

Email News Update – September 2016



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Articles and feedback are welcome by emailing newsletter@karralika.com

KARRALIKA 50TH ANNIVERSARY 2017



If you have one of these and it has ever been to Perisher, then we want your photos.... Please!

Jan Glover is continuing to compile a 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

Photos collected so far are available to view here: <http://karralikaskiclubhistory.zenfolio.com/>

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Rain Gods may have been unkind in July, but the Snow Gods spoke up in August and the forecast suggests the possibility of more falls late this week and early next.

It has been a busy season at the lodge with most weeks fully subscribed and this is great to see – thanks to those who have made the journey. To the rest of you, there is always 2017.

There is still some space in the lodge over the coming weeks, so dust off your denims and grab your favourite t-shirt and get out for some spring time fun!

And don't forget to get in early with your season pass (see below) and make 2017 even better.

All the best.

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).

EPIC AUSTRALIA PASS



The Epic Pass is available to purchase from the Perisher website, and is at its guaranteed lowest price until 11th September.

Even if skiing for only one week, this can represent great value when you factor in all the additional discounts it offers includes. For the current season a 6 day advance ticket was \$591. The remaining \$168 is quick to make up.

It also offers access to Vail's US resorts. There are two passes available, so carefully read the fine print. One offers unlimited access to Vail's US resorts for this coming 2016/2017 season while the other offers limited access for the following 2017/2018 season so look at the details carefully.

Although not yet confirmed, there is talk that with the proposed inclusion of Whistler Blackcomb into the EPIC family, the resort may be included as part of the EPIC benefits for the 2017/18 season.

Epic Australia Pass:

\$759 for Adults

\$429 for students (up to year 12)

\$499 for seniors (65 years and over).

The Epic Australia Pass is the best value season pass for Australians, providing year-round skiing and riding; unlimited, unrestricted skiing at Perisher in 2017, access to the Best of the U.S. - including 10 days at Vail, Beaver Creek, and access to Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin in Colorado; Park City in Utah; and Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood in the Lake Tahoe region of California during the 2017/18 season.

A total of 10 days only Vail and/or Beaver Creek combined. Certain holiday restrictions apply

Epic Australia Pass holders also receive unrivalled savings and benefits, including:

Perisher Benefits:

- 6 Bring a Mate discounted lift ticket invitations to share with your friends and family
- 15% off Private Lessons when purchased online in advance
- 15% off Max6 Lessons when purchased online in advance
- 15% off Kids & Teens Full Day Programs when purchased online in advance
- 15% off ski & board hire when purchased online in advance
- 15% off at Perisher food and beverage outlets
- 15% off at Slopestyle Mountain Sports
- Free access to First Tracks
- Free access to Night Skiing & Boarding
- Stay at the Station with rooms from just \$79 per night

Best of the U.S. Benefits:

- 20% off the best available rate at Vail Resorts' owned accommodation across the U.S. resorts
- 10% off shared ride shuttles, private vans and SUVs with Colorado Mountain Express (airport transfers to/from Colorado resorts)
- 15% off food and beverages at on-mountain restaurants after 2pm. Discount not valid on alcohol or related items. Valid at select mountain locations
- Up to 20% off equipment rentals through North America's largest rental equipment provider, RentSkis.com
- 10% discount on RockResorts spa services (some restrictions apply. Cannot be combined with other discounts. Cannot be used on packages)
- Access to exclusive events, plus much more...

Upgrade your Epic Australia Pass to Epic Australia Plus and get unlimited, unrestricted access to the Best of the U.S. by removing all holiday restrictions for the 2017/18 season.

Epic Pass:

US\$809 for Adults

US\$419 for Children (5-12)

Epic Pass provides unlimited, unrestricted access to the Best of the U.S. during the 2016/17 season including Vail, Beaver Creek, Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin in Colorado; Park City in Utah; and Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood in the Lake Tahoe region of California.

Epic Pass also provides unlimited, unrestricted access to Perisher in 2017.

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For more information, visit www.epicpass.com

NPWS – RABBITS AND CATS

A message sent to all clubs from NPWS to help in the control of feral animals, please take the time to read.

