

# COLD FACTS



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Cover Photo (clockwise from top): Members and guests enjoy the friendly atmosphere of the lounge room. Louis Fairweather one of our junior racers sends the snow flying at the 2008 Club Championships. IAC Cross Country racers Jonathon Walsh, Jonathan Mandl, Alexis Dengate and Narelle DiMilia. The 2008 Smiggins Bowl trophy is held proudly by John Dengate, Tim Lee and John Ainge after helping IAC win it again for the 25<sup>th</sup> time.

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### Messages from the Editor

This Cold Facts comes to you following the busy racing schedule that the Club has just completed. I was fortunate enough to attend most of the race meets and enjoy once again the friendly yet competitive atmosphere that the IAC team exudes. Race days are a lot of fun, so I encourage all members to get involved.

This edition as always is brimming with good stories from our members, and also contains a most comprehensive coverage by our Club Captain of the recent races.

A big thankyou goes to John Dengate for passing on his fantastic photos of the 2008 races. Onya John.

Be sure to take note also of the Illawarra combined club Rock 'N Roll Cruise. All the details are in the Noticeboard section of this edition, and you can download a copy of the flyer from the IAC website.

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## From the president

Fellow Illawarra members, what a great August we have had, did I not predict so for my holidays from Shanghai? More importantly, what a fabulous time everybody had at the various race weekends. Competitors / officials / organisers / parents / kids / young & old(er), that's you Jarvis, 50 & a "veteran" by the time you read this! Special thanks to Jonathan for all his great work over this period & elsewhere you will find his reports on the - Bowl, Interclub & Club Champs. Thanks also to Mel & Kirk who were always flexible enough to work with Jonathan, the hut captains & members & guests in what is one of our busiest periods of the season.

Elsewhere you will find the booking officer & lodge management reports, but just a comment as president on some issues that have been raised recently.

Bookings & Ballots - it has been necessary this season to run ballots over a couple of our more popular weeks / weekends. The process adopted by the booking officer, & fully supported by myself & the committee as the most fair & equitable, is that if a ballot is required then all bookings are "in the ballot pot". Bookings are then "drawn from the hat" & confirmed accordingly. If someone misses out in one ballot, then they get a preference on their next booking. The "propriety" of this process was starkly demonstrated when it was the booking officer herself & family who were balloted out on the Bowl weekend & were in the tent down at Sawpit - that's Illawarra dedication for you. We have been lucky in the past couple of years to have Smugglers available for our "extras" for the Club Champs, but this may not always be so, & in fact if Smugglers gets sold this avenue for our "extras" may disappear.

Also, there have been issues raised in our hut captain's reports & feedback from Mel & Kirk regarding the behaviour of children. Please, parents / guardians must be responsible for their children whilst in the Lodge. Lounges are not "diving platforms", curtains are not "Tarzan swings", & the kitchen is not the place to "let off steam" (it may explode!). Whilst appreciating that all are on holidays & want to relax, a simple statement, our Lodge is our winter home, treat it as such, be mindful that you share our winter home with 32 others.

Lastly, from a personal committee point of view, my thanks to Phil Warren & Michelle for letting him step into the breach whilst I have been on work secondment. Phil & the rest of the committee have done a great job keeping our Club running as smoothly as possible, although perhaps the pressure is getting to them as the sight of "Team Warren", Phil / Michelle / Graeme, knees all "iced up" in the lounge room corner evidenced. .



Photo: Phil and Michelle Warren on ice.

Bye for now

*Geoff Mettam*

## From the Booking Officer

We have school holidays vacancies!

Yes, the school holidays start Friday 26th September and the lodge doesn't close until Monday 6th October. What better way to entertain your kids for the holidays than playing in the snow, and what Mum doesn't want a break from cooking. The rates are very low for members and pretty good for guests (check out the web site). Compared to the cost of movies, climbing gyms, and McDonalds a stay in the lodge is cheap.

There have been a few questions/complaints on how I have run the ballots this year especially for the Club Championships. To explain how they were done.

