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**SLOPES: NPWS - Rabbits and cats**

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Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

This email is forwarded for your information.

Regards

Frank Zipfinger  
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From: **Dave Woods** <Dave.Woods@environment.nsw.gov.au>  
Date: 25 August 2016 at 23:39  
Subject: rabbits and cats  
To: Frank Zipfinger <frank.zipfinger@gmail.com>, Guthega Inn <stay@guthega.com>  
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Greetings Frank and Nick,

I hope your season has been good so far. I am hoping you could circulate the following information amongst your club and chamber members that would assist NPWS in feral animal control during the remainder of the snowseason.

### ***Feral Cats***

NPWS continues to trap for feral cats in and around the resorts this winter. Members and visitors are encouraged to report any feral cat sightings to NPWS Perisher Office (64574444), or to myself or my colleague Stephanie Martin on one of the contact options below in the signature block. Animals are more readily trapped if we can place traps in the location of the most recent sightings. Your reports are acted upon and do make a difference to this program.

### ***Rabbits***

A broader baiting and shooting program is planned around the Perisher Range Resorts at the end of the snowseason (after the NSW October School Holidays). However, some localised work has been undertaken where rabbit burrows have been identified. If you know of a burrow in the vicinity of your lodge please let us know. It may be under the building, under a log, within a boulder stack or concealed in adjacent shrubs. The burrow may be obvious or tracked by rabbit prints in the snow. To reiterate, please let us know of a rabbit burrow and not whether you see a rabbit *per se*. Contact either me or Stephanie.

## **Small Mammals**

Small ground mammals including Southern Bush Rat, Broad-toothed Rat, Antechinus and possibly Mountain Pygmy-possum may wish to share your lodge. Occasionally this may include the introduced House Mouse. Each lodge has been issued with an Elliott Trap with the name of the lodge or club engraved. If you need assistance in either using the Elliott Trap, identifying the animal, relocating the animal, or if the issue appears to be greater than the capacity of one trap, again please contact either myself or Stephanie.

## **So who is Stephanie Martin?**

If you haven't by now glanced down at the signature block you may have still concluded that there are two people sharing the role of the Resorts Environmental Liaison Officer...which is correct. I'm currently working part-time Monday to Wednesday and Stephanie works Thursday and Friday (with both of us working selected weekends). The landline and mobile number will remain the same but we have separate email addresses. Stephanie comes with a background in environmental education and has a great disposition for dealing with the range of issues experienced daily in each of the resorts.

Regards

## **Dave Woods**

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*Note: I currently work part-time **Monday – Wednesday**.*

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