

# Outdoor News

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## From the Chairman

**Mike Meredith**

As with any year the last one has been a busy one for OEASA. Little did I know when accepting the Chair position that the year would herald some significant happenings in the Outdoor Education world.

Firstly, I would like to thank the committee members for their significant service and help throughout the year. Without their great work little would get done and we as an organization would provide little service to members. Whilst everyone has supported the organization to the best of their time and available effort I would like to particularly thank Wayne as sub-editor (Scott Polley for the first edition 2006) and Libby as secretary for their efforts throughout the year quietly organising our many events and newsletters with little fuss. Phil for his great work with membership and finances, a godsend. Andrew for his efforts with sponsorship at the presentation dinner and Peter C for his efforts as editor. It is great to have such a wonderful and professional newsletter. Without the help of such a wonderful committee we could not have achieved so much. Thanks and well done.

What has the OEASA committee been up to with its time since the last AGM?

- Organised another very successful presentation dinner attended by 94 people with the presentation by numerous bodies of their leadership and achievement certificates. Included attendance by Mark Dingle and Scott Downward from VOEA.
- Distributed four newsletters.
- Distributed two editions of National Journal of OED
- Responded to the Aquatics centre review by the

Education Department. OEASA sent a letter to the minister and Premier and this was followed up with a meeting and further input by electronic survey.



- Web site development has continued under Peter Carter's patient eye and the new site is ready to go on line and with further content will be worth a visit.
- The committee has held discussions with OCA and other state Outdoor Education Associations to pave the way for the formation of Outdoor Education Australia: A Network of OED associations. This represents a National body whose main focus is Outdoor Education. This has revitalised the spirit of sharing between state Associations and has spinoff benefits such as OEASA members accessing VOEA's extensive bookshop at member rates.
- The 15th National Outdoor Education Conference is being run by VOEA. It is to be held at Ballarat Lodge from Thursday 20 to Sunday 23 September. We are hoping to get as many South Aussies over to this as possible and will help out with car-pooling opportunities, etc. As a consequence of the national conference we will hold our next State conference in 2008.
- The DEH/NP&W survey is still on the boil and Libby has made contact with appropriate persons to take up our concerns in 2007.

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## From the Editor

**Peter Carter**

The big event since the last issue has been the AGM, followed by the presentation by Duncan Chessell. In these pages you'll find a version of the minutes (I've edited it from the original) and Libby's account of Duncan's talk and its spectacular images. There's even a picture of (most of) the new committee.

What drives people to climb mountains, cross deserts and oceans, and otherwise put themselves at risk? Wayne has a few thoughts on page 7. The best I ever read on the subject was *The Ulysses Factor*, a book worth tracking down. Also in these pages are news of Kris Mosher and announcements of two new awards from Recreation SA: The Award for Encouraging Participation in Outdoor Recreation, and The Award for Outstanding Achievement (Organisation). There are forms for these, and the national conference, in these pages.

One thing missing from this issue, because I ran out of space, is Phil Noble's financial report. However I can tell you that total income for 2006 was \$8,546.40 and total expenditure \$8,721.62, for a loss of \$175.22. Balance at 31 December 2006 was \$25,907.02.

The other recent AGM has been that of Australian Canoeing, held in Adelaide for the first time. There is a new president, a new board of directors (including our own Jim Murphy), and resolve to get things done. Nominations have been called for a National Recreational Advisory Committee, and there is to be new blood in the Education and Safety Committee. One of its first tasks will be to bring the Award Scheme and its documentation into line with SRO-03, beginning with Level 1 resources.

In March, Canoe SA held another successful Sea weekend, despite the wind, and more recently a Lifeguard/Flatwater Instructor course. During the next few months there will be some skills evenings in the Adelaide Aquatics Centre: night paddling in a pool. See the Canoe SA Web site, [www.sa.canoe.org.au](http://www.sa.canoe.org.au), for details.

The other piece of canoeing-related news is that final proofs of the new Coorong maps are being checked before they go to the printer. There are three maps in the series: Long Point to Mundoo, Parnka Point to Long Point, and Salt Creek to Parnka Point. They're 1:100 000, and, like the other maps, will be printed on waterproof material.

