



Adventure & Outdoor Update



Outdoors New Zealand
Mahi Ngahau ā-Waho Aotearoa



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Activities requiring early registration

A reminder to check the information released in December to see which activities require early registration. For more information, see the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment's (MBIE) [December update](#)

Audit standard

The audit standard is planned to be published in the 14 February [Gazette](#).

Recognition of audit providers

Final recognition of audit providers will depend on the requirements of the scheme rules that are being prepared by the accrediting agency (JAS-ANZ) with the help of a technical committee comprising people from the sector. In the meantime there is an extension of interim auditor arrangements until 15 February 2013. For more information see MBIE's [December update](#)

Drug and alcohol guidance

Case studies of operators with different levels of risk have been added to MBIE's drugs and alcohol [guidance document](#)

Outdoors New Zealand – staff changes

Sue Gemmell has resigned from her position as Outdoors NZ Project Leader - Safety Review. She will finish work on 8 February 2013.

Sue has contributed greatly to the progress of various projects relating to safety, qualifications and incident reporting. Her insight and knowledge of the New Zealand outdoors sector will be missed.

Garth Dawson (Outdoors NZ Chief Executive) and Garth Gulley (OutdoorsMark Programme Manager) will continue to maintain a close working relationship with MBIE.



Sue Gemmell

TIA project update

SupportAdventure – safety management systems guidance

The [SupportAdventure](#) website is being continuously updated to reflect current safety information. Check the site regularly and stay informed.

Operators required by the new adventure activities regulations to register soon can check the [safety management systems](#) section of the website to ensure safety management plans are in line with industry good practice.

Activity Safety Guidelines

- Public consultation for the Canyoning and Caving ASGs has ended and updated versions will be posted on [SupportAdventure](#) soon. Changes are mainly editorial and operators can use current versions with confidence.
- The Climbing Activities on Artificial Structures ASG (Indoor Rock Climbing) is currently with MBIE and will be posted on [SupportAdventure](#) soon. A newsflash will be released to let operators know when it is available. Indoor climbing wall operators should attend your industry symposium to discuss the ASG recommendations - see the Events section of this newsletter.
- We are now asking for expressions of interest to be part of development groups for the abseiling and high ropes, high wire and zip-line ASGs. For information on group roles and responsibilities see [SupportAdventure](#). To register your interest email rachael.moore@tiansz.org.nz. Please include your choice of development group role



Canyoning.co.nz
Photo: Mike Enright

If you provide these activities, make sure you and your senior staff are familiar with the ASG as they reflect current industry good practice. The ASGs should be used to help inform standard operational procedures, and will be used by auditors to provide a benchmark for good practice.

Maritime New Zealand update

Maritime NZ are re-assessing how they will manage auditing and liaison processes with the adventure tourism sector. They will inform the sector as soon as processes are confirmed. In the interim if you have enquiries please email michael-paul.abbott@maritimenz.govt.nz

Events - talking safety

Here are some of the key events planned for the adventure and outdoor sector over the coming months. Collaboration is key to strengthening safety and encouraging a positive safety culture where information is freely shared.

Outdoors New Zealand road show

Outdoors New Zealand is holding a series of one-day workshops in March and April to update industry on topical issues such as the safety audit standard and auditing, an outdoor sector planning forum, and research into the value of the outdoor recreation economy.

Attendees will have a choice of afternoon workshops – safety management systems or top tips for marketing and communications. [Click here](#) for more information.



Photo: Aspiring Guides

The Great Adventure – new TIA event

The Great Adventure is a new TIA event to bring together adventure and outdoor tourism leaders to share their experience and tackle the challenges of building a strong, unified and prosperous sector.

On In Wellington, 9-10 May 2013, the event will start with a dinner on Thursday evening 9 May, followed by a speaker programme and breakout sessions on Friday 10 May, concluding with a networking function. Topics will include trends in adventure markets, advice on employing, training and retaining the right people, adventure safety and more. Visit [TIA's website](#) for more information.

Indoor rock climbing symposium

On in Palmerston North in early March, this free national symposium for indoor rock wall operators will discuss how to implement the Activity Safety Guideline recommendations. The Symposium will be hosted by Toni (Antnz) Burgess, Manager of VertX Climbing Gym, YMCA Central, Palmerston North. Contact Antnz for more information vertx@ymcacentral.org.nz.



Photo by Sharon Nicolas

The World Outdoors Summit 2013

The [World Outdoors Summit 2013](#) is an international conference hosted by Outdoors New Zealand. Held every four years, it is on in Rotorua, 18 -22 November 2013. The theme is the value of the outdoors to society. To be notified by email as soon as registrations open please email register@wos2013.com

Education Outdoors New Zealand

A series of two day workshops in March and April will explore the Ministry of Education (2009) document, 'EOTC Guidelines, Bringing the Curriculum Alive', and support participants to provide education outside the classroom opportunities for students, introduce them to planning and safety principles, examine current best practice and introduce a systems-based approach to address individual school needs. [Click here](#) for more information and registration.

Outdoor recreation qualifications update

Tertiary Level Targeted Review of Qualifications (TROQ)

Consultation on material developed by the TROQ Outdoor Recreation working group is due to begin this month. This is an opportunity for those not directly involved in the review to have their say in the qualification outcomes. Updates and information will be posted on the [Skills Active website](#).

NZ Outdoor Instructors Association (NZOIA)

NZOIA has been reviewing and rewriting all of its Level 1 and 2 instructor qualifications since early 2012. The new documentation for Bush and Rock is now on the [NZOIA website](#), and Alpine and Kayak will follow soon.

Changes include:

- The Scope and Syllabus document now follows a new format and is accompanied by an Assessment Guide for both the assessor and candidate. The Assessment Guide provides more clarity about standards and what is assessed.
- Rock qualifications now include a lead (sport climbing) endorsement for Rock 1, and a separate new Sport Climbing qualification.
- Bush qualification scopes have been clarified and better defined, particularly around terrain.
- Alpine qualification pre-requisites have been updated. Scopes have been better defined particularly around terrain, use of crampons at Level 1, and mixed climbing and glacier travel at Level 2.
- Kayak qualifications have undergone changes particularly around their prerequisites and scope. The structure of Kayak 2 has changed; it will now be in two separate parts 'Class 3 Leadership and Group Management' and 'Advanced Kayaking Skills Instruction'.

Visit the [NZOIA website](#) for more information.

The Qualification Review Project continues in 2013 with the review of the Sea Kayak, Cave, and Canoe qualifications managed by Penny Holland.

We hope you are all having a very busy and safe summer season. As the adventure activities registration and auditing process beds in you may have questions or issues. Don't hesitate to contact us or go directly to the MBIE call centre - 0800 209020. In the first instance refer to www.supportadventure.co.nz where you'll find back issues of Adventure & Outdoor Update, and [MBIE's website](#).

Best wishes, and farewell from Sue.

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