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Welcome to the first SupportAdventure newsletter for 2018 and congratulations to all operators who have finished their second full audit under the Adventure Activity Regulations. That's a great achievement.

SupportAdventure website upgrade

Work is well underway on the upgrade of the SupportAdventure website. The new website will make it easier to find the information you need to strengthen safety across your operations. Once the new site is live, we'll be keen to get your feedback to ensure it has everything you need.

Thanks to [WorkSafe New Zealand](#) for funding the upgrade and Tourism Industry Aotearoa for managing the process and the content editing.

ASG reviews and development

[High Wire and Swing](#) and [Quad Biking](#) Activity Safety Guidelines review are well underway. WorkSafe has contracted Stu Alan to run the review project. If you are an operator in either of these activities, you should already have been contacted by Stu. Please make sure you have your say. If you haven't been contacted and think you should have been, email stu@activevoice.co.nz.

There will also be a feedback session on the Quad Bike ASG at the Quad Bike Hui in Wellington in May (see below).

Mountain Biking ASG

TIA and NZRA are currently in discussion with [Skills Active](#) about developing an ASG with the Mountain Biking sector. If you are an operator in this sector, you will hear more soon. In the meantime, don't forget to be part of the [New Zealand Professional Mountain Bike Association](#).

Good practice guidelines

As noted in the last newsletter, [NZ Recreation Association](#) and [Education Outdoors NZ](#) (with the help of [TIA](#), [Mountain Safety Council](#), the [Tourism Industry New Zealand Trust](#) and others) are developing a set of good practice guidelines. These will provide guidance for organised outdoor activities that are not covered by the Adventure Safety Regulations and their associated guidelines.

Three good practice guidelines are almost completed. These are:

- Overnight camping
- Flatwater floating and paddling
- Inland waterway swimming

Once completed, these will be published in a special section on the SupportAdventure website.

Next guidelines in development are:

- Low ropes and flying fox (below 3m)
- Adventure-based learning activities
- Shooting activities (air rifle, archery, etc.)
- Gravity-based activities including grass carts, water slides, mudslides and possibly luge

If you are interested in having input into the development of these guidelines, please email [Rob MacLean](#) or [Fiona McDonald](#).

Quad & ATV Operators Hui

The annual Quad and ATV Operators' Hui is on 23-24 May in Wellington and will be hosted by Nigel Thomas of [Wellington Adventures](#). For more info, email TIA Industry Advocate Rachael Moore at rachael.moore@tia.org.nz.

Incident reviews

As the summer season comes to a close, it will be time for many of you to check for any long-term incident trends and ensure you change operational procedures to manage any issues. Analysing near misses is a vital part of this process. You never want to be in a position where an accident has happened and one of your staff says "Oh yes. I saw that coming".

Go [here](#) for reminders of good 'end-to-end' incident management processes.

Learning from incidents

Jamie Simpson, Lead Auditor with AdventureMark, shares some of his thinking on learning from incidents in [this article](#).

Importance of risk disclosure

Maritime NZ has [released their findings](#) on the Mack Attack boat incident in Northland, in which a 60-year-old woman broke her back. There are some key points on the importance of clear and comprehensive risk disclosure.

NZOIA excellence awards open

The [NZOIA Excellence Awards](#) are open for nominations. They will recognize the achievements of individuals involved in outdoor recreation, education and guiding in New Zealand.

NZOIA Symposium

NZOIA is looking for people to facilitate Professional Development Workshops for its 2018 Symposium (4-7 October). [Go here](#) for more information if you want to present a professional development workshop or know someone who should.

NZOIA Alpine 1 assessment - one more candidate needed

NZOIA Alpine 1 assessment needs one more candidate to go ahead. It will be 27-30 September 2018 in the Central South Island. For more information or if you are interested in attending, email gge@stac.school.nz

Skills Active update

[Skills Active](#) is about to roll out the New Zealand Certificates in Outdoor Leadership (Level 4, Level 5 and Level 6), which will provide a professional development pathway for both new and experienced outdoor professionals.

The first two activity strands off the rank will be Caving and Mountain Biking. To support these strands, Skills Active is preparing resources, and identifying assessors. Avalanche and alpine resources are also being prepared for the winter season, with rock and bush resources due for completion by the end of the year.

Skills Active is working closely with NZOIA throughout the resource development process.

Building assessor pathways

Skills Active's initial assessor strategy is to set up small pools of highly-skilled assessors for each activity area. These will be expanded over time to meet demand. They are working closely with NZOIA, with the goal of having a shared understanding of how the strategy should look and quality assessment outcomes. A Caving assessor workshop run at the end of last year was very successful.

Mountain Bike assessors

Skills Active says there was an excellent response from people wanting to be

involved with the assessment of the Mountain Biking qualifications. After some very difficult choices, a group of 10 have been selected who will attend an assessor workshop at the beginning of May.

This workshop will assess participants against the NZC Outdoor Senior Leadership (Level 6) Mountain Biking strand. It will be jointly facilitated by NZOIA and Skills Active, with technical advice and guidance from the [New Zealand Professional Mountain Bike Association](#).

New Qualworx brand

[Skills Active](#) is launching Qualworx, a brand that will sit over the top of its entire range of safety and quality products, including OutdoorsMark.

It says this will have no impact on the OutdoorsMark brand. Your certification will remain exactly the same and the OutdoorsMark team will also stay the same. The OutdoorsMark itself will continue to be the known and trusted brand for outdoor activity certification. OutdoorsMark clients will hear more from Skills Active on this soon.

CAA staff change

Clayton Hughes has replaced Greg Baum as Manager of Special Flight Operations (Adventure Aviation), [Civil Aviation Authority](#) of New Zealand.

Remembering Mangatepopo

This month is the ten-year anniversary of the tragic drownings in Mangatepopo Gorge in Tongariro National Park. Our thoughts go out to all those who were affected, and particularly to the friends and families of Antony McClean, Natasha Bray, Portia McPhail, Huan (Tom) Hsu, Anthony Mulder, Floyd Fernandes and Tara Gregory.

Please feel free to contact TIA or NZRA at any time.

Pai hiahia me noho haumaruru (*best wishes and stay safe*),

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