- If you had already been balloted out for another stay during the same year, you are automatically excluded from the ballot (placed in the lodge). I try to apply this rule for members balloted out the previous year as well, but in some instances this isn't possible due to the numbers trying to book in.
- Week bookings take preference over weekend bookings (whether at the beginning of the weekend being balloted or the week following).
- All bookings are written on a piece of paper and folded into four, placed into a big basket and my children pull the pieces of paper out one at a time. If your booking is pulled out of the basket it means you are out of the lodge.

With the large number of people requesting Club Championship and Smiggins Bowl weekends and July school holidays it is getting harder and harder to fit everyone in. We are very lucky to have had Smugglers available to us for the Club Championships for the last 2 years, which may not be available much longer. The committee agreed to subsidise the members staying at Smuggler's for the Club Championship weekend as their rates are nearly double ours. We are also lucky that Mel & Kirk are happy to feed all the extras staying at Smugglers, once again at the Club's cost.

I am keeping a record of who misses out and who stays at Smugglers every year so that I can apply the ballot fairly.

I would like to add that my family was balloted out for the Smiggins Bowl (boy did the kids get a ribbing for pulling our name out). We stayed in a tent at Sawpit Creek on a flat air bed.

One last comment on this matter, I am working for the members, not racing members, not my friends, just for all members. Everyone is equal.

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### **From the Club Captain**

In 2008 we were saddled with a hectic Racing programme through August as all three major events were held within the same month. The slating of the Smiggins Bowl on the first weekend, and the Senior and Junior Interclub on one of the middle and last weekends respectively by the host clubs meant your Committee had little choice but to place the Club Championships in the midst of it all. The results borne out over those four weeks were very favourable, however, for the Club's proud competitive history.



Photo: Alexis Dengate. 2008 IAC Ladies Champion.

### **Smiggins Bowl – Aug 2**

#### Bowl SL Team – 1st

Incredible speed and skill shown by Andrew Dengate to claim fastest total over 2 runs. Tim Ainge set the fastest individual run in a brilliant display with Heidi and Jarvis mere milliseconds behind.

#### Bowl GS Team – 1st

Personal best again by Andrew Dengate to claim fastest total over 2 runs. Jarvis, Tim and Heidi mere milliseconds behind.

I only got to witness the Slalom and you couldn't wish for a better display of talent – inspirational stuff.

#### Bowl XC Team – 1st

As if dominating the Alpine events wasn't enough for Andrew Dengate, he put in a powerful show to get our fastest time and set the platform for Carrin and Alexis to

lock into backing up to get the all-important quickest average of 3 racers. The 2.5km trail at race-pace is enough to make any all-rounder want to 'blow chunks' about the half way mark (and I nearly did) but seriously, the fitness and skill shown by Andrew, Carrin and Alexis sets a new Team benchmark over a proper XC Bowl course – it's been a long while since a decent snow cover was available for this event!

#### Bowl SB Team – 1st

By a very fine margin, this Team carried off the biggest steal of this year's Bowl – to wrestle the trophy off Caloola who have claimed for much of recent history with a very strong specialist snowboard crew. Congrats to Adam, Addison and Jack West (with new family member Max initiated)

#### Veterans Shield – 1st

No assignment too tough for our Vets as they took out honours again convincingly this year – a master-class in GS and proof that skiing begins at 50!

These guys are breathing down the necks of the Bowl team and are causing much dismay in the IAC Shield 40-somethings...

Fastest run went to the evergreen Timmy Lee narrowly edging out two quick 'Johns' - John Ainge and John Dengate.

#### Ladies Shield – 1st

Grace, skill and class from the IAC Team – lead by fastest Illawarra lady on the day and 2nd fastest in this event, Susi was followed by Carrin in 3rd to secure the top place average backed up brilliantly by the rest of our team right behind in quick succession splitting the chances of Snow Country's fastest racers. Here we really did have weight of numbers that assured our top 3 times would be high – congratulations Ladies!

