

Email News Update – May 2016

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the May edition of the Karralika News. The board has been working hard over the last 12 months and with a generation of new faces (see later in this newsletter) there is loads of energy to keep going.

The ability to now book and pay using email and online banking seems to be well received and we are still considering ideas to improve this further. Stay tuned.

2016 is looking like a busy year at the lodge with improved booking numbers. Hopefully this keeps going and fingers crossed for a great snow season.

Possibly relevant to some members is the new smoking ban within the boundaries of all NSW National Parks, including Kosciuszko National Park that came into effect on 1 March 2016. It appears (and this is being clarified at the time of writing) that the leased area around the lodge (including the car park area adjacent to the main lodge entrance) is exempt from this ban.

Start your snow dance and have a great season.

Jeremy Crisp

MEET OUR DIRECTORS

At the recent AGM a wonderful idea was raised by one of our members to include a brief introduction of our most recently elected directors Sue Brownlow, Peter Cusack and Holly Fergusson. Some of you may have had the pleasure of their company when staying at the lodge, but for those of you who haven't, below is a brief introduction.

Sue Brownlow

Sue has been visiting Karralika for the last 25 years, and has been a member for approx. 20 years. She has enjoyed the company of other members and their friends and family at the lodge, particularly listening to stories of the clubs foundation, construction and the many good times enjoyed at the lodge.

Sue and her husband Alan live on a rural property in the Hawkesbury District with their 3 sons. They run a small business, Complete Sweep Pty Ltd, supplying street sweepers for construction and road maintenance projects. On weekends they enjoy boating with family in Pittwater.

With her children now older, Sue was keen to give back to Karralika, and assist the club moving forward into the future. Sue's professional experience in office administration and accounting marry perfectly with the treasury needs of Karralika, and Sue has already contributed significantly in her time on the board.

Holly Fergusson

Holly's love for skiing and Karralika began at the age of 5. Beginning as a hobby and as a ski school student, Holly progressed to teaching for the Perisher Blue Ski School 14 years later instructing over a couple of seasons.

Holly has taken a great interest in the growth of Karralika and the Perisher Ski Resort, watching as extensions took place and new lifts built or new runs created.

Holly's love of the outdoors has extended through to her profession as a Landscape Designer specialising in Horticulture. As a team leader for the award winning building 'One Central Park' in Chippendale, Holly was responsible for the Green Walls and Green Facades. Holly has recently commenced a new design position on the Central Coast designing for Spade Landscape Designs.

Holly still has some spare time that is devoted to her own small business 'Artistry Floral Design' specializing in floral designs for special occasions and events expanding on 6 years in the industry, including as a manager, at Pearsons Florist flagship store in Bondi Junction Westfield.

Peter Cusack

Peter has been fortunate enough to be visiting Karralika since 1990 as a guest (of his wife Sam) and subsequently became a member in 2009. He learnt to ski on his first visit to Karralika, and together Peter and Sam have since introduced their 3 children to skiing and the club over many visits in the years following. Plenty of memorable stays at the lodge with family and friends have resulted in the introduction of some new active members to the lodge.

For the past 5 years Peter and Sam have been involved in the provisioning of supplies to the lodge. Over the last 20 years they have also supplied carpet, curtains, furniture, bedding etc. when the lodge has needed refurbishment.

Peter lives in Canberra, which is an enormous geographical advantage to have him close to the lodge, and as such he is able to greatly assist us with maintenance of the lodge.

PERISHER VOLUNTEER SKI PATROL AND PERISHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Also raised at the recent AGM was Karralika's support of the above mentioned groups run out of Perisher. Karralika has contributed financially to both this year, and plans have been put in place to make this an annual contribution. Their work is very valued and without the help of lodges and other interested parties at Perisher the services they provide would suffer.

