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Sacred Heart students enjoying the 'Phase 1' course at Douglas Scrub. See p 7

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From the Editor

Peter Carter

As this issue was being finished the media were reporting the release of Active Healthy Kids Australia Report Card, a study of Australian children and their activity levels. The ABC's report is at www.abc.net.au/news/2014-05-21/australian-children-among-least-active-in-the-world/5466544, and the report itself at www.heartfoundation.org.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/ahka_reportcard_longform.pdf (5.6MB PDF.) The key finding: "80 per cent of children between the ages of five and 17 were not getting daily exercise".

One of the comments on the ABC site is interesting:

Organised sport in it's [sic] current corrupted state isn't the solution. The problems with organised sport are:

- 1) The organisations treat the kids and their parents as a money pot, to be exploited to pay for a national organisation, which delivers no benefit to the children above what the local level provides.
- 2) The organisation exists to service the elite level, and the kids are basically a recruiting ground.
- 3) A parent can look at the elites and think "I don't want my kid to grow up to be that".

So until sport can be organised so the kids and their well being are the highest priority, organised sport will not be getting my children. Here is a challenge to the organisations: prove your commitment to the children by abolishing all the levels above local and putting ALL you resources into the local levels, where the children play for the fun of it.

Hmm... One forthcoming Aus Canoeing program is for 10–14 year olds and is based on a British Canoe Union

original. It puts children into suitably sized boats with appropriately qualified Instructors to introduce them to competitive and recreational paddling. (Think of Yachting Australia's Tackers program, but for paddling.) Canoe SA has applied for a Grants4Grassroots grant from ASC to help fund the program locally, beginning in October. I want to see an emphasis on the recreational side. I'm not against competition, but not as the be-all and end-all.

In other paddling news, the wind limits for Sea Skills and Sea Leader are being raised from 17kn to 21kn, and to 25kn if a risk management plan taking appropriate skills and equipment into account. There will be new *Award Scheme Handbook* and *Safety Guidelines* shortly.

Wind brings wind chill to mind. On the *Scientific American* site you'll find 'Fact or Fiction?: Wind Chill Is Real' at www.scientificamerican.com/article/fact-or-fiction-is-wind-chill-real/. Pity it's in °F.

In this issue: minutes from the AGM, a brief report of the conference, criteria and form for the annual awards and a couple of smaller items...



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 2013–2014

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 2014. I trust you have all had an enjoyable first term getting young people (and yourself) out and about learning about themselves, each other and the wonderful environments we visit. With winter just around the corner the opportunities for more serious adventures and camping activities dawn.

Thanks to the many people who attended the 2014 AGM held on Friday 14 March at The Astor Hotel, Pulteney Street. The meeting was attended by 20 people, most of whom stayed for dinner making it a very enjoyable and social night. Minutes and reports from the evening are contained later in this edition but in summary I remain as Chairperson with Nick Glover Secretary and Phil Noble Treasurer. Thanks to last year's committee for their tremendous efforts representing our members over the year. Many people have been re-elected onto the committee and I look forward to working together over the coming year to help provide valuable service to the Outdoor Education community.

The 18th National Outdoor Education Conference was held at Prince Alfred College 13–16 April 2014 being run by OEASA on behalf of Outdoor Education Australia (OEA). The conference was a great success with many great sessions and opportunities for learning and discussion about our craft, its benefits and how we can do it better. During the conference various organisations were able to meet with counterparts or like organisations from other states discussing and strengthening networks across the country. OEA were able to meet and discuss the structure and organisation of the network into the future and look at suggestions for an Outdoor Education curriculum for ACARA. Representatives from the Outdoor Council of Australia (OCA) were able to meet as was Outdoors SA (OSA) with groups and individuals from various states to look at structures to better suit and represent the Outdoor sector as a whole. These meetings provided valuable feedback and input that will be taken to organisations for future discussion and action. OSA were able to represent the wider interests of outdoor adventure activity groups and individuals from SA at these meetings and as a representative body were in a position to give a unified voice for those involved in the organisation here in SA.

