

# Outdoor News

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## From the Chair

*Mark Hayward*

Welcome to our 'new look' *Outdoor News*! I am very excited to announce the appointments of our new co-editors, Peter Carter and Andrew Quinn. During our last committee meeting the team of Peter and Andrew was unanimously voted into the positions after the resignation of long standing editor Scott Polley. We are all looking forward to seeing the development of our newsletter with the new team.

I would like to publicly acknowledge Scott's hard work and dedication in the editor's role over the years. On behalf of the committee and members I thank him for his major commitment whilst juggling family, work, volunteer roles and the chairperson position. He did a wonderful job!

Any contributions to the newsletter are warmly accepted and can be e-mailed to Andrew Quinn at <aquinn@pembroke.sa.edu.au>

### 2005 OEASA Awards Night

On Friday 3 June we ran our annual OEASA Awards Night. It was a successful night in which we recognised the wonderful achievements of both our students and educators. It also provided a great opportunity to bring

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our members together to share a meal and socialise. Special thanks must go to our supporters for the night: Paddy Pallin, Scout Outdoor Centre, Mountain Designs, Griffin Winery, Wilderness Escape and Venture Corporate Recharge.

### 2005 State Conference

Attached to this newsletter is the State Conference flyer. We have been very fortunate to attract a couple of outstanding organisations to our state to run some excellent professional development programs pre and post conference.

The Wilderness Medicine Institute will be running a 7-day Wilderness First Aid and a 3-day Wilderness First Aid (Recertification) course, whilst Dr Simon Crisp from Neo-Psych Consulting will be conducting a 3-day Psychological First Response course.

At this stage numbers are low for all three courses and it would be a major disappointment if we could not get the numbers for these courses to run. All courses are highly acclaimed so if you are interested get on board.

Meanwhile, the conference is shaping up nicely. We have been able to keep the cost down to a very reasonable price, so get into Paddy Pallin and sign up: it will be an excellent day.

### Next meeting

**Friday 29 July**

**6:30-7:30 pm, at the Kent Town Hotel,**

**Rundle Street Kent Town**

## From the Editor

*Peter Carter*

Mark has already welcomed you to the 'new look' *Outdoor News*, and I can only add to that welcome. This issue has been a bit rushed, so that conference material can be sent to you in ample time, and a couple of promised items have not arrived on time.

We do have, however, two key parts of the annual report, from the Chairman and Treasurer. From Wayne Hooper we have some background on the two most recent Life members, Peter Kellett and Mike Meredith, together with some pictures of the recent presentation dinner by Nerilee Flint.

Most of us now carry mobile phones, but unless you've read the documentation you may not be aware of the alternate emergency number 112, which works across carriers, and without the need for a SIM card. From the Australian Communications Authority we have portions of one of their recent reports on the 112 number.

Whether you dial 112 or 000 you will need to give a precise location, since mobile phones can be tracked only to

the cells they're in, they can't easily be homed on like marine VHF.

News too of the November meeting, a star attraction of the year.

*Outdoor News* is now laid out with Adobe InDesign, and exported to PDF before final tweaking with Adobe Acrobat. For those of you reading the e-mail version, the result is a more compact file, cross-platform, and with working links. Click on an entry in the table of contents and the article will appear, and the blue Contents link at the bottom of the page will return you to page 1 from wherever.

If you are reading online, clicking on a Web URL should send your browser to the site. One you might like to try is a site I recently discovered, that of the Barker Estuary and Port Estuary Committee, [www.bipec.on.net](http://www.bipec.on.net).



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## Planetarium Visit

**25 November 2005**

**OEASA Meeting 5 pm**

**Planetarium 5:30-7 pm**

**Dinner 7pm at Mawson Lakes Hotel**

The final 2005 meeting for OEASA will be held at The Planetarium at the Mawson Lakes campus of University of SA. The Planetarium is in P Building (North West) area of the campus about 200 metres from the Mawson Lakes Hotel.

