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Cloud Seeding 2008 year in review

John Denholm
Project Director, Cloud
Seeding, Cooma



Season Wrap Up

Cloud seeding operations for the 2008 season commenced on 17 May, with the final campaign for the year winding up on 16 September. The 2008 winter opened with a promising start in May; however the encouraging conditions did not persist for long.

Most of the autumn and early winter months were characterised by high pressure systems dominating south-east Australia, bringing sunny and dry conditions. This resulted in no significant snow falls over the Snowy Mountains and marginal snowpack on the ground up to the June long weekend.

By the end of June, there was a very significant change in the weather patterns over south-east Australia, with more typical winter weather and cold fronts moving through the southern part of the continent.

These conditions continued through to mid August, resulting in good falls of snow across the ranges, also providing the cold and moist conditions required for cloud seeding.

By late August, spring conditions arrived, bringing warmer temperatures and less frequent cold fronts with very few opportunities for cloud seeding.

The Snowy Hydro Cloud Seeding Project is a well designed and carefully implemented scientific experiment. The study is being undertaken in collaboration with research partners from:

- Monash University
- University of Melbourne
- University of Queensland
- Charles Sturt University
- Laurentian University (Canada); and
- Desert Research Institute (USA).

The research program involves undertaking a series of cloud seeding experiments, each of five hours duration. Like the well accepted design of many medical trials, where some patients get the active treatment and others a placebo, some of the cloud seeding experiments are seeded and others are not. For the Snowy cloud seeding project, this means that only four out of every six cloud seeding experiments are actually seeded, and the remaining two are not.

The order in which this occurs is determined by a random draw independently prepared by university statisticians.

Cloud Seeding Generators





Collecting snow samples

Surprisingly many people have the impression that cloud seeding can be undertaken during every winter storm over the mountains.

This is certainly not the case, as the conditions required for cloud seeding are extremely specific, and very strict meteorological and environmental criteria must be satisfied.

The conditions are closely monitored by our science team, and operations are suspended if the key criteria are no longer satisfied during the course of an experiment, for example, if the conditions become too warm for precipitation to fall as snow.

Importantly, under the Snowy Mountains Cloud Seeding Trial Act 2004 (NSW), Snowy Hydro is not permitted to undertake any seeding where precipitation could fall as rain.

It is also very important to understand that only storms with a major westerly wind component are suitable for cloud seeding. No storm systems coming from the east or directly from the south are seeded, and Snowy Hydro has no equipment in place to seed storms arriving from these directions.

The table below shows a summary of the experiments undertaken for the period 2005 through 2008.

The first stage of the cloud seeding project will be independently evaluated by internationally recognised scientists from Monash University during 2010.

While any downwind effects are unlikely, a number of international cloud seeding projects have reported small increases in precipitation downwind of the target area. The evaluation plan not only includes an assessment

of cloud seeding effectiveness but also a detailed analysis of sites downwind of the target area to assess any changes. The first results will be available during 2010.

With most of the cloud seeding target area being within the Kosciuszko National Park, Snowy Hydro has taken appropriate steps to make sure that potential environmental concerns are recognised and managed accordingly. This has resulted in the development of a comprehensive Environmental Monitoring Plan (EMP) for the cloud seeding project.

The key elements of the plan cover:

- Monitoring and management of project infrastructure,
- Monitoring of terrestrial ecology,
- Monitoring of aquatic ecology,
- Environmental monitoring of soil, sediments, water and vegetation,
- Independent audit of cloud seeding activities; and
- Annual reporting of results, analysis and interpretation to the NSW government. The report and underlying data are also independently audited, and the auditors report is also provided to the government.

YEAR OF OPERATION	NUMBER OF EXPERIMENTS	APPROX HOURS OF OPERATION
2005	34	164
2006	12	55
2007	23	113
2008	34	169
TOTAL	103	501

A storm front over the mountains

Right: Snowy Mountains Control Centre, Cooma

The EMP was developed in close collaboration with experts from the NSW Department of Environment and Climate Change, and has been approved by the NSW Minister for Environment and Minister for Planning. Despite approval earlier this year from the NSW Government to permit cloud seeding over the Northern Snowy Mountains, several pieces of environmental approvals and planning needed to be finalised in conjunction with the NPWS regional office before cloud seeding could commence.

