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First snow of the 2007 season—last week of May
Photo by Cameron & Emma

Wireless ISP in Perisher Valley



For those who would like access to the internet via a wireless connection (wireless MODEM), Perisher Valley is connected. You will need to check with your own ISP if they service Perisher Valley. Perisher Valley has its own exchange, so if you're searching or making an enquiry, just say "Perisher Valley exchange" - the post code is 2624.

Some Ullr Lodge members/guests have been accessing the internet via their own ISP since winter 2006, so it works.

Please remember Lodge protocols for laptops and mobiles phones - you are welcome to use them, but not to inconvenience other guests when doing so.

The gallery of course, with the coffee table, is a handy spot if you need to spread a few papers around or entertain a friend or two while using the laptop.



From our Winter Managers

TONGARIRO CIRCUS:

IT'S A CHALLENGE, AN ADVENTURE, AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE



Advertised as the best day walk in New Zealand and the location of “Lord of the Rings” Mordor, how could we resist....

We were well prepared having just paddled 5 days on the Wanganui River in a Canadian canoe and hiked the muddy bog around Mt Taranaki for over 4 long wet days. So pack on back, boots on feet we bussed out to Tongariro on the earliest shuttle in an effort to avoid the crowds.

There's a mad dash from the starting point as many a keen traveller angles to be the first to reach the summit, the views of which are quite spectacular and certainly worth the effort.

Up to 1,000 people do this tramp everyday. There's a couple of great leg burning ascents and a descent that's akin to a powder day on Towers. There's the Blue Lakes, steaming sulphur and volcanic colours to astound.

You can detour to summit another volcano, Ngaruahoe

or just move off the path to enjoy some solitude. There's people running, meandering, struggling and some who look completely oblivious to the surroundings.

Then before you know it, we're at the lodge before the final descent and as we've planned to stay here the night we have nothing to do but get prime seats on the deck and watch the passing parade. This is where the fun begins as we are passed by a man in a business suit and a young boy carrying an enormous bag of choc chip cookies? Next a young guy in thongs and a group of Swedish girls in hot pants and boob tubes, followed by an elderly Japanese lady in tartan knickerbockers and matching socks.

We giggled for hours but the truth is we'd all had a fabulous day in the great outdoors.

We are very excited to be joining you all at Ullr this year and here's hoping for snow.

Emma and Cam



From the Very Hard Working Editor!

We are very interested in publishing articles or just a good photo from members and friends of Ullr lodge. This is what the newsletter forum is for, to disseminate information, keep you informed of what is happening within Perisher Valley, and outside the valley, that may have an impact on the Lodge and, of course, you. And to keep you abreast of what is happening with the lodge inside and outside. So, please support your newsletter and keep the contributions rolling in. If you are taking photos when you're at the Lodge this winter, please email some of the best ones so we may publish them and post the best on our web site, thank you.

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Please send photos as jpegs and text in Word

PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS IF THEY HAVE CHANGED

Pre-Season April Working Bee

Just a few of the jobs completed:

- General outside & inside clean up
- Summer 06-07 maintenance works inspected
- Summer 07-08 maintenance report drafted
- Fire, Health and Safety Audit Report compliance works inspected
- Snow Gum seedlings tended to (8 out of 13 looking chipper)
- Audit of Ski & Boot lockers
- Two coats of oil on the deck
- Copper fire hood polished (to within an inch of its life)
- Cool room door painted
- Drying room and boot room doors painted
- Fire wood split (lots of)

- Carpet report drafted
- Hair dryers cleaned
- Heaps of fun

Yes, we all had time for a lot of fun. It's a great weekend and it is very rewarding working on your own Ski Lodge.

The next working bee will be a weekend in late October. So, please pencil this in and come and join in the fun



Next year's wood



Planting—Regeneration



Snowy Mountains in autumn



Ready set—Bert



Lynn doing it right



Merilynne—painting prep



What a gal—Merilynne



Work hard—party hard



Lynn—giving the hood a mirror finish



Oiling deck—Bert



And the beat goes on...



