



Snow Country Snippets

April 2016

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Welcome to the second *Snow Country Snippets* for 2016.....

If you have any Club related news or ski holiday pics, please send them to the above email address and we'll include in an upcoming newsletter.

Welcome to our newest members

We welcome the following new members to the Club. We trust you will enjoy many wonderful years as members of Snow Country Ski Club.

- Peter Delovski
- Nigel McDonald
- Vanessa Caridi
- David Parry



David Parry is Arthur Parry's grandson - Arthur was one of Snow Country's earliest members and was an honorary member when he passed away in October last year - it was his wish to transfer his membership to David to allow him to also enjoy Snow Country membership.

Annual Subscriptions - Now Overdue

All members should have received their subscriptions notices for 2016.

Invoices were due for payment in March.



We look forward to prompt payment - remember, you're unable to book accommodation if you have outstanding or overdue subs.

Smiggins Lodge - Work Party

The final work party before the winter season kicks off will be held on May 14 & 15 at Smiggins Lodge. David Bartley will be coordinating the work party and requires assistance with the following tasks:

- Relocating the reconditioned oven back into the kitchen (requires heavy lifting)
- Internal painting of the lodge - George Gauci, (Club member and professional painter) will be coordinating this
- Trimming of the grass surrounding the lodge
- Cleaning of the rooms, beds and kitchen



We are very keen to hear from members who can assist with these tasks. Accommodation and meals will be covered, as will petrol expenses incurred by members in getting to and from the work party.

If you can attend please advise David Bartley - contact details below:

Phone: 0437 608 838

Email: sunrise@comcen.com.au

Annual General Meeting

The Club's AGM will be held in May:

When: May 28, 2016
Time : 4pm
Where : GEORGES RIVER 16ft SAILING CLUB

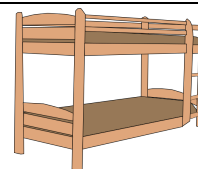
Notices for the meeting will be issued in coming weeks where reports will be shared on the Club's 2015 financial results and planning for the Smiggins refurbishment, including funding options for the work.



The Board encourages as many members as possible to attend the meeting to have a say in what's happening in your Club.

Winter Bookings - Non Members

Reminder : Winter bookings opened for **non-members on April 14.**



PLEASE NOTE - the new booking system will NOT be used by members when booking accommodation this winter.

Please use the usual booking forms that can be found on the Snow Country website and payments will be made by direct debit, credit card or cheque as per last season.

The booking officers will use the system first so they are able to identify any issues/bugs before we go live with the system for members use in season 2017.

Junior Development Program : 10-13 July, 2016

David Winfield reports that the JDP participants have been finalised.

There will be 18 participants this year and we wish them a successful few days in developing their racing and cross country skills.

If members have any queries regarding the JDP please contact David by phone or email :

David Winfield
Phone: +61 404 072 663
david@bikefitss.com



Snow Country Club Clothing - NEW order being placed in MAY

We will be placing another order of Snow Country branded gear in May to be ready for June.

Attached with this email is an order form for the hoodies and T-shirts.

If you'd like to order gear please fill out the form and send through to Smiggins Booking Officer email address (smigginsbookings@snowcountry.com.au).

Orders need to be returned by 15 May

KNP Season Pass - Discount

A \$15 discount on Annual Passes to NSW National Parks is available to customers renewing their vehicle registrations online. See the following link below for more details:
<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/MinMedia/MinMedia20121501.pdf>

If not buying online, it is much better to buy your season pass at the National Parks entry station on the Kosciuszko Road at Sawpit Creek. This is because 95% of the amount you pay goes towards the running of the Perisher Range Resorts. It is only 35% if you buy the pass from the Jindabyne NPWS office or online.

Important Dates for the Diary - 2016

Work Party - Smiggins	14 - 15 May
Annual General Meeting	28 May
Junior Development Programme	10 - 13 July
Senior Interclub Races	20 Aug
Junior Interclub Races	3 Sept
Smiggins Bowl	17 Sept



News from SLOPES (Ski Lodges of Perisher & Smiggins)

SLOPES have sent through the following two updates, which are included for Snow Country member's information:

1. **Personal Travel Insurance - Snowsports**

Clubs are covered under the JLT group insurance program for **voluntary workers** only. In general terms voluntary workers are people working on club lodges on a voluntary basis (not people engaged in snow sports). Individuals would need to take out travel insurance to ensure that they are covered for out of pocket expenses, medical, reimbursement of accommodation etc.

People tend to forget to take out travel insurance when they are only travelling domestically.

JLT (Preferred Insurer for SLOPES) have recently put together an exclusive arrangement through Accident & Health International (the same people that provide the Voluntary Workers cover to SLOPES Clubs) on an individual/family basis. Cover includes higher age limits and sporting activities.

JLT have suggested to SLOPES that we monitor the interest and take up of this cover over the next 12 months to build up a database. If the demand for this product is substantial, then JLT will approach and organise an exclusive tailored travel policy package for SLOPES members.

Any Club or individual wanting to discuss this kind of cover is asked to contact:

Danielle Snelling | Account Manager | Jardine Lloyd Thompson Pty Ltd
Tel: 1300 883 146 | danielle.snelling@jlta.com.au | www.jlta.com.au

2. **Perisher Range and Charlotte Pass Resorts Management Review**

The purpose of this email is to update Clubs regarding the ongoing OEH/NPWS reviews affecting Perisher, Smiggins and Guthega (the Perisher Range Resorts – PRR).

There are two reviews:

- **Governance Review** (also referred to as the Management Review)
- **Capacity Review.**

The Governance Review relates to the management and operation of the PRR. Key elements are: OEH wants NPWS to cease having overall management responsibility for the PRR and for the provision of municipal services such as water, garbage and sewer. OEH wants to promote summer use of the PRR and the growth and quality of the resort year round. OEH also wants a solution to the debt (estimated at about \$50m) it says was incurred by NPWS to NSW Treasury in carrying out capital works at PRR over the last decade or so.

The Capacity Review relates to the capacity of the infrastructure assets in the PRR (including Club lodges) and the environmental impacts of that capacity. Currently this issue is managed in our case via NPWS specifying maximum bed numbers for each lodge.

SLOPES will keep our Member Clubs fully informed and will convene meetings as necessary. The key areas of concern for SLOPES remain to monitor closely the possible outcomes of the Reviews which could impact on the operations and lives of our Member Clubs and to determine what regimes we would advocate, if any, to protect the ongoing rights and opportunities of our Clubs in the PRR.

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