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Resort Round-up

A newsletter for the
resorts community of
Kosciuszko National Park

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Walking tracks update

Snowies alpine walk – Stage 4 update

Construction on the fourth stage of the Snowies Alpine Walk, between Perisher and Bullocks Flat in Kosciuszko National Park, recommenced in spring 2023 following the retreat of winter's snowfall.

The new 12 km section of the walk includes over 1.3 km of steel platforms, 1.5 km of rock paving, 700 rock steps, and benched natural surface track. The Perisher to Bullocks Flat track has been designed with consideration of environmental and cultural heritage values and at a sustainable grade to reduce erosion and enhance the visitor experience.

This fourth and final stage is due for completion in spring 2024 and will see the entire multi-day walk launched then.

The Snowies Alpine Walk is being constructed in 4 stages:

- Stage 1 – re-routing the Mount Lee section of the Main Range walk (now open)
- Stage 2 – Guthega to Charlotte Pass walk (now open)
- Stage 3 – Charlotte Pass to Perisher walk (now open)
- Stage 4 – Perisher to Bullocks Flat walk (under construction).

There's a lot of other work happening in the region so always check the [NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service \(NPWS\) alerts webpage](#) for the latest park closures and other important notifications. Things may also change day-to-day, especially as we undertake major upgrades to popular tracks such as the Mount Kosciuszko Summit walk so check in regularly to ensure you have the latest information.

Did you know?

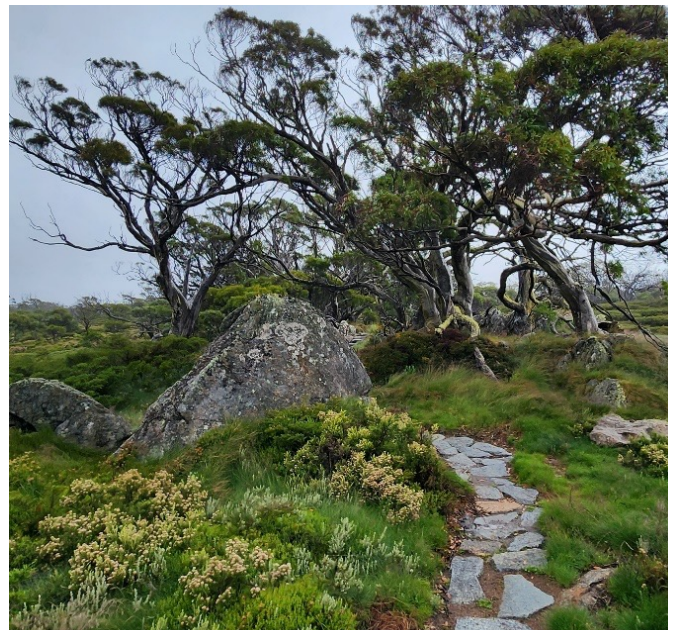
Most of the rock used for the paving and steps on the Snowies Alpine Walk has been sourced from a stockpile within Kosciuszko National Park, left over from the Snowy Scheme construction in the 1950s and 1960s.



Rock steps on the Perisher to Bullocks Flat walk.
Photo: A Cahill/DCCEEW



Perisher to Bullocks Flat Walk. Photo: A Cahill/DCCEEW



Rock paving on the Perisher to Bullocks Flat walk.
Photo: A Cahill/DCCEEW

Walking tracks update



Perisher to Bullocks Flat Walk along the Thredbo River. Photo: A Cahill/DCCEEW

Stage 4 of the Snowies Alpine Walk will form part of the world class 55 km multi-day walk experience. The construction of Stage 4 includes 11.4 km of new walking track, upgrades to car parking facilities and signage. The final stage will complement the first 3 stages in connecting the villages of Thredbo, Charlotte Pass, Guthega, Perisher and Bullocks Flat and will enhance tourism in the region.

Over 1.3 km of steel platform, including staircases and creek crossings, has been installed to protect sensitive habitats and traverse steep sections of the track. Construction is continuing on the track and rock steps, with crews walking up to 12 km per day to complete the most remote sections. A review of heritage values around the Bullocks Hut site is also being undertaken.

Construction commenced before winter at the Perisher track head and work is underway to upgrade the car parking, signage and other facilities for visitors. Car parking during these works will be limited, and some diversions around the construction site may be in place.

What else is being worked on?

- A new timber viewing platform overlooking Thredbo valley
- seating along the track
- distance totems and signage
- 15 new car parking spots with a turning circle and drop-off bay at the Perisher/Porcupine track head.

The final section of the Snowies Alpine Walk is due for completion in spring 2024. Please remember to always check [NPWS alerts](#) for the latest closure information and notifications before visiting Kosciuszko National Park.

This project is jointly funded by the Australian Government under the Regional Recovery Partnerships and the NSW Government to support existing plans and priorities within the regions. To find out more, please visit the [Regional Recovery Partnerships projects website](#).

Walking tracks update

Summer business opportunities

The Snowies Alpine Walk is nearing completion and the full 4-day walk will open in spring 2024.

If you have a café or shop in Guthega, Perisher or Charlotte Pass that will be open over the summer, let us know and we may include it in track information.

We encourage hotels and lodges to offer accommodation to walkers over the summer. We'll provide information about transport services providing track transfers later in the year. If you can accommodate groups, let us know and we'll tell the tour operators offering guided walks and shuttle transfers.

If you have any questions or want to update us on your plans, contact Kym Armstrong, kym.armstrong@environment.nsw.gov.au



The completed Snowies Alpine Walk will be open in Spring 2024.
Photo: A Cahill/DCCEEW

General walking tracks update

Construction of new and upgrades to existing walking tracks are continuing throughout Kosciusko National Park over the 2023-24 summer period. These works include:

- Improvements to the Summit Walk from Rawson Pass to the summit of Mount Kosciuszko, with the installation of over 600m of new stone paving and on ground steel mesh walking surface due for completion by April 2024. These upgrades have been designed with the specific objective of improving low mobility access to one of Australia's most iconic destinations.
- Upgrades to the Dead Horse Gap walking track, which will see close to 500m of the upper alpine section of the walk rebuilt.
- Over 150 new timber steps are being constructed along the Illawong Walk, with works to be completed in February 2024.
- Three new pedestrian bridges are being installed along the Thredbo River Walk, replacing those damaged by floods in 2021.
- Construction works at the Porcupine / Snowies Alpine Walk track head at Galaxia Place in Perisher, which will include a new day use carpark, vehicle turning circle, walker drop off area, and landscape rehabilitation.
- Completion of the Illawong / Snowies Alpine Walk track head at Guthega, which includes a new walker drop off area, vehicle turning circle, pedestrian paths and seating, and landscape rehabilitation.

