

Email News Update – August 2014

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Bookings

With snowfalls this season some of the best in recent memory, and a base of close to 150cm still gracing the resort, there is still time to get some turns in before seasons end. There is still limited vacancies available most weeks (other than kids week), so why not check the website, grab some friends, and make a booking today.

Wi Fi @ Karralika

There have been enquiries relating to the provision of Wi-Fi internet access for members and guests staying at Karralika. As good as this sounds, providing such a solution would require a significant overhead to manage user access and data limits and would ultimately price itself out of operation.

Before discussing some alternative options, it is worth mentioning the Airlan regional wireless broadband service that is available in the Snowy Mountains. The closest access point to Karralika is via the Sundeck Hotel, however speeds are very slow and access is only available if you hover next to the window in the old lounge room above room 1. (Rooms 9, 10 and 11 may also have some level of access). It is recommended that you instead put your money towards an alternative option described below.

Only Telstra 4G will be addressed here. Optus and Vodafone do not currently advertise 4G coverage in Perisher, and although their 3G coverage may meet requirements, the Telstra 4G option has proved very successful.

If you already have a Telstra 4G smartphone, internet access in the lodge is a relatively low cost option. You simply call Telstra and add a data pack to your phone. An additional 1GB costs \$15 per month, 3GB costs \$30 per month and 6GB costs \$60 per month. While talking to Telstra, ask when your billing cycle is as you will need to remember to call back then to cancel the service (they can do this automatically for you if you ask nicely). Charges are pro rated, so you may pay significantly less if you time it well. Once you have additional data, you can enable a WiFi hotspot on your phone - ensure you set it up with a password to prevent unwanted access.

If you do not have a Telstra 4G mobile, then a Telstra 4G pre-paid service is a good option. If you only need to connect a single laptop, then for \$69 you get a 4G USB device with 2GB data. If you need to connect multiple devices, a WiFi access point is available for \$99 with

3GB data or for \$149 (for a slightly more advanced device) with 5GB data. At the end of your stay in Karralika, pack the device away and it is ready for next year - when you will only need to pay for additional data.

Additional data if you run out, or for following years, is \$15 for 1GB, \$30 for 2GB, \$50 for 4GB \$100 for 10GB. Note that different data amounts have different expiry periods and that a new \$2 SIM card will be required after 6 months of inactivity.

Prices, data amounts and data expiry periods are all subject to change, and it is recommended that you discuss with your local Telstra store.

Interschools Results

Having some of the best snow conditions in years actually proved challenging at this year's interschools, as alpine and ski x courses were very slow, moguls non-existent and needing to be dug out, and poor visibility making tricks on the jump at the end of the moguls track tricky at best.

The Gillard and Bartlett boys competed well amongst tough competition in the Sydney competition of the interschools held at Perisher in the school holidays. Jamie Gillard narrowly missed out by .2 of a mark on a state invite in moguls. However Sebastian McCaughey (son of Rachel Rogers) faired best, coming in 5th individually in the northern region of the interschools in moguls (held at Thredbo), with his team placing first, and hence securing an invite to the state round at Thredbo. Well done Sebastian.

Memberships

Are you currently using your Karralika membership? Did you know your membership is transferrable to a family member?

Many of our members have not utilised the wonderful facilities of the club for some time. Perhaps it is time to think about passing your membership on, so a new generation of skiers can enjoy all that Karralika has to offer.

Contact the secretary at secretary@karralika.com for further information.

Contributions

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