The cost of the visit is free for members and \$4 per head for non-members. Seating is limited to 45 people in the Planetarium, so bookings are necessary.

If you are interested in attending please contact Libby Robertson on 83025234(work) 82714784(home) or e-mail at [libby.robertson@unisa.edu.au](mailto:libby.robertson@unisa.edu.au).

The Mawson Lakes Hotel will reserve appropriate tables for OEASA when numbers are finalised.

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## The Outdoor Educators' Association of South Australia

### Aims

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

The Outdoor Educators' Association of South Australia supports these national ethical guidelines for outdoor educators:

- The Outdoor Educator will fulfil his or her duty of care
- The Outdoor Educator will provide a supportive and appropriate learning environment
- The Outdoor Educator will develop his or her professionalism
- The Outdoor Educator will ensure his or her practice is culturally and environmentally sensitive

### OEASA Committee 2005

Chairman: Mark Hayward

Secretary: Libby Robertson

Treasurer: Phil Noble

Members: Scott Polley, Peter Kellett, Mike Meredith, Kate Lucas, Nerilee Flint, Andrew Quinn, Andrew Govan

## Life Membership Honours for two worthy servants of Outdoor Education

*Wayne Hooper*

At the recent OEASA awards dinner I emphasised the importance of OEASA in promoting Outdoor Education in this state. OEASA is in its twenty fourth year which is a significant feat considering that it is an organisation run entirely by volunteers with no government funding. This is outstanding when we consider that these volunteers have major commitments in their professional roles and in most cases spend many days a year out in the field on camps, expeditions and excursions.

OEASA over the years has provided a range of services for its members including regular newsletters, state conferences and other training and development activities and advocacy on behalf of its members on a range of issues relevant to Outdoor Educators.

OEASA was a major player in the formation of the National Association and has hosted two very successful National Conferences.

Peter Kellett, who was awarded Life membership of the Association at the dinner, illustrates the dedication of these volunteers over the years. Peter was the driving force behind the formation of the Association and was its first president. He is still actively involved on the committee. He has been a Secondary School Outdoor Education teacher, the owner/operator of a very successful ecotourism company which flourishes to this day, unlike several similar ventures which have floundered. He was the Executive Officer of the Bushwalking Leadership Training Board for many years and he is still an active Board member. He is currently an Outdoor Education lecturer at UniSA, educating future Outdoor Educators.

He commented on receiving the Award how pleased he was to see the enthusiasm of the large number of young people at the dinner who will continue in the role of educating people in the outdoors.

Mike Meredith was the second worthy recipient of Life membership on the night. Mike has maintained a strong involvement in OEASA over the last twenty years. Since beginning his Graduate Diploma in Outdoor Education at Salisbury CAE under Rob Hogan (also a Life member



Above: Wayne Hooper and Peter Kellett

Right: Mike Meredith



of the association) Mike has influenced many students over the years as the Outdoor Education Coordinator in two northern suburbs schools.

He is a past president of OEASA and an active adviser for Bushwalking LeadershipSA.

Mike's commitment to OEASA is underlined by the fact that after dedicating so much time and energy to the Association over the years he is still actively involved on the committee and is one of the three person sub committee which is organising this year's State Conferences.

Well done to two worthy recipients of Life Membership. The Outdoor Education community is grateful for your contribution.



OEASA Merit Award Winners, at the dinner.

(This and other dinner pics by Nerilee Flint)

## Chairman's Report

Mark Hayward

The purpose of this report is to act as an overview of the activities of the committee in 2004. The year saw a 'changing of the guard' as many of the long serving office bearers stepped down from their positions, namely Scott Polley, Kyla Young and Brett Stanford. It would have been easy for the association to lose its direction after the loss of such major contributors, however I was excited to see others take on responsibilities. Phil Noble (Treasurer) and Libby Robertson (Secretary) have done an outstanding job, as well as the regular committee members who have made every effort to attend meetings.

