



## WINTER/SPRING SEASON 2010 INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS

We provide the following information to assist you plan your 2010 Smiggin Holes winter/spring holiday, and to assist the smooth running of the lodge and holiday enjoyment of all members and their guests.

Please note that some of the information differs from previous years, so do take the time to read this information. If you have any questions, please contact our Booking and Information Coordinator, Brian Gaetjens on (02) 9130 8587, or our lodge staff (during the season) (02) 6457 5252.

### Our staff look forward to your visit

Julie & Brian Gaetjens looked after Southern Cross during the initial 11 to 20 June period.

For 21 June till 17 July, our Cook was Jimmy Stewart and our lodge Hosts were Graham & Margie Morrison.

For 18 July till 28 August our Cook is Scott Hardy with Kristen Hardy as lodge Host till 7 August and then Peter & Alison Matthews as lodge Hosts until 4 September. Robyn Enthaler takes over as cook from 28 August. Whether we remain catered after 12 September will depend on booking enquiry levels.

**Your Arrival** – glad to see you arrive, but note that our staff only get a short break between groups

From 8am you may leave luggage in the new lounge room.

**No other access please** until 2pm please so as to give our staff some space between groups.

Please check the noticeboard in the foyer for your room allocations and dinner time etc information.

**Your first included meal is lunch.** Please advise whether you will be arriving for lunch or if you are missing any meal. If you have any special dietary or other needs, please re-confirm these with our staff at least one week in advance on (02) 6457 5252 to assist them with catering.

**Website Information** – [www.southerncross.youthworks.net](http://www.southerncross.youthworks.net), [www.perisher.com.au](http://www.perisher.com.au) & [www.ski.com.au](http://www.ski.com.au)

Do check out the above websites for a wealth of information – which can also change from time to time.

### Lift Tickets – including 5½, 6½ & 7½+ days from 1 pm Sunday

Whilst the 2010 adult one day lift ticket is \$105, multi-day tickets provide a good discount, especially the 5+ day tickets from Mondays which include Sunday from 1pm. **Discounts (subject to conditions):** **Early Season Special prices** applied up to 25 June and **Bonus Week prices** applied the 24 July week. **Mid-Season season passes are now available, including student prices to year 12 (subject to strict conditions).** From 5 September, **Spring Super Value prices (subject to pre-purchase by 31 August)** and **Spring Season Prices** apply. And there may be further reductions in **Spring Season Passes** from late August / early September.

And this year, purchase a **Perisher Card** (cost \$48) and get discount day tickets and other benefits.

Special (or free) prices apply to ages < 6 & > 65/70 with age ID. For the various **Season passes**, child rates apply to year 12 (max age 17 with school ID). If you have a group of 20+, you may be able to arrange group price tickets (see [www.perisher.com.au/winter/group/index.html](http://www.perisher.com.au/winter/group/index.html)). Very strict conditions for some of these tickets.

### Ambulance (strongly recommended) and Travel Insurance (suggested)

Ambulance cost to Canberra can be \$2,000 or more. Most NSW private health insurances include ambulance insurance (but do check), or it can be purchased separately from the major health funds. You may also like to consider travel insurance which can be as little as \$30 for eight days. Check for insurers on the web.

### What to bring

Bring enough warm clothes etc, but only what you will need. KEEP IT LIGHT as you will need to carry it up the hill to Southern Cross. It can be a long walk, especially in blizzard conditions!

You will need to bring sheets (or sleeping bag) (pillow, doona and blankets are provided), towel, both indoor & outside shoes, sun and lip cream, wet weather gear, towel and toiletries, sunglasses and / or goggles, small backpack for day trips and your Bible – and maybe some games.



### Ski / Boarding equipment & clothing hire

If you choose to hire skis, boots, poles, snowboard and / or clothing through **SNOWLINE Ski Centre** at Smiggins Car Park, you can take advantage of a 10% discount off their retail rates, PROVIDED you advise the cashier that you are a Southern Cross guest BEFORE the rental is rung up on the cash register. Snowline also provides free waxing and overnight storage of their hired skis and boards.

**Your Departure** we are sorry to see you go, but please remember that a new group is coming to enjoy the snow

On your departure day, please empty your rubbish bin, and vacuum & vacate your room by 10am, but you may store luggage for the rest of that day.

### Casual meal rates

We love members to visit the lodge, providing not at too short notice! Casual meal rates are: Breakfast \$5, Lunch \$10, Dinner \$20. *Pre-booking with our staff is essential (24 hours notice preferable) & subject to availability.*

### Facilities

**Washing & drying clothing:** Use of the clothes dryer is limited to lodge staff. There are good drying room facilities for ski gear, but only limited emergency washing facilities, so it is best to come prepared. If you need to use the washing machine, please speak with our staff first.