Feral Cats

NPWS continues to trap for feral cats in and around the resorts this winter. Members and visitors are encouraged to report any feral cat sightings to NPWS Perisher Office (64574444), or to Dave Woods or Stephanie Martin on one of the contact options below. Animals are more readily trapped if we can place traps in the location of the most recent sightings. Your reports are acted upon and do make a difference to this program.

Rabbits

A broader baiting and shooting program is planned around the Perisher Range Resorts at the end of the snow season (after the NSW October School Holidays). However, some localised work has been undertaken where rabbit burrows have been identified. If you know of a burrow in the vicinity of your lodge please let us know. It may be under the building, under a log, within a boulder stack or concealed in adjacent shrubs. The burrow may be obvious or tracked by rabbit prints in the snow. To reiterate, please let us know of a rabbit burrow and not whether you see a rabbit per se.

Small Mammals

Small ground mammals including Southern Bush Rat, Broad-toothed Rat, Antechinus and possibly Mountain Pygmy-possum may wish to share your lodge. Occasionally this may include the introduced House Mouse. Each lodge has been issued with an Elliott Trap with the name of the lodge or club engraved. If you need assistance in either using the Elliott Trap, identifying the animal, relocating the animal, or if the issue appears to be greater than the capacity of one trap, again please contact Dave Woods or Stephanie Martin.

dave.woods@environment.nsw.gov.au or stephanie.martin@environment.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 02 6450 5616 or Mobile: 0418 689 250

PERISHER CUP

The Perisher Cup will be run on Saturday 17th September.

The Perisher Cup is one of the oldest and most prestigious ski competitions in Australia. First run in 1953, skiers represent their club as a team in this three-discipline event – Giant Slalom, Cross County and Jump. This interclub competition has continued thanks to a collection of clubs who enjoy friendly interclub competition, respect the tradition of the race and enjoy a great social weekend.

For entry and further details, follow the link below.

[Perisher Cup Entry LINK](#)

REGISTRATION cut-off Wednesday 15 Sept 2106 at noon

L'ÉTAPE AUSTRALIA BY LE TOUR DE FRANCE

The count-down is on for the first Tour de France event to be held in Australia on 3rd December 2016.

L'Étape Australia by Le Tour de France is a cycling event run under professional conditions for amateurs, with closed roads, a challenging route, a Sprint and a King of the Mountain section.

L'Étape Australia will provide the closest experience an amateur rider can get to competing in the Tour de France with fully closed roads in the mountainous landscape of the Snowy Mountains.

The event will provide a new dimension to the Australian cycle calendar, replicating L'Étape du Tour (a stage of the Tour de France for amateur riders) in format, look and feel.

For more information about the event, please visit the official website for L'Étape Australia: www.letapeaustralia.com

SUMMER EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

As we go to print, Perisher has not updated their events for the summer and autumn season, but check their website later in the year for all they have to offer.

Thredbo has lots of events on over the summer, many outdoors activities. Check out their website for all the details.

Starting in December with the Cannonball Mountain Bike Festival, running from 8th – 11th December, <https://www.thredbo.com.au/events/cannonball-mtb-festival-2/>

Christmas & New Year at Thredbo is jam packed with lots of activities and fun to be had for the family. <https://www.thredbo.com.au/events/thredbo-summer-kids-festival/>

The Australian Alpine Ascent (AAA) triathlon will be on 4th February 2017 and will be a gruelling 3km swim, 130km ride and 30km run and is expected to see some of the world's greatest endurance athletes descend on the NSW Snowy Mountains. For further information and the latest updates visit <https://www.thredbo.com.au/events/australian-alpine-ascent-triathlon/>

The High Country Wine and Cheese festival takes place on 22nd April 2017. Full details visit <https://www.thredbo.com.au/events/high-country-wine-cheese-festival/>

There are heaps more activities across the summer and into autumn, so make the effort to get down to the snowy mountains and enjoy all it has to offer.

WINTER 2016 BOOKINGS

The 2016 winter tariffs are listed at the end of the newsletter. There is still a few weeks left of the 2016 season, and spring is a great time to head down and enjoy blue sky days and sunny skiing. Take a look at the website to see availability.

<http://www.karralika.com/availability.html>

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 2016/17 BOOKINGS

Bookings are now open for the summer season, including the Easter holidays. Rates are included below, for bookings and further details go to the Karralika web site (www.karralika.com).

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).

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