



# Outdoor News

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An Assessor's task is rather more than just sitting (or kneeling, in this case) and watching... Wayne Hooper observes Ian, Libby, Sue and Dean on the Onkaparinga at Port Noarlunga as three of them work toward canoe qualifications

For the Canoe SA course calendar, see page 7

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## From the Editor

**Peter Carter**

I didn't participate in GACO, but then, the night of the blackout a little earlier was much like camping: I even lit the old candle lantern. Later, I had wanted to photograph the tall ship *Tenacious* as it arrived but the forecast was against it so I waited for another opportunity. The weather that day was equally foul: look at the flags in that pic. The winter seems to go on and on.

But there have been good days, as you see in the cover pic, with sunshine and light winds. There ought to be more single blade paddling, as the open canoe is the ideal craft for exploring Murray backwaters.

This is a fairly thin issue. We have details of the forthcoming conference, news of the inaugural Walking SA Awards, and a course calendar from Canoe SA, along with a book review by Wayne and Libby. A new feature in the Canoe SA calendar is Get into Paddling, a half-day course for beginners, with the emphasis on safe and efficient paddling.

**Aeon** is a site with many thoughtful essays on a variety of topics. Two recent ones will be of interest to educators.

### The examined life

Students are working harder than ever to pass tests but schools allow no time for true learning in the Socratic tradition: <https://aeon.co/essays/can-school-today-teach-anything-more-than-how-to-pass-exams>.

### And their eyes glazed over

My college students are never entirely present in class, addicted to texts and tech. Is there any hope

left for learning?: <https://aeon.co/essays/can-students-who-are-constantly-on-their-devices-actually-learn>.

The climatologist in me was intrigued to find a new site showing the global circulation in near real-time. It's at <https://earth.nullschool.net> and there's a sample image on page 7. Don't rely on it for forecasting but it's an excellent view of the atmosphere.

As for *Tenacious*, a tall ship designed for sailing adventures for people with disabilities, see the Jubilee Sailing Trust site at [jst.org.uk](http://jst.org.uk).



## 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 2016–2017

Chair: Mike Meredith

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Editor and webmaster: Peter Carter

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## From the Chairman

**Mike Meredith**

Greetings all and welcome to the last edition of *Outdoor News* for 2016.

Well, haven't we had a very unusual winter? Flooding rains being an understatement. With drenching storm events through to September–October the creeks, dams, lakes and rivers have certainly had a good soak and flush.

The regulator at Chowilla got put into use with the higher than expected flows and released environmental flows. This orchestrated flooding caused some changes to plans as the usually pleasant Chowilla region became inundated with water and ongoing downpours caused intermittent closures of parks around the Riverland. I am sure we will continue to see the benefits of these high flow rates as environmental indicators hopefully show improvements along the long suffering lower regions of the Murray River.

Our first Outdoor Seminar Series, Aboriginal Skies, was held on Friday 2 September at the Mawson Lakes Planetarium. This was a great night with nearly 40 people coming together to hear about Indigenous Skies. It is hoped that further information about sessions at the Planetarium will be made available to our members as this is a wonderful resource. Thanks to Micha Jenson for his work in organising this session: it was a great opportunity to hear a different perspective on our night skies.

The details for remaining calendar activities for this year 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/participate and help make them valuable and successful events in particular the upcoming OEASA Outdoor Conference 17–18 November.

Outdoor Education Week (October at your discretion) is a previous fixture on the calendar. This event 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 outdoors helps get the message out there. Generally this week has aligned with Outdoors October in WA but even if you make this a time to advertise your programs and activities in the great outdoors all will be good. This is still being considered by OEA but regardless it would be great if Outdoor Educators in SA could get out in October and fly the flag. Check out the website for previous activities: <[www.outdooreducationweek.com.au](http://www.outdooreducationweek.com.au)>.

