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From the Chairman



Terry Hughes

The 2007 season is only weeks away. Our new Managers Emma and Cameron Allen will be at the Lodge in early June and are looking forward to providing another great season of wonderful cuisine and hospitality. Many of you met Emma and Cameron at the end of season function last November.

Another great night shared by 40 plus members and friends. As most of you know, Belinda and Michael have requested a year off to tour Europe, following on from their winter in Japan.

Bookings are looking good so please contact Doug or look at the Ullr website for availability and the 2007 rates, and book now to avoid disappointment. We are offering special deals for the early and late season periods.

We welcome new members Neil Murray and Michael Spillane.

We also welcome new members who have received their membership via transfers: Stephen Scott (senior)'s mem-

bership has transferred to grandson Joseph (Joe) Scott; and Ricky Eaton has transferred his membership to his son Crispian Eaton.

Jon Lillis and Bert Peters have resurrected the "Ullr Fun Working Bees". Members and Ullr Friends are encouraged to join in. Next meet is April 21/22. Call Jon on 0418 113 508 if you can make it.

National Parks conducted an extensive audit of all Lodges in the Valley, and the consequent demand for changes and upgrades has proved a demanding task. My thanks to Jon Lillis for his untiring efforts to find a resolve for the issues the Lodge has to address. A full update will be given at the AGM.

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 24, 2007. Please make a diary note and come and share some fellowship with other members. The new Share Certificates, designed by Sandra Blackburne, have been completed and will be issued at the AGM.

Here's to a great ski season and may the snow arrive timely and regularly throughout the season.

Terry



End of Season Dinner Party

The Dinner Party in November was very much enjoyed by all who attended if the noise of the chatter is any indication. The venue, "Vacca Bianca" in leafy Neutral Bay by the harbour, the friendly service, a delish menu, a glass of wine and the best company and friends, made this a special annual event.

We were saddened to say good bye to our managers Belinda & Michael and we all wished them well with their Japan and Europe travels. But, we all had the pleasure to meet and chat with Emma and Cameron our new winter managers for 2007. It was great to enjoy their company and welcome them to Ullr before the busyness of the 2007 winter season gets underway.



Emma and Cameron



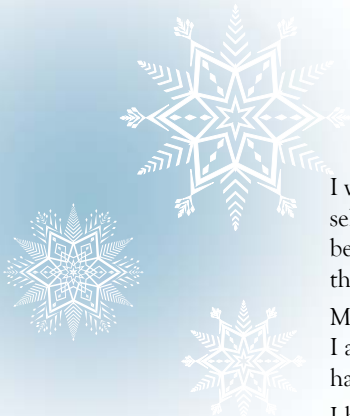
Bill; Richard and Elizabeth; Colin



Dom and Harley



Belinda and Michael; Tonya and David; Carol



New Members

I would like to introduce myself as a new member of what I believe is the best ski lodge on the slopes, Ullr lodge.

My name is Matthew Spillane, I am 42 years old, married and have three boys.

I have been happily married to my wife Sharon for 16 years. Luke came along first, 13 years ago, then Benn came in second who is 10 years old, and when the third boy popped by we ran out of boys names so we called him Matthew, who is now 7.

Yes, you could say they keep us both on our toes and yes our house is not very quiet, however our life is complete with our boys and they are growing up very fast into very special young men - it's great to watch.

I keep myself very busy with work and the family. Also we all love skiing, camping and play lots of sports.



Luke, Benn, Matthew, Michael & Sharon

Outside the fun zone I work for Colonial First State Global Asset Management as a Portfolio Manager, managing and buying industrial property within Australia.

However, whilst I love what I do, my family is the most important thing to me and life would be nothing without them, so I am always looking for the balance.

We all look forward to the many, many years ahead at Ullr lodge and already we feel very much a part of the big family you all are.

Thank you for having us. Matthew Spillane

Neil Murray

New member, Neil Murray, and his family are also looking forward to plenty of snow and happy days at Ullr!



New Member Neil Murray's children

Associate Member

Ullr holds a special place in my heart. From since I can remember (Mum tells me I was three years old), I have spent many weeks over the last 30 years down at Ullr during each ski season. When I look back at my experiences at Ullr there are just so many great memories. Every year I would look forward to our skiing trip so much (and still do!) and every year would never want to leave to come home after our week at the snow.

Ullr has such a unique atmosphere that is hard to duplicate anywhere else. The lodge is filled with great memories for me, from enjoying one of Bauxi's great meals after a big day skiing to retiring upstairs to the kid's area (what used to be anyway) to play games until the adults sent us to bed which was usually late...! The stories we

used to tell each other after a day's skiing, the false tales of how Olympic is no challenge. I loved the big fireplace and the fires Pepi would set each night – there is nothing like the smell of the wood fire.

