



Snow Country Snippets

April 2015

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Welcome to the second *Snow Country Snippets* for 2015.....

If you have any Club related news or ski holiday pics, don't forget to send them to the above email address and we'll include in an upcoming newsletter.

Annual General Meeting - Saturday May 23, 2015

All members are welcome to attend the 2015 Snow Country Annual General Meeting.

Venue : St George Leagues Club
Princes Highway, Kogarah
Date : 23 May, 2015
Time : 4.00pm

Come and join fellow members to get an update on the past season and what's coming up in 2015.

Welcome to our newest Club members...

We welcome the following new members to Snow Country:

- Robert McFadden
- Sky England
- Beau Lapointe
- Dr Janice Osborne
- Elaine Patterson
- Glen Patterson
- David Veal



If you have friends or family that would like to join Snow Country membership information on can be found at the Snow Country website. Remember, immediate family under 21 and spouses of current financial members pay **only half** of the usual joining fee.

If you require any further information please contact **David Carr (0418 280 693)** or **Michael Brannon (0411 735 283)**

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Subscriptions are OVERDUE

Any 2015 unpaid subscriptions are NOW OVERDUE. We look forward to prompt payment - remember, you're unable to book accommodation or vote at the AGM if you have outstanding or overdue subs.

Sincere condolences....

It's with sadness we advise the passing of **Peter Fyfe** on April 7. Peter joined Snow Country in 1964 and will be remembered as a friendly and generous member who was very much involved in Lodge work parties. Our thoughts are with wife Sue and Peter's family at this difficult time.

A tribute and farewell ceremony for Peter will be held at Wollongong City Surf Life Saving Club on Sunday April 26 at 2.00pm, with SCSC members very welcome to attend.

Snow Country FACEBOOK page

Thanks to **Giselle Budd** who has set up a new Snow Country Ski Club MEMBERS ONLY Facebook group. Follow the link below.

This is a great vehicle for members to connect with each other and share information in a club members-only environment.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1037497112945896/?fref=ts>

Board Update

Lodge Managers

We are fortunate again to welcome back **Gudrun and Juergen Paul** for another winter at Smiggins and **Helen Waite** who's continuing as Jindabyne Manager after a steady summer season. We look forward to a bumper snow season and many great days and nights at our Lodges again this season.

Booking system

A new online booking system will be introduced after this season and will incorporate our member registry and website. Our booking officers ONLY will use the system this season, before it is opened up to members for summer bookings in November 2015 and then used for winter bookings in season 2016.



Club Captain Vacancy

The Club Captain role has recently been vacated and the Board welcomes other interested members to take on this important role. The Board thanks John Hopkins for his time and effort while in the role, particularly his involvement with the JDP and Smiggins Bowl.

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Jindabyne Lodge

It was great to see the Jindabyne Lodge **fully booked** over the Easter period with members and guests enjoying the mountain country in Autumn!

Further to the installation of TV's in 6 rooms at Jindy, the remaining 4 rooms will have TV's installed before the start of the winter season. We encourage all members to promote the lake lodge to friends, family and your associated groups as a holiday destination to assist in driving higher occupancy.

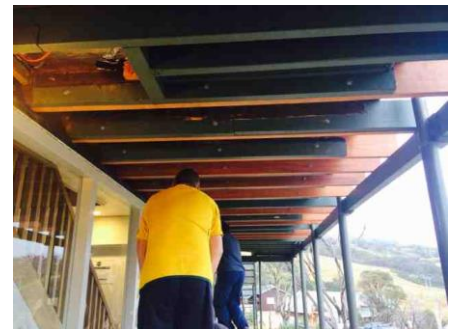
Smiggins Lodge

As mentioned last newsletter, our Smiggins Lodge requires a significant maintenance effort to extend the life of the lodge and avoid costly emergency repairs in the future. The Board is reviewing options and costs involved with further communication to be delivered through newsletters and at the AGM in May.

In the meantime, some important work was completed in early April with a small group of members reinforcing 12 rotten floor joists at the front of the lodge with new hardwood joists - see photos below. Thanks to Adam Moate, Jeff Day & Paul Lyth and families for their hard work.