Also nearing completion is *Sustainable Recreational Trails: Guidelines for the Planning, Design, Construction and Maintenance of Recreational Trails in South Australia*. It's being written for the SA Trails Coordinating Committee, and, as the name suggests, explains what you need to know to set up new trails.

As noted elsewhere in this issue, the rebuilt Web site is up and running. There's a screen grab on page 3. It looks best in Safari, and old versions of Internet Explorer will break it. What it needs now is content, so please send in your items and pictures.



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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 2007

Chair: Mike Meredith

Treasurer: Phil Noble

Secretary: Libby Robertson

Assistant Secretary: Clay Hunter

Editor and webmaster: Peter Carter

Sub-Editors: Wayne Hooper, Clay Hunter

Committee: Nerilee Flint, Scott Polley, Peter Kellett,

Catherine Jenner, Andrew Govan, Alex Thomas, Nick

Hartog, Julie Englehardt, Mick Dennis, Dale Hobbs

## Chairman's report

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- We have encouraged schools that teach Outdoor Education and professionals working in the area of education to become members of OEASA, and offered discount rates to join for this financial year.
- OEASA has maintained a healthy financial state and is in a position to maintain, if not improve, services in the short term at least.
- We have met with Rec SA and they have offered to sponsor two new awards for the presentation dinner, namely for an outstanding Outdoor Organisation and for Individual or group promoting participation in OED. We would hope that our association with Rec SA may grow and where appropriate will benefit each organization.
- In an effort to encourage attendance at the 2007 AGM a presentation by Adelaide adventurer Duncan Chessell was organised to follow the AGM.
- To our many sponsors a **big thank you**: including Paddy Pallins for their considerable help taking bookings for the presentation dinner, which is a much-appreciated job, and also for their donation of items for the raffle. Wilderness Escape and Corporate Venture Recharge for their very generous donations, as well as Snowies Outdoors and Anapurna for their donations of gear for the presentations, and Griffin wines for the door prizes.

In summary, I would like to once again thank the committee on behalf of the members for its efforts throughout the year and our many sponsors and people who have helped out.

I look forward to another exciting year with the development of the OEA: Network of OED Associations and development of professional development opportunities for OEASA members.

It is as always a pleasure to be of service.

Yours in the outdoors.



## News and notes

### Important dates 2007

Committee meetings: 25 May, 17 August, 9 November

Banff Film Festival: 29, 30 May

Deadline for newsletter articles: 29 June, 21 September, 14 December

Day Walk Leaders Induction Course (BLSA): 5, 12, 19, 26, 30 June and 1 July or October school holidays (to be confirmed)

Presentation Dinner: 29 June (note change of date)

Bushwalking Assistant Leadership Course (BLSA): 9–15 July

Adventure Therapy Network: 4–6 August

Technical Skills Assessment (BLSA): 25–26 August

Steep Terrain Day (BLSA): 2 September

National Outdoor Education Risk Management Conference: 20 Sept

National Outdoor Education Conference: 21–23 September

Critical Incident Response Training: 24 Sept

General Mountain Training (BLSA): 1–5 October

Training and development day: 19 October

Seminar Day (BLSA): 4 November

Send items to either Peter Carter <pcarter@acslink.net.au> or Wayne Hooper <Waynelib@bigpond.com>

### New book launched at the OEASA AGM

The book *Outdoor Education: Foundations for Secondary and Tertiary Education* by Chris Froude and Scott Polley can now be purchased at the following outlets:

ACHPER, 214 Port Road Hindmarsh: contact <bookshop@achper.org.au> or phone 08 83403388

University of South Australia: UniBooks Magill Campus

Paddy Pallin: Rundle Street Adelaide

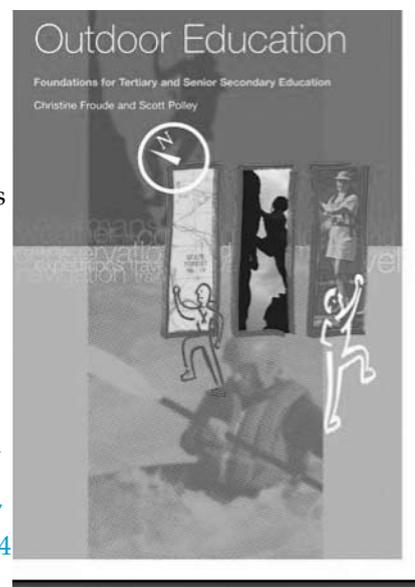
The Victorian Outdoor Education Association: (03) 9349 4311 or <education@voea.vic.edu.au>

Direct from the publisher, Impact Publishing: (08) 9286 4209 or <info@impactpublishing.com.au>

The book has been designed for foundational studies in outdoor education and recreation by senior school and tertiary (TAFE and university) students. It is based on the excellent book by Chris Froude, *Outdoor Education Book 2*.