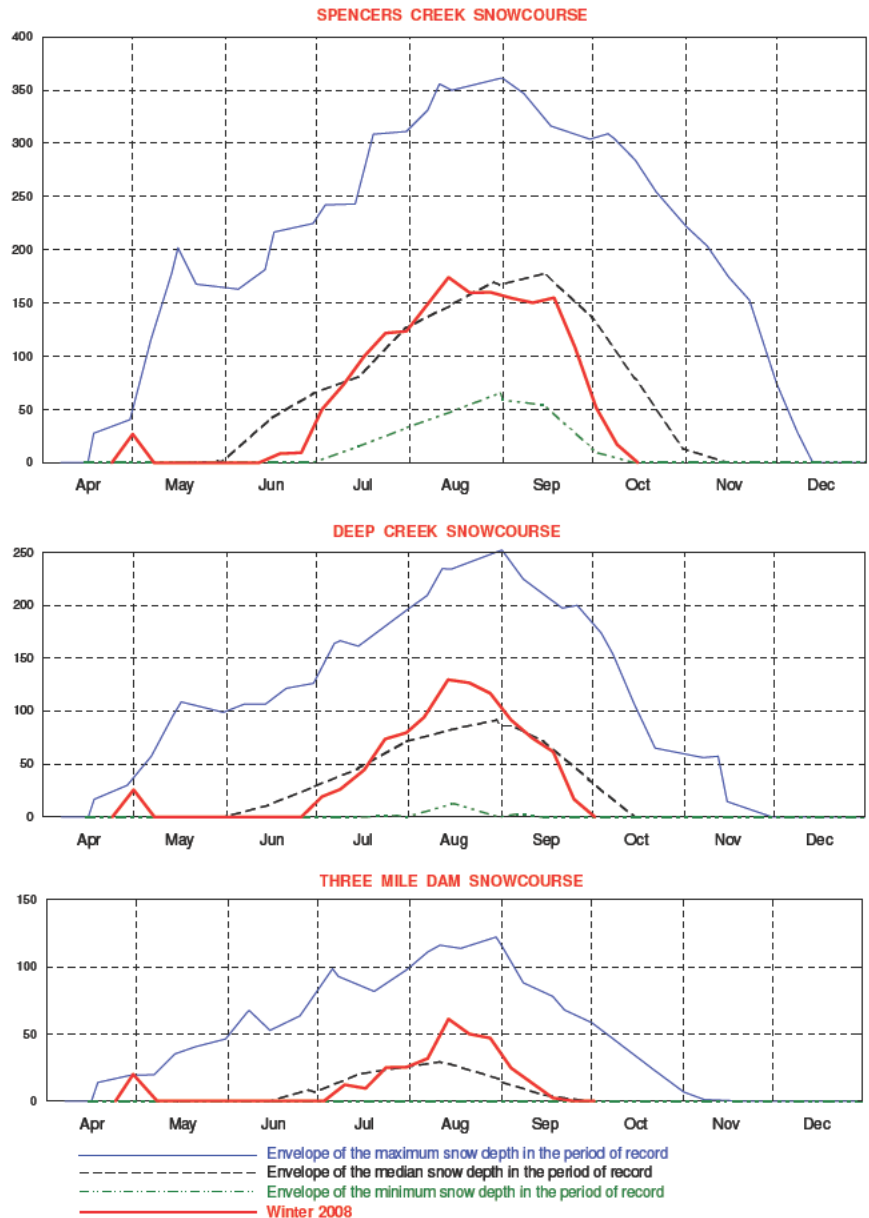
This resulted in the required approvals not being in place until mid August, and consequently no seeding occurred over the expanded area (immediately to the north of the existing target area) this season. However work on the expansion program is now well advanced and all equipment will be in place and ready for the 2009 winter.

