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Graham Charles 2005 Tall Totora Award

Graham Charles is the recipient of the 2005 NZOIA Tall Totora Award.

Graham's career has spanned the whole spectrum of instructing. Early days at OPC, then at a vast number of places. A current NZOIA assessor, past member of the NZOIA Executive and TSC.

A facilitator with great talent and perception, an outdoor writer and outdoor photographer extraordinaire, inspirational adventurer (see the item on pages 12 and 13 of this issue of the *NZOIA Quarterly*), motivational speaker and accident investigator, and a lot more.

Graham has never been afraid to call a spade a spade and say what lots of us are thinking - he's always been admired for this. He's a genuine good guy, great to be around, a motivational force, who inspires adventure and is a true outdoor professional.

Graham currently holds NZOIA's Alpine 2, Kayak 2 and Rock 2 awards.



Graham Charles

~ the 2006 NZOIA Assessment
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New NZOIA Award

To meet industry demand, NZOIA has recently introduced a new award known as the **Multi Sport Kayak Award**. It is designed for those who instruct and lead multisport kayaking on flat water and moving water up to and including class II.

The **syllabus** for the **Multi Sport Kayak Award** can be obtained from the NZOIA website.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT to 2005 AGM

At the start of my first year as President of our Association I stated that I was pleased to be taking over as leader of an organisation that was in good health, both financially and in terms of increasing membership. Being in such a position does make life easier in some ways, but that is not to say that this has been an easy year. On the contrary the executive have been challenged in many ways.

Much of the work that the Executive does is on less visible tasks that relate for the most part to promotion and advocacy. As one of a number of organisations involved in the setting of standards and provision of qualifications we must be constantly attentive to the maintenance of our position as a leader in the industry. Having an active voice on the broader issues, often influencing matters that may only begin to affect members directly and indirectly in the medium to long term is seen by us as critical to maintaining the status of our Association and your Awards. In this regard it has been an extremely busy year:

We have continued to collaborate with the NZ Mountain Guides Association on areas of common interest such as National Park Concessions and alignment of Awards to achieve a clearer pathway from Alpine through to Guiding Awards.

Work with NZ Mountain Safety Council has increased markedly: The Outdoor 1 Award has been reviewed together with EONZ and is now back on track to becoming a joint Award once more; we are running a joint assessment at Alpine 2 level this winter; MSC have invited us to provide representatives on their Bush, Alpine and Outdoor Safety Management committees; and we are reviewing the new Back Country Avalanche course.

Representation has been made to Outdoors NZ at Board level and we continue to strongly support ONZ and their position as the peak body for the outdoors.

Long overdue was the re-writing of the Outdoor Pursuits - Guidelines for Educators manual. The new document providing guidance to current accepted practice in a wide range of activities for all outdoor leaders will be available soon. NZOIA has had much input to this and consequently our Awards are strongly supported.

We have liaised with the NZ Recreational Canoe Association on matters of common concern, particularly regarding relations with Maritime NZ, and see as a priority the development of closer working relations over the next year. Also in the recreational arena we have been working with the Kiwi Association of Sea Kayakers towards joint training and assessment initiatives of benefit to volunteer / club instructors.

Our relationship with SKOANZ has developed greatly over the last year achieving, in collaboration with KASK, the Level 1 and 2 Sea Kayak Awards. An assessor pool has been established for these Awards and 14 level 2 certificates plus 19 level 1's have been awarded. Recently an MOU was signed with SKOANZ to formalise handing over of the Sea Kayak Guides Award for NZOIA to administer. This is now a joint Award run by us.

