



Snow Country Snippets

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Welcome to the fourth *Snow Country Snippets* for 2016.....

If you have any Club related news or ski holiday pics, please send them to the above email address and we'll include in an upcoming newsletter.

2016 Special General Meeting

As outlined in the last newsletter a special general meeting is to be held on **SUNDAY, October 16 at 3pm** for members to discuss and vote on the options to finance the required building works that will sustain Smiggins Lodge for another 50 years.

The Building Committee will provide an update on the Smiggins Building Project and discussion around the recommended options for financing the proposed building works will follow.

We look forward to as many members as possible being able to attend and having input into the approach we take that will sustain the lodge for future decades.

What : Snow Country - Special General Meeting
When : Sunday October 16
Time: 3pm
Where : Georges River Sailing Club, Sanoni St, Sandringham

SLOPES - Committee

Congratulations to Snow Country member, **Lucille Back**, who has been appointed to the SLOPES Board.

SLOPES (Ski Lodges of Perisher, Smiggins and Guthega) is the lobby group that represents us and other lodges in matters such as the current KNP Governance and Capacity reviews by OEH and NPWS, as well as coordinating group purchasing of insurances etc.

Thanks for taking on this role Lucille at a very important time for all lodges in the Perisher/Smiggins/Guthega areas.

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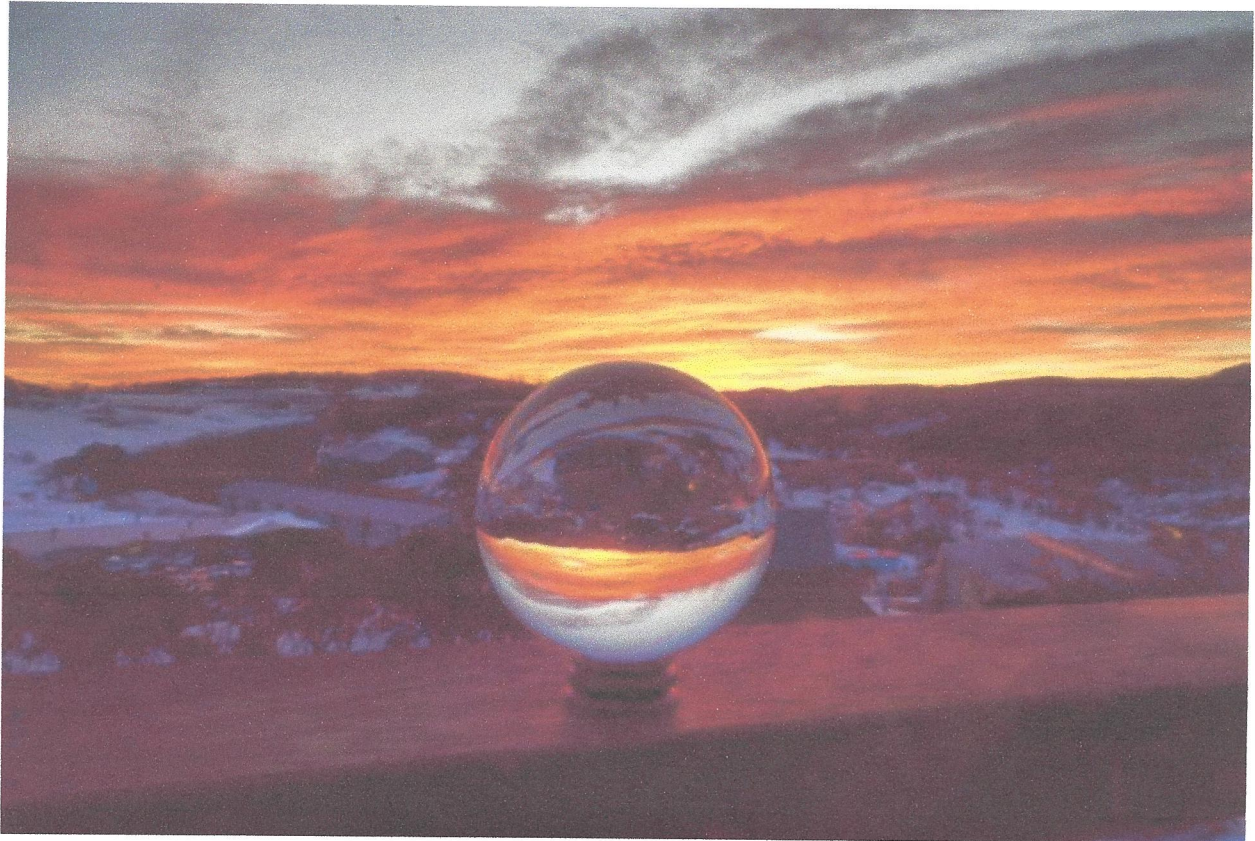
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Congratulations

