

WARRUGANG News



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IT'S EASY

We've had snow already - and Perisher has fired up the snowguns.

Vacancies and tariffs are on the [Warrugang website](#) now so that you can easily look up the list without bothering the booking officer e.g., if any friends are looking for a place or you suddenly find you have a free couple of days ourselves. The booking form is easy to use, and you can email it.

And if you don't have internet access, just call Kerry McEwan on (02) 9997 7446.

DIRECTORS 2010

At the AGM on 7 May, the following were elected as directors—

- * Carl Banning
- * Tim Doubleday
- * Peter Funnell
- * Chris Jones
- * Hugo Loneragan
- * Jenny Loxton.
- * Graham Priddle.

On the back page of this newsletter are portfolio and contact details.

GETTING READY FOR WINTER

This year's changes to the Lodge are mainly maintenance — the hidden but important things that need to be done—

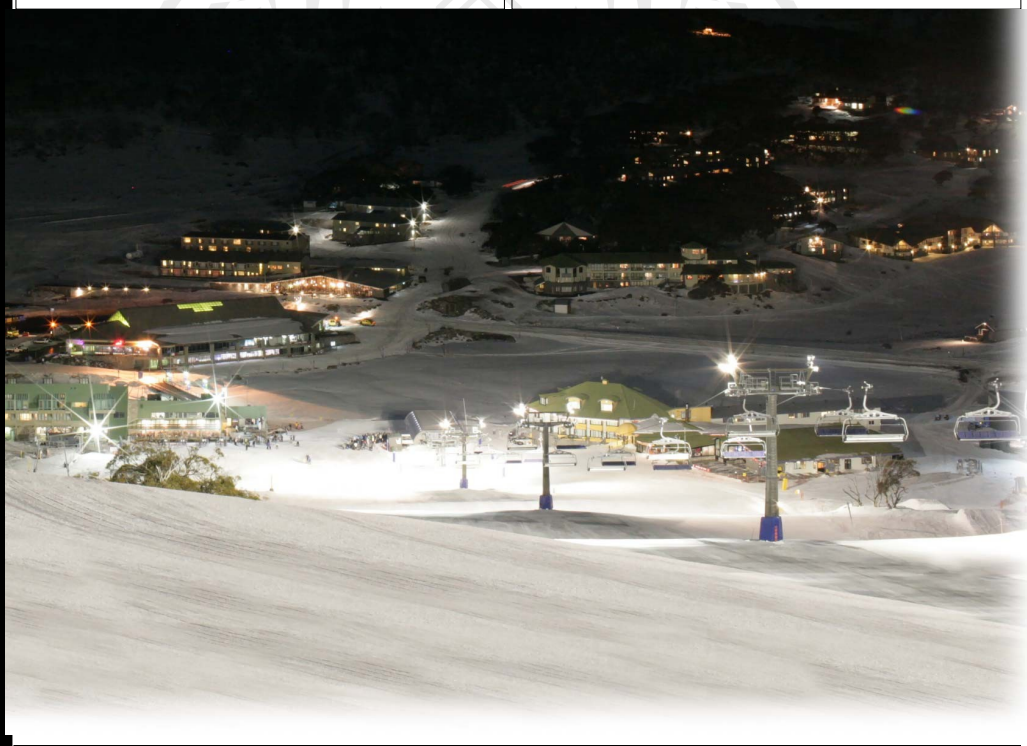
- * Thermostat regulation of the downstairs floor heating.
- * Testing & tagging all electrical appliances
- * Servicing the central heating furnace.
- * A safety self-assessment.
- * Chimney swept.
- * Some minor internal painting.
- * Carpets cleaned.
- * Waterproofing under the door to the balcony where rain has been entering.
- * Lampshades on all globes.

David and Cristina — and Vita — have already been at the Lodge preparing it.

As mentioned in the President's report, we haven't been able to achieve all we wished to do the new ski storage area will also have to wait until next summer.

So, it's going to be a busy summer, with plans to replace the cladding — and take advantage of the free scaffolding to do some external painting as well.

But, rest assured, Warrugang will be ready for you this winter!



For that weekend at Warrugang, try the Aeropelican flights to Snowy Mountains Airport at Cooma.

Aeropelican operates a fleet of BAE Jetstream 32 Turboprop aircraft and the new Snowy Mountains service will be operated using these aircraft.

The new service to Snowy Mountains Airport will commence on Friday 11th June 2010, with three return flights daily from Sydney to the Snowy Mountains Sunday-Friday, and two return flights on Saturdays during the winter months.