The GACO (Great Aussie Camp Out) was run on Saturday 8 October 2016 and was intended to get people outside and involved in the great outdoors. The idea is to log on to the website indicating you are involved and get out that night in the back yard, caravan park, national park etc. Hopefully some of you got involved and let your students, parents and teachers know about it as well.

OEASA Outdoor Conference 'Sharing good practice' is planned for Term 4, starting on the evening of Thursday 17 November and continuing into Friday at the Education Development Centre Hindmarsh. Check the calendar of events and set the dates aside.



I look forward to catching up with as many people as possible at the activities mentioned above. Remember, if you have any comments or ideas for upcoming events please do not hesitate to contact either myself or one of your committee members.

Coming up in 2017

A detailed program of events for 2017 will be distributed electronically later this year but some key dates at stage are:

The AGM and Dinner will be on Friday 17 March at the Seven Stars Hotel, 187 Angas Street.

The Outdoor Presentation Dinner will be on Friday 16 June at the Unley City Council Chambers.

There will be presentations in 'The Outdoor Seminar Series' in Terms 3 and 4.

Remember, if you have any comments or ideas for upcoming events please do not hesitate to contact either myself or one of your committee members.



### OEASA Committee meetings

5:30pm at PAC 'Red Centre' Gym (McBride room)

Friday 18 November (T4 Wk 5, end of year drinks) at EDCH

### Outdoor News deadlines

We plan to produce four issues of *Outdoor News* 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 of Year, for February 2017 edition

End Term 1, Friday 13 April 2017 for the May edition

End Term 2, Friday 7 Jul for the July edition

End Term 3, Friday 29 September for October edition.

Please send your contributions to the editor, Peter Carter, <[pcarter@acslink.net.au](mailto:pcarter@acslink.net.au)>..

There is always space in *Outdoor News* for your contribution



# State Outdoor Conference 17–18 November

## “Sharing good practice”

### Education Development Centre Hindmarsh

OEASA invites you to the 2016 State Outdoor Conference at the Education Development Centre Hindmarsh from Thursday 17–Friday 18 November. The conference will offer a variety of presentations on Education, Recreation and Adventure in the great outdoors. Conference starts at 6:30 pm (registration from 6 pm) and finishes at 4:30 pm Friday. The three strands of education, recreation and adventure will run throughout, with sessions offering everyone who attends something of interest with a range of session options. Presentations reflect the diversity of the outdoor community and offer insight into activities, programs and research within it.

### The Conference at a Glance

Conference Keynote Presentations Thursday evening by:

Steven Carter and Trevor Worseley sharing their journeys through the outdoors

Conference sessions include a sessions on education, recreation and adventure

Wellbeing integrated into outdoor programs  
Waterways Trails  
SACE task design and workshop  
Outdoor Education using iTunes U  
Divergent design and differential delivery.  
Vet qualifications through OED.  
Climbing in Nepal  
Bushwalking in the Gammons  
Online Blogging for assessment in Outdoor Education  
“Tumbelin”, a program for youth at risk  
GPS tracking in review and reflection

Developing an OED program in a developing country and here in SA  
Adventure therapy  
Parent paperwork made easy  
Outdoor practitioners  
See detailed listing on the OEASA website and Facebook site

### How to Register

Use the registration link for Eventbrite that will be emailed out.

### Sponsorship opportunities

There are still opportunities for sponsors to help out with components of the conference. For any organisations or individuals interested in being involved please contact Mike Meredith or Chris Detmar to get more detailed information on sponsorship options. Your participation, as always, would be greatly appreciated.

Mike Meredith (OEASA Chairperson): 0409 678 498 or: mike.meredith506@schools.sa.edu.au

Chris Detmar (OEASA Secretary): 0415 501 695 or: oeasa.secretary@gmail.com

### Costs

Full conference: Member, \$80; non-member, \$100; and full time student, \$50  
Thursday night Keynote session and supper: Member, \$30; non-member, \$40; full time student, \$20.

Please set the date aside in your diaries, get a group together, fill in the online registration form at Eventbrite and come along for what should be a great evening and day of professional learning. 

