

Perisher Historical Society

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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 the early days of the Perisher area.

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'. Membership is open to everyone with an interest in the history of the area – individuals, families, clubs and corporations.

The PHS Committee, elected at the first Annual General meeting in January 2009, comprises: Philip Woodman (President), Judy Thomson (Vice-president), Pamela Woodman (Secretary/Treasurer), Garry Huggett, Donald Johnston, Dave Woods (NPWS) and Peter Brulisauer (Perisher).

Current PHS projects include establishing a historical database of the lodges in Perisher, Guthega, Smiggin Holes and Charlotte Pass, recording oral histories with Perisher 'old timers', collecting material for a book on the history of the area and building a website on which much of this material can be displayed. A display case to be located in the Skitube Terminal at Perisher is under way.

The PHS Annual Dinner, held at the opening of the ski season each year, provides an opportunity for members and friends to celebrate the history of the area, renew old friendships and reminisce about 'the good old days' and the colourful characters who made them so. The Society also publishes a newsletter twice a year.

The PHS is keen to collect stories, spoken or written, club histories, photographs and other memorabilia related to the early days of the Perisher region, with the ultimate aim of sharing this information via the PHS website, a book on the history of the area and a museum exhibiting a range of memorabilia.

For further information and/or membership forms, please contact

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