



## **Email News Update - September 2009**

The purpose of this news update is to provide brief information updates during the ski season and throughout the year. This is an initial edition, with the intention to publish an edition for early summer and several throughout the ski season. Articles and feedback are welcome by emailing [website@karralika.com](mailto:website@karralika.com).

### **Winter 2009**

For those of you who have already been to the lodge this winter I hope you had a great time. Weather and snow has been very variable this year but whatever was your experience I'm sure you agree it's always great staying at the lodge.

### **Current Bookings**

We have been well booked this ski season, but there are still some bookings available for mid September, and late season bookings available from late September at the reduced Shoulder Rate (weeks commencing 26 September, and 3 October for the long weekend). For bookings, rates and further details see the February Newsletter or go to the Karralika web site ([www.karralika.com](http://www.karralika.com)).

### **Perisher News Updates**

Perisher Blue becomes simply Perisher from 2009 in order to better represent all 4 resort areas under one name. For 2009 Perisher has added top to bottom snow making on Mt Perisher and Happy Valley, increasing snow making by nearly 30% to a total of 53 hectares. The Perisher Centre Lower level has been upgraded, making it easier for the purchase of tickets, booking School sessions and hiring equipment.

Ongoing improvements to road and services infrastructure at Perisher have been completed by the NPWS prior to the 2009 snow season for a cost of nearly \$3 million. These upgrades to roads and services around the Perisher resorts will continue over the next several years.

There was a recent outbreak of gastric illness at Smiggin Holes Village, believed to be sourced from the water supply. The NPWS responded quickly putting temporary measures in place and then addressing the water supply, which has now been rectified. Perisher Valley has a different water supply and was not affected.

**Security Alert:** There have been people visiting lodges claiming to be members or friends just dropping in to have a look. If you're at Karralika keep the front door closed and locked. If someone calls or asks to come in to look around, if you don't know them simply be apologetic and explain that the rules do not permit them to enter.

## Upcoming Events

The ski season at Perisher closes on 5 October.

Bookings for Summer accommodation at Karralika open on 1 September, but availability will be restricted as construction of the lodge extensions proceed (see the article below on the extensions). Information and rates for Summer bookings are available from the website at [www.karralika.com/information\\_summer](http://www.karralika.com/information_summer).

The Country Music Channel announces the return of the CMC Rocks the Snowys festival on 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Over 2 days, CMC will rock Friday Flat at Thredbo with yet another impressive program of big international and national roots & country music artists. More details can be found at [www.musicchannels.com.au/RocksTheSnowys2010](http://www.musicchannels.com.au/RocksTheSnowys2010). Early bird tickets are on sale until 13 September.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Back to Perisher Weekend is being planned for the Easter Weekend from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2010. The event is supported by the NPWS, SLOPES, Perisher Resort, the Fire Brigade and other local agencies. Features will include a Fun Run from Perisher Gap to Charlottes Pass, guided bush walks organised by the enthusiastic Dave Woods of NPWS, a gala event at the Man, and children's rides on fire trucks and cross country vehicles. More information will become available later in the year.

The Snowy Mountains of Music Festival will run from 11 to 14 June 2010 presenting a mix of world, folk, roots, celtic, acoustic, traditional music, song, dance, poetry and yarnspinning. The events will take place in up to 10 indoor venues in Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes and Guthega Alpine Village, and more details can be found at [www.snowymountainsofmusic.com.au/page/festivaloverview](http://www.snowymountainsofmusic.com.au/page/festivaloverview).

## Special Deals

Save 15% on the Regular rates for the September Season Mountain Passes, with 5 day Adult/Child Passes available from \$382/\$220 (extra for Skitube), valid from 7 September and available from any Perisher Ticket Outlet. Ski Sunday afternoon for free, for details go to [www.perisher.com.au/winter/prices/mt\\_pass-september](http://www.perisher.com.au/winter/prices/mt_pass-september)

## Entertainment

Plan your entertainment for when you're in the snow, go to the Perisher Valley Entertainment Calendar at [www.perisher.com.au/winter/entertainment/index.php](http://www.perisher.com.au/winter/entertainment/index.php) for a full listing of events.

Sponar's Chalet are holding a special dinner on Wednesday 16 September to celebrate the Centenary of Hotel Kosciusko and its pivotal role in the development of snow sports in the higher peaks of the Snowy Mountains. For booking and further details, phone Sponar's on 6456 1111 or email [info@sponors.com.au](mailto:info@sponors.com.au).

## Mountain Activities

The Perisher Cup is scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> September 2009, with cross country, ski jump and Slalom events. Categories include Open, Women and Novice. Karralika should look forward to participating as a team for 2010. Anyone interested in heading up organising a team?

Brief details of mountain activities in Perisher Valley are:

- Perisher night skiing on Tuesday nights from 6-9pm, up to 15 September 2009<sup>(\*)</sup>  
Note<sup>(\*)</sup>: Dates subject to change, check at [www.perisher.com.au/winter/entertainment](http://www.perisher.com.au/winter/entertainment)

## **Lodge Extensions**

DA approval for our proposed extensions have now been obtained and Kevin Smith is now completing structural drawings for the project. As with all building codes there are constant changes and one of the issues Kevin has had to address is that the roof is now required to support heavier loads due to anticipated increased snow weights caused by global warming!

Roger Russell is busy trying to find suitable builders who are able to undertake the extensions this summer, we will keep you informed on progress. With the extensions being planned to go ahead this summer we will most likely need to close the lodge during construction. This will mean being unable to allow members to book during the Christmas/New Year periods, depending on when construction commences. We realize this raises a lot of uncertainty for those of you considering booking accommodation this summer but as soon as we have more clarity on what is likely to happen we will let you know.