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## TALL TOTARA AWARD 2008

### David Mangnall

**I first met David kayaking on the Waiau River in Southland. I now know him in his role as Outward Bound Training Manager and as a skilled, inspirational kayaker who tries to say 'yes' to any paddling opportunity that arises. He is stylishly competent in long, fat and short boats.**

David is a role model to me in my outdoor career, continually seeking to be the best he can be. He 'walks the talk', is unfailingly professional and doesn't hesitate to get wet, cold and dirty to demonstrate with ease any skill required in this job.

David was happy and proud simply to be nominated for the 2008 NZOIA Tall Totara award by Outward Bound. He valued the recognition by his peers. He described winning the award the icing on the cake.

David is an outstanding instructor who throughout his 20 years working in the outdoors has, and continues to consistently fulfill the aims and objectives of NZOIA.

In 1998, for his degree in Parks and Recreation at Lincoln University, he did a work placement at Borland Lodge, which was where he decided to pursue a career in outdoor education. He went on to instruct for Conservation Corps in Tuatapere, Alpha Outdoors in Invercargill, Cashmere and Shirley Boys' High Schools, and at the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre, and Outward Bound.

After working at Outward Bound NZ from 1998 to 2000 as an instructor and Duty Manager he went on to be Training Manager at Outward Bound Hong Kong for two years. In 2004 he became the Training Manager at Outward Bound NZ.

As Training Manager David is responsible for staff selection, and then runs a two month induction training programme. David has NZOIA or relevant professional qualifications in every area of the instructional programme at Anakiwa. His skills, knowledge and depth of experience in the outdoors makes him well suited to this training position.



He undertook a review and restructure of the induction process to better meet the changing nature of our business and needs of new staff, resulting in improved course quality.

For the first year of work David personally oversees progress and directs staff towards increasing expertise. He is responsible for the ongoing training and professional development of the 26 instructional staff, aiding them in their growth. He also co-ordinates three weeks of training for all staff per year, creatively arranging a wide variety of workshops, speakers and adventure to keep us current in all areas of our work.

David is committed to helping staff develop professionally in the outdoors and to be the best instructors they can be. He has been a strong force at Anakiwa for our staff to gain NZOIA and other qualifications; this has included getting significant funding to support staff to achieve this.

He has been involved in hosting the last two annual KASK (Kiwi Association of Sea Kayakers) symposiums at Anakiwa. He co-ordinated the logistics for both, and in 2007 he was also a volunteer instructor.

David is one of two non-Mountain Safety Council representatives on the Mountain Safety Council's Outdoor Risk Management Committee.

David enjoys kayaking, tramping and orienteering, and has been a Southern Traverse winner. He and his wife Angela have completed several impressive cycle trips including Lhasa to Kathmandu and a circumnavigation of Scotland. Now they enjoy camping holidays with their four-year-old daughter Hannah, and plan to bike the Central Otago Rail trail as a family soon.

I think David is a worthy recipient of the 2008 NZOIA Tall Totara award.

**Jen Riley**  
Outward Bound NZ Instructor



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# Executive Update

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

Many thanks to those of you who attended the AGM in Wellington earlier this month. The election of officers resulted in Grant Davidson's re-election at President, and Simon Graney's re-election as a member of the Executive Board.

The two motions to alter the Constitution were passed after some discussion and a number of suggestions were accepted by the Executive: Concern was raised that long serving members of the Association might choose to 'shelve' their qualifications as their involvement as instructors diminished; but that this would preclude them from voting at future General Meetings. It is certainly not the wish of the Executive to alienate the very members who have been the backbone of the Association so we shall draft a clause for the Constitution to address this issue. Regarding changes to the clauses about the Technical Sub-committee; concern was raised that its functional independence from the Executive might be reduced. To address this matter new Terms of Reference governing the work of the technical committee/s will be developed.

Subscriptions were adjusted to meet the increasing costs of the Association and to help alleviate our dependence on outside sources of funding. It was agreed that a maximum fee of \$225 be set for the combined costs of membership, revalidation and registration. This will take effect from July 2009.

## **FUTURE OF THE QUARTERLY**

The issue of our part in the Ki Waho magazine produced by Outdoors NZ was also raised at the AGM. From NZOIA's perspective Ki Waho, in its current format, is not what the Executive had originally envisaged or believed that it agreed too, and does not meet our requirements for ongoing communication with members or the wider outdoors. In addition there are considerable costs associated with the production of Ki Waho that are well above that which is expended on the Quarterly. NZOIA has supported the concept of a combined outdoor newsletter from the outset and the Executive has contributed considerable funds to this end. The NZOIA Executive is disappointed that this initiative has turned into an ONZ magazine rather than a combined newsletter. As noted in the last Quarterly we are engaged in a process to mediate a solution to this issue; in part to regain the funds we contributed, but also in the hope that the original vision of a combined sector publication can be achieved.

Many thanks to those of you who took time to provide feedback on the copy of Intrepid magazine you received. Your feedback was mixed but somewhat polarized!

