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Editorial

The year is racing away again. The world seems to have gone mad (again) reinforcing the need for sane and simple living – at least for a time – in our lives.

National Conference April 14-16 2003 Update

Planning is going nicely, with the program complete, as you can tell by the attached conference registration and information. We have been very fortunate to secure a number of sponsors. Our major sponsors so far are Perception Kayaking Australia and Wilderness Escape/Venture Corporate Recharge. Our support sponsors are Westminster School, Accompany Outdoors and University of South Australia. A number of other sponsors have expressed interest and we hope to report good news soon. Sponsorship makes a big difference to the cost and quality of the conference and the committee would like to thank the sponsors for their support of Outdoor Education in Australia.

The program is a cracker, with some tough decisions to be made by those attending regarding which workshops and presentations to go to. Hopefully we get a good attendance both locally and from interstate. A number of Kiwis are

Next OEASA Meeting:

November 13

5.30-7.00

Education Development Centre

18 Milner St Hindmarsh

All Welcome

making the journey, who will be welcomed I'm sure. There is still much to be done, but having the program in place has made it feel more concrete.

We now need volunteers to help with some of the other tasks. There are a number of pre-conference, during conference and post conference roles that we require assistance with.

National Conference Sponsorship

We have been most fortunate to secure early sponsors for the forthcoming National Outdoor Education Conference. They are:

Major Sponsors:

- Wilderness Escape Adventures
- Perception Kayaking Australia
- Satisfac Credit Union

Support Sponsors:

- University of South Australia
- Westminster School
- Accompany Outdoors

In addition **Satisfac Credit Union** has agreed to sponsor OEASA for the year 2003.

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Many thanks to these organizations for their support. We hope to provide good value for these sponsors in return for their willingness to commit finances to the National Conference and OEASA.

Sponsorship places are still available, as well as trade show places. Contact Shirley Brown, Conference Organiser if you would like to know more at shirlbr@ozemail.com.au.

Volunteers Needed

Pre-conference:

- Woody weed or similar name tags
- Bus/ Mini Vans sourced
- Conference pack sourced
- Edit proceedings
- Social program for Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday night
- Follow up trade show and sponsors

During conference:

- Registration table.
- Introduce presenters
- Location guides
- Technical assistance (computers and projectors)
- Focus group facilitators
- Vehicle Drivers/Hosts
- Auctioneer
- Master of Ceremonies
- Assist Trade Displays

Post conference:

- Thankyous
- Audit finances
- Report to AOEC

A call for volunteers will be made in the new year. In the meantime- give it some thought!

Facilitation Workshops

Adelaide has always struggled to attract good speakers, presenters and training courses. It is with great delight that I announce that Martin Ringer is coming February 17-20 to conduct a 4-day workshop on facilitation skills. Based on Martin's recently released book, the workshop is essential for anyone serious about embedding quality and working towards

real outcomes with groups. The course cost is around \$500 for the 4 days including food and drinks. The numbers attending will determine the final price. Contact Scott.Polley@unisa.edu.au for more information.

Treasurer Retires

After 6 years Nerilee Flint is exiting as Treasurer of OEASA. Without her 'sound financial management' OEASA would not be in very good shape. Nerilee's increased work, study and home responsibilities make it difficult to make time to do this time consuming task. In fact, we have divided her role in two to make the workload more manageable, with Kyla Young the membership secretary and Brett Stanford the treasurer.

From all of us, thank you Nerilee. A job well done.

NOLRS Information Meeting

A meeting was organized by Recreation SA to canvas issues relating to the forthcoming implementation of the National Outdoor Leadership Registration Scheme. The meeting was reasonably well attended and there is a report on some of the outcomes in this issue. A report will be published by the Outdoor Recreation Council of Australia once consultations have been completed in each state.

ORCA/AOEC Merger

A meeting is to be held at Regency TAFE by representatives from the Australian Outdoor Education Council and the Outdoor Recreation Council of Australia on Nov 10/11. A report on the outcome of the meeting will be distributed via the normal networks. The original deadline for merging of the organizations was Jan 1. Time is tight, so it will be interesting to see whether those involved can make it happen in this time.

Increased OEASA Fees 2003

As a result of the above merger, OEASA fees will rise by \$10 to individual members to \$60. Although fees have not been set by the new national organization, some best guess predictions have been made.