There will be reports on the conference in this and later editions of *Outdoor News*. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank the organising committee for their great work and commitment over the last 18 months and pay particular thanks to Scott Polley, the conference chair, and Tegan McLean and her employer ACHPER for their significant efforts and support to the conference. We must also thank the sponsors and supporters who helped make the conference so successful. I hope they found benefit in their association with the event. The great news is that the next conference will be held in Queensland, possibly the Sunshine coast in 2016 so get the boardies and singlets ready.

There are a number of activities still planned for 2014 and the details for this year's major calendar functions are listed in this edition and are available on the OEASA website. I urge you to mark them on 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 2014:

The **Outdoor Presentation Dinner** will be held on Friday 20 June 2014 at the Unley City Council Chambers, which has been a great venue, with catering again being provided by Frank and his wonderful crew. Frank has now been catering for the dinner for 10 years and he is sure to make this year a memorable one. This evening recognises the achievements of those involved in the outdoor community and is one I would encourage you all to attend. An Award nomination form and award details have been included later in the newsletter if you have someone in mind.

Outdoor Education Week (7–14 September) is another fixture on the calendar. This event run each year helps raise public awareness of Outdoor Education and by continuing will help in our ultimate goal of getting quality curriculum driven Outdoor Education experiences for all students in all year levels across the country. Any positive promotion of what we are doing with young people in the great outdoors helps get the message out there. Check out the website and get involved spread the word "It's in our nature": www.outdooreducationweek.com.au.

The **GACO** (Great Aussie camp Out) is planned for Saturday 11 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. and do some outdoors stuff. There is no cost involved and helps promote healthy and respectful use of outdoor places. Get involved and let your students/parents/other teachers know about it as well: www.greataussiecampout.org.au.

I look forward to catching up with as many people as possible at the presentation dinner (which should be a cracker) 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 always good to chat. It is as always a pleasure to be of service.

Yours in Outdoor Education (learning of self, others and the environment)



18th National Outdoor Education Conference Preliminary Report

Scott Polley

A hundred and sixty five Outdoor Educators attended the 'Outdoor Education. It's in Our Nature' 18th National Outdoor Education Conference on April 14-16 2014. The conference was organised by OEASA and held at Prince Alfred College, and overall the event was very successful. There were over 50 presenters, as well as a 15 site visits, practicals or forums. The review process is still underway, and this will be reported in more detail in the next outdoor news. ACHPER, the conference organisers, were excellent and were very positive about the 'feel' of the conference.

Some highlights were:

- The support from key supporters and conference sponsors, including Macpac, Wilderness Equipment, Mainpeak, Wilderness Escape Outdoor Adventures, One Planet, Bike About, Carto graphics, UPLOADS Project, World Challenge, Community Data Solutions, Rafting Australia, Adventure Guides Australia, Wilderness First Aid Consultants. They all went above and beyond.
- The quality of national and international standard presenters: they were highly engaging and meaningful, and had put a lot of effort to presenting. Each presentation deserves comment and follow up, but is beyond the scope of this report.
- Practical activities, site visits, combined with dinners and break location on site promoted a lot of collegial discussion across borders.
- Auctions and donations raised over \$1000 for the Wilderness Society and almost as much for the Fred Hollows Foundation.

- Seminars and forums including the first Australian Tertiary Outdoor Network Meeting and presentations and forum by Janice Atkin of ACARA on the draft Advice for Implementation of Outdoor Education in the Australian Curriculum.
- The 'National flavour' of the conference, continuing to build a strong national community in Outdoor Education.
- The sensational job of the Conference Organising Committee in ensuring that the conference ran smoothly and with a great vibe to allow the presentations to have maximum impact.
- The conference should deliver a reasonable surplus to OEASA and to OEA to help fund future activities thanks to the supporters, sponsors and healthy attendance numbers.

There has been a lot of unsolicited positive feedback about this conference, which has been appreciated by the team that worked so hard to pull it together.

A very big thankyou to the Conference Organising Committee, presenters and supporters whose efforts allowed attendees to see world class presentations, and brought representatives from all states and territories to our backyard. Those who attended were challenged, and learned a great deal that will influence their ideas and practices.