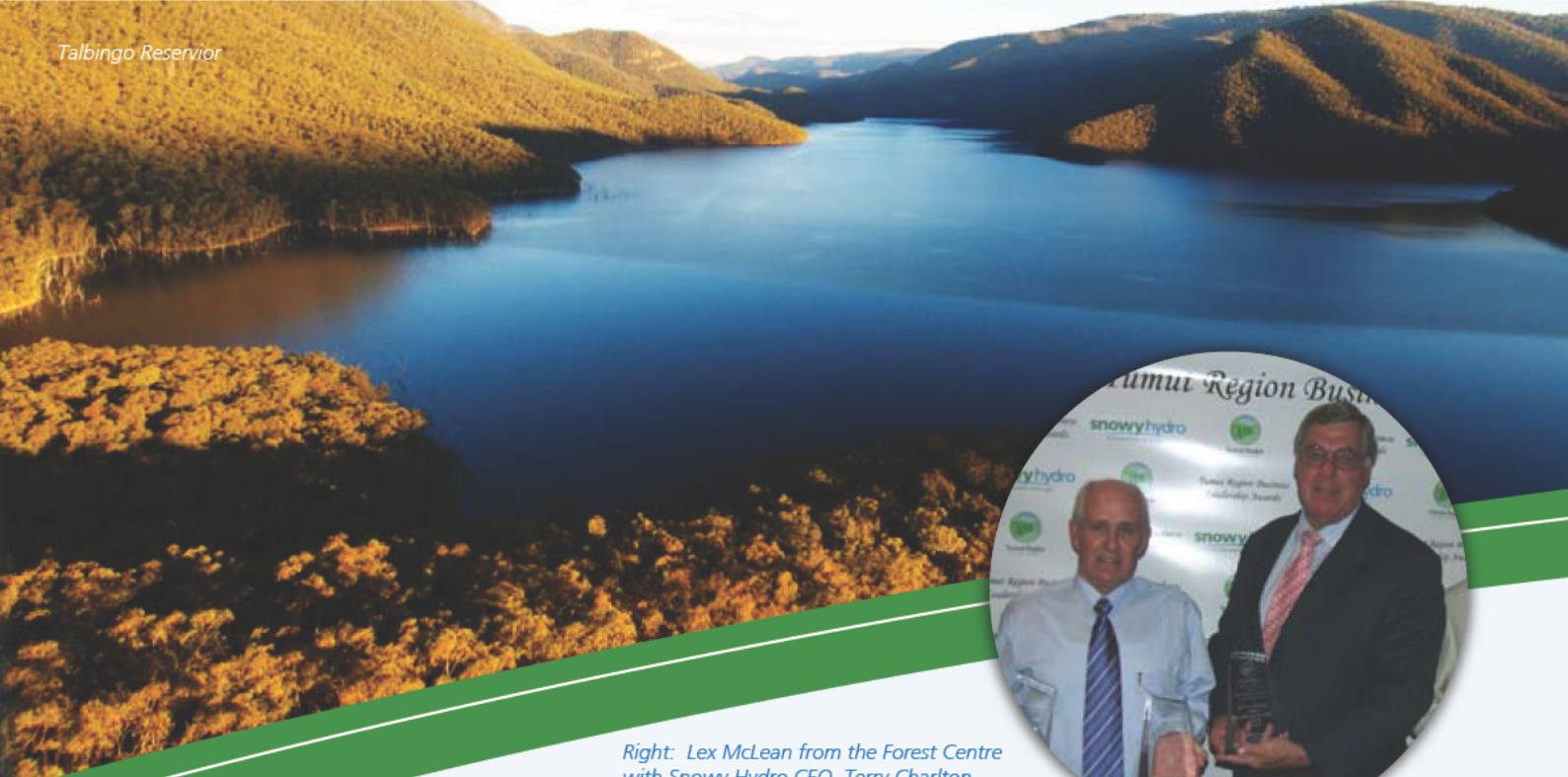
Additional infrastructure will include:

- 18 new surface meteorological monitoring sites (bringing the total to 84 sites);
- Ten additional cloud seeding generator sites (bringing the total number of generator sites to 23);
- A new remote sensing facility to be established at Cabramurra;

Snowy Hydro encourages anyone with an interest or question relating to the project to contact us via email communityfeedback@snowyhydro.com.au or if you would like to know more go to our website at www.snowyhydro.com.au

SNOW DEPTH CHARTS FOR 2008 SEASON





Right: Lex McLean from the Forest Centre with Snowy Hydro CEO, Terry Charlton.

Tumut Region Business Awards

*Kent Allen
Senior Plant Engineer,
Talbingo*



I had the opportunity to attend the Business Awards and on behalf of Snowy Hydro I would like to congratulate all the businesses that participated in the 2008 Snowy Hydro Tumut Region Business Awards. The winners were announced at a function at the Tumut Bowling Club on Thursday 16th October 2008.

Over 130 people attended the event to see the Forest Centre Pty Ltd named the prestigious 2008 Tumut Region Business of the Year. The awards, which are in their 4th year, are run by the Tumut Region Developing Naturally Corporation with the support of the Tumut Shire Council.

Snowy Hydro CEO and Managing Director, Terry Charlton gave a keynote address about business success, surviving tough economic times and why it's important to look after your staff.

Mr Charlton also paid tribute to both Mr Gene Vanzella (retired Tumut Shire Mayor) and Mr Chris Adams (General Manager Tumut

Shire) who also recently announced his retirement, as "two people who have done great things for the Tumut region and who both really understood the value and importance of successful companies as part of a vibrant and growing regional community".