Information about the book can be found at:

<[www.impactpublishing.com.au/catalogue.php?groupid=5&PHPSESSID=349748b0a1be248a0edcc945f5702b90](http://www.impactpublishing.com.au/catalogue.php?groupid=5&PHPSESSID=349748b0a1be248a0edcc945f5702b90)>.



## Annual Presentation Night and Dinner

June 29, Sturt Football Club, 39 Oxford Tce Unley

6:30 pm for 7:00 pm

Cost: Buffet meal \$27 members, \$30 non members,  
payable by 25 June

Late fee \$35

Bookings: Paddy Pallin 228 Rundle Street, Adelaide, 8232  
3155

An opportunity for the whole Outdoor Education community to get together and celebrate the achievements of those who have excelled at secondary, TAFE or university level in the past year. We also honour those who have achieved leadership awards in bushwalking, canoeing, sailing and rockclimbing.

We invite members to nominate anyone in the Outdoor Education field who they believe is worthy in the above categories (enclosed form).

Written submissions are invited for nominations of persons who have made a significant contribution to the field and are worthy of a Service to Outdoor Education or Rec SA Award

Please use the enclosed form and e-mail <libby.robertson@unisa.edu.au> or post to Libby Robertson at UniSA, Room P1-29, Mawson Lakes Blvd, Mawson Lakes 5095, by 31 May.

### Web sites

OEASA's new site is up and running and is worth a look. Peter Carter is fine tuning it so that it will be even more useful in the future: <[www.oeasa.org/index.html](http://www.oeasa.org/index.html)>.

Outdoor Education Australia has an extensive site with useful links: <[www.outdooreducationaustralia.org.au](http://www.outdooreducationaustralia.org.au)>.

Have you notified us of your e-mail address when you renewed your membership? E-mail is the quickest way to notify you of anything happening in the field of Outdoor Education. E-mail the secretary, Libby Robertson, at <libby.robertson@unisa.edu.au> to ensure you receive all updates.

### Aquatics Centre Update

Quote from AEU Newsletter April 2007

'The rallies, petitions, and post cards have harnessed widespread public support for aquatics which has certainly given the government food for thought. This was apparent in the decision to extend the review of the service until the end of Term 2.'

If you haven't done so already, email Jane Lomax-Smith <[mindedcs@saugov.sa.gov.au](mailto:mindedcs@saugov.sa.gov.au)>.

## Outdoor Education Australia

# 15th National Outdoor Education Conference

20-23 September 2007

Ballarat Lodge, Victoria

The 15th National Outdoor Education Conference will be held from 20 to 23 September. The conference will be hosted by the Victorian Outdoor Education Association (VOEA) on behalf of Outdoor Education Australia and with the support of the Outdoor Council of Australia.

### Keynote Speaker: Jesse Martin

In 1999, aged 18, Jesse became the youngest person in history to circumnavigate the globe, solo nonstop and unassisted.

### Conference sponsors and trade exhibitors

Outdoor Education Australia is pleased to invite the support of organisations and individuals who would like to engage with the hundreds of delegates who will participate in the conference. Ballarat Lodge has an outstanding convention and exhibition centre—opened in 2006—which will allow a wide range of exhibitors to interact with delegates in a comfortable, modern facility.

### Conference Theme: Sustaining our Spirit of Place

Spirit of place refers to the unique, distinctive and cherished aspects of a place. It's the invisible weave of culture and the tangible physical aspects of a place, and it's the interpersonal aspects of our relationships with a place.

It's the urban and the rural, the domestic and the commercial, the local and the global. It's the indigenous and the non-indigenous.

In short, it's the very stuff of which Outdoor Education is about.

In using the term 'sustaining' we're embodying a number of concepts:

- We're linking to our past: what have we done before?
- We're linking to our future: what can we do next?
- We're linking to our environment: how can we protect this place and encourage others to do likewise?