The next conference will be on the Sunshine Coast in 2016 being organised by OEAQ and should be one to put in your diaries when the date is released!



Outdoor News deadlines for 2014

We plan to produce four editions each year. The deadline for submitting articles, etc. for inclusion is the end of term, aiming to publish early in the following term.

To this end dates for submission of articles are;

End Term 2 Friday 4 July for the July edition

End Term 3 Friday 26 September for October edition

End Year 2014 (December) for February 2015 edition.

We appreciate your assistance in getting interesting articles, etc. in to the editor Peter Carter.

Bushwalking Leadership SA 2014 Dates

- 7-9 June: Day Walk Leaders Course (DWL), Victor Harbor Region
- Sunday 6-Sunday 13 July: Bushwalking Assistant Leadership Course (BALC), Wirrabara Forest region
- 23-24 August: Technical Skills Assessment (BLC), Hallett region
- 26th Sept-3 Oct: General Mountain Training (GMT), Northern Flinders region

All course information is located on our website

www.bushwalkingleadership.org.au..

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Minutes of the 2014 OEASA AGM

14 March 2014

Present: Nick Glover, Mike Meredith, Brad Newton, Bianca Newton, Scott Polley, Micha Jensen, Meridee Jensen, Andrew Stace, Jess Stace, Wayne Hooper, Libby Robertson, Chris Hodgson, Luke Duncan, Simon Wilson, Peter Carter, Matt Randell, David Edwards, Mick Dennis, Peter Kellett, Chris Detmar

Apologies: Tim Gill, Dave Walker, Kylie Pointon, Rob Hogan, Liz Liebig, Eve Craker, Phil Noble, Emma Lowing

AGM opened: 18:30

Welcome from the chairman and proceedings for the AGM

1. **AGM minutes from 2013** were read and accepted.
2. **Chairman's report** was given by Mike Meredith as follows:

OEASA Chairperson's Report 2014

Welcome to the 2014 OEASA AGM. OEASA has had another very busy year in 2013. Continued discussions and input have finalised the HPE Australian Curriculum and Outdoor Education's role in it. The final curriculum was released on line in February 2014 with very positive Outdoor Education opportunities. The association has represented its members as best possible and provided service to outdoor professionals in South Australia. A conference was co-hosted with ACHPER in April 2013. National Outdoor representation has continued with OEASA running the administration for the National Outdoor Education Association (OEA) which is still moving toward incorporation with funding being provided by most states OED bodies.

I would like to thank the committee members for their significant efforts and help throughout the year. Without their assistance and efforts little would be achieved and we as an organisation would have provided little to our members. Everyone has supported the organisation with dual hats helping out on the National Conference committee, a big task for all. I would also like to recognise Bob and Hazel West for their regular updates on the Riverland: they are much appreciated.

I would like to particularly thank Nick Glover and Phil Noble who have continued their work as secretary and treasurer respectively. Luke Duncan must be thanked for his 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 OEA, the National HPE curriculum and planning for the National Conference here in Adelaide in April 2014. Without the support of such dedicated people we would achieve very little. Thanks and well done. Thanks to Brad Newton, Meridee Jenson and Jo Barton for their years of valued service on the committee. They are not continuing this year.



Nick Glover, Secretary, and Mike Meredith, Chairman
What has the OEASA committee been up to since the 2013 AGM?

- Last year's AGM was attended by 22 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 105 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 superb cooking.
- Four newsletters distributed. Thanks to Peter Carter for his excellent editorial work and PAC for printing.
- Two editions of National Journal of OED distributed.
- Website has been maintained by Peter Carter. Reminder we are always after material to include.
- Bianca Barbon has maintained an OEASA Facebook page.
- Bel Emanuele has continued the development of a new OEASA logo
- Discussions have continued with other state Outdoor Education Associations for Outdoor Education Australia—A Network of OED associations. We have been custodians of the finances and secretarial role in preparation for the 2014 National Conference.
- The National Conference Planning Committee representatives have held extensive discussions and detailed planning regarding the running of the 2014 National Outdoor Education Conference at PAC 14–16 April 2014. Thanks for your efforts to this ongoing and very time consuming task.
- Ongoing discussions regarding the Australian Curriculum and the place of Outdoor Education in the HPE Curriculum were concluded with the very significant inclusion of OED/REC opportunities evident in the ACARA online Curriculum. Scott Polley has played a vital role in seeing this to a most satisfactory conclusion.
- We have maintained membership of CEASA, OSA, ACHPER and OEA.

