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New Outdoor Sector Advocacy Manager

The [New Zealand Recreation Association](#) (NZRA) has appointed experienced Christchurch-based outdoor advocate Sam Newton to head up its services to the outdoor recreation sector.

Sam has stepped down from his role as General Manager of the New Zealand Alpine Club to take up the NZRA position. His new role will see him working closely with the outdoor recreation sector and government to raise awareness of the value of the outdoors and to ensure the outdoor recreation sector's views on regulatory matters and other important issues are heard.



Sam Newton

Adventure Safety System Workshops

Improving your Safety Management Systems is an ongoing task for every adventure and outdoor operator. To be effective, safety systems must be constantly reviewed and adjusted to reflect learnings from your own operation and the wider industry.

TIA is running six [Adventure Safety Workshops](#) throughout New Zealand in April. These practical workshops will be run by TIA Safety Systems Workshop Facilitator Chris Warburton. They will be valuable for all operators working in the adventure and outdoor sector, not only those subject to the adventure activities regulations.

The workshops will help you meet your safety audit requirements. Bring your senior staff along too and ensure they help drive a strong safety culture within your operation.

Workshop locations and dates:

- Pahia, 11 April
- Nelson, 12 April
- Auckland, 13 April
- Rotorua, 14 April
- Franz Josef, 18 April
- Queenstown, 20 April

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

Free Good Practice Workshops

TIA will be running good practice workshops for technical experts and auditors in Christchurch and Queenstown in the coming months, aimed at building better consistency in the auditing process.

TIA Adventure & Outdoor Leader Stu Allan will facilitate discussion on determining good practice and written sources of good practice.

Activity Safety Guidelines (ASGs)

New Alpine Hiking ASG

The [Alpine Hiking ASG](#) has been published on the SupportAdventure website. This is the 10th ASG, guiding the adventure and outdoor recreation sector on good practice.

Alpine hiking includes all non-technical alpine activities that take place in alpine and sub-alpine environments, e.g. the Tongariro Crossing.

The ASG provides guidance for commercial operators and safety auditors. It will also be useful for:

- Activities that involve similar hazards, risks and techniques, such as taking groups to remote back country areas or on remote multi-day, low-altitude hikes.
- Organisations such as schools and clubs providing non-commercial activities.



Photo: Hiking NZ

Many thanks to everyone who had input into this ASG, particularly the working group.

Revised ASGs

See the SupportAdventure website for an updated version of the [Canyoning ASG](#).

The updated [Abseiling ASG](#) will be on the website soon.

You can see the revisions in the document control table at the front of each ASG.

High wires and ropes - don't get lulled into a false sense of security

Committing his fragile body to a novice teenage belayer led Stu Allan to reflect on the supervision and technical systems high wire, swing and indoor climbing operators place so much faith in.

Stu cautions that good practice in terms of when and how we allow participants to operate safety-sensitive tasks doesn't focus solely on the technical side and we shouldn't be lulled into a sense of false security. [Read more](#) in his article. Stu is TIA's Adventure & Outdoor Project Leader and an OutdoorsMark Safety Auditor.



Stu Allan

Notifiable events

Legal requirements for reporting to WorkSafe NZ and Maritime NZ changed on 4 April under the [Health and Safety at Work Act 2015](#).

Operators now must notify the regulator of near misses that could have led to serious harm as well as actual serious harm.

[Find out more](#) in the *All About People* newsletter.

TIA says no to rafting proposal

TIA does not support Maritime New Zealand's proposal to change the regulatory model for the rafting industry, making rafting subject to the Adventure Activity Regulations. The proposed changes will increase costs to operators with no benefit in safety outcomes. Read our [submission](#) and read the [proposal](#).



Kaitiaki Adventures
Photo: Dale Thomas

Collaborating on safety – what's happening?

The New Zealand Alpine Club, with support from the Department of Conservation and several other key organisations, will host the third international Sustainable Summits Conference in Aoraki/Mount Cook National Park 7 - 11 August 2016. The conference focuses on practical solutions to issues of sustainability on the mountains. [Click here](#) for more information.

Outdoors Forum venue announced

NZRA will hold the Outdoors Forum at the Mercure Hotel in Wellington on 1–2 September. The forum features informative and inspirational speakers, and includes the Outdoors Awards to acknowledge individuals who have made a significant contribution to the outdoor recreation sector. Save the date!

Registrations open for NZOIA Symposium

Registrations are open for the 2016 [NZOIA National Training Symposium](#), 29 September – 2 October. NZOIA says places are in demand for this annual highlight so register quickly.

New EOTC Guidelines released

The Ministry of Education has released the updated EOTC Guidelines 2016 – Bringing the Curriculum Alive. The guidelines are free to download from the [TKI website](#). Read more about the changes [here](#).

Want to be a mountain guide?

New Zealand Mountain Guides Association is a TIA member and a long-standing member of the International Guides Association. It trains and qualifies guides to work internationally – NZ mountain, trekking, and heliski guides work in Europe, Canada and the Himalayas, among other places.

The Snow and Ice Guide Training Course is the entry course for all climbing, ski, and alpine trekking guides. The next course will run from 30 October to 5 November. Applications close on 29 August. [Find out more](#).

We hope those of you focused on the summer season have been enjoying great results. Continually improving safety systems and embedding a strong culture of safety in your operation is an ongoing process. There is no room for complacency! As you will see from the newsletter, there is plenty happening on this front to help you keep up to date with good practice. We hope to see you at some of these workshops and other events.

Rachael & Sam

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