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SLOPES: Village meetings 20 June 2015 - Reminder and Agenda - Background material

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Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

By way of update and background to the Village meetings this Saturday, attached are copies of the following:

1. Minutes of the Consultative Committee Meeting held on 2 June 2015
2. the NPWS Project Summary Report dated June 2015 tabled at that meeting.

These documents provide an update on issues like:

- a) Corroboree Road clearing
- b) Governance Review
- c) overnight parking at season end
- d) garbage guidelines
- e) offers of new leases
- f) streamlining of planning approval processes
- g) 10/50 applications and
- h) capital works in the Perisher Range Resorts.

Regards

Frank Zipfinger
President
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From: **SLOPES** <slopes.au@gmail.com>

Date: 18 June 2015 at 10:55

Subject: SLOPES: Village meetings 20 June 2015 - Reminder and Agenda

To:

Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

Attached are the Agendas for the Village Meetings this Saturday:

- 10am at the Guthega Inn
- 2pm at the Man from Snowy River

In addition, at the request of SLOPES, Dave Woods will speak to fire zones under his item and Ryan Petrov will touch on the governance review under village operations.

Clubs are encouraged to send representatives to these meetings as they are an important opportunity to receive updates from and ask questions of stakeholders such as NPWS, NSWFR and Perisher in relation to the upcoming winter season.

For Clubs unable to attend, SLOPES representatives will attend the meetings.

And we will issue an update email to all Clubs following the meetings.

Any questions ahead of the meeting should be referred to Ryan Petrov of NPWS - see contact details below for Ryan.

Regards

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2 attachments

 **Consultative Committee Mtg - Minutes - 2 June 2015.pdf**
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 **NPWS Project Summary Report June 2015 (1).pdf**
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Consultative Committee Meeting
10:00 am, Tuesday, 2 June 2015
Conference Room Jindabyne

MINUTES

Attendees:

NPWS: Ryan Petrov (RP), Karen Field (KF), Virginia Logan (VL)

Perisher Blue Pty Ltd: Peter Brulisauer (PB)

SLOPES: Frank Zipfinger (FZ), John Pinkerton (JP)

Perisher Resorts Chamber of Commerce: Nick Kennedy (NK), Belinda Shore (BS)

Dept of Planning (DoP): Daniel James (DJ), Greg Cooney (GC)

Apologies: Marlene Casha (MC), Sue Elks (SE)

Convenor: Ryan Petrov
Minute secretary: Mariana Lapargo

MATTERS DISCUSSED

5. Perisher projects report - RP

Paper distributed and presented.

6. Budgets review - RP

Budget papers distributed and discussed.

8. Corroboree Road Clearing Trail - RP

Over the summer NPWS worked with lodges to formalise pedestrian access. An elevated steel walkway has been constructed on the lower corner of Corroboree Road and Smiggin Hotel have constructed a heated footpath. A second elevated walkway is planned for the steeper higher section. Caloola lodge expressed concerns due to proximity and noise and these are being worked through.

Snow clearing is to occur as last year where the road will be cleared until there is sufficient snowfall to set up an adequate base that can be maintained over the winter.

9. Governance Review – RP

No update at this stage. NPWS currently in the process of briefing the new minister. Stakeholder consultation will occur as soon as the matter progresses.

10. NPWS Structure – RP

No change – finalised Perisher Team recruitment for winter. Mike Patrick still the Senior Manager and Stuart Schramm the Director. Properties section still to do some recruitment, delays in this have created concerns for both within NPWS and with stakeholders given the increased workload on current staff. Recruitment being prioritised.

11. Overnight parking – end of season – RP/PB

PB or NPWS cannot commit as it is weather depending. As per previous years overnight parking at the end of season will be made available if conditions allow.

12. 2015 Garbage guidelines – RP

Tony Cowcher in primary NPWS contact. Organics collection system to roll out in Perisher this winter. Smiggin Holes trial in 2014 was successful. All streams will be collected every third day. Four waste streams: food organics, garbage, mixed containers & paper and cardboard. NPWS staff will be visiting lodges and presenting at the village meeting to explain the collection system to stakeholders.