OEASA Membership Fees consist of: (per person)

AOEC (Journal and Membership)	\$25
Outdoors Australia (Membership)	\$20
<u>OEASA (Newsletter 3-4 issues)</u>	<u>\$15</u>
Total:	\$60

Corporate members make an additional \$10 contribution and are eligible to advertise in this Newsletter.

OEASA Committee

The committee for 2002/2003 is as follows:

Chair: Scott Polley

Treasurer: Brett Stanford

Membership Secretary: Kyla Young

Committee:

Nerilee Flint, Mike Meredith, Kate Lucas, Ron Parker, Anthea Shem, Catherine Jenner,, Wayne Hooper, Libby Robertson, Heather Miller and others on an 'as available' basis.

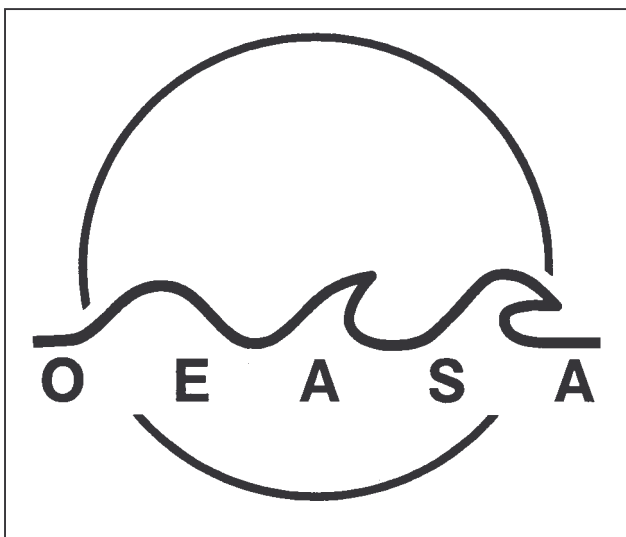
Woodcroft College Grows OE Program

Congratulations to Woodcroft College who undertook a major expansion of their year 10 Outdoor Education Program with a 12 day program in the Grampians. The two programs have been very successful by all reports. Congratulations to all those involved in the planning, organization and implementation of the programs.

Training Week

The Port Augusta Aquatic and Outdoor Education Centre Held its third Training Week in the preceding school holiday break. By all accounts, another successful event. Well done all involved.

Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year.



The Outdoor Educators Association of South Australia Aims:

- To promote the development of Outdoor Education in South Australia;
- To represent Outdoor Educators on issues and matters concerning the use of the outdoors;
- To maintain the professional development of personnel working in the area of Outdoor Education;
- To maintain, support and develop the role of Outdoor Educators in South Australia;
- To promote the professional interchange of information between members and other related organisations through conferences, meetings, seminars and publications;
- To promote a philosophy of environmental awareness, preservation, conservation and positive attitudes towards the use of the outdoor environment;
- To act in an advisory capacity to community, government and non government agencies.

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Advanced Outdoor First Aid Certificate Course

BCS Adventure Services is contracting Red Cross to conduct the Advanced Outdoor First Aid Certificate Course in **January 2003**.

The course content includes:

MODULE 1	PRACTICAL FIRST AID AND DECISION MAKING	
MODULE 2	Assessment of medical complaints	
MODULE 3	Medical Problems	
MODULE 4	Shock	Minor problems
	Bleeding - internal and external	Soft tissue injury
	Wound management	Senior First Aid revision
	First aid kits	Senior First Aid theory paper
MODULE 5	Head injury	Chest injury
	Eye emergencies	Abdominal injury
	Spinal injury	
MODULE 6	Fractures	
	Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Assessment	
MODULE 7	Casualty handling exercises:	
MODULE 8	Casualty simulation exercises - small groups	
MODULE 9	Casualty simulation exercises - complex situation with short distance carries	
MODULE 10	Advanced Outdoor First Aid examination paper	
	Review and Evaluation	
FIELD EXERCISES	Modules 7-10 may be conducted as field exercises, when the casualty handling exercises and simulations may be carried out in an outdoor setting using only the materials which would normally be available to any participant in an outdoor activity.	