Water Safety NZ and SPARC have continued to support our goals through funding this year and this is greatly appreciated. SPARC substantially increased our funding for the 2 year period to June next year to enable us to make progress with a number of initiatives on our Strategic Plan. This investment has enabled us to appoint contractors to undertake two major projects: A full survey to determine members needs and gain feedback on performance will be conducted by Otago University later this year; Gaike Knottenbelt has been contracted to undertake a substantial research task both within NZ and overseas to gain insight into comparable assessment schemes,

Congratulations

to the following members who recently gained NZOIA Awards

Alpine 1

Paul Chaplow
Heidi Godfrey
Mark Johnston
Sarah Painter
Partick Watson

Alpine 2

Gregg Beisly

Rock 1

Sharon Nicholas
Graeme Swift

Sea Kayak 1

Mike Brien
Ashley Cheeseman
Bruce Conway
Richard Dunn
Peter Eley
Claire Hilton
Amy Horn
Anna Hughes
Mark Johns
Johnny Johnson
John Kapa
Ian McInnes
Shane Orchard
Steven Parker
Mark Rayward
Lyndsay Simpkin
Linda Wensley
Tim Wills
Christine Worsfold

Sea Kayak 2

Colin Sonneveld
Andrew Mount

NZOIA Membership Prize Draw

NIKE Snowboarder Pack
~ drawn at the AGM

the WINNER was

Warren Granger

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to look at possible models for extending the Award scheme, to research existing models of Award revalidation and to establish dialogue with overseas organisations.

Financially the Association is in excellent order. Close fiscal control, increasing membership and external funding from SPARC have all contributed to a brighter outlook. The role of accountant which Jill and Jim have undertaken for several years is now being passed on to ONZ who have been contracted to provide financial services for us.

In terms of the Awards and assessments there has been much work this year. Following the external review of the assessment process in June last year the Assessor Manual has been rewritten and the assessors met for a valuable training weekend in May. Scheduled syllabus reviews have occurred and new Awards have and are being developed to meet industry needs. The new Multisport Kayak Award is established with assessments on the calendar for later this year, and the rock assessors are working on Sport Climbing Awards as an evolution of the Climbing Wall Awards we already run.

A number of individuals have been working hard on behalf of the Association and are thanked for their valuable work. Of our paid staff, Steve Scott continues to provide administration and first point of contact. Increasingly Steve is maintaining the website and initiating updates of our policies and admin systems. Wendy van den Berg took over the role of Assessment Coordinator from Lou Drage who had been with us since late 2003. Wendy stood in on a short term basis providing an excellent and professional service and saw the job through until a replacement could be appointed. We welcome Dale Kington as the new Assessment Coordinator and look forward to working with him in this important aspect of the Association's business.

The members of the Executive have each contributed in various ways over the last year. Each person has a portfolio of tasks and specific projects they oversee as well as an aspect of the Strategic Plan they are responsible for. Thanks go to Steve Milgate, Sue Gemmell, Paul Chaplow and co-opted member Richard Dunn. Chris Burtenshaw is stepping down from the Executive this year. Chris has headed the Technical Sub-Committee since 2001, overseeing the development of new Awards, syllabus reviews and assessor training as well as dealing with investigations and occasional complaints. On top of this he has been a busy member of the Executive and as such has made a substantial and valuable overall contribution. Chris has been aided by John Entwisle, Dave Moore and latterly, Linda Wensley. The work of this group is much appreciated and critical to maintaining a current and high quality assessment scheme.

Thanks also go to Jim Hepburn and Jill Dalton who have been co-opted to the Executive over the last year during what has been a transition period. Jill has continued to provide sage advice and guidance on many issues as well as providing important historical knowledge. Jill is a real worker and continues to manage projects and contribute a huge amount of personal time to the Association. Jim once again, and for the last time, is presenting our financial accounts. Jim has provided a great service to us in prudent financial management over a number of years as well as contributing considerable expertise to the overall governance of the organisation.

The role of the Executive is to act on behalf of the membership. It is important therefore to acknowledge those people who have maintained their subscriptions, and particularly those who do so long after gaining their qualifications in support of the Association and its broader role within the outdoor community.

Perhaps the greatest challenge to the Executive and thus the future of the Association is workload. Our role at this time is not simply governance but management and doing much of the work as well. We are effectively a working committee. These are features of a young organisation, not an established body with an 18 year history. Without doubt the demands of governance and management are growing. The environment in which we operate is developing and changing at an increasing pace. In short, while we are progressing in some areas, we are falling behind in others. Often we are reactive not proactive and this can at times be frustrating. There is no shortage of will on the part of myself and the Executive, but we all have constraints on our time.