To clarify our intent in sending you a copy, this was effectively a one-off trial to gauge interest. It was not our intention to replace the Quarterly with Intrepid, but to see if you were interested to receive it in addition. Given the response we shall endeavour to provide a subscription deal to those members who wish to subscribe to Intrepid. Intrepid are interested to work in association with NZOIA and this could be a win-win whereby we gain profile and advertising of benefit to you as members, while Intrepid gets assistance with articles. This is attractive to NZOIA because the demographic of the Intrepid readership is the very people our commercially oriented members get their business from.

An encouraging aspect of your feedback was the value that is seen in the Quarterly and the importance placed on an independent publication for our members only. NZOIA will continue with the Quarterly at this present time as this is seen as the best way of meeting the needs of the organisation. Electronic distribution of the Quarterly will be offered to members as this was requested in the feedback as way of both reducing costs and environmental impact.

## **OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE**

Many of you will be concerned to know how things are going at OPC in the aftermath of the Mangatepopo tragedy. Obviously it continues to be a stressful time for all at the centre and particularly those most closely associated with what happened. Three investigations are underway: An independent review on behalf of OPC made up of experts from NZ and Australia; a Department of Labour investigation that is expected to report by November 2008; and a Police inquiry. At this stage it is likely that the Coroner will convene on this matter by mid 2009. In the meantime we continue to offer what support we can as an Association and sincerely hope for a constructive outcome.

From my own point of view I'm looking forward to working back at OPC later in the year. I've always enjoyed working there and am pleased to be associated with the excellent work that OPC does. I welcome the opportunity to do a short stint and thus keep myself grounded in terms of being a front-line instructor, and will enjoy the chance to catch up with old friends and spend some time with the staff...it's also a chance to log some time for those revalidation requirements!

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# Chief Executive's Annual Report 2008

*At an operational level the staff of NZOIA have been busy working through the significant initiatives set in motion by the Executive over the past two years, and the growth that this had created. Membership increases and growth in assessment events has created significant workload but also a positive sense of moving forwards in a constructive way*

## **MEMBERSHIP AND AWARDS DATA**

Over this year the Association has continued to grow with membership peaking at 601, a 25% increase. 160 candidates have presented for assessment events representing 15% growth in this area. A number of assessments were run with one assessor rather than two. This has enabled a halving in the minimum number of candidates required for an assessment to be run and consequently we've run 30 assessments compared to 23 last year. So far there is no evidence to suggest any impact on standards or the quality of assessment; on the contrary candidates have been pleased to see assessments go ahead with low numbers thus avoiding cancellation and the disappointment that would have occurred in the past.

## **REVIEW OF AWARDS AND ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY**

The assessment methodology review continues to progress and the resultant changes are now being phased in, the most obvious being single assessor assessments where candidate numbers are low. All aspects of this review aim to recognise and adapt to our changing environment and to reduce barriers to participation in the qualifications scheme. It's all about better serving the needs of members and employers.

2009 will see the commencement of a major review of all our existing Level 1 and 2 qualifications. This review will be linked to the review of the Sfrito Level 5 qualifications and the alignment process between our two organisations. The review will be outwardly focused with the aim of ensuring that our qualifications support the jobs people do whether they are in the vocational or club arena. To this end we will seek input from the broader outdoor sector and in particular those groups who currently have limited engagement with our qualifications scheme, as well as with members and the assessor pool.

We are confident that these parallel initiatives will assist us in ensuring we provide both the vocational and club / volunteer parts of the outdoor sector with accessible and relevant qualifications that can be delivered in a more flexible way.

## **FINANCE AND FUNDING**

Overall our financial position is excellent with final accounts showing a surplus despite cost increases in staffing and project funding.

While overall income from external sources improved significantly last year we expect 2009 to be more challenging as recent announcements in Lottery Grants Board funding to Water Safety NZ indicate a marked decline; and as gaming trusts experience reduced income. We thank SPARC for their continued base funding and Water Safety NZ and NZ Community Trust for their financial support over the past year.

## **TRAINING**

While uptake of training opportunities has not been at the level anticipated we have nevertheless been able to meet the

needs of both individual members and employers. In particular we are running increasing numbers of 'on demand' courses at non-traditional locations such as Wangarei, Cromwell and Coromandel. Our intention through our alliance with Sfrito is to further develop this service and thus enhance our ability to meet demand on a regional basis.

## **STAFF**

Steve Scott our Administration Officer has continued to provide excellent service during a year that has not only seen considerable change but also a dramatic increase in membership. Steve manages the day to day running with quiet efficiency and has been a tremendous asset during the challenging transition to a revalidation and registration system. Janette Kear has put enormous effort into her role as Training and Assessment Coordinator. The logistical complexities of this task in trying to bring together candidates, assessors, clients and often other resources is greatly underestimated. Our thanks to them both.

Also over this year a number of members have undertaken contract work for NZOIA; Mike Atkinson, Jill Dalton, Lindsay Simpkin and Rachel Brown are all acknowledged for the interest, commitment and professionalism they have brought to their respective tasks.

Core business for the Association are our assessment and training courses, the successful delivery of which falls upon members of the assessor pool and a number of other Level 2 instructors. Don Patterson, John Entwisle and Ray Button have done the lions share over the past year but our thanks also to all the others who make the scheme the success that it is.

