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Perisher Range Cross Country (PRCC) Newsletter – February 2013

From now on you will begin to see a difference in the way NSW cross country skiing is presented. Perisher Range Cross Country (PRCC) is an amalgam of NSW XC, XC ACT, KCros and other members of the Cross Country community working under the umbrella of NSW XC. PRCC is on a mission to let the uninitiated know that there is another wonderful sport available on the south side of the road.

A hugely successful Work Party happened on the Perisher XC trails on 2/3 of February. As well, the first general meeting for PRCC was held – following on from planning and subcommittee meetings. In partnership with NPWS, PRCC is planning management and development that will directly improve the XC experience for skiers of all kinds and skill levels - e.g. signage, trails, the Nordic Shelter, promotion of events. In other words, informing, motivating and supporting new and old skiers to check out XC in the Perisher Range area.

Key plans and actions already under way:

- Naming the XC Trail Head, the Nordic Shelter and associated infrastructure collectively as the "Perisher Range Cross Country Centre"
- Trial poling of a new, easier trail - the 1.6km Valley Loop - which is designed for learning, training and others who would like a flat trail.
- Repair and replacement of poles, directional arrows and signs, pruning regrowth and collecting trash on the Valley Trail, 2.5km, 5km with the rest of the trail system to follow at later Work Parties.
- Start of re-location and additional poles on the Possum Loop
- Agreement reached with NPWS to provide improved signage within the Perisher Village so that XC skiers new to the area can find the Perisher Range Cross Country Centre. A large granite directional sign will be placed near the Fire Station, with other supporting signage.
- Inspection of the proposed location for a commercial XC centre, near the Fire Station
- Development of a website to promote the Perisher Range area as an XC facility, promote XC events and provide useful information
- Re-introducing NSW Cross Country Ski Week as an Event in its own right, i.e. the sum of the existing (and some new ones) individual events will equal XC Ski Week. This will provide funding and cross-event promotion opportunities and, we hope, more fun than usual.
- An XC Ski Week flier is attached – please send it to your club members, friends, anyone that you think will enjoy a week of the best way to have fun in the snow.

What a productive weekend! And more to come. The next Work Party will be held on 2/3 March (always the first weekend, for your diaries). As usual:

- Please bring loppers, secateurs, cordless drill and bits, sturdy boots, gloves and safety glasses, if you have them.
- Important - If you plan on attending, let us know so we can organize work and equipment. Contact Peter Cunningham (details below) for the March Work Party
- If you require a Park entry permit, send Peter C your rego #, make/model/colour of your car.
- Thanks to the ongoing generosity of Canberra Alpine Club, accommodation for Work Partiers is available on Friday and Saturday night. If you require accommodation at CAC, please contact Peter Cunningham ASAP on 0477 356 835 or peter.cunningham@actewagl.com.au (note - new number and email). Bring bed linen, towels and food.

Peter Ward, 12 February 2013