To ensure you are not disappointed when venturing out on these wonderful walks, please check the [Alerts page on the NPWS website](#) for any track closures or delays while works are occurring.



The new low mobility access ramp leading to the top of Mt Kosciuszko. Photo: J Crawford / DCCEEW



The new, almost complete, Illawong and Snowies Alpine Walk track head. Photo: J Crawford / DCCEEW

Charlottes Pass update

Stillwell Hotel: Your snowy alpine haven for summer thrills!

As winter's frost gives way to the vibrant hues of summer, Stillwell Hotel emerges as the ultimate retreat in the snowy heart of the Australian Alps. Perched along the enchanting Snowies Alpine Walk leading to the awe-inspiring Mt. Kosciuszko, this cozy haven beckons all who seek a perfect blend of adventure and relaxation in the alpine wonderland.

With the summer sun casting its warm glow over the landscape, Stillwell Hotel is in the perfect location to enjoy the alpine environment. The Snowies Alpine Walk to Mt. Kosciuszko, as well as other notable walks, begin right at the hotel's doorstep, promising a journey through pristine landscapes and jaw-dropping vistas that redefine the essence of summer hiking.

The Snowies Alpine Walk provides a picturesque path through the mountains, with meandering trails adorned with wildflowers offering hikers of all levels a chance to experience the breathtaking beauty of the high country.

After a day of exploration, return to Stillwell Hotel to indulge in the warmth of alpine hospitality. The hotel's snug accommodations provide the perfect refuge to unwind, complete with views of the mountain peaks. Picture yourself sipping a cool drink on the outdoor terrace, swapping tales of the day's escapades with fellow adventurers as the sun sets behind the mountains.

Yet, what truly sets Stillwell Hotel apart is its status as the quintessential base for your summer adventures. Conveniently situated on the Snowies Alpine Walk, you can effortlessly embark on day trips to explore the surrounding wonders, including the iconic Mount Kosciuszko Summit and the magical Guthega to Charlotte Pass walk. The hotel's central location transforms it into the perfect hub for creating memories that will linger like the summer sunsets over the alpine peaks.

So, if you're in search of the perfect summer retreat where adventure meets relaxation, look no further than Stillwell Hotel at Charlotte Pass Snow Resort.



Rock hopping across the Snowy River is a wonderful way to start your summer hiking adventure up on the Main Range.
Photo: Charlotte Pass Resort

Perisher update

Perisher staff collect 973 kg of litter in annual clean-up day



Perisher staff collect litter from Front Valley. Photo: R Martin / Vail Resorts

Perisher staff joined together with the National Parks and Wildlife Services team in October to pick up litter from numerous locations around Australia’s largest ski resort, including Perisher Valley, Blue Cow, Smiggin Holes, Bullocks Flat, as well as at The Station in Jindabyne. The clean-up day happens annually following a busy ski season.

A total weight of 973kg was collected on the day, made up of 807 kg landfill items and 66kg recycling, with an additional estimate of approximately 100kg of bulk waste items (including tables, boogie boards, poles, assorted scrap metal and rubber mats).



Plastic water bottles made up the bulk of the recyclable items collected. Photo: R Martin / Vail Resorts

Rhia Martin, Vail Resorts Australia’s Environment Manager, expressed appreciation, saying: “It was heartening to see so many people working together to clean-up the environment after the season’s end. While we made a significant impact in a single day, I want to thank the Mountain Operations

team for working all season long to address litter. Our Health, Safety & Environment Officer Tilka Hassing also did a fantastic job sorting 170 bags of litter to salvage the recyclable items we collected on the day!”



Amy Slocombe (NPWS) and Rhia Martin (Vail Resorts) with a full skip bin of rubbish collected from on and around the ski slopes of Perisher Valley.

As part of Vail Resorts, Perisher has made an EpicPromise, which is built upon the promise of bringing together the mountain, our communities, employees, and guests to ignite a passion for the outdoors, conserve the natural environment and support our local communities for a bright sustainable future.

Sheri Mikus, Vail Resorts Australia’s Health, Safety & Environment Director, said “It’s always great to see such a massive effort by so many people on the Clean Up Day but what we’re hoping is that our guests will work with us next season to leave less litter on mountain and use our recycling and waste sorting stations to help us keep our mountain environment beautiful.”

For more information, visit perisher.com.au.

Selwyn update

Grand reopening

After a huge three year rebuild following its destruction in the 2020 bushfires, Selwyn Snow Resort finally reopened to the public in June 2023. Whilst the 2023 winter season didn't deliver the snow conditions everyone had hoped for, guests were still able to enjoy the new facilities during the shorter than usual winter season.

New South Wales Premier, the hon. Christopher Minns, opened the brand-new Selwyn Centre (housing all guest facilities and services, including ski & snowboard hire, enhanced food and drink offerings and improved toilet amenities) on Friday 21st July 2023. The premier was joined at the reopening event by NSW Government Ministers, Penny Sharpe, Tara Moriarty & Steve Whan.

"A big congratulations on this amazing triumph of re-opening Selwyn the peoples ski resort. It's an opportunity for families to come and enjoy this wonderful pastime", said Mr Minns.



Unveiling of Selwyn Centre plaque. Photo: Selwyn Snow Resort



Selwyn Management greeting NSW Premier Chris Minns & MP Steve Whan. Photo: Selwyn Snow Resort

Rehabilitation

The Selwyn team have focused on substantial rehab of the Selwyn environment following the bushfires. Efforts included sowing grass seeds and planting native trees in the lead up to Winter 2023. Rehabilitation areas are now flourishing with wildflowers and species following the recent heavy rainfall.

"It's wonderful to finally see native animals and greenery return to Selwyn after a tough few years following the destruction of habitats and the surrounding environment", said Lucy Blyton-Gray, Selwyn's General Manager.

Diesel heaters & hydrocarbons – What's the fuss?

Diesel heaters, offering respite against the winter chill in Kosciuszko National Park (KNP), prompt a necessary examination of the associated risks caused by hydrocarbons. Hydrocarbons, fundamental to fossil fuels like coal and petroleum, release energy when combusted but also generate by-products, posing potential health risks from air pollution and soil and groundwater contamination.

Working together towards best practice?

Until September 1, 2021, lodge operators in KNP were exempt from specific diesel heater requirements. Now, under new regulations, lodges still using diesel heaters with underground petroleum storage systems (UPSS) must employ a Fuel System Operation Plan (FSOP) to monitor potential contamination and respond to pollution incidents. Most lodges instead have opted to decommission their systems, removing the risk entirely. During this process, tanks are removed from the site or in rare instances are filled with an inert substance. Consultants are engaged to conduct studies and provide detailed reports, addressing any historical pollution that may be present at the site. Each report is based on a thorough investigation, involving soil sampling, laboratory analysis, and flora and fauna studies. Reviews by NPWS and Alpine Planning, to date, have found no issues of serious environmental contamination in relation to UPSS.

