

Hills and Spills

SUNDOWNER SKI CLUB CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED

WINTER 2008

What's new for 2008

On the back of a great season of snow in 2007, Perisher Blue has committed to further capital expenditure in the resort for improvements in time for winter 2008.

In its on-going pledge to implement sustainable environmental practices and in further support of the Keep Winter Cool program, Perisher Blue will be offsetting the carbon emissions of its entire grooming fleet with Origin Energy in 2008 and beyond. Approx. 5% of electricity for 2008 will be accredited renewable energy further improving environmental outcomes.

Snowmaking will be further expanded with an additional \$9.75M investment in 2008, allowing a new water supply for Perisher Valley, an upgraded pump



station and 34 new snow guns. This snowmaking modernisation effort will be up to 9 times more energy efficient than existing systems and improve reliability and snow quality in the high traffic areas.

Other areas of improvement are; slope grooming and fencing, a new groomer, new guest screens in public areas, new snowcams will be included on the Perisher Blue website, a ski pass ticket kiosk will now be at the Bullocks Flat Skitube terminal.

Visit www.perisherblue.com.au for more information.

Annual General Meeting

The Sundowner AGM was held on Friday 14th March 2008 at the office of the retiring Chairman, Anthony Morrissey. The meeting was attended by 16 members and was followed up by a lovely lunch at a trattoria in the Rocks.

Peter MacSmith was warmly welcomed as the new chairman and thanked Anthony for all his good work on behalf of the Sundowner during the past three years. This also included a year of being both Chairman and Booking Officer. Well done! Peter MacSmith & George Burnet retired by rotation as Directors of the Sundowner and were re-elected.

The majority of clubs have decided to go with the longer lease - through to 2050. The "do nothing" lease runs out at 2023 and it could be a very big cost if Sundowner does not go forward now. Ross Tompson does a good job keeping the information flowing from SLOPES and the Directors have made the decision that the lodge will go ahead with the lease extension.



**THE NEWLY REPLACED DECK
WITH ROOM FOR WOOD STORAGE & RECYCLING UNDER**



Development Committee Required

The Sundowner is looking for 3-4 volunteers to form a development committee to report back to the AGM next year about how they want the club to look in 10 years time. It was agreed at the AGM that the downstairs area is under utilised and could be used for a new relaxation room or perhaps a table tennis area? A detailed development plan will enable us to schedule our tariffs to ensure we have sufficient funds when we need them. Funds



raised will be allocated exclusively to the development of this long term strategy. Please forward your interest to Jennie or Juliet.



Sundowner Working Bee

The Sundowner Working Bee was held on the ANZAC long weekend, with real snow... see above. Attendees were Peter & Sarah MacSmith & family, Anthony Morrissey & his son, Hugh Nivison, Jonathan Hassall & George Burnet. They had a very productive weekend including cleaning up the wood room (see left). All the wood has been split, thanks to Jono Hassall, with kindling in containers in the wood room and large logs outside in the new storage area under the new deck (*please use kindling for starting the fire only*). All the wooden ski racks have been removed, and all the old skis are under the lodge, through the small door off the wood room. It is still to be decided where new ski racks will go. The other lockers are still there but have just been pushed back against the wall.

Other jobs that were achieved over the working bee weekend were: Sealing and painting of some doors and windows, changing of light bulbs and removing the out-of-date stores and replacing them with new basic stores which include the following items; white & brown sugar, vegemite, promite, honey, dish washing powder, rinse aid, foil, baking paper, glad wrap, tea bags, cooking oil, and rubbish bags. This was thanks to Sarah MacSmith. A new toaster was also purchased.

**Alpine
Responsibility
Code**

Regardless of how you enjoy your snow sport, always show courtesy to others and be aware that there are inherent risks in all snow recreational activities that common sense and personal awareness can reduce. These risks include rapid changes in the weather, visibility and surface conditions, as well as natural and artificial hazards such as, rocks, trees, stumps, vehicles, lift towers, snow fences and snowmaking equipment.

Observe the code and share with others the responsibility for a great experience.

1. Know your ability and always stay in control and be able to stop and avoid other people or objects. It is your responsibility to stay in control on the ground and in the air.
2. Take lessons from qualified professional instructors, to learn and progress.
3. As you proceed downhill or overtake another person, you must avoid the people below and beside you.
4. Do not stop where you obstruct a trail or run, or are not visible from above.
5. When entering a trail or run or starting downhill, look uphill and give way to others.
6. When riding chairlifts always use the restraining devices. Always use suitable restraints to avoid runaway skiing/boarding equipment. Ensure your equipment is in good condition.
7. Observe and obey all signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails or runs and out of closed areas.
8. Before using any lift you must have the knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely.
9. Do not ski, board, ride a lift or undertake any other alpine activity if your ability is impaired by drugs or alcohol.
10. If you are involved in, or witness an accident or collision, alert Ski Patrol, remain at the scene and identify yourself to the Ski Patrol.



**WATER IN PERISHER VALLEY IS NOW
METERED SO PLEASE USE SPARINGLY**

Resort Information

FIRST TRACKS MORNINGS*



First Tracks Mornings are a truly special Perisher Blue experience, allowing a limited number of resort guests to

enjoy access to a selected area in the resort before anyone else. First Tracks are conducted on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the months of July, August and September. First Tracks is limited to small numbers on a 'first-come, first-serve' basis and is available to intermediate to advanced standard guests with a valid day or season pass only. Guests are picked up from the Perisher Valley Hotel at 7.15am and transported to Eyre T-Bar where they have unlimited use of the lift from around 7.30 to 9.00am, with no-one else around - just a guide and Ski Patrol. After 9.00am guests can access the rest of the resort. Bookings can be made through Perisher Blue Guest Services and must be made by 3.30pm the day prior to the event. Cost is \$55 with a valid Mountain Pass and provides great skiing and boarding, often in fresh powder, while you watch the sun come up and enjoy the brisk mountain air. *Conditions Apply: subject to demand and weather conditions.

GROOMER TOURS* (max. of 4 guests)



Groomer tours allow a limited number of resort guests the opportunity to ride in one of Perisher Blue's \$450,000 snow

groomers on night skiing nights: Tuesdays and Saturdays during July & August and Tuesdays during September. Due to space restrictions only FOUR guests can book the Tours each day. A typical Groomer Tour takes approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours and is conducted on Perisher's Front Valley. Pick up is from the front of the Perisher Valley Hotel at 5.00pm. Bookings can be made through Perisher Blue Guest Services by 3.00pm on the day of the Tours. *Conditions apply.

Accommodation & Subscription Rates

The rates for 2008 are as follows:

Annual Subscription: \$75

Members:

(high season) \$35 / night

(low season) \$15 / night

Non-Members:

(high season) \$70 / night

(low season) \$30 / night

Booking & Payment Rules

Accommodation payment **MUST** be paid **IN FULL** ten days after the date of the booking. Please read the back of the booking sheet. The Sundowner has a one month prior to stay cancellation policy for a full refund.

New Members

Hugh Burnet

(son of George & Belinda Burnet)

Edward Campbell (son of Richard & Annie Campbell)

Sarah Hornabrook (Transfer of membership from father, Graham Hartigan)

Hamish Bowman (Transfer of membership from father, Alistair Bowman)

Charles & Olivia Dight (Son & Daughter of Colin & Kate Dight)

Welcome!

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Elbow Bar

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Jax Bar

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Ski Rock Café

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Bazils

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Mountain Pass office

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