

2009 EVENT

The Course Due to the poor weather, and in view of skier safety, a modified course was set for all three events. The Sun Valley loop was shortened to 5km, and a loop was set out to Watchbed Creek along the road and then back via Paul's Track. The Hoppet was reduced from 42 to 25 km, the Australian Birkebeiner from 21 to 15 km and the Joey Hoppet from 7 to 5 km.

Weather & Snow Conditions A very poor cover of snow together with very wet, cold and windy weather with very poor visibility.

Entries 1,084

Other Ben Sim (AUS) and Tomas Diezig (GER) broke away from the pack at the end of the first lap. After a number of attacking moves, Sim was able to move away from Diezig to win his fourth Hoppet by 43 seconds with Anthony Evans (AUS) in third place.

In the women's event Katherine Calder (NZE) broke away from the pack right from the start and held onto win by 38 seconds from the fast finishing Esther Bottomley (AUS) with former winner Clare-Louise Brumley (AUS) in third place.

Technical Delegate (TD) Jim Thomson (FIS, Canada)

Assistant TD Laurie Fitzsimons (FIS, Australia)

Winners & Best Australians				
	Overall		Best Australian	
	Men	Women	Men	Women
Kangaroo Hoppet	Ben Sim (AUS)	Katherine Calder (NZ)	Ben Sim (1st)	Esther Bottomley (2nd)
Birkebeiner	Nick Grimmer (AUS)	Lucy Glanville (AUS)	Nick Grimmer (1st)	Lucy Glanville (1st)
Joey Hoppet	Alasdair Tutt (AUS)	Anna Trnka (AUS)	Alasdair Tutt (1st)	Anna Trnka (1st)