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THE THIRROUL SKI CLUB LIMITED

MARANATHA LODGE

PERISHER VALLEY

KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK

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May 2018

Dear Members,

By now we should all be thinking about our skiing activities for the 2018 ski season. Hopefully, you have made your bookings already and are thinking of dusting off your skis.

This newsletter brings you updated information on who holds what portfolio on the committee, an invitation to join a subcommittee to look into the possibility of an online booking system, some reports from SLOPES (Ski Lodge Operators in Perisher and Smiggins) including a call for volunteers and information from our maintenance officer about what has been happening over the summer months.

We were hoping to include two documents on our policy regarding Bookings and Junior Development/Training. These are being revised and will be sent out as soon as they are approved. Keep an eye on your inbox.

Enjoy your skiing

And your summer activities

*Kevin Donegan*

*Publicity Officer*

## **From the President's Desk**

Dear Members

The 2018 winter ski season is fast approaching and the first snowfalls have occurred. Let's hope this is an omen for a good season. The lodge is just about ready to go with the last finishing touches being carried out on the bathroom renovations and linen cupboards. More on this in the maintenance report.

We also welcome our invaluable lodge manager, Clark, back for his tenth year.

Following issues/concerns raised earlier in the year and during question time at the March AGM, the committee will be implementing the following:

1 Key committee decisions affecting members will be communicated in a regular and timely fashion through a more structured newsletter, with information from the President, Maintenance Officer, Sports captain, SLOPES information and a new "Committee News" section. The website and Facebook page will be regularly updated with any important decisions made by the committee and upcoming events.

2 A sub-committee is being formed to look into an online booking system. The sub-committee will comprise of four people, two committee people who will be Rupert Blatch and myself, the other two people would be non-committee members. I am asking anybody from the general membership that may have skills in this field or may be willing to have input into this process to contact me on 0405819657.

3 A member has suggested we prepare a Grievance and Privacy Policy. We are taking steps to implement this.

Finally, the above points are the key ones we are prioritising first up. There are some other matters that need updating but they will be looked at in a timely fashion later in the year.

Yours in skiing

*Bruce Norton*

## **News from The Committee**

In the last newsletter we reported that the following members had been elected at the AGM

President	Bruce Norton (unopposed)
Vice President	Gai Curtis (unopposed)
Secretary	Rasma Kreilis (unopposed)
Assistant Secretary/ Assistant Treasurer	Evelyn Jelercic (unopposed)
Treasurer	Rupert Blatch (unopposed)
Publicity Officer	Kevin Donegan

Committee member	Mavis Williams
Committee member	Kevin Masters
Committee member	Heath Barnes
Committee member	Mark Phillips
Webmaster (non committee TBC)	Nicola Curtis
Committee member	Owen Kreilis
Committee member	Amie Archer (nee Marshall)

At the April committee meeting the following appoints were made to non-elected positions:

Booking Officer	Heath Barnes
Sports Captain	Mark Phillips
Maintenance Officer	Kevin Masters
Catering Officer	Gai Curtis
Social Secretary	Amie Marshall
SLOPES Representative	Mavis Williams
Assistant Treasurer	Evelyn Jelercic
Web Master	Nicola Curtis

A Reminder when paying your subs or bookings by direct deposit

When paying any membership payments including subscription and maintenance levies, membership Interest Free Loan payments, and Nomination fees please pay into the account: IMB, BSB 641 800 A/C 200203084.

For all lodge booking payments please use BSB 641 800 A/C 200203087

Please reference your payment with your name (and/or invoice number). We have had occasions where payments have had no reference and it has been very difficult to then work out who has made the payment.

Also a reminder that the nomination fee for new memberships (which is non-refundable) is now \$1000.

### **Lunch Policy**

Members and guests are reminded that you are welcome to make yourself lunch when staying at the lodge. However, the lunch period is from 12.00 to 2.30pm. Some members/guests have gotten into the habit of skiing most of the day and then making themselves “lunch” as late as 4.30pm, when Clark is starting to prepare dinner.

Cut-off time for lunch is 2.30pm and no access to the kitchen after this.

### **VIP Night at Steve’s Snow Store**

We hope you kept the evening of 31 May free. Steve’s Snow Store in Wollongong is hosting another VIP Night for our members and offering special discounts.

See you there hopefully!!!



## THIRROUL SKI CLUB VIP NIGHT

Thursday 31 May 2018 5 – 8pm

10% off all new season gear

Up to 30% off last season stock

Boot fitter instore.

\$10 hot wax (drop off on night & pick up following week)

### Items of interest from SLOPES

(Please read the attachments as well)

The PHS dinner is on the Sunday of the June long weekend - coinciding with the opening of the winter season and the Peak Music Festival.

Re the Festival see: <http://peakfestival.com.au/>

Separately, the attached copy Snowy Mountains Magazine articles are from their current Issue 12 and may be of interest.

