

WARRUGANG News



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LODGE SPECIAL

While the lodge is pretty full throughout peak season, there is space in September. To give you another opportunity to enjoy Warrugang with your friends, the Board has decided to reduce prices for any two-day or more stay by members and/or their friends commencing Sunday 11 September to —

Members and Associates:

- * \$350 per week,
- * \$50 per day

Friends of members:

- * \$450 per week,
- * \$65 per day

Call booking officer Kerry McEwan—(02) 9997 7446.

WHAT A START TO THE SEASON!

The last edition canvassed what would the snow be like this year and concluded with the hope that the great snow in the Northern Hemisphere winter would translate into great snow in Perisher this year.

In mid May, Pete "The Frog" Taylor predicted in the Frogs Snowwatch (snowwatch.com.au)—
"I feel June to August could see some very good dumps of snow from intense storm activity which should see the snow depth increase dramatically."

That certainly proved to be the case and Perisher made the most of it with comparisons to 2000 and 1991, opening Front Valley early, then opening Blue Cow in the second weekend and Mt P before the school holidays. Of course, that's not solely a reflection of the natural snowfall, it's also a payoff for the investment in snowguns. Then there was the picture below of the CEO skiing along the Perisher Centre roof.

Warrugang is still great value for members and their friends so, get your booking in as soon as you can. — with all your friends.



Those who have already been at the lodge will know that we have replaced the cladding with metal pre-painted Lysaght "Easyclad" cladding in a "Deep Ocean" colour and that we have replaced a number of windows that have leaked (but found that the dining room main window has started leaking) and that room 6 window now has a window that opens.

We were also able to set ourselves for a change of heating system to eventually reduce our reliance on electrical heating and move towards individually adjustable warm water heaters in each room, fed by a gas fired boiler by running pipes under the new cladding.

Unfortunately, we were not able to move from gas bottle supplied gas to a reticulated gas system as Elgas, the gas supplier, has not completed the work it needed to do.

Apparently, there are still some approval issues to finalise with National Parks, but Elgas are confident they will connect Warrugang by the 2012 ski season. We will be part of a mini network which will include Oldina, Maranatha and Boonoona; all drawing gas from a tank at Boonoona. In the longer term Elgas expect to connect our mini network to the larger network that flows to Perisher Huette and then remove the Boonoona tank so they only have to fill one tank.

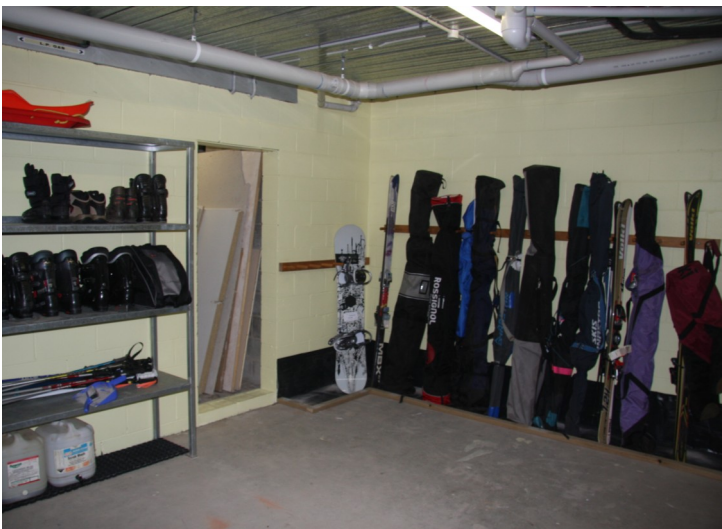
EASTER WORKING BEE

Peter Funnell's small team of Julie and Ken Wilson, Christine Jones and Graham Priddle achieved a huge amount at the Easter working bee working hard for 6 days; from Friday 22 April to the end of Wednesday 27 April.

The list of achievements seems endless, but the major ones are—

- * Upgrading the fire resistance of the lodge by fitting aluminium mesh flyscreens on all openable windows in lieu of the original fibreglass screens.
- * Sanding and repainting the front balcony, summer entrance and fire escape banisters, balustrades and support steelwork with two coats of deep ocean gloss paint to match the new cladding.
- * For the new off-season ski storage area everything was cleared out of the garage, the walls painted, floor waterproofed and ski and snowboard racks positioned. A rack is also included for boots and toboggans. The finished product gives us a great new room for storage of off season gear and the workbench is nearby for waxing and repairs.

Much of the old gear left from past years is not identified by name tag. All that is untagged at the end of the season will be dumped in summer to enable active members to use the area.



Harry Mladek, one of the founding members of Warrugang died recently at his home in Kensington, London. He is survived by his wife Gwen and family.

Harry was one of a small committee that formed to start the club and recruit members prior to its more formal establishment as a company. He was extremely well liked within the club, had a great sense of humour and worked very hard in the early days. When building commenced he headed down to Perisher on his motorbike and sidecar to help with the construction whenever he could. One of Harry's major contributions was to talk his father, a retired cabinet maker, into going down to the lodge and helping to fit out the interior. Harry's father built the beds, the kitchen cupboards and the famous curved lounge in front of the fireplace. He saved us a lot of money.

Harry had a few seasons of skiing before his company Exxon sent him to do oil exploration in the jungles of Sumatra. He subsequently had a brief period in Queensland and northern New South Wales until he finished up in London where he spent the rest of his working life interpreting geo-physical data from exploration in the North Sea.

Harry made a number of holiday trips back to Australia to see family and friends and almost invariably found time to head down to Warrugang and drive and walk around familiar places. He is greatly missed by his Warrugang friends.

DAVID AND CRISTINA – GREAT NEWS

By the time you receive this newsletter, Cristina may well have given birth to a brother or sister for Vita; the baby is due 4 August.

And while we wait, here's photo of a super snowman built by Daile Banning and the children at the Lodge during the first week of school holidays — that's Vita next to it! And there's a little more of a peek at the new Lodge colour.

SMIGGIN HOLES ICE SKATING

The icerink set up at Jindabyne last year has been moved to Smiggin Holes—the biggest problem has been removing the piles of snow for the skaters!



WARRUGANG – THE FUTURE

This year's AGM was well attended and many brought their ideas on the future for Warrugang now that a large sector of our membership is now becoming less active skiers and we need to replace members as they retire — and more to catch-up on those who have already retired.

The Board has been working through that feedback as well as the written feedback received.

'ELP!

The headline above is just your editor's way of trying to get some attention - and assistance.

We need more frequent editions of Warrugang News, particularly over the next year as Warrugang moves forward. But your editor has been so flat out with work and other Warrugang matters that he hasn't been able to pay sufficient attention to Warrugang News.

Is any member interested in taking up the challenge — or perhaps assisting by being a contributing editor?

Please contact Tim on 0411 800 214 or timdoubleday@optusnet.com.au

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New snowguns ready to be installed at Zali's earlier this year

HUMOUR — more English

A paraprosdokian is a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected.

Two great examples are —

- * Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
- * Where there's a will, there's a relative.

Here's a few more—

- * Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
- * Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
- * If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
- * We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
- * War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
- * Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- * Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- * A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. My desk is a work station.
- * I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- * I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.
- * Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a mechanic.
- * Hospitality is making your guests feel at home even when you wish they were.
- * I always take life with a grain of salt. Plus a slice of lemon, and a shot of tequila.

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