

## Email News Update – May 2014

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### Chairman's Jottings

The Ski season is fast approaching and bookings to date have been good. There are still some spaces available, including in the peak periods so if you are thinking of going to Karralika this season I recommend you put your booking form in quickly. This season we have invested in a complete new set of linen for the beds as the old linen was getting quite tired. Also, with the help of Jan Glover, we have some new pictures in the lounge and dining rooms which look fantastic, thank you Jan .The pantry has been restocked by Sam and Peter Cusack once again and we are most grateful for their time and energy organising this key aspect of getting the lodge ready for the ski season.

We had a very successful work party on the first weekend of May. It snowed so it was just as well the wood had already been stored in the wood store. Many thanks to Roger and Janette Russell; Jeremy Crisp; Rod and Merryn Pearse; Sarah Fisher, and Michael Burke and Fiona Wotherspoon who did a most thorough cleaning of the Lodge. Apparently the number of dead Bogon moths was spectacular!

Jeremy Crisp will be coordinating the lodge's maintenance needs this year as a result of Roger's retirement from the Board. There will be a list of key trades people we deal with on the notice board in the lodge however guests are not to call them without permission of the lodge captain or Jeremy Crisp.

We welcome Ali Gillard to the Board this year. Ali has hit the ground running and is assisting with the newsletter and will also assist Ian with the Treasurers role. As Ali is also involved in the Interschools ski racing, I invite all members who have children participating in School ski racing events to contact Ali as we would very much like to coordinate the club being able to reserve accommodation spaces for these events.

I wish you all great skiing this season.

Regards;

Ian

## Work Party

The 2014 work party was held on the 2-4 May.

There was general agreement that the lodge had never been so thoroughly cleaned - including under all furniture (couches, beds, fridges and dishwasher. The food store, pantry, all cupboards and shelves have been reorganised and the lodge is definitely ready for the season. Please make an effort to keep the lodge as you found it (or better) such that all members and guests get to enjoy.

The following specific jobs were completed:

- Handrail in room 8 has been re-attached
- Shower door handle in room 6 replaced
- Window sash in room 6 was rotten - window has been swapped with the one in the ski room adjacent to front door awaiting a permanent replacement.
- Debris removed from drains down side of lodge and grass cut.
- Linen for single, queen and king beds replaced and labelled
- Windows cleaned - all the way to the top!

## 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

As Ian mentioned bookings for the season are encouraging, but there are still a few weeks with vacancies. 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](http://perisher.com.au) website was not fully updated for the 2014 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 31<sup>st</sup>
- MyRide Dashboard

Track your ski & snowboard stats with the MyRide Dashboard again in 2014.

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 2013 – so check back soon.*

- New Lift – Freedom Quad Chairlift in Guthega

The much anticipated lift will take skiers and snowboarders from the bottom of the Cow Pastures J-Bar to the Top of the Blue Cow T-Bar in Guthega. Cow Pastures J-Bar has been removed and will open up skiing on Hanky Panky and on the Cow Pastures lift line which will be great on a powder day!

Further Info - <http://www.perisher.com.au/resort-information/freedom-chair.html>

- Perisher Historical Society

The Seventh Annual Dinner will be held at the Marritz Alpine Inn on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

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

This year the guest speaker is Ron Webb – long-time employee of Perisher, Antarctic veteran, avid photographer and who has installed Doppelmayr lifts around the world.

Enquiries to Pamela Woodman on 0417 887 475. Bookings can be made by ringing Marritz Alpine on 02 6457 5220.

- Perisher Peak Music Festival

A new look and fresh new sound this year. 4 days of music across the June long weekend 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2014. 100 concerts across 8 venues.

Full details: <http://www.peakfestival.com.au>

### **Skitube – Luggage restrictions**

Luggage restrictions will apply Friday, Saturday and Sundays from 28<sup>th</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> August. 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>

### **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 **9:00am** 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.

## **FACEBOOK**

Karralika has its own Facebook group.

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.

## **Games & Puzzles**

During the work party many of the old games and puzzles that were broken or missing pieces were tossed. The plan is to purchase some new games and puzzles for guests to enjoy. However if anyone has any good quality puzzles or games that they no longer use and would like to donate to the lodge, in the first instance, please send an email with a picture to Ali Gillard at [newsletter@karralika.com](mailto:newsletter@karralika.com) . From there we can compile a list so we don't end up with any double ups and we can then arrange collection / drop off, for delivery to the lodge early in the season.

## **Contributions**

Newsletter articles and feedback are welcome by emailing [newsletter@karralika.com](mailto:newsletter@karralika.com).