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SLOPES: NSW XC - The End of Winter and of an Era

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From: **Peter Ward** <nswxc1@gmail.com>

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The Nordic Shelter will be closed for the winter on Monday 26 Sept 2016.

And what an extraordinary winter it was – one of extreme weather events. The snow we had was great, and the wind and rain unbelievable! The Perisher XC trails were rebuilt four times over the season after heavy rain. Thanks to Luke the Groomer, Hans Oversnow, NPWS and the volunteers, every event was run and almost all were run on trails that were in superb condition. Most weeks had many days of skiing that were as good as it can be.

Carl Melvey's unexpected passing was a sad end to the season and the end of an era for the sport of XC skiing. There are not so many skiers left with such a broad knowledge and understanding of the sport and those who participate in it - at every level and over such a long time.

The Melvey family has issued an invitation to share a celebration of Carl's life at the North Bondi Surf Lifesaving Club, Campbell Pde, following the 10:30am funeral at St Anne's Church on Wednesday 28th September.

Peter Ward