

**Subject:** SLOPES: Perisher XC - 2018 Summer Newsletter

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**From:** SLOPES

Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

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**2018 Work Parties - Perisher Trails and the Nordic Shelter**

Regular summer XC Work Parties have been held for nearly 30 years, in co-operation with NPWS. Summer work parties have facilitated constant upgrading of the trails and the Shelter and have involved hundreds of volunteers from the XC community over the years - many involved since the first snow fences were built in the 1990s. And they are on again in 2018. Once again we thank Canberra Alpine Club for providing the accomodation that makes it possible for workers to stay for the weekend in comfortable, congenial lodgings.

The February work party will involve work on the trails and projects in/around the Nordic Shelter. Please contact Peter Ward ([nswxc1@gmail.com](mailto:nswxc1@gmail.com)) if you can attend the February work party, or any of the future dates. Contact Peter Cunningham if you require accomodation at CAC ([Peter.Cunningham@evoenergy.com.au](mailto:Peter.Cunningham@evoenergy.com.au)). As usual, bring food and drink, bed linen and towels, work clothing (hat, footwear for wet conditions on trails), fly protection.

One of the regular jobs is mowing the grass around the Shelter. It is a big job and the purchase of a ride-on mower is being considered. If you know of a good second-hand machine, please let us know.

2018 Work Party dates (all dates from March will be confirmed prior to the weekend, just in case....) -

- February 3/4

- March 3/4 TBC shortly

- April 7/8

- May 5/6

- June 2/3

**2018 Perisher XC Week - Sat 4 August through Sunday 12 August**

Lock in these dates! A broad range of events and activities are being planned - details still being finalised. The calendar, event information and how to register will all be published on PXC ([www.perisherxcountry.org](http://www.perisherxcountry.org)) as the information becomes available. So stay tuned and keep an eye on the PXC website.

### **Closing of the Paddy Pallin/Mountain Adventure Centre Jindabyne**

The XC community has been privileged to be looked after by generous, knowledgeable retailers who have been integral parts of the community for decades. We have been so used to being able to consult with and be looked after by these retailers that it came as a shock when the oldest of those shops - the Paddy Pallin/Mountain Adventure Centre at the Thredbo turn-off - announced closure by the end of January due to the non-renewal of the lease for the shop.

A ski shop has been located in that position since Johnny Abbotsmith moved the Snowline Caravan Park from the Creel in Old Jindabyne to the current position when Lake Jindabyne was first filled in the early 60s. A lot of skiing history is associated with that location.

John will continue to provide some services, which he will advertise when he is resettled.

### **Sverre Kaaten Nordic Shelter**

The Nordic Shelter continues to be supported and maintained by the people who use it. Thank you to all who have contributed to the significant costs, time and resources required to keep it open and constantly improving. There was a sharp rise in the cost of electricity this year, partly due to the extended season and largely due to increased costs of power in Perisher, one of the most expensive areas for power in NSW.

If you would like to contribute to the maintenance and operation of the Shelter, and receive a tax deduction for it as an added extra, please use this link - <https://asf.org.au/projects/nsw-snowsports/nordic-shelter/>. The Australian Sports Foundation has long provided Nordic Shelter donors with a tax effective way to contribute - the volunteers who look after the Shelter are grateful for ASF support.

A practical request - if you are re-furnishing and find you have a spare sturdy and compact "leather " sofa, the Shelter's lounge area has need of a replacement sofa. Let us know if you have such a thing and we will see how transport can be organised.

We look forward to seeing many members of the XC community on the trails this summer.

Regards,

Peter Ward

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