Finding balance

Balancing the desire for warmth and comfort with the commitment to environmental stewardship is crucial in safeguarding the park's natural beauty. By choosing sustainable heating options and embracing responsible practices, lodge operators have continued to contribute to the preservation of this unique alpine wilderness, helping the Snowy Mountains to remain an awe-inspiring destination for generations to come.



A decommissioned underground diesel tank. Image: A Clifford / DCCEEW

Thredbo update

Thredbo's Environment Week 2023

Article by Andy Mudge, Environmental Coordinator at Thredbo Resort

Every week is environment week for the dedicated staff working in Thredbo, but last July Thredbo hosted its annual Environment Week for guests. Designed to highlight the environmental efforts and initiatives taken by Thredbo Resort and share these with visitors and the wider community, Environment Week proved a great success once again.

With a packed schedule of events and communications, Environment Week kicked off on Monday 17 July with the annual "Tour to The Top"; a human-powered trip to the summit of Mt Kosciuszko (well, human-powered except for the initial chairlift ride which is powered by renewable electricity thanks to Thredbo's partnership with Red Energy). Throughout the bluebird touring day, the group of like-minded environmental enthusiasts discussed issues and ideas in the environment and sustainability scene.



Ski touring to the top of Australia's highest peak. Photo: Thredbo Resort

Across the week, Thredbo's marketing team set up an environmental-themed treasure hunt across the mountain and village, with clues about the location of the physical prizes from resort partner The North Face posted to social media alongside key environmental messaging. Each day, the prize location varied based on the theme, such as Thredbo Leisure Centre's solar array, Thredbo's food composting scheme, on-site tree planting, environmental rehabilitation and more.

Composting and its environmental benefits was Thursday's Environment Week theme of the day. To raise awareness among some of Thredbo's youngest snow school participants, two of Thredbo's Environmental Coordinators took some compost samples generated on-site to Thredboland for a show-and-tell session. The 'Thredbolanders' got involved with this education session, while the older 'Freeriders' received the information from their instructors. National Parks and Wildlife Service then joined in with the Kids Carnival in the afternoon, hosting

an interactive display featuring freshwater samples from Lake Crackenback and the Thredbo River. The kids and their parents had the chance to find macroinvertebrates and correlate their presence with the health of the two bodies of fresh water. Happily, the Thredbo River is in excellent health with some 10 out of 10 macroinvertebrate indicator species found.



Dr Geoff Wilson is planning a two-year carbon neutral adventure to Antarctica. Photo: Thredbo Resort

Environment Week closed out with Polar Explorer and Environmentalist Dr Geoff Wilson headlining an evening event. Geoff is an accomplished explorer, holding world records for the longest solo unsupported polar journey, the fastest unsupported crossing of Greenland, the fastest solo unsupported crossing of Antarctica and the first crossing of the Torres Strait by kiteboard, among others. His latest adventure is named Project Zero, a two-year adventure to Antarctica and beyond, aiming to produce net-zero carbon emissions all whilst being documented on film by the crew. His first-hand experiences seeing climate change in the most remote areas of the globe have driven him to undertake a net-zero emissions adventure in the name of changing human perceptions of how exploring can be accomplished.

The goal of Thredbo's Environment Week 2023 was to inform and educate guests and staff on all manner of environmental issues, challenges, and solutions. It is hoped that each person who came to an Environment Week event retained some piece of information to help them see the environment differently and potentially engage in further environmental advocacy in the years to come. Keep your eyes peeled for more information about Thredbo's next Environment Week - coming in July 2024...

Thredbo update

Thredbo takes out nominations and award wins for Winter 2023 and Environmental initiatives



Thredbo has won “Australia’s Best Ski Resort” for the 7th year. Photo: Thredbo Resort

Thredbo Resort is proud to announce that it has won ‘Australia’s Best Ski Resort’ at the 2023 World Ski Awards for the seventh consecutive year, as well as receiving the ‘Australia’s Best Ski Resort For Families’ award at the 2023 Out And About With Kids Awards for the sixth year in a row, and the ‘Best Australian Resort’ award at the 2023 Snowsports Industries of Australia Awards for the second year in a row. In addition to the winter awards, Thredbo is also incredibly proud to have received EarthCheck Gold Certification for the third year running and to have been nominated as one of four finalists for the Sustainable Tourism Award at the 2023 Banksia Foundation NSW Sustainability Awards supported by the NSW Government.

Thredbo General Manager, Stuart Diver said it is an honour that Thredbo has been awarded ‘Australia’s Best Ski Resort’ at the World Ski Awards for the seventh year in a row.

“Our premium business model continues to give Thredbo a leading edge, ensuring we remain at the forefront of the industry here in Australia and around the world. Our 2023 award wins are a result of the hard work of so many and we’re extremely grateful for the support of our community and the guests who choose to visit Thredbo each winter,” said Mr Diver.

As Australia’s Best Ski Resort, Thredbo makes significant upgrades every year to ensure each winter is better than the last and 2023 was no different with the resort introducing new events and experiences, boosting booking numbers for its hugely popular on-mountain experiences, debuting Australia’s newest ski lift, adding to the already significant snowmaking fleet plus lots more.

2023 World Ski Awards: Australia’s Best Ski Resort

Thredbo has been awarded ‘Australia’s Best Ski Resort’ for the seventh consecutive year at the 2023 World Ski Awards. The most prestigious awards program in the ski tourism industry, the World Ski Awards is the only global initiative to recognise, reward and celebrate excellence in ski tourism globally. Despite variable snow conditions this winter, this win reflects the world-class customer experience that Thredbo consistently delivered through its strong offering of unique on-mountain experiences, the country’s biggest winter events calendar and Australia’s best skiing and snowboarding.

2023 Out And About With Kids Readers’ Choice Awards: Australia’s Best Ski Resort For Families

Thredbo is proud to have taken out the title of ‘Australia’s Best Ski Resort For Families’ at the 2023 Out And About

Thredbo update



Australia's Best Ski Resort for Families. Photo: Thredbo Resort

With Kids Readers' Choice Awards for the sixth year in a row. Voted by Australian families, this win is a result of Thredbo's incredible family offering with its huge variety of snow terrain for all ages and abilities, Australia's only alpine gondola, one of the country's best snowsports schools, a dedicated beginner area and a massive line-up of family-friendly events.

2023 Snowsports Industries of Australia Awards: Best Australian Resort

At the tradeshow in October, SIA hosted the Snowsports Industries of Australia Awards, awarding Thredbo with the title of 'Australia's Best Ski Resort' for the second consecutive year.

Environmental Recognition And Awards

Alongside its incredible winter offering, Thredbo takes immense pride in its long list of environmental initiatives and embraces the opportunity to lead the industry and community towards a more sustainable future, today.

