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Ullr Ski Lodge Perisher Valley

It's Time to go to the Snow!

How exciting it must have been for those people who crowded into Joan Devey's office back in 1964 to establish the Ullr Ski Lodge Cooperative... they must have had a great spirit and a love of the mountains. What dedication they must have had to spend their weekends doing the long drive from Sydney to Perisher to work all weekend building Ullr, and then returning back to Sydney to their jobs on Monday. And not only that, but they had to find a way to fund the project. It is inspiring to think of how the lodges in Perisher Valley came to be, especially the Club Lodges... built by people who were determined in the execution of their dreams. When Ullr Ski Lodge was being built did those involved have any idea of how their dream would grow and how much pleasure others would gain from



the “best little ski lodge in Perisher Valley”

We look forward to the 2010 Snow Season and to meeting all the members and friends of Ullr Ski Lodge and to taking care of them.

The forecast is for a “bumper” season so get those skis and boards waxed, and we'll see you in the snow.

Robyn and Terry
Managers



Chairman's Report – July 2010



Terry Hughes

Welcome to the 2010 season, which started on the June 12/13 weekend with much fanfare in the Valley. Our new Managers Robyn and Terry have taken up residence for the season having made several trips to the Lodge to help in the pre-season preparation of the Lodge. The weather pundits are predicting a good season, bookings are good and we do have some spaces available. Don't be disappointed and book now.

Your Board is planning for the future. We need to encourage younger members to use the Lodge. We have changed the rules for Associates – children of members over 18 years of age – who in the past revert to paying full guest rate. The new rule allows members children of any age over 18 to become Associates for an annual fee of \$50 per year with no joining fee to use the Lodge and enjoy the first guest rate for two people.

We have continued to satisfy the compliancy requirements of the National Parks Health and Building Audit. The only remaining issue is the installation of a Fire Sprinkler System, which could cost around a \$100,000. The Board is considering all financing alternatives, as existing reserves are insufficient to cover this requirement.

Thanks to those who have attended the working bees and helped keep the Lodge in such good condition. We will need to replace a few window frames in the future. Being exposed to extreme weather conditions requires us to stay in control of regular maintenance.

Two of our longstanding members Ashley Blondel and Niels Bowen have offered their resignations. Both now own properties in the area and will remain in contact with their friends at Ullr. Both Ashley and Niels served on the Board for a number of years and we thank them for their past contributions and loyal friendship.

The recent AGM had a disappointing turn out. A number of proxy votes enabled the meeting to progress. The Board would be interested in your thoughts on what would make you want to attend the AGM?

On behalf of the Board we wish a great season in the snow and a sensational time at Ullr with our new managers Robyn and Terry.

Warmest regards
Terry



Won't Stop 'Till It's Over

From a regular Ullr guest

One of the only things I remember from when I as very young is the first time I was on skis. I've heard that the traumatic experiences tend to stay with you. To say the least, for the period during which I was dragged on tiny plastic skis by enthusiastic parents along a drift of lumpy snow that had been thrown up by the snowplough the night before, I was a very cold, very unhappy 3-year old camper. Needless to say, following the incident, skiing and I disliked each other for a long time. It was what you might call a rocky start to a relationship.

It wasn't until I was about 14, again at the hands of overly enthused parents, that I found myself at Bristol Mountain, Rochester NY with a couple of more experienced friends, all of us new members of the Pittsford Sutherland High School ski club. My friends assured me that they would teach me how to ski, and although they utilised a somewhat crude teaching method, it was undoubtedly both fast and effective.

If you're interested in learning this speedy teaching technique for your own purposes, the basic procedure involves one lesson in snowploughing on the bunny hill, and then a chair

straight to the top of the mountain. You will need to enforce upon your pupil that taking the chair back down is the epitome of un-awesomeness, and that if they remove their skis and attempt to walk down the mountain instead, they will be taken out by flying snowboarders.

It was with this in mind that I made tentative tracks down Milky Way, the run that served as my initiation into the skiing world. And by the time I reached the bottom, I'm fairly sure I knew what I wanted to do every winter from then onwards, or at least until medically advised otherwise.

And now, with another university semester nearly done and out of the way, I find myself starting to look beyond exams to what's waiting on the other side. There will be runs to try, conditions to brave, and new, hotshot night snowboarders to [safely] race down Front Valley. And so, fellow skiers [and snowboarders], I wish you an enjoyable and successful season, with smooth runs, minimal face plantage and plenty of hot chocolate.

See you out there.
Sarah Brooks

it's snow time

Ullr Ski Lodge has a few rooms and limited dates available in **peak season** so come on down to Perisher Valley it's easy:

Have a look on our website for "Room Availability"
www.ullrskilodge.com.au/Attachments/RoomAvailability2010.pdf

and email with your booking. If you can't make it for a full week come and stay for half a week (but more than half the fun of course). Stay in the

"best little ski lodge in Perisher Valley".

See ya in the Snow.



From the Working Bees



A very special "Thank You" to:

Robyn and Terry Collier, Mac Jacob, John Melville, Bert and Lyn Peters and Georgina Chasling for their contribution during the marathon five day working bee in April.