Mr Charlton added "the fact we have quite a few nominations in the categories for best new

business, young entrepreneur and that we have some former category winners back this year as sponsors is a very good example of the great things happening in the business community in Tumut."

He also said "Snowy Hydro is proud to be associated with such a positive community through awards like these".

SNOWY HYDRO TUMUT REGION BUSINESS AWARDS	WINNER
Young Employee of the Year <i>Sponsored by Tumut Toyota</i>	Reymund Kell Forest Centre Pty Ltd
Young Entrepreneur of the Year <i>Sponsored by Tim's Computer Service</i>	Andrew Bowden Andrew Bowden Auto Electrical
Best New Business <i>Sponsored by Condition Monitoring Services Aust.</i>	Phill-On Marine
Best Retail Business <i>Sponsored by Easdown Paisley</i>	Forest Centre Pty Ltd
Innovation in Business <i>Sponsored by Carter Holt Harvey</i>	Phill-On Marine
Best Tourism Business <i>Sponsored by Mountain View Cafe</i>	Yarrangobilly Caves House
Outstanding Customer Service <i>Sponsored by National Parks & Wildlife Service</i>	Joint Award Winners: Denise Beavan – R.G. Beavan & Co Stephanie Smyth – Adelong Community Bank
Best Event <i>Sponsored by Synergy Hair Therapy</i>	Christmas in the Tumut Region
Outstanding Achievement Award <i>Sponsored by Westpac Business Banking</i>	Forest Centre Pty Ltd
People's Choice Award <i>Sponsored by McDonalds Tumut</i>	Phill-On Marine
Snowy Hydro Business Leader of the Year Award <i>Sponsored by Snowy Hydro</i>	Forest Centre Pty Ltd



2007-2008 Water Report

Andrew Nolan
Manager Water,
Cooma



The Snowy Water Licence imposes many legally binding obligations on Snowy Hydro with regard to water releases from the Snowy Scheme.

In the interests of further clarifying how water is managed around the Scheme, we are currently finalising the Snowy Hydro Water Operations Summary Report for the 2007-2008 year. The water report will contain information on how Snowy Hydro has complied with the Snowy Water Licence.

The Snowy Water Licence is designed to ensure that the benefits

of the Snowy Scheme's design are optimised for both long term water security and short term electricity generation.

For example the calculation of the amount of water to be released from the Snowy Scheme is prescribed by the Snowy Water Licence; it is not determined by Snowy Hydro. Snowy Hydro must and does operate within these rules.

Snowy Hydro's right to collect, store and divert water under the Snowy Water Licence in no way represents any form of ownership of the water. All of the water in the Snowy Scheme is owned by the interests who have an entitlement to releases from the Snowy Scheme. This includes the States of New South Wales and Victoria, irrigators from those States and of course the environment.

The Water Report will detail:

- 1) How Snowy Hydro operates the Scheme within the parameters set by the Water Licence.
- 2) The impact the drought is having on Scheme storages.
- 3) Graphs that detail the snow depths and inflows for 2007/08.
- 4) Release quantities into the Murray and Murrumbidgee Rivers for 2007/08.
- 5) Detailed information about Environmental Releases for 2007/08.
- 6) Information about Cloud Seeding to improve inflows.
- 7) Diagrams that show how water released from the Scheme fits into the broader Murray and Murrumbidgee River systems.

The water report is currently being finalised and will soon be available from our website at www.snowyhydro.com.au

Jounama Dam Release Gates





Above and right: Assembling the 14MW Generator

Jounama Small Hydro construction on track

Peter Hill
Senior Project Manager,
Cooma



Great progress is being made at site on the Jounama small hydro power station project. Over the last three months we have seen most of the main plant components being installed by Alstom Power, including the main inlet valve, turbine inlet casing and shaft, the generator and draft tube.

The civil contractors, Geotechnical Engineering, have been progressively locking these components into their final positions by embedding and encasing them in concrete. Country Energy has also completed the transmission line upgrades between Tumut and Talbingo, ready for the newly generated electrical power from the small hydro station.

At present, Alstom are aligning the generator and turbine shafts before progressing to the installation of the turbine moving components, such as the guide vanes and runner. Geotechnical Engineering is finalising reinforcing steel and form work for the turbine pit and draft tube stoplogs ready for concreting. Alstom Power will be leaving the site at the end of November, once all the main plant components have been

installed, but will return early in the New Year to install other auxiliary systems.

Geotech will then continue to build up the powerhouse silo structure to the final level over the next three months, which is another 24 metres in height. Commissioning of the new hydro power station is on track for mid 2009.