## **LIAISON**

Internationally I have continued the dialogue with the UIAA, MLTUK and BCU all of which I visited recently. Our recent work on international cross crediting has been well received by the UIAA and is to be presented at the upcoming UIAA Mountaineering Commission. We are hopeful that this may lead to greater involvement in the UIAA Training Standards Working Group. Less progress has been achieved through discussions with the British Canoe Union whose focus on individual performance may limit our ability to cross credit with them.

Closer to home NZOIA has maintained representation at Board or Council level with ONZ, Water Safety NZ and MSC. Steve Milgate took over the role as our delegate to the MSC and has for the past year been a member of their Executive. Steve also sits on their Alpine Committee, and on the Bush Committee Mark Jones represents us. With Water Safety NZ we have contributed to both their Non-Powered Craft and Education Forums.

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# President's Annual Report 2008

*Last year I reported that we were on the brink of achieving a number of significant developments and thus it is pleasing to report further progress on these initiatives.*

While progress may at times appear slow our increase in staffing capacity and collaboration with other groups has enabled a number of goals to be achieved that would otherwise have taken far longer, and at the same time foundations have been laid for further developments. As with all change there are growing pains both within and external to our organisation and we are committed to working through the issues raised wherever we can. The Executive is committed to a more outwardly looking perspective and has consequently committed to considerable consultation in the wider sector. While this process is time consuming it does ensure that our qualifications are best fit for purpose and this should result in increasing recognition, uptake and membership.

## **NZOIA AND SFRITO**

Our strategic partnership with Sfrito is continuing to develop the concept of providing a single training and assessment pathway for outdoor instructors that leads to Registration. The focus of most activity has been the development of Leader level qualifications in rock, bush, kayak and mountain-bike. We are also exploring opportunities for greater collaboration in the coordination of training and assessment events by drawing together the strengths of NZOIA's current system with Sfrito's coverage through regional offices and field staff. Our aim is not simply to increase uptake and gain efficiency, but to provide a better service to employers and individuals in leadership roles.

## **NZ OUTDOOR REGISTRATION BOARD**

All renewing members are now receiving the new Registration cards as we progress through the transition into the revalidation and registration process; and further changes to our membership structure will be required over the coming

year to see this transition through to completion. The task of establishing requirements for revalidation proved a complex and difficult challenge as we tried to balance practicality and equity with credibility. Undoubtedly the system will need to be refined as we learn from experience and feedback over the next few years; this is new territory for us.

## **THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Membership of the Executive is a time consuming and at times challenging task. Satisfaction is derived from seeing initiatives reach fruition and from tangible evidence that governance decisions are having a positive impact on the Association. The current committee and those that immediately preceded it can take heart from our membership growth as an indicator that hard work and tough decisions are paying off.

My thanks to our elected members Linda Wensley, Mark Lewis, Simon Graney and Richard Dunn; and to those who volunteered for co-option, Paul Chaplow, Ajah Gainfort and Steve Milgate. Thanks also to AATC who provide practical support for Mark in his role as Convener of the TSC.

I believe we have made some excellent first moves in these policy areas and there will be more change in the coming year. These are exciting times. Keep reading your emails and the NZOIA Quarterly. If you want more involvement we welcome it. All members of the Executive are able to be contacted for questions of clarification on any point and we welcome the interaction with our members.

*Grant Davidson – President*

# CONGRATULATIONS! CONGRATULATIONS!

*The following members recently gained NZOIA Awards:*

- ALPINE 2:** Gideon Geerling, Peter Zimmer, Matthew Bennett, Mark Rewi, Tim Wills, Peter Ozich.
- BUSH 1:** Rayner Jahnke, Hayden Titchener, John Hannam, Tania MacKinnon, Peter Ozich.
- BUSH 2:** Neil Silverwood, Peter Zimmer.
- CAVE 1:** Ryan Haeseley.
- CAVE 2:** Grant Whitehead, Heidi Godfrey, Neil Silverwood.
- CLIMBING WALL:** Russell Harland, Benjamin Maycock, Andrew McMurdo.
- ROCK 1:** Grace Colmer, Rachel Elliott, Sophie Morgan, Jake Candy, Sarah Blundell, Jenny Sharp, Louise Neville, Peter Zimmer, Damian Firth.
- ROCK 2:** Matt Heard
- SEA KAYAK GUIDE:** Gary Miller



# LINZ to release new

*From September 2009, emergency services and many other organisations will be switching their mapping systems to align with a new 1:50,000 series topographic map series (Topo50).*

The series consists of 452 map sheets and, after release next year, the current NZMS260 map series will no longer be available for purchase.

In an emergency there are clear advantages in the public using maps based on the same projection as the data and maps used by emergency services.

At the same time as the release of the Topo50 map series, LINZ will also release a 1:250,000 map series (Topo250).

For the first time, LINZ will make digital images of maps in both series available in tiff format (of the whole map including legend and index) and georeferenced tiff format (of the spatial data area only).

The image resolution, distribution details, and exact timing for release are yet to be confirmed.

LINZ has changed the datum and projection from the current map series (260 and 262) to those commonly used internationally and in modern navigational systems, such as GPS.

The Topo50 and Topo250 maps will be based on New Zealand Geodetic Datum 2000 (NZGD2000) and New Zealand Transverse Mercator 2000 (NZTM2000) projection.

While the physical features on the new maps won't change, the coordinates of those features will. The areas the maps cover will also change.