I always look forward to skiing across the valley to get stuck into the next day's skiing. It's the walk back that can be tough after pushing yourself to the limit on the slopes all day. Nowadays I look forward to the beer that awaits at the lodge and being fed a fantastic hearty meal – just what is needed after a long day's skiing. I look forward to many more fantastic holidays at Ullr and hope to see old and new friends at Ullr in 2007!

Ben Baille

Lodge Bookings

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Contributions to Bullrtin

Please send photos as jpegs and text in Word

PLEASE REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS IF THEY HAVE CHANGED

Judy Lynne's Swiss Apartment



The delightful, one bedroom apartment is on the second floor of the 'Asters' Chalet in the Swiss ski village of Anzere, located 'up' from Sion (the Rhone Valley) in the Alps. (Next mountain over is Crans Montana, quite a famous ski village but outrageously expensive!) The sofa in the living room is also a pull out bed should 4 people wish to use the apartment. The apartment is fully furnished with an open plan kitchen and dining area with living area, including a fireplace, complete with a balcony. The bathroom has a full bath and shower. Clothes washing facilities are available in the building.

The good news, you can ski from the front door down to the telecabine, and at the end of the day, ski down from the top of the mountain onto the road, back to the front door. There is a 'ski room' for storage of your skis on the ground floor. Ski Village with shops and

restaurants is a 5 minute walk.

You can fly to Geneva, take a train direct to Sion, and take a bus up to the village from the train station. You don't really need to rent a car. The price is right by booking direct with Judy Lynne on judy.peter@balloonaloft.com

Note: Judy owns Balloon Aloft, and spends her summers in the Hunter Valley flying hot air balloons. She spends her Australian winters in Europe walking the Alps (sort of an endless summer). But that means her apartment is vacant during the Alpine Ski Season.

Note: the telecabine comes right past the building. Double glazed windows means you can't hear it, nor can they see in.

Judy Lynne & Peter Vizzard



Judy taking in the valley view



The valley view



End of Season November Working Bee

The Bees had a very successful working weekend. The Deck was oiled with one coat, but it will need another two coats, to be completed during the pre-ski season, April Working Bee. The Deck came up really well with just one coat, so with another two coats it will look just like "a bought one". Merilynne painted the new Cool Room door and its frame with two coats. There's no need for more coats of paint when Merilynne's on the end of the brush, and it looks very smart indeed. There was also a lot of chopping from Ray's corner; the firewood drying room is "chockers". And we still have enough wood in our outside stockpile for two more seasons, following the Bees' initiative to recycle the timber from NPWS-approved felled trees on the site. That's a saving of around \$1,500 per season for the Lodge. Bert meanwhile completed a

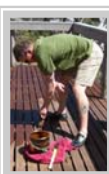
comprehensive inspection and maintenance report on the Lodge.

Just some of the jobs completed:

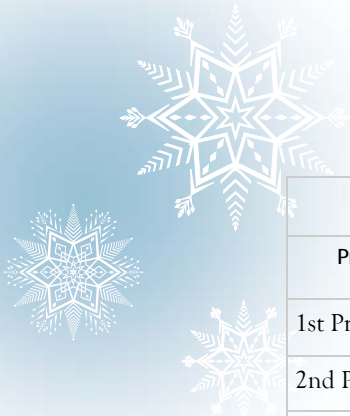
- General outside & inside clean up
- Detailed maintenance report completed
- Fire, Health and Safety Audit report reviewed
- Snow Gum seedlings tended to and shrubs planted
- Original Ken Woolley Lodge blueprint (now framed) hung
- Audit of ski and boot lockers
- Install new key rack
- Lodge logo hung on boot change-room door

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

So, please email Jonathan Lillis (details p.6) to enrol for the April 21-22 working bee..



Left to Right: Bert—Maintenance Report
Merilynne—Girls just want to have fun
Pepi & Bauxi—the catch of the day
Ray—a chip off a good block
Ray—a hard man to stop
Spring time in the Snowy Mountains



Perisher Ski Patrol



2006 Raffle Results		
Prize	Name	Ticket Number
1st Prize	Steven London	14767
2nd Prize	Renae Edwards	11547
3rd Prize	Rod TodHunter	12284
4th Prize	Kerrin Higgs	747
5th Prize	Matt Langer	10361
6th Prize	Malcom Gutcher	12087

The raffle results were also published in the public notices section of the *Sydney Morning Herald* Monday 23 October.

