



# Prisoner Information Bulletin

You have been found guilty of excess studious behaviour. For this crime, you have been fined hundreds of dollars and are hereby sentenced to spend six days up in the cold winter snows of the south and tolerate orders from tough Kaos prison guards.

Your incarceration will be severe. Guilty persons must endure extreme hardship. You will be forced to live off 2-minute noodles and fermented vegetable products and possibly engage in weird sexual practices. Sleep will be rationed to a few hours per night. Daytime labour will require all prisoners to plough the cold southern snows down steep mountains. Prison guards will ensure all hardships are encountered.

For some the Journey will commence in a cane toad infested land, for the rest it will begin in the dark. There will be some flogging breaks en-route. We will arrive at the *crack of dawn* in the *icy* town of Cooma. We will issue your labouring equipment before we stop for rations. We then head to Jindabyne to the prison complex. ONCE IN PRISON..... Possessions will be confiscated and stored in a holding cell. You must change into prison uniforms. Work equipment will be organised, and identity cards issued by a prison guard. After processing work is complete, we head up the mountain for the first day of hardship. You should be commencing snow ploughing work at about 1pm.

## PRISONER REGULATIONS !

As you experience the intolerable hardship of shovelling snow and sleepless nights, **KEEP THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS IN THE BACK OF YOUR MIND:**

- (1) **Read everything you are given** including the fine print
- (2) **Listen carefully to all announcements** - even Mark's !
- (3) **We need your co-operation**

These matters are important. All prisoners must adhere to Regulations 1, 2 and 3. Those who break the regulations may have to spend the night at the labour camp or in solitary confinement. If you are not going to be on the prison buses in the morning or afternoon, please advise a prison guard or bus driver so you don't have a busload of angry prisoners waiting for nothing (and the ski patrol looking for you).

## SPECIAL PUNISHMENT AND TORTURE TO MORTIFY YOU.

The following have been earmarked as hardships for your week of torture:

### SUNDAY MORNING

- 4:00am** Rest stop at BP Marulan in the middle of nowhere (driver needs to take a statutory rest break, or else the cops will fine him)
- 7:40am** Cooma Arrival - aaahhh ! Nice 'n Cold :)

We complete a few things in Cooma: (in this order)

1. Get ALL your rental gear fitted out (FIRST !)
2. Register your rental gear and check your fines are fully paid
3. Buy brekky at the exclusive "Golden Arches" restaurant  
...here you can buy an exotic breakfast & load up on caffeine

- 9:50am** Depart Cooma >>> **10:30am** Arrival in Jindabyne :>>

A few more things before hitting the slopes! :(

1. Unload all bags, skis, boots & boards from in & under coaches
2. Get changed ready to ski/board
- 4a. Store bags for the day, as directed (if staying in Jindabyne)
- 4b. If you are staying IN Thredbo, your bags will go under the bus you are allocated onto and you will go to Wollies for your week's 'big shop'.
5. Await allocation to a bus for the week's transfers  
(load your skis, boots & boards onto your bus).

We cannot plan the specifics of these things because the apartment's 'checking-out guests' ultimately determine how flexible things are with getting change rooms & storage space. *Tour guides will announce specific procedures upon arrival whilst in a blind panic.*

- 11:10am** Loading coaches to prepare for departure
- 11:20am** Unload & reload some people because 3 people decided to allocate themselves to the wrong coach without even asking us. The rest can watch all the Kaos staff begin to visibly stress out because their skis are buried at the bottom.
- 11:30am** Actual departure time from Jindy.
- 12:20pm** Arrival in Thredbo (skitube drop-off ~Noon)

Note that lift passes are not valid until 1pm for this, your first (free) half-day of skiing/boarding. On some trips we may be pressed for time, on others you may sit about a bit before we head up for this start. In any case we need this time buffer just in case.

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Today's afternoon lessons meet in Thredbo at Friday Flats (Perisher = at Blue Cow only 100metres from the skitube exit door). Both resorts' meeting times today are at 1:45pm, for the 2-4pm duration.

We also suggest you obtain a trail map from ticket booths. Perisher people should also get a skitube timetable so you don't miss the afternoon coach back to Jindy.

If you have problems with your ski hire: We need to take ALL of it to the Jindabyne outlet shop to be refitted. So, put it under the coach last so it is on top of the pile or else you will not be able to undig the skis. If you are staying in Thredbo, ask the tour guide to swap your gear overnight.

