Adventure Activity Standards (AAS)
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SPECIAL UPDATE

Victoria's Adventure Activity Standards wins Award

The Outdoor Recreation Centre Inc. was last night awarded the 2004 Sport & Recreation Industry Award Safety Initiatives award for Victoria's Adventure Activity Standards project.

Hundreds of outdoor recreation, sport and industry representatives celebrated the achievements of the sector. The Sport and Recreation awards aim to stimulate the sport and recreation industry to adopt innovative practices that will lift overall performance and the quality of the services it provides.

The following is taken from a media release being circulated;

The Adventure Activity Standards are a set of guidelines for undertaking potentially risky activities where participants have a level of dependence upon a leader.

The 17 Adventure Activity standards outline minimum risk management and environmental responsibilities, covering key practices, such as leader competency, emergency procedures, equipment, and commitment to environmentally sustainable operations.

"The AAS is a real success story, and is a result of co-operation and collaboration between outdoor recreation organizations, not for profit activity providers, commercial operators, volunteer based groups, and Government agencies", said Gordon Duff, AAS Project Manager.

"Over 140 individuals and organizations have contributed their time, expertise and experience to develop the AAS. The Safety Initiative Award is really a tribute to the whole of the Victorian outdoor recreation, education, camping and tourism sector."

Gordon added, "The development of the AAS also involved discussions with accreditation bodies, risk management and legal experts and insurers to create the template that can be adapted to the each activity."

The Outdoor Recreation Centre's Chairperson, Joanne Prior said, "The Outdoor Recreation Centre Board and staff are extremely proud of winning the Safety Initiative award. We are grateful to our project funding partners, Sport & Recreation Victoria, Parks Victoria the Department of Sustainability and Environment and Tourism Victoria."

"Special thanks must also go to the members of the Project steering committee comprising of industry and Government representatives, chaired by Jodie Willmer."

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