Time requirements are: 6 X 3-HOUR MODULES AND 2-DAY FIELD EXERCISES

Approximate Cost is: \$200

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Kayaker Found in 'Miracle' Rescue

Reprinted from Australian Canoeing E-News, Thursday,

August 01, 2002

In what the US Coast Guard called a "pretty big miracle," searchers Tuesday found a man in a small red kayak 120 miles off the coast of the Big Island of Hawaii -- two days after he was lost at sea. "This is literally that proverb of a needle in a haystack," said Petty Officer Third Class David Mosley, a spokesman for the Coast Guard. John Stockton, 28, on vacation from Arizona, called 911 from his cell phone at sea Sunday to report his boat was taking on water, Mosley said. He called again to say he had jumped into his kayak, which had been attached to the boat, and that the boat had sunk. Mosley said the Coast Guard began a search using a C-130 long-range aircraft and a U.S. Navy P-3 Orion aircraft, both with night vision and infrared equipment.

The planes were searching the area Tuesday when the P-3 spotted Stockton in his kayak, 120 miles (80 nautical miles) southwest of the Big Island of Hawaii, Mosley said. The C-130 dropped him a life raft and a Coast Guard HH-65 Dolphin picked him up and brought him to shore. "It's actually a pretty big miracle," Mosley said. "He should be playing the lottery right about now." Stockton's mother was already on her way from Arizona when she heard the news her son had been found, Mosley said. The Coast Guard notified the FAA, who told the captain of the commercial plane the mother was flying aboard. The captain then announced it to the entire cabin before the plane touched the ground in Hawaii. Mosley said searchers were in their 22nd search pattern when they found him. "It just goes to show the thoroughness of the searching crew and those who were running the search," he said. Stockton had planned to take his boat from the western side of the Big Island in a big arc to its northern tip when he began taking on water, "somewhere out in the middle" of his trip. He drifted directly into the open ocean. Stockton was resting in stable condition Tuesday night at the Kona Community Hospital, where a nursing supervisor said he was "a little wind-exposed and a little sun-exposed, but otherwise, he's talking." If Stockton had had a VHF radio or an emergency positioning beacon, Mosley speculated, he would have been found in the first day. "Even if it was just a basic one, it would have given a position that would have been picked up by the aircraft, and would have brought the aircraft right to him," he said.

The Coast Guard recommends all sailors carry such a device.

Minister Welcomes South Australian Tort Law Reform

Reprinted from Australian Canoeing Tuesday, August 13, 2002

Assistant Treasurer Senator Helen Coonan today welcomed moves by the South Australian Government to implement tort law reform to reduce the pressure on public liability insurance payouts.

Senator Coonan said that South Australia was moving to implement a raft of measures which were consistent with changes being implemented by the Commonwealth and other States.

"South Australian Treasurer Kevin Foley has been involved in the two successful Ministerial Meetings on public liability insurance and I am pleased to see that he has now announced a range of measures in accordance with the agreements made at those meetings," Senator Coonan said.

"The South Australian reforms will cap damages for personal injury, restrict liability where plaintiffs are intoxicated or committing a crime and importantly introduce changes to complement the Commonwealth's legislation to allow waivers for risky recreational activities.

"And the South Australian Government is moving to allow damages to be paid as periodic payments or structured settlements, rather than one-off lump sums. This change follows amendments to the tax law put forward by the Commonwealth to ensure people who receive structured settlements are not disadvantaged.

"I would like to commend all those State Governments who have been acting in a coordinated way with the Federal Government to help find a solution to this complex problem."

Senator Coonan said Victoria and the ACT were the only two jurisdictions yet to take substantive action in the area of tort law reform. Tasmania has not moved to date, but already has some statutory limitations on common law claims.

"I would urge all States and Territories to follow the lead being set by those states that have acted decisively on this issue and do what they can as part of a consistent national approach,"

Senator Coonan said.

Media Release from the Outdoor Recreation Centre Inc.

27th September 2002

Contributor Peter Kellett

Victoria's \$250 million dollar adventure tourism industry stands to benefit from an initiative announced today by the Victorian State Government in conjunction with the Outdoor Recreation Centre Inc.

In a world first, funding support from a consortium of State Government departments including; Sport & Recreation Victoria (SRV), Parks Victoria (PV), Tourism Victoria (TV) and the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment (NRE), will enable the development of adventure activity standards that will provide clarity for both commercial tourism operators and not for profit clubs and activity associations.

"Our aim is to maximise the expertise already abundant in Victoria's industry," said Jodie Willmer, Chairperson of the Outdoor Recreation Centre Inc.

"This is the first time that commercial tourism operators, the education sector, not for profit clubs and activity associations have worked together to develop standards applicable to all users."

"We're confident that this united approach will deliver the best results whilst complimenting the high standards of service Victoria's recreation industry is famous for."

