



# Outdoor News

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OEASA Committee 2013: L-R: Phil Noble, David Edwards, Bel Emanuele, Mike Meredith, Chris Hodgson, Jo Barton, Simon Wilson, Scott Polley, Meridee Jensen, Andrew Stace, Bianca Newton, Nick Glover, Brad Newton, Micha Jensen. Absent: Mick Dennis, Andrew Govan

## OEASA Presentation Dinner 2013

You are cordially invited to attend the Outdoor Presentation Dinner and bring all of your outdoor-type friends (and others!) along.

Bookings are open at Paddy Pallin's. Don't miss this great opportunity to catch up and share in a great night out recognising those achieving in the great outdoors.

When: June 21

Where: Unley Town Hall 181 Unley Road (Enter from Oxford Street)

Time: 6:30 pm for 7:00 pm

Included: Buffet meal, 3 courses

Cost: \$30.00 members and full time students, \$35 non-members

Bookings: Paddy Pallin, 228 Rundle Street, 8232 3155

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## From the Editor

**Peter Carter**

This being the first issue of *Outdoor News* following the AGM we have the minutes and reports from that meeting in these pages. The other main event in recent days was the ACHPER/OEASA conference. Scott Polley has a brief overview and Wayne and Libby have an outline of their presentation and a preceding workshop. Expect more in later editions.

The next event is the presentation dinner, so you'll also find the criteria for awards and a nomination form. Then there's an assortment of other announcements and other items.

Officers from DPTI's Boating Safety Unit recently met with Canoe SA and ORS representatives to discuss a forthcoming Quick Safety Reference Guide for paddlers. The draft is still being discussed but a couple of equipment stickers are already available, as are brochures and stickers from the Australia New Zealand Safe Boating Education Group, <[www.anzsbeg.com.au](http://www.anzsbeg.com.au)>. (And yes, one does take issue with the use of the term 'lifejacket'.) Look for the materials at the Adelaide Boat Show next month then at outdoor retailers.

Two more issues of *Outdoor News* are due this year, with the closing dates being Friday 5 July and 27 September. Material for the February 2014 edition should be in at the end of the school year in December. 



## 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 2012-2013

Chair: Mike Meredith

Assistant Chairperson: Chris Hodgson

Treasurer: Phil Noble

Assistant Treasurer: Andrew Stace

Secretary: Nick Glover

Assistant Secretary: Bel Emanuele

Editor and webmaster: Peter Carter

Committee: Scott Polley, Andrew Govan, Mick Dennis, Brad Newton, Bianca Newton, David Edwards, Jo Barton, Chris Hodgson, Andrew Stace, Micha Jensen, Nathan Doble, Dave Walker, Meriden Jensen

## From the Chairman

### Mike Meredith

Welcome to the second edition of *Outdoor News* for 2013. I trust you have all had an enjoyable first term canoeing, surfing, sailing, rock climbing, camping, etc. enjoying the great summer weather we had. No doubt you are all looking forward to getting into the cooler weather activities including bushwalking and some serious camping activities.

Thanks to the many people who attended the 2013 AGM which was held on Friday 15 March at The Astor Hotel. The meeting was attended by over 20 people, many of whom stayed for dinner, making it a very enjoyable night. Minutes, etc. from the evening are contained later in this edition of the newsletter but I remain as Chairperson with Nick Glover Secretary and Phil Noble Treasurer. A large number of people have been elected onto the committee and I look forward to working together this year to help provide valuable service to the Outdoor Education community.

The ACHPER/OEASA state conference was held at Prince Alfred College 15–16 April. OEASA contributed a number of sessions as part of the conference and reports from all who attended were that it was a very successful and pleasurable conference with great opportunities to learn from others. There will be reports on these sessions and the conference in this and later editions of *Outdoor News*. Whilst on conferences, a reminder that next year OEASA and SA are hosting the 18th National Outdoor Education Conference (18th NOEC). Exciting times ahead and plenty of opportunity for everyone to get on board and make this one of the best conferences yet. Much more to follow!

The final date for submissions on the ACARA draft of the *Australian Curriculum – Health and Physical Education Foundation to 10* has been and gone. This is the document that outlines the content and standards for HPE delivery. Outdoor Education was given a reasonable license to operate within the curriculum and we hope that this will increase if the feedback provided by OEA and members through the consultation process is listened to.