- 4:00pm** Meet at the bus if staying in Thredbo. Tour guide will direct you to your accommodation.
- 4:15pm** Looking at your watch and realising you will never get to the bus by 4:30 :-o
- 4:30pm** Time we told you to be back at the bus (Jindabyne people).
- 4:45pm** Time we actually drive out of the carpark because the person above was late.

Note that we will not always wait - it depends on many factors, sometimes we WILL leave late people stranded - do not rely on us waiting for you just because we did it for someone else on another day.

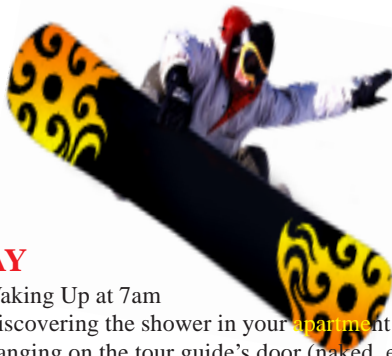
- 5:30pm** Back in Jindy - aaaahhhh relax !  
- Take your boots to your rooms to dry or they will freeze overnight in the bus. :-(-

**- Luggage bins are locked overnight. You can leave skis & boards underneath if desired, but you do so at your own risk. If rental gear is stolen you will be liable to pay for it! Snowboards and skis have been stolen from under coaches before.**

One person from each group get a "kit" from the tour guide's apartment. The kit includes your key. Collect this before you go to get your bags.

If you are sharing with another group, please wait for all to arrive before grabbing beds. Most people have been pre-assigned certain beds or rooms.

- 8:00pm** Free beer and wine!! :) Location TBA



## MONDAY

**Morning** Waking Up at 7am

**7:15am** Discovering the shower in your apartment is broken

**7:17am** Banging on the tour guide's door (naked, except for towel) demanding your shower "get fixed now!"

**8:00am** Time we say the bus leaves

**8:15am** Time we leave at after deciding to wait for 5 people who had a lame excuse that they had to queue to shower in another flat.

! - Don't rely on us waiting just because we may have waited for someone else before.

**9:00am** Arrival at Thredbo

**11:15am** Meet for lessons.

**4:30pm** Time we conned you into believing we depart.

**5:15-6pm** Getting stuck in traffic on the Alpine Way.

*Delay caused by an idiot 1km in front of us (who has never been to the snow before) driving an orange Volvo station wagon at 8 km/h, and has snow-chains on, despite the fact there is no snow and is therefore ruining the road.*

**6:15pm** Time we get back to Jindy after this delay.

**6:32pm** Discovering the handyman didn't fix the shower, the idiot only changed the tap washer, not the broken shower head! It's still pissing water all over the bathroom!!

**7:00pm** Optional dinner at a local restaurant. You can eat out any night but we encourage tonight as a preference.

**7:04pm** Handyman comes again & acts like he's doing you a favour. Fixes shower head but the hot water has now run out :(

**8:15pm** Start of "*Le Tournée des Grands Ducs*" (what does that mean?). Meet at the first pub (TBA) and begin to consume.

**8:30pm** Through to very late: Stomping through Jindy's bars. :)

## TUESDAY

**Morning** Waking Up at 7am, and taking two Panadol :(> \* \*\* \*\*\*\*\*

**8:00am** Time we said to be on the bus: "Whack-O"; all are on time!

**8:15am** Time we leave after waiting for the tour guide, who is the only one who is late and has the biggest hangover.

**9:00am** Arrive at Thredbo :)

**11:15am** Meet for lessons.

**4:30pm** Time we (hope to) leave the resort.

**4:50pm** Finding out the 'dew' indicator on the bus video is on, so we cannot watch a video :(

**5:28pm** The 'dew' indicator goes out

**5:30pm** Back in Jindy.

**Night** Watching telly and getting an early night. Or lurk about the local bars.

## WEDNESDAY

**Morning** Waking Up at 7am, taking two Panadol and a Berocca

**8:00am** Time we said to be on the bus.

**8:05am** Departure -a record!!

**8:50am** Arrive at ski resorts

**11:15am** Meet for lessons.

**4:30pm** Time we leave the resorts. Important today to leave on time. It is very unlikely we will wait for anyone today.

**5:15pm** Back in Jindy.

**7:15pm** Loading coach for: **THE GREAT THREDBO INVASION**

This is the highlight of the week: Guaranteed headaches !