#### Jnr GS – divisions (individual)

U/17 Female – 1st Alexis Dengate

U/17 Male – 2nd Eric Mandl

U13 Female – 1st Brooke Eager

U9 Unisex – 2nd Iris Simpson

#### Snowboard Shield – 3rd

Kirk led the team in this event – backed up by Blythe, Eric, Alexis and myself, however we were well behind Caloola (1st) who edged out Snow Country (2nd) by a fine margin. It was always going to be an uphill battle after devoting our best boarders to the Bowl team. Well done for a gutsy effort to Blythe, Eric and Alexis. Kirk – thanks for setting the pace!

#### Junior XC – all ages U17 (individual)

1st – Blythe Fairweather

2nd – Whimbrel Wilson

### **Overall Smiggins Bowl Shield – 1st**

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An historic win this year means we now have won 25 times in 42 years that the events have been held! That's a 60% win rate since 1963 by my calculation. (Smiggins Bowl - 45 year history – 3 years not run)

### **Brian Donegan Memorial Senior Interclub**

A hardy bunch of seasoned racers signed on this year after a membership-wide invitation to join this local derby of 5 Illawarra Region based Perisher Range Clubs. Like a battle scene from 'Braveheart' the IAC Snr team took the fight onto the hill with no mercy shown.

Our traditional Team strength is in Giant Slalom, but this year was a tough battle once again with 3rd overall claimed behind a strong Port Kembla (Illabunda) team in 1st and only 1/100th of a second behind the Steelmakers team in 2nd. Hearty congrats to our three quickest – Jarvis, Brendan Bayly (welcome back!) and 'quick chick' Alexis Dengate, powering in this year.

Vice-President Phil Warren took out the 'sheer guts' award for recording the 3rd fastest IAC men's time with a barely recovered injured knee – the phrase 'season ending injury' never even entered his mind! Jonathon Walsh showed a ton of courage once again in 2008 by recording two very quick runs, only restrained by the pace of his guide runner down the course – who he threatened to overtake! Jono exemplifies the Club spirit in many ways, and can always be relied on for good company on working bees, around the lodge and bar, cruising around the mountain with mates or competing strongly for Illawarra in GS and XC.

The Snowboard team put in a solid effort in a very strong field also, and claimed 4th behind a battle royale for the top 3 team positions. Adam, Addi and Jack West anchored IAC with our three best times, 'Cold Facts' Editor Adam leading from the front.

We need more 'Boarders in our Men's line-up, and the call will go out again in 2009 to encourage any over 17's in the Membership.

In Cross Country the team of Narelle DiMilia, Alexis Dengate, Jonathan Walsh and myself took on a tough assignment, securing 4th and politely allowing IMBAC to collect the wooden spoon. Alexis shot off like a rabbit and the rest of us over 17 years of age tackled the 2.5km loop with everything we had. For those seniors that shy away from the XC event, we had a great time and it was a cinch – oh, by the way – we'll need YOU next year! And yes, you can still go for downhill ski afterwards – I'll even write a 'late note' for you.

Thank you to everyone who competed, and made a special effort to be there on the day for our Club – all & more welcome in 2009!

#### Final results:

1st –Steelmakers Alpine Club – 294.75pts  
2nd Port Kembla (Illabunda) – 282.58pts  
3rd Maranatha – 281.36 pts  
4th Illawarra Alpine Club – 251.29pts  
5th IMBAC – 251.12pts

### **Brian Donegan Memorial Junior Interclub**

This year's Tiger-Team of Tyler and James Irvine, Brooke Eager, Blythe and Louis Fairweather & Eric and Max saw Blythe and Eric take on the U17's field with our youngest five ready to dominate the U13's. Six teams in

total from the Perisher area competed.

Conditions were perfect – a no wind bluebird morning at the Upper Rollercoaster GS course at Blue Cow for the Alpine events.

From a great IAC Jnr Dev Pgm Wk 2 preparation wrapping up the day before, every racer laid down two quick GS runs without a flaw, and then backed up with a switch to Snowboard for two runs – again without a hitch.

