

WARRUGANG NEWS



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AGM 2013

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the AGM on Friday 26 April.

It wasn't the best choice of dates with a public holiday the day before but with the accounts only being available a short while earlier and National Parks wanting finalised accounts by the end of April, we really didn't have a choice.

We still have a need for 2 additional directors - here's your opportunity to give your club a helping hand. Call Tim.

BOOKINGS UPDATE

We've certainly had a blizzard of bookings - we are now nearly full from the last week of June until the start of September.

There's a little space left from Sunday 28 July to Friday night 2 August and some space during the September weeks.

MEMBERSHIP

The Board brought forward the closing dates for members priority so we could gauge the accommodation load and consider our membership recruitment plans.

Our special deals for the Value season - enabling members to spend time with family and friends at the member rate seem to have greatly improved bookings and kept David and Cristina busy.

And, of course, as you can see from the Bookings Update on this page, and we're pretty well booked - all the way from the school holidays up to early September and, after that, we are fairly close to half full through Spring; a time when we've often had only a few bookings.

Due to that, the Board has decided not to actively recruit this year as we don't want to overload the Lodge.

Our preference at this time is for new membership to come from the family of existing members, utilising the building levy or membership transfers within the family group.

It's not the "House Full" sign on new membership. The Board are just being cautious and will review this policy at the end of the year.

HEATING UPDATE

Our new gas-fired heating system for both room heating and the provision of hot water has been installed. Carl Banning has made the final checks.

Certainly, when your editor visited the Lodge in June, it was "toasty warm" - most enjoyable.

Carl has also made some adjustments to the ventilation system which should help keep the rooms warm at night and reduce power consumption further. The ventilation system is powered by a fan that draws more electrical power than a large heater.

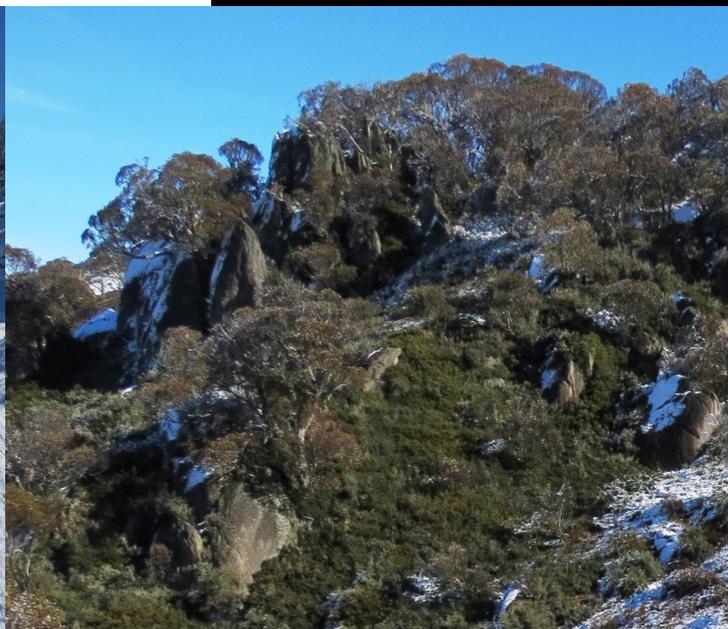
We were hopeful that we would be connected to the reticulated gas supply in time for winter but unfortunately, while it has been approved by both National Parks and Origin Energy, the work has been postponed as it wasn't able to be performed in time.

We are now expecting that the work will be carried out over summer 2013/14.

TURNING PERISHER BUSH WALKS INTO SKI RUNS

Your editor visit Perisher in June this year and, for someone used to seeing a totally white Valley, June was amazingly different as the Perisher snow guns changed the landscape from green to white.

Check out our address —
www.warrugang.com
and
[www.facebook.com/
WarrugangSkiClub](https://www.facebook.com/WarrugangSkiClub)



One minute you're on a carpet of snow and, the next, the lift takes you over green territory



Kids enjoyed the "pizza & chips" - (snowplough & straight) lessons

At night, Perisher turned on a light show with the larger snow guns having spotlights to highlight their presence. Try to ski under one when it's operating early morning or late evening and get your own snow-shower!

Perisher has invested heavily on snowmaking upgrades and cut regrowth so runs could be opened with less snow cover. At that, they've done well.

June was a surprisingly enjoyable time to visit Perisher. I suggest that you keep it in mind for a family & friends visit next year.



Fun at the White Spider in June

GREAT START TO THE SEASON—ONE DAY AT A TIME

In a typically tantalising Perisher way, May appeared to herald a fantastic season with great dumps of snow — and then followed up with warmer temperatures and rain.

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However, in the first week of the season, Perisher got Front Valley underway and made sufficient progress so that during the 2nd week, there was a most enjoyable run from mid-station through Goats Gully and down to the Quad chair.

A day later, Early Starter at Blue Cow got underway. The next day the Terminal Quad at Blue Cow was operating.

It was only 2 days later — at the start of the 3rd week — that Zali's made its debut; followed closely by Exceleator.

At one (probably more) stage, Perisher had 226 snow guns working.

True to the promise that Perisher made some years ago that you can come in July and ski Mount P, the Towers run started at the end of June.

Whether you're already booked in for a week or just thinking of filling one of our rapidly disappearing vacancies, you can check out the conditions any time through the web -

- * Snow cams— <http://www.perisher.com.au/weather-cams/cams.html>
- * Snow condition— <http://www.perisher.com.au/weather-cams/snow-conditions-reports/snow-report.html>
- * Lift reports— <http://www.perisher.com.au/weather-cams/snow-conditions-reports/lift-report.html>
- * Peter (Froggy) Taylor's Snowatch— <http://www.snowatch.com.au/>
- * The Grasshopper at Mountainwatch — <http://www.mountainwatch.com/>

And of course , you've got to visit Warrugang Ski Club to check-out the vacancies —
<http://www.warrugang.com/>



A great panorama shot of the Lodge at 43 Wheatley Road by Peter Hayes

UNLOCATED – ROBYN CLYANT

If you know the whereabouts of resigned member Robyn Clyant, please contact our treasurer Christine Jones.



Fresh fruit, snow and Bacardi. That's what makes Daiquiri Night with Steve (Slim) Hunter so much fun.

Will you be in the Lodge for Daiquiri Night in the week from Sunday 28 July?

DIRECTORS & OTHER OFFICERS 2013/14

If you've got a question, query or just a comment to make, please phone any one of us—

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Can you fill this space?

We need 2 directors, particularly to assist with Membership and Lodge Liaison. Please give Tim a call on 0411 800 214 to volunteer - we need you!

Assisting the Board—
Booking Officer:
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SOME HUMOUR

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon.

Four worms were placed into four separate jars—

- ❄ The first worm was put into a container of alcohol.
- ❄ The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.
- ❄ The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.
- ❄ The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results—

- ❄ The first worm in alcohol dead.
- ❄ The second worm in cigarette smoke . . . also dead.
- ❄ Third worm in chocolate syrup deceased as well.
- ❄ Fourth worm in good clean soil Alive!

So the Minister asked the congregation, "What did you learn from this?"

Maxine was sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said . . .

"As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"



Len "Full Tilt" Reed, Ellis Gentle & Peter Hayes enjoying the piste in 2012

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