So, for the 15th National Outdoor Education Conference, we're looking for presentations, papers, discussion topics, workshops and forums that will consider these issues. What have we done in the past that will help us in the future: for us, our students and our world? What are people doing, teaching, learning? What will our students need to help them in this uncertain world? How can Outdoor Education help this place, our world?

Make your contribution, consider presenting at the 15th National Outdoor Education Conference.



# Minutes of Annual General Meeting of OEASA

**Friday 16 March 2007, starting 6:30 pm**

**Hindmarsh Education Development Centre**

## **1 Present**

Liz Liebing, Rob Hogan, Nerilee Flint, Gordon Begg, Julie Engelhardt, Alex Thomas, Peter Kellett, Scott Polley, Peter Carter, Clay Hunter, Wayne Hooper, Mike Meredith, Grant Henwood, Catherine Jenner, Simon Young, Mark Dingle, Libby Robertson, Nick Hartog, Stephen Moore

## **2 Apologies**

Bob West, Hazel West, Rick Woolford, Meridee Shearing, Phil Noble, Matt Randell, Andrew Govan. Mick Dennis, Dale Hobbs

## **3 Minutes of 2006 AGM**

The minutes of the 2006 AGM were read and confirmed

Moved Wayne Hooper, seconded Nerilee Flint

## **4 Chairperson's Report**

Mike said that it had been a busy year, and thanked the committee for their work. Ninety four were at the Presentation Dinner, four newsletters were sent out and two journals. There was a review of Aquatics Centres. The Web site is under way. OCA now has a network of OEA associations. The next National conference will be held in Ballarat.

(Wayne Hooper thanked Scott Polley for organising the first 2006 newsletter when there had been a problem)

## **5 Treasurer's Report**

Accepted: Moved Peter Kellett, seconded Rob Hogan

## **6 Election of Officers**

Mark Dingle from VOEA ran election of Position of Chair

Chairman: Mike Meredith

Nominated Wayne Hooper, seconded Peter Kellett: elected

Vice Chairman: Vacant

Treasurer: Phil Noble

Nominated Mike Meredith, seconded Nerilee Flint: elected

Secretary: Libby Robertson

Nominated Mike Meredith, seconded Peter Kellett: elected

Assistant Secretary: Clay Hunter

Nominated Wayne Hooper, seconded Rob Hogan: elected

Newsletter Editor/Webmaster: Peter Carter: appointed

Sub-editors: Wayne Hooper and Clay Hunter: appointed

Committee: Nerilee Flint, Scott Polley, Peter Kellett, Catherine Jenner, Andrew Govan, Alex Thomas, Nick Hartog, Julie Englehardt, Mick Dennis, Dale Hobbs: elected

## **7 Outdoor Education Australia: Network OED associations**

Mike Meredith and Wayne Hooper ratified as OEASA representatives: carried unanimously

Any committee member could be an alternative state representative voter for state representatives if MM or WH are unavailable (must be an OEASA member)

Outdoor Education Association governance (as unincorporated body) needs ratification. It will share information, run national conference with state taking up liability, (VOEA is running National Conference this year): passed

The Code of Ethics for OEA was accepted and ratified

## **8 OEA Web site Launch**

Mark Dingle showed the new OEA Web site, and Peter Carter displayed the updated OEASA site.

## **9 Newsletter**

The deadline to get any articles, etc. in is the secondnd to last week of any school term. This allows for publishing and distribution deadlines to have newsletter out by second week of the following school term.

## **10 Presentation dinner**

The dinner will be on Friday 29 June at the Sturt Football Club Rooms in Oxford Street, Unley.

Nominations for awards are required including Prizes, Merit Awards, Service to Outdoor Education, and Rec SA has offered a new award.

## **11 AOB**

The formal part of the meeting closed.

Light snacks and drinks were provided before members of the public joined OEASA members to hear Duncan Chessell speak.



Members of the committee: L-R: Nick Hartog, Scott Polley, Nerilee Flint, Wayne Hooper, Cath Jenner, Clay Hunter, Libby Robertson, Peter Kellett, Mike Meredith

## Duncan Chessell presentation

*Libby Robertson*

Scott Polley introduced Duncan to the very interested audience of about 50. Scott had known Duncan through SAREA. It seemed appropriate to me, that as an 'adventurer', like Mawson, Scott informed us that Duncan's academic background interest was originally geology.