Adventure Activity Standards will cover a range of essential business practices including safety, risk management, equipment maintenance, leadership skills and commitment to environmental sustainability. Insurance underwriters and industry accreditation organisations will be consulted and involved in the development of Adventure Activity Standards.

Standards for white water rafting, caving, mountain biking, rock climbing, recreational fishing, four wheel driving and horse trail riding will be completed by April 2003.

To be involved in the documentation of the Caving, Rafting and Mountain Bike Standards for Victoria, please check the "how will it work" and "Criteria for the working parties" section at www.orc.org.au and email expressions of interest as requested to info@orc.org.au before Wednesday 9th October 2002.

For further information contact Gordon Duff, Outdoor Recreation Centre Inc. on telephone (03) 9457 5432 or email: info@orc.org.au

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Book Review

Climbing Lessons - Inside Outdoor Education.

Tim Stott, in the Journal of Adventure Education and Outdoor Learning, Vol 2, Issue 1 (July 2002).

"This is an excellent book which will appeal to the climber and the lay reader interested in adventure. It also covers a number of important issues for the teacher, for educationalists and sociologists ? and [for all those] involved in the wide-ranging field of outdoor education."

NEW REVIEW. Bertie Everard, in the Australian Journal of Outdoor Education, Vol 6, No 2 (May 2002).

"This book is difficult to put down; it is a splendid read and it makes one furiously to think. The author is a master of the English language, with a bias towards its Anglo-Saxon roots."

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OEASA Meeting 16-10-02

Present: Scott Polley, Nerilee Flint, Wayne Hooper, Libby Robertson, Shirley Brown, Mathew Wallis-Smith, Dale Hobbs and Brett Stanford

Apologies: Cath Jenner

Correspondence:

National Leadership Registration (Kathy Kingsford)

Feedback workshop 30th of Oct 6-8pm at BLSA 73 Wakefield St Adelaide

RecSA AGM 16th Oct

Auricht Gift (fundraiser for Scouts at Woodhouse involving High ropes course and the Tower Saturday the 19th Oct)

Journeys VOEA Journal

Camping Association of Victoria Journal

Discussion as to possibility of moving the annual dinner to Saturday

Agreed that it works best if it stays on Friday due to most being having social commitments on Saturday and that it is work related therefore more likely to get higher numbers is held close to the end of the working week.

Conference Report – Shirley Brown

Draft program (Nerilee and Scott to edit)

To be in electronic format (PDF) and put on AOEC and possible bulk email mail-out

Looking at distribution by the end of October

Sponsorship from: Accompany Outdoors, Venture Corporate Recharge/Wilderness Escape Outdoor Adventures, UniSA, Perception

Proposal to be written to the EPA (may help with our enviro footprint costs)

Increase of conference fee by \$10 to include proceedings (on a CD), dinner and a thermo mug.

Dinner options: Morphettville Function Centre, Stamford Grand, Shores

Shores looked best option

Need for trade display follow up

Conference pack to possibly include calico bag (follow up by Wayne Hooper and Scott Polley)

Investigation of long sleeve conference t-shirts with sun-smart sponsorship

Cash flow – need for an urgent loan to service the printing costs and Shirley's next invoice. Printing needs to be paid within 2 weeks

Coming events:

NOLRS information evening Oct 30

National meeting for National organisation (AOEC ORCA merged organisation) 9th and 10th of November (sat and sun)

Facilitation workshop by Martin Ringer Feb 17th to 21st \$500 (stay tuned for details)

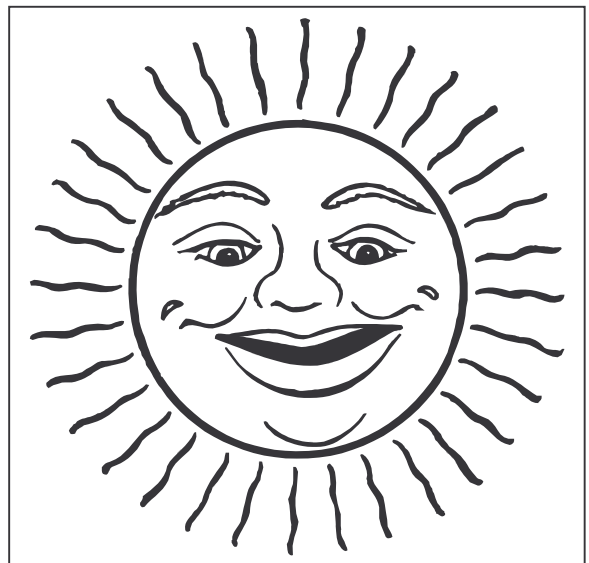
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18 Milner St Hindmarsh



