

# ULLR BULLRTIN

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Ladies Day—Front Valley?

## Chairman's Report

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The season is well underway. The snow is building up and with the new snowmaking on Perisher all the signs are for a good season. Emma and Cameron have had guests in the Lodge since late June and whilst bookings are heavy there are still some vacant rooms but be quick to book and don't miss out.

The AGM was held on May 19th. The attendance was small but those gathered reminisced at length about our wonderful friend Pepi who sadly passed away at the end of April. Pepi and Bauxi have been a large part of Ullr's history and the memories of Pepi are all fond ones and full of admiration for those who knew him, skied with him and shared many hours yarning, joking, drinking and listening to his words of wisdom on so many topics. In particular the great sport of skiing in which he excelled and taught so many of us the skills we now use to enjoy this great activity. Pepi will be missed but his memories will last for many years to come. Ullr has lost a legend.

You will see many improvements in the Lodge this season. The Board is committed to maintaining and improving the Lodge to as high a standard as our financial resources will allow. We are hoping members and guests will also consider using the Lodge in the summer months. We already have a very successful Fisherman's week and an Artists' week. Think about the Lodge as a venue for that special event you are planning with your friends.

Now think about skiing and the great times you know you will have this season with Emma's cooking and the people you meet or know and enjoy at Ullr. Have a great season.

Best regards, Terry.



## New Lease for Perisher—news release June 2009

Perisher Blue Pty Ltd welcomed the announcement by NSW Premier Nathan Rees of a new consolidated mountain lease for Perisher, Australia's leading alpine resort, which would pave the way for new investments in tourism infrastructure and the creation of local jobs.

"Today's announcement also creates the opportunity to realise the long-standing vision to develop the proposed Perisher

village centre," Perisher Blue Chief Executive Peter Brulisauer said.

"We believe the village development will help to position Perisher as Australia's leading world-class, year-round alpine resort.

The new consolidated lease amalgamates ten existing leases. Under its terms Perisher Blue Pty Ltd will surrender the Perisher Valley car park lease to the NSW Government to allow the village centre development to take place.

"The amalgamated lease also provides Perisher Blue Pty Ltd with the commercial certainty necessary to underpin the company's future investments in on-mountain activities. These investments will help drive visitor growth which in turn supports local employment," Mr Brulisauer said.

"For example, for the 2009 winter, visitors will benefit from a three-year, \$19 million upgrade to Perisher's snowmaking facilities. This will result in new automated snowmaking on the popular Towers Run on Mt Perisher and on trails in Happy Valley."

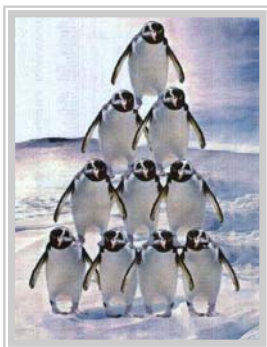
Mr Brulisauer said the lease agreement had been the subject of a detailed public consultation and approval process.

The consolidation of the Perisher leases has also been a longstanding objective under the Kosciusko National Park Plan of Management.

"We understand that the NSW Government will now establish an open and contestable process to support the important goal of delivering the Village development," Mr Brulisauer said.



## April Pre-Season Working Bee



Climb on board with the bees!

Another great Working Bee weekend. Now this Working Bee was just not on a weekend or just in the Lodge. It started on Thursday 16 April in Sydney and finished in Perisher Valley on the following Sunday afternoon. The new wardrobe and drawers for room 3 and the bedside tables for rooms 1, 2 & 3 had just been finished in Sydney (Brookvale) at the cabinet makers and were ready for shipment to the Lodge. The shipping costs to Perisher Valley and return to Sydney are a very expensive exercise. So, up stepped the Bees. Mac arrived at Brookvale on Thursday midday, packed his car with bedside tables and sections of the wardrobe. Ray Bennie arrived in his Volvo xc90, laid the back seat down and flat-packed the best part of the wardrobe in the back. On Friday it all arrived at the Lodge and all in good order, just as it left the cabinet maker.