Duncan had recently returned from completing his climb of Mount Vinson in Antarctica. This completed his successful climbing of the highest mountains of the seven continents. His group of four, also, was the first to climb Mount Vinson from the coast instead of at the base where previous climbers had come in by plane.

Duncan's photos of the journey were beautiful but they did not do justice to how hard the journey must have been. The group's plane landed on a suitable strip some distance away from the coast. They then began the journey by travelling away from Mt Vinson back to the coast to commence the climb. The trek from the coast to the base camp of Mt Vinson took them three weeks. This involved:

- Eleven hours per day of sled hauling
- Food calculation by spreadsheet. Food had to be high in calories; e.g. olive oil was poured over the muesli (Yuk!). Food was to be all purpose/per person/per day/per meal = heavy sleds at the beginning
- Adjusting weights/loads to suit how each person was coping over the three weeks
- Measuring their progress by GPS information rather than passing identifiable features (there were none for days!) which was mentally tough
- Walking on one compass bearing for three whole days.

Because the goal could not be seen for a long time, unlike other mountain climbs where the mountain was in sight from the beginning, it was particularly daunting rather than inspiring.

The boots which were very good for warmth in Antarctica were too hot to 'wear in' in Australia's summer and consequently led to impressive blisters. Sunlight at 3am was hard to get used to for sleeping.

Duncan commented on the pristine environment away from the coast. The scenery was spectacular and the photos along the way from and of, the 'Billion Dollar Camp', as Duncan described it, were stunning.

### Banff Film Festival World Tour

The world's best mountain films. Ignite your passion for adventure, action and travel. The festival will exhilarate you with amazing big-screen stories. Featuring a collection of award winning short films from all around the world that will inspire, amaze and astound you.

**Adelaide 29 and 30 May, Mercury Theatre, 7:00pm**

Tickets sold at Paddy Pallin or online at [www.paddypallin.com.au/](http://www.paddypallin.com.au/) or 1800 805 398



After establishing base camp footwear was adjusted for climbing rather than crossing the icecap, which had looked like frozen ocean. The sleds were repacked and so 'only' weighed 30–35kg. The ascent was measured by altitude gain and despite one of the party having to ascend backwards near the top due to an Achilles problem all four summited. Each photo from the summit showed 3/4 of the team with the other member being the photographer.

The remoteness of the area is amazing. The nearest base was at the South Pole. Where the plane landed some other people had been previously weathered in for 29 days. Thankfully for Duncan's group, after returning to base camp, were able to get to the plane without weather delays and Duncan could return to his wife and new baby in time to enthral us all by sharing his experiences.

The group's achievement was remarkable. The obvious great respect, trust, determination and support the four had for each other, shone through the talk.



Paddy Pallin Club Members \$27 or Non Member \$30

Last year was booked out so this year the season is two nights. Book early to avoid disappointment.



# What drives adventurers to pursue their dreams?

Wayne Hooper

Duncan Chessell earlier this year reached the peak of Mount Vinson in Antarctica to complete the task of climbing the highest peak on every continent. According to *The Advertiser* on 3 March he was about to begin his climb to the summit of Mt Everest the next day. It is Duncan's second bid after becoming the first South Australian to achieve the feat on 23 May 2001. During that bid his mate Mark Auricht succumbed to altitude sickness 200m from the top and died on the mountain.

What makes people like Duncan, Andrew McCauley, the kayaker who disappeared a few weeks ago trying to cross the Tasman, and Kay Cotte, the first woman to sail solo unassisted and non-stop around the world, strive to achieve these magnificent feats?

In an article titled 'Science of adrenalin, All in the brain/ Humans wired for extreme conditions' in *The Advertiser* on 3 April this year Marcello Costa, the Professor of Neurophysiology at Flinders University, explores 'What drives such individuals?'

Professor Costa suggests that a British study estimated that 1 in 7 adults are involved in such activities. He suggests that the roots of this behaviour may have emerged 150,000 years ago with the drive to explore, which resulted in humans migrating to all corners of the globe. He says that the drive to exploration requires three features, curiosity, the ability to endure significant suffering and the ability to control fear. Professor Costa suggests that these drives may be 'wired into our brain circuits'. He suggests that humans are 'probably wired to get pleasure out of explorations even in extreme conditions' because the result is advantageous from an evolutionary perspective.

