



Outdoor News

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From the Chairman

Mike Meredith

Greetings and welcome to the July–August edition of the *Outdoor News*. This year we have seen a welcome return to more 'normal' weather patterns here in SA and with more regular rains we have seen some marked improvements to environmental systems throughout the state. We can only hope that they continue as 'normal' for a few years to come. We have also seen the government introduce concepts for a Carbon tax and regardless of your political views anything that will help us move toward a sustainable future from an environmental perspective has to be looked at with some interest and optimism! It can only be hoped that the government acknowledge positive practices and encourage research and good practice in the fields of carbon reduction as well as just punitive actions as implied with the tax!

It was a great pleasure to catch up with many of you at the annual Presentation Dinner on Friday 24 June. As always this was a great night and I would like to congratulate the many winners of awards for their efforts in the outdoors that have gained them the accolades of their peers or mentors. It is great to be able to publicly recognise the efforts of people who demonstrate excellence in the way they go about their lives and endeavours in the outdoors. Awards were presented in the following categories and are detailed later in this edition. Year 12 Outdoor Education students, University of SA and TAFE Outdoor students, Rec SA awards were presented to organisations and individuals demonstrating commitment to Outdoor recreation, thanks to Ian Dewey for representing Rec SA and presenting these awards. Community leadership organisations SAREA, Canoe SA and BLSA announced candidates who had gained awards

in the past year. OEASA made presentations for the Kris Mosher environmental award and Service to Outdoor Education which was a bit of a surprise for me on the night! The evening was made especially exciting by the great support from many organisations who donated prizes or items for the auction.

OEASA and all those present would like to extend a huge thankyou to Paddy Pallin for taking the bookings and the following organisations for their valued donations for the evening: Paddy Pallin's, The Scout Outdoor Centre, Macpac, Mountain Designs, Mitchells, Vertical Reality Climbing Gym, Snowy's Ourdoors, Mitchells Camping, Cutloose Surf, Smile High Dental, Fassina Liquor, Wilderness Escape, Venture Corporate Recharge and Griffin Wines. Without their magnificent support the evening would not have been such a success. And where would we have been without the magnificent efforts of caterer Franchesco and his marvellous crew of cooks, waiters and bar staff, they did a such an excellent job to provide food and service that was fantastic and surely helped make it a truly special evening.

As with all events someone needs to organise them and the following people must be thanked for their efforts: Nick Glover for doing all the preparatory work, Phil, Tabitha and Toby Noble for looking after the door and finances, Luke Duncan for a sterling performance as auctioneer and Dan Polkinghorne for a splendid job leading



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From the Editor

Peter Carter

Not surprisingly, the main item this time covers the recent presentation dinner, with a list of all the recipients and their achievements. Congratulations to all. As usual, we also have various announcements and reminders.

Congratulations also to Dave Williamson and Ben Woodcock on their recent crossing from Darwin to East Timor, another world-class expedition.

A couple of items have come my way recently, and I think you too will find them interesting. The first is 'A Walk in the Woods' by Anna Lena Phillips in the July–August 2011 issue of *American Scientist*. It's available online at www.americanscientist.org/issues/pub/2011/4/a-walk-in-the-woods. A brief sample:

'One such body of work is accumulating in Japan, where researchers are investigating the physiological effects of shinrin-yoku—"forest bathing," or, to put it plainly, taking walks in the woods. Qing Li, a professor in the Department of Hygiene and Public Health at Nippon Medical School, Tokyo, has been involved with several such studies. He and his colleagues recently measured specific physiological markers before and after study subjects took walks in a forest and in an urban control environment. The study's sample size is small—16 male subjects—and the timescale short—effects were measured after one day trip to the forest and one to the city—but the results suggest that the forest trip had positive effects on health. Subjects' blood pressure measured in the forest was significantly lower when compared to measurements taken in the city. Levels of the stress hormone noradrenaline, measured in urine, were



also significantly lower after the forest walk than after the urban walk. And blood levels of the adrenal hormone dehydroepiandrosterone sulfate (DHEA-S) and of adiponectin, a hormone secreted by fat tissue, were higher after the forest walk but not the urban walk. The authors note that DHEA-S may contribute to heart health, among other benefits, and that lower levels of adiponectin are associated with obesity and type 2 diabetes.'

