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THE THIRROUL SKI CLUB LIMITED
MARANATHA LODGE
PERISHER VALLEY
KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK

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Dear Members,

This year's committee is almost unchanged from last year as can be seen in the list of office bearers below.

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| President | Bruce Norton |
| Vice president | Ian Eddy |
| Secretary | Rasma Kreilis |
| Assistant Secretary/ SLOPES&NSWSA rep | Mavis Williams |
| Treasurer | Heath Barnes |
| Publicity Officer | Kevin Donegan |
| Assistant treasurer | Evelyn Jelercic |
| Maintenance Officer | Kevin Masters |
| Catering Officer | Liz Scott |
| Social Secretary | Ian Gregory |
| Booking officer | Heath Barnes |
| Sports Captain (non committee) | Astrid Kreilis with Gai Curtis as committee contact |
| Assistant Sports Captain | Gai Curtis |
| Committee member | Owen Kreilis |

Astrid Turner has chosen to stand down from Committee but will continue in the role of Sports Captain, ably assisted by Gai Curtis, particularly in regards to communication with the committee. Ian Gregory returns to committee after a short break. Welcome back, Ian. Ian takes on the role of Social Secretary, so we look forward to new ideas in this area.

At the 2010 AGM held at Wollongong University in January, Astrid was presented with the Clubperson of the Year award. Congratulations, Astrid.

While on awards, Sam Curtis was awarded the Clive Percy "Women in Skiing" award. Well done, Sam.

Our manager in 2009, Clark, has agreed to return for the 2010 season. We look forward to his company, his culinary delights and of course a clean and well-looked after lodge.

Enjoy your skiing
Kevin Donegan
Publicity Officer

News From SLOPES (Ski Lodge Operators in PErisher Smiggins)

Flights to Snowy Mountains Airport

Flights from Sydney to and from Cooma will resume for the 2010 Ski season. Aeropelican will be the operator and for details as well as bookings look at the Aeropelican website.

Snowy Mountains of Music festival

The **Perisher Snowy Mountains of Music** festival is returning to the snowfields once again packing over 40 awesome acts and 130 fantastic artists over 9 venues into the snow on the June long weekend : 11-14 June. Package deals including festival tickets, accommodation and lift tickets and optional transport (from Wollongong) are available. See the website listed below for details.

Organisers report that the festival is just about to get hotter with the announcement of the headliners for this year's festival – sure to set the ski fields sizzling with their formidable talent, blazing big band sounds and authentic reggae beats. The festival team are delighted to announced that the 2010 headliners are **Blue King Brown, Jeff Lang & Mista Savona**

Last year's festival was a huge success but couldn't have happened without the generous help, knowledge and expertise of over 60 volunteers. To make the 2010 festival a success organisers are calling for volunteers to help run the event this year.

In return for their time volunteers can get a variety of benefits including free tickets to the **Perisher Snowy Mountains of Music** festival, discounted accommodation – in the snow - and festival merchandise.

Volunteer Applications close 20th May, so if you'd like to be part of our fantastic festival, go to www.snowymountainsofmusic.com.au and fill out the online application form from the web. For further information contact Belinda Shore tel: 1300 811 324 /email: Belinda@snowymountainsofmusic.com.au

Win FREE passes to Warren Miller's Dynasty!

In conjunction with Snow Australia, Perisher and other partners are giving away 50 double passes to the new Warren Miller Film Dynasty.

The competition will start Friday 16 April and go through until Monday 17 May, and the winner will be announced 20 May 2010.

If you win you can attend for FREE at either of the following venues and times:
Sydney State Theatre - Thursday 27 May 8pm
Melbourne Rivoli Cinemas - Wednesday 2 June 6.30pm

To enter this great competition go to [Snow Australia's website](#) and follow the prompts – good luck!

Lids on Kids - helping to keep your child safe

Helmets are a great idea and are compulsory in all Kids' Programs and 2.5-hour Kids' Lessons.

Helmets can be purchased from Slopestyle Mountain Sports or hired at our Snowsports Hire outlets.

Helmets included free of charge with pre-booked All Day Kids' Programs and hire of Skis/Boots/ Poles or Board/Boots pack through Perisher Snowsports Hire.

Click [here](#) for details, call us on **1300 611 855** or email ski@perisher.com.au.

Ed's note:

We remind our members that while seniors can make up their own minds, any junior (16 or under) participating in races or training associated with our club, must wear an approved helmet. We trust that parents will appreciate that we make this ruling with the well-being of their children in mind.

Maranatha Maintenance Report

Kevin Masters and his teams of volunteers, and where appropriate, local tradesmen, have been busy over the summer months making sure that your lodge is spick and span and as comfortable as possible for your skiing holiday. There were two major working bees, the first under the helmsmanship of Tom Hazell, concentrated on weed control and planting of native vegetation in the immediate surrounding area, while the second led by Kevin Masters worked on maintenance and refurbishment of the building.

In recent years the NPWS has required us to implement a program of weed control and planting of native vegetation. Tom Hazell has an interest, not to mention experience, in this area and has been at the forefront of this work. Specifically, he has

planted 100 seedlings supplied by National Parks, a mixture of four varieties of low growing shrubs, plus 5 snowgums.

The snowgums were planted to the south where they will not obstruct the view or overhang the roof. The shrubs were planted along the embankment. All had water crystals, fertiliser and enriched native soil mix added.

The planted area was mulched with rice straw mulch supplied by National Parks and around 50 pink tree guards were installed around the perimeter along with star pickets and hazard tape

According to Kevin Masters, Tom has certainly impressed the NPWS with his enthusiasm.

(if, like Tom, you have skills/knowledge that can help the club, please let the committee know.)

Some photos from the working bees are shown below. Tom can clearly be seen hard at work in the second and fourth photos.







Other work that will be visible to members includes:

Refurbishment of room 7, including a new vanity.

Removal of substantial amounts of granite rocks located to the east and south of the lodge.

Fitting of treads to the ladders on the bunk beds (rooms 7, 1 and 2)

Install new wine storage cupboard

As always, there was lots of painting, general maintenance and safety checks. These might not be so obvious to guests in the lodge but are of course very important.

Some ski boots, pictured below, were left in the lodge over the summer. Owners of these boots should contact the maintenance officer to make arrangements to collect their boots. (late news: one owner has claimed their boots)

Members are reminded that, owing to limited storage facilities and the need for workers to have unrestricted access for maintenance purposes, property such as skis and boots should be removed by the end of the ski season.

It is important to note that tradespersons charge by the hour. As such, any extra time spent moving things (eg your boots) out of the way costs the club (meaning it costs you) extra money.