This focus on environment and sustainability has resulted in Thredbo being the first Australian snow resort to receive EarthCheck Gold certification in 2023 for the third year running. EarthCheck is the world's leading environmental certification and benchmarking program for the travel and tourism industry. The internationally recognised certification positions Thredbo a leader of sustainable alpine tourism destinations worldwide.

As the only ski resort to be nominated, Thredbo was also extremely proud to have been nominated as one of four finalists for the Sustainable Tourism Award at the 2023 Banksia Foundation NSW Sustainability Awards supported by the NSW Government. A celebration of sustainability and ingenuity, these awards recognise NSW individuals, communities, businesses and government for their innovation and excellence in environmental and social stewardship.

Australia's highest Return and Earn machine

Article by Joanna Lewandowska, Environmental Coordinator Kosciuszko Thredbo

In exciting news for all avid recyclers, Thredbo has officially become the first Alpine Resort in Australia to trial a Container Deposit Scheme machine. The Return and Earn TOMRA T70 machine is a compact, state-of-the-art machine that streamlines the recycling experience by accepting all qualifying beverage containers via a single chute, simplifying the process and allowing locals and tourists to contribute to the recycling economy – and reap the benefits!

The installation of the Return and Earn machine highlights the growing importance of responsible waste resource management state-wide, as well as Thredbo's commitment to sustainability in this sphere. The public's appetite for responsible recycling is apparent as in the first month of operation saw the machine collect almost 7,000 eligible containers. Looking forward, the Return and Earn trial aims to contribute to Thredbo's new Sustainability Goals which includes a 10% reduction of waste to landfill by 2026.

The machine is currently located at 9 Mowamba Place, Thredbo and operates from 8am to 8pm, seven days a week.

Note: Thredbo's Return and Earn location is accessible to pedestrians only; anyone requiring vehicle access or those with large quantities are encouraged to utilise the Return and Earn facilities in Jindabyne.

For comprehensive information regarding Return and Earn, be sure to visit www.returnandearn.org.au.



Turn empty drink bottles into cash at Thredbo's Return and Earn. Photo: Thredbo Resort

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BACK TO *Perisher*

EASTER 2024
30-31 MARCH



**DUCK SALES
OPEN @ 2PM**

DUCK RACE

Sat 30th Mar | 3:00pm | Perisher Creek

Will your duck be the 2024 Champion?
The great race returns for another year.
Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

KIDS SCAVENGER HUNT

FIRE & RESCUE OPEN DAY

FUN RUN

Australia's highest altitude Fun Run is back! 7km Return to Blue Cow.

Sat 30th March
9:30am start

Assemble north side of Perisher carpark.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

DISCOVERY WALK

Climb to Porcupine Rocks with a NPWS Discovery Ranger. Enjoy a picnic lunch on top. Allow 3hr.

Sat 30th March
10:45am sharp

Meet at NPWS Office.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

EASTER PACK

Register to receive your free NPWS Lodge Easter Pack.

Full of fun (and chocolate) for the whole family on Easter morning.

[REGISTER HERE](#)



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<https://slopes.org.au/>

Face of Thredbo dinner 2023.....oh, what a night!



Thredbo General Manager Stuart Diver presents the 2023 Faces of Thredbo Awards to Dr Steve (L) and Ian Foster (R). Photos: Steve Cuff / Snowy Mountains Magazine



It was a special night for all 170 who attended the annual Faces of Thredbo dinner for 2023. The Kosciuszko Room was decorated with Thredbo history, there was yodelling, a Fashion Parade show casing ski outfits through the decades, a tooth and nail auction and the very special recognition of Thredbo's two new Faces Dr Steve and Ian Foster. Presented by Stuart Diver, these awards recognise those who have made significant contributions to skiing and the development of Thredbo as an alpine resort.

Face of Thredbo – Dr Steve Breathour

Dr Steve Breathour started in Thredbo in 1983 working for the doctors that had the practice at the time, Andrew Gibson and Michael Cameron. Steve had skied since 1961 so was familiar with the mountains. He started working on his own, but soon more doctors were required.

Doc Steve says. “It was sort of unsatisfactory because you have got to have a fair bit of trauma training to be able to work that sort of surgery and whilst the injuries are the same that you can get anywhere, it is the sheer volume of things that you have got to be good at – heads, shoulders, damaged knees - you have got to know what you are doing, to be able to figure it out properly. It was all a bit primitive back in those days”.

George Freuden was in charge of the Thredbo Ski Patrol in those days and he wanted Steve to start training the ski patrollers in first aid through the Australian Ski Patrol Association. That summer he did a first aid course at Westmead Hospital with another doctor, Nick Crombie. Nick was the medical director of the ski patrol at the time, so they started putting lecture notes together, which had never before happened. They put a slightly different ski patrol course together and continued to formalised it. At the end of that, Doc Steve turned up for seventeen weeks in June 1983 and never left.

The major changes and advances in patient care in the Snowys are the constancy of doctors. The Perisher and Thredbo practice are both run by resident doctors year around especially in Thredbo.

Four doctors as well as a couple of senior ski patrollers formed the education committee to standardise training for the ski patrols in the Australian resorts. It took about three or four years to create a manual that was published in 1988. Courses were run in Victoria, Sydney and then in the resorts.

In the mid-80s the ski patrollers only needed to have a St John's First Aid or a Red Cross First Aid Certificate. The ASPA course was designed with the mountains in mind and the amount of equipment the ski patrollers were starting to use. Simple things like an air splint and how to put it on (those first aid courses didn't teach that), and then the use of pain relief – penthrane or entonox, and how to use them safely, and how to apply the traction splint which is a complicated device used to stabilise fractured femurs and sometimes fractured tibias.



Dr Steve – Face of Thredbo, 2023. Photo: Steve Cuff / Snowy Mountains Magazine

The really good thing about this course was that it got the patrols from the different resorts to get together and talk. The exchange of ideas has always been really good especially during the courses. Now everyone one knows everyone else and there is a good exchange of ideas. It is really good that the ASPA and the resorts are working together.

Doc Steve has been in Thredbo from 1983 right through. It took a long, long time to get over the landslide and friends who died. Doc Steve moved up to Perisher in 2002 and sold Thredbo in 2011 to Dr Michael Williamson who had worked for Steve since 2003. In 2014 he sold Perisher to Karen who has been working for him since 2005. Doc Steve continues to work at the Snowy Mountains Medical Centre in Jindabyne.