Member Profile

Tony and Stephanie Bull

I applied to join Ullr in, I believe, 1970. I was informed that my application was subject to a grilling by the Board, to ensure that I was not of unsavoury bent. The grilling took place in Ricci Eaton's offices in Castle-eagh Street, and was surprisingly belligerent. However, I passed muster and the grillers – Ricci, Ben Ericksson and the amiable Stephen Scott snr – welcomed me aboard. I next had to fork out the formidable sum of \$500 for shares – a sum so formidable in those days that I had to take out a personal loan.

It has been, for both Stephanie and I, a love affair ever since. Indeed, so strong has been the attachment, that we are one of the very few – if not the only ones – to have booked a week at Ullr every year since 1970 – some thirty-seven years.

For the last ten years or so we have been coming to Ullr with John Stevenson's Queensland mob, together with

Ullr's pseudo member, John Richards. No, we don't play Bombers any more, or indulge in any of Ullr's more overt activities of the past, like we used to. But occasionally we let the roof down.

We'll be keeping up that tradition as long as we can still put on a pair of skis.



Tony and Stephanie
in Furano, Japan 2007

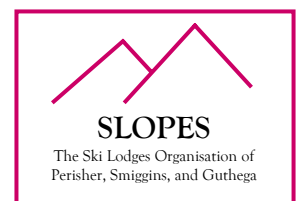
A New Address

Well, it's official. Ullr Lodge has a new address and our access road has been named "**Porcupine Road**". We do not have a number, just "**Porcupine Road**" seventy metres past the right hand bend, on the left. Why Porcupine? Well the road takes you to the landmark "Porcupine Rocks". Our web site has been updated to reflect our new address. So when giving directions it's just up the Porcupine (Porky).

Notice is hereby given that the Department of Environment & Conservation (DEC), in pursuance of Section 162 of the abovementioned Act, proposes to name the roads in the Ski Resort Villages of Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes & Guthega shown hereunder:

Maps showing the proposed road naming locations may be viewed on the DEC website at: www.environment.nsw.gov.au or at the Snowy Region Visitor Centre, Kosciuszko Rd, Jindabyne NSW 2627.

Village	Proposed Name	Location
Perisher Valley	Porcupine Road	From the Kosciuszko Road to the Swagman Lodge





Helmets

Helmets may make a difference in reducing or preventing head injuries. Many skiers and snowboarders are choosing to wear them. However, helmets do have limits and users need to be aware that wearing a helmet does not eliminate the risk of head injury. In addition to offering an added degree of protection, snow sports helmets are now designed to be lightweight, comfortable, warm and fashionable.

Snow sports helmets are insulated for cold weather and provide better coverage and impact protection than other sports helmets, such as bicycle helmets. Be sure that the helmet you choose meets current recognised snow sport helmet design standards.

There is no substitute for responsible behaviour on the slopes. Adhere to the Alpine Responsibility Code and consider wearing a helmet. It's a smart idea. For more information, try www.ski patrol.org.au or www.lidsonkids.org or www.asaa.org.au.

Stay "Safe in the Snow" with "SnowSafe's Alpine Responsibility Code" rule number 1:

"Know your ability and always stay in control and be able to stop and avoid other people and objects. It is your responsibility to stay in control on the ground and in the air."

Know and observe the code it's your responsibility and have a great snow fun.



"Lids on Kids"



2007 New Ski Patrol Uniforms

Perisher Blue Resort management have decided to change their Ski Patroller uniforms from the current black / yellow to the international standard, red / white commencing the 2007 winter season. Perisher Blue Resort management requested the Volunteer Ski Patrol also adopt the new uniform and expressed the importance to the Resort and to the skiers and snowboarders of having both the paid and volunteer ski patrols in the same uniforms, portraying the one patrol.