The 9th Annual Perisher Historical Society Dinner is on at the St Marritz Hotel at Perisher on 12th June 2016 at 6pm. The guest speaker this year is Ian Curlewis QC, whose 65 years' experience in the Snowy Mountains will no doubt have many an interesting tale to tell. You can book direct with the Marritz Hotel on 02 6457 5220. The cost is \$85 per person. Any other enquiries should be directed to Pamela Woodman of the Perisher Historical Society on 0417 887 475.

If you are unable to make it down to the snow, the Perisher and Thredbo Historical Societies are combining to present an interesting evening of film and talk by one of Australia's leading Cross-country skiers and administrators over the past decades:

Evening of Australian Alpine History

Tuesday 24 May 2016, 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Royal Australian Historical Society, "History House", 133 Macquarie St, Sydney

Following Welcome Drinks, a 10 minute film featuring Malcolm Milne in Australia's first ever win in a World Cup Alpine event in 1969 at Val d'Isère, France

Followed by

Andrew Horsley – An insight to the Cross Country discipline - its growth, sophistication & characters, as observed over his long involvement as racer, coach and administrator.

Drinks and hot finger food will round out the evening

Tickets: Members \$32 & Non Members \$35

Seating: Limited and bookings are essential

*Parking: 127-129 Macquarie St - Almost next door
Flat rate \$28 after 5.00 pm or metered on street*

Rail: Stations at Wynyard, Circular Quay or Martin Place - 10 minute walk

*RSVP by Friday 22 May 2016: Call RAHS "History House" on 02 9247 8001
or online at www.rahs.org.au/events/*

PEAK MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Peak Music Festival is on again at Perisher on the opening weekend of the season, 10-13th June 2016. For more information about bands and other events planned for the weekend, refer to festival website. <http://peakfestival.com.au/>

KARRALIKA 50TH ANNIVERSARY 2017

Jan Glover has very kindly offered to assist in the collection of photos from members for inclusion in a book celebrating the clubs 50th anniversary in 2017. Please email any photos to Jan at photos50@karralika.com

ANNUAL WORK PARTY

The annual work party was held on the weekend of Friday 15th – Sunday 17th April 2016 and a big thanks to all attendees: Jeremy Crisp, Paul Gladman, Merryn & Rod Pearse, Holly Fergusson, Corey Larment, Jan Harrison and Marian & Ross Poynter.

The work party this year saw a comprehensive clean-up and reorganisation food, linen, pantry, supply and wood stores along with lounge and kitchen areas. Mattress protectors were all washed and some additional pillows have been delivered. For the chefs, a new selection of knives was made available.

Some minor repairs were attended to and the outside of the lodge has been cleaned up and grass cut back.

And of course, the new audio system was installed. It includes four speakers in the main lounge room and two in the dining room. The rooms can be controlled individually if required and it is now possible to have music at a comfortable level for all guests.

CURRENT BOOKINGS

Bookings are open for the winter season, and the change to first in best dressed has seen an increased amount of early season bookings. We already have 6 weeks completely full and 2 almost full. There is still room for those of you who have not yet booked in July and August, as well as our 2nd kids week.

Rates are included below, for availability, bookings and further details go to the Karralika web site (www.karralika.com).

WINTER 2016 BOOKINGS

The 2016 Winter tariffs are listed at the end of the newsletter. Priority bookings for financial members opened on the 1st March 2016, and were available on a first in first served basis. Bookings for non-members opened on 1st April.

Not only are we continuing with a kids week this year, but in response to members requests we are expanding it to 2 weeks. During this time children under 5 years of age are permitted

to stay at the lodge with their parents. Children under 2 years of age are free. Children between the ages of 2 and 5 years are half price (half the member or non-member rate depending upon whether the parent is a member).

Week 1 will be the week commencing 3rd September 2016. **FULLY SUBSCRIBED**

Week 2 will be the week commencing 10th September 2016.

Booking forms can be downloaded from the club website - click on the Downloads tab. Or using the following URL:

http://www.karralika.com/Downloads/Karralika_Booking_Application.pdf

SUBMISSION OF BOOKING FORMS AND ACCOMPANYING PAYMENT

Booking forms can now be submitted in one of two ways:

- 1) By Mail – send completed form with cheque to the P.O. Box 57, Killara 2071

One cheque per booking.