Face of Thredbo – Ian Foster



Ian Foster - Face of Thredbo 2023. Photo: Steve Cuff / Snowy Mountains Magazine

Ian's love of mountains started at 14 when he learnt to ski and rock climb through the Venturer Scouts. Completed schooling in 1979 at Normanhurst Boys High in Sydney, he gained his early leadership potential with the Queen Scout Award and CUO of The School Cadet unit. Ian's early years were marked by adventures from hitchhiking around Australia working in jobs, like dish washing at Jenolan Caves House allowing him access to his passion of rock climbing on his days off.

His transformation to the ski bum life began in New Zealand, winter season 1980. Over the next 10 years doing seasons in Canada, Switzerland, France and Japan. Ian made Val d' Isere his European base for 4 years where he met Thredbo skiers like Malcolm Browne and Dave Kuhn who sold him on the allure of Thredbo and the people there and in Val d' Isere he met his "Cornish Rose" and lifelong partner Jill there in 1983.

During his ski bum decade, he took on a variety of jobs to sustain his lifestyle, like taking candid party photos for patrons at Les Girls transvestite cabaret, seismic survey work in the gas fields of Wyoming, oyster shucker at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco and multiple jobs around the globe as a cleaner, waiter, dish washer, ski tuner, ski boot fitter, DJ, bouncer, cook and hotel receptionist. Jill returned with Ian to Jindabyne in 1986 and as a keen horse rider she quickly fell in love with the Snowy Mountains and its people.

The following years were filled with significant personal milestones, including their marriage in the UK and the birth of their two children, Leah and Lewis.

Ian's commitment to the Thredbo community became evident as he took on the role of Chamber president in 1992, succeeding Ben Goodman from Winterhaus. This position allowed him to work closely with the community and foster a sense of togetherness. The Thredbo Blues Festival which is now coming up to its 20th years as one of the many initiatives Ian was involved in during this period.

The Chamber special events committee grows to organise more summer events including "Harmony Festival" a Health and Wellbeing event a Triathlon event, "Best of Banff Mountain Film festival" The Shakespeare Festival and others.

1995 saw a focus on village wide staff development opportunities with the launch of the Aussie Host Staff Training Program (that led to 'local staff discounted lift passes') and community development through the creation of the Village Voice Newspaper.

In 1997, Thredbo faced a significant challenge with the road collapse, and Ian found himself representing the community in the media, juggling the demands of his family and business with a profound sense of responsibility. It was during this time that he realized the extent of the Thredbo community, extending beyond the 250 residents to encompass the thousands who had worked and vacationed in Thredbo over the years.

In 1998 Ian was offered an opportunity to write a book on the Snowy Mountain for Australian Geographic. Along with Ross Dunstan, a good friend and gifted local photographer. Ian spent 6 months researching, and writing the book while Ross dragged him around the countryside capturing images of the mountains and its people. The book was launched in 2000 and was a sell-out success over 3 print runs.

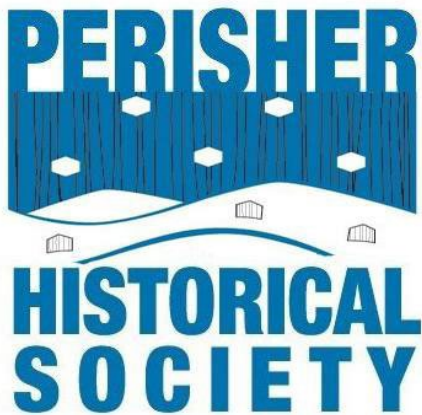
During the 2000's Ian's journey as President led to significant achievements for the Thredbo Chamber, making their mark on businesses and the community. Securing the Snowy Ride final checkpoint and presentations in Thredbo with the chamber facilitating the entertainment program.

Ian's love of the stage also led to create a local spin on the Aussie Host Program seeing him roping in committee members to perform in a small play portraying a village approach to how visitors experience Thredbo and how to treat them like customers. It was a laugh and broke the ice for new winter staff.

In 2008, John McIntyre took over as president of the Chamber, marking the end of Ian's 15- year tenure. However, his journey was far from over. Ian faced new challenges as his partner, Jill, fell ill, redirecting his focus to support her and spend more time with his family. Additionally, their move out of the village in 2001 shifted his attention to what was happening beyond the immediate confines of Thredbo. Ian Foster's legacy in Thredbo serves as a testament to the power of vision, community, and unwavering commitment.

Heritage

Perisher Historical Society



Perisher Historical Society was founded in 2007 and continues to research and document history through books, newsletters and the website www.perisherhistory.org.au.

Events in 2023 included the Annual General Meeting in February, attendance at the AASHA (Australian Alpine Snowsports History Association) Conference in Thredbo in May, our annual lunch on the June long weekend with adventurer Huw Kingston as our guest speaker, and Hello in the Snow meetup with fellow skiers in August. We were honoured to be selected as one of four finalists in the Snowy Monaro Business Awards "Hospitality, Leisure and Tourism Business of the Year" section.

Peter Southwell-Keely, author of "Highway to Heaven" and "Johnny Abbottsmith – Snowfields Pioneer" amongst others, is completing a history of the Day family – George Day having been the manager of the Kosciuszko Chalet between 1932 and 1949.

Writing a Club Lodge History

Many ski clubs have already published their stories, often in the form of a printed book. For those who are considering documenting the history of their club, we have prepared a PDF guide to Writing a Club Lodge History and this is available for download on the PHS website at: <https://perisherhistory.org.au/writing-a-club-lodge-history/>

The Design history of Perisher Valley's first private ski club lodges 1950–1959

Our society is calling for personal and family history, anecdotes, memorabilia, plans and photographs relating to the first 13 private ski club lodges to open in Perisher Valley between 1950 and 1959, for possible inclusion in one of our future publications.

Currently being researched and written by one of our committee members, Donald Johnston, Heritage Architect and ski lodge historian, this project explores in detail the design evolution of the:

Kosciuszko Alpine architectural style.

This style encouraged by the Kosciuszko State Park Trust through its 1952 Ski Lodge Design guidelines saw many architects, builders and ski clubs respond to the Trust's aesthetic criteria that has contributed to the unique visual qualities of today's Perisher Valley's alpine built environment.

The stories of these lodges, built during the tenure of the Kosciuszko State Park Trust from 1944 to 1967, aim to combine the influences of many of its Trustees, its staff and their consultants who set a pattern for ski lodge design variety. Many of these lodges have since been formally recognised as possessing significant cultural heritage recognition for the early adoption of the Kosciuszko Alpine architectural style.