The other was 'Can a Playground Be Too Safe?' on the *NY Times* site: www.nytimes.com/2011/07/19/science/19tierney.html. The key message: 'A bad fall may mean a child is less likely to have a fear of heights later in life'. Again, a sample:

'[Henry Stern's] philosophy seemed reactionary at the time, but today it's shared by some researchers who question the value of safety-first playgrounds. Even if children do suffer fewer physical injuries—and the evidence for that is debatable—the critics say that these playgrounds may stunt emotional development, leaving children with anxieties and fears that are ultimately worse than a broken bone.'

There seems to be an obvious answer...

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 2011–2012

Chair: Mike Meredith

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David Edwards, Andrew Govan, Danielle Meuring,

Brad Newton, Scott Polley, Fiona Shone

From the Chairman

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us through the evening as MC. Andrew Govan and his team who did such a great job seeking out the sponsors for the evening must also be thanked as must Belinda Buscumb for organising the slideshow pictures for between the presentations. Can I please encourage all of you to support the organisations that have so generously given us their support by giving them your patronage where ever possible.

Last edition I mentioned that OEASA had responded to a draft visitor strategy put out by DENR titled People and Parks: A draft visitor strategy for South Australia's National Parks and Reserves. Thanks to your efforts a meeting was held with DENR representatives and the position of Education within the document was being reviewed in light of our suggestions. We are waiting to see how this looks in the next draft of the document but are hopeful that education will be more prominently identified. There was plenty of purposeful discussion at the meeting and some noteworthy actions identified regardless of draft changes.

There are still a number of significant events this year that I would like to draw your attention to and encourage your participation in particularly:

1 Outdoor Education week is being run 22–28 August.

I would ask you all if you have not already done so to log in and register an outdoor activity and get involved: the more the better. The more people that get involved the higher the profile of Outdoor Education and ultimately the better for Outdoor Education in the future. Whilst we as practitioners recognise its immense value not everyone does. If we can show off what we do and achieve with young people it will only help in the long run.

2 The Great Aussie camp Out is planned for Saturday 15 October and is intended to get people outside and involved in camping and outdoor activities. The idea is to log on to the website indicating you are involved and camp out that night in the back yard, caravan park, national park, etc. There is no cost involved and should

help promote healthy and respectful use of outdoor places. Go on get involved and let your students and parents know about it as well.

3 The Outdoor Seminar Series is being conducted as evening sessions on Friday 9 September and Friday 4 November at the Education Development Centre Hindmarsh. All members are welcome to attend free of cost with a cover charge of \$5 for non members. The first of these events is being presented by Luke Adams (Paddy Pallins). He will be giving a presentation on his climbing exploits on Mt Kenya. Following earlier presentations by Luke on his ascent of Mountains in Europe this should be an entertaining and informative session looking at one of Africa's great climbs.

4 The 17th National Conference is being held in the ACT at the University of Canberra 16–18 January 2012. The theme for the conference is 'The Next Step'... Explore innovations in technology, sustainability, adventuring, risk management, curriculum and pedagogy, and practice led research for the Outdoor Education profession.

If you are interested in attending the conference contact details are available later in this edition.

OEASA is prepared to subsidise members who attend the conference. The committee has nominated funding to be allocated depending on numbers and personal situation. If you are interested in being considered for a subsidy please contact Phil Noble on 0418 854 474 or pnoble@pac.edu.au.

The details for this year's remaining calendar activities are listed throughout this edition and are available on the OEASA website. I would ask you to please mark them on your calendar now so you are able to attend and help make them valuable and successful events.

It is as always a pleasure to be of service.



Newsletter deadlines

We plan to produce four newsletters each year. The deadline for submitting articles, etc. for inclusion is the end of term, aiming to get the newsletters out early in the school term.

To this end dates for submission of articles are;

End Term 3 Friday 30 September for October edition

End term 4 Friday 16 December for February 2012 edition.

Your assistance in getting interesting submissions to the editor, Peter Carter, would be greatly appreciated.



Seen at the Presentation Dinner: Luke Duncan, auctioneer, and MC Dan Polkinghorne

News and Notes

Outdoor Education week

Outdoor Education week (22–28 August) is another fixture on the calendar. After its great start in 2010 this event aims to raise public awareness of the how Outdoor Education helps individuals learn about themselves, the people in the groups with whom they work and about the environment that they are spending their time in.

Through this week we hope to encourage young people to be actively learning outside the classroom.

How can teachers and outdoor education providers get involved?