I accepted the role of President with a degree of apprehension and while aware of some of the demands I was not prepared for the volume of work and time required. This is not sustainable.

The job of the Executive Committee should be to advance and protect the long-term interests of the Association by setting strategic direction and ensuring that the organisation is well managed. To this end I see the establishment of a paid managerial position as critical not only to our administrative sustainability, but to future development and therefore our survival in a competitive and dynamic environment. To this end I see it as a priority in the coming year for the Executive to address this issue.

While progress can at times be slow we remain at the forefront of developments within our sector and have achieved a great deal in the last 12 months. As membership grows it is clear that our Awards continue to be relevant and highly valued by instructors and employers alike. This recognition is the key to our positive future outlook.

Matthew Cant
President

NZOIA Research Awards

NZOIA strongly promotes research which is directed and gaining a greater understanding relating to the delivery of outdoor programmes.

NZOIA believes there is a need to further develop research capacity in the outdoor sector and wants to constructively encourage such endeavours.

NZOIA has accumulated a small pool of research money and wants to support research by offering up to four NZOIA Research Awards per annum. The Awards are designed to support small scale research projects and will most likely be \$500 - \$750.

Research involves systematic and rigorous inquiry which involves the following stages:

- Identification of a significant issue
- Development of a specific focus or question
- Overall plan of research as a written proposal
- Ethics approval
- Literature review
- Data Collection
- Data analysis
- Presentation of research

These stages are not strictly sequential as the literature review for example may overlap all stages.

How to apply for the awards?

Complete the proposal of interest form available from the NZOIA website at: http://www.nzoi.org.nz/resources/doc_library.asp ~ General

and send it to NZOIA PO Box 11-090 Wellington

This includes a general idea of the problem or line of inquiry you are interested in researching into as well as information about who you are, whether it is as part of a requirement for a qualification, where you are based and what (if any) other sources of funding you are using.

How will decisions be made about which proposals are successful?

A panel will select the proposal outlines and invite successful applicants to negotiate further contractual obligations which will include some agreements relating to interim reporting and final reporting.

Awards will be granted to proposals which offer the best potential for developing a greater understanding about the delivery of outdoor programmes. Secondary criteria will include the methodological soundness and feasibility of the research design.

NATIONAL INCIDENT DATABASE

*The following is the text of a letter received from the New Zealand Mountain Safety Council ***

Mountain Safety Council, on behalf of Outdoors New Zealand, Education Outdoors New Zealand & Ministry of Education, has recently launched a website that offers a whole new approach to recording, collating and summarising outdoor incidents.

Full information including details on registration can be found at: www.incidentreport.org.nz

As a registered organisation, of the National Incident Database (NID); you will be able to record outdoor incidents (including near misses), retrieve incident data at any time for your own organisation use, obtain incident summaries convenient for staff training or management, notify statutory bodies (such as OSH, ACC or MNZ) through the NID, and receive an annual summary report on the wider industries outdoor incidents.

Online registration allows the use of this database as and when you need to. Sample incident forms can be viewed from the home page before you register.

For more background see:
<http://www.edgazette.govt.nz/articles.php?action=view&id=6891>

I trust you'll find added value in the new website. Please call David Walsh (MSC Research Programme Manager) if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,
Ian Nicholson
Executive Director

David Walsh phone: (04) 385 7162 Ext 213
or email: nid@mountainsafety.org.nz

*** The full document (as a PDF file) can be obtained from the NZOIA website at:
http://www.nzoi.org.nz/resources/doc_library.asp
~ General*

Excellence in Outdoors Recreation Recognised

The 2005 Outdoors Excellence Awards were announced during the Outdoors New Zealand annual Forum held in Wellington. The awards represent the high standards expected of key individuals and organisations involved in delivering outdoor experiences to New Zealanders of all ages and abilities.