(1) Bad weather may make it too dangerous for coaches to travel up to Thredbo. In such a case we will make some alternative plans - albeit, makeshift, and hope to run the invasion Thursday night (weather again permitting).

(2) Note the \$15 invasion fee only covers the bus fare. This fare was clearly noted in all brochures. This only partly covers our added cost for the extra coach trip.

**8:15pm** Arrival in Thredbo

**12:15pm** Exact time we leave Thredbo - and we mean it ! (Even tour guides have been left behind before)

**1:00am** Back in Jindy - bed time...but no, wait, the Balcony Bar is open for another hour or two - Yippee!!!

*All itinerary times are subject to change.*

*Announced times supersede the times in this itinerary !*

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## THURSDAY

**5:47am** Being woken up by a cleaner who is 'prodding' you. As your consciousness returns you realise you crashed in the lobby of the Thredbo Alpine Hotel, cuddling an orange traffic cone.

**9:00am** Time we said to be on the bus.

**9:10am** Departure (*Drivers need to have had enough sleep by law, so the actual departure time relies on the time we got back from Thredbo the night before.* *This loss of an hour's skiing was most definitely earmarked in the brochure*)

**10:00am** Arrive at Thredbo

**11:15am** Meet for lessons.

**1:07pm** Snow falling heavily as pre-ordered by Ski Kaos from "above".

**4:30pm** Having fun laughing at your bus driver as he puts chains on his bus in the freezing cold.

**5:00pm** Departure from Thredbo with chains on (clunk clunk...)

**6:15pm** Back in Jindabyne

**9:15pm** Everyone to the "Bowlo" for the *end-of-week-awards*, followed by *uni vs. uni* or *state of origin* boat races. Awards are for funny/embarrassing things that happened during the week - so collect your gossip as the week goes on.

**11:15pm** Awards and boat races should be over - party on !

**2:12am** Realising you didn't pack, and clean up & have to do it now rather than risk trying to do it in the morning at 7:00am with a headache.

## FRIDAY

**Morning** Waking up at 7am, taking 2 Panadol, a Berocca & 4 No-Doz.

! - You must check-out properly before you can get on the bus: 1. do washing up, 2. tidy rooms to the state they would be in for a 'normal' guest upon check-out. 3. pack bags, 4. get ready to ski and 5. take bags to the bus. Return all keys to the Tour Guide.

!! - Bring spare pants and a top with you inside the coach so we can easily return clothes.

**STAY IN THREDBO PEOPLE:** You need to checkout as above, bring your bags to the coach. It will be there at 9:00am, do not be later than 9:20am! Bring a change of clothes separate to your main bag.

**8:00am** Departure time

If anyone does not check-put properly and gets on the bus they will hold everyone up while we find you. We will take you off the bus to complete your check-out, meaning you will have to hitchhike to go skiing. So, please do it all in the first place.

**8:55am** Arrive at Thredbo

**11:15am** Meet for lessons

**3:15pm** Prepare for departure, be at coach ready!

**3:45pm** Departure (time subject to change, but will be a strict time)

We allocate a fair amount of time to handle the departure. You will find that even after you are all seated on the bus we will not depart for some time. This is because Kaos staff have to double check all sorts of things (like all keys & ski hire returned, plus many more things like this). We cannot do all of this until you are all ready to go on board your bus. Please realise this is a planned delay, and is unavoidable - if tyhis feels liek a long wait: have you ever flown?

**3:52pm** Actual departure from Thredbo due to someone being late etc...

**5:15pm** Stop in Cooma to return rental gear.

**For hire returns:** (1) Remove stickers, (2) Untangle poles, (3) Buckle up boots, and (4) Ensure it gets marked off as returned.

**8:40pm** Dinner stop at South-Goulburn Subway.

**11:00pm** Casula drop-off > Strathfield drop-off > 12:15am at Central.

## SATURDAY

 (applies to Qlders still on bus as well as Sydney people the next day)

**Morning** Waking Up at 7am, taking two Panadol, a Berocca, four No-Doz and various other stimulants.

(*Estimated Qld Drop offs: Tugun 9:45am > Roma St 12:01pm*)

## CONTACTS ON TOURS

Jindabyne Taxis (regular + maxi) 02-6457-2444

Note: Call at least 30 minutes in advance to get a booking!