As with any year there are a number of activities planned for 2013 and the details for this year's major calendar functions are listed in this edition and will be available on the OEASA website. I urge you to mark them on

## Outdoor Education week 2013

Outdoor Education week is 1–7 September and 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.

Register your school, organisation or centre for the Postcard campaign, create your own Outdoor Education

your calendar now so you can ensure you are able to attend and help make them successful events. I would particularly like to draw your attention to the following events for 2013:

The Outdoor Presentation Dinner will be held on Friday 21 June at the Unley City Council Chambers, which has been a good venue catered by Frank and his great crew. This event recognising achievements of those involved in the outdoor community is one not to be missed. An Award Nomination form has been included later in the newsletter if you have someone in mind to be presented on the evening.

Outdoor Education Week (1–7 September) is another fixture on the calendar. After its great start in 2010 this event has grown and helps raise public awareness of Outdoor Education and by continuing will help in our ultimate goal of getting Outdoor Education for all students recognised in the national curriculum. Any positive promotion of what we are doing with young people in the outdoors helps get the message out there: [www.outdooreducationweek.com.au](http://www.outdooreducationweek.com.au).

The GACO (Great Aussie Camp Out) is planned for Saturday 12 October and is intended to get people outside and involved in camping. 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 the event helps promote healthy and respectful use of outdoor places. Get involved and let your students/parents/teachers know about it as well: [www.greataussiecampout.org.au](http://www.greataussiecampout.org.au).

I look forward to catching up with as many people as possible at the presentation dinner or other activities planned throughout the year. If you have any comments or ideas for upcoming events please do not hesitate to contact either myself or one of your committee members.

It is as always a pleasure to be of service. Yours in the great outdoors



# Minutes of the 2013 OEASA AGM

15 March 2013

**Present:** Nick Glover, Mike Meredith, Brad Newton, Bianca Newton (nee Barbon), Rob Stillwell, Scott Polley, Micha Jensen, Meridee Jensen, Tim Gill, Andrew Pope, Andrew Stace, Jess Stace, Bel Emanuele, Wayne Hooper, Libby Robertson, Chris Hodgson, Luke Duncan, Simon Wilson, Peter Carter, Jo Barton, Matt Randell, David Edwards

**Apologies:** Dave Walker, Andrew Govan, Peter Kellett, Kylie Pointon, Rob Hogan, Liz Liebig, Eve Craker, Mick Dennis

**AGM opened:** 18:35

**Welcome**, and procedures for the AGM, from the chairman

**AGM minutes** from 2012 were read and accepted

Chairman's report was given by Mike Meredith:

Welcome to the 2013 OEASA AGM. OEASA has had another busy year in 2012. Continued discussions and input focussing on HPE in the Australian Curriculum and Outdoor Education's role in it have taken place as has the formation of OSA. The association has represented its members and provided good service to outdoor professionals in South Australia. A conference was co-hosted with ACHPER in April 2012. National outdoor representation has moved forward with developments by the national Outdoor Education Association (OEA) toward incorporation and funding by states bodies has occurred.

I would like to thank the committee members for their significant efforts and help throughout the year. Without their help little would be achieved and we as an organization would provide little service to our members. Everyone has supported the organisation as best possible. In particular Nick Glover and Phil Noble have continued their work as secretary and treasurer respectively. Andrew Govan and Luke Duncan must be thanked for their efforts toward the presentation dinner, Peter Carter for his efforts as editor and looking after the website. Scott Polley has again made significant contributions to the OEA. Without the support of such people we would achieve very little. Thanks and well done.



Mike Meredith

What has the OEASA committee been up to since the 2012 AGM?

- Last year's AGM was attended by 20 members at the Astor Hotel and concluded with a great meal at the hotel.
- Continued cooperation with outdoor leadership organisations including BLSA, SAREA and Canoe SA.
- Organised a very successful Outdoor Presentation Dinner attended by 111 people with the presentation by numerous bodies of their leadership and achievement certificates. The Unley City Council venue was great again as was Frank's cooking.
- Four newsletters distributed.
- Two editions of *National Journal of OED* distributed.
- Website has been maintained by Peter Carter. Reminder: we are always after material to include. Belinda Emanuele has been coordinating development of a resource section so if you have items please let her know.
- Bianca Barbon has set up a OEASA facebook page.
- Bel Emanuele has been developing a new logo
- The committee representatives have continued discussions with other state Outdoor Education Associations for Outdoor Education Australia—A Network of OED associations. We have been custodians of the finances in preparation for the 2014 National Conference.