Thank you Mac and Ray - you saved the Lodge quite a few bob.

When you arrive in the lodge this winter you will see that the common area doors and the kitchen cupboard doors and drawers have been sanded and three coats of oil applied. The Lodge is looking very smart these days.

Big thanks to Mac and Westy, Ray and to John Brooks who was of great assistance on the weekend.

The end of season Working Bee will be held in October so pencil it in and make it down to the Lodge. It's just a hell of a weekend.

Please email [jon@ullrskilodge.com.au](mailto:jon@ullrskilodge.com.au) if you would like to climb on board this October, and we'll let you know the dates as soon as possible.

# South Perisher Valley 2010 to 2011

## New Road Works

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The NPWS will be upgrading the Porcupine Road from the Australian Golf Club Ski Lodge where the existing upgraded concrete road finishes to just beyond the Galaxial Place right hand turn-off (up and around the Jolly Swagman Lodge). Construction on this new concrete section, some 280 meters, will commence around November 2010 and be completed around February 2011. We have been informed by NPWS the construction time may be quite a bit shorter than these estimates if

the many other roadway upgrade projects in Perisher Valley over the past few years are any guide.

The NPWS will provide ongoing communications and updates on the progress of the project and any changes to the project that may impact Ullr Ski Lodge and our members, guest and friends. Please make a note of these dates and check well in advance of making any commitment to access the Lodge during this time period.

This new road project is part of the [Perisher Range Resorts Environmental Management System \(PRREMS\)](#). The problem of sediment that is washed into the natural waterways from the dirt roads and the erosion that is caused during the thaw will be addressed by the new sealed concrete road together with improved utility services. The winter season management of the snow-covered roadways in the village will also be enhanced.

And Ullr Ski Lodge ends up with a new road.



## Redevelopment of Ullr Website

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Thank you Mike!

Mike Soden is redeveloping the Ullr Ski Lodge website. Mike plans to have the site up and running by the end of this winter season. He has already put many hours (days) of development time in and the site is starting to take shape. Mike has included many more features and functions in the site.

It's efforts like Mike's that make Ullr Ski Lodge "the best little ski lodge in Perisher Valley".

Here's a preview.





## In Memory of Pepi Wieland

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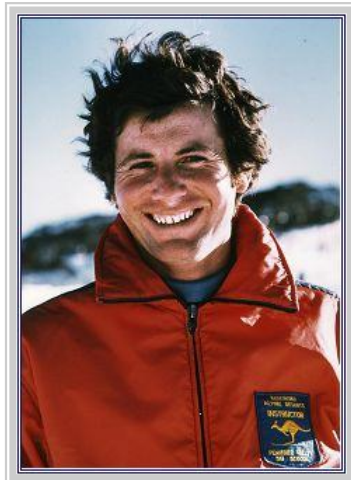
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Passed Away:

Cooma, Australia 30-04-2009

## Fond Memories of Pepi

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I first met Pepi that very first year that he came with Bauxi to manage Ullr, in the winter of 1972, and was immediately drawn to his infectious personality and his sardonic wit. I was only thirty, he a sprightly twenty-eight year old; I was disaster on skis, still fumbling with the agonies of learning the Stem Christie on 210cm skis, and only dreaming of one day doing parallels; whilst Pepi was already a master,

a product of the Hans Schneider Arlberg School, that he had brought with him from his beloved St Anton.

Who will forget that effortless, free-as-a-bird style of his, captured so perfectly by the camera of Ben Ericksen, set against the dying rays of the sun on the Eyre? How I ached to emulate him. I only had one lesson with him, together with Stephanie and John Richards, when he totally exhausted me by going up and down Centre Valley umpteen times, straight onto the T's and then down again at seemingly breakneck speed, spearing each little mound of snow with his pole and calling out in his soft yet guttural voice with each thrust: "Dis mogul! Dat mogul! Dis mogul! Dat mogul!" turning faultlessly each time and expecting me, following on his heels, to do the same. And at the end of the lesson, he summed up: "Steffanee, you are very goot. But John and Toni - ah, there is no hope!"