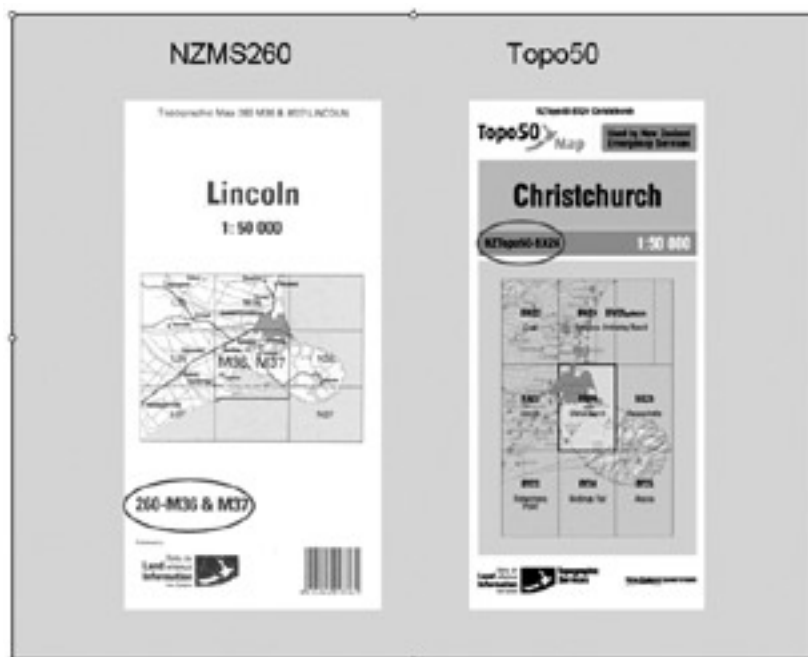
Production is well underway on the Topo50 series, with cartographic text placement for the maps more than 50 percent complete.

Coordinate conversion tools are available on the LINZ website at [www.linz.govt.nz/coordinateconversion](http://www.linz.govt.nz/coordinateconversion), as well as project updates on both the Topo50 and Topo250 series at [www.linz.govt.nz/topo50](http://www.linz.govt.nz/topo50) and [www.linz.govt.nz/topo250](http://www.linz.govt.nz/topo250)

If you'd like to be kept up-to-date on production progress, email the LINZ Topographic Product and Service Owner: [newmapseries@linz.govt.nz](mailto:newmapseries@linz.govt.nz) with "subscribe to new map series project updates" in the subject line.

*Further differences between the Topo50 and NZMS260 series:*

- The sheet numbering is obviously different. For instance the Christchurch area was 'M36 and M37' and will now be 'BX24'
- The Topo50 coordinates of geographic features (both the latitude and longitude, and the grid coordinates) will change to avoid confusion with the NZMS260 series.
- This means that someone looking at the new Topo50 data for a numerical reference will come up with quite a different number for a geographical feature than if they were looking at the same feature on the current (NZMS260) map. For example the full grid reference for Mount Herbert will change from (5724185mN, 2489169mE) to (5162581mN, 1579166mE).
- Front cover designs will be distinctly different (see diagram opposite)



*Examples of the NZMS260 and Topo50 map covering the Christchurch area:*

# National Map Series



## CREATING A MAP - THE NEW Topo50 SERIES

Portraying features on the curved surface of the earth onto a flat map requires the use of a geodetic datum and map projection.

### GEODETIC DATUMS

Mapping and coordinate systems are based on a geodetic datum, which is a mathematical surface that best fits the shape of the Earth. New Zealand's previous datum, New Zealand Geodetic Datum 1949 (NZGD49) was defined in 1949 and best fitted the shape of the Earth in the New Zealand region only.

In 2000, a new national geocentric datum was adopted in New Zealand, New Zealand Geodetic Datum 2000 (NZGD2000). This datum is based on a mathematical surface that best fits the shape of the Earth as a whole with its origin at the Earth's centre of mass, hence the term 'geocentric'. The datum also incorporates a deformation model used to manage deformation across New Zealand as a result of plate tectonics. For most users these effects can be ignored.

The primary reason for the change from NZGD49 to NZGD2000 is the widespread use of Global Satellite Navigation Systems (GNSS) such as the Global Positioning System (GPS), which is based on a geocentric datum known as the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS84). The Topo50 map series uses NZGD2000. For most practical purposes, WGS84 and NZGD2000 coordinates are the same.

On a map, datum coordinates are expressed in terms of latitude and longitude. These are often referred to as geographical coordinates.

A major implication of this change is that NZGD2000 latitude and longitude values differ from their NZGD49 predecessors by approximately 190 mN and 10 mE. While features on the ground will not move, their coordinates will change by approximately 200m in a northerly direction when moving to the NZGD2000 datum.

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**HINT:** remember if you're using a map that is in terms of NZGD49 that your GPS may show your location as being approximately 200m different.

### MAP PROJECTIONS

A map projection enables the curved mathematical surface approximating the Earth to be represented on a flat sheet of paper (i.e. a map). Many projections can be defined in terms of a particular geodetic datum, but each projection is linked to one geodetic datum.

The projection process results in the map's spatial representation being distorted. Imagine stretching and tearing a basketball to make its curved surface lie flat on the ground. The magnitude of the distortion can be calculated, allowing corrections to be made when necessary.