## Bronze sponsors



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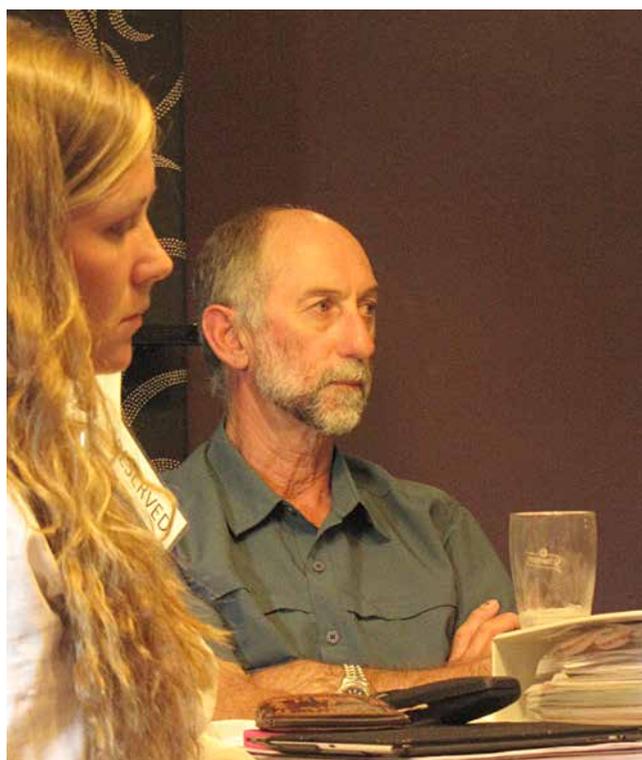
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S.A. FAMILY LIQUOR MERCHANTS



Abundant Health

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- Discussions were held regarding the running of the 2014 national conference in Tasmania / Adelaide through the OEA. Adelaide 2014 is the venue.
- Discussions regarding the Australian Curriculum and the place of Outdoor Educations in HPE have continued. Input into the ACARA Draft Shape HPE statement has resulted in considerable gains in OED content in HPE curriculum document with final submissions to occur soon. Scott Polley has played a vital role in keeping this moving.
- We held meetings with OSA as the peak body for Outdoor Adventure in SA. They are set to present suitable awards at the Outdoor Presentation dinner in 2013.
- Participated in GACO on 13 October 2013 with ACA.
- Participated in Outdoor Education week 27 August–2 September 2012. Once again a significant contribution was made by SA schools and organisations to support this annual event.
- Partnered with ACHPER to run a very successful joint conference 19–20 April 2012. This year's (2013) combined event is well under way and has significant OED content.
- *People and Parks – Draft Visitor Strategy* has been published late 2012 which included considerable input from OEASA and particularly Wayne Hooper and Libby Robertson.
- Presented an outdoor seminar session by Luke Adams, Climbing in Europe, and SA Adventurer of the year Adam Kilpatrick/Stephen Smith on their amazing cycle trip to Europe.
- Scott Polley was presented with a 'Recognition of Excellence' award at the CEASA World Teachers' Day celebrations.
- We have maintained membership of CEASA and ACHPER.



- OEASA supported the UniSA past graduates' dinner. This great event was held at the Unley Town Hall on 24 August, attended by a great diversity of past graduates.
- OEASA has maintained a healthy financial state and is in a position to maintain services into the near future.

I would like to thank our many sponsors for their valuable support during the year. In particular our Gold sponsors: Macpac, Outgrow, Paddy Pallins, Venture Corporate Recharge and Wilderness Escape. Silver sponsor, Scout Outdoor Centre, and Bronze sponsors: Vertical Reality Climbing Gym, Snowy's Outdoors, Step Outside Footwear, Fassina Liquor, Prince Alfred College, Loan Logic, Griffin Wines and Abundant Health. All must be thanked for their generous donations and support of OEASA and the presentation dinner. Please show your support to all these organisations with your patronage and help to repay some of their support. I would like to acknowledge the support given by Prince Alfred College throughout the year in producing the newsletter. We are currently reviewing our sponsor packages to ensure equitable recognition of contributions made throughout the year.