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- Jo Barton as OEASA Board member to OSA attended meetings of this peak body for Outdoor Adventure in SA. OSA presented awards at the Outdoor Presentation dinner in 2013 and is planning to continue this in 2014. Whilst Jo has moved on to Victoria to take on fresh challenges we thank her for her valued efforts on the committee over a number of years.
- Partnered with ACHPER to run a very successful joint conference 15–16 April 2013. This combined conference had a very significant OED content. Well done to those that presented.
- Participated in Outdoor Education week 1–7 September 2013. Once again a significant contribution was made by SA schools and organisations to support this annual event.
- Participated in GACO on 12 October 2013 with ACA.
- Responded to numerous DENR requests for feedback and input into park proposals and draft management plans.
- Grant Henwood was presented with a Recognition of Excellence award at the CEASA World Teachers' Day celebrations.
- 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, 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.

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 supporters and people who have helped OEASA.

I look forward to another busy year in 2014 with the NOEC 14–16 April at PAC, the presentation dinner on 20 June, the OEA—Network moving to better represent a strong national body, and providing ongoing input into developing suitable OED content for the Australian HPE curriculum. I hope 2014 will be a good year for all and that activities and programs being run by or for OEASA members are enjoyable and successful.

It is as always a pleasure to be of service.

Yours in the outdoors.

Mike Meredith

3. Treasurer's Report 2013

The 2013 year was once again a successful one for the Outdoor Education Association of South Australia

(OEASA). Our membership database has 142 members with 60 being paid financial members. The breakdown is as follows:

- Life Members: 5
- Individual Members: 24
- Student Members: 2
- Family Members: 3
- School Members: 46
- Electronic Members: 11
- Organisation Members: 10
- Award Winners: 15
- Complimentary Members: 36
- Gold Sponsors: 4
- Unpaid Members: 37

The two major events for OEASA for the year were the Award and Alumni dinners. Both events were held at the Unley Council with Francesco once again providing some fantastic food.

Award Dinner had 102 people attending this great night. Throughout the night raffles the auction and prizes kindly donated by several of our members and sponsors raised \$2361.15.

Thirty nine people returned to the Alumni dinner to catch up and reminisce about the good old days, share stories of the now and speak about future projects on the horizon.

OEASA started the year with \$27,772.45 in the bank. Throughout the year we had an Income of \$13,400.73 and Expenses of \$12,544.89. This saw us with a profit of \$855.84 and a closing bank balance of \$28,628.29

Phil Noble

OEASA Treasurer

4. Election of officers

Officers were elected as follows:

- Chairperson: Mike Meredith returned
- Vice Chairperson: Chris Hodgson returned
- Treasurer: Phil Noble returned
- Assistant treasurer: Andrew Stace returned
- Secretary: Nick Glover returned
- Assistant Secretary: Bel Emanuele returned
- Newsletter Editor/Webmaster: Peter Carter returned
- Sub-editor: not filled
- Committee: Scott Polley, Mick Dennis, Bianca Newton, David Edwards, Micha Jensen, Dave Walker, Simon Wilson, Luke Duncan
- OSA rep: Mike Meredith returned
- OSA rep to OEASA: Gordon Begg returned
- CEASA reps: Nick Glover and Mike Meredith returned
- OEA: Scott Polley and Mike Meredith returned

8. Outdoor Education Australia

Scott Polley gave an update on the national curriculum, which had been released but not ratified. He expected that the HPE area was not controversial and was therefore likely to go ahead as is. Scott also provided a short

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history of OEA and its current progress, including funding arrangements by state associations.

A progress update was provided by Scott in relation to the 18th National conference. As at this day registrations were at 100, and estimated to grow, providing at least a covering of costs.

