in the lodge.

- The 5th Perisher Snowy Mountains of Music

4 days of music across the June long weekend from the 7th-10th June 2013. 40 acts across 10 indoor venues in Perisher, Smiggins and Guthega.

Full details: <http://snowymountainsofmusic.com.au>

Skitube – Luggage restrictions

Luggage restrictions will apply Friday, Saturday and Sundays from 21st June to 1st September. If arriving on the mountain early morning, or departing late afternoon, with luggage you will need to plan ahead.

Mornings - Last Skitube uphill from Bullocks Flat to Perisher with luggage is 8:00am.
Luggage facilities resume at 10:20am

Afternoons - Last Skitube downhill from Perisher to Bullocks Flat with luggage is 3:12pm.
Luggage facilities resume at 5:12pm

See <http://www.perisher.com.au/resort-information/getting-to-perisher/skitube.html>

FACEBOOK

Karralika now has its own Facebook group – and thanks to Sean Mullins for the suggestion.

The group is open to members of the Karralika Ski Club, and also their friends and guests. In order to keep the group relevant, the group is not open to the general public.

The Facebook group provides a new method of delivering relevant and timely information to members and guests, such as news items, weather and snow conditions, events and offers in and around Perisher, and anything else that may pertain to the lodge or be of interest to the group.

Information can now be passed on immediately rather than waiting for the next newsletter. There will obviously be some duplication as not all Club members will subscribe to the Facebook group and important information will still need to be passed on using existing methods.

If as a Karralika member you would like to join the Facebook group, please browse to <http://www.facebook.com/groups/karralika> and select the “Join Group” button (on the right hand side immediately under the banner photo of the lodge). An Admin will then need to approve your request before you can post in the group which should not take too long in most cases.

You can then (once approved) make life easy for the group admins by adding your friends who you think may be interested – press the settings button (*) under the banner photo and select Add People. From the same menu, you can choose to leave the group should you choose to do so.

Winter Arrival and Departure Times

Member and guests are reminded not to arrive at the lodge or drop off luggage before 12:00pm on Saturdays. Members and guests must also depart the lodge by 10:00am the following Saturday and may not leave luggage in the lodge.

Members wishing to ski on arrival or departure days must make their own arrangements for luggage storage.

Sewer Odours

The lodge has experienced an intermittent sewer smell over many years now. Investigations to date have not fixed this problem even though we have found and fixed many open pipes under the lodge.

We believe/hope the cause has now been identified and steps have been taken towards a resolution.

Having confirmed that all pipework is now serviceable, the next candidate is toilets, basins, showers, drains, etc. All these fixtures have a water trap ('S' bend) at the waste which prevents gases from the sewer from entering the building. In our lodge the sewer runs from the building at a very steep angle (probably more than the recommended limit) and with a good flow of effluent the pressure in the sewer becomes less than the pressure in the lodge which can cause the seal in the traps to be breached which in turn allows foul air into the lodge.

Vents are installed at the end of the sewer lines to prevent this from happening however the lodge is large and complicated and failing in this aspect. We have decided to have installed at the exit of the sewer from the building an Air Admittance Valve (AAV) which we hope will break this air vacuum problem. We don't want this valve to freeze so we have installed a cover over this AAV. If it does prove to be ineffective through freezing we will install a heater in the cover.

Water in Room 6

The significant amount of snow that fell, cold temperatures and heavy winds in early August 2012 assisted in forming an ice dam at the edge of the roof in Room 6.

There is a complex interaction between internal heat loss, quantity of snow and outside temperatures that leads to ice dam formation. For ice dams to form there must be snow on the roof, with the lower edge of the roof below 0 degrees C and parts of the upper roof above 0 degrees C over a sustained period.

The snow on the upper part of the roof melts and flows down where it freezes, thereby forming an ice dam. The dam grows as it is fed by the melting snow from above and when deep enough begins to flow over the turn up of the roof sheets. Adding to this problem in our case is the fact that snow is piled up higher than the roof which keeps the roof edge freezing and prevents the escape of the roof water.

On inspection of the ceiling/roof to bedroom 6 there was no visible insulation found which would contribute to the problem as heat from the room reached the exterior roof.

A false/suspended ceiling has now been installed in Room 6 to provide a layer of insulation which should help.

Contributions

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