The top award - **SPARC Supreme Award for Contribution to Outdoor Recreation** was presented to **Cathye Haddock**. It is presented to the individual, organisation or facility who has made an outstanding contribution to outdoors recreation.

Cathye has made a huge contribution to the outdoors sector for over twenty years as an author, project leader and researcher. In 1993 she wrote *Managing Risks in Outdoor Activities* and in 2004 completed the *Outdoor Safety-Risk Management for Outdoor Leaders*.

More recently, as Senior Advisor in the Ministry of Education she has lead projects including the new *Outdoor Activities – Guidelines for Leaders; Safety and Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) – A Good Practice Guide for NZ Schools; Safety and EOTC professional development; Current convenor of the NZ Mountain Safety Council Risk Management Committee* and established adventure based learning and safety systems at Rotoiti Lodge.

“Recognising Cathye’s contribution to the outdoors in this way met with unanimous agreement and is thoroughly deserving for someone making such a big contribution” said Miles Davidson Executive Director Outdoors New Zealand.

The **NZ Outdoor Instructor Association (NZOIA) Emerging Instructor Award** was won by **Rebecca Wylie** a 22 year old, currently working for YMCA Wainui Park. It is presented to an individual illustrating all the qualities essential to a superb Outdoors Instructor.

Rebecca demonstrates the qualities essential to a superb outdoors instructor. She has a passion for the outdoors and for people. She was the youngest applicant for the senior instructor position at Wainui Park and by far the most outstanding.

She shows true leadership of her peers at work and in day to day residential camp life.

If the award is designed to recognise potential, hard work and encourage the recipient to continue in the field of outdoor instruction then Rebecca Wylie is a worthy recipient.

The **Outdoors New Zealand Facility Award** was presented to **YMCA Wainui Park Conference and Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Banks Peninsula**. It is presented to the outdoor, recreation or education facility that has reduced the barriers for participation in outdoor recreation

This facility has been running camps for children since 1929. In 1999 a new accommodation block was built, described as ‘camping in the new millennium’.

Wainui Park has a particular philosophy about camping, the outdoors and service. It is not considered a business but a community facility that exists for developing people. The holiday camps cater for 90 children per week ranging in age from 9-17 years and some participants with learning and physical disabilities.

“Our mission is to ensure that whatever the circumstances, whatever the state of mind or body of the participant, whatever the weather our campers will want to do it all again” says Josie Ogden Wainui Park’s Director.

The **Education Outdoors New Zealand (EONZ) Programme Award** was won by **The Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre (OPC)**, Turangi for its Youth Adventure Challenge Programme. It is presented for an outstanding programme demonstrating quality, innovation and leading to a greater cognisance of outdoor recreation as a significant dimension of the New Zealand way of life

The Adventure Challenge programme is OPC’s flagship five day course. The aims include personal challenge, teamwork, environmental awareness, outdoor skills and heaps of fun. The programme could include a days mountaineering, an overnight expedition, local environment day, skiing or snowboarding in the winter and water sports in the summer. Groups are made of ten students to one instructor and are accommodated at the new Youth Development Centre and Lions Lodge Taurewa.

“The Youth Adventure Challenge Programme won this award because it is a quality outdoor programme employing the challenge by choice concept applied to a range of problem solving activities and outdoor pursuits” says Arthur Sutherland Chairman EONZ.



Awards recipients L-R: Grant Davidson, OPC - EONZ Programme Award; Caroline Tansell, YMCA Wainui Park - ONZ Facility Award, Cathye Haddock - SPARC Supreme Award; Aidan Tansell (on behalf of Rebecca Wylie) NZOIA Emerging Instructor Award

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River Safety Course Instructors Please Note

The Maritime NZ report into the death of kayaker Eleanor Rutter on the Crooked River noted the following in its recommendations:

It is recommended that NZ providers of river rescue courses include the following learning outcomes in their courses:

Introductory River Rescue Courses

By the end of the course, students will be able to explain the importance of maintaining sight of a swimmer and outline the basic principles of searching in the NZ river environment.