9. 2014 events

A list of confirmed 2014 OEASA events was provided to all present, which was not different from that already distributed to members earlier in the year.

10. AOB

Nick Glover advised that a dinner would be held for the UniSA OE Alumni and past or present OE staff, following

on from the inaugural dinner in 2012. It is intended that this dinner will continue biannually. Details are yet to be released.

Wayne Hooper suggested OEASA give serious consideration as to how best to use its current funds. Peter Kellett raised the opportunity of re-starting 'Trek', a program he and others were involved with some years ago. PK has a range of planning material from previously running this event, and Wayne Hooper and Libby Robertson voiced interest in creating a sub-committee with Peter to investigate again running a Trek program.

11. Next AGM to be held in mid-March, 2015.

AGM closed 7:30pm.



New ropes course and climbing tower for Douglas Scrub

Simon Wilson

Venture Corporate Recharge is nearing completion of a new ropes course and climbing tower at the Girl Guides' Douglas Scrub Campsite. The facility will be one of the state's largest with an estimated 15 High elements, six Low elements and a three-sided climbing tower which will be able to accommodate up to 12 climbers at once. The course will also have a variety of options available for groups.

Groups will be able to choose from a traditional 'belayed' course or participants will be able to use our state of the art European continuous belay system where they are attached at the first element and cannot disconnect themselves until they are safe at the end of the course. The choice between the two systems is based on the desired learning outcomes (as the traditional belay system allows

for a greater team focus) and budget (since the continuous system allows requires fewer instructors it is a cheaper option for large groups).

The climbing tower is 9m high and has three sides, with four ropes on each side. There will be a vertical wall for beginners and two overhanging walls which will provide for stimulating challenges at all levels. One of the more exciting high ropes elements will be a 'double' leap of faith, which will definitely make this course a venue for challenge, excitement and learning.

Phase 1 of the course is complete, and the remainder of the course was expected to be complete by the end of April 2014. Phone Venture Corporate Recharge on 8165 2033 for information on prices and availability.



Welcome to Child & Nature Alliance of Canada

Welcome to the Child and Nature Alliance of Canada—join us in ensuring that all Canadian children and families get outside and play! We are a registered Canadian charity working to authentically collaborate across all sectors in support of outdoor play! We invite you to join us, connect, learn and get outside!

See it at childnature.ca.



Canoe SA Education Calendar

June

Sun 15: Flatwater Instructor Induction
Sun 29: Basic Skills Course

July

Tues 8: Evening Seminar—Waves, tides and currents

August

Tues 5: Evening Seminar—Safety equipment and communication for sea kayaking
Wed 13: Education and Safety Technical Committee
Sun 17: Basic Skills Course
Sun 24: Introductory skills for sea kayaking
Sat 30: Team Paddle Challenge Training Session, am only
Sun 31: Flatwater Skills

September

Sun 7: Team Paddle Challenge training, am and pm sessions
Sat 13 and Sun 14: Team Paddle Challenge
Sun 21: Introductory skills for sea kayaking
Sat 27: Basic Skills Course

October

Mon 6–Fri 10 Oct: Flatwater Lifeguard (DECS course, Pt Augusta)
Sun 12: Introductory skills for sea kayaking
Fri 17–Sun 19 Oct: Sea Weekend, Victor Harbor

Sat 25: Basic Skills Course
Sun 26: Sea Skills Day 1 (Course 2)

November

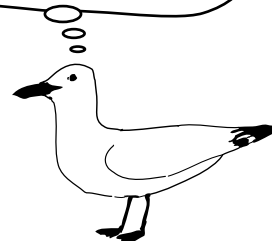
Wed 12: Education and Safety Technical Committee
Sun 16: Sea Skills Day 2 (Course 2)
Sun 23: Flatwater Instructor Induction
Sun 30: Basic Skills Course

December

Sat 6, Sun 7: Sea Skills (Course 2)
Sun 14: Flatwater Skills



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The first line of a file is to be the item's title, the second, the author's name (without 'By'). Include captions for any accompanying images, with details of who, which, what, when, where, etc.

