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SLOPES - Self catering food offerings - Kosciuszko Cross Country Ski School

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Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

SLOPES is regularly approached by commercial operators wanting to have their goods and services promoted.

As has been previously communicated, generally SLOPES does not publicise nor provide endorsements of this kind.

However, a key role of SLOPES is to assist Clubs in their operations.

An important element of that is to share information that will help Clubs to do that.

Attempting to strike that balance, this email updates you on 3 such offerings as follows:

1. Dinner's Ready in Jindabyne

See below the email from this group regarding "*home-style prepared meals*" available in Jindabyne

2. Costco by Canberra Airport

Costco by Canberra Airport, adjacent to the Majura Parkway, is now fully open as a fast bypass through Canberra. It sells a selection of fully prepared self catering food for groups usually with a use by date of a week or so ahead. These are marketed as quality food and priced accordingly. The Costco shelves are constantly subject to change

3. Kosciuszko Cross Country Ski School

See the attached letter offering Cross Country Ski instruction.

SLOPES is not endorsing these providers, merely bringing them to the attention of Clubs.

If you do use any of these providers, feel free to give SLOPES feedback - good or bad.

Similarly, if you find other offerings that may be of interest to Clubs that you highly recommend, please let SLOPES know.

Our thinking is to set up a page on our website where selected information, appropriately presented, can be available for the benefit of all Clubs.

Finally, on a different topic and for interest attached is a copy article talking about a "*revolutionary new snowmaking machine*" that "*could mean resorts stay open for longer, even into the summer months*".

Regards

Frank Zipfinger
President
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DINNER'S READY

From: **Tim Wilson** <dinnerreadyjindabyne@gmail.com>
Subject: Dinner's Ready - A New Food Service in Jindabyne

Hi

It's been suggested by a few people that we get in touch with you to let you know of the new shop and food service we've just opened in Jindabyne.

We have a large range of home-style prepared meals - so all people have to do at the end of a good day on the slopes is heat, and eat.

We've sourced the meals from 20 specialist kitchens in Sydney and Melbourne. The intention is to offer high quality, real food that's like home-cooking - tasty and nutritious - without any effort.

We also provide a service where people can order ahead if they're travelling through to the ski fields. We can have the meals ready and waiting, so that they don't have to park and go shopping when they arrive in Jindabyne.

We felt we should let you know as our meals are ideal for anyone holidaying in self-catering accommodation. We'd be very happy to provide menus, etc if that's helpful.

There's more information available on:

<https://www.facebook.com/yourdinnersready/?ref=bookmarks>

Plus, you can see some reviews on our website:

<http://www.dinnersready.com.au/reviews.html>

All the best, Alison Wilson

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 **Skiing in summer?.pdf**
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LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

15 June 2016

Mr Frank Zipfinger
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Dear Frank,

May we extend winter greetings to you and all members of SLOPES. The immediate forecast is positive for good snow later this week and next week, which is a great kick off for the season and especially the school holidays.

You may be aware that the Kosciuszko Cross Country Ski School has delivered quality Nordic / X Country Ski Lessons from Perisher to a variety of people, for over the last eight years. We teach beginners, very young people, junior racers, masters skiers in all the major disciplines: classic, skate, race and relay and are dedicated to life long recreational cross county skiing and skiers.

Frank, some of your members, Club Lodges of Smiggin Holes and Perisher, already ski with the Kosciuszko Cross Country Ski School and we enjoy instructing them every year. We are strong supporters of Club Lodge Races and indeed, in continuing the tradition of learning all disciplines: Cross Country, Alpine, Snowboard and emerging snow sports.

We would like to invite your members to enjoy Cross Country Ski Instruction with the Kosciuszko Cross Country Ski School as well as race training prior to the Club Lodge Races. We offer generous Club Lodge rates.

Thank you for this opportunity and we look forwards to working with SLOPES in 2016 and the future.