Congratulations to Theresa Ockenden who's wonderful photo, taken from the Smiggins Lodge balcony, has won a television photography competition. See Theresa's story and photo below....**congratulations Theresa !**

"On a recent Smiggins stay, I was fortunate to photograph this sunrise from the lodge balcony. It was freezing being out early in the morning before most people were up and about. I submitted it to Channel Ten's Eyewitness News' Daily Bailey weather segment. It was featured that same night on the news. Unbeknown to me though, the photo was also put into a prize for a 6 nights all expense paid Cook Island holiday. Tim Bailey announced my photo as the winner last week. So, now I'm making arrangements to go to the Cook Islands. I'm taking my crystal ball with me....maybe it'll 'tell me' when a lovely sunrise will be happening over the azure South Pacific waters."



Smiggins Lodge Managers

After a smooth transition to Snow Country this year, the Board is delighted to advise that **Kim and Mike Collingham** will be returning as Smiggins Lodge Managers again next season. Will be great to have Kim and Mike on board again in 2017 !

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Smiggins Bowl - Sept 17 & 18

Congratulations to those members who represented Snow Country at the Smiggins Bowl and thanks to David Winfield who coordinated the 'Bowl team. Full results will be included in the next newsletter.

WORK PARTY – OCTOBER 2016 & Reminder - Smiggins LOFT

David Bartley is scheduling a work party for **Saturday, October 29**. Plan is to stay at Smiggins Lodge on Fri night, complete most on Saturday and get away Sat. evening or on Sunday morning.

Helping hands are required for the following tasks:

MANAGERS FLAT

- Clean and seal tiles inside entry

LODGE

- Clean out attic, take stuff to the tip or distribute to work party members
- Check what is needed to repair sealing around kitchen door at next work party
- CANADA bring stud finder. Fit GPO near desk for chargers (connect to one on other side of wall)
- Paint underneath of bunks with white paint
- Check safety rails on all top bunks for looseness
- Oil any squeaky door hinges

OUTSIDE LODGE

- Slash grass
- Clean dish drain around rear of lodge
- Plan repair of gutter hanging off rear roof, for next work party

Dave's numbers is 0437 608 838 ; please contact him if you can assist

PLEASE TAKE NOTE, the storage loft (or attic) in Smiggins Lodge will be cleaned out at the Work Party. Any items remaining in the attic at the end of the season will be "donated".

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Vail to buy Whistler Blackcomb

Vail Resorts, owner of Perisher Range Resorts, has announced it is buying Whistler Blackcomb resort in Canada. It is expected that Whistler will be added to the resorts that the EPIC ski pass can be used for in season 2018.

It is also expected that Vail will be investing in improved snow making facilities at Smiggins. This will be great for Snow Country members extending the seasons at Smiggins and hopefully allowing ski in / ski out for a longer period.

KNP - No Smoking in the Park

NPWS have advised that smoking is now banned in the Kosciuszko National Park, except for leased areas (e.g. lodges). SCSC Smiggins Lodge is a smoke-free lodge with smoking permitted in the immediate areas outside the lodge.

Best Wishes

Best wishes to President **Gavin Boyd** and his fiancée **Lisa Thompson** who will be married on Saturday, Sept 24 before honeymooning in North America.

Congratulations to you both.. we hope you have a wonderful day, save travels and a lifetime of wedded bliss !

Important Dates for the Diary - 2016

Special General Meeting	16 October
Snow Country End of Season Function	13 November <i>PLEASE NOTE – THIS DATE HAS CHANGED FROM LAST NEWSLETTER</i>
End of 2016 Season SMIGGINS WORK PARTY	29 October

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