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## SLOPES - NPWS water update - June long weekend - Epic Pass - Booking Officer EOI - Club constitutions - Beds - Tobogganing

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1 June 2018 at 11:21

Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

This email updates you on the following:

### 1. Pre-Season Maintenance of the Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes and Guthega Water Supply System

See below the email from NPWS on this topic.

### 2. June long weekend - Opening of Winter Season

A few reminders about this weekend of 9 to 11 June:

> the annual service of Blessings of the Snow takes place at 11am on Saturday 9 June at The Alpine Church, Front Valley, Perisher. On Sunday 10 June at 5pm there is mass at Our Lady of the Snow, Kosciuszko Road, Perisher. All are welcome

> the Peak Festival is on that weekend. For the program go to: <http://peakfestival.com.au/>

> the Perisher Historical Society Dinner is on Sunday night 10 June. For details go to: <http://www.perisherhistoricalsociety.org.au/>

### 3. Epic Pass

See attached an article from the AFR on the Epic Pass which may be of interest.

### 4. Booking Officer, Smiggin Holes lodge

A SLOPES Club based in Smiggin Holes has contacted SLOPES seeking an "EOI from other clubs or organisations that may have surplus capacity to take on the role of Booking Officer" for their Club.

Any Club interested in this opportunity is asked to let us know and we will put you in touch with the Club.

### 5. Club Constitution

A SLOPES Club has contacted us asking:

*I am looking to revise/ update the ... Articles of Association and wondered if you were aware of any other Lodges who have been through this process and may be willing to share a more modern document accounting for both legislative change and general practice. I am not looking to make significant change more looking to reflect issues such as the use of technology for meetings, proxies etc. Our Articles have not been revised since the early 60's!!*

We understand the Club is a company limited by guarantee.

If any Club can assist please let us know.

### 6. Beds

Our email of 3 May (see: <https://slopes.org.au/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/SLOPES-email-544-Various-5-Items.pdf>) asked Clubs:

*It would be useful in upcoming negotiations we expect post the Governance Review for SLOPES to have a sense of the possible demand from Clubs for additional beds.*

*If your Club has an interest please let us know, including number of beds.*

*Any information obtained will be kept confidential as regards any particular Club - it is only the total level of demand that could be relevant to the negotiations.*

We have had a number of responses and are ready to reply to OEH.

If there are any further expressions of interest please let us know in the next few days.

7. Tobogganing at Perisher

There has been recent media commentary regarding the banning of tobogganing at Thredbo.

See: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2018-05-30/thredbo-bans-tobogganing-for-this-winter/9816540>

There has been no change to the situation at Perisher - the toboggan slope in Perisher will still be open.

Details can be found attached and at this link: [https://www.perisher.com.au/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=419:snow-exp-tube-town&catid=14:resort-activities&Itemid=588](https://www.perisher.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=419:snow-exp-tube-town&catid=14:resort-activities&Itemid=588)

Regards

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 31, 2018 4:05:46 PM  
**To:** OEH NPWS Perisher Mailbox  
**Subject:** Pre-Season Maintenance of the Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes and Guthega Water Supply System

Dear Lessee,

As part of routine maintenance of the Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes and Guthega Water Supply System, NPWS will be chlorinating the water supply between Friday June 1 and Thursday June 7 2018.

The Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes and Guthega communities may experience a chlorine smell and taste in the water. This should last about 24 hours.

It is recommended that a few taps in your building are turned on to assist in flushing the internal lines.

**PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO THE ONSITE MANAGERS.**

If you would like to discuss this matter further please don't hesitate to contact the Perisher Office on 02 64574444



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**2 attachments**

**Epic Pass.pdf**  
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**Tobogganing.pdf**  
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# Let the ski pass wars begin: Ikon Pass takes on 'powerful juggernaut' Epic Pass

## From Carriners and Pip Costes

Talk about the snow fight of the season. As the June 9 opening of the 2018 Australian ski season approaches, Vail Resorts HQ in Colorado will be watching closely as to how sales of its Epic Australia Pass track, given the world's largest ski company is finally facing a direct "pass wars" threat from the new Ikon pass.