#### GS Results:

Brooke 2nd in U/13F only 0.20s behind Maranatha's quickest  
Max 1st in U/13M  
Tyler 2nd only 2.0s following  
Louis 3rd 2.0s right behind  
James 5th on their tails

Blythe 2nd in U17M only 1.40s chasing Oliver Smith from Snow Country Club  
Eric 7th in U17M 2.0s right behind

### **Overall – JAC win again in 2008 the GS**

**Teams Trophy** - fastest 3 racers: Blythe, Eric & Max

#### SB Results:

Max 2nd in U/13M chasing Maranatha  
Tyler 5th , Louis 6th, James 7th

Blythe 4th in U17M, Eric 8th

Overall – IAC 3rd in SB teams Trophy

The weather closed in through the afternoon, with a temp drop and breeze picking up at the 600m loop near the Nordic shelter. 42 Competitors lined up from 5 Clubs - our team clearly the brightest and funkiest with hair colour and teasing by in-house stylist Tracey Fairweather, who did a great job once again!



Photo: IAC cross country racers

#### XC Results:

Brooke 2nd in U13F

Max 1st in U13M  
James 2nd  
Tyler 3rd

Blythe 2nd in U17  
Eric 7th

Overall – IAC 2nd in XC Teams Trophy only 6pts behind Illabunda

Final results:

1st ILLABUNDA – 294.7pts

2nd MARANATHA – 292.9pts

3rd ILLAWARRA ALPINE CLUB – 281.9pts

**IAC Club Championships 2008**

This year more than compensated for the wettest and most miserable experience last year at Guthega well noted by Fiona in her 2007 President's Report in CF.

On 9:00am Saturday we had brilliant sunshine, almost no breeze and one of the longest courses possible on the side of Blue Cow Mountain.



Photo: The fantastic course set up for the 2008 Club Championships.

As usual, true Illawarra spirit showed all morning with everyone cheering out from the start, our Juniors loudly encouraged and helped back up to go again.

Many brilliant individual results and milestones this year – in Senior and Junior ranks – a real contest on a perfect day enjoyed by all Members gathered.

Snowboarding GS this year saw the biggest and most competitive field ever in Juniors and Seniors – a high-water mark for IAC and a true stoush amongst our SB talent.

Congratulations to all competitors for a stellar effort!

2008 Top Gun  
2008 Ladies Champion  
2008 Mens Champion  
2008 Junior Girls Champion  
2008 Junior Boys Champion  
2008 Snowboard Champion

Brendan Bayly  
Alexis Dengate  
Brendan Bayly  
Whimbrel Wilson  
Blythe Fairweather  
Adam West



Photo: Brendan Bayly. 2008 IAC Mens Champion.

Lastly, thank you for all competitors, families and course volunteers that made the long journeys from (Canberra) Sydney, Wollongong and Orange NSW to join the Illawarra club spirit that makes us such a great group to enjoy our snowsports and celebrate good times with.

At each events' presentation ceremony Illawarra were as always, noisy and passionate – that's the IAC spirit on show – as on the hill competing and after dark!

**From the Maintenance Chief**

After a busy start to the year with building works and maintenance, the lodge appears in good shape. I have nothing important to report at this time, but will keep you posted on working bees etc in the coming months.

Tony DiMilia

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## Noticeboard

### Illawarra combined club Rock 'N Roll Cruise



Enjoy the ambience and party atmosphere dancing to the rock 'n roll music whilst cruising on Sydney's magnificent harbour.

When: Saturday 25th October 2008

Where: Departs From Pyrmont Bay Wharf Next to National Maritime Museum and Star City Casino 7pm - 11pm

Cost: \$70pp

4 Hour Cruise Including: 4 Course Buffet Dinner, Unlimited Soft Drinks, Beer and Wine, Rock 'n Roll DJ

If you would like to attend, please send your name/s and a cheque to: The Treasurer (Gaye Tarrant) PO Box 359 Figtree 2525 by Wednesday October 10th.