The Perisher Volunteer Ski Patrol would like to thank you for your continuing support.

Stay “Safe in the Snow” with “Snowsafe’s Alpine Responsibility Code” rule number 7:

Observe and obey all signs and warnings. Keep off closed trails or runs and out of closed areas.

Know and observe the code: it’s your responsibility, and have great fun in the snow.

Perisher Blue Year Round Resort One Step Closer



Perisher Blue has announced the creation of a true four-season alpine resort is one step closer, welcoming the approval of the Perisher Village Concept Plan.

NSW Planning Minister Frank Sartor made the announcement, allowing Perisher Blue to move to the next stage in the process.

Perisher Blue Chief Executive Officer, Peter Brulisauer, said the Concept Plan is for a Village Centre including a pedestrian plaza, shops, restaurants and bars, recreation facilities and accommodation to be built on part of the area currently used as an open air car park in Perisher Valley.

“A village centre for Perisher Valley has been talked about since the first ski lifts were installed in the mid 1900’s. Skiers and non-skiing visitors, day-trippers and people staying in lodges dotted around the resort and in the new village will all benefit from the development,” Mr Brulisauer said.

“We want to provide world class alpine resort facilities for both summer and winter while minimising the environmental impact. The Perisher Village will provide visitors with a sustainable platform from which Australians can better appreciate and understand the natural and cultural values of the Park,” Mr Brulisauer added.

Full details and drawings of the Perisher Village Concept Plan can be found at:

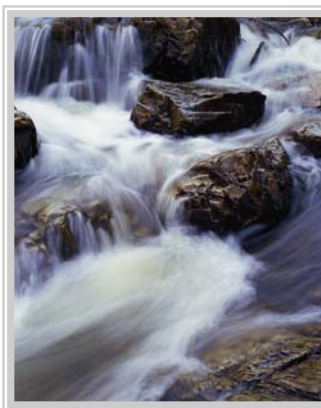
http://www.perisherblue.com.au/winter/info/pdf/vision_broc.pdf

http://www.perisherblue.com.au/winter/mountainresort/village_map.html

Water! Water! And Water!



Water meters were installed in all Lodges in Perisher by our Lessor NPWS in 2003. The reasons, of course, are obvious: to meter the amount of water we use and to charge us for it. Please have a browse of the table below for rates and charges. For those with an eye for detail, you will very quickly pick up two things:



One, we get charged for water we use and the sewerage going out. How does NPWS measure the sewerage? They multiply the metered water usage by two. What comes in must go out.

And two, we pay about seven (yes 7) times what Sydney-siders pay for water.

Leaseholder Charge	Units	Price per unit Nominal
Municipal services operating charge	Per bed per annum	\$130
Municipal services capital charge	Per bed per annum	\$171
Water usage charge	Per kL	\$3.50
Water fixed charge		
25mm	Per connection per year	\$1,401
32mm	Per connection per year	\$2,296
40mm	Per connection per year	\$3,588
50mm	Per connection per year	\$5,606
80mm	Per connection per year	\$14,351
Sewerage usage charge	Per kL	\$3.50
Sewerage fixed charge		
25mm	Per connection per year	\$1,562
32mm	Per connection per year	\$2,559
40mm	Per connection per year	\$3,999
50mm	Per connection per year	\$6,248
80mm	Per connection per year	\$15,995

Note: From 1 July 2006 the rates should be increased each year to 2015 in accordance with the CPI plus 2.5%.

What does this mean for the Lodge? It means we need to reduce our water usage or we pay high rates and this increases every year. In 2006 the Lodge paid over \$2,600 in water and sewerage rates.

Be water-wise when staying at Ullr.

Maca's Stack



Mac Jacob in Vail 2007

Have you ever seen anyone having that much fun half buried in snow?

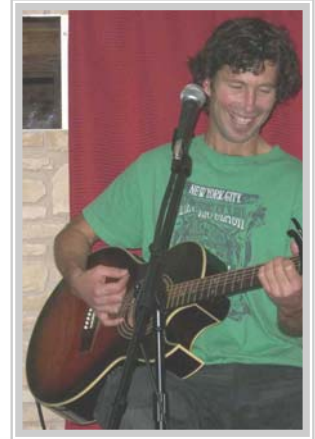


The “Gig”

If you were in Harifu this year and didn't get down to the Java Bar and hear Michael perform, well, you missed one of the best gigs in town. If you think Michael is good in the kitchen, you would have given him a six star rating on stage. When we see him again we must ask him to do a few numbers for us, he is excellent!



Belinda and Michael at the Java Bar



Michael on stage at the Java Bar

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