



# Support Adventure News

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## Surveillance activity – take action now!

Operators covered by the Adventure Activities Regulations need to be aware of surveillance activity and compliance requirements necessary for the maintenance of audit certification.

We've found a surprising number of operators don't know what their audit surveillance requirements are. Check your audit report for details and if you're still not sure contact your audit provider.

### Surveillance tips

Audit provider [Skills Active](#) has suggested the following tips to ensure your surveillance process runs as smoothly as possible:

- Your audit report has detailed information about conditions and surveillance requirements. Please ensure you read it carefully and mark the dates on your calendar.
- Keep on top of your dates and requirements. The 'prior to date' is the date that things need to be resolved by - not the date to start the process with your auditor.
- Missing a condition deadline has serious implications for your certification and registration.
- Contact your audit provider early and let them know when you expect to have material ready for evaluation so they can ensure an auditor is available.
- It is possible the material you send to the auditor won't meet the required standard. Plan time for your material to be adjusted prior to the due date.

WorkSafe's [February newsletter](#) contains more information about surveillance activity. They encourage you to take action now to ensure you don't get caught out.

## Waikato river users – important announcement

WorkSafe advises that the section of the Waikato River from the Taupo Control Gates to Reid's Farm **IS** subject to the Adventure Activities Regulations.

WorkSafe recently sent a letter with this information to all operators who they know are operating on that section of the river.

If you need more information, email [WorkSafe](#).

## Dive Activity Safety Guidelines – version 1 online

The final draft of the Dive ASG has progressed through the public consultation phase, which includes a review by WorkSafe, and is now available on the [SupportAdventure website](#).

The ASG contains important good practice information for instructed and guided dives and for operators providing chartered dive services.



Photo: Dive! Tutukaka

ASG's are primarily developed to support operators and are also an important tool for technical experts and auditors.

Congratulations to the Working Group for the enormous amount of work to develop this ASG, and thank you very much to the Support Group and those who contributed during the public consultation stage.

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## TIA Adventure Safety Systems Workshops

There has been great feedback to the TIA's Adventure Safety Systems Workshops held to date. Key topics of discussion have included safety culture, good practice, staff competence, continual improvement and running effective safety meetings.

Register now for the remaining 11 workshops. These free, three-hour workshops are a valuable way to connect with peers and look at ways to make your safety management systems work more efficiently. Chris Warburton, TIA

Adventure & Outdoor Project Leader, says he's particularly keen to see more adventure and outdoor operators at the Ohakune, Paihia, Napier and New Plymouth workshops.

[Click here](#) for more information, dates, locations and free registration.



Chris Warburton

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## The Great Adventure 2015 - save the date!

Now in its third year, The Great Adventure will return to Wellington in 2015. Organised by TIA, the event will start with networking drinks on Thursday evening 2 July, with the one day conference on Friday 3 July. The Great Adventure is for leaders across the adventure tourism sector to share experiences, meet and talk with key individuals in the public sector and gather insight to help us build a strong, unified and prosperous sector.

100% of attendees at last year's event rated it as very worthwhile or worthwhile. Registrations for the Great Adventure 2015 will open soon.

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## Outdoors New Zealand – a message from the Chair

*Outdoors New Zealand Chair Josie Ogden Schroeder writes there are ongoing challenges facing outdoor leadership and advocacy:*

Outdoors NZ would be interested in any feedback or thoughts you have on what is critical for the outdoor sector going forward. We invite you to participate in our 'NZ Outdoor Recreation Forum', a new online forum discussion which can be found at [nzorf.nz](http://nzorf.nz). You will need to register to view and participate in the forum. Alternatively you may contact me, (ONZ Chair, Josie Ogden Schroeder) via email: [josie@ymcachch.org.nz](mailto:josie@ymcachch.org.nz) or post messages for ONZ on Facebook.



As many of you are aware ONZ has been in negotiation with Sport NZ and NZRA around the establishment of one lead recreational agency. The outcome of these negotiations was to establish a transitional process for ONZ into NZRA. This includes establishing and taking advice from an Outdoor Recreation subcommittee. [Read more.](#)

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## Outdoor Recreation Roadshows

The [New Zealand Recreation Association](#) (NZRA) is holding six Outdoor Recreation Roadshows across the country in mid to late July (dates TBC).

These roadshows will provide the outdoor recreation sector with an opportunity to discuss the latest developments, current issues and upcoming challenges.

For more information email NZRA Outdoor Recreation Project Manager [Kim Willemse](#).



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## NZRA - taking time to listen

Over the past month the NZRA has been on the road, facilitating Strategic Planning Workshops to hear perspectives on what matters to individual members and stakeholders in the outdoors and recreation sector.

NZRA Chief Executive Andrew Leslie says a great range of people attended the workshops and it was good to see professionals from the outdoor recreation sector getting involved. Overall there was a high level of discussion and useful feedback. [Read more.](#)

## Outdoor recreation e-newsletter

The first edition of NZRA's new outdoor recreation e-newsletter [Kaitiaki](#) was issued in late March.

This bi-monthly e-newsletter will keep outdoor recreation professionals and organisations informed about the latest trends and developments affecting the sector.

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## MSC qualification transition deadline

The last date for New Zealand Mountain Safety Council (MSC) warrant holders to transfer their qualifications to Skills Active Aotearoa or the New Zealand Outdoors Instructors' Association is 30 April 2015.

For more information visit the [Qualification Transition page](#) on the MSC website, or email [qualifications@mountainsafety.org.nz](mailto:qualifications@mountainsafety.org.nz) for assistance.

The March issue of the MSC's On Track newsletter is available online [here](#).



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## Collaborating for safety

If you have any upcoming training or workshops that you could open up to external attendees let us know and we'll help to spread the word.

### Outdoor Instructors Symposium

The New Zealand Outdoor Instructors Association (NZOIA) 2015 Symposium will be hosted at the Peel Forest Outdoor Centre from 1-4 October. This national training symposium has a practical focus and includes refresher workshops to meet instructor revalidation requirements and stimulating training workshops. It's a great opportunity to network with New Zealand and international delegates. [Visit the website](#) to find out more and to register. Check out some [photos](#) from the 2014 Symposium.



Photo: Howie Barnes

### The Power of Three conference

The [Power of Three conference](#) for educators is on in Hamilton, 6-8 July 2015. The conference is delivered by Physical Education New Zealand, Education Outdoors New Zealand and the New Zealand Health Education Association. The call for conference [abstracts](#) is now open.

### Effective EOTC management in schools

Based on the Ministry of Education Education Outside the Classroom Guidelines *Bringing the Curriculum Alive*, free, two-day workshops are being offered again to schools. Visit the [Education Outdoors NZ website](#) for details and workshop locations.

### Good Practice Guidelines

Essential Professional Development workshops for outdoor providers working with schools are being held throughout the country this year. The workshops can be tailored to your workplace as professional development for your staff. [Read more](#).

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## Continual improvement

As the summer season comes to a close and as the winter season approaches it's a good time to check your systems. Engage your staff in this process and make sure you capture the learning from the peak season. Go to the [SupportAdventure website](#) for advice on checking your systems.