Visit the Aeropelican website for schedule details and to book your flight online from just \$129 each way and earn Qantas Frequent Flyer points as you go...

NORDIC SHELTER WORK PARTIES

NSW Snowsports Cross Country Committee has advised that their focus this summer has moved from the Nordic Shelter this summer, to the trails.

The Park has several areas supplied with new snow fence material, dropped off during the winter which was installed by NPWS staff, who also used a rock splitter targeting some rocks for removal.

Generally the work involved pole installation, coloured arrow attachment, general trimming of shrubberies and hazardous regrowth, rubbish collection around all the trails. require accommodation at the lodge.

AND BABY MAKES THREE

At the Lodge this year, we'll not only see David and Cristina, but also Vita who seems to have grown so much since her birth at the end of last season.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Following some suggestions at the last AGM, the Board is looking at having an early booking for school holidays from next year, and will be reviewing the three 5 day "weeks" of this year.

Don Barnes is seeking photos which illustrate the history of Warrugang - photos of lodge managers, people mentioned in the Newsletters, of incidents or which show what skiing was like.

Please include with the photos, the year, the photographer (if known), names of people in the photo and any relevant story.

Send photos to him at 1 Little Wonga Road, Cremorne 2090.

He will scan them and return them promptly. He can scan prints and slides.

SKATING RINK FOR JINDABYNE

There's a new winter attraction this year with the arrival of a fun skating rink at the Jindabyne Bowling & Sports Club overlooking picturesque Lake Jindabyne and the Snowy Mountains.

The advertising blurb says that kids, along with big kids that resemble parents, will be able to skate, loop, spin and perhaps even impress us with triple axels at this new outdoor facility.

While headlined as an "Ice Skating Rink", the "ice is an ice-like synthetic surface called Super-Glide that has been developed in Canada and the USA.

Open from 12 June to 13 October, group and party skating sessions from 9.30am - 11am and public skating sessions from 11am - 9pm Daily.

Cost: Adults \$10; Child/Student \$8 (17 and under); Family \$30 - Skate hire included.

THE HAPPY HUT

You may recall seeing a disused stone hut near the base of the Happy Valley T-Bar — and recall that there was a time when you could have a hot chocolate and a snack there.

It closed down some years ago due to concerns over the water supply, but that has been rectified and is to reopen this year. You'll be able to try their delicious German gourmet sausages, soups, pastries and hot & cold drinks right on the slopes, meaning you'll have more time on the snow.



SEASON FORECAST

The well respected snow-forecaster, "Froggy" Taylor from snowwatch.com has issued his prediction for the 2010 season—

"I can say that June and July are pointing towards being wetter than normal with El Nino weakening. I see snowfalls mixed in with some showers before the temps drop slightly at the end June and we start to see colder nights and the likelihood of heavier snowfalls increase dramatically in early July. I think July could one of the best for some time.

Bureau forecasts suggest August being drier than normal but I don't see this as a problem with temps remaining cold enough for long periods so the snowmakers can keep the cover fresh. I still see some good snowfalls in August that should see the depth increase. September should be a lot like 2009 with periods of warm sunny days mixed in with a couple of nice falls of snow that should keep the cover decent enough to have skiing and boarding continuing up to the closing weekend."

IS THERE SPACE AT THE LODGE THIS YEAR?

There is at the moment, but now that winter has set in, don't expect that to last.

There is some space in the first 5 days of the school holidays — from 3 to 7 July and, as usual, there is accommodation between the end of the school holidays and the start of peak season—even though the rate is discounted. That's a great time to go!

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As usual, the peak season is filling fast but, surprisingly, there is a whole week, starting 22 August, that is quite free.

The September family time is also relatively unbooked, but that changes as the season progresses.

As always, get in quick.

You can check warrugang.com for vacancies or call Kerry on (02) 9997 7446 or SMS to 0417 488 870.

Email to

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HUMOUR — Brilliant Exam Answers

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?

He started a craze in bicycles.

What do Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?

Unusual names.

Name one of the Romans' greatest achievements.

Learning to speak Latin.

Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?

At the bottom.

What happens to a boy during puberty?

He says goodbye to his childhood and enters adultery.

What is a fibula?

A little lie.

Explain the term "free press".

When your mum irons trousers for you.

Why could living close to a mobile phone mast cause ill health?

You might walk into it.

Joanna works in an office. Her computer is a stand-alone system. What is a stand-alone computer system?

It doesn't come with a chair.

The race of people known as Malays come from which country?

Malaria.

What was Hitler's first name?

Heil.

Steve is driving his car at 20 meters per second and the speed limit is 60 kph.

Is Steve speeding?

He could find out by checking his speedometer.