Advanced River Rescue Courses

By the end of the course, students will be able to demonstrate safe and effective search procedures in the NZ river environment.

NZOIA endorses this recommendation.

What's the Potential for Jobs at the end of an Outdoor Education Programme ?

by Andy Thompson

Passion for the outdoors can be more than just a lifestyle change or hobby. It has the potential to be a job. What could be better than to get paid for and spend time pursuing the passion that infuses us all? Well, it can be a great plan to find work in the outdoor industry. Such jobs are not always well paid, but they're usually enriching.

How fast is the outdoor Industry growing in New Zealand; is this reflected in the number of people taking courses?

Outdoors New Zealand compiled a directory in 2002 called "New Zealand Outdoor Awards and Qualifications". It indicated there are now over forty eight organisations offering various training programmes and assessments throughout New Zealand This contrasts to the 1970s – 1980s when outdoor camps and experiences were primarily offered through organisations such as scouting, guides, school camps and other volunteer organisations. The few professional outdoor training programmes offered were through Outward Bound at Anakiwa and the Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre at Turangi, however in 1986 the New Zealand Outdoor Instructors Association was formed starting a new era in formal qualifications.

Numbers of people taking courses in outdoor training have also increased substantially over the last twenty years. One might legitimately question whether these increasing numbers would result in a job market at saturation point with inadequate employment opportunities for graduates.

Refuting this, are the statistics from surveys from a range of outdoor providers - see *table below*.

Qualifications required?

The types of outdoor jobs available today do require qualifications, and these are variable, depending on the areas in which they intend to work.

If it is the climbing, alpine or ski industry then either rock and alpine instructor/guide plus avalanche stage 1/2 qualifications will be required, if it is water based the NZOIA Kayak 1, Sea Kayak Instructor Level 1 or Raft Guiding qualifications are mandatory. Graduates will need to consider obtaining advanced first aid training by completing the Pre Hospital Emergency Care Course for which there are many providers.

Key networking organisation to associate with are the New Zealand Outdoor Instructors Association (NZOIA), Education Outdoors New Zealand (EONZ), and specific sectors such as Sea Kayak Operators Association (SKOANZ), New Zealand Mountain Guides Association (NZMGA), New Zealand Rafting Association (NZRA), New Zealand Recreational Canoeing Association (NZRCA), New Zealand Coastguard, (NZC), New Zealand Mountain Safety Council (NZMSC), New Zealand Orienteering Federation, New Zealand Snowsports Instructors Alliance and the New Zealand Ski Association (NZSIA)

Qualifications are administered and sanctioned by a number of key organisations in the outdoor industry in New Zealand. These organisations have support structures administering courses for industry specific qualifications, providing networking opportunities such as conferences, AGMs, workshops, websites and newsletters. These organisations are also excellent support structures for people who work in the outdoors and have already established an initial skill level.

Outdoor Provider	Employed in outdoor jobs	Comments
Auckland University of Technology	80%	Employed in the adventure/outdoor educations industries
The Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre	90%	Graduates from the Outdoor Leadership gain employment in the outdoor adventure or educations sectors.
Christchurch Polytechnic Institute of Technology	57%	Bachelor Recreation Education went into outdoor recreation jobs,
	22%	College of Education who would then be seeking outdoor education (OE) jobs
	80+%	Level 6 Diploma employment rate
	60%	In direct outdoor recreation work
The Otago Polytechnic, School of Adventure	20%	In 'related employment' fields
	88.9%	Of graduate job-seekers employed
	29.2%	In direct outdoor recreation work
	58.3%	In 'related employment' fields
	12.5%	In 'unrelated employment' fields

However tertiary sector courses offer the introduction to these networks which is more helpful to the novice for establishing the pathway and the connections for the future. If you are new to the area you must consider a tertiary sector course. This way you will be introduced to the right people, career pathways and correct information to set you on the right track to working in the outdoors as a job.



Whitey (Andrew White)
Diploma in Outdoor Leadership & Management
Year 2 Student - climbing at Mihiwaka, Dunedin

Where can Outdoor Jobs be Found?

