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SLOPES - Perisher - First to open! - Perisher Safety Alert - Winch Grooming

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Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

This email regarding the early opening of Perisher is forwarded for your information.

See also below a reminder re the Peak Music Festival which is on next weekend.

Plus attached is a safety alert message from Perisher that describes the hazards relating to winch cats and winch grooming within the resort area.

Questions should be referred to Perisher - see the contact details for David Milford in the message.

Please bring this notice to the attention of your members and others using Club lodges.

Regards

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Perisher is open for the 2017 snow season!

At 2pm today Perisher, Australia's favourite and largest ski resort was **the first resort in Australia to open for skiing and boarding for the 2017 snow season**. The Village Eight Express opened providing guests with some great early season skiing on Front Valley.

Tomorrow the Village 8 Express Chair and a skier conveyor on Front Valley will provide a great range of beginner and intermediate terrain, whilst Perisher's Snowsports School will offer lessons. Those looking for some early park action can hit the Playstation Slopestyle Terrain Park filled with a range of rails, boxes and small jumps.

There is [more snow and cold temperatures in the forecast](#) next week, making it ideal for the snowmaking team to continue making snow as Perisher builds up to the June Long Weekend when there will be plenty of activities for the whole family to enjoy at Perisher. Events include the Playstation Rail Jam, massive fireworks displays, Night Skiing and Peak Music Festival.

We can't wait to welcome you into 2017 snow season.

See you at Perisher!

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Peak Music Festival

Want to wake up in the snow?! Want to ski or board all day and party at night with your mates?! Want to check out some killa [bands](#)?!

Want to come to the COOLEST festival in Australia?! Share with your mates, spread the word and come and PARTY with us!!

Only \$135 for 4 days of music and fun in the snow!!

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Safety Alert

Winch Grooming

1 June 2017

Perisher operates four dedicated Winch Grooming Machines (Winch Cats). Winch Cats can operate on medium to steep terrain using a large winch and rope mounted on the back of the machine to attach to anchor points at various locations throughout the resort.

The winch and the rope assist the machine to climb uphill and therefore groom more effectively. Winching operations generally take place at night and early morning but may, in special circumstances, be carried out during normal lift opening hours.

During winching operations the winch rope can be extended up to 1000 metres in length. At times, the Winch Cat operator will be unsighted and unable to see the full length of the rope.

During winching operations the winch rope will at times be under tension and taut, however please be aware that it will move and whip vertically and horizontally at great speed.

WARNING

- **BEING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO A WINCH CAT OR THE WINCH ROPE DURING WINCHING OPERATIONS COULD CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH.**
- **WINCH CATS MAY OPERATE ON ANY RUN AT PERISHER**
- **WINCH ROPES MAY CROSS OVERSNOW ROUTES**

ALL OVERSNOW VEHICLE AND SNOWMOBILE OPERATORS NEED TO BE AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF WINCH CATS AND WINCHING OPERATIONS OCCURRING AND THE EXTREME DANGERS INVOLVED BEING IN AND AROUND THESE OPERATIONS.

Winch Cat operators will notify all Perisher two way radios when winching operations are in progress and will install signs and flashing orange lights at major oversnow route crossing points. All winch cats are fitted with flashing lights and a flashing orange light will be installed at the anchor point when the winch rope is connected.

Any oversnow vehicle or snowmobile operator who is authorised to cross a route where winching operations are taking place must never approach a Winch Cat or a winch rope when it is operating.

Wait at the crossing point until you make visual or radio contact with the Winch Cat operator and then only cross the route when the operator gives you clear indication that it is safe to proceed.

The Office of Environment and Heritage issues all oversnow vehicle permits and operator licenses to operate on designated oversnow routes and Perisher would like to take this opportunity to remind all oversnow vehicle/snowmobile operators that all other access to the ski area requires Perisher's prior authorisation.

David Milford
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