There are many different types of projection, each having its own advantages and disadvantages. No projection is perfect. The projection chosen for a map will have minimal, or acceptable, distortion having regard to the maps scale and purpose.

Every map projection uses a rectangular grid coordinate system. Map projection coordinates are described in terms of easting and northing, the distances east and north of an origin. The origin is assigned a set of coordinates and this is often termed the false origin. Projection coordinates are usually expressed in units of metres.

The Topo50 map series uses the New Zealand Transverse Mercator 2000 (NZTM2000) projection. The previous 1:50 000 NZMS 260 map series used a different projection called the New Zealand Map Grid (NZMG).



You'll find a more detailed description of datums and projections in *'Where in the World are we'* which you'll find on our web site at:

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# THE ELUSIVE GURU

## Their place in the NZOIA scheme of things.

A RESPONSE TO JOHN ENTWISLE'S ARTICLE IN THE MARCH 2008 NZOIA QUARTERLY

A Guru is a person of great experience, to whom an individual may defer to, seeking from them the guidance, knowledge, training and support they require for their professional development.

That is my understanding of the everyday use of the term, if that definition sits uncomfortably on the shoulders of any NZOIA Level 2 award holders then I apologise. I further believe that the definition carries an element of "wisdom" implicit within it, wisdom of the kind usually accorded senior members of a family.

I agree with the NZOIA Syllabi and Assessment Methodology review paper comment that "There is a growing perception that some of the level 2 Awards are at a level that is verging on impossible to gain." I have looked closely at the Rock 2, Sea kayak 2 and Alpine 2 award requirements and I came to the same conclusion. I am particularly interested however in the requirements to achieve the Rock 2 award, because that is my area of greatest experience, so Rock 2 is where I will commence.

To begin with, I would take issue with John's assertion that Level 2 award holders have to do the tasks that the candidates do. Although this assertion is correct for most awards, I do not believe this to be the case for Rock 2. This is where I mount a verbal hobby horse – so bear with me before I may unceremoniously fall off.

The question arises in my mind - why is an aspirant Rock Level 2 award holder, instructing students the art of leading on grade 20 climbs? As students progress then acquaintance with the higher grade of climbs will occur quite naturally and providing the tyro has been taught safe methodology then all is as it should be. Instructors do not need to climb to grade twenty to check candidate's placements. They can use self-protection on top ropes, on belays or on abseils. I would question whether any NZOIA Rock 2 award candidates being assessed for the leading element of the award should be doing this on grade twenty climbs. I can see very little practical justification for it. It could be perceived as a form of "elitist dinosaurism" a phrase so honestly described in the article by John.

I believe the role of the instructor is to inspire, facilitate and provide the circumstances in which the tyro can begin to outstrip the master or guru (whichever rocks your boat.) If I am a good performer on rock then good for me but that level of skill is not an essential requirement in order to teach well, within my personal comfort zone, with both enthusiasm and imagination.

Most instructors, in my experience, know only too well their own performance limitations and will rarely put themselves knowingly in a position, especially with their students, where both the public and relevant authorities could justifiably accuse them of incompetence or working dangerously beyond their capacity. The Rock 2 candidate's personal climbing level is relatively unimportant provided that they make the activity safe, fun, interesting and pitched at the right level for their clients.

One final but thorny issue remains. What would be a suitable minimum standard of climbing grade for both Rock 1 and Rock 2 candidates? Currently, there is a minimum grade requirement, for Rock 1 candidates, to be able to climb a grade 15 sport route. Why not raise that grade slightly to 16 whilst introducing a lower personal climbing grade for level 2 thereby creating a more "inclusive" rather than an "exclusive" approach to the Rock 2 grade problem. How should a representative body such as NZOIA arrive at an acceptable grade? Consult the membership? Impose a pre-determined grade? Consider the grades adopted by equivalent overseas bodies and their qualifications?

Perhaps an amalgam or consensus of two of these approaches would carry the most weight within the industry and the NZOIA membership? Surely this could provide the outcome with the authority to which all interested parties could aspire. The UK's Mountaineering Instructors Award and Certificate schemes, equivalent to the NZ Rock Level 2 award, has an expected personal climbing grade of VS 4c, approximating to NZ grade 15.

I am putting forward a plea for the minimum grade in NZ to be benchmarked at grade 16 for both levels of the NZOIA Rock awards.

I could go on to discuss the details within the NZOIA Sea Kayaking Level 1 & 2 Awards and the duplication caused by the prerequisite SKOANZ award – but I won't, I will leave that for another time or for other people to determine.