Increasingly through the 1980s and 1990s, professional outdoor positions have evolved in numbers, and jobs in the industry are found all over New Zealand and internationally. Specific job providers are through secondary schools, well known outdoor centres and tertiary education programmes - and the Polytechnics throughout New Zealand

Jobs are found in New Zealand through advertisements on web sites and newspapers, but more often word of mouth. Other positions can be found through the tourism, rather than the outdoor industry. The New Zealand Tourism Board web site states that -

“During 2003 New Zealand welcomed 2.2 million international visitors who spent \$6.4 billion during their time here. The World Tourism Organisation has picked the Asia Pacific Region to be the key growth area over the next twenty years, in fact by 2020; it suggests we could receive 25% of the world’s visitors in this region. For New Zealand, by 2010, the Tourism Research Council predicts that we will receive over 3 million international visitors in a calendar year”.

Tourism vacancies are also advertised via newspapers and or through organisations such as Tourism Industry Association New Zealand (TIANZ). Graduates with international qualifications such as the Ski / Board Instructors certificate run by the School of Adventure Otago Polytechnic at Cardrona are employed directly at NZ and international ski fields.

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**Correction
to June issue of
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~ page 13 – From Polytech to Politics ~ bottom of second paragraph should read:

“Peak oil refers to the situation that occurs when half of the world’s oil has been used, world oil production will “peak” and then fall - and at a much faster rate”.

What will work entail?

Heading into the outdoor industry and getting work can be a struggle. Gaining work experience and getting paid for it is no easy feat. Contract work such as summer seasonal work that does not usually provide long term job security, but may improve the possibility of gaining more permanent employment is an important mechanism for gaining a depth of understanding of a range of outdoor experiences. Working in different contracts and for different employees can be also helpful.

Advantages of this are the ability to work with a range of clientele, different systems, businesses, varied business philosophies, locations and work demands.

What can a graduate expect in terms of pay and what responsibilities are available?

Average pay rates at more established outdoor education centres can range \$31,000 - \$65,000 per annum. Tertiary education levels rates can also range with daily rates at approximately \$100.00 for a teaching assistant (usually an outdoor education student or recent graduate supervised by a qualified instructor.

More experienced staff can expect for example from \$200 to \$250/300.00 for a NZOIA Level 2 instructor per day and \$40.00 - \$50.00 per hour for shorter blocked work.

Levels of responsibility range from assistants, being in sole charge of a group, managing one or more programmes within a centre or school to a director of a company or organisation.



Laura Flanagan (Flan)
Certificate in Outdoor Pursuits Year 1
Climbing at Port Chalmers

While there is an advantage to be gained from seasonal work and short term contracts as described above, there are also advantages to staying with one organisation. An instructor is more likely to receive consistent work and income, develop a connection with the local community, work colleagues and surrounding environment and experience fewer pressures on relationships which may arise from the transient positions in the outdoors.

What are employers looking for in outdoor Graduates?

Employers generally look for graduates with maturity, life experiences and the willingness to listen, work and adapt to the particular organisation's philosophy and staff. Most of all they need the confidence in their employee that when they pass over the enormous responsibility of caring and guiding other lives, it is going to be a safe, positive experience for all involved.

Employers want to know that the employee can adapt to changing situations while working alone, whether it be difficulty with the clients, equipment failure or sudden changes in the environment.

They want to know that the employee is going to be the best ambassador for their business and the client is going to want to return for more and tell others – word of mouth is the best economical market tool any business can have.

Graduates who have completed a diploma or degree in outdoor education will have pursued a high level of assessment during their programme.

It is important that graduates realises that the training they receive during their tertiary education is an accelerator, intensifying and fast tracking their knowledge and skills towards getting external qualifications.

The more solid training and qualifications a prospective candidate has, the more attractive is their profile for a potential employer.

It is important to note that a qualification is only part of the picture in employers' selection criteria. Many other factors will affect a graduate's chance including, maturity, depth of experience and abilities to perform the tasks required.