Developing Trades with Apprenticeships

June Dous
Human Resources
Manager, Cooma



Snowy Hydro has long supported the development of trades roles through our apprenticeship program. With the ever increasing need for trades not only in our region, but also around the country, Snowy Hydro has increased it's 2009 intake to six apprentices, namely three electrical fitters and three mechanical fitters

Apprenticeships are not only for those just out of school and looking to kick start their career, Snowy Hydro also engages mature age apprentices. The apprentices get to work on the largest hydro plant in the country. They also finish up with TAFE certified qualification at Certificate III level, through attending block release programs at either the

Wagga Wagga or Albury campuses. This provides apprentices with great technical experience and knowledge, but it also sets the platform for them to develop further and complete the relevant diploma in their field.

In addition to their studies they gain invaluable experience across our wide range of hydro plant with Snowy Hydro's rotation program.

This program ensures that our apprentices rotate around the Snowy regions and work in different areas of the company including Production or Engineering & Projects.

During this time they are based in the townships of Khancoban, Talbingo, Jindabyne or Cabramurra. Snowy apprentices also spend three months working with an external organisation to gain invaluable industry or relevant commercial experience.

On completion of the apprenticeship, and pending their capability, performance and behaviour, the apprentices' time with Snowy Hydro is extended by six months and could lead to permanent full time employment with Snowy as a qualified tradesperson.





Lake Jindabyne



Right: David Darlington, Regional Manager for NPWS Jindabyne and Terry Charlton, CEO Snowy Hydro after accepting their appreciation awards from Joe Collins, Executive Chair of the Childrens Cancer Institute of Australia.

Snowy Ride 2008

David Hogan
Manager Regional
Marketing, Cooma



The Snowy Ride is a motorcycle charity event run annually in the Snowy Mountains. The aim of the Snowy Ride is to involve the motorcycle riders of Australia into raising money for research into childhood cancer, and to give the local volunteer organisations of the Snowy Mountains the chance to raise money for their own communities.

The Snowy Ride is now in its eighth year and to date has raised over \$1.5 million for the Steven Walter Foundation with over 15,000 riders taking part. The Steven Walter Foundation is involved in raising money for research into childhood cancer and the side effects of cancer

treatment in children. Snowy Hydro has been supporting the event since its inception in 2001 and been a major sponsor since 2003.

The 2008 Snowy Ride was held on the weekend of 8th November with around 3000 riders participating in this year's event, making it one of the most successful Snowy Rides to date. Snowy Hydro and the NPWS at Jindabyne work closely every year in putting together "The Snowy Ride Kids Day". The "Kids Day" is held on the Friday before the Snowy Ride and gives these special kids who are fighting cancer and their families, the chance to enjoy the best the Snowy Mountains has to offer.

Special activities, prizes and a backpack full of great gear donated by local businesses are provided to the kids. In conjunction with Cooma Apex, Thredbo and local volunteers, the Kids and their families stay on for the weekend at Thredbo.

At the start of the 2008 Kids Day at Charlottes Pass Resort, Snowy Hydro CEO and Managing Director, Mr Terry Charlton and NPWS Regional Manager Mr David Darlington were presented with Certificates of Appreciation from

the Steven Walter Foundation and the Children's Cancer Institute of Australia. This was in recognition of the years of support from Snowy Hydro and NPWS to the Snowy Ride and the Kids Day.

Snowy Hydro and NPWS work together almost daily on many aspects of our respective operations in the Kosciusko National Park. The Snowy Ride Kids Day is just but one example of the work we do together in the local area.

Mr Charlton also announced at the 2008 Kids Day a \$7000 cash sponsorship to the Snowy Ride and Children's Cancer Institute bringing Snowy Hydro's total contribution of cash and in kind support for the Snowy Ride to \$10,000.

Mr Alan McGuirk, from the Steven Walter Foundation said that the support of the NPWS and Snowy Hydro, both behind the scenes which few see and with the "Kids Day", has been essential to the ongoing success of the Snowy Ride.

The 2009 Snowy Ride will be held on Saturday 7th November. If you are interested in supporting the Snowy Ride and Children's Cancer Institute of Australia, please log onto www.snowyride.com.au and join the NPWS, Snowy Hydro and many others in supporting this great regional event and worthwhile cause.



Left: Sue Walter (far left) receives Snowy Hydro's \$7000 donation to the Snowy Ride and Childrens Cancer Institute of Australia, from CEO Terry Charlton.