"This [year] in hemisphere] spring was the first time we competed against the Ikon pass and they've brought a lot of attention to the season pass concept, which we think is a good thing," Vail Resorts chief executive Rob Katz told *The Australian Financial Review*. "We feel confident that we offer skiers a compelling, particularly as it's a global product."

In the blue corner, you have the Ikon - a product of the recently formed Denver-based Alterra Mountain Company - with 26 North American resorts,

including such jewels as Aspen Snowmass, Jackson Hole, Steamboat and Revelstoke - at \$US999 (\$1193) for the 2018-19 ski season, or for \$US899 until June 7. That pass (there are lower-priced variants with more conditions) gives unlimited access to all resorts owned by Alterra, plus up to seven days at a number of other independently-owned North American resorts.

In the red corner, for \$US899 is Vail's Epic Pass, which is a decade old this year. It includes such resorts as Vail, Beaver Creek, Whistler Blackcomb, Breckenridge, Keystone, Park City, Heavenly, Northstar, Kirkwood and Stowe, plus limited access to the smaller, quirky resorts such as Telluride and Crested Butte, as well as restricted access to 30 European resorts - and five consecutive days' skiing at Hakuba in Japan.

Given Vail has owned Perisher since 2015, that's included too, making it the only truly global pass at this stage.

## On the slopes

Global skier visits based on 5-yr average



When purchased in Australia before June 12, the Epic is cheaper at \$889, albeit with slightly different terms.

The Ikon Pass does not include NSW's Thredbo Resort, but plans in that direction are under way. Thredbo

is included on the long-standing Mountain Collective Pass, priced at \$US429, where the Ikon and Mountain Collective passes share overlapping American resorts, most notably Aspen. The buying and partnership spree is just the beginning, says Alterra's Bob Stinchcomb, senior vice-president, sales. "We're starting in North America, but definitely looking to grow beyond that."

Sydney-based ski holiday specialist Travelplan welcomes the Ikon pass. "That Epic pass is a powerful juggernaut," says managing director Toby Withers. "We see real potential for the Ikon in the Australian market. Aspen has been our No.1 destination for 15 years, so to have them on the Ikon pass is exciting."

For more ski coverage, see *The Sophisticated Traveller*, inside today's *Financial Review* and the *AFR Weekend* tomorrow.

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Top: **-1.0°** C Village: **-0.1°** C  
 Perisher Valley 10km/h | S



# Perisher

## Tobogganing

Tobogganing is currently not available at Perisher.

Toboggans are prohibited on all Perisher ski slopes and should only be undertaken at the designated toboggan slope located beside Perisher Valley Car Park on Pipers Ridge. Tobogganing can be dangerous and like all alpine activities involves inherent risks. For your safety please obey all signage when tobogganing or on or about the toboggan slope. From time to time, the toboggan slope may be closed due to insufficient snow depth or inclement weather.

## Snow Experience

Perisher offers snow experience alternatives to skiing and snowboarding.

Choose from a range of activities including Tube Town, scenic chairlift rides and [Groomer Tours](#).

Want to get the most out of the snow? Make your snow dreams come true by learning how to ski or snowboard with one of our [Lessons](#) now.

### Snow Experience Pricing

Adult	Child*
15yr/Over	5 to 14yr

#### Snow Experiences - Excluding Skitube

Scenic Chairlift Ride - Monday to Friday only (Not available Monday 9 July to Friday 20 July 2018)

\$31	\$20
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Snow Play Pack (Clothing, Gloves and Apres Boots) + Scenic Chairlift Ride - Monday to Friday only (Not available Monday 9 July to Friday 20 July 2018)

\$70	\$70
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#### Snow Experiences - Including Skitube from Bullocks Flat

Snow Play Pack (Clothing, Gloves, Apres Boots and a Toboggan) + Skitube + Scenic Chairlift Ride (Children will also receive a bonus of 5 Tube Town Rides when Tube Town is operating) - Monday to Friday only (Not available Monday 9 July to Friday 20 July 2018)

\$80	\$80
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## Tube Town

**Tube Town is currently not open.**

The best way to access Perisher's Tube Town is by Skitube, Australia's only Alpine Railway. Simply drive to Bullocks Flat located below the snow line, which means you generally don't need to worry about fitting chains to your car. It has plenty of free parking and is a short 20km drive from Jindabyne. Your Skitube ticket includes the National Parks entry fee.