**Website Review:
Human Resources Website
On Track Management
Services - www.otms.com.au**

**For the Outdoor Education and
Outdoor Recreation Industry**

I was surfing the net a while ago and stumbled across a web site which I found particularly interesting. It was a human resources web site that specialised in connecting employers and employees in the outdoor education and outdoor recreation industry. I don't know about you but I've looked through the Advertiser a few too many times searching for outdoor jobs to no avail. This site cuts to the chase and is only concerned with the outdoor profession, although the site is predominantly Victorian and New South Wales based. Perhaps this site could benefit SA practitioners as well, however I must declare that I have no commercial connections with this site. The site has the following benefits to employees and employers.

Employees:

The site is free to employees and they can register and leave an online copy of their resume, which they can update regularly, they can also leave their email address to receive emails directly from employers. Employees can also look through the jobs section of the site.

Employers:

Employers register with a fee (not sure what it is) and have their adds posted on the site, with the benefit that only outdoor professional will be looking at them.

I know most of the jobs in this state are filled by in house networks, as our industry is so small, however this might be of benefit for those employers that are trying to find the right people to fill the jobs fast as can be a hard process. On the other hand I hope it does further promote the brain drain of good professionals from this state.

Regards

Brett Stanford

**National Outdoor
Leadership Recreation
Scheme
Consultation Meeting
30/10/02**

(Courtesy Recreation SA)

Minutes

Priorities Issues

No major burning issues.

Is there a general support for NOLRS?

Why would we need to register if our own systems are already good?

Way of maintaining standards; Good insurance buying;

May be required by employers - are you registered?

Will this be promoted to DETE, tourism etc?

Likely to be funded by Australia National Tourist

If it happens nationally and we are not involved we may be left out leader rather than miss out.

Easier to work through out states with national rego - portability

Neither insurance or land managers asking for qualifications

Horse industry insurance required quails

Non profit groups will view it with scepticism and be nervous

If it costs too much will this shut them out

Volunteer leaders may be cut out - program suffer

RPL not difficult to do

Look to minimise costs for volunteers - volunteer assessment day of RPL, peer assess etc

Don't see it as a big cost

Peer assessment bring trialed in Qld

Show of hands for in principle agreement with the Registration Scheme

Who would be in favour? - majority, some abstentions

Is the process described the way you want to do it - RPL/Registration etc?

Majority - yes

(Continued overleaf)

National Outdoor Leadership Recreation Scheme

Consultation Meeting 30/10/02 Meeting (continued)

What do you expect for rego fee

Certificate extra cost,

registration card with photo, which you can not tamper with - multiple rego on the one card.

No newsletter

Optional insurance - yes

Multiple activity rego cheaper and on one card

First aid - is there requirements for higher level of first aid

For remote etc areas - yes

Should this be wilderness First Aid \$800 - NO

Add on to senior First Aid - yes negotiate with Red Cross

Wilderness First Aid looking at coming out in April in conjunction with OEASA

Senior First Aid linked with other competencies should give you enough skills emergency care etc

Qualifications in First Aid, which is most reasonable for your trip - minimum Senior First Aid, but may be desirable to have higher qualifications.

Just minimum Senior First Aid

Costs must be kept to a minimum

Requirements for additional experience - currency and knowledge

Raise the bar?

Revisit need for the newsletter

Provide for updates etc

Electronic format like adventure pro
www.adventurepro.com.au/news

Would we support a newsletter to keep people updated

Advise of First Aid etc

Length of registration ?

3 years?

5 yrs suggested

depends on cost

onus on individual to stay up with currencies

Multiple time frames become messy.

Re registration should reflect currency of skills, knowledge, practices

3 years - 10 people voted

No re reg - 0 people voted

5 years - 6 people voted

varying lengths of registration dependant on activity

pursue idea of different terms of re-rego

Bushwalking- 5 etc investigation

SAREA - 3

RPL process how often will it be run?

Depends on demand

Needs to be trialed

Maybe 2 years

Any other points

Structuring of guidelines/industry standards for workers in the outdoors

Agenda item for future - award for outdoor leaders

Recommendations

Thankyou for your participation

From Rebecca Avery

Recreation South Australia

Kathy Kingsford

Outdoor Recreation Council of Australia