Although our society is aware of the existence of many published ski club histories and their websites, we are seeking club members' interests into searching their possibly long forgotten family archives and memories about those early club lodges which are:

- Kosciuszko Snow Revellers Ski club lodge 1951
- Telemark Ski club lodge 1952
- University Alpine Ski Club lodge 1953,
- Cooma Ski Club lodge 1954
- CSIRO Ski Club lodge 1954
- Orana Ski Club lodge 1954
- Sydney Ski Club lodge 1955
- Warrugang Ski Club lodge 1955
- Kandahar Ski Club lodge 1955
- Merriment Ski Club lodge 1956
- Edelweiss Ski Club lodge 1957
- Technology Ski Club lodge 1959
- Rock Creek Ski lodge 1959

Those who may be interested in contributing to this project, please contact Donald Johnston on 0412 428 207 or email: johnston@acenet.com.au

Guthega Inn update

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Guthega Inn. Photo: Aaron Dickfos / Expedimage Photography

By Brad Fuge, Owner Guthega Inn

Since purchasing the Guthega Inn in May 2023, the team and I have received a warm welcome and first-rate support from the mountain community. It's been incredibly heart-warming to step into a new and challenging environment and have so many people interested in what we're doing and being so willing to lend their knowledge and experience.

Our first year has been very demanding. We settled less than two months before opening and, in that time, we built and developed a new website, integrated accommodation and restaurant booking platforms, implemented a POS, welcomed a brand-new team, learned a lot on the fly, managed what felt like an endless trail of logistical challenges, launched the season, and opened the restaurant and bar to the public again.

With stunning views of the mountain ranges and its remote location, Guthega Inn is a destination venue, so we wanted to focus on what that truly meant for guests and patrons. The logistics alone bring a premium to costs, so it was apparent that if the asking price is on the higher end of the spectrum, the service, accommodation, and food need to be top-quality.

I have a long family history in the cattle and sheep industries. I've worked globally in Argentina, Uruguay, Korea and the UK. I'm a strong supporter of animal welfare and understand and appreciate the benefits of provenance and technologies that ensure ethically produced meat, all of which ultimately benefit the end consumer – our customers.

We therefore source premium meat from Australian suppliers like AACo and Jack's Creek, and we hand-cut on-site – this brings a wealth of opportunities for us such as house-made pies, veal and chicken schnitzels, and cut-to-order steaks. Within a few short weeks of opening, word got out about how superb our food is and how friendly our staff are. Our whole team are very proud of that reputation.

Lunchtime in our first season was manic! There was so much joy about the place, with everyone contributing towards a positive vibe. I also appreciated the contrast of the evenings. As the lifts close at the end of the day, the Inn takes on a quieter tempo (although, if the Women's World Cup Football crowd was anything to go by, the dinner crowd can also be upbeat!) Our in-house guests, who have been exploring the mountain for the day, return for the night (many have already been back for lunch), and guests of the surrounding Guthega lodges pop in to savour a well-earned drink or stay for dinner. We wanted Guthega Inn to become a central place for those on this western rim of Perisher to gather and hoped this would offer a renewed sense of community for the village. I think we managed to do that, and we are so grateful to everyone who has supported the business.

We've opened this summer from early December to the end of January. Though a quiet season, we wanted to invest in the opportunity to let more people know where we are, who we are, and that you can rely on us for great food, no matter the season. The guest reviews are a testament to that, and their generosity has blown us away. As a result, the confidence and cohesion of the team have strengthened our resolve to make Guthega Inn the destination of choice in the region, offering the best food and prime meat on the mountain and a place where people can come together and enjoy what it means to be part of a small local community.

I'd love to end by offering a huge thanks to the locals - from Doug at Base Camp to Angelo at the Perisher Valley Post Office and everyone in between, including members and guests of the local lodges, the Perisher Resort Team, and the NPWS Team. Many of you have reached out to offer support, answered all manner of questions, and informed me of even more things I didn't know I needed to know!

Running Guthega Inn has been a steep learning curve and a rewarding experience, and I'm excited for the seasons ahead. We close for summer at the end of January and reopen at the end of June. I look forward to welcoming you all whenever you stop by.

Hut rebuilding program

KNP hut rebuilding program reaches halfway milestone

The rebuilding of Sawyers Rest House, Delany's, Vickery's, Bradley & O'Brien's and Brook's huts has been completed. These huts are the first of 11 historic huts damaged during the 2019-20 summer bushfires that will be rebuilt in Kosciuszko National Park huts by National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) assisted by volunteers from the Kosciuszko Huts Association (KHA) and families associated with the huts.



NPWS builder adzing chimney slabs on the recently rebuilt Bradley & O'Brien's Hut. Photo: M Bowden / DCCEEW

The opening of Sawyers Rest House and Delany's hut was held early April and Vickery's Hut on 18th November. The openings were attended by family descendants of the builders, lease holders and the many families who came after, that used and maintained the huts. There were many a story told of living in and visiting the huts over a cup of tea, scones & BBQ. Big thankyou to all those who assisted.

Whilst working on the huts the crews have had lots of interested people dropping in to check on progress; often recounting their stories of visiting the original huts. The rebuilding of these huts has succeeded in keeping the social significance/the people connections of these places as well as maintaining the cultural landscape and teaching timber skills necessary to conserve these structures.

Reconstruction of Harvey's Hut is underway with the completion of the building work. Work parties are planned with the Tumut Scouts to paint and clean smoke damage in early 2025.



Ian Vickery opening Vickery's Hut #2 with grandson. Ian is a son of Ross Vickery who built Vickery's hut in 1939 with his brother Noel when they were grazing stock in the Jounama Creek area. The logs for the hut were cut with a cross-cut saw & axe, snigged to the site with a horse and lifted into position by hand. Photo: G. Johnston / DCCEEW

Planning is underway for rebuilding Four Mile, Happy's huts in early 2024 and Round Mountain and the Fifteen Mile Ridge Linesman's huts end of 2024/25. All works are planned to be completed by 2026.

Descendants and others with photographs and other historic records of these huts, or those interested in volunteering to help rebuild these huts, are encouraged to contact NPWS by emailing srhutsrebuild@environment.nsw.gov.au or calling 02 6947 7000.



NPWS Ranger & KHA volunteers applying fire retardant to Vickery's Hut #2. Photo: G. Johnston / DCCEEW

Alpine skinks

Saving our Species – Alpine skinks

Beneath the melting spring snow of Australia's alpine areas there are many creatures hiding away, some in hibernation, others carrying on busily in the subnivean layer, all waiting to emerge into warmer temperatures. Amongst this collection are the alpine skinks. In NSW there are three endangered species; Guthega skink, alpine she-oak skink, and mountain skink. There is also the alpine water skink and the glossy grass skink, which are under review for threatened listing status.

Visitors to Kosciuszko National Park routinely ski, cycle or walk through the habitats of these reptiles, unaware they are in the company of such interesting and unique animals being so small (with bodies no longer than 13cm) and often silent as they bask on rocks or scurry about under the cover of alpine heath plants. If you're lucky enough to spot a skink at high elevation before they dash back to shelter, chances are, you're in the presence of one of these incredible and threatened species, found nowhere else on Earth.



