1998 EVENT

The Course The *High Altitude Course* (in the summit area of Falls Creek) was used – similar to 1993. Three loops of 14km for Hoppet skiers, one loop for Birkebeiners and the McKay Loop of 5.5km for the Joey skiers.

Weather & Snow Conditions The weather was perfect but snow was very thin in places.

Entries 1, 272

Other Anthony Evans (AUS) was on his way to becoming the second Australian man to win the Hoppet when he was outsprinted by a ski length in the finish straight by Ales Vanek (CZE). Nadia Simak (RUS) led all the way to take the women's victory. The *Southern Hydro Half-Way Sprint* winners were Finn Marsland (AUS) and Nadia Simak (RUS). The Kangaroo Hoppet was the final race in the *FIS Continental Cup*. Cup winners were Finn Marsland (AUS) and Camille Melvey (AUS).

Technical Delegate (TD) Paddy Field (ENG)

Assistant TD Brian Keeble (AUS-VIC)

Winners & Best Australians				
	Overall		**Best Australian**	
	Men	**Women**	**Men**	**Women**
Kangaroo Hoppet	Ales Vanek (CZE)	Nadia Simak (RUS)	Anthony Evans (2nd)	Camille Melvey (2nd)
Birkebeiner	Sam Lee (NZ)	Natasha Coleman (AUS)	Paul Murray (2nd)	Natasha Coleman (1st)
Joey Hoppet	Daniel Sarri (AUS)	Katie Calder (AUS)	Daniel Sarri (1st)	Katie Calder (1st)