Dear Perisher Huette Members

WELCOME TO 2017

Bookings for Winter 2017

Escape the summer heat by starting to plan your winter visits to the Lodge now. Bookings for Winter 2017 open in just 1 week on **2 February**.

Lodge News

Peter and Judy are returning as lodge managers this winter. Peter and Judy did a fantastic job as lodge managers and the committee is delighted that they are returning.

Members and guests can look forward to enjoying Judy's famous **gluhwein and cheese** nights each week.

We will also be celebrating **Christmas in July** with festivities and Christmas cheer abounding. Look forward to a Christmas tree & decorations, Christmas cake, snowmen, games and activities.

Over Winter we will be trialling a "**ski collection**" service. For a small fee skis can be left at the Bridge in our skidoo trailer and will be brought back by Peter. This should be well received by those long suffering Dads who haul multiple pairs of skis up the hill at the end of the day. Please note this is a trial and is dependant on demand and conditions.

Last winter Peter & Judy took a number of groups on short cross-country **ski tours** around the South Perisher area. These proved to be popular and will be available again by direct arrangement. This is a labour of love (and not part of the managers formal role.) Cross country gear is available for use at any time by members and guests at no cost.

Lodge Upgrades

We undertook a major refurbishment to the lodge last year. More modest enhancements over this summer include:

- improvements to the games room with the purchase of a foosball table, an air hockey table and magnetic dart board
- refurbishment of the manager's flat
- tweaking of the improvements to the laundry, ski room and ski tuning area.

Summer Holidays

Pleasingly, summer use of the lodge is becoming increasingly popular with members. The Christmas week was fully booked. Christmas fare, mountain walks, fishing and mountain bike riding made for a great week. The lodge will be full over the Australia Day long weekend.

Please think about booking a visit to the lodge over the coming **Easter and April school holidays**.

Mountain bike enthusiasts will be keen to ride the new trail between Thredbo and the Lake Crackenback resort. A shuttle service is available between the two for \$10. A visit to the Wild Brumby distillery for coffee, schnapps and cake is a must.

Future Lodge Managers

The appointment of Perisher members as lodge managers has proven to be a great success. Members who might be interested in being lodge managers in 2018 and beyond are invited to express their interest.

In addition, the committee is exploring appointing lodge managers over parts of summer. The approximate dates would be mid December – end January and the April school holidays/Easter.

If you are interested in either opportunity please contact me (sueandroland@gmail.com)

I look forward to seeing you at the Lodge.

Yours faithfully

Roland Everingham Chairman AAC Perisher