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

I look forward to another busy year in 2013 with the ACHPER/OEASA conference 15–16 April, the presentation dinner on the 21 June, the OEA—Network continuing their move toward a strong national body, providing input into the Australian curriculum HPE curriculum statement and the next National Conference here in 2014. I trust 2013 will be a good year for professional learning opportunities and activities and programs being run by or for OEASA members.

Secretary's report was provided by Nick Glover:

The role of secretary continues to prioritise distribution of community information and other emails: OEASA Outdoor News; promotion of OEASA events, e.g. seminars, AGM, presentation dinner; other state OE and OR association information; relevant community information and notices, e.g. OE week, GACO, Cooe Ads, DENR feedback.

The role has also been busy liaising with service providers for regular meetings and functions, particularly with the rise of Outdoors SA.

It is hoped that the efforts have been of value to the membership, and I look forward to continuing in the role for a further 12 months.

Treasurer's report was provided by Phil Noble:

The 2012 year was once again a successful one for the Outdoor Education Association of South Australia (OEASA). Our membership database has 127 members

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with 74 being paid financial members. The breakdown is as follows:

Life Members: 5  
Individual Members: 23  
Student Members: 2  
Family Members: 3  
School Members: 45  
Electronic Members: 8  
Organisation Members: 10  
Award Winners: 19  
Complimentary Members: 10  
Gold Sponsors: 4  
Unpaid Members: 14

The major event for OEASA for the year was the Award Dinner held at the Unley Council with 111 people attending this fantastic night. Throughout the night, raffles and the auction, with prizes kindly donated by several of our members and sponsors raised \$2007.

OEASA started the year with \$25,873.70 in the bank. Throughout the year we had an Income of \$13,113.63 and Expenses of \$11,214.88. This saw us with a profit of \$1,898.75 and a closing bank balance of \$27,772.45

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Election of officers for the following 12 months:

Chair: Mike Meredith  
Treasurer: Phil Noble  
Secretary: Nick Glover  
Editor and webmaster: Peter Carter  
Committee Scott Polley, Andrew Govan, Mick Dennis, Brad Newton, Bianca Newton, David Edwards, Jo Barton, Chris Hodgson, Andrew Stace, Micha Jensen, Nathan Doble, Dave Walker, Meriden Jensen—passed by all  
Assistant Secretary: Bel Emanuele  
Assist Treasurer: Andrew Stace  
Vice chairperson: Chris Hodgson

OSA representative: Jo Barton

CEASA representatives: Mike Meredith, Nick Glover

ACHPER representative: Scott Polley

OEA representatives: Scott Polley, Mike Meredith

Events for 2013:

Committee meetings: 17:30 at EDC, Milner Street

Hindmarsh: Friday 15 Feb, Friday 17 May, Friday 9 August, Friday 15 November

AGM: Friday 15 March, 18:00 for 18:30 start, Astor Hotel, Pulteney Street Adelaide

State Conference with ACHPER: 15–16 April at PAC

Presentation Dinner: Friday 21 June: 18:30 for 19:00 start, Unley Town Hall (to be confirmed)

Outdoor Education Week: August–September, date TBC, OEA to coordinate

Great Aussie Campout (GACO): 12 October, ACA to coordinate

AOB

Outdoors SA: no updates since IGM

OEA NOEC and curriculum: OEASA input has resulted in changes to national curriculum. Uniform response from members was very effective, but individual responses should continue for greatest impact. All encouraged to provide feedback to ACARA. NOEC to focus on curriculum, being a very topical issue.

AGM Closed 19:19



## The Great Aussie Camp Out, 12 October

**G**ACO brings together thousands of Australians for one big night where they 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, 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 more information about the Great Aussie Camp 2013 so stay tuned.

Log on and check it out at: [www.greataussiecampout.org.au](http://www.greataussiecampout.org.au).



## Aboriginal perspectives of the Adelaide Hills

Wayne Hooper and Libby Robertson

A small group of OEASA members attended the recent pre-conference activity led by Ivan Copley. Ivan is a direct descendent of the Peramangk group who inhabited the Adelaide Hills area between the Barossa and Strathalbyn before settlement. Everyone enjoyed a magnificent day exploring the area around Springton, listening to Ivan tell us about the relevance of the area to him and his forbears. His passion and knowledge of Aboriginal culture and its relevance in contemporary Australia was illuminating. He has done a huge amount of research in the area and everyone who attended was amazed at his level of knowledge and came away with a heightened commitment to promote Aboriginal culture in the future. 