I loved the story that Bauxi told many years later, about how she had enticed him to come to Cooma and to become a ski instructor at Perisher, and how they had driven out to the Snowies for the first time and Pepi, used to the soaring peaks of the Arlberg, had said "Yes, it is very beautiful, but where are ze mountains?"

And who can forget Pepi's very own musical composition, rung on the gong for breakfast, starting downstairs, slowly working its way up top - dah dah, dah da da, dah da, de da de da. And at dinner, around the fire, after Bauxi's memorable appetisers, the summons to dinner in Pepi's inimitable (although David Lockyer tried hard) voice: "Laideez and genlman: dinner is ser-ved!"

And who can forget a madly sweating Pepi, tall frame bent over the fire, hands covered in welding gloves, cooking one of his magic barbeques.

And Pepi the bad boy, still playing pool at the Man with a few too many drinks on board, whilst Bauxi fretted about dinner at the Lodge, blinking frantically and suggesting that the skiers should give away Blue Cow and sign it over to the boardies, effectively banning them from Perisher.

I remember when the sidecut skis first came in, Pepi pronounced them as just a gimmick. Next season he had his own, and he said to me "Toni, these will give you another ten years' skiing." I hope he's right!

He was a most skilled carpenter, and did great deeds in the maintenance of Ullr. And in 1994 I was fortunate to have Pepi build a place for Stephanie and I in Jindabyne, even though the design nearly drove him crazy ("Your architect is a dreamer!" he told me) and though work ground to a total halt

# Fond Memories of Pepi—Continued



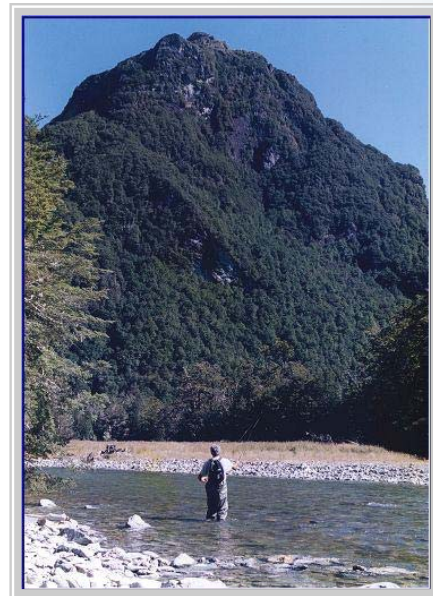
whilst (almost unannounced) he cleared off to St Anton for his old time friend Franz's birthday. (As one story goes, and in typical Pepi style, he took several snowgums with him, and presented them with great ceremony in St Anton. Sadly, none survived).

Stephanie and I last met Pepi in the winter of 2007, on the top of Mount Perisher. He was, as always, with Bauxi. It was a golden afternoon. Little did I know that it would be the last time I would see him. After a brief chat, he said, "OK, let's have a ski!" and, just as in the old days, he called "Toni, follow me!" He shot off down the International. Fortunately my skiing had improved a little since the 70s, and I hung on his heels. He even called out "Very goot Toni!" but then "Hold your arms out more!" Ever the instructor.

We rode the T back up together, and had a bit of a chat about old times. At the top, the four of us chatted a bit more, and then Pepi pronounced that they had to head off to Cooma Hut. And off they both went, sailing immaculately towards Sun Valley. We never saw him again. But what a way to say goodbye.

All too soon, Pepi is now skiing in the snowy uplands, where every day is a perfect powder day. May the god of the snow be with him.

**Tony Bull**



## PEPI WIELAND

I have been asked to write down my thoughts and memories of our great friend and a long term lodge Manager Pepi.