13. Offers of new leases - KF

An additional 7 lodges accepted the new lease. They are now with the solicitors for review and execution. Expiry dates are per the originals. The leases will end in 2025, not sure what will happen to premises that didn't accept the offer.

Post Office lease: is caught up in the government review. We cannot offer any new terms. Existing operator is continuing. Subsidy to PO was finalised over a year ago.

14. Streaming planning approval processes – DJ

The review is underway, all internal approvals in place and funding allocated. A consultant has been appointed. The big focus is the exemption compliance development. There will be a number of stages. Initial consultation, preparation of document and public consultation. It is happening now but it will be a few months until is finalised. Planning will be consulted with all stakeholders involved.

PB really supports this change.

15. Report on 10/50 – RP

NPWS provided the guidelines over the summer. Only three enquiries have been received to date. Upon inspection all three sites were judged to have a risk associated with tree fall threatening life and property rather than fire. In all instances the tree material was approved to be removed under Section 18 of the NPW Regulation rather through the 10/50 rule under the RFS Act. The 10/50 rule is currently being reviewed by the RFS. NPWS will continue its current approach to the 10/50 rule until further notice.

16. Perisher sale – PB

Sale is still to be finalised. Vail is the leading resort operating in the world. The given value of season pass holders is fantastic. The community received it really well. Business management is as usual. No changes at this stage. No Vail staff will be here this winter.

Composition of the board will change.

Village consent will expire in November 2016. Up to NPWS as applicant to prevent it from lapsing.

17. Village meeting agenda and update – RP

20 June - Guthega 10:00, The Man from Snowy River 14:00.

The agenda will be similar to last year with Perisher, NSW Fire & Rescue and NPWS presenting. It is also a good opportunity for give lodge managers to give feedback.

14. Other New Business

Budget: Concern raised by BS about the capital budget of \$70,000. NPWS advised it was always projected as per the IPART review with the majority of capital spending occurring earlier to bring infrastructure up to standard. This has happened with the exception of the concrete roads which cost more than projected. Draft capital budget allocation for following two financial years is \$300k.

14. Next meeting date: Tuesday 10 November 2015

Completed & closed actions: 13/07

ACTION ITEMS

No.	Action	Officer	Due Date
14/01	Provide table showing recurrent funds sourcing according to IPART report Karen to send request up the line as she hasn't have access to the info.	KF	Ongoing
14/02	Corroboree Road Clearing Trail: to discuss options with lessees.	RP	Agenda item

Meeting Closed: 12:00 pm

Next Meeting: 10 November 2015



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PERISHER RANGE PROJECTS 2014 - 2015

Project Summary Report for Consultative Committee Meeting

June 2015

Prepared by: Ryan Petrov
Senior Team Leader, Perisher



1 Introduction

The Perisher Team is tasked with delivering \$358k of capital works and utilising a \$3.909M operating budget for Perisher Range Resorts during the 2014/2015 financial year.

Unless otherwise stated, the works described in this report are to be funded from the Perisher Team budget and all prices are GST exclusive.

2 Outline of Works

Assets

- **Perisher Helipad**

A replacement wind sock mast has been ordered to replace the current mast which has structural damage and is due to arrive in the next week however installation will be undertaken after winter. The cost of the replacement mast was \$4.8k.

- **Corroboree Road pedestrian access**

In response to a number of reported injuries in icy conditions on Corroboree Road, NPWS has been liaising with lodges in regards to formalising the pedestrian access. Part of this involved the construction of a steel mesh elevated walkway and stairs on the mid-section of Corroboree Road (at a cost of \$17k). Additionally, Smiggins Hotel funded the installation of a heated footpath, and NPWS is still in consultation with lodge members in regards to a second walkway on the higher section of Corroboree Road.



Sewerage

- **Sewer Investigation Program**

Veolia Water Network Services were contracted to undertake sewer cleaning and CCTV inspections as part of the recently formalised sewer annual inspection program. The investigation focused on the North Perisher precinct, selected areas of Guthega, and in response to water monitoring results a section of line in Smiggin Holes. The work was completed in May in trying conditions and the results are yet to be fully reviewed but preliminary indications are that generally the sewer lines are in good condition.



