

Support Adventure News

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NZRA Strategic Planning Workshops

The New Zealand Recreation Association is holding strategic planning workshops across the country during March so everyone with an interest in recreation can have a say on its strategic direction and the priorities for the recreation sector.

These free, three-hour workshops are on in Rotorua (10 March), Auckland (12 March), Wellington (16 March), Christchurch (17 March), Whanganui (19 March) and Dunedin (26 March).

NZRA has provided advocacy, benchmarking and professional development services to the recreation sector for the past two decades, with a particular focus on aquatics, parks and open spaces and community recreation. NZRA's increased role in outdoor recreation and other changes in the wider recreation sector have created an opportunity to kick-start this new strategic planning process.

[Click here](#) for more information on venues and times.

A short survey has also been created so your views can be heard if you can't attend a workshop. The survey will be available on the [NZRA website](#) one week before the event in your region.

NZRA boosts services

NZRA has entered into an agreement with [Outdoors NZ](#) and [Sport New Zealand](#) to provide advocacy, professional development, and leadership support to the outdoor recreation sector.



Surveillance activity – be prepared

If you are registered under the Adventure Activities Regulations, your certification body will have told you about the surveillance activity it will carry out for the maintenance of your certification.

To ensure you proceed through these activities smoothly and continue to meet your compliance requirements, you need to be compiling evidence that your safety systems are being implemented and documented.

This might include:

- equipment checks
- incident records
- hazard management plans
- evaluations of emergency response practices
- completed inductions
- performance appraisals
- documented reviews of activities or systems

Identify what needs to be done, and how. For more advice see the February [WorkSafe NZ Update](#), or the [SupportAdventure website](#).

Register Now - TIA Safety Systems Workshops

TIA's [SupportAdventure Safety Systems & Culture workshop series](#) starts at the end of March in Hokitika (24 March), Motueka (25 March), Kaikoura (26 March) and Christchurch (27 March). If you operate in those areas then register now!

Fifteen workshops will be held in total around the country over March and April.

These free, three-hour workshops are aimed at ALL operators working in the adventure and outdoor sector (not only those covered by the adventure activities regulations).

You'll get practical support to help you implement and continually improve your safety management systems and ensure a culture of safety is embedded into your operation.

[Click here](#) for more information and registration.

Developing your safety culture

Developing a positive safety culture within your operation is the principle on which all other safety aspects are founded and is a crucial part of effective staff management. Driven and sustained by committed leaders, a positive culture is characterised by full staff buy-in to your systems and procedures, with every individual taking personal responsibility for the welfare of visitors, other team members and themselves.

Visit the [WorkSafe NZ website](#) to see some excellent information and tools on how to establish, embed and measure safety culture.



Photo: Dive! Tutukaka

An evolution of support & advocacy for the outdoor sector

A message from Outdoors New Zealand

The outdoor sector has created an online discussion forum that all interested parties can join to get involved in the 'current affairs' conversations of our sector. Go to [nzorf.nz](#) to register and participate for free. This is the best way for outdoor sector members to air their views and stay informed of progress as there is no 'Outdoors NZ' office in operation. Read this update from [Josie Ogden Schroeder](#).

Helping more people discover the outdoors, safely

Changes at the Mountain Safety Council - a message from the MSC

Over the past 18 months the Mountain Safety Council (MSC) has been looking at how it can most effectively improve the safety of all people going into the outdoors. This was always likely to mean some big changes.

Why does the MSC need to change?

The way people are accessing the outdoors is changing and what the MSC does currently is not reaching enough people. In 2014, our volunteers trained around 1800 people in outdoor safety (not including firearms training). That's just 0.1% of the people we need to reach in order to ensure everyone is having safe outdoor experiences. The way people are accessing information is also changing, and the MSC's partners are questioning the relevance of what it currently does. There are also fewer volunteers joining the MSC every year.



Photo: Devang Tailor

What changes is the MSC making?

The MSC will soon stop delivering outdoor training courses and qualifications, with the exception of Firearms Safety training and the Collaborative Leader Development Initiative. The MSC will also move to coordinate volunteers as a national network and, as such, will be closing its local branches. Volunteers will still play a key part in specific aspects of the MSC's future work. However, the way the MSC works with them and the work they do will change.

For more information about any of these changes, visit the [One MSC page](#) or email [Nathan Watson](#) or [Mike Daisley](#).

Activity Safety Guidelines

The High Trekking Low Alpine working group met in Queenstown this week. If you would like to be part of the support group please contact TIA Adventure & Outdoor Project Leader Chris Warburton, email [Chris Warburton](mailto:Chris.Warburton@tia.org.nz), mobile 027 212 3979.

For more information on the ASG support group process check out the [SupportAdventure website](http://SupportAdventure.org.nz).



Photo: Alpine Guides

NZOIA Cave Qualification Review

The initial meeting of the cave technical committee reviewing the NZOIA cave qualification was held in Nelson last week. A positive and robust discussion was had amongst a variety of experts from the caving sector. Draft qualifications will be produced in the next month. If you would like to have input into these qualifications please contact NZOIA Programme and Membership Manager Penny Holland, email admin@nzoia.org.nz

NZOIA National Symposium

New Zealand Outdoor Instructors' Association (NZOIA) National Training Symposium will be held at the Peel Forest Outdoor Centre, in South Canterbury, 1-4 October 2015. The Symposium is a forum to network, upskill, train and revalidate NZOIA qualifications. [Registration](#) is now open for this popular event.

Save the date!

The Great Adventure 2015 will be held in Wellington on 2-3 July. Organised by TIA, this is a great opportunity for adventure and outdoor tourism leaders to get together to share experiences, talk with individuals across the public and private sectors and gain insight to help grow your business and strengthen the sector. More details coming soon.

With the fantastic summer weather, Cricket World Cup and Chinese New Year, we hope your operation is booming as international visitors and Kiwis alike safely enjoy our great outdoors and fantastic recreation and adventure activities.



Photo: Kayaking Abel Tasman

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