## 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
- 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

### Bronze sponsors



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## Book Review: *Adventurous Learning*

Wayne Hooper and Libby Robertson

One of the inspirational keynote speakers at the National Outdoor Education Conference earlier in the year at the Sunshine Coast was Simon Beames, whose topic was 'Innovation in Outdoor Education'. Simon is a senior lecturer in Outdoor Learning at University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

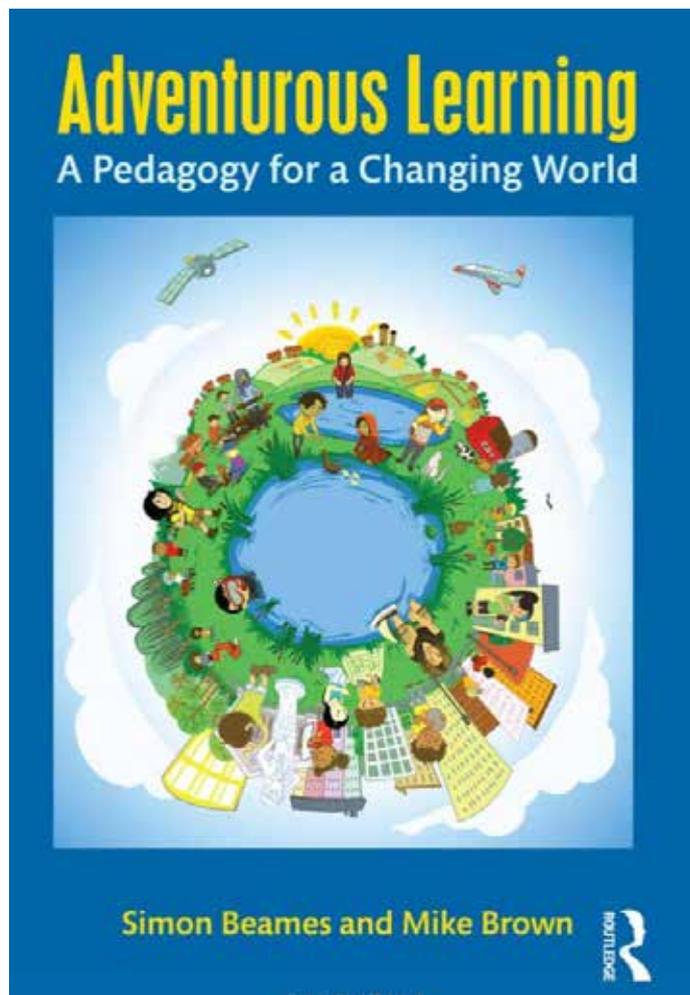
In collaboration with Mike Brown, senior lecturer in Sport and Leisure at the University of Waikato, New Zealand, Simon has published a book called *Adventurous Learning: A pedagogy for a changing world* which we highly recommend to all teachers of Outdoor Education.

This book challenged our assumptions about Outdoor Education programs. The authors quote several imminent education thinkers in developing approaches which made us think about our education practice. While reading this book we were able to reflect on our practice and the role of outdoor learning in an increasingly complex, unpredictable and rapidly changing world.

The book provides insights into the leaders' role in facilitating meaningful educational experiences for participants in Outdoor Education programs.

They explore the possibility that some of the methodologies in Outdoor Education currently used, may not be appropriate in the 21st century.

*Adventurous Learning: A pedagogy for a changing world* is published by Routledge, ISBN-10: 1138831662, ISBN-13: 978-1138831667



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## Inaugural Walking SA Awards

- Who created that walking trail?
- Who inspired me to go walking?
- How did that organisation come about?
- Who promoted the joys of bushwalking?

Many volunteers and others have contributed to South Australia's great walking trails, walking clubs, and walking promotion and opportunities for health, wellbeing, recreation and tourism. **At Walking SA we believe that it's about time they were recognised.**

Walking SA is initiating annual awards to recognise sustained and outstanding contribution to walking at all levels throughout SA. If you know of someone who should be considered for an award in 2016 please do consider nominating them.