On behalf of all the directors, members, associates, guests and friends, a BIG thank you, we are all grateful for your efforts and time.

Some of the works completed:

- Oiled decking boards
- Sanded and painted decking hand railing
- Sanded and painted some of the deck posts
- Wire brushed and painted the deck's exposed joists
- Oiled the fire escape steps
- Painted the fire escape inside step rails
- Paint touch-up of main entrance door, sliding door and downstairs fire escape door
- Oiled Washing Linen and Towel Box
- Polished, polished and polished copper fire hood
- Installed eight new bathroom wall mount shelving units



Terry & Robyn Collier



John Melville & Mac

- Relocated 4 existing single shelves next to hair dryers
- Repaired leaking toilet cisterns
- Installed clothing hooks in each bedroom
- Tended to all Snow Gum seedlings
- Shortened coat hanger hooks in rooms 1, 2 and 3
- Cleaned and picked up all rubbish on our lease (where does ALL this rubbish come from?!)
- And lots more

During the Working Bee the “Perisher Valley Master Chef” award was won by John Melville for his very well renowned and much sought after “Mongolian Lamb”. A superb dish complemented with a fine balance of exotic and aromatic spices.

The peoples’ favourite was again awarded to “Mac” for his can’t beat it BBQ. A special hardship merit was also awarded to Mac for cooking outdoors when it was snowing. Nothing stands in the way of Mac and his BBQ: congratulations Mac.

A Working Bee would not be complete without Bert (Bertie) Peter’s famous “Roast”. A truly legendary roast, pork on this occasion, with a reputation as established as the Lodge’s.



Bert Peters

The secret is out for those who appreciate fine cuisine with a touch of home-flavoured cooking. The Bees also had the very first pleasure of tasting our new manager Robyn’s creative culinary talents. Can the best get better? Sure can with Robyn’s touch.

Come and join in the “best weekend” in the “best little ski lodge in Perisher Valley” in October 2010 for the end of season Working Bee.



Mac Jacob

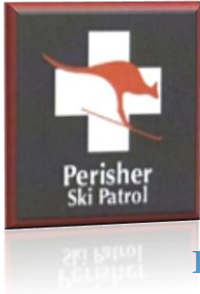


Lyn Peters



Georgine Chasling

Stay “Safe in the Snow” with SnowSafe’s Alpine Responsibility Code Rule Number 6 of 10



“Give way to people below and beside you on the hill.
It is your responsibility to avoid them”

Know and observe the code: It’s your responsibility, and have great snow fun

Hypothermia

Hypothermia is a lowering of the body's core temperature, which can result in death, and can occur as a result of:

- Accidental immersion in cold water;
- Inadequate protection from the cold environment, especially when combined with altitude, wind, moisture and physical exhaustion;
- Immobilisation and exposure to cold, especially in the unconscious, the elderly, young children and the injured.

Prevention

Hypothermia is easy to prevent. When it occurs it is usually from lack of preventive action rather than unavoidable circumstances. These simple measures will prevent the likelihood of hypothermia:

- Adequate protection from cold, wind and moisture;
- Regular intake of food and non-alcoholic drinks;
- Sound planning, training and experienced leadership.

‘RESPECT GETS RESPECT’

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

Go Go SnowSafe



*Autumn Colours
Courtesy of John Melville*

We Live in the “Lucky” Patrolled Country

A member club has sent the following to SLOPES

“We were skiing in France when one of our group had an accident. The ski patrol attended and took our injured friend down to the centre in a ‘banana boat’. The distance was about the same as from centre station on the quad to the medical centre. The cost was approx A\$700 - it was not a voluntary organisation. Our friend's skis were held as collateral until the payment was made.

We are firmly of the belief that the ski patrol is well worth supporting.”

Yaraandoo Ski Club

Worthy Support

The Ski Patrol is made up of around 40 full time professionals and 150 volunteers.

For those Clubs who already donate and those who will, please enter it in your financial records under the heading:

“ENCOURAGEMENT OF SPORT”

Last October SLOPES donated \$400 on all your behalf to the Ski Patrol so that you can rightfully claim that the Parent organisation of Clubs to which you belong encourages the sport on your behalf. It is a symbolic but meaningful donation.

Let’s face it; all of us at one time, or another, have been helped. Only three years ago I had four ribs cracked by an enthusiastic snowboarder, and the ski patrol certainly encouraged me that day!



Providing emergency care to visitors to the Perisher Range

Yes, they are worth supporting and many Clubs I know give annual donations. The Ski Patrol is a registered charity and the donations are deductible if you are contemplating them from a taxable source.

A question is how much to donate? In a way it’s a bit like insurance. Hoping you don't need it, but really glad to have it when the accident strikes. At 50 cents a day for each Club bed occupant as a donation would give over \$50,000 from Clubs in a season. All donations are gratefully received at whatever level can be afforded.

(Courtesy of Graeme Anderson, SLOPES President)



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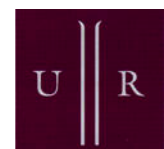
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