A juvenile alpine she-oak skink. Photo: Bec Byrne / DCCEEW

Alpine skinks hibernate in the winter months but are busy basking, breeding and foraging for a variety of foods including insects, molluscs and berries throughout the warmer seasons. They occupy a range of habitats from the rocky outcrops of Mt Kosciuszko summit to tussock grassland and heath country, and sub-alpine woodland. Some build interconnected burrows while others rely on the shelter of rocks, shrubs and leaf litter. Research to date indicates these animals can live for 5 to 10 years and give birth to between 2 and 9 live young, however there remains much to learn about the life history, biology and habitat of these animals and studies continue to fill the knowledge gaps.

Alpine skinks face many threats to their survival; predation from feral animals like rats, cats and foxes or feral herbivores, bushfire and weeds which deplete, damage and fragment their delicate habitats. Existing at the highest altitudes in Australia also puts them at risk, with

no additional refuge to seek as seasonal temperatures rise with a changing climate and their precious grassland and heathland habitat reduces through the up-slope creep of the tree line.

Fortunately, there are targeted conservation strategies in place to manage the conservation of these and all threatened species in Kosciuszko National Park, through the Saving our Species (SoS) and Assets of Intergenerational Significance (AIS) programs. These programs coordinate ongoing surveys across key populations to monitor species health, population changes and identify any emerging threats. However, every visitor to the alpine region has a role to play in safeguarding the future of our unique and fragile wildlife. When exploring the alpine landscapes:

- Ensure your boots are clean to help prevent the spread of weeds and soil-borne diseases which impact both plants and animals
- Keep to designated tracks
- Never move rocks; they might be animal habitat
- Observe and appreciate animals in their natural state from a reasonable distance, do not touch or pick them up
- Take all your rubbish with you, including organic litter.

For more information visit www.environment.nsw.gov.au/sos/skinks



A newborn Guthega skink. Photo: B Byrne / DCCEEW

Sustainable Snowies

A clean sweep for alpine community in Jindabyne



The Sustainable Snowies team: Amy Slocombe (NPWS), Emma Stafford (NPWS), Andy Mudge (Thredbo), Joanna Lewandowska (Thredbo), Aimee Moy (SMRC), Tilka Hassing (Vail Resorts), Rhia Martin (Vail Resorts).

On the afternoon of Wednesday 25 October 2023, Sustainable Snowies and Snowy Monaro Regional Council teamed up to host another instalment in their popular series of Community Cleanup events on the shores of Lake Jindabyne.

Despite cool temperatures and wild winds, more than 20 volunteers gathered at 4pm on the foreshore – ready to get to work.

Spring represents the perfect opportunity for recovery and clean up following another busy Jindabyne winter, helping our town and community revitalise important public spaces ahead of summer.

Volunteers collected 720 litres of rubbish, 720 litres of recyclables, and a full bag of Return and Earn containers. Strong winds meant that detailed sorting and categorisation was not possible.

Low lake levels revealed dumped trolleys, tyres, bicycles and other bulky items. While these are particular eyesores, ingestible-sized litter is the greater environmental threat. Numerous plastic bags, bottle caps, vape parts, cigarette butts, and other environmental hazards were recovered on the day.

Community Cleanup volunteers enjoyed a free sausage sizzle for their efforts getting litter into the bin where it belongs.

Sustainable Snowies and Snowy Monaro Regional Council look forward to building on our successful litter management partnership in 2024.

Formed in 2019 by local business, government and community stakeholders, Sustainable Snowies works to prevent waste and litter in the NSW Snowy Mountains.

This event is part of the Sustainable Snowies Litter Prevention Strategy, a NSW Environment Protection Authority Waste Less Recycle More Initiative, funded from the Waste Levy.



Local school children with some of the bulky items collected from the late foreshore. Photo: R Brooke / DCCEEW

Mount Kosciuszko

Traditional custodians of Mount Kosciuszko in the footsteps of Strzelecki in Poland

By Andrzej Kozek, Vice President Kosciuszko Heritage Inc

On Monday 22nd May 2023, a ten-person delegation representing the traditional custodians of Mount Kosciuszko, the Monero-Ngarigo people, returned from a tour to Poland. The Polish-Australian organisation Kosciuszko Heritage Inc (KHI), the initiator and organiser of the tour, was represented by Andrzej Kozek, while the Monero-Ngarigo people were represented by elders Aunty Iris White and Uncle Gnumblum John Dixon, accompanied by the Djinam Yilig choir led by Cheryl Davison-Overton. The occasion was the celebration of the Year of Strzelecki, with 2023 marking the 150th anniversary of the death of this famous explorer and scientist.

The delegation visited the most important places in Poland associated with both Paul Edmund Strzelecki, who named Mount Kosciuszko in 1840, and Tadeusz Kosciuszko, after whom this highest peak of mainland Australia was named. The tour began with a meeting at the Kosciuszko Mound in Krakow, and in the following days the delegation laid wreaths at Wawel Castle at the sarcophagus of Tadeusz Kosciuszko, visited the Raclawice Panorama, Gluszyzna – the birthplace of Pawel Edmund Strzelecki, lit a candle at the Strzelecki sarcophagus in the Crypt of Meritorious Wielkopolska Residents in Poznan, and laid flowers at the urn with the heart of Tadeusz Kosciuszko at the Royal Castle in Warsaw. At the end of their stay, the guests visited the Warsaw Uprising Museum.



Minister Kolarski with Aunty Iris White, Uncle John Dixon, Andrzej Kozek (KHI) and members of the Djinam Yilig Choir.
Photo: M Borawski / KPRP

In Krakow, Poznan, Gluszyzna and Warsaw, information meetings were held, accompanied by performances by the Djinama Yiliga choir.

The tour was held under the honorary patronage of HE Australian Ambassador to Poland Lloyd David Hargreave Brodrick and ended with the reception of the delegation by Minister Wojciech Kolarski, the Secretary of State for Culture and National Heritage in the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland. The last meeting of the delegation at the Museum of Independence in Warsaw was honored by the presence of three ambassadors: former ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Australia Michał Kołodziejcki (currently deputy director of the MFA Department for the Pacific and Oceania), the new ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Australia Maciej Chmielinski and the ambassador of Australia to Poland Lloyd Brodrick.

An important element of the stay of the Traditional Custodians of Mount Kosciuszko in Poland was getting to know each other's history and cultures, with an emphasis on common experiences, such as losing independence and the threat of denationalization due to the ban on the use of the mother tongue.

Making friends was facilitated by the famous Testament of Tadeusz Kosciuszko, in which all the property received for his contribution to the American Revolutionary War he bequeathed for the redemption and education of black American slaves. Also, Strzelecki's documented Aborigine-friendly attitude and his condemnation of slavery contributed to building mutual understanding, respect and trust.

