

Adventure Activity Standards (AAS) Update Number 9 September 2003

Introduction

2nd Drafts for the following activities are now online at www.orc.org.au and we are inviting everyone for whom these are relevant to review them and provide us with your very own constructive criticism.

- **Bushwalking.**
- **Horse Trail Riding.**
- **Trail Bike Touring.**
- **Surfing Sessions.**

So please forward this update to everyone who you think may be interested in getting involved and as always we invite all feedback by feedback form (online) or email to info@orc.org.au.

News at a flash

- **Surfing Australia (SA)** have recently become more involved in the AAS project and are interested in aligning the competency requirements and their new coaching accreditation restructure.

It is hoped that this can lead to a Nationally consistent approach to quality assurance providing recognition of prior learning from the vocational education system, an individual accreditation program more relevant to requirements of recreational surf sessions and clear expectations for all providers of surfing sessions.

- **Reminder of suggested dates for future workshops.** Please contact us if you would like to be involved in any of the following workshops.
 - **Scuba / Snorkelling** **Tuesday 25th November**
 - *Interest so far from Dive Industry Victoria, Dive Victoria, The Scuba Diving Federation and Police Search and Rescue and Ecologic Environmental Services.*
 - **High and Low Ropes** **Thursday 27th November**
 - *Outdoor Initiatives*
 - **Abseiling** **Monday 1st December**
 - *Interest from the outdoor education group, Adventure guides Australia,*
 - **Canoeing/Kayaking** **Tuesday 2nd December**
 - *Interest from Australian canoeing, Canoe Kayak Education Australia, Out there adventure and Meridian Kayaking.*

It has been brought to our attention that the above dates correspond with the busiest times for school camps and similar programs. It may still be possible to move these workshops forward or back a week either way so please could you let us know if there would be a better time (Pre - Christmas).

Additional Industry News

Arts and Recreation Training Victoria

Arts and Recreation Training Victoria is holding a two-day National Sport and Recreation Forum in Melbourne on Monday October 13th and Tuesday October 14th 2003. We would like you to attend this national event. A number of keynote industry speakers will be hosting the workshops and the first day program.

Attached please find a draft program and registration of interest form.

Could you please return the second page of the attached and indicate your interest in attending this forum and which workshops you would be interested in participating in. Please also suggest any other topics you would like to see discussed at the forum. Please note there will be costs associated to attending this national forum.

Could you please register your interest and **fax** the completed form to **03 9614 6644** by **Friday September 5th 2003**

Baw Baw National Park Draft management Plan

Parks Victoria has released the Draft Management Plan for Baw Baw National Park.

The Draft Management Plan has been prepared to act as a guide for the future management, establish how Parks Victoria will provide opportunities for visitors to enjoy, appreciate and understand the values, consistent with the requirements for protection.

The public is invited to make written submissions on the draft by **31st October 2003**

The ORC encourage members to share their views and ultimately create a stronger voice for the industry by making a submission.

Copies of the draft plan can be downloaded at http://www.parkweb.vic.gov.au/resources/ms_0056.pdf or printed versions can be forwarded to you by contacting the Parks Victoria Information centre on 13 19 63.

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