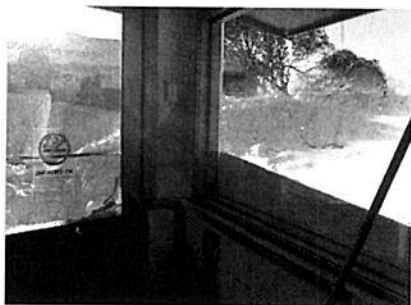


Yalara Alpine Ski Club Newsletter

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End of Season

On the October long weekend Perisher shut its lifts after what ended up being a mixed season. While July saw some large dumps of snow (see photo above), August was one of the warmest on record. Australian resorts struggled to get people to book for more than a long weekend this year and accommodation providers are being forced to adapt to become more flexible with booking dates as less people are booking Saturday to Saturday than ever before. In a bid to increase visitor numbers next season, Perisher offered an earlybird season pass for 2012 for \$699 – the same price it was in the late 1980s! The offer was quickly snapped up by several Yalara members.

Facebook page

Yalara's Facebook page is up and running! It is a great way to share information and photos of your trips to Yalara. All you have to do is search for Yalara Alpine Ski Lodge on Facebook and click the "like" button. If you are not on Facebook it would be great if you could pass this on to other family members who are

Availability updates

For those who aren't yet aware, Yalara now has an availability spreadsheet on its website which will be updated weekly. You still have to double check with booking manager Ray Northwood, but it is a great way to see at a glance which rooms are available on particular dates throughout the season and request the one you want. To see the availability spreadsheet go to www.yalaraalpineski.com.au

Pitching in

Lodge manager Ray Brennan would like to remind members that there are some jobs that need to be done throughout the season. While we are lucky to have a cleaner now who comes in weekly during the season to perform some tasks, there are others that need to be done to ensure the cheap on-snow rates we are used to continue. This includes duties such as shovelling snow that may be a fire hazard after heavy falls and giving your room a quick tidy and vacuum before departure. It is up to house captains to enforce these rules and all guests should respect their directives.

Newsletter

The next newsletter will be sent out in early 2012. If you have any photos or an item you would like included please phone publicity officer Angela Saurine on 0422 171 232 or (preferably) email saurinea@newsitd.com.au

Yalara young gun

Congratulations to junior Yalara member Ellise Turner, who has achieved some great results in snowboard racing this season, despite breaking her arm in late July and competing for the rest of the season with her arm in a cast! The 16-year-old won the Redlands Cup in Thredbo in July and came second in the Scots Cup at Perisher. She also won the dual giant slalom and Big Mountain Freeride events at the NZ National Juniors in September. Well done!



Ellise Turner in action