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SLOPES - Village meetings on 22 June 2013 - Report

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Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

The Village Meetings (see SLOPES background email below) were held on Saturday 22 June 2013.

In due course we expect to receive Minutes from NPWS which we can circulate.

In the meantime, a report on the key points discussed, based on notes taken by SLOPES representatives at the meetings, is set out below.

Regards

Frank Zipfinger
President
SLOPES

SLOPES REPORT ON VILLAGE MEETINGS HELD 22 JUNE 2013**Fire Brigade**

A separate email will issue to all Clubs on this topic. Suffice to note here that FRNSW did stress at the outset that their new Training proposal is not an audit but an education program which would also help crews understand more about our lodges.

Environment - PRREMS, Virginia Logan

Response by Clubs has been very good with 100% reporting and the full summary report will be on the NPWS website in a few weeks. That report will cover all resorts (Perisher Range, Thredbo and Mt Selwyn).

Two Guthega clubs received PRREMS awards this year, Brindabella and Snowy River. Guthega clubs achieved efficient consumption levels of energy and water, the latter at below 100 litres a day per visitor night (target, 200 litres).

Lease audits show some PRREMS report items do not match up with the actual or correct figures and we can expect more follow up.

Property matters - Marko Kovac**LPG reticulation**

Elgas continue to be reluctant to invest in mountain infrastructure: tanks etc. NPWS supports the development of gas reticulation at Guthega as a possible pathway to its implementation throughout the Perisher Range (holistic approach) and is prepared to offer a gas service supplier with a contract for Guthega with an option for a successful applicant to take up the remaining franchises on the Perisher Range. The incentive for reticulation is to reduce the winter traffic of gas bottles and make the supply of gas easier and hopefully more economical for users. One caveat at this juncture is that the NPWS needs to establish the total energy used in Guthega, and eventually elsewhere, which is capable of moving to a gas base. Ownership of infrastructure also remains an issue for resolution.

Perisher Post Office

The Post Office only operates for 20 hours per week in Winter. There are ongoing discussions about the operation throughout the year. A factor is the cost to the MSU budget of subsidising the operation. No final decision made - in part a decision will depend on what the Jindabyne Post Office can cover.

Bed number and accommodation register covenants

NPWS plans random audits to compare actual occupants with lodge registers. NPWS will not be looking at personal details. No lodge has applied to keep its register remotely. In lodge on-line access to computerised accommodation registers should be readily achievable to meet the Club obligation to make a register available in the lodge. [Note: SLOPES is working with NPWS to put in place some agreed guidelines around the operation of the lease accommodation register provisions given accepted past practices and ongoing privacy concerns.]

Village Operations- Andrew Logan

Grease traps

Proper care is important. The information needed is on the NPWS website. 16 Clubs so far have taken remedial action so far. Others notified by NPWS need to do so too.

Oversnow vehicles

Lodges are advised to get prior NPWS approval to operate before buying or upgrading, even where their lease permits a vehicle.

Village signage

Some signs change between winter and summer. NPWS will do roadside numbering of all sites, including Clubs. Lodges may wish to install a number on their building. The numbering is based on the distance to the nearest intersection eg if a lodge is 250 metres away from the intersection it's number will be 25. This adopts a standard Australian numbering protocol.

Village services (snow clearing and grooming in Guthega).

Contracts will be offered on 5 year terms.

Village services (Perisher)

NPWS are seeking an overall tender for the provision of services for the next 10 years. They wish to consolidate garbage, snow clearing, grooming and sewage transfer into the one tender.

Litter program

To be run in 2013. There has been a 50% reduction in general litter. The main problem areas are the car parks.

Car parking

No change.

Perisher roads

NPWS are to install a clockwise one way loop commencing at the Man and passing beside the Ski Tube into the car park.

Smiggin - Corroboree Road

As previously advised, a snow clearing trial will be undertaken by NPWS this season. Representatives of the lodges in the area expressed opposition to the proposal (refer SLOPES earlier email to all Clubs on this point).

Waste huts

60% of Clubs in Perisher and Smiggin Holes have installed waste huts so far. The remainder should be installed next summer. There is no lodge garbage collection service in Guthega so waste huts are not needed there.

Major works

No major works are planned by NPWS for this year.

Dave Woods

Gave background to recent book launch of 'Highway to Heaven'. \$40 from NPWS, Perisher Historical Society, Guthega Hotel. [See recent separate SLOPES email on this with order form attached.]

Andrew Harrigan NPWS

A solution to the Tate/Kyilla clubs storm water pooling problem is in the wings.

Perisher - Peter Bruilisauer

PB has spent \$150,000 on the DA for proposed new Guthega chairlift so there is incentive for it to go ahead sometime in the future when everything necessary to do has been done.

It is unlikely PB will install snow making in the Guthega precinct for the time being. PB prefers to match investment here with the higher used snow runs or other priorities.

Lessons will continue to be run out of Perisher and Blue Cow.

PB customer services, including ski school and lifting, can be searched and details found on-line.

