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The Snow Season – It's a wrap

Ambulance officers at Perisher Valley have wrapped up their operations after a busy snow season.

"Over the winter months, ambulance officers responded to over two hundred cases including fractured legs and arms, dislocated shoulders, head injuries, facial injuries, seizures, Motor vehicle accidents and cardiac arrests" said Phil Brotherton, Assistant Operations Manager for South Eastern Sector.

During the season, ambulance officers and paramedics are seconded to Perisher from across the Southern Division.

Perisher station is home to a variety of snow vehicles including two skidoos, a quad bike, a Mattracks equipped four wheel drive and a large over snow vehicle, the Kassbohrer.

This year saw the new Mattrack equipped four wheel drive used on the slopes that replaced the snow vehicles that had been at Perisher since the mid 1980's.

The Mattracks is a track conversion system which is a replacement of the normal wheel and tyre. The large surface area allows the vehicle to travel over snow, mud, sand, swamps or boggy ground.

"The new vehicle has been included in our fleet for the winter snow season to replace the Hagglunds oversnow vehicle. It will allow us to access patients on difficult terrain" Phil said

The new 4WD vehicle was delivered in July 2007 with the new Mattracks system attached at a cost of \$50,000.

The multi-purpose 4WD vehicle can be converted during the off-season allowing it to be redeployed for use anywhere in NSW. It will be deployed to a coastal station for the upcoming summer season.

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