- Register your school, organisation or centre for the Postcard campaign
- Create your own Outdoor Education Week event and share it on our Google Map
- Promote your event or outdoor education experience in the local media.

How can anyone be involved?

Go for a walk with your group outside during the week. Ask the group to stop three times and observe three things. They share these observations with other group members:

- 1 What do I notice about myself? (e.g. I've got heaps of energy)
- 2 What do I notice about other people? (e.g. Steve looks a bit sad today)
- 3 What do I notice about this place? (e.g. I wonder what that bird is? It sounds amazing)

If you can do these things, you're on your way to doing some Outdoor Education!

Log on to www.outdooreducationweek.com.au and register for this year's event.

Outdoor Seminar Series

The Outdoor Seminar Series is being conducted as evening sessions on Friday 9 September and Friday 4 November at the Education Development Centre Hindmarsh. These events will present selected sessions of interest putting on show people or activities leading the way in the outdoors. All members will be welcome to attend for free, with a cover charge of \$5 for non members.

Seminar Series Session One: Friday 9 September

EDCH 6:30pm for a 7pm start

Luke Adams (Paddy Pallins): Ascent of Mt Kenya

Luke will give a lively presentation on his climbing exploits at Mt Kenya. Following earlier presentations on his climbing activities on the Mountains of Europe this should be an entertaining and informative session looking at one of Africa's great climbs. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Bookings for catering purposes to Nick Glover by phone 0421 612 340 or nicks_mailbox@yahoo.com

17th National Outdoor Education Conference 16–18 January 2012

University of Canberra, Belconnen ACT

Outdoor Education Australia, in association with the ACT Outdoor Education Association, invites you to join colleagues at the 17th National Outdoor Education Conference in Canberra, ACT.

The Conference will include a wide array of presentations, practical workshops and activities from national and local sources. Pre and post conference workshops and skills refreshers will add to your professional learning. The beautiful bush capital of Canberra is the perfect location for the Conference and an add-on holiday with your family or friends: nature parks, wild rivers, tamed lakes, cliffs, and mountains for wonderful climbing, walking, paddling, cycling... Bring your kayak, mountain or road bike, ropes and rack for adult play time.

Lots of socialising and opportunities to play will help you enjoy your stay.

The theme for the conference is 'The Next Step'... Explore innovations in technology, sustainability, adventuring, risk management, curriculum and pedagogy, and practice led research for the Outdoor Education profession. If you're interested in attending the 17th NOEC contact:

Event Manager to express your interest:

0416 153 767

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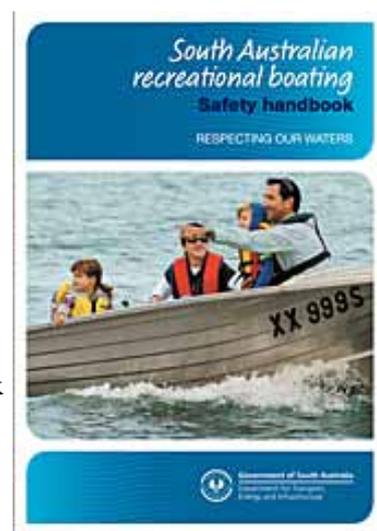
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Keep yourself updated during the year with additional information from: www.actoea.org.au and www.outdooreducationaustralia.org.au.

SA recreational boating safety handbook

DTEI has published a new edition of the handbook, based on the 2009 regulations. It's available in hard copy from Service SA offices and by download from www.sa.gov.au/boatingmarine.

If you're involved in any boating activity this book is a 'must have'.



OEASA awards 2011

The following people were presented with awards or recognised for their leadership achievements at the annual OEASA presentation dinner held on Friday 24 June 2011 at the Unley Council chambers. Congratulations to all on the splendid examples you set for others.

Secondary Awards: presented by Mike Meredith **Mikayla Pope: Certificate of Merit (Westminster)**

Achieved a 19/20, outstanding expeditioner and demonstrated leadership in a variety of outdoor activities, great environmental ethic, currently overseas working at Camp America.

Sharni Honor: Certificate of Merit (Westminster)

Achieved a 19/20, Completed Gold Duke of Edinburgh and VET units, outstanding expeditioner, leader and role model in a range of outdoor activities, exemplary environmental understanding, worked as instructor on West Venture. Currently overseas working at Camp America.

Angus Clarke: Certificate of Merit (Westminster)

Achieved a 19/20, completed Silver Duke of Edinburgh, outstanding expeditioner in XC skiing, bushwalking and climbing and is a passionate environmentalist.