Professor Costa says that natural forms of morphine produced in the brain enhance endurance which reduces pain and fatigue during extreme conditions and reduce fear when undertaking dangerous activities.

## Earth Hour

Wayne Hooper

Earth Hour is a concept that could be adapted for use by a school or community organisation to raise awareness of the wastage of electricity

An enormous amount of electricity is wasted when electrical appliances are on standby. How many people remember to turn appliances such as computers off at the wall when they are not in use?

Our family participated in the concept. The only power used during the hour was the TV and a clock radio. All other electrical appliances were switched off during that time.

A summary of the concept from the Web site [<earthhour.smh.com.au/>](http://earthhour.smh.com.au/):

'We invited Sydneysiders—businesses and individ-

In the article Professor Costa talks about 'thrill seeking' behaviours that are prevalent in male adolescents and young adults that depend on brain circuits that involve the neurotransmitters, dopamine and serotonin, that mediate a sense of pleasure and the reduction of fear in demanding situations. The genes that control these functions may throw light on the factors which determine a propensity to 'thrill seeking'. Other mechanisms in modern society for these 'adrenalin rush' feelings are extreme sports such as base or bungee jumping, rock climbing, mountaineering, mountain biking, wind surfing, white water rafting, cave diving and the like.

The professor suggests that the same brain circuits may have driven courageous young fellows across battlefields to their death in war.

He also suggests that the desire to be involved in thrill seeking activities occurs at sexual maturation and when reproductive competition is most intense.

Professor Costa throws light on the topic in the following:

'Our increasing knowledge of the neuroscience bases of our ancient biological and social roots of curiosity, endurance and pleasure in physical risk, should help us to view these as part of our human nature and to accept adventures, thrill seeking activities and extreme sports as legitimate human activities. These activities represent the end of a spectrum of behaviours that have enabled humans to survive and populate the whole earth.'

In summary he makes a most pertinent point:

'Perhaps it is better to accept the risk and a few sad casualties than suppress the legacies of our evolutionary past, which is still strongly with us.'

It is in our brains. We had better learn to humanise these drives rather than demonise them.'

Food for thought!



uals—to turn off their lights for just one hour, Earth Hour—7.30 pm to 8.30 pm on 31 March 2007—as a sign of their commitment to reduce global warming...

There are (many) things you can do every day to reduce your energy consumption around the home or in the office: saving you money and reducing your personal greenhouse gas emissions.

(For a contrary view, see 'How Effective are Individual Lifestyle Changes in Reducing Electricity Consumption? Measuring the Impact of Earth Hour' by David Solomon, available from [<home.uchicago.edu/~dsolomo1/EarthHour/>](http://home.uchicago.edu/~dsolomo1/EarthHour/) -Ed.)



## New Recreation SA Awards

Recreation SA has undergone many changes in the past year, developing a new strategic and marketing plan to take us to 2009. Part of those plans is to form stronger relationships with other industry bodies, and recognise best practice and or excellence in the outdoor, community and fitness industries.

As part of this commitment we propose to make available two Awards to be presented by OEASA.

### The Award for Encouraging Participation in Outdoor Recreation

The recipient of this Award will have achieved significant success in encouraging participation through innovative program development and/or marketing.

Nominees may include organisations or individuals who have facilitated increased participation in outdoor recreation for either the general population or specific client groups through one or more of the following:

- a) innovative program design to attract a broader client group
- b) program modification to target a selective client group
- c) the marketing of their programs
- d) effective program delivery

In developing the nomination, the following questions should be considered:

- 1 What are the specific achievements that would set the individual/organisation above all others in this category?
- 2 What are the positive outcomes resulting from the nominee's initiatives within this category and the sig-

- nificance of the increased participation?
- 3 How do the nominee's actions and achievements benefit the organisation and/or the greater outdoor community?
- 4 What can others learn from these innovative initiatives implemented by the nominee?

### The Award for Outstanding Achievement (Organisation)

This category is open to clubs, organisations and enterprises who can be characterised as possessing professionalism and high standards of conduct, that have made a valuable contribution to the outdoor community at large.

The Awardee will set themselves apart through their dedication to best practice and high standards in the delivery of outdoor recreation.