**Babies:** Two portable cots (weight limit 15kg) & two high chairs are available.

Please advise the Booking Coordinator if you wish to book a lodge cot or high chair.

### Aims of Southern Cross & What Happens During your Stay

The [Aims of Southern Cross](#) are included in our [Booking Conditions](#).

We encourage you to share in various lodge activities. Our Cook and lodge Hosts provide you with all meals and hospitality, but remember that we are a club, not a commercial lodge. Our lodge Hosts also assist with hospitality, arrange meal etc duties, a series of short morning devotions and short evening Bible discussions, and also help advise you on lift tickets and ski/boarding lessons.

### Snowy Mountains Church and Mission

The Snowy Mountains Church and Mission activities to mountain staff and visitors to the snowfields are happening again this winter/spring on the mountains and in the Perisher Valley interdenominational Chapel. Services are :



Sundays – 5pm to 6pm – Interdenominational Service (see shuttle bus to Smiggins below)

Please pray for the team of local Christians who serve God in these ministries.

They are led by the team of Perisher Valley Chaplains including :

Anglican – Lloyd Bennett (Ph 0410 557 443) & Carol Wagner (Ph 02 6456 7242 / 0427 267 242)

Baptist – Jarrod Gilkison (Ph 0422 055 506) & Jeff Lachmund (Ph 02 6456 1019)

Mountain Life (Assemblies of God Church) – Marc Hunter (Ph 0412 284 232)

### How to get to Smiggins by Car or Aeroplane (see next page for bus transport incl from Jindabyne)

Perisher is an easy 6 hour drive from Sydney or 7 hours from Melbourne with more than half the distance on freeway standard or dual carriage roads. From Jindabyne, access by road to Perisher and Smiggins is 33km via the Kosciuszko Road, with snow chains required to be carried by all vehicles (except 4WD) in the National Park. It is an easy half-hour drive from Jindabyne in good weather (but can be much longer in a blizzard or heavy traffic).

Note that there is **no overnight parking at Smiggin Holes** during winter (other than **non-guaranteed \$25 a night** outside parking in the Smiggins Hotel car park). You may drive to the 15 minute drop-off zone just beyond the Smiggins Hotel car park to drop off passengers and luggage and then return your car to Sawpit Creek (free parking), remembering that snow chains must always be carried in the National Park, and you will need to pay the National Park entry fee. See next page for more details.

Alternatively, Skitube (at Bullocks Flat, with plenty of free parking and no National Park parking fee) is 20kms or around 15 minutes drive from Jindabyne via the Alpine Way (the road to Thredbo), with no chains normally required. The Skitube price (see foot of [www.perisher.com.au/winter/transport/skitube.html](http://www.perisher.com.au/winter/transport/skitube.html)) includes National Park entry fee. Return tickets valid for return within 14 days are available.

**Skitube Luggage Restrictions** may apply uphill between 8.00am and 10.20am and downhill between 3.12 pm and 5.12pm. For details, see [www.perisher.com.au/winter/transport/skitube.html](http://www.perisher.com.au/winter/transport/skitube.html) or phone 1300 655 822.

Qantas and Virgin Blue fly into Canberra and Aeropelican now flies from Sydney to Cooma. See [www.aeropelican.com.au/where-we-fly.html](http://www.aeropelican.com.au/where-we-fly.html) which includes a link to the Cooma airport shuttle bus information at [www.snowymountainsairport.com.au](http://www.snowymountainsairport.com.au).

See below and over the page for further transport information (eg Greyhound connects Canberra to the snow).

### Free shuttle bus service between Perisher and Smiggins

A free shuttle service runs between the Smiggins day car park in front of the Smiggins Hotel and near the Perisher Ski Tube terminal. It runs approx every 10 minutes between 7.30am and 6.00pm (mid-season usually runs till 7.30pm). During night skiing (Saturday & Tuesday nights) the shuttle usually runs until 10.00pm.

**NPWS Entry Fee – also see [www.npws.nsw.gov.au](http://www.npws.nsw.gov.au)**

The 2010 winter National Park entry fee is \$27 per car (up to 8 seats) per 24 hours, \$190 for 1 year or \$335 for 2 years allowing entry into all NSW National Parks (certain NSW pensioners / seniors are entitled to free or reduced price National Park entry). A valid ticket must be displayed if parking at Sawpit Creek. Also, see next sections.

**Oversnow transport within the Perisher / Smiggins resort**

Hans Oversnow can be contacted on (02) 6457 5334 or 0418 485 144 – 24 hours a day. Hans Oversnow is located in the Perisher Skitube Terminal. Oversnow transport is provided for all lodges in Perisher and Smiggins for a charge. Additional charges apply after midnight. Bookings are essential for very late arrivals.