The end-of-year function is always good fun, so please get a group together and come along.

To download the flyer: <http://iacski.com/social.htm>

### **Cascades working bee**

Cascades working bee proposal, to be confirmed by National Parks and Kosciuszko Huts Association

Tentative date for working party: November 8, 9, 10th.

This is a major working party with the proposed activities to include the complete reposting of Cascades Hut. More than 20 years ago this major work was undertaken and it is time to rebuild this hut again. We are looking for a strong team of up to 20 people who will be removing old posts, redigging and erecting new support structures.

The work party will complete their work on Monday 10th November before heading home Monday afternoon.

All inquiries should be directed to Peter and Jenny Charker via email [charker@optusnet.com.au](mailto:charker@optusnet.com.au) or phone 02 4226 4269

Planned activities include:

- Screw down loose roofing parts and replace green fibreglass tin length is 2400mm.
- Replace all 6 posts (180x180x3300mm, 4 corner posts half circle, Radius 1 =250, R2 = 300 mm). 2x centre gable posts 180 x 180 x 5000.
- Posts to be yellow box. To be supplied by the NPWS with flats cut.
- Replace bottom bearers (250 x 150 x 1500mm, tops bevelled(x10) [flats readycut/], pack rocks underneath.
- Fix chimney back (close gaps)
- Fix chimney timber structure, 2x round 200 x 3000mm
- Replace square timber with round timber, D=120 x 1000mm, approx 3m

### **Illawarra Alpine Club Vests and Jackets in 2008**

There has been interest in a small order of IAC 'Polar Fleece' garments to order following the success of last season's supply to Members.

Jonathan Mandl has order interest so far for 4 items, however we need another 8 items min to make the minimum order quantity.

If you are interested in a Child's Vest, Jacket or Adult Vest or Jacket – now is the time to email Jonathan at [racing@iacski.com](mailto:racing@iacski.com)

Child Vest - \$35 / Jacket \$45 – Adult Vest \$40 / Jacket \$50 – all inclusive of postage to your door. Expect a 4 week turnaround if we can make order for 12.



Photo: Whimbrel Wilson turns it on during the 2008 Club Champs.

### **Message from Lucy Ainge (just missed last edition)**

To everyone at Illawarra Alpine Club,

I would like to thank you all for the support and encouragement that I have received from the club and club members throughout my time as a ski racer.

I developed my love of skiing at a very early age during family ski holidays at Illawarra. Some of my fondest skiing memories are of racing through the trees in Smiggins. I was introduced to ski racing by the club and I still remember my first race. Steve Avery was the starter and I was so proud when I made it to the bottom. Later I was told that I had managed to go the wrong way around every gate, making my own course on the way down. However that didn't stop me from trying again and from then on I was racing down every course that I could.

Ski racing opened up a world of opportunities to me. My time as an athlete was an invaluable experience that I wouldn't change for anything. I feel very lucky to have been able to travel to some of the most beautiful places in the world, work with some very talented athletes and coaches and compete in a sport that I love.

At the end of the 2006/2007 winter season I decided that I would put skiing on hold and concentrate on my studies. I finished my HSC by correspondence and while balancing school and skiing was never an easy task, I was surprised and very happy with my final result. This led me to the decision to stop racing competitively, spend some time at home and go to University. I enjoyed my first summer in the sun for seven years and have just completed the first semester of a course in engineering and science at the University of WA.

As I am now living in Perth, I won't be able to pop down to the snow for the odd weekend skiing but I hope to be able to come and race in club events at some stage in the future. At the moment I am at home for a short break and I was down in Jindabyne for the day last weekend. I was surprised to see so much snow during the school holidays and I hope that this is the trend for the rest of the season.

Thanks again and good luck for the Interclub and the Smiggins Bowl.

Yours sincerely, Lucy Ainge

## Attention Diesel owners!

This happened to one of our members in August recently after leaving their Toyota Hilux Turbo Diesel at Sawpit car park for 5 nights.

