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SLOPES - The late Kurt Brulisauer

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Dear SLOPES Members and Associates

Sadly we share the news that Kurt Brulisauer passed away early last week.

Kurt was well known to many of our Clubs, he and his wife Di having been very significant Perisher Range Resorts identities from 1965 until their retirements - Kurt in 2005 and Di in 2011.

The Perisher Historical Society website has a short history of Kurt and Di Brulisauer with a photo of them from 1969.

It can be found here: <https://perisherhistory.org.au/timeline/kurt-and-di-brulisauer/>

For convenience the text is also set out below.

Of course, the Brulisauer family connection continues to the current day as their son Peter is the SVP and Chief Operating Officer - Australia and Perisher for Vail Resorts, the owner of the Perisher Range Resorts of Perisher, Smiggin Holes, Guthega and Blue Cow.

In his current and his previous roles, SLOPES has seen much of Peter.

We have worked together on many important initiatives building over the past decade a strong relationship as fellow stakeholders in the Perisher Range resorts.

Peter's impact at a personal level has been immense and greatly appreciated by SLOPES, an example being his regular attendance as a Stakeholder Speaker at our AGM each year.

On behalf of all our Members and Associates, SLOPES would like to convey our condolences to Peter and his wife Lee and to all the members of the Brulisauer family.

An online memorial service for Kurt will be held on Wednesday 16 December 2020 at 11am AEDT.

The link is here: www.kbperisher.com

Regards

Frank Zipfinger
 President
 SLOPES

KURT AND DI BRULISAUER - PERISHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Kurt Brulisauer was born in St Gallen Switzerland in 1937 and trained as a butcher. In 1960 he sailed into Sydney and got a job as a butcher the following day.

After several hotel jobs Kurt went to Perisher Valley in 1965 where he met Jake and Judy Zweifel the owners of Jolly Swagman, Perisher View Motel and Corroboree Lodge. In 1965 Kurt worked as a chef at Jolly Swagman and assisted Jake with maintenance work on the lodges.

Kurt managed Chez Jean Chalet for Jean Ecuyer in 1966 and Corroboree Lodge in 1967.

Jake and Kurt built Kurt's Keller at Corroboree Lodge in 1968/69 which was very successful and was extended the following summer to become the first licensed restaurant in Perisher Valley, famous for its European cuisine.

Di Brulisauer was born in Newcastle, NSW in 1946 and came to Perisher in 1969 after working in Newcastle and Sydney in travel, hospitality, fashion and retail. Starting as a receptionist at the Man from Snowy River Hotel, she participated in fashion parades and promotional shots for the resort. Di met Kurt at Kurt's Keller in 1969 and they were married in the All-Denominational Church in 1970.

Kurt and Di took over the lease of the Valley Inn Hotel in 1977 and remained there until 1984. During this time Kurt opened a restaurant in the Perisher Centre.

After working as supervisor of the ticket office in 1985, Di went back to manage the Valley Inn for the new owners while Kurt continued with his restaurant.

Alpine Australia Group (AAG), owners of Blue Cow/Guthega, in 1991 asked Kurt to take over the kitchen at the Blue Cow terminal. After the merger between AAG and Perisher Smiggins (KAR), Kurt became responsible for all the company food outlets in Perisher.

Prior to the AAG-KAR merger in 1995, Di worked in Sydney for a while before returning to manage the Station Resort. After the merger Di became manager of Perisher Valley Hotel and Perisher Centre.

Kurt retired in 2005 and Di in 2011.

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