Adaminaby School students with their turbines



Right: Snowy Hydro's Trevor Prior and Dean Widders.

Adaminaby School holds water turbine competition

Tracy Crowe
Community Liaison
& Education Program
Coordinator, Cooma



Adaminaby Public School students have been studying electricity and renewable energy as part of their science unit during 2008.

Adaminaby school students came to the Snowy Hydro Information and Education Centre in August to learn more about Snowy Hydro and how the Snowy Scheme works. The students also brought along their fantastic water turbine models that they recently made to show some of the staff.

Andrew Blair, one of Snowy Hydro's Mechanical Engineers gave the students an insight into how electricity is generated and complimented the students on their model turbines.

The three categories of the water turbine models included recycled materials, creative thinking and group effort. Prizes were awarded to the winning students in each category with the School also receiving a book award for their library.

Snowy Hydro Supports Aboriginal Youth Sports Day

Trevor Prior
ALPS Coordinator



Snowy Hydro in conjunction with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) Tumut Office, recently held a Sports Workshop for Aboriginal Youth in the Tumut District featuring well known and highly respected Aboriginal NRL player, Dean Widders.

Dean Widders regularly visits indigenous communities around Australia to promote healthy lifestyles and to encourage kids to stay at school. Dean is also an Ambassador for the National Aboriginal Sports Corporation Australia (NASCA).

An NRL Ken Stephen Award winner, Dean has also been named Community Athlete of the Year by Bounceback and the Australian Sports Commission. Dean is also a member of the National Indigenous Advisory Committee which provides advice to the Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs.

The visit by Dean Widders was made possible through

corporate sponsorship by Snowy Hydro. I would also like to thank the NPWS Tumut office for their support and assistance.

The sports day, which was held on October 18, provided a range of activities for those who attended including a coaching session with Dean Widders, traditional games and a game of touch football.

Dean also spoke to the youth about youth leadership, dealing with racism, the importance of education and coping with youth issues.

Snowy Hydro was proud to be able to support this community initiative in conjunction with the NPWS for the benefit of the local Aboriginal Community.

Below: Snowy Hydro's Trevor Prior and Dean Widders with the kids at the sports day



Tumut 3 Power Station



Right: Murray 1 Power Station and Visitors Centre



Cooma Lions Club visit Snowy Hydro

Lara McAuley
Regional Marketing,
Cooma



On Wednesday 29th October 2008, the over 30 members of the Cooma Lions Club visited Snowy Hydro's offices and Information Centre in Cooma for a special briefing to learn more about the company and how the Scheme operates.

The group also visited the Snowy Mountains Control Centre where Snowy Hydro's Scheme Operations Manager, Mr Sanjib Choudhury explained how the entire Scheme is operated remotely via the Control Centre and gave an overview of how the Scheme works today as part of Snowy Hydro operating in the National Electricity Market.

Snowy Hydro's Executive Officer Ken Lister was on hand to answer questions and talk to the group about how much Snowy Hydro has changed over the past 10 years.

Mr Lister also spoke about Scheme operations, water and cloud seeding, which was of particular interest to the group.

We have invited Cooma Lions to visit again in the New Year for a presentation about how the Cloud seeding project works.

We would like to thank the Cooma Lions Club for their interest in Snowy Hydro and attending the presentation. We would also like to thank the Cooma Lions for their donation of \$500 to the Snowy Hydro SouthCare Rescue Helicopter Service which was presented at the end of the evening.

Visit the Scheme Over Summer

Carol Cooper
Information Centre
Officer, Cooma



Wondering what to do with visiting friends and relatives this summer? Why not take them to experience the Snowy Mountains Scheme!

Snowy Mountains Scheme Information and Education Centre, Cooma

This state of the art visitor facility showcases the amazing story of the Scheme from the early construction days to the role it plays today.

WHERE: Monaro Highway, Cooma
2kms north of Cooma CBD

OPEN: 7 days
8am-5pm Mon-Fri
9am-2pm Sat, Sun & Public
Holidays

Closed Christmas Day, New
Years Day and Anzac Day

COST: Entry, films and activities are
free of charge

Murray 1 Visitors Centre and Cafe, Alpine Way, Khancoban

The Murray 1 Power Station and Murray 1 Visitors Centre and cafe offer an exciting interactive experience. Here you can go on a power station inspection that provides an ideal opportunity to learn more about Snowy Hydro and view Murray 1 Power Station from the viewing gallery.

