



Ken Murray and the late John Gam at the Perisher Ski Tow.

Photo: Doug. Baglin.

## PROGRESS IN THE PERISHER

THE very considerable development in the Perisher area is due, largely, to the enthusiasm and enterprise of Mr. Ken Murray. The opening of the Sundeck Hotel last year proved a great success. Despite the severe setback of its loss by fire, Mr. Murray intends to go on with his plans for the Valley and even intends to rebuild the Sundeck "bigger and better" in time for this winter. The re-opening is planned for July 9.

Already he has started on the more ambitious "The Man from Snow River Hotel", which will be completed for the coming season. It is advertised as of international standard with accommoda-

tion for 80 people and such innovations as a heated swimming pool. This new hotel will be a year round establishment, operating a riding school through the summer months. The name is a tribute to the late A. B. (Banjo) Paterson, who wrote the famous poem at Spenser's Cottage, less than twenty miles down the mountain from the site of the new hotel.

The T-bar ski lift, erected in Perisher Valley last year, will be augmented by another similar lift for the 1960 season, and the erection of larger lifts are planned for following years including access to the top of Perisher Mountain, 6,700 feet.

A ski school and rescue station will be built in time for the coming winter.

The Persher Valley has the advantage of being only one mile from the winter road head at Smiggin Holes. There is the probability of this road being extended, and in the meantime a fleet of six snowmobiles facilitates access.

A master plan of the area, including properly made roads, has been prepared by the Kosciusko State Park Superintendent. A number of the new lodge sites,

provided for in the plan, have been taken up.

The rapid development which taken place as a result, direct and direct, of the work of the Snowy Mountains Authority, gives the Persher considerable scope as a holiday resort both winter and summer. Apart from winter skiing, guests could enjoy skiing in summer on Lake Eucumbra, trout fishing, even summer skiing on snow drifts round Mt. Kosciusko.

**Right: Sundeck Hotel.**  
Photo: Ken Murray.



**Left: Back Persher mountain 6,614**  
Photo: Ken Murray.

# ELECTRIFICATION OF PERISHER VALLEY

ELECTRIFICATION of the Perisher Valley is a feat in itself and will bring with it many facilities not previously available. Both the Snowy Mountain Hydro-electric Authority and the South Wales Electricity Commission have looked at this project in recent years. There are inherent difficulties in passing power through snow and ice. Through the Monaro County Council, a leading engineering enterprise, Dulmison (Australia) Pty. Ltd., has secured the contract for the survey, design, construction and maintenance of a unique underground electricity transmission and reticulation scheme which will light the Valley. Eleven thousand volts of electricity will be carried in the main underground line, and buildings and lodges in the Valley also will be fed by under-



Dick Gilkes, a well-known ski personality.

ground lines, completely eliminating the usual overhead power lines and the necessary "picket fence" of telegraph poles across the countryside with conventional electricity reticulation.

Another first for Perisher-Smiggin this winter will be a Pomalift, which is being installed at Smiggin Holes, right at the entrance to the Valley. There is every possibility that Australia's longest lift of the same type will be completed up Mt. Piper, in the Valley, too.

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