After retrieving the car and driving up to Smiggins, the car stopped with fuel starvation symptoms. Having no mobile phone service, the driver then hitched to Sawpit to phone the NRMA, and then hitched back to the car again. When the NRMA arrived they informed the driver that the diesel fuel had frozen (gone waxy). To get around this, it is advised to fill up at Cooma as the fuel there has an additive to prevent this happening. Alternatively you can purchase an additive according to the NRMA.

### *Editors note:*

"Diesel fuel and biofuels gel at temperatures below freezing. Paraffin crystals form in the fuel, making it gelly-like and cloudy. As these suspended flakes pass through the filter, they gum up its microporous surface. Within a short period of time, the fuel will no longer flow through the filter to the injection pump. The results: the engine loses power and stops running" Source: <http://www.diesel-therm.com/diesel-therm.htm>

## *In the News*

### **Emergency services kept busy at snowfields (ABC Regional report - Mon 25<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

It has been another busy weekend for emergency rescue services in the Snowy Mountains. Last weekend three people died in ski field accidents and on Saturday and Sunday a number of people again found themselves in trouble after crashes on the ski runs.

On Saturday, the ambulance service says it had one of its busiest days in the ski fields this winter, with about 12 calls to accidents at Perisher, Mount Blue Cow and Thredbo. Most involved high-speed crashes, with one 30-year-old woman suffering chest and lower leg injuries when she slammed into the side of a building.

A 42-year-old woman was air-lifted from Perisher to hospital in Wollongong after suffering serious leg injuries in a crash and a 36-year-old man was flown to Canberra hospital after another crash at Thredbo. Several other people ended up in Cooma hospital with various injuries.

And there were a number of accidents again yesterday; with ambulance spokeswoman Penelope Little saying that big crowds attracted by the good skiing conditions over the weekend meant that skiers and snow boarders just needed to take more care.

"We put a lot of it down to speed. Certainly people are going quite quickly, particularly if it's good snow, people really want to take advantage of a good run, but it's really important that you are able to slow down if you see a tree or building," she said.

"Also, some of the younger guys if they tend to gee each other up then they get themselves into a bit of trouble

and also people who aren't very confident skiers tend to try and go a little bit out of their depth."

### **Skiers take refuge in revamped shelter – Canberra Times – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

Extensions to the Sverre Kaaten Nordic shelter at Perisher Valley were formally opened yesterday and immediately put to good use amid frequent snow showers. The shelter, named after a Norwegian immigrant and pioneer of cross-country skiing in the area, has been run by volunteers since it opened in the early 1980s. It provides the primary shelter for cross-country skiers in Perisher and is the headquarters for the management and development of the sport.

Increasing demands outgrew the building, leading to a successful application for a \$190,000 regional sports facilities grant from the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation.

With 10 years of fund-raising and thousands of volunteer hours, the public space in the shelter has been effectively doubled. Work on the extensions began in October last year and were completed last month. They include a second public kitchenette, a toilet with disabled access and a baby change area. There is also a manager's flat, an event office, meeting room/athlete rest area, and new storage areas.

NSW Cross Country Skiing Committee chairman Peter Ward said the building was used by about 100 people a day.

### **NSW Minister for Health Reba Meagher -12<sup>th</sup> August 2008**

A busy start to the snow season for Ambulance NSW. Minister for Health Reba Meagher today urged people to take care when enjoying their time on the ski slopes this season. Ms Meagher said this year has been particularly busy for Ambulance paramedics with 112 people injured so far this season - already surpassing the number of people injured during the entire season last year. "Paramedics have treated serious limb fractures, head injuries and internal injuries as well as sprains, strains and bruising which have side-lined ski enthusiasts from novices to veterans," Ms Meagher said.

"The slopes around Perisher are very popular during the peak snow season and to assist paramedics with their workload two new state-of-the-art Arctic Bearcat Snowmobile 'Skidoos' have been commissioned to operate out of the Perisher Valley Ambulance Station. "The new Skidoos have been fitted with emergency warning lights and carry the markings of the Ambulance Service of NSW. The Skidoos have a sled attached and are being used for quick on-snow responses by ambulance paramedics. "Once treated by paramedics, patients are placed on the sled and transported to a waiting stretcher ambulance for transport to hospital."