The surface water monitoring program undertaken by OEH had detected elevated nutrient levels in Smiggin Holes Tributary above the Perisher workshop. In response to this the sewer line running along the carpark edge was inspected and found to have two displaced joints at one manhole. Whilst this is disappointing given this line was upgraded only 4 years ago it does demonstrate the benefit of the water monitoring program. The displaced joints will be repaired after winter.

- **STP Sludge \ Biosolids Reuse**

South East Waste Recovery undertook the Perisher STP sludge removal. This was the final year of the three year contract that saw the biosolids transported to a property near Berridale and direct injected into the ground to improve soil condition. The cost of this final year of the contract was \$105k and the work was completed by mid December.

- **Guthega Sewage Pump Station**

A new mono pump was purchased for the Guthega Sewage Pump Station at a cost of \$35k. An in-house risk review of the sewer system identified that Guthega was the only pump station not to have a spare pump located on site (in addition to the duty and backup). Having a spare pump located on site reduces the risk of operational issues should pump failures occur over the winter period.

Water

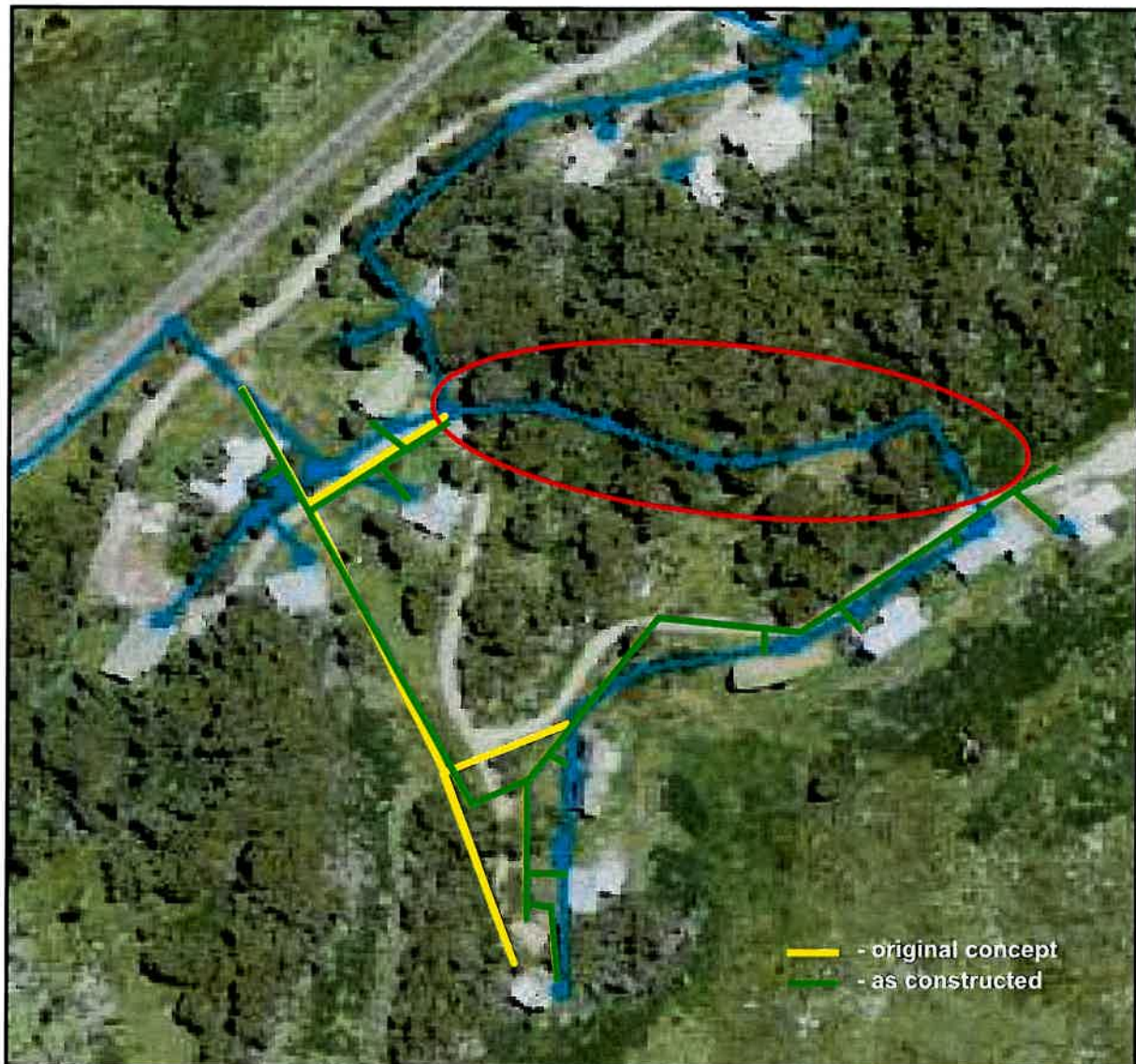
- **Wheatley Road Water Main Replacement**

