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SLOPES: Public exhibition of Snowies Iconic Walk Review of Environmental Factors - Fundraiser Dual Slalom 19 August

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Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

This email updates you on the following:

1. NPWS - Public exhibition of Snowies Iconic Walk Review of Environmental Factors

See below the NPWS email advising that this Review will be placed on public exhibition from Friday 2 August to Monday 2 September 2019.

Details on how to make a submission - by 2 September - are set out in the email.

Attached is the NPWS fact sheet that introduces the Snowies Iconic Walk project, including a map of the selected routes.

SLOPES will be reviewing this material on behalf of our Members and Associates.

Comments are welcome to assist in preparing that submission.

2. Ski & Snowboard Australia - Fundraiser Dual Slalom 19 August

See below the email setting out information regarding this Fundraiser Alpine Race for Adults to be held on Perisher Front Valley on 19 August.

Note that entries close on 12 August.

Regards

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NPWS - PUBLIC EXHIBITION OF SNOWIES ICONIC WALK

From: OEH NPWS Alpine Queanbeyan Mailbox <npws.alpinequeanbeyan@environment.nsw.gov.au>
Date: Fri, Aug 2, 2019 at 2:32 PM
Subject: Public exhibition of Snowies Iconic Walk Review of Environmental Factors
To: OEH NPWS Alpine Queanbeyan Mailbox <npws.alpinequeanbeyan@environment.nsw.gov.au>



Public exhibition of Snowies Iconic Walk Review of Environmental Factors

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (NPWS, DPIE), proposes the construction of Snowies Iconic Walk in Kosciuszko National Park. A Review of Environmental

Factors to inform the alignment and construction of walk will be placed on public exhibition from Friday 2 August to Monday 2 September 2019.

The Snowies Iconic Walk project proposes construction of new tracks, and upgrades to existing tracks, to deliver a world-class walking trail through stunning alpine scenery that links the 5 resort villages at Thredbo, Charlotte Pass, Guthega, Perisher and Lake Crackenback. The walk will strengthen the appeal of New South Wales as a walking destination and provide opportunities for a more diverse range of visitors to enjoy our spectacular national parks.

The documents are available for viewing on the DPIE website at www.environment.nsw.gov.au/consult and at the following locations:

- NPWS Snowy Region Visitor Centre, [49 Kosciuszko Road, Jindabyne](#)
- NPWS Tumut Region Visitor Centre, The Old Butter Factory, [5 Adelong Road, Tumut](#)
- NPWS office, 11 Farrer Place, Queanbeyan

You are invited to make a written submission on the Review of Environmental Factors and associated documents by 2 September 2019.

Make a submission via the website: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/consult

Email your submission to: npws.alpinequeanbeyan@environment.nsw.gov.au

Post your written submission to:

Manager, Alpine-Queanbeyan Area

NPWS, PO Box 2228,

Jindabyne NSW 2627

The submissions will be used by DPIE to assess the likelihood of the proposed activity causing a significant impact.

Attached is a fact sheet that introduces the Snowies Iconic Walk project, including a map of the selected routes.

Yours sincerely

ANTHONY EVANS

MANAGER, ALPINE – QUEANBEYAN AREA

NSW NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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SKI & SNOWBOARD AUSTRALIA - DUAL SLALOM 19 AUGUST 2019

Calling all adult alpine skiers who like speed! Whether you have never raced down an Alpine course or whether you a member of Masters race training program, come along to the "Masters and Apprentices" Time Trial at Perisher, 12pm on Monday August 19. It is an alpine dual course set on Front Valley. You will be able to line up against a friend or rival to race them down the course. There are lots of prizes on offer!

The Alpine race is a fundraiser for the Amelia McGuinness Australian Snowsports Development Foundation, which provides scholarships to up and coming snow sports junior athletes. You can read all about the foundation here

- <https://nswinterschools.com.au/amelia-mcguinness-events>

The event is supported by the NSW, ACT & QLD Alpine Community, Ski & Snowboard Australia and Interschools Snowsports.

Here is the link to Register - <https://www.skiandsnowboard.org.au/events/39580/> Entries close August 12.

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Snowies Iconic Walk

A new walk across the alpine roof of Australia in Kosciuszko National Park



The experience

The Snowies Iconic Walk will deliver a world class walking trail through stunning alpine scenery that links resorts and villages in Kosciuszko National Park.

Featuring remote days and comfortable nights, the four-day hiking experience will provide a major new summer season attraction for the region which will become one of the most famous multi-day walks in Australia.

The walk will broaden access to this unique alpine environment, strengthen the appeal of New South Wales as a walking destination and provide for a more diverse range of visitors to enjoy our spectacular national parks.

The project

Three sections of new track will be constructed to complement the existing tracks around Mount Kosciuszko and Main Range – Guthega to Charlotte Pass, Charlotte Pass to Perisher via Porcupine Rocks and Perisher to Bullocks Flat. These routes have been selected to link the villages and provide outstanding opportunities for alpine walking. After detailed analysis of several route options, the final alignment was selected to maximise the visitor experience of each route, minimise environmental impacts and ensure construction costs fit the project budget.

The Snowies Iconic Walk project has been awarded \$17.17 million funding by the Regional Growth – Environment and Tourism Fund program, as one of nine visitor infrastructure projects funded by NSW Government to increase nature-based tourism in New South Wales, boost regional visitor economies and improve community wellbeing. It will boost summer visitation to the park and improve year-round employment stability.