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Howie Wilson
Diploma in Outdoor Leadership & Management
Year 2 Student - Paddling on the Tekapo River
Slalom Site

Furthermore, qualifications are a bench mark at a particular time and need to be maintained to remain current.

Is training on an outdoor course worth the investment and time?

Evaluations from students indicate that it is!

Students receive professional training which fast tracks their professional skills. This enables them to mix with the right people and network in industry to find job opportunities. However, one of the biggest frustrations for students is the length it may take to get established in the outdoor industry. It is important to realise this takes time. Yes, it is a journey, but a worthwhile one which can provide a fantastic long term career, lifestyle and a great environment in which to earn a living in.

Andy Thompson is Programme Manager for the Otago Polytechnic, School of Adventure. He holds NZOIA Awards at level 2 in Alpine, Bush, Kayak, Sea Kayak, Rock and Outdoor Safety Management. He is President of the Sea Kayak Operators Association New Zealand (SKOANZ) and has been involved with the outdoor industry professionally since 1987.

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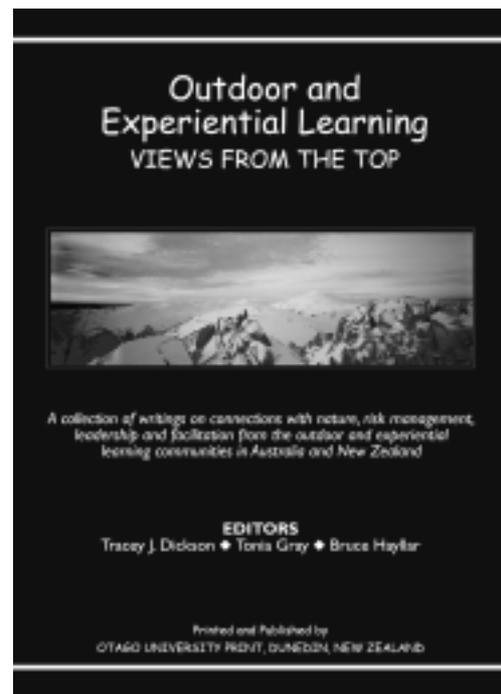
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AP Press Release**Kiwi adventurers tackle another world first expedition.**

The NZ Adventure Philosophy team of Graham Charles, Marcus Waters and Mark Jones are about to set off once again to tackle a journey that no one has ever completed. The trio are heading off this month to attempt the first ever circumnavigation of South Georgia Island deep in the southern ocean.



L- R: Marcus Waters, Mark Jones and Graham Charles

South Georgia was made famous by Sir Ernest Shackleton when he landed the James Caird and battled to cross the island to rescue his men stranded on Elephant Island. "Shackleton's legendary navigator, Frank Worsely, was a Kiwi and we'd love to add another chapter of Kiwi tenacity, skill and prudence to the South Georgian and Antarctic history books" says Charles from California where he is spearheading a publicity and fundraising campaign.



Fortuna Bay - South Georgia is in the zone of turbulent westerlies which circle the globe unhindered. South Georgia averages over 14 days /month over gale force

The trio sail from Stanley in the Falkland Islands aboard the yacht Northanger skippered by Greg Landreth (a fellow Kiwi, mountaineer and sailor), his wife Keri and NZ mountain guide Kevin Nicholas. They will be dropped off on the north east side of the island and plan to circumnavigate the island in an anticlockwise direction. By law the team must have a yacht stationed on the island to act as search and rescue because there are no resources on the island to help them.



**Local welcoming party !
King Penguins - South Georgia**

The team will have to contend with South Georgia's legendary winds and poor weather. "At 57 degrees south there is nothing on the planet to slow the winds as they circle the globe and accelerate through the Drake Passage between Cape Horn and Antarctica – except South Georgia" says Graham Charles. On top of bad weather the team will be fighting for space on the few beaches available.