WHERE: Alpine Way, 10kms east
of Khancoban

OPEN: 7 days
9am-4pm Mon-Fri
10am-4pm Sat, Sun &
Public Holidays
Closed Christmas Day,
Anzac Day and winter
weekends

COST: Entry, activities and
inspections are free of
charge. Inspections during
summer are at 11am,
1pm and 3pm and go for
approximately 20 minutes.

Snowy Mountains Scheme Visitor Display Centre, Talbingo

The Snowy Mountains Scheme Visitor Display Centre located at the Talbingo Shopping Centre provides information on Tumut 3 Power Station, the works being undertaken and displays on the Scheme.

WHERE: Talbingo Shopping Centre
Whitty St, Talbingo

OPEN: 7 days, 8am-4pm
COST: Entry is free of charge



Jounama Classic

2008 Jounama Fishing Classic, Talbingo

*Maarten van der Stap
Area Manager,
Talbingo*



Perfect weather greeted the 55 boats and competitors for the annual Jounama Fishing Classic at Talbingo on Saturday 25th October 2008.

The Jounama Classic is a once a year fundraising event where anglers can register to legally put a boat on the Jounama Pondage at Talbingo. Normally Jounama Pondage is closed to boating. Thankfully, no generation was required from Tumut 3 which would have necessitated an early end to the event and boaters were able to spend a full day on the water with over 100 fish caught.

The Jounama Classic is organised and run by the Talbingo Fishing Club to raise funds for improvements to facilities in the local area.

An event of this size also required the assistance of other local community organisations such as the Talbingo Rural Fire Service, Talbingo-Tumut Community Transport, Talbingo Primary School, Talbingo Church and the Talbingo Progress Association.

NSW Martime were also involved and were on the water most of the day ensuring safe boating.

These community groups also had the opportunity to fundraise throughout the day by providing catering and raffles. The Jounama Classic was well supported with sponsors such as the Riverina Marine Centre, Tumut Toyota, Talbingo Country Club, Pidsley Bros Tumut and Snowy Hydro.

If you would like to know more about the Jounama Classic, please get in touch with the Talbingo Fishing Club. With the number of boats limited to 55, those interested should contact the club early as there is often a waiting list for entries to this great event.

Talbingo is a perfect place for visitors to base themselves to fish Talbingo Reservoir and Blowering Reservoir which are both less than 10 minutes from town and are open all year round for fishing and recreation. The fishing around Talbingo ranges from redfin, rainbow and brown trout, to native species such as Murray cod and golden perch.

Talbingo also provides a range of accommodation options and facilities for visitors.

FINAL RESULTS 2008 JOUNAMA CLASSIC

Longest Rainbow Trout
51cms - Bill Deas

Longest Brown Trout
58cm - David Hogan

Champion Male
Shane Peel

Champion Female
Wilma McCorry

Longest Redfin Senior
45cm - Robert Perrin

Longest Redfin Junior
38cm - Tom Luke

Longest Trout Junior
47cm - Brad Smith

Champion Junior
Tash McMahan

Below: David Hogan and Craig Matthews display their catch





Snowy Hydro SouthCare retrieving a patient



328 Lifesaving Missions in 2007-2008

Wayne Evans
CEO, Snowy Hydro
SouthCare Fund



On 9 March, 2008 a motorcycle accident near Bungendore left Commodore Roger Boyce with 12 broken ribs, a collapsed lung, a broken collarbone and head injuries.

Roger says, "Being aged 50, an accident like this—which, by rights, you should have not survived if it weren't for the actions of others—makes you definitely reassess your life. You're not so keen to work 12 hours-a-day, and would rather spend time with your family at home."

Roger shows that the Service is not only saving people's lives, but

changing them for the better by giving people a second chance.

The highly trained air and medical crews of Snowy Hydro SouthCare completed 328 life-changing missions during the 2007-2008 year, helping a total of 338 people from our region

The missions included 97 primary missions to help those injured in motor vehicle accidents and other emergencies, 228 secondary missions to transport patients to hospitals where they could receive the medical care they needed and 13 missions for search-and-rescue and fire assistance.

Snowy Hydro SouthCare's primary operating region is north to Cowra, west to Wagga Wagga, south to the Victorian border and east to the coast.

Crew are on duty 24 hours a day, every day of the year, so the community will have help when they need it.

Each mission is crewed by a pilot, an aircrewman and either two paramedics or a paramedic and a doctor depending on the type of mission and the patient's needs. During the 2007-2008 year, crews completed 695 hours in the helicopter throughout the Service's operating region.

As the helicopter requires seven litres of fuel per minute, 695 hours of flying time costs \$467,040 in fuel. With total operating costs of \$4 million a year, there is no doubt that a rescue helicopter service is inherently expensive to operate. However, the life-saving service provided by such a service is priceless.