2004 has seen OEASA involved in a number of activities and initiatives:

### Certificate Dinner

This year saw record numbers (over 100) attend our certificate dinner at the Hackney Hotel. It was a great opportunity for all to catch up with old faces and meet some new ones, as well as recognise excellence within our field. Unfortunately we have out-grown the Hackney Hotel and will need to look for an alternate venue in 2005.

### Port Augusta Training Week

The association helped fund the valuable week at Port Augusta. Although it is not in the association's charter to provide funding for this type of event, government funding was not forthcoming and the committee felt the need to help out financially to ensure the very existence of this training in regional SA. Another application for funding has been drawn up by the association through the program coordinator, Heather Miller, for 2005.

### Web site

A Web site has been designed by a university outdoor education student and is due to be online in early 2005. The Web site will provide an opportunity for members to access membership forms, newsletters, useful outdoor

links as well as other information. It will also act as the associations 'public face'. Wilderness Escape (Andrew Govan) has kindly offered to host the Web site.

### Advocacy

There were two issues which the association acted upon after concerns were raised by members. The first was the increasing issue of access to National Parks. The committee commissioned Rob Hogan to carry out a survey to ascertain the size of this problem in SA. Rob will present his findings in mid 2005 at the state conference.

The second issue was the delay in offering a pure Outdoor Education degree at the University of SA. Our members were encouraged to write to the university outlining how they believed the degree would assist staffing issues within their program and the association sent a letter describing our support for the course.

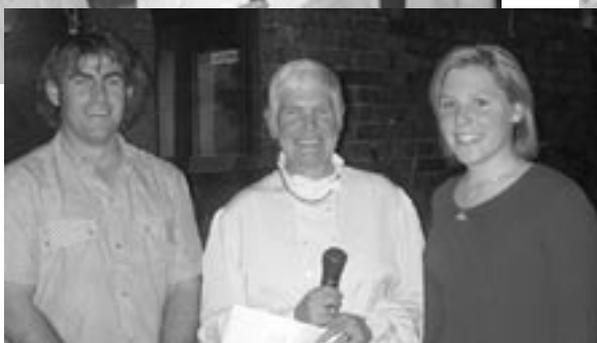
### Newsletter

Scott Polley has remained on the committee as newsletter editor in 2004 and although our number of newsletters was down this year the quality has remained. We will work hard to ensure our stated four newsletters are produced in 2005.

### CEASA/Insurance

During the year a lack of communication and understanding between CEASA and the association meant there was a period in which we were not covered for public liability. This issue was rectified and we are now covered under a CEASA umbrella cover. Libby Robertson has volunteered to be our CEASA representative.

Considering the voluntary nature of our association, 2004 was quite a productive year. Thank you to all members and supporters who assisted the association throughout the year.



Phil Noble and Libby Robertson with award winners:

Top left: Jess Watson (Mark Auricht Award for most outstanding Year 12 results)

Above: Karyn Prosser (Outstanding achievements in TAFE Outdoor Rec course)

Left: Meridee Shearing (Most outstanding tertiary Recreation student)

## Financial report

*Phil Noble, Treasurer*

1 January 2004–1 January 2005

Balance brought forward from 31/12/03 \$22,146.69

Balance at 1 January 2005 \$22,973.33

### Income

Bank Interest	\$259.19
Award Dinner	\$2047.00
Auction	\$1145.00
Membership: Individual	\$960.00
Membership: Student	\$90.00
Membership: Family	\$120.00
Membership: School	\$1330.00
Membership: Corporate	\$420.00
Membership: Organisation	\$420.00
Miscellaneous	\$730.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7521.19</b>

### Expenditure

Government bank charges	\$95.60
Newsletter costs (Printing/postage)	\$254.20
Membership (CEASA, OCA)	\$693.00
Public Liability Insurance	\$0.00
Award Dinner	\$1854.00
Office of Consumer & Business Affairs	\$157.00
Teleconference	\$58.25
Book Keeping	\$150.00
Journals	\$2532.50
Port Augusta Aquatics	\$600.00
Web site Design	\$300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6694.55</b>