### Is Outdoor Education more than a bushwalk or canoe trip?

Wayne Hooper and Libby Robertson

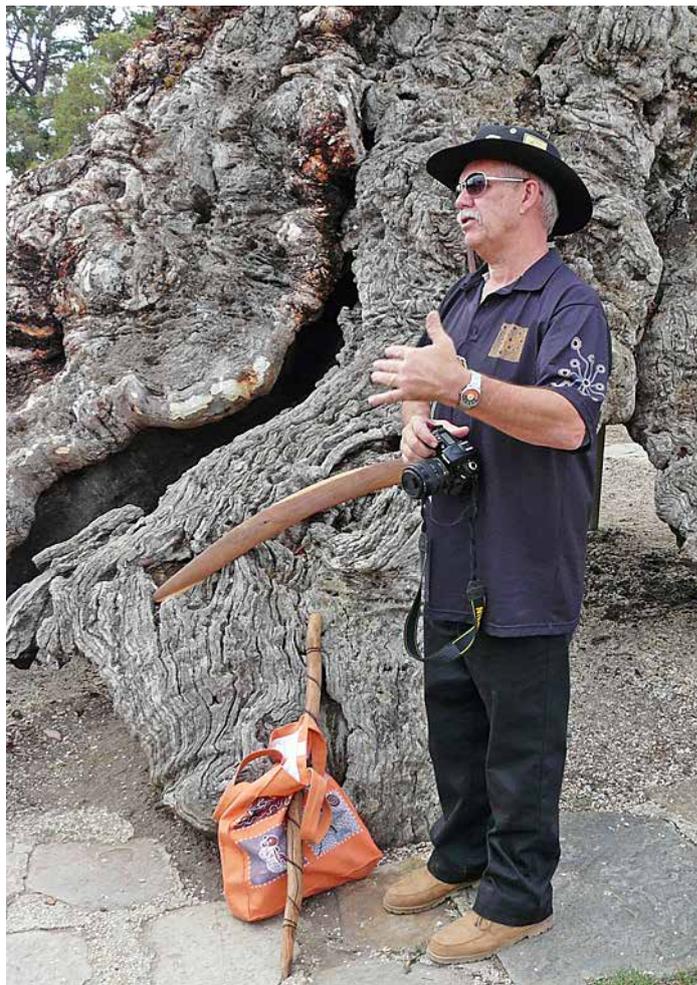
At the recent state conference we presented a session which was designed to explore the strategies that leaders might use to enrich the experience of students who take part in outdoor education activities.

The first part of the session was a PowerPoint presentation highlighting outcomes identified from the post bushwalk assignment of a university group who had completed a course Introduction to Outdoor Recreation culminating in a 3 day bushwalk in Mount Remarkable National Park. Several participants in the workshop identified this presentation as a useful resource to take back to their workplace. Anyone who was unable to attend is invited to contact us at [Waynelib@bigpond.com](mailto:Waynelib@bigpond.com) to receive a copy of the PowerPoint.

The second part of the workshop looked at how topics such as weather, astronomy, history, ecology, plant, animal and bird studies can be used in the field to enhance the expedition. Much of the content from this section has been published in the past in *Outdoor News*.

The culmination of the workshop was feedback from the group on strategies they have used. Some of the good ideas shared included

- mind benders/riddles
- use of photographs or videos which could be used as follow up back in the classroom
- highlighting plant use by Aboriginal people and early pioneers e.g. *Xanthorrea*
- use of short stories or poems
- using a worksheet on aspects of the park available at the ranger station at Mount Remarkable NP
- solo time, and activities such as fishing, playing the harmonica, hopscotch and other physical challenges
- debriefs including comparing the experience on the expedition with normal activity at that time. 



### Musing...

I remember sitting on the small white bus at the entrance to Mount Remarkable: the start of the trip home. With my hat-hair brandished, resting my back against the window, I skimmed a glance down at my shoes. They looked years worn, when just a mere three days ago they were white as this page. Imprinted on these shoes were weeks of what I had accomplished, learned and memories; symbolically invested into these shoes. The last lace reef knots I tied remained intact, still ever reliable. Some perceive they have decreased in value: since the camp their sentimental value augmented. Now they are much more than constructed rubber and leather; an image of a journey walked one step at a time.

Do I think I will ever wash them? No. Will I ever forget the experience? I pray not. 