I struggle with tasks like this because they are so personal and although I feel I could, one has the fear of forgetting things which may then not do justice to this wonderful man.

So I have chosen to simply list words that come to mind when re-living the times I have shared with Pepi and, of course Bauxi, as she was there with him most of the time.

With these trigger words I would ask each person to bring to thought their own memories that come to mind and please add to the list, it is by no means complete. Put your story and personal experiences to the words in the list and enjoy what will be no more ..... those great times with Pepi.

Goodbye for now Pepi, we will miss you.

Thank you Pepi for all you left. We as individuals and the lodge are enriched because of you.

**Stephen Scott Jnr.**

HAPPY	MUSTARD POT
PLAYFUL	CHESS
LAUGHTER	SARDINES
GOOD HUSBAND	BIG
GOOD FATHER	CARPENTER
HONEST	ROLE MODEL
HARDWORKING	SNOWMAN
FUNNY	COMPETITIVE
THE BEST SKIER	DETERMINED
FRIEND	EXCITED
TEACHER	PROUD
STORY TELLER	NATURE LOVER
THE FIRE	RESPECTED
THE STEAKS	ADMIRER
BOMBERS	FUN



## Perisher Ski Patrol

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Stay Safe in the Snow with SnowSafe's Alpine Responsibility Code rule number 3 of 10:  
Know and observe the code: it's your responsibility, and have a great snow fun.

### USE APPROPRIATE PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT TO MINIMISE THE RISK OF INJURY

#### Skin and Eye Protection

Sunburn can be a serious problem, even on cloudy days. In addition to protective clothing, always use a good sunscreen with a high SPF (sun protection factor) to protect skin exposed to direct or reflected sunlight. To protect your eyes from the glare off the snow (which can lead to 'snow blindness') the use of high quality sunglasses or goggles is essential. On sunny days, if you are not wearing a helmet, a peaked or wide brimmed hat is advisable. If you are dependent on spectacles, carry a spare pair, in case you lose or damage your glasses while you are in the alps.

'RESPECT GETS RESPECT'

FROM THE LIFT LINE, TO THE SLOPES,  
THROUGH THE PARK AND THE RESORT

GO GO SNOWSAFE



**Please don't forget about me!**

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#### E-Payments and Tax Invoice Number

When making an e-payment direct into the Ullr Ski Lodge account, please reference the Tax Invoice number on your Tax Invoice and include the following information. It makes life a little easier for us when we are reconciling. We thank you for your co-operation.

Ullr Ski Lodge bank account information:

Account name:	Ullr Ski Lodge Co-operative Ltd	Tax invoice number:	XXXXXXXX
Bank:	National Australia Bank	Your name:	John Smith
BSB:	082 067	Description:	Annual subscription only
Account No:	51990 0419		

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#### Contributions to Bullrtin

Please send photos as jpegs  
and text in Word

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#### Lodge Bookings

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS IF THEY HAVE CHANGED

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## What's new at the Lodge for 2009

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- Oiling and painting of decking continued and completed
- New stainless steel deck cable installed
- Fixed-sky light windows in all upstairs bedrooms replaced with double-glazed windows
- General electrical work completed
- "Back to Base" smoke & fire alarm system email service introduced
- Existing bedroom carpet re-stretched and steam-cleaned
- New redesigned pantry installed
- New redesigned food preparation area installed
- New lino and curving laid throughout pantry, food prep and kitchen areas
- All kitchen cupboards and drawers sanded and oiled
- New convection bedroom heaters installed
- General maintenance & repairs
- All common area doors sanded and oiled
- New wardrobes and drawers installed in bedrooms 1, 2 and 3
- Pull-down beds removed and double bed repositioned in rooms 1, 2 and 3
- New bedside tables installed in bedrooms 1, 2 and 3
- Internal staircase steps sanded and satin-finished
- Fireplace repaired



Now that we're finished with that list, it's time to get working on the next one!



Sun Valley?



The best little ski lodge in Perisher Valley



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