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## SLOPES - Back to Perisher 2015 - Report

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Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

Back to Perisher 2015 was another success although we were not as blessed with the weather as in previous years which had an impact on numbers (as did we expect the asbestos scare earlier in the week).

Saturday morning brought cloudy and slightly drizzly weather to the Perisher Resort area.

A good crowd turned out for the Fun Run to Charlotte Pass with just over 100 registered runners/walkers.

With non registered runners, onlookers, NPWS and support crews there were about 125 people involved.

Participants this year included a 2 girl team who danced all the way from Perisher to Charlotte Pass - a new first!

Perisher Volunteer Ski Patrol members were there to provide First Aid (fortunately again this was not required).

NPWS staff had road signs out and provided escort vehicles. And for the first time we unveiled new SLOPES signs commissioned for the Fun Run - and others later for the Duck Race.

An excellent crowd turned out for the afternoon Duck Race down the Perisher Creek, estimated at around 200 people, with all ducks sold and the profit going to the Perisher Volunteer Ski Patrol, raising \$300. A fun and successful event with the local Fire Brigade setting up a wagon and hosing straggling ducks on their way to an exciting finish.

After the Duck Race some 50 people proceeded to the Perisher Fire Station who had generously provided the station for a sausage sizzle with donations for food and drinks yielding a profit of \$300 that is to be donated to the Burns Unit at Westmead Hospital.

A successful event that will be held again next year (venue to be confirmed). A huge thanks to Dave Farmer and his fire fighter staff for hosting us and for supporting the Duck Race.

Other events that had excellent participation included:

1. An Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday at South Perisher hosted by NPWS.
2. A guided tour of the Perisher Resort on Sunday afternoon, hosted by NPWS and concentrating on fauna, flora and the history of the resort.
3. The Feature Creature exhibition, also hosted by NPWS and including snakes, lizards, spiders and the only crocodile in Perisher.

The Fire Station held an Open Day on Saturday that attracted a good crowd with children able to climb over fire engines, sound sirens and play with live fire hoses.

A few photos are attached to give you some of the colour of Back to Perisher this year.

Thanks go to those people who assisted in making the Back to Perisher Weekend a success, in particular:

The NPWS - especially Dave Woods whose enthusiasm and input is fantastic

The Fire Brigade

Perisher Volunteer Ski Patrol (First Aid)

There are others, including all those from Clubs - especially Aurora and Mirrabooka - who participated and who helped with the organisation of events. Thanks to you all!

Finally, huge thanks to Dave Read who does a terrific job as the primary co-ordinator of Back to Perisher on behalf of SLOPES. Dave's role covers everything from liaising with key stakeholders like NPWS, Fire Brigade and the Police - not to mention purchasing the all-important ducks!

Regards

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