Sam Ferguson: Certificate of Merit (Westminster)

Achieved a 19/20 and completing VET outdoor Recreation units, outstanding expeditioner and leader in bushwalking, XC skiing and mountain biking demonstrated exemplary environmental understanding and ethics.

Marcie Packer: Certificate of Merit (Golden Grove High School)

Achieved a 18/20, a very dedicated student who's pursuit of doing her best was at all times clearly evident. Showed excellent planning and leadership skills in expeditions and through her studies demonstrated a love and concern for natural places and others.

Jordon Portlock: Certificate of Merit (Golden Grove High School)

Achieved an 18/20, demonstrated the qualities of lead-



Jordan Portlock



Victoria Wright



Olivia Betro



Simon Spencer

ership and compassion revered in our nations leaders. His passionate quest to do his best in all pursuits earned him the respect of peers and saw him perform admirably under difficult conditions during the self reliant. His love of natural places was clearly evident in his exemplary environmental ethic.

Kelly Barltrop: Certificate of Excellence (Thomas More)

Achieved a Merit OED I and II, she demonstrated outstanding practical and theory work also demonstrated outstanding leadership and environmental ethic throughout the course. Role model to fellow student in the pursuit of excellence.

Mark Auricht Award

Victoria Wright: Top OES (Westminster)

Achieved a 20/20, completed Gold Duke of Edinburgh, outstanding practical and leadership skills in a variety of outdoor pursuits, VET units completed for recreation. Outstanding environmental understanding who also worked as instructor at West Venture.

Olivia Betro: Top OES (Westminster)

Achieved a 20/20, completing Silver Duke of Edinburgh, outstanding practical and leadership skills in a wide range of practical outdoor activities. VET units completed for recreation. Exemplary role model who demonstrated an outstanding environmental understanding.

Simon Spencer: Top OES (Westminster)

Achieved a 20/20, completed Gold Duke of Edinburgh, outstanding practical and leadership skills in a wide range of practical activities. VET units completed for recreation. A Trees for Life volunteer who is an outstanding environmental advocate.

TAFE Award: presented by Dan Barry

Simon Morris

Simon Morris: The TAFE SA award for the most outstanding student in outdoor recreation went to Simon Morris. Simon is a second year student. To date he has achieved the Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation and activity qualifications in guiding bush walks on tracks and

easy untracked areas, level three power boat handling, tour guiding and assistant instructor in rock climbing. Simon continues to complete the Diploma in Outdoor Recreation as well as activity qualifications in rock climbing, bush walking, challenge rope course and kayaking. Time permitting, Simon is also working in the industry in a variety of outdoor activities and in retail.

Simon shows a high level of professionalism, commitment and enthusiasm towards the outdoor recreation area.

Uni SA Awards: presented by Scott Polley

Anna Jones: Certificate of Excellence

Anna Jones receives this award as the student with the highest grade point average for completion of sub-major in Outdoor Education at University of South Australia and graduating in 2011.

Anna has recently commenced working at the Outdoor Education Group in Victoria, but has spent time working as a rafting guide in Canada, as an hourly paid instructor for University of South Australia, and other providers. Anna has also demonstrated high level leadership in bushwalking, climbing and kayaking. She is an ex student of Urrbrae Agricultural High School with a family background in conservation of native animals and habitat.

Kate Hayes: Certificate of Merit

Kate Hayes receives this award as a student who also achieved a very high grade point average for completion of a sub-major in Outdoor Education in 2011. She was an exemplary leader and is highly respected by her peers. Kate has demonstrated high levels of leadership in rock-climbing, bushwalking and kayaking. She is currently travelling the world and will hopefully return to commence a career in outdoor leadership on return.

Jake Forrest: Certificate of Merit

Jake Forrest also receives this award as a student who has received a very high grade point average for completion of a sub-major on 2011. He has also been an exemplary leader to his peers and clients that he has worked with. He has continued to foster an interest in youth at risk, as well as service to his local church community. He has demonstrated high levels of leadership in rockclimbing, bushwalking and kayaking. Jake is currently employed by Active Education and Adelaide Canoe Works.

Rec SA Awards: presented by Ian Dewey

Encouraging participation in outdoor recreation—organisation

Lacepede Bay Sailing Club: accepted by Wayne Hancock

In the 1980s the Dept of Education organised summer aquatics programs, in addition to the school time aquatics, to supplement Vacswim. This was very successful in a number of rural and regional areas, but withdrawal of funding after a few years saw most programs close.