## A utility cord

*Peter Carter*

Here's something that has many potential uses: as short towline, dragging boats through shallows, clothesline... Use 5 to 6 metres of 5 mm polyester (breaking load 610 kg), 4 mm Spectra® (breaking load 735 kg) or 4 mm Usacord Galaxy (breaking load 850 kg). Put a snaplink (RF-533 is shown) or karabiner on one end and a 12–15 cm loop on the other. Add a removable toggle if desired.

There's a balance here between strength and compactness: thicker line is stronger, and easier on the hands, but takes space to carry. Daisy-chain to compact it, with the final loop in the snaplink so it can be used short or long.



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## New Victorian Resources

*Marcia Cross*

As promised a variety of new resources for a range of key knowledge points across VCE OES Units 1–4 have been uploaded onto the VCE OES Wiki: <<https://vceoutdoorandenvironmentalstudies.wikispaces.com>>.

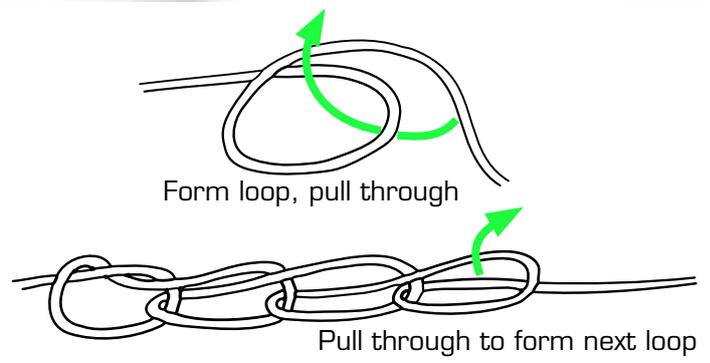
It is important to note the following about the development of these resources;

- they were developed by a combination of student teachers and teachers
- they are not definitive of the course of study
- they are not endorsed by VCAA (or by anyone else for that matter)
- they are simply offered to teachers to assist them in an open and collegial manner
- they are free to be copied, modified and used for developing your own course material (but not for anything other than this purpose)
- they cannot be used for publication or commercial gain in any way.

The resources are inclusive of the following;

- content knowledge required to teach individual key knowledge points
- ideas on relevant school based learning activities
- ideas on practical outdoor experiences
- web-links and further resources.

I hope you find these to be valuable and appreciate the time and effort that has gone into their development. Special thanks to all the UB students who made recent contributions and Brendan Hodges for formatting and uploading the resources onto the wiki. Once again if you have anything (great or small) to share then please email me [Marcia.Cross@haileybury.vic.edu.au](mailto:Marcia.Cross@haileybury.vic.edu.au).



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## Chowilla region update

*Bob West*

The bottom end of Chowilla Creek is still closed to all traffic, on water and off: no portage around as the whole area is still a construction site and will be probably until early next year. In addition work has now commenced on the Pipeclay Weir and this is going to continue for approximately six months. The official word on this is the same as for the Chowilla regulator that there is no passage around the work site. Unofficially it is possible to portage on the eastern side but it will probably be a long one of about 500 m. I have not been into the site to check this but there is a coffer dam downstream of the weir and this will force you out well back from the weir.

This basically means that paddles in the Chowilla area this year launched from Customs House will have to enter and leave the area via the portage upstream of Customs House, Suders Creek (Swifties, The Chute) the fast flowing creek just downstream of CH, Slaney Creek or Boat Creek (this could be interesting with regards obstacles now). Restrictive but still plenty of route choices.

If anybody wants further information they can call me: 8595 5399 or 0427 300 953.

## OEASA Awards

OEASA Awards are presented annually at the Certification Presentation Dinner.

The following awards may be approved by the OEASA committee, following submission of an application for selection of an appropriate award.

The application should state:

- 1 Candidate's full name, address, phone number and email if applicable
- 2 Nominator's full name, address, phone number, fax number, email and institution(s) they are associated with
- 3 The Award that the candidate is being nominated for.

### Conditions:

- 1 One candidate nomination per application
- 2 Nominator may nominate multiple candidates
- 3 The nominator does not need to be an OEASA member
- 4 The decision to accept the nominator's recommendation lies with the OEASA committee
- 5 Successful awardees will be advised by OEASA, and invited to attend the certificate presentation dinner
- 6 Awards may not be awarded in all categories every year.

