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The Great Adventure – last chance for Early Bird registration

Early Bird registrations are open for The Great Adventure until 31 May. Managed by TIA, this annual event for the adventure and outdoor tourism sector is on in Wellington, starting with a welcome function on Thursday evening 2 July, followed by a one day conference, 3 July.

You will come away with practical ideas to grow your business, relevant and useful insight, and new and stronger connections with other operators and government organisations. Bring more than one person and receive a discounted rate. Preferential rates for TIA members. [Click here](#) for more information and registration.

Outdoor Recreation Workshops – sign up

The New Zealand Recreation Association is planning informal Outdoor Recreation Workshops at various New Zealand locations during June and July.

These workshops will provide an opportunity for people and organisations in the outdoor recreation sector to discuss new legislation, common challenges and opportunities to work together. To get involved or for more information, email Outdoor Recreation Project Manager Kim Willemse at kim@nzrecreation.org.nz

Safety Systems Workshops take outs

TIA's recent safety systems workshops were attended by over 230 people and focused on safety culture, continual improvement, good practice and developing an effective safety management system.

Access the SMS self-review and continual improvement model [here](#).

Key workshop take outs:

- make your SMS a live working document and ensure you understand how it works as a system
- ensure you are recording safety evidence, not just having conversations
- keep documented evidence concise, real and in context
- run effective incident reviews and safety meetings
- discuss incidents (trends and causes) and the outcomes/lessons learnt
- be clear about staff roles, responsibilities, inductions, the use of qualifications and competency checks
- rehearse and review emergency procedures
- regularly review your hazards, safety objectives and drug and alcohol policy

Activity Safety Guidelines

Alpine activities ASG

The Alpine Activities in Non-Technical Terrain ASG working group had their third meeting in Christchurch on 12 May. The ASG is on track for public consultation on 30 June.

Artificial Climbing Structures ASG review

The [Artificial Climbing Structures ASG](#) is being reviewed to ensure it is offering the most current guidance on good practice. The first step is to ask how much change, if any, has occurred to good practice since the ASG was created. The degree of change will determine the next steps, which could range from re-engaging a working group to no further action.

- To give feedback on the ASG please complete the [questionnaire](#) by 5 June 2015
- Note that changes in this version of the ASG include section 5: Roped climbing - autobelayed climbing; and section 8.4 Supervision of children

Thank you for your involvement in helping to ensure that the guidance information in this ASG remains current.



Photo: Alpine Guides

Health and Safety Reform Bill updates

The government's new Health and Safety Reform Bill is due to be passed in the second half of 2015. This legislation is the overarching law within which the adventure activity and other regulations sit. The new legislation's goal is to bring down New Zealand's workplace injury and death toll by 25% by 2020. It is aiming to transform health and safety in New Zealand from a hazard based approach to a risk based approach.

Your obligations under the adventure activity regulations will not change, however the new Health and Safety legislation will affect how you manage safety in other parts of your business such as using trades people, running transport etc. You will be required to manage safety throughout your business as carefully as you manage safety in your adventure activities.

WorkSafe New Zealand is providing [updates](#) on the proposed reforms. New Zealand lawyers Lane Neave have also prepared a [background paper](#) highlighting the key changes.

Qualifications update

- The review of NZOIA's Cave qualifications is well underway with draft copies of a Cave Leader, Cave 1 and Cave 2 qualification being developed. If you would like to have input into this process to ensure that the Cave qualifications are fit for industry then NZOIA would like to hear from you. Contact Penny Holland at admin@nzoi.org.nz to have your say on the draft syllabus and assessment guides.
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- The Sector Reference Group for the outdoor recreation dive and snow sport qualifications met again last week.
- [Click here](#) to keep up to date with TROQ (Targeted Review of Qualifications).



Photo: Dive! Tutukaka

Collaborating for safety

By working together, sharing information and supporting fellow adventure and outdoor operators we will strengthen the whole adventure tourism and commercial outdoor sector. Consider setting up a group in your area to collaborate constructively or invite other sectors or regions to attend your workshops and events.

CAA Safety Forums

The Civil Aviation Authority NZ is holding four Safety Management System (SMS) Consultation Forums around the country, 9-12 June. The forums will provide additional information and guidance about the rules proposed in NPRM 15-02 Safety Management. CAA will also provide an overview of its approach to SMS implementation. The forums will benefit chief executives, quality and safety managers and any other company personnel who have a role in the leadership of SMS implementation.

The forums run from 10am-1pm and are free to attend. Please email sms@caa.govt.nz to register and visit www.caa.govt.nz/sms for more information, including locations.

Southern Hemisphere Avalanche Conference 2015

[Register now](#) for the New Zealand Mountain Safety Council Southern Hemisphere Avalanche Conference, 12-14 June, Commodore Airport Hotel, Christchurch. The programme includes workshops and presentations about the latest global avalanche knowledge and developments.

The conference is suitable for everyone involved in the avalanche sector, particularly ski area personnel and those operating in the back country, police, Department Of Conservation, road contractors, LandSAR personnel and alpine and avalanche instructors.

[Click here](#) for more information about the conference.

NZOIA National Training Symposium

The [2015 NZOIA National Training Symposium](#) will be held 1 - 4 October at Peel Forest Outdoor Centre.

This event has a practical focus and aims to encourage the continual professional development of 'on-the ground' instructors. A forum to network, upskill, train and revalidate NZOIA qualifications, this event is open to members and non-members.

Wanganui River User Group

This group met in Ohakune on 14 May. Maritime New Zealand has committed to continuing to develop the [Wanganui river guidelines for rental paddle craft](#) and to support operators who are not covered by the Adventure Activity Regulations with liaison visits before the next summer season. For more information or to take part email user group chair Simon Dixon info@canoesafaris.co.nz

NZOIA Excellence Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2015 NZOIA Excellence Awards.

These awards recognise the highest achievements of NZOIA members involved in outdoor recreation and education in New Zealand. The three awards that we are seeking nominations for are: The Emerging Instructor, The Tall Totara, NZOIA Life Member.

[Click here](#) for more information about the criteria and nomination process. Nominations close 31 July 2015.

Last word...

There are plenty of events taking place around the country over the coming months, including the third annual Great Adventure conference and NZRA's informal workshops. These events are great for staff professional development and to strengthen safety, develop contacts and networks and make sure you are staying at the cutting edge of your sector. We hope to see you there!

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