SLOPES EMAIL OF 22 MAY 2013

From: SLOPES <slopes.au@gmail.com>

Date: 22 May 2013 21:48

Subject: SLOPES: New lease offer expiry date 31 May 2013 - Village meetings on 22 June 2013

To:

Dear SLOPES Members

The latest 6 monthly MSU Consultative Committee meeting was held on Tuesday 21 May.

A more detailed report on items relevant to Clubs will issue shortly.

In the meantime you are reminded of the following:

1. New Leases - expiry date 31 May 2013

Most Clubs are on the new leases that were offered by NPWS starting in 2007.

Some Clubs are not.

Clubs that are not should have received a communication this week from NPWS reminding them that the expiry date to lodge an application for a new lease is **31 May 2013**.

The new lease allows an extended expiry date up to 30 June 2058, compared to the old lease expiry date in 2025.

The new lease is still available on the same terms as offered back in 2007, the main difference being adjustment of the financial amounts to allow for the later commencement date.

If you want to change to the new lease, now is the time to act.

Please note that there are material differences between the old and new leases.

The acceptability of the new lease terms would need be considered individually by any Club considering the change, as well as obtaining appropriate legal advice etc generally.

The relevant NPWS contact is:

Karen Field

Senior Property Officer

Property Services Unit

Visitor and Business Services Section

Park Management Division

Ph: 02 6450 5540 Fax: 02 6450 5630

2. Village Meetings - 22 June 2013

As previously advised, these meetings will occur on **Saturday 22 June 2013.**

Details are:

10am - Guthega - the venue is the Guthega Alpine Inn

2 to 4pm - Smiggin Holes and Perisher - the venue is the Man from Snowy River Hotel

Please encourage a good attendance from your Club at these meetings.

Regards

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Frank Zipfinger
President
SLOPES



**Perisher Village Meeting
14:00 Saturday 22 June 2013
The Man from Snowy River Hotel**

Actions and Outcomes

Attendees:

NPWS: Andrew Harrigan (AH), Andrew Logan (AL), Virginia Logan (VL) Marco Kovac (MK), Dave Woods (DW), Steve Hansen (SH),

Perisher Blue Pty Ltd: Peter Brulisauer (PB)

NSW Fire & Rescue: Ken Murphy (KM), Rob McNeill (RM)

Lodge Representatives: Gudrum Paul (Snow Country), Jurgen Paul (Snow Country), Heidi Kunz (Avalanche), Tim Hastings (The Lodge), David Carlson (Illoura), Tony Wilkinson (APEX), Nicole Bomford (Oldina), Clay Podger (Mawabu), Teddy Masters (Illawarra), Kai Robrahn (Valhalla), Amanda Ellis (Valhalla), Glenys Mackie (Cooma), Stephen Smith (Cooma), Keith hill (Geebung), Graeme Gibson (Alpenhof), Luanne Geercke (Boonoona), Tony Vorreiter (Kahane), Gwilym Ellis (Snow Revellers), Neville Owen (Sonnenhof), Glenn Taylor (Aurora), Wade Woolhouse (Illabunda), Deni Tomat (Illabunda), Brian Smith (The Man), Kate Smith (The Man), Silke Harvey (Swagman), John Harvey (Swagman), Alison Brass (Cronulla), Steve Osborne (Cronulla), Terry Collier (Ullr), Robyn Collier (Ullr), Glenn & Jo Marshall (The Stables), John Ringross (Mawabu), Paul Holmes (Wirruna), Jenny Read (Aurora), David Read (Aurora), Katrina Hansen (Parrawa), Maria Adams (Wildspitze), Chris Adams (Wildspitze)

Convenor: Andrew Harrigan (AH)

Minute secretary: Mariana Lapargo (ML)

MATTERS DISCUSSES

2. Perisher Fire Station Operations - KM & RM NSW Fire and Rescue:

In Winter crews will be visiting the lodges looking at specific things like occupancy rates, active systems and annual fire statements. This is an education process.

From the 1st of July there is a change of legislation, false fire alarms fees are changing from \$750 to \$1250.

Prevention and preparedness are crucial. All premises recommended to have a fire safety plan including an evacuation plan and a meeting point.

Contact Perisher fire station if any concerns or visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au

There are 56 buildings on the back to base system. If your lodge is not in the back to base a false alarm will not incur a fee.

There has been a 50% reduction on smoke alarms in the last year.

3. Perisher Range Environmental Reporting – VL:

Thank you for submitting the EMS reports his year. The combined report will be available in the next couple of weeks. All of Resorts Environment Report will also be available online. Awards were given on the long weekend. Guthega lodges received both awards this year - Brindabella and Doorack Ski Clubs.

4. Property Matters – MK:

Post office: community stakeholders are discussing at the moment if this is to continue for the summer months. MSU costs will be reduced if the summer operation ceases.

All comments please forward to SLOPES or Chamber of Commerce.

Bed numbers: All premises need to have a register showing numbers of guests each night.

NPWS staff won't be collecting personal data.