Floor joists that needed reinforcing



The new floor joists

WORK PARTY - May 16 & 17

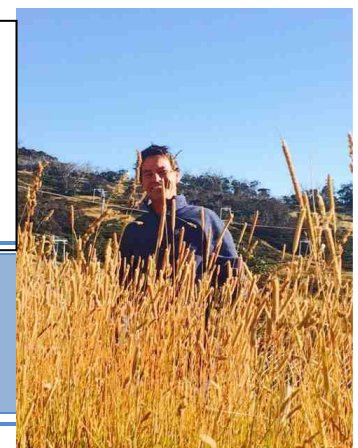
A pre-ski season work party will be held at Smiggins Lodge on the **16th and 17th of May**.

All volunteers will stay at Jindabyne free of charge.

Work to be done includes room and kitchen cleaning, painting, clean up of the storage room and grass cutting.

The work party is being coordinated by **Adam Moate**.

Jeff Day found the grass quite long at Smigg's !



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June Long Weekend - Peak Festival

The **Perisher Peak Festival** is being held on the opening weekend of the season from the 5th - 8th June.

With 35 artists and 120 performances across Perisher venues - including Smiggins Hotel - the festival is getting bigger each year. There are children's activities, art workshops, free night skiing, free scenic chairlift rides and fireworks on Front Valley. See the following website for full details:

www.peakfestival.com.au

Sounds like a great weekend for a stay at Smiggins Lodge !

Junior Development Program - 2015

The SCSC Junior Development Program for July 5 - 8 has been very popular with members this year with both lodges almost fully booked by participants and their families.

Unfortunately, due to the demand for the program some members children have missed out on the program and priority has been given to those children who are Club members, with the remaining spots given on a first come-first served basis.

Given the interest in the JDP, the Board will be reviewing opportunities to ensure all members who wish to participate can do so in future years.

We wish our JDP participants an enjoyable program that results in improved skiing and racing ability.

Important Dates for the Diary - 2015

Winter Bookings Open – Non members	April 13
Smiggins Work Party	May 16 - 17
Annual General Meeting	May 23
Junior Development Programme	July 5 - 8

Smiggins Bowl	September 19
Snow Country Christmas Party	November 22

Snow Country Member Discounts

1. Snowline Ski Centre - Smiggins - 2015 EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT OFFER

Go online to our web site www.snowlineskicentre.com.au and receive 20% discount. The 20% discount is deducted at checkout. This offer ends on the 30th June. Once locked in this discount applies to all other visits for the rest of the 2015 season.

Should SCSC members and guests not wish to take advantage of this offer they will still receive the Snow Country walk-in discount of 10%.

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Vail Resorts buys Perisher

Below is the statement relating to Vail Resorts purchase of Perisher. The good news is free skiing at Vail's North American resorts for Freedom Pass holders....

"Vail Resorts, Inc. (NYSE: MTN) today announced that the Company has agreed to acquire its first international mountain resort, Perisher Ski Resort ("Perisher") in New South Wales, Australia, for total cash consideration of AU\$176.6 million (approximately US\$136 million), subject to certain adjustments.

The acquisition is expected to close in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015 and includes the resort areas known as Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes, Blue Cow and Guthega, along with ski school, lodging, food and beverage, retail/rental and transportation operations, which together comprise Perisher.

Vail Resorts also announced that as of today, Perisher has re-opened season pass sales for its upcoming ski season, which is set to open on June 6, 2015. Perisher's popular "Freedom Pass" is on sale for AU\$749 and will include benefits substantially similar to Vail Resorts' Epic Local Pass, with unlimited skiing and riding at Breckenridge, Keystone and Arapahoe Basin in Colorado; Park City and Canyons in Utah; and Heavenly, Northstar and Kirkwood in the Lake Tahoe area of California and Nevada. It also will include 10 days of free skiing and riding at Vail and Beaver Creek in Colorado. All U.S. resort access will be subject to certain holiday restrictions.

Upon closing the acquisition, all previous purchasers of the 2015 Perisher Freedom Pass will also receive these new benefits and all Epic Pass purchasers will receive unlimited and unrestricted skiing at Perisher.

The Freedom Pass with Epic Benefits is on sale now for the 2015 Australian season and the 2015-2016 U.S. season, through 31 May, 2015, at perisher.com.au