### Summary

Total Income	\$7521.19
Less total Expenditure	\$6694.55
Profit	\$826.64

**Association funds at the end of 2004 stand at \$22,973.33**

Raising awareness of 112 is considered an interim response to a long term issue. The ACA is working with industry to remove the technical distinctions between 000 and 112. Most GSM mobile handsets and SIMS2 sold in Australia today are programmed to treat 000 calls in the same manner as 112, providing 000 callers with the same access capabilities as 112 callers. This long-term and permanent strategy will maintain the primacy of 000 as Australia's emergency service number, provide the community with the best possible access to 000 from their GSM mobile phones, and ultimately make awareness and use of 112 redundant.

1 global system for mobile communications

2 subscriber identity modules

## Australian Communications Authority

### Awareness of the 112 emergency number

#### Executive summary

The 000 emergency service number is Australia's primary emergency number and is available from all fixed and mobile telephones in Australia. The secondary emergency number 112 is available from GSM1 mobile phones as an alternative to 000 and can have some advantages over 000 in certain circumstances. The 112 number is generally available on CDMA networks (although it is not required to be), but cannot be dialled from the fixed network.

The most significant advantage of 112 over 000 is when the callers are outside the GSM coverage area of their mobile service, but within the GSM coverage area of another provider. In such circumstances, a call to 112 will be able to be carried by the other GSM network provider whereas a call to 000 may not.

A recent Newspoll Market research survey commissioned by the ACA interviewed a nationally representative sample of adults. It was found that 94.8 per cent of all adult respondents would dial 000 as their first choice in an emergency, and 1.8 per cent would dial 112. A further 9.8 per cent of GSM mobile phone owners nominated 112 as an additional emergency number that they were aware could be dialled from their mobile phones as an alternative to 000. These results are positive in comparison with ACA research in 1999, which found that unprompted awareness of 112 among GSM mobile phone users was approximately one per cent.

These results are positive. It is appropriate that 000 is the number that an extremely high percentage of people immediately think to dial in an emergency situation. It is also appropriate that awareness of 112 is higher among GSM mobile phone users than the general community because 112 is only of potential benefit to GSM mobile phone users.

The increase in the awareness of 112 among GSM mobile phone users also indicates that the obligation on GSM service providers to inform their GSM customers about 112 is having the desired effect. However, more time is needed before the true impact of this obligation can be properly assessed. Further activities to raise community awareness of 112 are not altogether desirable at this time. This is consistent with the advice of emergency service organisations (ESOs) and the ACA's Emergency Services Advisory Committee (ESAC). Wide promotion of 112 has the potential to cause confusion about which number to dial in an emergency.

It could also dilute the impact of the 000 education programs and undermine confidence in the capabilities of the 000 number. The ACA is particularly concerned that consumers may attempt to dial 112 on the fixed network, where the service is not available.

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**Outdoor Educators' Association Of South Australia**

**ABN 26 588 063 701**

**Membership form**

**Membership subscription for period 28 Feb 2005 to 28 Feb 2006**

**Type of Membership:**

Renewal

New member

Individual \$60

Student \$45

School/Organisation/Corporate/Family \$70

(Please tick appropriate boxes Note that we are not charging GST)

Members in the organisational category have been sent a Tax Invoice to use. If you are a new member in this category please return this form without payment and a Tax Invoice will be sent to you.

If you have this membership and would like an extra copy of a year's OEASA newsletters please add \$20. For two extra copies add \$40, etc.

Please make cheques and money orders payable to 'Outdoor Educators' Association of South Australia'.

Members will receive:

- OEASA newsletters *Outdoor News* (four per year)
- AJOE (*Australian Journal of Outdoor Education*) (two per year)
- affiliation to other State Associations via the Outdoor Council of Australia

**Member details:**

School/Organisation/Corporation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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Individual/student/family members: what is the School/Organisation you are connected with?

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