Walking SA is the not for profit peak body that leads, promotes and supports all forms of walking in South Australia, including walking for recreation, transport, health, wellbeing, organised events, adventure, bushwalking, environmental appreciation and fun experiences.

Our vision is to have more people walking more often. We provide leadership through; promoting and supporting walking opportunities for all South Australians; promoting opportunities to improve the health and lifestyle of South Australians through walking; as well as expertise, guidance and advocacy for safe and supportive walking infrastructure.

We are launching awards in five categories:

- Longstanding Contribution/Distinguished Service Award—Individual
- Special Recognition Award—Individual
- Special Recognition Award—Group/Organisation
- Local Government Award—Individual
- Local Government Award—Organisation

### Outdoor Education week 2015

Outdoor Education week (Date TBC in October) plans to raise public awareness of how Outdoor Education helps individuals learn about themselves, other people and groups with whom they work and about the environment that they are spending time in.

Through this week it is hoped to encourage young people to be actively learning outside the classroom and to advertise this to the wider community.

How can Teachers and Outdoor Education Providers get involved?

- Plan for your school, organisation or centre to get involved
- Create your own Outdoor Education Week event and share it with others
- Promote your event/outdoor education experience in the local media/community.

How can anyone be involved?

Go for a walk with your group in the outdoors (outside)



Criteria for the awards will encompass

- Enhanced the development of walking in South Australia and/or
- Significantly furthered the objectives of Walking SA and/or
- Developed/supported the implementation of a significant walking project/activity and/or
- Added value to the wider community of South Australia

The awards are a leadership initiative of Walking SA towards public recognition of individuals and organisations who have made a significant contribution to walking at all levels in South Australia.

Nominations may be made by any South Australian nominators. Referees and nominees are not required to be members of Walking SA or of a walking club. We'll also be pleased to consider self-nominations.

Further details and nomination forms are available on the Walking SA website: [walkingsa.org.au/awards](http://walkingsa.org.au/awards).

Nominations close on 26th August 2016. Awards will be presented at the Awards Presentation Night on Thursday 20th October 2016.

For further information contact:

Wendy Keech—Walking SA Chair: 0403 997 907

Greg Boundy—Walking SA Executive Officer: 0457 006 620



during the nominated 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](http://www.outdooreducationweek.com.au) check out last year's and previous events. Once the dates have been confirmed we will let you know.



# Canoe SA Course Calendar

New this season is **Get into Paddling**, 'A half-day course to give you the essentials for safe, efficient kayak and sit-on-top paddling' covering boats and equipment, efficient paddle strokes and on-water safety.

Flatwater Skills courses include a half-day theory session the day before the practical sessions listed in this calendar.

To register for any course, see [sa.canoe.org.au/education](http://sa.canoe.org.au/education).

## November

Saturday 5: Get Into Paddling (GIP)  
Saturday 19: GIP  
Sunday 20: FW Skills  
Sunday 27: Sea Kayak Workshop (Intro)

## December

Saturday 3: GIP  
Saturday 17: GIP  
Sunday 18: FW Skills

## January 2017

Saturday 7, GIP  
Sunday 8, FW Skills  
Sat 14, Sun 15: FW Lifeguard  
Sat 21, Sun 22: FW Guide, FW Instructor  
Mon 23–Fri 27: School Holiday Program  
Sunday 29: Sea Kayak Workshop (Day paddle)

## February

Saturday 4: GIP

Sunday 12: FWL, FWG, FWI Group Assessment  
Saturday 18: GIP  
Sunday 19: FW Skills  
Saturday 25: Sea Kayak Workshop (Sea Skills)

## March

Saturday 4: GIP  
Saturday 18: GIP  
Sunday 19: FW Skills  
Sunday 26: Sea Kayak Workshop (Sea Skills)