### Awards:

- 1 A certificate will be issued by OEASA, signed by the chair, bearing the OEASA logo
- 2 The award will be posted out to candidates that are unable to attend the certificate presentation dinner
- 3 Awardees will be provided with state OEASA membership for 12 months
- 4 Mark Auricht Award, Tertiary Award and Krish Mosher Award students will be offered membership to the Australian Outdoor Education body, including receipt of the national journal
- 5 Mark Auricht Award, Tertiary Award and Kris Mosher Award will be provided with a small prize
- 6 All awardees and their friends and family are invited to attend the OEASA Certificate Presentation Dinner, at OEASA member rates
- 7 The committee may from time to time provide awardees with limited means with financial assistance to attend
- 8 The OEASA tertiary award will also be recognised by Uni SA Alumni in the graduation ceremony
- 9 All senior secondary, tertiary and professional awardees will be invited to join the OEASA committee.

### Categories:

- 1 Student
  - a. Primary Education  
Open nomination, including teachers, principals, volunteers and others.
    - i Significant application to outdoor or environmental education
    - ii Involvement in outdoor journeys and/or environmental action
    - iii Role model for other primary outdoor or environmental education students.

- b. Secondary Education (Stage 2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies or Outdoor Education)  
Nominated by teachers of Stage 2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies or Outdoor Education
    - i Achieves a result of 20 (pre-scaling) for Stage 2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies or Outdoor Education
    - ii Demonstrates application to outdoor journeys and/or environmental action
    - iii Is a role model for other Outdoor Education students.
  - c. Mark Auricht Award  
Nominated by the SSABSA Chief Moderator, Outdoor and Environmental Studies.
    - i Achieves the highest mark for Stage 2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies
    - ii Demonstrates application to outdoor journeys and/or environmental action
    - iii Is a role model for other Outdoor Education students.
  - d. VET/TAFE Outdoor Recreation award  
Nominated by the Program Director, Diploma of Outdoor Recreation.
    - i Achieves a high academic standing within the Diploma of Outdoor Recreation
    - ii Demonstrates application to outdoor journeys and/or environmental action
    - iii Is a role model for other Outdoor Recreation students.
  - e. Tertiary Outdoor Education Award  
Nominated by the Outdoor Education study stream coordinator.
    - i Achieves a high academic standing within studies of Outdoor Education
    - ii Demonstrates application to outdoor journeys and/or environmental action
    - iii Is a role model for other Outdoor Education students.
  - f. Certificate of Merit in Outdoor Education (all students)  
Open nomination, including teachers, principals, volunteers and others.
    - i Demonstrates a high level of application to Outdoor Education studies
    - ii Demonstrates application to outdoor journeys and/or environmental action
    - iii Is a role model for other Outdoor Education students.
- 2 Professionals and Volunteers
    - a. Service to Outdoor Education
      - i Demonstrates significant and sustained application to the provision and improvement of Outdoor Education and/or Outdoor Recreation
      - ii Demonstrates significant and sustained impact on the provision, quality or development of Outdoor Education in South Australia
      - iii Is a role model for other Outdoor Education/Outdoor Recreation/Environmental Education professionals or volunteers.

# ACHPER Conference 2013

*Scott Polley*

The 2013 ACHPER conference (April 16–18) was again supported by OEASA, as in 2012. This conference was continued the upward trajectory of attendance with around 250 people attending.

Keynotes were Beth Hands (Physical activity, physical fitness or physical education? Are we betting on the wrong horse?) and Janice Aitken (Australian curriculum update) on the Monday, with Ben Dyson (Innovative pedagogical approaches to Physical Education: Do they work?) on the Tuesday. I did not see Beth Hands, but she was by all accounts very good, and had some useful messages for Outdoor Educators. The Janice Aitken session sounded excellent, with a good discussion of the foundations of the Australian HPE curriculum: again with some important messages for Outdoor Educators. I saw Ben Dyson, whose focus was on cooperative learning. The presentation was a little unfocussed at times, but gave OE a prominent place in his discussion of curriculum and pedagogy. It was great to see a prominent HPE academic acknowledge this.