### **John Broadwell**

*John Broadwell is sixty and so "grey" his hair is actually white. Still climbing and sea kayaking after forty six years of a lifetime spent in outdoor pursuits – gravity is noticeably stronger since the days of his youth. He holds the NZOIA Rock 1, UK Single Pitch Award, Mountain Leadership Certificate and a Teaching Diploma in Outdoor Education, won after three years of "hard" study (on multi-pitch routes and force ten surf). Many moons ago he was employed as the Chief Instructor of an Outdoor Centre before deciding to become serious.*

NEW ZEALAND OUTDOOR INSTRUCTORS ASSOCIATION  
2008-2009 Training Calendar

Course & Location	Provider	Course Date	Application Closing Date	Accomm & Meals	Cost to Members	Cost to Non-Members
<b>Kayak FW</b>						
Central North Is.	NZOIA	15 November 2008	1 October	No	\$60*	\$100*
Auckland	NZOIA	25 January 2009	11 December 2008	No	\$60*	\$100*
Christchurch	NZOIA	21 March 2009	4 February 2009	No	\$60*	\$100*
Auckland	NZOIA	1 November 2009	16 September 2009	No	\$60*	\$100*
<b>Kayak 1</b>						
Tongariro	OPC	1-2 November 2008	None	No	\$445	\$445
Cromwell	NZOIA	15-16 Nov 2008	1 October	No	\$120*	\$200*
Central North Island	NZOIA	24-25 Jan 2009	10 Dec 2008	No	\$120*	\$200*
Christchurch	NZOIA	7-8 Mar 2009	21 Jan 2009	No	\$120*	\$200*
Central North Island	NZOIA	14-15 Nov 2009	1 Oct 2009	No	\$120*	\$200*
Cromwell	NZOIA	21-22 Nov 2009	7 October	No	\$120*	\$200*
<b>Kayak 2</b>						
Central North Island	NZOIA	31 Jan-1 Feb 2009	17 December 2008	No	\$120*	\$200*
Murchison	NZOIA	14-15 Feb 2009	17 December 2008	No	\$120*	\$200*
<b>Sea Kayak 1</b>						
Christchurch	NZOIA	18-19 October 2008	3 September	No	\$120*	\$200*
Auckland	NZOIA	1-2 November 2008	18 September	No	\$120*	\$200*
Wellington	NZOIA	14-15 March 2009	28 January 2009	No	\$120*	\$200*
Christchurch	NZOIA	21-22 March 2009	4 February 2009	No	\$120*	\$200*
Christchurch	NZOIA	3 - 4 October 2009	19 August 2009	No	\$120*	\$200*
<b>Sea Kayak 2</b>						
Christchurch	NZOIA	17-18 October 2009	2 Sept 2009	No	\$120*	\$200
<b>Canoe</b>						
Central North Island	NZOIA	28-29 March 2009	11 February 2009	No	\$120*	\$200*
Central South Island	NZOIA	3-4 October 2009	19 August 2009	No	\$120*	\$200*
<b>Risk Management</b>						
Tongariro	OPC	4-8 October 2008	None	Yes	\$995	\$995
<b>Ropes Course Safety/ABL Horizons Unlimited</b>						
Christchurch	Horizons	17-18 October 2008	None	No	\$330	\$330
		Facilitation Skills Level 2				
Christchurch	Horizons	28 November 2008	None	No	\$150	\$150
		Energiser & Activity Workshops				
<b>Top Rope &amp; Abseil Instructor OPC</b>						
Tongariro	OPC	1-2 November 2008	None	Yes	\$455	\$455
<b>Outdoor 1st Aid</b>						
Tongariro	OPC	November 2008	None	Yes	\$455	\$455
<b>PHEC Horizons Unlimited (Pre-Hospital Emergency Care)</b>						
Ruapehu / Turangi	Horizons	TBC	None	No	\$900	\$900
Christchurch	Horizons	3-7 November 2008	None	No	\$900	\$900
<b>PHEC Refresher</b>						
Wanaka (TBC)	Horizons	11-12 October 2008	None	No	\$385	\$385
Christchurch	Horizons	18-19 October 2008	None	No	\$385	\$385
<b>Cave 1</b>						
Nelson	NZOIA	7 June 2009	22 April	No	\$175	\$225
Waitomo	NZOIA	22 June 2009	6 May	No	\$175	\$225
<b>Cave 2</b>						
Nelson	NZOIA	13-14 June 2009	27 April	No	\$275	\$375
Waitomo	NZOIA	27-28 June 2009	13 May	No	\$275	\$375
<b>Rock 1</b>						
Queenstown	NZOIA	15-16 Nov 2008	1 October	No	\$275	\$375
Christchurch	NZOIA	24-25 January 2009	10 December 2008	No	\$275	\$375
Auckland	NZOIA	14-15 March 2009	28 January 2009	No	\$275	\$375
CNI	NZOIA	28-29 March 2009	11 February 2009	No	\$275	\$375
Christchurch	NZOIA	31 Oct-Nov 1 2009	16 Sept 2009	No	\$275	\$375