The construction of approximately 300 metres of polyethylene water main and associated works (service connections, fire hydrants, sub-soil drainage) was completed over April/May 2015. The scope of works was increased with the decision made to install new line along the full extent of Wheatley Road so the existing asbestos cement line can decommissioned. This required revising the budget estimate of \$115k to \$245k.



Three companies were invited to tender for the works with SJ Plumbing Pty Ltd (based in Tumut) being awarded the contract. They completed the works without incident and given the late awarding of the contract put in a great effort to complete the works in a tight timeframe. The final contract sum come in under the initial estimate at \$197k.

These works have allowed the decommissioning of the existing asbestos cement main that is of significant age and located in high value vegetation which would have been significantly impacted should any water main failures occurred.



- **Rock Creek Weir Off-take**

The asbestos cement weir offtake line that failed due to snow loading over the 2014 winter was replaced in February 2015. These works were not funded in the initial 2014/15 budget and the contract sum of \$38k was funded from the operating budget. The works involved replacing 50 metres of the old asbestos cement pipe, removing and replacing half the weir, and installing an environmental flow valve. The works were completed by Blucalf Civil Pty Ltd.



- **Perisher UV No. 1 Backup Generator**

A generator at Perisher UV Station No. 1 has been purchased to provide an additional backup power supply for water disinfection during electrical main fail events (in conjunction with the existing UPS system). This will provide longer term back-up power and reduce the reliance on manual chlorination in the event of a power failure. The purchase cost was \$15k and installation will occur following winter.



Roads

- **Unsealed Roads Maintenance**

Gravel roads maintenance within the Perisher Range Resorts were completed in November 2014 and May 2015. The works were included in a tender process for road maintenance in the Southern Ranges Region of National Parks. The successful contractor was McMahons Earthmoving (Adaminaby).

Waste

- **Organics Composting**

NPWS has focused on continuing the organic composting trials. The 8 tonnes of organics collected from Smiggin Holes over the 2014 winter were mixed with woodchip and composted at Sawpit Creek. The compost area at Sawpit Creek has been further developed to provide space for the additional organics that are to be collected over the 2015 winter which will see the inclusion of Perisher Valley as part of the collection program.

A biosolids dewatering trial was undertaken using equipment hired from Tumut Shire Council. This resulted in approximately 60 tonnes of dewatered biosolids product that is being incorporated into the compost process.

The long term aim of the organic composting aim is to reduce waste to landfill and recover material that can be beneficially reused within the park. We are also mindful of increasing costs in waste management.

Environment

- **Plants**

Another 5,000 plants were planted across the three resort areas in February and March 2015. The planting was undertaken by both contractors and Perisher Team field officers along road edges, and replacing losses in previous planting areas.

- **Pests**

Over the 2014 winter 13 cats were caught in the resort area through cage trapping. The spring soft jaw trapping program saw 15 cats and 17 foxes removed from the park. The rabbit shooting program over 2014/15 was hampered by weather and restrictions with holiday periods resulting in no shooting nights.