With regards and best wishes

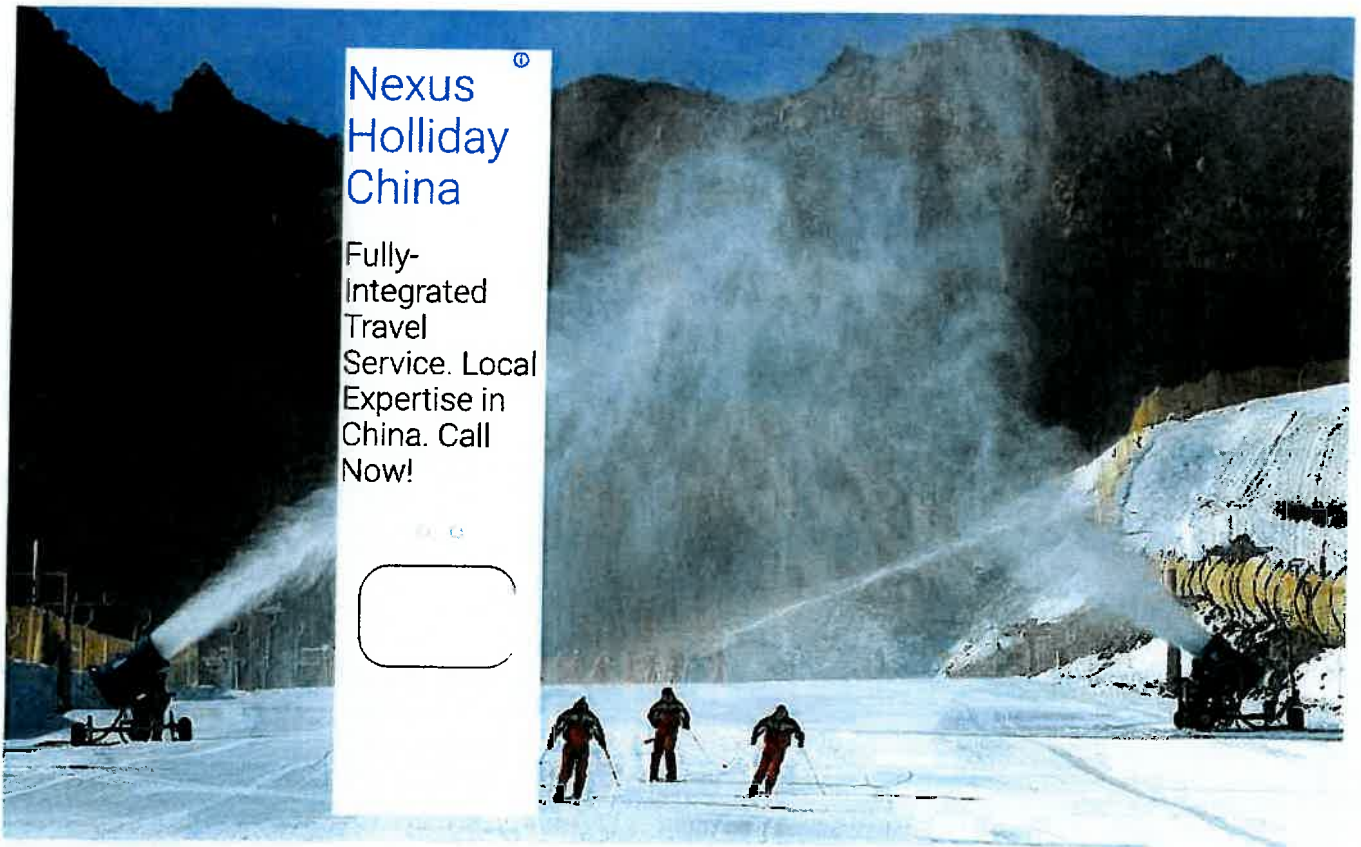
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Skiing in summer? Resorts could stay open longer with new snowmaking machine



Snowmaking helps top up ski resorts in dry seasons CREDIT: GETTY IMAGES

By **Helen Coffey**, TRAVEL WRITER

6 JUNE 2016 • 3:21PM

A revolutionary new snowmaking machine could mean ski resorts stay open for longer, even into the summer months.

The Snowfactory, made by Italian company TechnoAlpin, can make snow regardless of air temperature, operating at up to 32°C.

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Most snowmaking machines require air temperatures of -2°C or lower in order to operate - meaning that if ski resorts are experiencing a powder drought and warm weather, they're stuck without snow.

The new machine works differently, producing dry ice flakes inside a temperature-regulated sea container. That container has large refrigerated cylinders where the flakes are made before a conveyor belts spits them onto the ground.



Traditional snowmaking machines can't work at temperatures much above -2°C CREDIT: GETTY IMAGES

The Snowfactory uses less water than a normal snowmaking machine, between 60 and 80 litres a minute rather than 455. However, it requires much more energy - four to five times more than a traditional snowmaker. The Snowfactory is also, unsurprisingly, much more expensive than the average snowmaker - around £345,000 compared to £26,000.

The machine was trialled at the end of May by Boreal Mountain Resort in California, a small ski resort near Lake Tahoe. It will be used to form lift-accessed terrain park features like jumps and rails for their Woodward Tahoe action sports camps for skiers and snowboarders, which run from June to August. Plus the resort plans to open for two public access ski days this summer, on June 18 and July 2.

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TechnoAlpin have said the Snowfactory is not intended as a substitute for classic snowmaking systems but is designed to complement conventional snow guns. The idea is that it will provide extra coverage for terrain parks, events, races and lower slopes that struggle to maintain snow cover throughout the season.

However, in the company's promotional video, it recommends the Snowfactory as a means of opening ski resorts earlier to increase profits for owners. Generally it's high altitude resorts with glaciers that open the earliest - could this machine be the future of securing a long season for lower ski areas looking to rival the best ski resorts for guaranteed snow?

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Robin Smith, head of strategy and business development for the US branch of TechnoAlpin, told Outside Online: "The only catch is how long will the snow last in 90-degree [32°C] weather? It's so frozen, it'll last longer than you think, but obviously, it'll melt faster the warmer it is outside."

The expense of running the Snowfactory full-time to cover an entire ski area during the warmer months would also likely be prohibitive.

"You wouldn't install these all over a ski area and hope that's the future of snowmaking," said Mr Smith. "It's more for special events, when nothing else works. We think the biggest application will be tubing parks and rail parks, places where you're not talking about a huge amount of snow."



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