**Transport between Cooma, Jindabyne, Sawpit Creek and Perisher / Smiggins**

The Sawpit Creek service station is now closed, but the National Park Pay Entry Station has been moved there. Parking at Sawpit Creek remains free parking, subject to payment of National Park Car Entry Fee (see above).

Various providers run reasonably priced but limited scheduled and on demand shuttle and/or valet services on Kosciuszko Road between Jindabyne, Sawpit Creek, Smiggin Holes & Perisher) – for more details see [www.southerncross.youthworks.net/JindabyneToSnowyMountainsBusTimetables2010.pdf](http://www.southerncross.youthworks.net/JindabyneToSnowyMountainsBusTimetables2010.pdf). In particular, the bus service between Jindabyne and Smiggins has now improved and some Southern Cross guests this year have parked at Jindabyne and bussed to and from Smiggins. Phone Alpine Charters direct on (02) 6456 7340 or 0414 400 378 for more details – note that you would need to book ahead.

**Bus Transport from Brisbane, Gold Coast, Newcastle, Gosford, Sydney & Canberra**

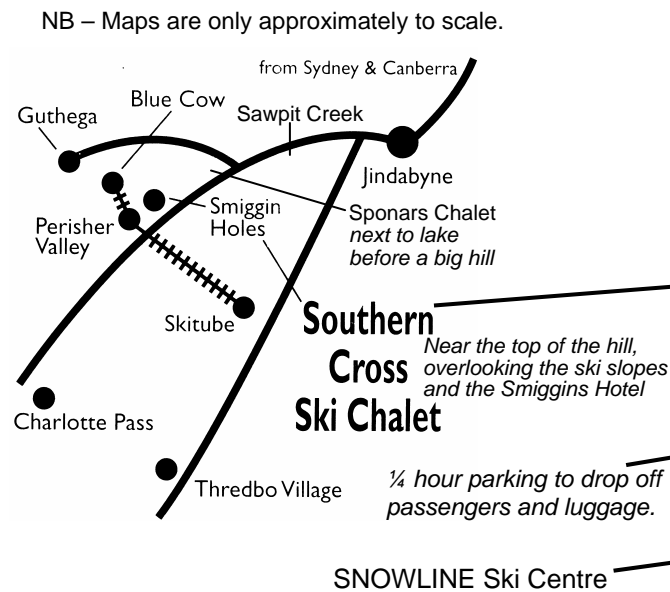
In addition to the above transport options, various bus companies provide transport to Jindabyne & the snow from Sydney and/or Canberra etc – most are daily or more frequent. Particularly from Canberra, some provide charters for as few as 12 or even less. In some cases you can get discount for YHA and/or internet booking. Some of the companies include :

Greyhound/McCaferties (13 2030) [www.greyhound.com.au](http://www.greyhound.com.au)

Murrays Coaches (13 22 51) [www.murrays.com.au](http://www.murrays.com.au)

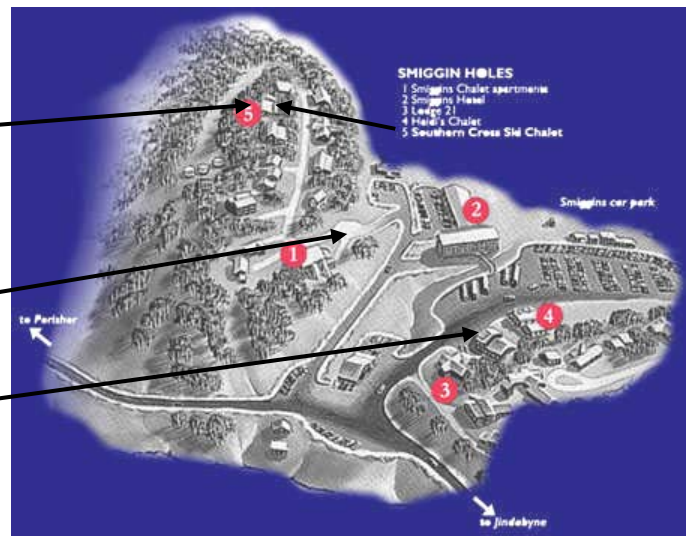
Valley Bus (02 6297 6300) and Ski Bus (02 6456 2957) [www.skibus.com.au](http://www.skibus.com.au)

SnoBus Snowscene Xpress (1300 766 911) [www.snowscene.com.au](http://www.snowscene.com.au) runs limited weekend services from Brisbane, Gold Coast, North Coast, Newcastle, Carlingford, Parramatta and Liverpool.



**Sharing Transport – from anywhere**

If you would like to share transport, please contact Brian Gaetjens (02 9130 8587) for information on your Group Host who may be able to assist coordination.



If you use one of the transport or other providers listed above (or you discover & use another), please let us know about your experience (good or bad), so that we can keep this information updated for other members and guests.