

Perisher Historical Society Inc.

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Profile

Today, Perisher and the surrounding high country provide a wonderful playground for skiers, snowboarders, walkers and even wombats. As time moves on, however, it is easy to forget 'the good old days' of rope tows or no tows, lodge building, homemade skis, lace-up leather boots and riotous lodge parties. To this end, the Perisher Historical Society (PHS) has been established to capture the memories of both the early days of the Perisher area and the emerging history.

With support and encouragement from both Perisher management and the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), the PHS was incorporated on 6 August 2007. The aim of the Society is 'to research, collect, document, and display the history and development of the Perisher Range including its lodges, buildings and structures and activities emanating from them.

Perisher Range covers all the area accessed by Kosciuszko Road including but not restricted to the centres of Blue Cow, Guthega, Perisher Valley, Smiggin Holes, and Charlottes Pass.

Achievements & Projects

- New publication – soon to be published
“The Hotel Kosciuszko – The history and legacy of Australia’s first planned alpine resort”

Following eight years of pains-taking research and data gathering by Donald Johnston

- Founded 2008 - 78 Family and Individual Members, 27 Ski Clubs
- Achieved initial goal of gaining a reputation of trust, worthy of caring for the memories and items used in the area.
- Newsletter - Published twice yearly – current Issue 22 – Winter 2019.
- Website – to address the needs of the casual reader, the avid skier of the area and the academic researcher.
- Annual Dinner held Sunday of June Long Weekend
Ten very successful events – The 2020 Dinner will be held at Marritz Hotel.
- Display Case maintained in the Perisher Skitube Terminal with rolling subject matter
- Conservation and care of memorabilia, photographic records, oral history, etc.
- Published two historical books of the area;
 - ⇒ “Highway to Heaven
- A History of Perisher and the Ski Resorts Along the Kosciuszko Road” – P Southwell-Keely
A wonderful insight to skiing developed from early beginnings to the facilities of today.
 - ⇒ “A History of the Early Development of Perisher-Smiggin” - John Davis
John and wife Pat Davis provided the first commercial accommodation in Perisher and witnessed its growth first-hand.
- Recovery and conservation of the minutes of ski sport administration bodies.
 - NSW Ski Council, - Perisher Ski Association, - NSW Ski Association

Help us to capture the experiences of all before the detail is lost forever.

Do you know of people whose experiences should be recorded for posterity?

Call Philip Woodman on 0488 159 888

View the PHS website for more details

Membership Application on reverse.

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Membership Application

Corporate or Club Membership

Organisation

Please provide contact/nominee name below

Individual / Family Membership / Club Contact

First Name

Last Name

Address

Suburb

State Post Code

email

Phone Mb

Type Individual / Family / Club / Corporation (circle)

Annual Fee \$ (see below)

Additional Information

Do you belong to a Club? Y / N Club Name

Please contact me – I have memorabilia (Tell us more below).

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Applicant Signature Date

Annual Fees 2020

Membership year expires 31st December

New memberships after June expire at end of the following year; this avoids pro-rata and part year membership issues.

| Membership Type | 1 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year |
|-----------------|---------|---------|----------|
| Individual | \$35 | \$175 | \$350 |
| Family | \$55 | \$275 | \$550 |
| Club | \$200 | \$1,000 | \$2,000 |
| Corporation | \$1,000 | \$5,000 | \$10,000 |

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| Payment | Cheques make payable to Perisher Historical Society |
| EFT | St George – Gordon BSB 112-879 Account 155988931 |