Nominees may have demonstrated excellence:

- a) by providing a contribution which has achieved significant outcomes
- b) by displaying dedication and commitment to the broader Outdoor Recreation community over and above what their role requires.

In developing the nomination, the following questions should be considered:

- 1 What is the significance of the nominee's professionalism and outstanding achievement to the broader outdoor recreation industry?
- 2 Why does this nominee stand out above all other candidates as the industry's top achiever?

Members are encouraged to submit nominations.



## News from North America

### Nerilee Flint

Kris Mosher, life member of OEASA, is living back in Michigan. She sent an e-mail in early March to a bunch of people back here in Australia, of which I was one recipient. She is continuing to work to rid her body of cancer and says at the moment she has more energy and is feeling good. Recently she went letterboxing, which she describes as 'a kind of easy orienteering finding hidden letterboxes (plastic lunch boxes) and leaving your rubber stamp in a little book inside and putting their stamp in your book. This started in Dartmoor but with the Internet has spread over the world. You can look it up on <[www.letterboxing.org/](http://www.letterboxing.org/)>.'

Kris also has another boat journey planned with her Dad: once his broken foot completely mends! They are planning to go down the Ohio River, starting at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and head to Florida by way of the Tennessee River. They will have the boat hauled from Erie Penn to Pittsburgh. If/when they get to Florida they will return up the east coast of the USA, in April, May or June 2008. This all depends on both of them maintaining their health.

Kris's constant positiveness and determination are really an inspiration to many people. I replied to her e-mail and

she then sent the details of a friend of hers, Rick French, who is planning an exciting adventure for people affected by cancer joining from all four directions on the highest point in Africa, Kilimanjaro, at sunrise. Rick has worked in the outdoors for many years running a business called 'Pack, Paddle, Ski'. As the Web site <[www.journeysofin-spiration.com/](http://www.journeysofin-spiration.com/)> says:

'They are there to celebrate the struggles, the courage of spirit, and the sharing of community. They are there to spread hope to the world. They can not make this climb alone nor can we live on this planet isolated in our countries. The sharing of the climb with the Africans that assist us, the community at home supporting the climbers, and the climbers themselves step Out of Africa for at least a brief period to demonstrate what is possible in a world community. A dramatic and highly emotional event such as people from all sides of Kilimanjaro is but one component of this project. Local outdoor adventures and community groups are another. As is the process of many of us volunteering to create these projects. This project is about community, healthy lives, connection, beauty, hope, and celebration.'

Kris wondered if this information could be put in OEASA News, as it is a grassroots organisation trying to spread the word around the world.



**15<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL OUTDOOR EDUCATION CONFERENCE: Registration Form**

20 – 23 September, 2007 | Doherty's Ballarat Lodge

*Sustaining our Spirit of Place***PERSONAL DETAILS<sup>^</sup>**

<b>First Name</b>	<b>Surname</b>	<b>M / F</b>
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**School/Organisation****Position/Role****Postal Address****Suburb****Post Code****Telephone** (include area code): *Work**Mobile**Fax***Email\* (required)**

\*All communication will be via email unless otherwise requested.

**Are you a current member of your state or territory outdoor education or outdoor recreation association?**  Yes  No

If yes, you can register at the member rate. Please indicate which association: \_\_\_\_\_

 Tick here if you **DO NOT** wish for your *Name, Organisation and Email Address* to be provided in the Conference Proceedings**Dietary Requirements**  Vegetarian  Vegan  Gluten Free  Other: \_\_\_\_\_**Notes:****CONFERENCE REGISTRATION<sup>^^</sup>****Inclusions**

- All registrations include morning & afternoon tea, lunch, dinner and the scheduled evening functions
- Full registration includes all scheduled events including the Thursday evening opening ceremony
- Day registrations include all events on the selected day including the evening meal and any scheduled evening functions

**Exclusions**

- All registrations exclude breakfast. This can be included with accommodation registration.
- Pre and post conference events are not included in the conference registration

 **FULL CONFERENCE****Early Bird Rate** (until July 27)*Early bird special offer over the page***Standard Rate**

Members	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450	<input type="checkbox"/> \$490
Non-members	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$550
Student Members (fulltime)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400