OEASA had a complete suite of presentations, with an OE presentation at every session. The sessions were:

- Developing Stage 1 and 2 Assessment Tasks and Strategies (Dave Edwards)
- Outdoor Games and Activities for Camps (David Walker and Micha Jensen)
- My Trangia Rules (Bel Emanuele and Jo Barton)
- Is Outdoor Education more than a bushwalk or canoe trip? (Wayne Hooper and Libby Robertson)
- Outdoor Education in the National Curriculum (Scott Polley and Janice Aitken)
- Get Accredited! An update of the Australian Canoeing Award Scheme (Scott Polley and Peter Carter)
- Mountain Biking (Luke Duncan, Wilderness Escape Outdoor Adventures)

The quality of the OEASA presentations was very high. Initial feedback has been very positive, with full evaluations released by ACHPER at a later time.

## OEASA Supporter levels

### Gold: \$1500+

- 1 12 months OEASA membership
- 2 Front page logo acknowledgement as Gold Supporter
- 3 Half page advert in Outdoor News
- 4 Verbal acknowledgement at all conferences, dinners and meetings
- 5 Visual acknowledgement at OEASA dinner
- 6 Provision for banners, merchandise or other at OEASA Dinner
- 7 Complimentary catering for one member at all OEASA functions

### Silver: \$750+

- 1 12 Months OEASA membership
- 2 Front page logo acknowledgement as Silver Supporter
- 3 Visual acknowledgement at OEASA dinner

The sessions were variously attended, with the games and mountain biking being the most popular with the mostly Health and Physical Education crowd. Still, there was a strong presence of OE throughout the conference, marking a shifting of the sands.

Wilderness Escape Outdoor Adventures sponsored one of the Keynotes, and had a trade exhibit alongside Macpac. Well done to both companies.

ACHPER again put on a well organised conference in a great venue (Prince Alfred College). The number of Outdoor Education attendees remained relatively low, but at least the opportunity has been there for OE professional development for those that choose to pursue it. The school holidays timing might well be part of it, with many OE folk out in the field at this time. Apart from the obvious inter-professional learning that can take place, having the OEASA conference integrated with ACHPER is far easier logistically for the committee.

We now move on to planning the National OE conference in 2014!

## OEASA Awards

- ... continued
- b. Krish Mosher Environmental Education Award
  - i Demonstrates significant and sustained contributions to Environmental Education and/or Earth Education and/or Environmental Action
  - ii Demonstrates significant and sustained impact on the provision, quality or development of Environmental Education and/or Earth Education and/or Environmental Action
  - iii Is a role model for other Environmental Education and/or Earth Education and/or Environmental professionals or volunteers.
- 3 OEASA Life Member
  - i Demonstrates significant and sustained service to the Outdoor Educators' Association of South Australia
  - ii Is a role model for other Outdoor Education/ Outdoor Recreation/ Environmental Education volunteers or professionals.

- 4 Verbal acknowledgement at all conferences, dinners and meetings
- 5 Provision for banners, merchandise or other at State Dinner

### Bronze: \$350+

- 1 12 months OEASA membership
- 2 Front page logo acknowledgement as Silver Supporter
- 3 Visual acknowledgement at OEASA dinner
- 4 Verbal acknowledgement at all conferences, dinners and meetings
- 5 Provision for banners, merchandise or other at State Dinner

### Green: \$150+

### Blue: <\$150

**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 16 May. To be presented at the Certificate Presentation Dinner in June.

**Candidate Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Category**

- Primary Education Award  Secondary Education Award  TAFE Outdoor Recreation Award
- Tertiary Outdoor Education Award  Certificate of Merit in Outdoor Education
- Service to Outdoor Education  Kris Mosher Award
- Life Membership

**Statement Addressing Criteria**

**Nominee:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Organisation/Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address to**

OEASA Secretary: Nick Glover, <nicks\_mailbox@yahoo.com>, PO Box 411 Oaklands Park SA 5046

**OEASA Committee** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommendation:**      Accept/Not Accept

**Comments**

**Outdoor Educators' Association Of South Australia**

**ABN 26 588 063 701**

**Membership form**

**Membership subscription for period 28 Feb 2013 to 28 Feb 2014**

**Type of Membership:**

Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/>	New member	<input type="checkbox"/>
Individual \$70			<input type="checkbox"/>
Student \$45 (with AJOE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$20 (without AJOE)	<input type="checkbox"/>
School/Organisation/Corporate/Family \$80	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Electronic Member ((Newsletter and emails) \$20	<input type="checkbox"/>		

(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.

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 or organisation you are connected with?

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