You can only have the register located off-site with consent from NPWS.

5. Village Operations:

Changed traffic arrangements around NPWS Bldg

Corroboree Rd snow clearing trial

As a result of feedback during & after the meeting, NPWS decided to modify the trial of snow clearing. The road will be cleared to Apex & remain snow bound from Apex onwards.

Garbage and recycling

Any issues pls ring NPWS office. No white goods or electrical appliances allowed.

Waste Huts

Majority of lodges do not need a DA for their waste huts. 60% of premises have huts.

Grease traps

We released some guidelines regarding grease traps and the annual collection in 2012. Over 123 premises have them only 14 don't have a grease trap.

Oversnow vehicle numbers & compliance operations

New oversnow vehicles need to be approved prior to purchasing as the number allowed is listed on your lease. Compliance operations will be in place for oversnow operations in the village and for outside the valley, towards Charlotte Pass and the main range.

Village signage and premise numbering

New signage placed around the 3 villages. This is the finalisation of the project that has been going on for several years. NPWS will look after the consistent numbering at each premise, and will be placing a sign to reflect this.

Village winter services EOI & tender

EOI or tender for snowclearing, grooming, oversnow transport, waste, freight & fuel will go out over winter. For Guthega it will be only snowgrooming and clearing. It will be a 5 years contract with a 5 year option.

Litter program: new campaign, **don't waste the snow.**

Perisher Historical society has launched a new book and one of the goals is that all lodges have a copy.

6. Perisher Winter 2013:

PB thank all for their contribution for a very successful 2012 winter. It was the highest visitation ever.

Over summer Perisher Blue Pty Ltd spent \$2m on snowmaking which they have been using heavily the last few nights.

Using snowmobiles on the slopes is dangerous due to winch cats and will damage the slopes grooming quality. Please don't be on the mountain at night.

Trial maps and posters available from marketing.

Thanks to Andrew Logan.

Meeting Closed: 16:00



**Guthega Village Meeting
10.00am Saturday 22 June 2013
Guthega Alpine Inn**

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Lodge Representatives: Tony Adams (Doorak), Ernie Spielman (ACTP), Roger Lucas (Turnak), Andrew Nicholas (Turnak), Ralph Wiess (Guthega Ski Club), Nick Kennedy (Guthega Alpine Inn), Jenny Hartican (Brindabella), Bruce Hartican (BH), David Evans (Tate), David Grey (DG), Theo Hooy (Blue Cow)

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From the 1st of July there is a change of legislation, false fire alarms fees are changing from \$750 to \$1250.

Sprinklers are highly desirable but not mandatory.

Prevention and preparedness are crucial. All premises recommended to have a fire safety plan including an evacuation plan and a meeting point.

Contact Perisher fire station if any concerns or visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au

3. Perisher Range Environmental Reporting – VL

Thank you to everyone that participated. Awards were given on the long weekend. Guthega lodges received both awards this year - Brindabella and Doorak Ski Clubs. Guthega also performed very well in water efficiency, with nearly all lodges below the target.

The combined Annual Report is not yet available online, but will be in the next few weeks.

Environmental report for all the resorts will be available online as well.

There is still improvement to be made as there is disconnect between what appears in the report and what is actually on site. Some reports reflect no grease traps when they actually have one.

4. Property Matters – MK

Post office: community stakeholders are discussing at the moment if this is to continue for the summer months. MSU costs will be reduced if the summer operation ceases.

There are a few options, Perisher Blue suggested that some of their current licences can take current winter operations during winter and Jindabyne can look after summer months.

All comments please forward to SLOPES or Chamber of Commerce.

Bed numbers: All premises need to have a register showing numbers of guests each night. NPWS staff won't be collecting personal data.

You can only have the register located off-site with consent from NPWS.

LPG: NPWS will utilise data from EMS reporting to collate energy usage from each premise &

will approach each premise to fill in the gaps where required. This information would then be used for the EOI \Tender for LPG supply for Guthega. .

5. Village Operations:

Lodges need to advise their plumbers to comply with the Plumbing Code for the venting of grease traps & discuss with NPWS if difficult to achieve.

Oversnow Vehicles: We strongly recommend to seek NPWS approval for additional oversnow vehicles prior to purchase

Village signage: rusted steel signage is now in place, sign at the ski centre will change location during summer.

Premise numbering: NPWS will look after the consistent numbering at each premise, and will be placing a sign to reflect this.

Village winter services: EOI or tender for snowclearing, grooming, oversnow transport, waste, freight & fuel will go out over winter. For Guthega it will be only snowgrooming and clearing. It will be a 5 years contract with a 5 year option.

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6. Perisher Winter 2013:

2012 – Great snow and good product, biggest year ever in visitation

Spent \$1.7M including 45 new guns. Guthega chair DA has been approved. Not sure when it will happened. The priority is still in snowmaking.

Guthega to ring Tina Burdford regarding operations information or look on the web.

7. Other discussions

Car park arrangements stay as per previous years.

Meeting Closed: 11.20am