The following summarises the advantages of changing uniforms:

- The red jackets with a white cross are internationally recognised as Ski Patrol uniforms.
- Some of the Victorian resorts and Thredbo have already made the change to the red and white jackets.
- The red jackets increase the Ski Patroller's visibility on the mountain. They are more easily recognised from a distance





What's New in the Lodge this Season



Following the drive to the Lodge this season and on your arrival, you will notice a number of changes; the original blue print design drawing of the Lodge has been framed and is now hanging on the first landing of the stair case. The framing and preservation of the blue print was completed by an accredited framing and art restoration company that does work for the NSW Art Gallery.

The Drying Room rubber matt flooring has been completed. The Cool Room, Drying Room and the Boot Room entrance doors have been painted. A new stereo CD Audio System has been purchased and is now playing loud and clear at the Lodge. We have one new stair from the dining room area down to the lounge room area. The internal stair case balustrades have been remodelled. The Cowl on top of the boiler flue stack has been reinstalled and riveted in place. The installation of the dishwasher has been modified. All power boards in the Lodge have been replaced with easy accessible power points. Adjustable light timers have been installed in the Entrance Room, Drying Room and the Boot Changing Room.

When you're in the Lodge summer or winter and see something that needs attention or needs to be fixed or replaced, please email the editor so we can put it on the "to do list". It is your Lodge, so help us to look after the Lodge, thank you.

A Postcard from Belinda & Mick



How is everyone?

Now for the next update on our travels. After leaving the French Alps we headed for Paris by bullet train. What an amazing place. It is such a creative/artistic city with lots to do. We spent 6 days there and still didn't see everything. We did all of the touristy things possible. We spent a whole day in the Louvre and that was mind-blowing. Went to the top of l'Arc de Triomphe, at peak hour to see the craziness at the roundabout. Tried frogs legs at the Budda Bar, went to the modern art museum, Picasso's museum, Napoleon's Tomb, the Concierge and Asian arts museum, Mont Martre district and artist markets, saw the Moulin Rouge, Notre Dame, Pantheon—where the theory of the pendulum proved the world is round, Sainte Chapelle and then we climbed the Eiffel Tower (it's very high).

We then caught the bullet train through the tunnel to London. We spent four nights in London. The first night we had Indian food and I got violently ill and missed Hyde Park and speakers corner on a Sunday. We caught the red buses around London, went to Buckingham Palace—the Queen forgot we were coming

and she was at Windsor Castle, went to the museum, Westminster, Big Ben— basically made our way around the monopoly board. We then realized we were running out of money and caught a bus to the "Cornish Coast".

We are now settling into a place called Newquay for the summer where we have jobs and a place to live with a crazy Welsh man who rents us rooms at his B&B. We are looking for a quieter place to live on the beach. I am waitressing in one of the big hotels overlooking the surf beach Fistral Bay. Mick is cheffing in a café/restaurant on Tolcarne beach. (We get pretty good tips over here).

Mick is braving the cold waters—10 degrees—in what the pommies call waves. Jamie Oliver has a restaurant here at Watergate Bay. So for now we will be working hard and saving as many pounds as we can. We plan to leave here at the end of September to see more of Europe before making our way back via Japan.

I will send some photos when I update ringo and mspace for you to check out. I haven't taken any of Newquay yet but they will come next update.

So for now all take care and keep in touch.

Love to you all

Belinda O'Day & Mick



Sheer Bliss



Sheer bliss at Hira-fu, late afternoon

For those who have not skied Japan, I'd thoroughly recommend it.

However the uphill transport leaves a little to be desired, by overseas standards. Although there are some gondolas, high-speed chairs and cable cars, many of the lifts are even more antiquated than all of the old relics at Perisher.

On the positive side, as well as the delightfully polite Japanese, the runs are reasonably long and uncluttered, although there are few challenging slopes.

To ski a foot or more of untracked powder without a soul in front of you or behind was a dream come true. Better still, there was a delightful absence of snowboarders, those that were there were highly skilled and mostly in the trees. We were blissfully free of that terrifying scream and scrape behind you that we know so well, never knowing if you are going to end up a cot-case.

Tony Bull



The best little ski lodge in Perisher Valley



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