

Email News Update – July 2016

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We have just entered peak season and have already received some significant snow falls. With another half a metre forecast this week, I am certainly excited about my visit next week.

Our 50th anniversary is rapidly approaching and the board have been discussing ideas on how to recognise this occasion with Holly Fergusson using some well-known contacts to gather the history.

Here is hoping that there is lots of snow to come and for the season to be long. Until next time....

Ski Safe!

Jeremy Crisp

NO SMOKING IN NSW NATIONAL PARKS

From 1st March 2016 the NSW government banned smoking in all NSW National Parks.

By banning smoking in National Parks, the government says it will increase the enjoyment of these environments, reduce the risk of accidental fires caused by unextinguished cigarette butts, and reduces the primary source of litter, with cigarette butts comprising over a third of the measured litter in NSW.

Exemptions for the ban will be provided for accommodation areas. The designated area provided for Karralika is the carpark area, which is the area directly outside the front door of the lodge (off the ski room).

WINCH GROOMING

Perisher operates 5 dedicated Winch Grooming Machines (Winch cats) that operate on medium to steep terrain using a large winch and rope mounted on the back of the machine to attach to anchor points at various locations throughout the resort. The rope can be extended up to 1000 metres in length. During operations at times it will be under tension and taut, and it can move and whip vertically and horizontally at great speed.

Perisher warns that being in close proximity to a winch cat or the winch rope during winching operations could cause injury or death.

Winch Cats may operate on any run at Perisher. Winch ropes may cross oversnow routes.

Given our direct access to the slopes, when departing the lodge on foot or skis / boards, especially early morning and late night when the lifts are closed, please take extra caution.

When in operation, signs and flashing lights will be installed at major oversnow routes. All winch cats are also installed with flashing orange lights, as well as the anchor points to which the winch rope is connected.

INTERSCHOOLS

The regional interschools have been run again for the Sydney (at Perisher) and Northern (at Thredbo) region for 2016. Spotted on the slopes were the children of Sarah Bartlett (Hugo, Louis and Bella) and Ali Gillard (Jamie, Sam and Ben). By all accounts the children skied well over the 4 days of competition, with mixed weather (Wednesday had a wind chill allegedly of -17, with the sun making a welcome appearance on Friday and Saturday) and plenty of snow. So much snow in fact that the moguls were postponed till Saturday as they were buried so far under!

THE FUTURE OF PERISHER

In case you missed it, there was a recent article published in SMH about the potential future investment of funds into Perisher. Well worth a read, follow the link below.

<http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/review-into-management-of-perisher-range-and-charlotte-pass-ski-resorts-could-open-the-door-for-more-private-investment-20160703-gpxswm.html>

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

CURRENT BOOKINGS

Bookings for the winter season have been strong, and the coming weeks are heavily subscribed. There is still room to book your group the week starting 27th August, along with spaces being available in the 2nd kids week, and the week of the 17th September. With the recent falls it is a great time to head down to Perisher so get your booking in quickly

Summer rates for 2016 / 2017 remain the same as last year, and there have already been a number of enquiries from members. Summer is a great time to head down to the lodge and enjoy the many activities that the warmer months have to offer, like hiking, fishing, mountain biking to name just a few.

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 have expanded 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.

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

SUMMER 2016/2017 RATES

Summer rates (1) - Summer 2016 / 2017 (Excluding Easter period below)

	Week	Long Weekend	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

Summer rates (2) - Easter Fri 14th – Mon 16th April

	Long Weekend
	(3 nights)
	\$
Member ^(*)	175
Concession	195
Non-member	325
Non-member	2,550