The topics are:

1. Being car ready for cold weather
2. Discover the Snowy Scheme
3. Hakuba joins Epic Australia Pass

### **Report on Back to Perisher Weekend – Easter 2018** ( by Frank Zipfinger)

Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

Back to Perisher 2018 was another success, assisted as we were with excellent weather - blue skies and crisp but not cold - although we were impacted somewhat by Easter not coinciding with the NSW school holidays.

On Saturday morning, at the chilly start time of 7.30am, a keen crowd turned out for the Fun Run from Perisher to Charlotte Pass with just over 65 registered runners/walkers.

With non registered runners, onlookers, NPWS and support crews there were about 100 people involved.

Perisher Volunteer Ski Patrol members were there to provide First Aid (fortunately again this was not required).

NPWS staff had road signs out and provided escort vehicles and we used our SLOPES signs for the Fun Run - and later for the Duck Race.

The presentation of winners certificates took place at Charlotte Pass immediately following the Run - a recent change that again worked well with good attendance.

An even bigger crowd turned out for the afternoon Duck Race (4pm) down the Perisher Creek, with close to 400 people lining the creek banks and all 340 ducks sold!

The profit of some \$700 from the sale of the ducks will go to the Burns Unit at Westmead Children's Hospital, the charity nominated by the NSW Fire Brigades.

It was a fun and successful event with the local Fire Brigade setting up two wagons and hosing straggling ducks on their way.

This year the Brigade had one high pressure hose creating showers at times over the kids adding to the fun of the event.

A huge thanks to Benny and his fire fighter staff for supporting the Duck Race.

The Duck Race was followed by drinks at the White Spider.

Other events that had excellent participation included:

- > an Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday hosted by NPWS which was hugely successful with close to 50 children taking part
- > a guided tour to Blue Lake on Easter Sunday was a great success but there no takers for the walk on Easter Monday to the Porcupine Rocks
- > the Kosciarium in the Kosciuszko Education Centre on Saturday and Sunday, also hosted by NPWS, including alpine flora, fauna and history displays.

The Fire Station held an Open Day on Saturday that attracted a large crowd with children able to climb over fire engines, sound sirens and play with live fire hoses.

Thanks go to all who assisted in making Back to Perisher Weekend 2018 a success, particularly:

- > the NPWS - especially Tim Scanlon who superbly filled the big shoes left by Dave Wood and brought his own energy and insights into the role!
- > the Fire Brigade
- > Perisher Volunteer Ski Patrol (First Aid)

There are others, including all those from Clubs - especially Aurora - who participated and who helped with the organisation of events - thanks.

Finally, huge thanks to Dave Read who did a terrific job as the primary co-ordinator of Back to Perisher Weekend on behalf of SLOPES.

Dave's role covers everything from liaising with key stakeholders like NPWS, Fire Brigade and the Police - and, importantly, purchasing the all-important ducks!





The Duck Race

Regards

*Frank Zipfinger*

President

SLOPES

**Subject: NPWS granted \$27m from 'Regional Growth – Environment and Tourism Fund'**

You may have seen this news already but just advising it was announced this week that NPWS have been granted \$27 million funding from the NSW Government's Regional Growth - Environment and Tourism Fund. This will be spent on creating an iconic multi-day walk and extension of the Thredbo Valley mountain biking trail. These projects are aimed to encourage significantly more year-round park visitation.

Of particular note is that the multiday walk will be designed to encourage hikers to stay in existing resort lodges each night. The suggested itinerary will be starting at Thredbo, with the existing resort areas of Charlotte Pass, Guthega, Perisher Valley and Lake Crackenback being the target destinations at the end of each days walk. Further details of the proposed walk are provided below.

### **Snowies Iconic Multiday Walk Project Overview**

This project will create a four-day walk of approximately 45km in length that starts at the top of Thredbo and ends at Bullocks Flat. It will link Thredbo, Charlotte Pass, Guthega, Perisher and Lake Crackenback. The route will contain approximately 20km of existing tracks and 25km of new tracks. Hikers will be encouraged to stay in existing resort lodges each night and some will choose to camp. Key features include:

- Exceptional views and the potential for the walk to be badged as a 'Great Walk' under the [Tourism Australia Great Walks](#) program. This status will not only promote the walk, it would allow the walk to become a 'flagship' type promotional tool for visitation to the Snowy Mountains in summer
- All new tracks to be predominantly constructed of elevated platforms and stone. This will minimise the environmental impact and will reduce the long-term maintenance costs
- Realignment of the existing Main Range Walk with an elevated platform of approximately 1.5km in length near Mt Lee. The track will be relocated slightly to the west to mitigate the existing impact to the critically endangered Windswept Feldmark plant community
- Construction of a permanent single toilet facility which will be positioned approximately 30m behind Seamans Hut. This will reduce the impacts of people camping near the hut. The toilet will be opened year-round
- The exact location of the route is still being defined in response to the preliminary environmental assessments and targeted species surveys
- The walk is expected to reach completion in 2022, with some construction commencing next summer (2018-19)

Further information on both the walk and mountain bike trail are in the Media release:

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/news/multi-million-dollar-boost-for-kosciuszko>

### **Calling For Volunteers**

Hi Frank,

Disabled Wintersport Australia (DWA) is looking for new volunteers to help out as guides on our skiing and snowboarding programs for people with disabilities. I understand your organisation distributes a newsletter to your member clubs and lodges. Would we be able to put some information in your newsletter about members becoming volunteers?