Wayne Hancock and the Lacepede Bay Sailing Club saw the positive impact this program had on the local community, holiday makers, and possible flow on to further participation in aquatics. Wayne, and later his son Josh, and other members of the Lacepede Bay Sailing Club have continued to offer the program since then. The program provides the opportunity for young people to work through the YA and AC training schemes, training instructors and assisted countless others to obtain accreditation.

Encouraging participation in outdoor recreation—organisation

Escapegoat: accepted by Ian Fehler

Escapegoat is a mountain bike tour and training provider working out of Adelaide. The business has earned the Accredited Tourism Business Tick and a certificate of excellence from Trip Advisor.

Escapegoat is outstanding in using social media and web promotion to bring itself before the general public. The focus of the business is not one off tours, but long term participation in mountain biking through the supply of equipment as part of their larger tour program and the provision of training and tours that supports a developing rider.

Encouraging participation in outdoor recreation—individual

Roger French, West Lakes Canoe Club

Roger is the driving force behind a club that supports all levels and all aspects of the sport of canoeing with a focus on long term participation.

West Lakes has a number of entry level programs, of special note is the provision of paddling opportunities



Simon Morris



Wayne Hancock



Roger French

to non-participants in a 'tourist' format with a catered Dolphin Cruise. ' West Lakes works to encourage and develop paddlers in all aspects of the recreation and at all stages.

SAREA leadership awards

New Top Rope Instructors 2010–11:

Cameron Roy
Dan Barry
Jamie Stewart
Kelly Thorpe
Emma Cooper
Luke Adams

New Top Rope Guide (Restricted) 2010–11:

Shauna Ashwood

Canoe SA leadership awards

Flatwater Guide: Canoe

Lyll Willis

Flatwater Guide: Kayak

Lyll Willis

Flat Water Instructor: Canoe

Karl Basedow
Jennifer Headlam
Jonathon MacRae
Kate Chojna
Simon Buttenshaw

Flat Water Instructor: Kayak

Ian Heard
Bianca Barbon
Geoff McCaul
Karl Basedow
Jarrod Smith
Jennifer Headlam
Delwyn McInnes
William Mildren
Brooke Byrnes
Jonathon MacRae
Kate Chojna
Daniel Bousfield
Alex Kindlen
Rowan Jordan
Ian Richards
Cameron Willis
Simon Buttenshaw

Flatwater Lifeguard: Canoe

Alys Fergusson
Grant Hansen
Adam Yardley
Jarrod Smith
Brooke Byrnes
Jessica Schulz
Thomas Pratt

Flatwater Lifeguard: Kayak

Lydia Baccanello
Andrew Gray
Graham Hoile
Alyce Fels
Steven Weinert
Olivia Betro
Victoria Wright
Felicity Coles

Grant Hansen
Lauren Walker
Brooke Byrnes
Jessica Schulz
Sam Ferguson
Mikayla Pope
Andrew Everest
Thomas Pratt
Jacob Hadcroft
Suzanne Meredith
Joshua Taylor
Harrison Cooper
Kellie Casserly
Kelsy Dyer
Ana Ackland

Sea Leader

Mark Deuter
Tim Leeuwenburg

Sea Instructor

Joel Liddicoat
Karl Basedow
Jonathon MacRae

Whitewater Guide: Kayak

Simon Shoko

BLSA Leadership awards

Day Walk Leaders

Kym Grant
Milton Turner
Jim Alvey
Geoff Lister
David Evans
Carlien Melrose
Bev Lister
Lorraine Thomas

Assistant Bushwalk Leaders

Nick Vandenberg
Lauren Walker
Erica Gilbert
Matthew Gill
David Walker
Will Mildren
Brittany Wright
Janelle White
Freya Byrne
Michael Foot
Jake Forrest
Barry Williams
Kate Hayes
Kate Szczypiorski
Sherie Honner
James Coventry
Claudia Neverauskas
Chris Forsyth
Daniel Gogoll
Bushwalk Leaders:
Belinda Buscumb
William Mildren
Daniel Polkinghorne
Angie Symons
Julia Vine