2 JULY 2007-30 JUNE 2008 MISSIONS

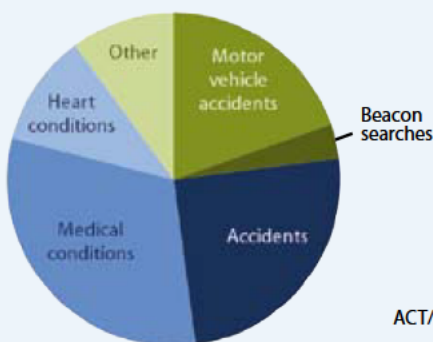


Fig 1: by category

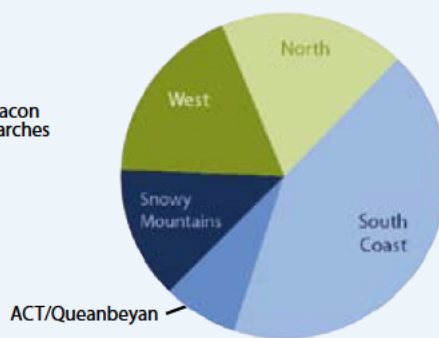


Fig 2: by location

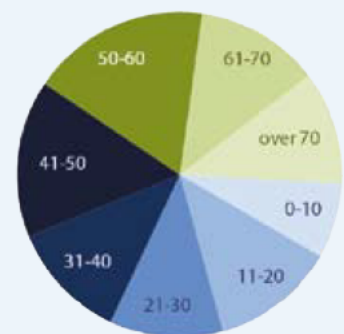


Fig 3: by patient age



Community Partnerships

Upper Murray Challenge 2008

Lesley Barlee
Information Centre
Officer, Khancoban



Over the first weekend in October the annual Snowy Hydro Upper Murray Challenge was held in the Khancoban and Corryong area.

In damp conditions at the Khancoban Shopping Centre, the competitors kicked the race off with an early start for the mountain bike leg of the event. The 38km mountain bike ride took competitors over hilly forest trails and open paddocks around Khancoban.

The first transition then saw competitors paddling down the swift flowing Swampy Plains River. Upon reaching the confluence of the Murray River at Bringenbrong, the paddlers then continued for another 15km to the transition at Towong Bridge.

The competitors then began the final leg of the race with a 25km run offering outstanding views of the Upper Murray, over a gruelling steep climb to the summit of Mt Elliott descending into Thougla with a final finish in Corryong.

Some 155 competitors both individual and teams, competed in this years Challenge – a record number with people from all over Australia including Tasmania and Western Australia and even competitors from England and New Zealand who flew in just for this event.

Race Director Pete Dickshei and his committee are to be commended on a fabulous effort once again and Snowy Hydro is proud to be the major sponsor of this event.

Special thanks also to Upper Murray Health, NPWS and other sponsors and supporters who together make this event the success it is and for the benefit it brings the local area.

Supporting local festivals

Danielle Neilson
Marketing
Communications Advisor



Each year Snowy Hydro supports the major festivals and events around the Snowy Mountains.

These festivals and events bring the local community together and provide a great experience of what the community and the region has to offer.

Each year Snowy Hydro attends the Festival of the Falling Leaf in Tumut, TumbaFest in Tumberumba, The Flowing Festival at Jindabyne, Cooma Show and the Man from Snowy River Festival – Corryong.

These events provide an ideal opportunity for the community to come and speak with some of the great staff at Snowy Hydro and get the latest information. We are also able to answer your questions personally and listen to your feedback.



Above: The Upper Murray Challenge Riders get ready for the start of the race.

Look out for the Snowy Hydro Marquee and don't hesitate to call in. There is information about the company, our new water report, information about how the Scheme works and the National Electricity Market. There is also fact sheets about Snowy Hydro's Cloud Seeding Research Project, Snow Depth Charts and the latest lake level information along with details on where you can visit the Scheme. We will be at:

LOCATION	DATE
Jindabyne	22 February 2009
Tumberumba	21 & 22 February 2009
Cooma	7 March 2009
Corryong	4 & 5 March 2009
Tumut	1 May 2009

Snowy Hydro encourages the local community to participate in your local festival or event and we look forward to seeing you there.

You can find out what events are on in your town by logging on to www.snowymountains.com.au and then clicking onto "Events".

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To give us your feedback email communityfeedback@snowyhydro.com.au or for more information go to www.snowyhydro.com.au