Have a look at our [volunteer page](#) if you want a better idea of what we do.

<https://www.disabledwintersport.com.au/volunteering/>

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you want any more info.

Kind regards,

*Tom.*

**Tom Mitten**

National Program Manager

p 1300 265 730

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## **From the Maintenance Officer's workshop**

### **1. Foundation Member still able to contribute to our working bees**

A working bee was held between 27th April 2017 for 5 days with 11 member of the working bee team while builders were renovating our showers on level 2 and 3.

Gordon McComb a regular participant in working bees put his skills to good use repairing the basalt facade outside the lodge on the ground floor . Gordon took up shelter in the temporary lodge extension to the lodge during some bad weather .

Gordon is one of the foundation members who is responsible for acquiring the Maranatha Lodge and we should be very grateful to Gordon and his colleagues for their vision.

Gordon who is 88 years old and still finds time to volunteer his skills to our lodge during working bees , Thanks you Gordon

*Kevin Masters*



### **Working Bee April/May 2018**

The 5 day working bee in April / May was supported by 11 volunteers and worked in parallel with builders who were renovating the level 2 and level 3 showers.

The weather was fine for most of the time and the team raised the Maranatha Flag and the Australian flag.

During the dinner Glen Frost ( previous lodger manager) shared some of his experiences at the Eiger with his preferred contractors.. Liz Scott also a previous lodge manger supported Mavis Williams to ensure the working bee team was fed and watered. Ian Eddy and Ken Lucas shared some stories about old times during dinner .



Hans Buettner and Gordon kept up with tradition by flying the flags .

*Kevin Masters , Maintenance officer*



## Maranatha Lodge Improvements for the Winter of 2018

### Shower Renovations

Due to the deterioration of the showers on level 2 & 3 especially on level 2 experienced frozen floors, frozen water pipes and water leaks in to the managers flat the committee approved the renovations of level 2 and level 3 showers. The building bathrooms were so dilapidated as to be prejudicial to the occupants.

We sought a "Development Control Order " from the Dept of Planning to proceed with the work in Feb 2018 . The work was carried out by the prime contractor Roger Toole from Cooma Building Services . The "Development Control Order "was issued on the 8th March 2018 with a completion time of 31st May 2018.

The new bathrooms will have a number of improved features as follows:

- Replaced all soft soldered copper pipes with PVC pipes for drains and copper pressure lines for reliability.
- Replaced ceilings with fire rated 2 layers of 16mm FGP \_ FRL 30/30/30
- Insulated floors and walls with R1.5 sound screen.
- Waterproof shower cubicle according to A. S 3740 -2004
- Installed 35 mm solid core doors with lift off doors hinges with self closers.
- LED lighting energy saver .
- Silent high capacity Fantech exhaust fans.
- Heated floors timed with lodge heating.
- New shower screens with opaque white safety glass and white trim.
- Unisex braille and tactile signage.
- Flexible , adjustable shower heads with grab handles for the aged.
- Lever handle mixer taps and door handles for people with arthritis.
- Large 300mm x 300mm floor tiles ( grey )and 600mmx 300mm white wall tiles ( less cleaning of joints.) including larger floor wastes.
  
- After a site inspection during construction by the Dept of Planning the inspector issued and order to carry out additional work as follows to ensure compliance with fire safety regulations: as follows :

- Install one layer of 16mm FRG to either side of either side of the adjoining bedroom next to the shower ( room 9 ) to achieve a FRL 60/60/60.
- Refurbishment of linen cupboards, replaced existing wide hollow doors with 35mm solid core doors half doors with centre mullions 16mm to improve evacuation route.

After the builder removed old tiling from the shower walls we found addition work due to :

- Inferior electrical wiring which was unsafe and non compliant.
- Replace dividing walls between showers due to split Oregon timber studs .

The work will be completed before the 31st May 2018 as per the "Development Control Order " required completion date .

The schedule incurred some delays due to shortage of tradesman for the tiling and the builder arranged for the work to be carried out by Wollongong tilers in less than 3 days at no extra cost to the project .

Photographs of the completed showers will be circular at a later date .

*Kevin Masters*

Maintenance Officer



Level 2 shower cubicle  
6th April 2018



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