- 2) By email – send completed form via email to bookings@karralika.com, payments to be made by direct deposit.

When you submit your booking form via email, please await confirmation from the booking secretary before depositing funds.

When depositing funds, please remember to include your Bank Reference Number from your Membership Record (the same number you use when paying subs) The Reference Number should match the member name on the booking.

One direct deposit per booking.

WINTER ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES

The arrival time for members and guests is not before 12.00pm. Departure time on Saturday must be by 9.00am. 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 9.00am on departure day is not permitted. (*)

Please note we have had to move departure times forward one hour to better facilitate cleaning of the lodge. As our cleaner is responsible for several lodges on the mountain, it has proved difficult to ensure that the lodge is cleaned within the two hour 10:00am to 12:00pm window, with cleaning often extending into the early afternoon, thereby impacting arriving guests. Making the lodge available to the cleaner from 9:00am has allowed us to secure first place in the queue. We hope you appreciate the necessity for this change.

BOOKING PRIORITIES

Booking priorities are unchanged and are in this order:

- Member
- Member and up to three guests (whether family^(*) or otherwise)
- Member's family
- Other guests

Priority bookings for members (and up to three of their guests) commence on 1st March as usual however in 2016 on a first in first served basis. From 1st April bookings are open to additional guests and still on a first in first served basis. We therefore recommend members get their bookings in as early as possible in March.

(*)Member's family will be prioritised during school holidays.

Please note that our lease only permits a maximum of 22 people staying at the lodge at any one time. Contravention of our lease obligations in this regard represents a serious breach of our lease requirements, and the Board reserves the right to terminate the membership of a member responsible for such a breach.

Members are reminded that where they have recommended non-member friends to stay at the lodge but will not be staying at the lodge at the same time, they remain responsible for the actions of those guests including any breach of the lease terms mentioned above.

PART WEEK BOOKINGS

Part week bookings cannot cross booking weeks i.e. must run between Saturday-Friday, no Friday / Saturday night bookings. This is to enable maximum patronage of the club, and to assist in the smooth flow of bookings.

CONCESSION RATES

Responding to members the board has made a change to concession rates offered.

Members children aged 18, until they turn 21 may stay at the concession rate.

Members children who are still students aged 21, until they turn 25 may stay at the concession rate.

Copies of Student ID may be required with bookings.

BOOKING CANCELLATIONS

If bookings are cancelled 21 days or more in advance of your first day of stay, a cancellation fee of \$100 (per person) or cost of the booking, whichever is the lower, will be charged. If winter bookings are cancelled with less than 21 days' notice, the full tariff will be forfeited except for when the accommodation is re-let in which case the cancellation fee will apply.

SUMMER 2015/2016 RATES

	Week	Long Weekend Sat / Sun nights	Weekend
	(7 nights)	(2 nights)	(1 night)
	\$	\$	\$
Member ^(*)	180	115	80
Concession	240	130	90
Non-member	365	220	150
Whole of Lodge	3,570	1530	N/A

WINTER 2016 RATES

Shoulder period: **3rd – 18th June,**
 3rd September – End of Season

	Week	Long Weekend Sat / Sun night	Weekend
	(7 nights)	(2 nights)	(1 night)
	\$	\$	\$
Member ^(*)	285	150	105
Concession	385	210	140
Non-member	745	375	250

Standard winter rates: **18th June – 23rd July**
 27th August – 3rd September

	Week	Long Weekend Sat / Sun night	Weekend
	(7 nights)	(2 nights)	(1 night)
	\$	\$	\$
Member ^(*)	345	180	125
Concession	475	255	170
Non-member	900	450	300

Peak period rates: **23rd July – 27th August**

	Week	Long Weekend Sat / Sun night	Weekend
	(7 nights)	(2 nights)	(1 night)
	\$	\$	\$
Member ^(*)	450	230	160
Concession	510	300	200
Non-member	985	490	335