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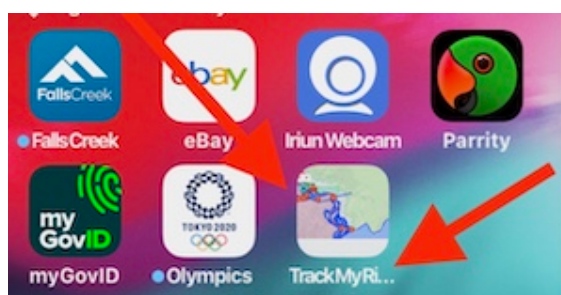
XC Groomer GPS Tracker – what is that?

Do you want to see what trails have been groomed, when they have been groomed or where the groomer is in real time?

Falls Creek Resort Management have installed a GPS in their two grooming machines (the big boy and the mini) to track where it has groomed and its location. Skiers can now get this information on their mobile devices or computer.

There are a three ways this information can be accessed.

1. From the **Falls Creek Snow Report** webpage
<www.falls creek.com.au/snowreport>. Look for the **Cross Country Status** (right side bottom) and to the right of that banner click on '**XC Tracker**' and you are there (see left photo below).
2. **Falls Creek Cross Country Centre at Windy Corner** has a **QR Code** that can be used to access the website. Check it out.
3. **Adding the website to your iPhone (as an icon)**. This is the easiest way to access especially when out and about. Click [\[HERE\]](#) to find out how (see right photo below).





A word from the Falls Creek Trail Groomers

Conditions at present are pretty soft and if the groomer goes out late in the afternoon it would be very much appreciated if skiers don't skate on the new corduroy. It needs to 'set' overnight so the public can enjoy it the next day. If you skate on the wet snow late it just leaves deep skate marks that then set overnight making it difficult for skiers the next day. The solution if you wish to ski late is to use the classical tracks.

Note – If a trail is groomed late it will not be groomed again until say late the next evening as resources don't allow continuous grooming.

Clubhouse

COVID-19 Protocols — The clubhouse is accessible. COVID-19 protocols are in place including the *Service Vic QR Code*. A new door lock has been added and there is a new code that has been communicated to members in a previous email. Please read all documentation in the Clubhouse in regards to this.

Numbers permitted in the clubhouse — the 1 member per 4 square metres applies so the maximum number allowed is 20 members.

Note

COVID-19 Testing

The new table of restrictions notes "it is **strongly recommended** that anyone travelling to an Alpine resort has a negative COVID-19 test in the 72 hours prior to entering the resort".

Resort Entry

Resort Entry Permits are to be purchased before coming up and Season Permit Holders must [register their trip](#) before leaving home.

2021 On-Snow Hoppet Cancelled

Insurmountable difficulties re safety and distancing requirements, plus the possibility of further lockdowns have meant that the 30th on-snow Hoppet has been cancelled. Instead, another **Virtual Hoppet** will be held with the possibility of an open track in Hoppet Week.

For details on the Virtual Hoppet please visit <www.hoppet.com.au>

Hanna Price – Interview





Read *Hanna's* interview by *Casey Wright* [\[HERE\]](#)
The interview also appeared in *Ken Bell's 'This Week...'* publication.

Merino Muster (New Zealand) – Virtual Event & On-Snow

MERINO MUSTER

WANAKA NEW ZEALAND



Announcing Captain Cam -Welcome Cam to our Merino Muster Sheep Family



Our Sheep Family. This year's new member is Captain Cam. You may remember Cam driving buses to the Snow Farm, delivering gear to the huts or as one of our most enthusiastic volunteers working the entire day in the stadium. Cam sadly died just after the 2020 Merino Muster.



Captain Cam

Virtual Finishers are eligible to collect our 2021 Sheep Family.
2020 Virtual Finishers are also eligible to purchase Pip from 2020.

Entries are now open for the **2021 Virtual Merino Muster** and the **On-Snow Merino Muster** 4th September 2021.

Register here at <www.mmwanaka.com>

Note - *Alpine Timing (Michal Trnka)* is handling this years registrations.

Snow Australia Medals

XC legends presented with Snow Australia Medal at Perisher



Cross-country skiing Olympians *Anthony Evans* (left), *Bruce Haslingden* (pictured is daughter *Sally Madigan*) and *David Hislop* were presented with their Snow Australia Medal at the Perisher Cross Country Centre recently, as part of the NSW XC Ski Week activities. **Read** [\[MORE\]](#).



THE SNOW AUSTRALIA MEDAL RECOGNISES THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CAREERS OF THOSE PAST AND RETIRING ATHLETES WHO REPRESENTED AUSTRALIA AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF SNOW SPORT COMPETITION.

ANTHONY EVANS CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Anthony Evans got into cross-country skiing at an early age with his dad and siblings. Growing up exploring the Mt Buffalo plateau, Mt Hotham, Mt Bogong and the Bogong High Plains was a special experience for the young Evans and made cross-country a sport for life.

His breakthrough moment happened when in 1992 he was selected to the Australian team headed to Albertville for the 1992 Winter Olympic Games. He competed in all distances, including a brilliant performance in the 50km event.

He would participate in a second Olympics, at Lillehammer in 1994, before deciding to temporarily abandon ski racing. He came back to the sport in time to achieve another Australian team selection for the Nagano 1998 Winter Games.

In Japan, Evans became the first Australian cross-country skier to compete in three Olympic Games.



A copy of *Anthony's Framed Snow Australia Certificate*. An actual Medal was also awarded (pictured at bottom right).

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