Ian Dewey

OEASA Awards

Kris Mosher Environmental Award: presented by Scott Polley

Craig Billows

Kris Mosher, a foundational OEASA member, was pivotal in linking Outdoor Education with education about environment and sustainability. She was passionate about helping young people connect with the natural world. In the past this award has gone to teachers, but this year's winner of the Kris Mosher award is a ranger with the Department of Environment and Heritage, Craig Billows. In 2010, DEH ran a program entitled 'Coastal Connections' as a way of encouraging folks in the South East region to engage more with their local environment led by Craig. The highly successful program included snorkelling, kayaking, bush walks, bush tucker and Aboriginal culture talks, walks through local conservation parks, bird studies, and many others. The program was very full, and participant feedback was excellent. The event was so successful that DEH decided to run it again in 2011. The event showed many locals what was happening in their own back yard, as well as engaging visitors with new knowledge of the economic, aesthetic, cultural and ecological value of the region. The program has been very successful in engaging young people and awakening their interest in nature.



Craig Billows with Scott Polley

Service to Outdoor Education: presented by Scott Polley and Andrew Pope

Mike Meredith

Mike has been a valuable and important asset to the subject of Outdoor Education. As a teacher he has inspired many students through his love and passion for the subject. He has faithfully served as a SACE moderator and marker for a number of years. He has willingly given of his time and expertise to improve and enhance the subject with his thoughtful and insightful understanding of Outdoor Education. He has also been an invaluable contributor as an advisor for Bushwalking Leadership SA, Canoeing SA and in his tireless work for OEASA. Mike has set high standards in being an accomplished and inspirational educator.



Mike Meredith

Award Night Sponsorship

OEASA and the outdoor community would like to gratefully acknowledge the following organisations for their donations and sponsorship of the award night:

Paddy Pallins
The Scout Outdoor Centre
Macpac
Mountain Designs
Vertical Reality Climbing

Snowy's Outdoors
Wilderness Escape
Venture Corporate Recharge
Mitchells Camping
Cutloose Surf

Smile High Dental
Fassina Liquor
Griffin Wines



Advertisement

Instructors wanted

PAC is currently looking for an instructor to help out on some programs at Scotts Creek Outdoor Centre over the next two terms.

The programs are five days in length and focusing around a two and a half day canoeing expedition and two and half days of high ropes and initiative course.

Term 3

Week 7: Monday 5 September to Friday 9 September

(Year 9 Girls)

Week 8: Monday 12 September to Friday 16 September

(Year 9 Girls)

Week 9: Monday 19 September to Friday 23 September

(Year 10 Girls)

Term 4

Week 2: Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October (Year 8 Co Ed)

Week 3: Monday 31 October to Friday 4 November (Year 8 Co Ed)

Week 4: Monday 7 November to Friday 11 November (Year 8 Co Ed)

Payment \$180–\$220 per day based on qualifications.

Staff requirements:

Kayak or Canoe Instructor Certificate (Guide or higher)

Senior First Aid

Ropes experience

Current police check

Mandatory Notification

Please contact Phil Noble 0418 854 474 or pnoble@staff.pac.edu.au,

or Brad Newton 0419 809 257 or bnewton@staff.pac.edu.au ASAP.

For sale

PAC has some second hand kayaks for sale:

Three Dagger Discovery \$600 each

One Spectrum (in better condition with hatch) \$350

Three Spectrum (average condition no hatch) \$280

Please contact Brad Newton 0419 809 257 or bnewton@staff.pac.edu.au

for more details or photos. 



The Great Aussie Camp Out Saturday 15 October 2011

The Great Aussie Camp Out (GACO) will bring together thousands of Australians for one big night where they will share the experience of camping out under the stars... in their back yards, on a river bank, in a camp, a National park, a caravan park: in fact, anywhere they might feel like!

With the long term goal of promoting healthy active lifestyles by encouraging individuals, families, friends and clubs to enjoy the great outdoors, GACO will coordinate a one night 'camp-out' across the country with the aim of introducing people to the fun and adventure of camping out. People will be encouraged to stay at a residential camp or caravan park, pitch a tent, sleep under the stars, grab a barbie, organise some games and get away from their normal weekend routine. It is anticipated that a range of come'n'try activities will also be offered on the day of the GACO by community groups such as Scouts and Guides, bushwalking clubs, and canoeing clubs. Residential camps will also be able to offer activities such as high ropes, etc. National Parks could arrange to have Park Rangers on duty to conduct interpretation activities for the night. In this way participants will be able to sample adventure activities and experiences in the outdoors in a controlled and supported environment.