<b>Rock 2</b>						
Central North Is.	NZOIA	11-12 October 2008	27 August	No	\$275	\$375
Christchurch	NZOIA	28 Feb-1 Mar 2009	14 Jan 2009	No	\$275	\$375
Central North Is.	NZOIA	17-18 October 2009	2 September 2009	No	\$275	\$375
<b>Abseil 1</b>						
Auckland	NZOIA	4 April 2009	18 Feb 2009	No	\$175	\$225
<b>Bush 1</b>						
Central North Island	NZOIA	15-16 Nov 2008	1 Oct 2008	No	\$275	\$375
Central South Island	NZOIA	24-25 Jan 2009	10 Dec 2008	No	\$275	\$375
Central North Island	NZOIA	28 Feb-1 Mar 2009	14 Feb 2009	No	\$275	\$375
Central South Island	NZOIA	4-5 April 2009	18 Feb 2009	No	\$275	\$375
Central North Island	NZOIA	21-22 Nov 2009	7 October 2009	No	\$275	\$375
<b>Bush 2</b>						
Central North Is.	NZOIA	29-30 Nov 2008	15 October	No	\$275	\$375
Central South Island	NZOIA	6-7 December 2008	22 October	No	\$275	\$375
Central South Is.	NZOIA	21-22 Feb 2009	13 Jan 2009	No	\$275	\$375
Central North Is.	NZOIA	4-5 April 2009	18 Feb 2009	No	\$275	\$375
Central North Is.	NZOIA	28-29 Nov 2009	14 Oct 2009	No	\$275	\$375
Central South Island	NZOIA	5-6 December 2009	21 Oct 2009	No	\$275	\$375
<b>Alpine 1</b>						
Central North Island	NZOIA	4-5 July 2009	20 May 2009	No	\$275	\$375
South Island	NZOIA	1-2 Aug 2009	17 June 2009	No	\$275	\$375
<b>Alpine 1</b>						
South Island	NZOIA	5-6 July 2008	21 May	No	\$275	\$375
Central North Island	NZOIA	2-3 August 2008	18 June	No	\$275	\$375
Tongariro	OPC	16-17 August 2008	None	Yes	\$455	\$455
<b>Alpine 2</b>						
Central South Island	NZOIA	11-12 July 2009	27 May 2009	No	\$275	\$375
Central North Island	NZOIA	25-26 July 2009	10 June 2009	No	\$275	\$375

\* **Water Safety NZ funding subsidy has been applied to this course (applies to all Kayak, Canoe and Sea Kayak courses run by NZOIA)**

**OPC** Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre of NZ, Tongariro. Accommodation and all meals are provided on site. All gear is also supplied at no additional cost.

**HORIZONS** Horizons Unlimited. Contact Horizons directly for bookings and further information. info@horizons.co.nz Ph 03 3840384

**NZOIA** Accommodation and meals need to be organised by participants. Participants generally need to supply their own gear. If gear hire is available it will be advised in the pre course information after you have enrolled.

**Application Closing Date** - Applications for enrollment need to be received 6 weeks before the actual course date, however applications will be accepted beyond the closing date until the course maximum is reached. Places on training courses are allocated on a first in (with completed application form, summary sheets and course fee) first accepted basis.

**Course Cancellation** - If minimum numbers are not achieved the course may be cancelled and you will be advised of this soon after the closing date for applications.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** Ideally there should be a period of about 6 months between training and assessment. This allows you time to work on any gaps you need to fill that have been highlighted by the training course. In many cases training courses are run by assessors. It is NZOIA policy that no person shall be trained and assessed by the same person within a period of one month. Please be aware that booking training and assessment with less than a month gap is not recommended and may lead to disappointment because we generally cannot confirm who will be doing the training and assessing until just after the application closing date. Plan ahead and allow time both to prepare for assessment and to avoid the problem of the trainer being the assessor. Instructor training courses are just that, they are designed for those who wish to qualify as an instructor. In general terms you should be already working as an instructor under supervision or guidance. Your technical skills should be close to the standard expected on assessment (see individual award syllabi on our website). The course should provide you with new knowledge and skills and will help you identify any gaps you need to fill before your assessment. They are not introductory courses.

**COURSE COSTS:** All courses run by NZOIA are discounted for members; this includes Full, Student and Associate members. Kayak courses are substantially discounted because we receive funding support from Water Safety NZ. This funding is targeted by Water Safety as part of their overall aim of reducing water sports incidents and drowning. If you are not already a member it is probably worth joining to access discounted training.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** Details of courses run by NZOIA, prerequisites, application forms and online payment are all available on our website. Where courses are run by other providers you will need to contact them directly.

**WHO ARE THE COURSES FOR?** Instructor training courses are designed for people who have already developed their personal skills in a particular activity; have begun leading and instructing others under supervision; and who wish to train and qualify with NZOIA as instructors. Your technical skills should be close to the standard expected on assessment (see individual qualification syllabi on the website). The instructor training course, while generally following the qualification syllabus, will be tailored by your trainer to meet the specific needs of the group to ensure everyone gets best value. It will provide you with new skills and knowledge and assist you to identify any gaps that you will need to fill before successful assessment.



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# 2008-2009 Assessment Calendar

[http://www.nzoia.org.nz/qualifications/assessment\\_calendar.asp](http://www.nzoia.org.nz/qualifications/assessment_calendar.asp)

