Adventure Activity Standards (AAS)
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This short update is to ensure that you are aware of the current status of the Adventure Activity Standards (AAS) project. Please feel free to contact us after the 5th January 2005.

This "Special Christmas" report covers;

- **AAS follow up forum in February.**
- **Current status of the updated AAS layout for website.**
- **DSE - Tour operator license review process**

News at a flash
AAS follow up forum February 05
The AAS follow up forum mentioned in the October 04 update is now being planned for one of the following dates in February 2005.

Pencil into your diary and inform us if you have a preference.

Afternoon/Evening of Saturday the 19th February 2005.
Or
Evening of Wednesday 23rd February 2005 proposed dates

This forum is for all stakeholders to discuss the ongoing process and the role of the AAS in safe outdoor recreation. As mentioned, the agenda is likely to include details such as the review process, development of additional AAS, communication from Mr. Rod Costigan and any arising issues.

If you feel that any of the following topics (or you have additional topics) need to be discussed at this forum then please let us know. As the final agenda will be set based upon your own feedback please email info@orc.org.au inserting Feb Forum into the subject heading;

Topics may include

- The relationship between AAS and DE&T guidelines
- Public land access and AAS
- AAS voluntary compliance audits
- The review process
- More activities having AAS
- And anything else you deem relevant

We look forward to receiving your suggested agenda items and hope to see you there.

New Look and easy to download AAS
You will also be aware from previous updates and/or presentations recently that we are developing a more simple design for the AAS to ensure that they are easy to download.
The design has now been finished and once the covers are completed these will be ready to download from the ORC website. We understand the need for this to be ASAP and we will update you as soon as possible.

DSE - Tour operator license review process

Public Land Tour Operator and Activity Provider Licence Reform Project

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) is leading a project to reform the licensing system for tour operators and outdoor activity providers operating on public land. The objective of this project is to

provide a licensing system that encourages a more sustainable industry, enhanced operating standards and business investment.

Please see attachment. Although DSE use the term 'Industry', the scope of this review is to enable equitable access and may include non commercial organisations to some extent. FYI The VOEA are also on this reference group.

The Committee and Staff of the ORC wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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