## April

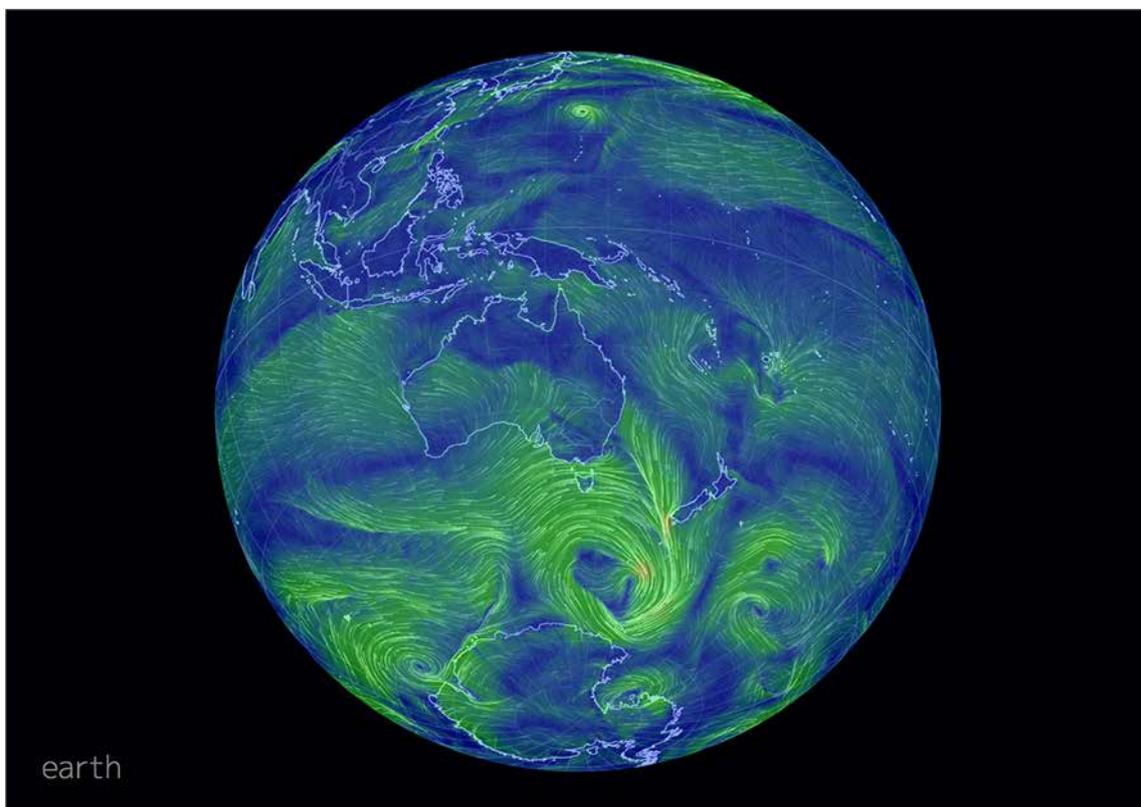
Saturday 8: GIP  
Saturday 15: GIP  
Sunday 16: FW Skills  
Mon 17, Tues 18: FW Lifeguard  
Wed 19, Thurs 20: FW Guide, FW Instructor  
Saturday 22: GIP  
Saturday 29: Sea Kayak Workshop (Sea Skills)

## May

Saturday 6: GIP  
Saturday 17: GIP  
Sunday 18: FW Skills  
Sat 27, Sun 28: Sea Kayak Workshop (Overnight paddle)

## June

Saturday 3: GIP  
Saturday 17: GIP  
Sunday 17: FW Skills



The situation at 5:10pm on Monday 10 October, as shown at <https://earth.nullschool.net>. Rotate and zoom, and click on earth for a menu, or click on a point for details at that point.

**Outdoor Educators' Association Of South Australia**

**ABN 26 588 063 701**

**Membership form**

**Membership subscription for period 1 March 2016 to 28 Feb 2017**

**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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**Forward to:**

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