In addition to the skidoos, an ambulance 4WD vehicle has been fitted with a Mattracks track conversion system, which allows it to travel over snow, mud and boggy ground.

NSW Ambulance General Manager of Operations Mick Willis said with the influx of people taking to the snow, the Ambulance Service is called to respond to a wide

range of incidents. "During the busy NSW snow season this year the ambulance station at Perisher Valley will operate with 18 seconded paramedics, three on duty during the day, with two on-call paramedics responding at night," Mr Willis said. "These paramedics are specially trained in snowfield access and retrieval."

The Perisher Valley Ambulance Station is also supported by the Ambulance Medical Retrieval Unit's Ambulance Helicopters and the SouthCare helicopter based in the ACT.

#### **Jindabyne Police investigate death DENISE DION - Summit Sun: 8/09/2008**

Once again Jindabyne residents are left in shock after the discovery of a man's body this morning close to the centre of the town.

Police have said that at around 6am a member of the public reported finding a man face down on the ground close to St Columbkille's Catholic Church on the main Kosciuszko Road. Crime scene investigators are expected at the site where the 66 year old man was found. Police have said that a report is being prepared for the coroner.

The latest death follows a series of tragic events in the town after a ski instructor was killed in a car accident, a young woman committed suicide, three skiers died on the mountains and an elderly woman was murdered.

**ABC Online news – 11/9/2008**

#### **Kosciuszko brumbies plan finalised**



New homes: Between 100 and 150 brumbies will be relocated. A plan has been finalised for the trapping and relocation of some of the 1,700 wild brumbies living in the Kosciuszko National Park.

The New South Wales Parks and Wildlife Service received more than 60 submissions on the contentious issue last year. The service's Steve Horsley says between 100 and 150 brumbies are likely to be given to new homes around the state in a bid to reduce damage to sensitive alpine areas. But he says the plan will not go ahead until it receives State Government approval.

"The horses are foaling in the park so we wouldn't be looking at doing too much in terms of removing horses, probably not until next Autumn or early winter..." he said. "We've had pretty good response through the exhibition period with people wanting to take horses."

Mr Horsley says the plan will not involve any shooting. "Through the exhibition period there was a range of views that we would be shooting them and we shouldn't be doing anything with managing horses in the park," he said. "But we've actually proposed in the plan that we use a trapping approach where we lure the horses into yards and remove them off park, and we've discounted any plans where we might do shooting."

#### **NSW Government announces first operations of expanded cloud seeding program (NSW) 21/8/2008**

The first operations of the expanded Snowy Mountains cloud seeding program will commence this week, Minister for Primary Industries Ian Macdonald said.

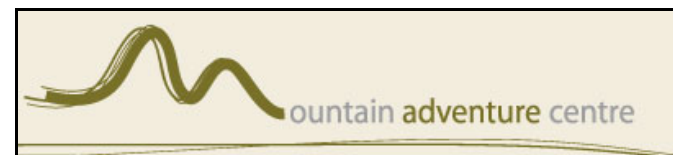
The program aims to determine the effectiveness of cloud seeding for increasing natural snowfalls and inflows to storages of the Snowy Mountains Scheme, Minister Macdonald said.

Earlier trial results have been very encouraging, showing great potential to benefit electricity consumers, irrigators, skiers and the environment. The cloud seeding target area has now been increased by approximately 1,000 square kilometres to around 2,250 square kilometres, and extended for a further five years through the winter of 2014.

## ***Last Run***

For the Lexophiles:

"A bicycle can't stand alone; it is two tired"



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**Opening Hours – Winter 2008**  
**Monday to Sunday 7:00 - 7:00pm**  
**Friday nights open till Midnight when snow falling**

\*Paddy Pallin are the suppliers of Cross Country hire equipment to the Illawarra Alpine Club Junior Development Squad