Activity/Location	Date	Closing Date	Activity/Location	Date	Closing Date
<b>Abseil 1</b>			<b>Kayak 1</b>		
Auckland	November 15-16, 2008	Oct 1	Central North Island	April 3-5, 2009	Feb 18, '09
Auckland	November 14-15, 2008	Sep 30, '09	Central North Island	October 16-18, 2009	Sep 2, '09
<b>Alpine 1</b>			Christchurch	November 14-16, 2008	Sep 27
Central North Island	August 28-30, 2009	Jul 14, '09	Christchurch	November 6-8, 2009	Sep 22, '09
Central South Island	September 19-21, 2009	Aug 5, '09	Murchison	March 27-29, 2009	Feb 11, '09
Central South Island	September 25-27, 2009	Aug 12, '09	<b>Kayak 2</b>		
<b>Alpine 2</b>			Central North Island	March 13-15, 2009	Jan 27, '09
Central South Island	September 3-6, 2009	Jul 21, '09	Murchison	April 3-5, 2009	Feb 18, '09
<b>Bush 1</b>			<b>Rock 1</b>		
Central North Island	November 8-10, 2008	Sep 17	Auckland	May 2-3, 2009	Mar 18, '09
Central North Island	March 13-15, 2009	Jan 27, '09	Auckland	October 31-Nov 1, 2009	Sep 16, '09
Central North Island	November 6-8, 2009	Sep 22, '09	Central North Island	November 22-23, 2008	Oct 8
Central South Island	March 14-16, 2009	Jan 28, '09	Central North Island	March 7-8, 2009	Jan 21, '09
Central South Island	October 17-19, 2009	Sep 3, '09	Christchurch	November 8-9, 2008	Sep 24
Central South Island	October 31-Nov 2, 2009	Sep 16, '09	Christchurch	March 14-15, 2009	Jan 28, '09
<b>Bush 2</b>			Christchurch	May 16-17, 2009	Apr 1, '09
Central North Island	March 20-22, 2009	Feb 4, '09	Christchurch	October 10-11, 2009	Aug 27, '09
Central South Island	November 28-30, 2008	Oct 15	Christchurch	November 7-8, '09	Sep 23, '09
Central South Island	March 27-29, 2009	Feb 11, '09	<b>Rock 2 - fee \$570</b>		
<b>Canoe</b>			Christchurch	April 17-19, 2009	Mar 3, '09
South Island	November 29-30, 2008	Oct 14	Whanganui Bay	February 27-Mar 1, '09	Jan 13, '09
<b>Cave 1</b>			<b>Sea Kayak - GUIDE</b>		
Nelson Region	TBA 2009		Auckland	May 1-3, 2009	Mar 17, '09
Waitomo	TBA 2009		Auckland	October 2-4, 2009	Aug 19, '09
<b>Cave 2</b>			Christchurch	May 8-10, 2009	Mar 24, '09
Nelson Region	TBA 2008		Christchurch	October 9-11, 2009	Aug 26, '09
Waitomo	TBA 2009		<b>Sea Kayak 1</b>		
<b>Climbing Wall</b>			Auckland	TBA - May 2009	Mar 31, '09
On request			Auckland	TBA - October 2009	Aug 30, '09
<b>Kayak Flatwater</b>			Christchurch	May 10, 2009	Mar 25, '09
Auckland	October 10-11, 2009	Aug 27 '09			
Christchurch	21-22 March 2009	Feb 5, '09			
Christchurch	October 31-Nov 2009	Sep 16, '09			

## BOOKING FOR A NZOIA ASSESSMENT

1. Complete the prerequisites as detailed in the syllabus - they are all available on the website
2. Submit an application form available from the website or NZOIA office by the closing date together with a \$100 deposit, a copy of your logbook and a copy of your current first-aid certificate
3. APPLICATIONS close SIX weeks before the assessment date.
4. Places are allocated on a first-in with deposit and application, first-accepted basis.
5. After the closing date we will confirm that the assessment will run at which time the balance of the course fee is payable and you will be invoiced for this.
6. If we cancel the course we will refund all fees. If you pull out refund conditions apply.

### COURSE FEES:

- Two day \$425 • Three day \$570 • Four day \$735

### ASSESSMENTS BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

It is possible to run assessments on other dates, either by special request or if sufficient candidates are available (and if assessors are available). Please contact the Assessment Coordinator to register your interest - [assessment@nzoia.org.nz](mailto:assessment@nzoia.org.nz) or phone the NZOIA office 04-385 6048.

*If you are ready for assessment let us know as we may be able to run a special assessment if we have sufficient numbers or include you in a special assessment that does not appear on the calendar.*



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# CASTLE HILL OUTDOOR CENTRE

The Castle Hill Outdoor Centre, is located in the bush behind Castle Hill Village, off State Highway 73 about 1 hour from Christchurch. It has been the base of St Andrew's College outdoor programme's for the past 23 years and is ideally located for access to ski and rock climbing areas, underground caves, lakes and rivers. During 2008 the Lodge was completely rebuilt and renamed. Today the Alistair Sidey Mountain Lodge is a purpose built Outdoor Education Centre utilised each year by students from Years 7 to 10 as part of their core curriculum, and for a variety of other special activities and training programmes.

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The Centre is available for hire. For further information about the programme or the Centre please contact Peter Dawkings 03 940 2027.

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## CAN WE PROVIDE A CUSTOM TRAINING COURSE FOR YOU?

Over the past two years NZOIA has run training courses on demand in many smaller communities including Whangarei, Coromandel, Cromwell, Taihape, Tauranga and Alexandra. If you have leader or instructor training needs in any activity at any level for any number of people we will be happy to provide a quote. We will tailor the course to suit your needs and will fit in with your time and location requirements wherever we possibly can. If you require canoe, kayak, sea kayak or sit-on-top training we have funding from Water Safety NZ to subsidise this.

## Advertise your Training Instructor Courses on the NZOIA Training Calendar

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