The project is currently in the planning phase and will be delivered in stages with final completion in 2022.

Protecting park values

Our national parks are managed to protect their unique values and provide for sustainable visitor use and enjoyment. This includes providing new visitor facilities. The route of the Snowies Iconic Walk has been specifically selected to protect alpine plants and animals.

Independent environmental assessments are being conducted to ensure any environmental impacts are effectively mitigated or managed so the national park's unique conservation values continue to be protected.

As part of the project, the Kosciuszko National Park Plan of Management has been reviewed to ensure the project meets environmental, cultural and economic aspirations.

What's happened so far

One of the first elements of the project to be completed is the realignment of a 1.5km section of the Main Range walk near Mount Lee to protect a critically endangered ecological community of windswept feldmark. This highly restricted alpine plant community had been subject to erosion and vegetation damage from high pedestrian traffic. The new steel walkway will allow the feldmark community to recover and provide a better experience for walkers.

Work has also commenced on the new accessible toilet at Seamans Hut for use in summer 2019-20.

Engaging the community

Effective community and stakeholder engagement is critical to the success of this project. We will engage with stakeholders and local communities to ensure the best possible project outcomes that reflect visitor needs.

Anyone interested in the project is invited to register their interest to receive regular updates about the project.

Visit www.environment.nsw.gov.au/snowies-ionic-walk

Next steps in 2019-20

- Public exhibition of Review of Environmental Factors
- Design development
- Visitor experience and operations planning
- Ongoing stakeholder engagement
- Commence further construction phases

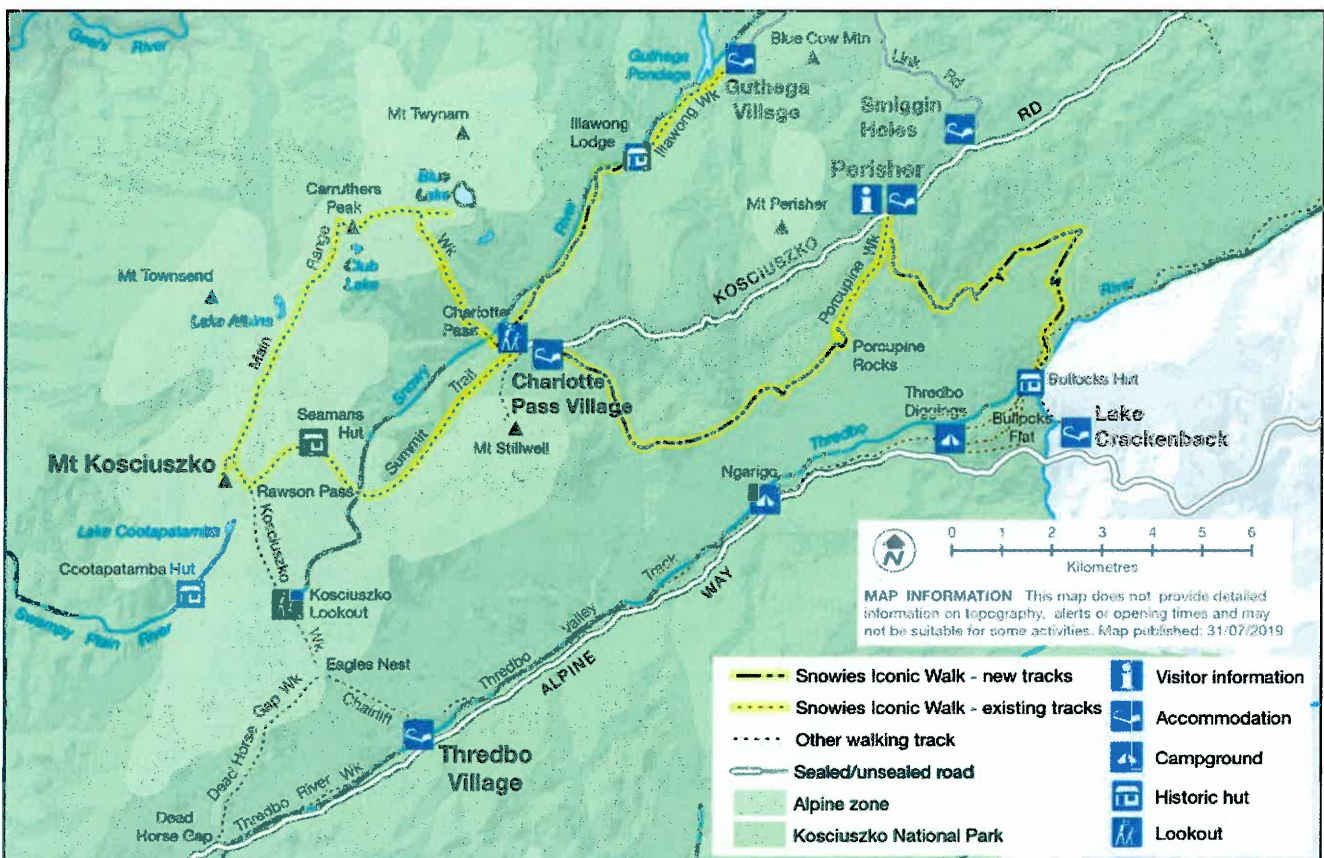


Photo: Main Range Walk at Mt Lee (Steelworks Engineering)

For more information visit environment.nsw.gov.au/snowies-ionic-walk

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Map of Snowies Iconic Walk