

1 July 2010

Dear Members and climbing wall operators

The proposed climbing wall meetings are now confirmed and will go ahead as follows:

Wellington 1pm to 4 pm Wednesday 11 August 2010. Sprig Lounge, Mirimar Golf Club (beside the Wellington Airport).

Christchurch 1pm to 4 pm Thursday 12 August 2010. YMCA, 12 Hereford Street.

Please note that meetings are 1 to 4pm NOT 1 to 3pm as previously indicated

Many thanks to those of you who have already been in contact and indicated that you will be attending; it is pleasing that people are sufficiently interested to travel long distances to attend. Those who have not yet decided to come along are strongly encouraged to do so. This is an excellent opportunity to hear directly from NZOIA / Skills Active and the Department of Labour, and to have your say. It will also be a chance to meet other operators and discuss a matter that is at the forefront of most people's minds.

We have centralised the meetings to ensure they are accessible for the vast majority by only one flight sector, and timed them mid week and in the afternoon to again minimise travel costs. Hopefully the advanced notice will ensure people can book lower cost flights.

This is a chance to take part in what's going on, so avoid the temptation to sit back and wonder what's happening. If you are unable to attend and are a wall operator please let me know; I'll be assembling an info pack after the meeting and will send one to you.

We're getting returned mail and bounced emails from some addresses on the Alpine Club climbing wall directory. I suggest you update this information so that as operators you can collectively communicate, and so that we have a reliable directory to work from.

Hope to see you at one of the meetings

Kind regards



Matt Cant, Chief Executive

Climbing Wall Meetings Agenda

Start 1pm

Welcome – Matt Cant

Department of Labour

- Introduction and overview – David Hulston, Service Manager, Workplace Services
- Practical application – Jo Fox, Senior Health and Safety Inspector
- Operational guidelines – Would these be useful? Is there interest in forming a working group?
- Questions and discussion

NZOIA / Skills Active

Matt Cant, Chief Executive, NZOIA

Paul Richards, Outdoor Recreation Project Manager, Skills Active

- New climbing qualifications explained, discussed and an opportunity for feedback
- Changes to assessment methodology and the new assessor pathway
- Becoming a workplace / assessment centre
- Questions and discussion

4pm Close

Tea and coffee will be provided

RSVP Matt Cant ce@nzoia.org.nz unless you have already done so