Text may be as text file (.txt), RTF (.rtf) or Word format. If your file is a Word .doc or .docx, or RTF, please use appropriate styles for headings, list items, etc. (See 'Wordprocessing right and wrong', *ON* Vol 28 No 3, October 2010, p 14.)

Photographs must be submitted as image files, JPEG or TIFF, and **not** embedded in Word files (ever). Line art may be submitted in TIFF, EPS or Illustrator format. Where there are several images they may be sent as a ZIP archive.

Advertisements from sponsors or other organisations must be submitted as PDFs. Half page advertisements may be one column or landscape. Payment, where applicable, must be made through the OEASA Treasurer.



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- 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

- 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+

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Take part in a National study on injury prevention in the outdoor education and recreation sector

The UPLoads (Understanding and Preventing Led Outdoor Accidents Data System) allows you and your organisation to collect detailed information surrounding injury and near miss incidents in a way that will support you in taking measures to prevent them.

A national trial of a prototype version of UPLoads was undertaken in 2013. The study involved organisations using UPLoads to collect incident and participation data for a 6 month period. Fifteen organisations participated in the trial across six States. Five organisations were commercial enterprises, 5 were not-for-profits, 2 were schools, 2 were registered training organisations and 1 was a government agency/public sector organisation. During the six month period, 184 incidents were reported, which included 115 injuries, 31 illnesses, 5 social or psychological impacts, 2 cases of equipment damage and 25 near misses. The participation data showed that organisations had conducted 59 different activities over 295,895 days.

Based on the results from the first trial and an expert review of UPLoads, we have developed two versions of the system: UPLoads Software Tool and UPLoads Lite.

UPLoads Software Tool

The UPLoads Software Tool allows organisations to:

- Systematically track their injury and near miss incident and participation data;
- Analyse their own incidents using a systems analysis framework;
- Generate automatic reports on the data they collect; and
- Contribute deidentified data (i.e. names removed) to the industry database.

The software tool is installed on a computer within the organisation and the data is not directly accessible by the research team. Organisations are asked to contribute deidentified data (i.e. names removed) to the project on a monthly basis. **Organisations, participants and staff cannot be identified from the data sent to the research team for analysis.**

UPLoads Lite

UPLoads Lite is designed for organisations who only want to contribute data to the national database. An online survey tool allows organisations to **contribute completely anonymous incident reports and participation data**. Organisations are also able to save the data they enter for their own records.

Why use UPLoads?

Detailed information on incidents and contributing factors can be used to design and justify changes to policy, training, or program location or activity.

The findings from the national database will be analysed by the research team and communicated to the sector every six months. The national database will allow the sector to better understand the real risks associated with different types of outdoor activities. Organisations will be able to request reports from the national database on specific issues to assist them in formulating risk management strategies. For example, a report could be produced on all 'high ropes' near misses and incidents in the national database.

The National trial

The National trial involves using UPLoads for at least a 12 month period to collect information about near misses, incidents and participation rates. The UPLoads project plans to continue after this period and organisations are encouraged to continue their involvement. The research project has received ethics approval from the University of the Sunshine Coast (approval no A/13/454).

Want more information?

If you would like to participate in the trial, or would like more information, please register your contact details here:

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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.

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- 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.



The Great Aussie Camp Out, 11 October

GACO 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 2014 so stay tuned: www.greataussiecampout.org.au.



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

Candidate Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Category

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| Primary Education Award | <input type="checkbox"/> | Secondary Education Award | <input type="checkbox"/> | TAFE Outdoor Recreation Award | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tertiary Outdoor Education Award | <input type="checkbox"/> | Certificate of Merit in Outdoor Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Service to Outdoor Education | <input type="checkbox"/> | Kris Mosher Award | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |
| Life Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |

Statement Addressing Criteria

Nominee: _____ **Organisation/Institution:** _____

Address to

OEASA Secretary: Nick Glover, <nicholas.glover@unisa.edu.au>, PO Box 458 Torrens Park 5062

OEASA Committee _____

Recommendation: Accept/Not Accept

Comments

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Membership form

Membership subscription for period 1 March 2014 to 28 Feb 2015

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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