Don't have the worry of purchasing clothing before you arrive; this is all available for you to hire from Perisher Snowsports Hire, located at Bullocks Flat Terminal.

### Tube Town Pricing

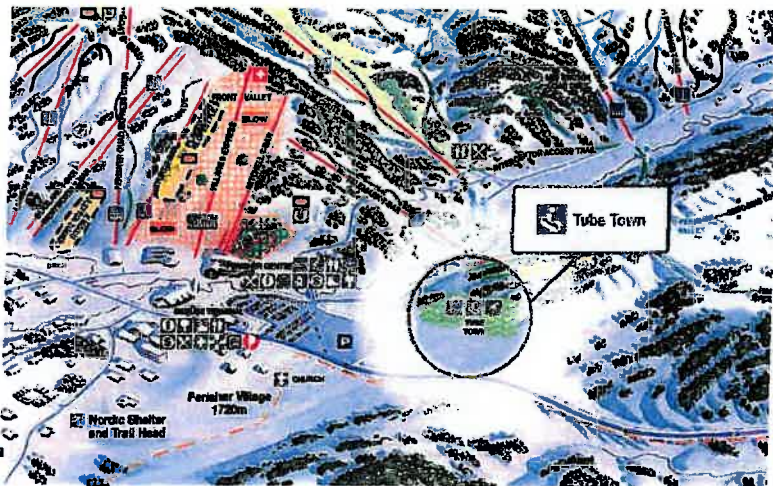
Adult  
15yr/Over

Child\*  
5 to 14yr

**Tube Town (Open 10:00AM to 4:00PM daily. Tickets must be purchased from the Tube Town Kiosk before 3:30PM)**

1 Ride	\$7	\$7
5 Rides	\$30	\$30
10 Rides	\$49	\$49
15 Rides	\$59	\$59

### Where is Tube Town at Perisher?



Quick View

# NEWS

## Thredbo bans tobogganing, sparking questions over motives

Updated Wed 30 May 2018, 11:33pm

**New South Wales ski resort Thredbo has banned tobogganing and associated "snow play" anywhere on its property this winter season, telling its guests the popular pastime is "very dangerous".**

In an announcement on its website, which sparked a backlash on social media on Wednesday, Thredbo said to "maximise safety for guests, employees, and resort property" it had banned the activity.

"Thredbo acknowledges it is a favourite winter pastime, however it can also be very dangerous," the statement said.

"An observed trend of guests is taking toboggans and miscellaneous snow sliding equipment onto ski runs has increased the risk of . . . collision with another sled, vehicle, skier or snowboarder, loss of control of the equipment, falling off of the equipment; and collision with natural and man-made objects."

It also announced the ban includes other "miscellaneous snow sliding equipment" associated with "snow play".

Author Nikki Gemmell was among those who took to social media to question the resort's motives.

Many questioned the difference between tobogganing and skiing or snowboarding.

The resort, a five-and-a-half hour drive from Sydney, said the ban applied to all members of the public, staff, sub-lessees and volunteers.

"No enquiries will be entertained from toboggan or miscellaneous snow sliding equipment users," it said.

"All staff play a role in the implementation of this policy and subsequent elimination of these risks to our guests."

The ABC has contacted the resort for clarification on the ban.

Topics: travel-and-tourism, community-and-society, thredbo-village-2625, nsw

First posted Wed 30 May 2018, 4:32pm



PHOTO: Tobogganing increases the "risk of collision", the resort says. (Supplied: Chris Hocking)



**Nikki Gemmell**  
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Is there a money motive to the #Thredbo ban on tobogganing? As a mum of four, it was the only snow activity that didn't break the bank. It was joy, pure (free) joy, for the entire family. Now there's no choice to pay a fortune for the very expensive skiing and snowboarding

1:52 PM - May 30, 2018

17 See Nikki Gemmell's other Tweets