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Safety forums - register now

Adventure forums

Free adventure forums over the coming week will update you on all the new safety guidance material that is now available and the new adventure activities regulations and audit requirements. The forums are also an opportunity to look at the effectiveness of your own safety management systems. The forums will be facilitated by TIA Adventure & Outdoor Project Manager Rachael Moore and are aimed at operators, contractors and senior staff responsible for safety management systems.

TIA Chief Executive Martin Snedden will attend the forums.

Forums: Christchurch 17 October, Queenstown 19 October and Rotorua 24 October. Time 12.30pm – 4pm.

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

Northland outdoors forum

Northtec Polytechnic's Sam Russek will convene a safety workshop in Whangarei on 26 October at the ASB Leisure Centre from approximately 10am – 6pm. Presenters include NZ Outdoor Instructors Association, Outdoors NZ, the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment's Labour Group, Education Outdoors NZ and TIA.

This is a collaborative workshop and attendees are invited to bring along their current safety systems. RSVP or for more information email [Sam Russek](#), Tutor of Sport and Outdoor Recreation at Northtec Polytechnic & Manager/Instructor of Northland Outdoors.

Outdoors Forum 2012 - get the updates

The Outdoors Forum 2012 was held in Wellington last week. Hosted by Outdoors NZ, the two-day event brought together leaders in the outdoors community to debate issues, discuss ideas and share opportunities. Presenters included Outdoors NZ, TIA, the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment, OutdoorsMark and Skills Active. [Click here](#) to get updates or email [Sue Gemmell](#) Outdoors NZ Adventure Activities Project Manager.



Photo: Hare Hill Horse Treks



Martin Snedden

Government news

Drugs and alcohol

The Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE) will produce a guidance document in December on managing hazards presented by drugs and alcohol. The document will include exemplars from industry and will be posted on the MBIE website and the [SupportAdventure](#) website.

Notification - contractors

A reminder that you are legally required to [notify](#) MBIE if you provide adventure activities (as defined by the [Adventure Activities Regulations](#)). Contractors are within the scope of the regulations and should notify MBIE immediately, unless you only contract to operators who are required to notify, because it is the operator's safety plan which will be the one audited. For more information email MBIE Principal Advisor - Adventure Activities, The Labour Group [Stu Allan](#) or phone 04 890 6807.

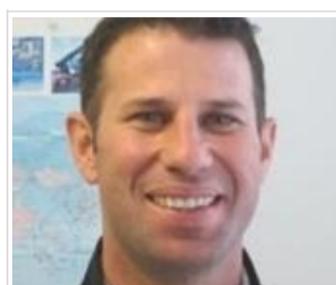
MBIE appointment

The Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment has appointed Stu Allan as Principal Advisor - Adventure Activities, The Labour Group. Stu has a long history in the outdoor sector as a guide, instructor and manager and more recently as a safety auditor and consultant. He has audited or written over 130 safety plans for adventure tourism, outdoor recreation, and outdoor education organisations. Stu will be involved in implementing findings from the adventure tourism safety review.

TIA and Outdoors NZ are very pleased to have someone of Stu's calibre in this new role and look forward to working with him.

Maritime NZ appointment

Michael-Paul Abbott has joined Maritime NZ's Commercial & Recreational Liaison Team as Industry Liaison Advisor – Adventure Tourism. Michael-Paul has a variety of experience including as a raft guide and assessor, tutor for youth at risk, operations manager and company owner. He has operated the Wilderness Escapes Kayaking Company in Taupo for the past two years.



Michael-Paul Abbott

International visitors more satisfied with safety

Tourism NZ's annual [Visitor Experience Monitor](#) shows visitors are more satisfied with safety than last year (8.8 out of 10, up from 8.7 in 2012-11).

Outdoors NZ projects update

Audit provider accreditation

Outdoors NZ has been asked to look at options for recognition of safety auditors and to present these options to MBIE for consideration.

Standards

We are also developing a draft safety audit standard for consultation with the sector (including auditors) and the general public. A reference group will be established in agreement with MBIE to develop the final standard. If you have any questions,



Sue Gemmell

contact Sue Gemmel, Outdoors NZ Project Leader – Safety Review, email sue@outdoorsnz.org.nz, phone (04) 385 7287.

Incident Reporting System

Work on the Incident Reporting System has been deferred until next year. The immediate priorities for Outdoors NZ are to provide advice on the audit provider accreditation process and the development of audit standards.

Levels and Measure of Competency

Sue has been involved at working group level with the Targeted Review of Qualifications (TROQ) to help to align the outcomes of the adventure activities regulations process with New Zealand Qualifications Authority qualifications development.

TIA projects update

Adventure Safety Guides

Consultation for the Adventure Safety Guideline (ASG) development process closed on 29 September. Thanks to those of you who made submissions. The drafts will now be reviewed and the final versions posted on the SupportAdventure website soon.



Rachael Moore

The first three ASGs – indoor rock climbing, caving and canyoning – are being finalised and will then be distributed for select consultation followed by a release for public consultation on the [SupportAdventure](#) website.

SupportAdventure and safety culture

The [SupportAdventure](#) website is a great tool for building safety culture, says Sam Russek, Tutor of Sport and Outdoor Recreation at Northtec Polytechnic & Manager/Instructor of Northland Outdoors. "I'm really excited about SupportAdventure. As a teaching tool it has become a staple for demonstrating to students the level of safety expected in our industry. The site helps students to create a good, safe, workable culture."

Incident investigation

Do you know the investigation process if you have a serious harm incident? The SupportAdventure website has been updated to help you understand the process. [Click here](#) for more information.

Qualification reviews

Outdoor Recreation

The Targeted Review of Qualifications Outdoor Recreation Working Group recently presented a draft qualification map and associated graduate profiles to the TROQ Governance Group. The document and process used to develop it were received positively, and were shared with [Outdoors Forum 2012](#) delegates. An online consultation process will be set up to capture individual feedback. Visit the [Skills Active](#) website for updates and more information.



Photo: Sharon Nicolas

Collaborating on safety

National Sport & Recreation Safety Leadership Group

Outdoors New Zealand CEO Garth Dawson recently attended the first meeting of the National Sport & Recreation Safety Leadership Group to explore opportunities for preventing injuries in the outdoors. The meeting was initiated by ACC, which has identified an increase in participation and injury rates in casual and informal sports such as walking, tramping, running, mountain biking/cycling and multisport activities.

Whanganui River user group

A Whanganui river user group is being developed with support from the Department of Conservation and TIA. This collaborative effort is following a similar model to the Tongariro Alpine Crossing users group and aims to improve safety and the overall visitor experience. For more information email TIA Industry Advocate [Evan Freshwater](#).

Constructive collaboration across the adventure and outdoor sector is key to strengthening safety and encouraging a positive safety culture where information is freely shared. Building relationships is one way we can achieve that, which is why we hope to see as many of you as possible at the various forums being held across the country this month.

Sue and Rachael

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