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**SLOPES - AGM 2014 update - Important dates to diarise in 2015**

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Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

By way of update:

**1. AGM 2014**

The AGM last week was very successful.

We had an excellent attendance of around 77 people representing some 55 of our 88 Clubs.

Full details will be set out in the AGM Minutes which we will distribute shortly.

In summary:

a) Meeting outcomes

The financial accounts and statements were adopted.

The current Committee Members (see <http://www.slopes.org.au/>) were appointed for a further term.

We had informative presentations from our speakers (representing Perisher, OEH, NPWS, Department of Planning and Perisher Chamber of Commerce), with interesting questions afterwards.

b) Perisher snowfield accommodation websitePerisher presented their new snowfield accommodation on-line website (Stay On snow):  
see <http://www.perisher.com.au/accommodation/collection/6/?date=18-Nov-2014>

The website was launched in 2014 for Perisher and commercial operators and is now offered to Clubs

While early days, it may be a game changer for some Clubs: on-line bookings to help fill holes in occupancy and maybe repeat bookings, and identify potential new members.

But this is not without challenges that need to be worked through e.g. cost, confidentiality of information, implications for club income tax status etc.

SLOPES is in discussions with Perisher and will update Clubs in due course.

c) Feedback session - Perisher Peak Festival and Inter Club Racing

The post AGM discussion and feedback session resulted in endorsement of SLOPES providing annual financial support for the Perisher Peak Festival (unanimous) and Inter Club Racing (one dissenter).

d) Club Viability

Finally, there was an item of general business in the context of the foreshadowed governance review and ongoing concerns to preserve Club viability.

Member Clubs attending were asked to indicate if they supported SLOPES starting a process to get some hard financial data from Clubs which would help SLOPES to gauge how best to act in the interests of the Clubs.

Financial accounts are already provided annually to NPWS under the terms of Club leases but are not accessible by SLOPES.

They may also be lodged annually by co-ops, associations and companies with regulators - accessible by SLOPES and others, but only at a significant cost on a club by club basis.

Given the need for SLOPES to best represent Clubs generally and in particular on a governance review, and generally to assist Clubs with viability issues, the meeting unanimously endorsed the proposal.

SLOPES is working on a list of information to be sought from Clubs in this context.

Participation by Clubs of course would be entirely voluntary and with transparent and appropriate protections around confidentiality of information.

## **2. DATES TO DIARISE IN 2015**

With the end of 2014 fast approaching, this is a good time to remind you of some important dates to diarise please in 2015:

4 to 6 April - **Back to Perisher Weekend** (Easter). See flyer attached with more details.

5 to 8 June - **Perisher Peak Music Festival** (June long weekend)

7 June - **Perisher Historical Society Annual Dinner** (venue to be confirmed)

Winter season - arrange Fire & Rescue (FRNSW) inspection/training for your lodge. All Clubs MUST do this. The AGM was told 35% of Clubs have not arranged this as yet. To organise this, contact Daniel James at The Department of Planning on 02 6456 1733 or 0438 441 671 or by email at [daniel.james@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:daniel.james@planning.nsw.gov.au) . More details can be found in the 5/12/13 SLOPES email posted on the SLOPES website: <http://www.slopes.org.au/club-administration/>

19 September (TBC) - Perisher Cup. [Other inter club racing details will be provided when they become available.]


26 November - **SLOPES AGM**

Thank you for your support of SLOPES this year and best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Regards

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## **BACK TO PERISHER WEEKEND 2015.**

4<sup>th</sup> ~ 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015

SLOPES and the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) will be holding the annual "Back to Perisher Weekend" over the 2015 Easter period. This also coincides with the NSW school holidays.

The following is a summary of the events to be held. *Any changes will be advised by email.*

### ***Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April.***

#### **The Perisher Fun Run (Walk).**

Start 0800 just past Eyre "T" bar at the Perisher Gap. Registration from 0730 at Perisher Gap (just up from Eyre Kiosk).

RTA and Police approved, fully insured by Jardine Lloyd Thompson. Attended by members of the Perisher Volunteer Ski Patrol and NPWS staff with escort vehicles.

Finishes at Charlotte Pass where the Chalet will be open for coffee and drinks and the chair lift operating, hopefully.

#### **The Great Perisher Duck Race.**

Start 1600 on Perisher Creek next to the centre. This year 500 ducks are for sale at \$3.00 (four for \$10) with proceeds to the Perisher Volunteer Ski Patrol. This year \$500 was raised for the Patrol.

#### **Feature Creatures.**

Saturday from noon at the NPWS office in Perisher. Lizards, snakes, spiders etc. Sponsored by NPWS

#### **Evening.**

The Fire Station from 5p.m. Presentation of Certificates and prizes for the Fun Run, BBQ, drinks, get together. Profits from the BBQ and sale of drinks will be donated to the burns unit at Westmead Hospital. (\$300 in 2014)

The Fire Station may have an open day for kids to have fun with the equipment.

*Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April.*

**NPWS Activities**

8am Perisher Easter Egg Hunt. South Perisher, (cnr Wheatley Rd and Duncan Place ~ opposite Ben Bullen) where local wildlife, wombats, pygmy possums, gang gang cockatoos have left edible droppings.

2pm. Perisher Interpretive Village Walk led by Dave Woods for SLOPES members covering flora, fauna, land forms and the resort history. Surprises for the young people. Meet at NPWS Perisher Office.

Bookings are essential with Dave on 64505616, 0418689250, [dave.woods@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dave.woods@environment.nsw.gov.au).

**Church Services:**

Our Lady of the Snows Roman Catholic Church	0830
Perisher Alpine Church	1230

***Other Days.***

NPWS Discovery Walks will be held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> . **To be confirmed.**

On Monday the easy walk from 1pm to 3pm with indigenous rangers to discover how the mountains provided food, fibre, medicine and tools for thousands of years. Meeting at the Kosciuszko Education Centre (Sawpit Creek).

Tuesdays medium walk commences at 10am from Charlotte Pass "Kosciuszko – A Changing Landscape". Wander through sub-alpine gum forest to Mt Stillwell for spectacular views. The area has unique flora and fauna.

These walks are run by NPWS and bookings are essential 64513700. Cost is \$10 pp.

These events are to be confirmed.

**Vehicle Entry.**

NPWS will be approached for "pay for two get three" or "pay three days get four" days of park entry. If approved Lodges must email David Read on [djread@bigpond.com](mailto:djread@bigpond.com) at least a week before arriving giving driver's name, Vehicle Registration, Dates In/Out and Lodge name.

"The Back to Perisher Weekend" is an initiative of SLOPES and NPWS to increase patronage in the park in the autumn, all lodge members and their friends are encouraged to attend. This will be the 7<sup>th</sup> year of BtoP and numbers have increased each year.