

## 2006 EVENT

**The Course** (Moved to the Summit Area of Falls Creek). This was a very poor snow season with no snow in the Nordic Bowl, on Heathy Spur or on the trail around the Lake. The *High Altitude Course* on Frying Pan Spur and around Mt McKay was used for the third time – it was used previously in 1993 and 1998. Kangaroo Hoppet entrants skied two loops of a 14km course while the Birkebeiner skiers did one loop. Joey Hoppet skiers skied the Mt McKay loop of 5.5km.

**Weather & Snow Conditions** Set-up day on Friday was tough with wind, snow and poor visibility. Race day was perfect - sunny and no wind. Snow cover was very light in most areas. There was no snow in the Nordic Bowl, Heathy Spur or Lake area.

**Entries** 890

**Other** Ben Sim (AUS) wins back-to-back Hoppets.

**Technical Delegate (TD)** Rae Moore (AUS-VIC)

**Assistant TD** Paul L'Huillier (VIC)

<b>Winners &amp; Best Australians</b>				
	<b>Overall</b>		<b>Best Australian</b>	
	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>	<b>Men</b>	<b>Women</b>
<b>Kangaroo Hoppet</b>	Ben Sim (AUS)	Natascia Leonardi-Cortesi (SUI)	Ben Sim (1st)	Katie Calder (2nd)
<b>Birkebeiner</b>	Neil van der Ploeg (AUS)	Alexa Truzian (USA)	Neil van der Ploeg (1st)	Aimee Watson (2nd)
<b>Joey Hoppet</b>	Mark Hogg (NZE)	d'Arcy Baxter (AUS)	Adrian Jago (3rd)	d'Arcy Baxter (1st)