There will be plenty more information coming soon about the Great Aussie Camp Out so stay tuned.

Log on and check it out at www.greataussiecampout.org.au.



Recreation SA Outdoor Committee Report

Ian Dewey

As part of the end of financial year and in preparation for the annual report and AGM, herewith a report on the Outdoor Sector of Recreation SA of which you are a key component.

Firstly let me say thank you and hope that you will remain on the Outdoor Committee for next year.

Finances

We ran 2010–11 on a shoe string and as you know we were hoping for a StEP2 grant for the continuation of work with Get Out and Stay Out this year. The aim was to fund a resourced person who could promote and assist in the communication between all components of the outdoor adventure activities sector. Unfortunately the grant was not approved. Importantly for our sector, none of the outdoor leadership or promotion grants were approved for any of our members. The official line is that we were simply caught by budget cuts.

We need to ensure we maintain a clear public profile this year so we are not overlooked next year.

In 2010–11 we have built the Get Out and Stay Out website at www.getoutandstayout.org.au and begun the process of uniting the various components of the outdoor adventure sector. Our current aim in 2011–12 is to continue that process. Laurence Fletcher will be a dedicated staff resource to manage and promote a communication flow between the various components and to assist all members in promotion of their activities, goods and services. We are currently seeking sponsorship and proposing a number of small events to raise funds in the year to further promote adventure activities.

2010–11 Projects

Michael Knight opened the Outdoor Conference and launched Get Out and Stay Out in November.

We attended the Caravan, Camping and Outdoor Adventure Show. Results were good, if mixed. West Lakes Canoe Club, who put effort into display and manning, increased in membership and interest. Rec SA as an entity got onto the radar of a number of generalist outdoor groups who didn't know us, however I feel the

show didn't give value to strict "adventure" exhibitors (the word "caravan" tended to bring in the wrong group).

Significant effort was put into showing both sports and tourism ministries the intrinsic benefits of outdoor adventure activities. Unfortunately it is a fact of life that putting 30,000 bums on seats to eat junk food in an oval and to watch 18 people run around gains greater focus than getting 100 people to go rock climbing at Moonarie every day of the climbing season. (Personal comment: I find it sad that activities with greater calorie burns than aerobics and that are far greener just can't make it onto the state's plans. Outdoor adventure is perceived to be only for a small extreme sector of society and yet a significant proportion of kids will partake in the majority of outdoor adventure activities as they go through school).

Having had my winge; both ministries and their offices now know about the values of the outdoor activities and importantly that we are serious about promoting them.

We also looked at specifically promoting climbing. We have buy in by both Tom Kenyon and Tourism for a "media event" but:

- We haven't been able to reconcile it to an event that promotes participation, and
- Neither group has offered significant \$ yet.

We are launching *The Scene* (Chuck Freyerberg climbing movie) in October, intending to use the profits for other outdoor promotion programs.

Working with the Community Sector, West Lakes Canoe Club and Adventure Sea Kayaking we are running the Girls Day Out mass participation event in October.

We have also secured an industry insurance program to be rolled out in 2011–12.

BLSA, Orienteering and SAREA have all joined and are taking part in our support and promotion program. CCSA are considering joining at their next meeting.

That's about it to date and into the near future

Let me also take the opportunity to say well done to Mike Meredith and the OEASA team for a good year. 

Coast Radio Adelaide

Peter Carter

Some time in September the state government will launch Coast Radio Adelaide, a new VHF radio network for boating safety. The network is based on the existing government radio network (GRN) with 14 repeaters giving coverage from the Victorian border to west of Fowlers Bay and to some 30–50 nautical miles out to sea.

During the day, 07:00 to 19:00, the network will be monitored by members of the SA Sea Rescue Squadron (SASRS) from the base at West Beach, while at night, 19:00 to 07:00 Flinders Ports will take over operation at

the Outer Harbor signal tower. Water Police will also have access to the system from their Semaphore base. The equipment is all installed and SASRS personnel are being trained in its operation. With a total of 28 channels the network is complex, and the transceiver system is computer controlled.

The network has two channels Ch 16 and Ch 67 and is for distress and emergency use only. If you call with normal passage reporting or requests for information you will be asked to call an appropriate volunteer marine rescue (VMR) station. The existing repeater network (Channel 80 in Gulf St Vincent) continues, monitored by the VMR groups, so there will now be a two tier system. 



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