 **DAY REGISTRATION**  Thursday  Friday  Saturday  Sunday**Early Bird Rate** (until July 27)**Standard Rate**

Members	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150	<input type="checkbox"/> \$160
Non-members	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200
Student Members (fulltime)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$135	<input type="checkbox"/> \$150

 **PRESENTERS**

Full Conference	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400
Day Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Friday \$135 <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday \$135 <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday \$135

 **CONFERENCE OPENING CEREMONY ONLY**  \$80.00 (Thursday, 6.00pm–9.00pm, Doherty's Ballarat Lodge)

Sub-Total: \$

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## PRE & POST CONFERENCE EVENTS

[www.outdooreducationaustralia.org.au/conferences/program.html](http://www.outdooreducationaustralia.org.au/conferences/program.html)

**Risk Management Conference:** Thursday, September 20, 9.00am - 4.00pm, Doherty's Ballarat Lodge

Early Bird Rate (until July 27)  \$150

Standard Rate  \$175

**Crisis Response Simulation Day:** Monday, September 24, 9.00am – 4.00pm, Ballarat

Early Bird Rate (until July 27)  \$150

Standard Rate  \$175

Sub-Total: \$

## ACCOMMODATION (rates are per night, per person)

**Camping** (\$25.00 per night, per tent +  \$20 per person/per day for buffet breakfast – optional)

Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Saturday

**Twin Share** (\$85.00 per night, per person and includes buffet breakfast)

Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Saturday

*Is there another delegate with whom you would prefer to share your accommodation? Otherwise a roommate of the same gender will be allocated.* \_\_\_\_\_

**Single Occupancy** (\$150.00 per night, per person and includes buffet breakfast)

Wednesday  Thursday  Friday  Saturday

Sub-Total: \$

**TOTAL COST \$** \_\_\_\_\_

All prices include GST

Please make cheques payable to the Victorian Outdoor Education Association  
Mail form to: 150 Palmerston Street Carlton 3053 OR Fax form to: 03 9349 5758

Please find enclosed payment for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ by cheque, money order or credit card.

Please invoice \_\_\_\_\_ (School/Organisation Name) Purchase Order Number \_\_\_\_\_

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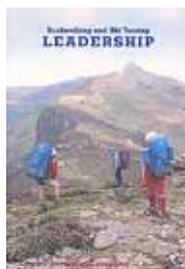
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**Cancellation Policy:** You need to notify the VOA in writing of any cancellations. There are no charges for cancellation made before the 15<sup>th</sup> of June. A cancellation fee of 10% will be charged for cancellations made on or prior to, 27<sup>th</sup> of July, 2007. A cancellation fee of 40% will be charged after this date until 14<sup>th</sup> of September, 2007 after which no refund will be payable.



### SPECIAL OFFER

All **early bird registrations** will receive a free copy of "Bushwalking and Ski Touring Leadership" an invaluable reference for all outdoor leaders. Valued at \$29.95

Collect at the conference registration desk when you arrive.

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## Outdoor Educators Association of South Australia Outdoor Education Award

For people who have demonstrated a high level of involvement and commitment to Outdoor Education.  
Nominations to be received by 31 May. To be presented June 29 at the Certificate Presentation Dinner.

### Candidate

Name

Address

Phone

E-mail

### Category

Primary Education award

Secondary Education award [Year12 Outdoor Education]

TAFE Outdoor Recreation award

Tertiary Outdoor Recreation award

Tertiary Outdoor Education award

Certificate of Merit in Outdoor Education

Service to Outdoor Education

### Statement addressing criteria

1 What is the evidence to support that the nominee has a high level of interest in Outdoor Education?

2 What is the evidence of significant involvement in one or more outdoor activities or environment care activities?

3 What is the evidence to support that the nominee has demonstrated leadership qualities?

4 What is the evidence to support demonstrated environmental awareness?

Nominee:

Organisation/Institution

Address to: OEASA Sec, Libby Robertson, Room-P1-29, UniSA (Mawson Lakes Campus), Mawson Lakes Blvd,  
Mawson Lakes 5095, or <libby.robertson@unisa.edu.au>.

**Outdoor Educators' Association Of South Australia**

**ABN 26 588 063 701**

**Membership form**

**Membership subscription for period 28 Feb 2007 to 28 Feb 2008**

**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 and Outdoor Education Australia

**Member details:**

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

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

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

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

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

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

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**Forward to:**

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