Readers are invited to visit Puls Polonii via www.pulspolonii.com, where you can find unusual details of unique and important events accompanying the tour, opinions of both Aborigines and Poles encountered, links to the film reportages and to the YouTube channel www.youtube.com/@ernestynaskurjat-kozek8472



Elder Uncle John Dixon touches the Heart of Kosciuszko in the Royal Castle in Warsaw. Photo: Andrzej Kozek / KHI

The doctor is in

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“Skiing is an activity which crosses everyday boundaries between the natural and cultural, tangible and intangible.”

Dr Michelle Stevenson can't write you a prescription but she's the sort of doctor most of us would prefer to have an appointment with; she holds the first PhD ever awarded for study in Australian skiing history. Yes, a Doctor of Australian Skiing history is a thing and she's the only one in the land.

Michelle's day job is at Museums Victoria where she heads up History & Technology and she is the Curator at the National Alpine Museum on Mt Buller. She's a skier, did a stint instructing in her twenties and instead of bingeing Netflix during COVID she got her head down and worked on a thesis that brings together “two entangled passions and parts of my identity, that of skier and cultural heritage practitioner.”

Her PhD, poetically titled “Snowflakes in a sunburnt country”, kicks off with a delicious glossary of terms including ‘chookfooter’, ‘punter’ and ‘spring corn’ and you know you're in for an interesting read when the table of contents has sections titled; Skis, Snowgums, Schnapps, Snowflakes and Ski Like a Girl.



The iconic snow gums get a special mention in Michelle's thesis

Even when the topic is as close to the scholar's heart as this is for Michelle, a PhD is a weighty academic undertaking and her exploration of ski culture reveals interesting perspectives on how it all started, what we do on snow, why we do it and what it all means to us.

“Studying skiing in Australia is a way to examine broader Australia in many ways and can help us to understand elements that have shaped our country and the people we are today; migration, our interactions with the environment and our engagement with the wider world. It looks at how we've taken some of those overseas influences and made them our own. In studying Australian skiing we see the co-mingling of Australian

and particularly European cultures that shows up in the snowfields in a way that is more visible than in the big cities,” she explains.

Snowgums get a special mention in the thesis and it seems if you ask anyone what makes Australian skiing unique, our favourite bendy trees are high on the list. “Snowgums came up again and again ... most of the skiing we are doing here is at or just above the tree line and we are immersed in landscapes with snowgums so they come to define these places we love.”

Her study spans things, the facts and happenings of Australian ski history but also the feelings and meanings we make in the mountains. She uses a lovely word, liminality, which is about transitions, in-between moments and breakdowns to ‘normal’ boundaries; liminal moments it seems are often woven into our alpine experiences. She explains, “when people come to alpine areas it's usually a place they transition into, and there's a journey to arrive. We might step into a different ‘version’ ourselves in these special places. Skiing also offers us a different set of experiences; après ski moments, a place of escape, moments of danger and adventure – these are liminal moments that are offered to us in the mountains.”

Talking to Michelle it's clear she lives and breathes this topic, and that she's quietly stoked about being the first PhD in her field. She broken the trail and is hopeful others will follow her bootpack to build on and record Australia's evolving alpine history. Visit the Museum when you are next on Buller to see some very cool alpine artifacts, flip through a copy of “Snowflakes in a sunburnt country” and take a moment to reflect on what it means to ski in Australia. Dr Stevenson might even show you around.



Michelle receiving her PhD in Australian Skiing history.

Recycling and waste update

Perisher and Smiggin Holes waste receptacle upgrades

At the end of 2023, NPWS conducted a Perisher and Smiggin Holes Resort waste receptacle audit in response to several workplace health & safety concerns and access issues raised by 4Site, the new waste management contractors.

The audit looked at the type, positioning and size of lodge waste receptacles/disposal areas and assessed them against current standards with respect to manual handling.

The key issues identified were:

- Top-loading waste receptacles (recognising that some of these were originally NPWS approved)
- Positioning of waste receptacles – under snow, around the back of Lodges, up/down steep slopes, unsafe areas, >15m from roadside, under snow shed and other snow & ice hazards
- Size/volume – too small
- No waste receptacle – still using wheelie bins

From the audit, 23 receptacles were identified as critical and in need of replacement before winter 2024, with 10 more on the high priority list to be addressed before winter 2025.

Lodges requiring new waste receptacles before winter 2024 will be contacted by NPWS shortly. With any questions or queries, please contact Environment Liaison Officer Amy Slocombe via amy.slocombe@environment.nsw.gov.au

Nude recyclables from winter 2024

With the passing of new legislation in 2021, The NSW Government began phasing out single-use plastics in June 2022, with the aim of prevent a whopping 2.7 billion single-use items ending up in our natural environment, waterways and landfill.

NPWS has its role to play in working towards this target, and starting from Winter 2024 we will be transitioning away from the large, clear plastic bags that have previously been issued for the collection of mixed container recyclables (bottles, cans etc), and moving towards 'nude recyclables'. So just like at home, bottles, cans and containers can be placed directly into a bin/tub, and not into a plastic bag or a bin lined with a plastic bag. Removing plastic bags from the process will also help address critical manual handling issues for both staff and contractors.

What does this mean for your lodge or your business?
How exactly will it work?

Firstly, NPWS will supply you with enough lidded tubs to hold your recyclables for collection in your waste receptacle. These tubs will be stackable. When your internal recycling bins are full, you can empty them directly into your new tubs and place them in your waste receptacle for collection. Exactly how you choose to manage this process will be up to each individual lodge or business, according to your own set up. From here, your recyclables will be emptied directly into the waste truck for transport to the Waste Transfer Station, and your tub(s) will be returned to your waste receptacle.

We understand that this change may be less convenient, and for this reason we are allowing a transition period. If your lodge or business is not ready to 'go nude' this winter, limited numbers of plastic bags will still be available, but you will need to collect them from the freight shed at the start of the season.

We ask that you consider how best to manage without the plastic bags going forward, as this step is necessary for both environmental and health & safety reasons.

More information will be sent out prior to the start of the winter season.

Disposal of bulky waste in resorts

Are you wondering how to dispose of the old couch lying around at your lodge? Or the broken heater, splintered bar stools or that piece of mouldy carpet?

Read on.

Bulky items such as these **must be taken to the Jindabyne Landfill for disposal**, not the Waste Transfer Station in Perisher.

Bulky waste, or hard rubbish, includes mattresses, appliances, hot water systems, skis/snowboards, furniture, oil drums, mirrors, glass, building materials, and scrap metal. The NPWS operated waste management facility in Perisher does not accept these items.

All bulky waste and hard rubbish must be taken to the Jindabyne Landfill for disposal.



Examples of bulky waste incorrectly taken to the Waste Transfer Station in Perisher. Photo: E Grochowski/DCCEEW