Gold Harbour - Standard beach scene in South Georgia, means finding some real estate to camp on will be a difficult job

Kiwi adventurers tackle another world first expedition

Tens of thousands of fur seals, elephant seals and king penguins begin coming ashore to mate and have their young during the short summer season. "500kg testosterone bull fur seals will actively guard their beach space" says Charles who has visited the island before.

They have 35 days to complete the journey and are racing a team of British who are also claiming the coveted title this season. They hope to be back in New Zealand in early December. Their progress will be regularly updated via satellite phone from South Georgia and people can follow them at

www.adventurephilosophy.com

Adventure Philosophy have completed two previous world first expeditions by kayaking the length of the Antarctic Peninsula (2001) and traversing the Cordillera Darwin in Tierra del Fuego (2003)

Team profiles are available on the website and they welcome any media contact, articles, interviews or telephone interviews from South Georgia.

Please contact Graham Charles 0274 416 492 or at: imagematters@clear.net.nz

DRAFT NZOIA Assessment Calendar for 2006

Course & Location	Course Date	Closing Date	Course & Location	Course Date	Closing Date
Kayak Flatwater			Rock 1		
Auckland	October 28-29	September 27	Christchurch	February 18-19	January 17
Christchurch	November 4-5	October 3	Central North Island	March 4-5	February 4
Kayak 1			Christchurch	April 1-2	March 1
Murchison	February 24-26	January 22	Auckland	May 13-14	April 12
Central NI	March 10-12	February 9	Christchurch	October 28-29	September 27
Murchison	Mar 31- Apr 2	February 28	Dunedin	November 18-19	October 17
Christchurch	November 10-12	October 9	Central NI	November 25-29	October 24
Central NI	November 24-26	October 23	Auckland	December 2-3	November 1
Kayak 2			Rock 2		
Murchison	March 17-19	February 16	Christchurch	February 10-12	January 9
Central North Island	- on request.		Whanganui Bay	March 24-26	February 23
Sea Kayak 1			Bush 1		
Auckland	February - TBA	January 1	Central North Is.	April 1-3	March 1
~ ~	April - TBA	March 1	South Island	April 8-10	March 7
~ ~	November - TBA	November 1	South Island	Oct 14-16	September 13
Christchurch	February - TBA	January 1	Central North Is.	Nov 11-13	October 11
~ ~	May - TBA	April 1	South Island	Nov 25-27	October 23
~ ~	November - TBA	November 1	Bush 2		
Dunedin	February - TBA	January 1	South Island	March 10-12	February 9
~ ~	April - TBA	March 1	Central North Is.	April 7-9	March 6
~ ~	November - TBA	November 1	South Island	November 24-26	October 23
Canoe			Alpine 1		
South Island	December 2-3	November 1	South Island	September 2-4	August 1
Abseil 1			North Island	September 9-11	August 8
Auckland	December 9-10	November 8	South Island	October 7-9	September 6
Cave 1			Alpine 2		
Central North Island	March 18-19	February 17	South Island	September 8-10	August 7
Cave 2			Climbing Wall		
	On request			On request	

PLEASE check the NZOIA website for additional assessments that may have been scheduled since the publication of this Quarterly. The current Assessment Calendar is on the NZOIA website at:

http://www.nzoi.org.nz/qualifications/assessment_calendar.asp

~ the 2005 Assessment Calendar is on page 14

NZOIA Assessment Calendar for 2005

Course & Location	Course Date	Closing Date	Course & Location	Course Date	Closing Date
Kayak Flatwater			Rock 1		
Auckland	October 29-30	Sept 29	Christchurch	October 26-27	September 26
Christchurch	November 5-6	October 5	Dunedin	November 12-13	October 12
			Central NI	November 26-27	October 26
Kayak 1			Auckland	December 1-2	November 1
Christchurch	November 7-9	October 7			
Central North Is.	November 23-25	October 23	Rock 2		
			Christchurch	October - TBA	to be advised
Kayak 2					
~ contact Admin Officer for information.			Bush 1		
Sea Kayak 1			South Island	October 29-31	September 29
Auckland ~ Christchurch ~ Dunedin			South Island	November 2-4	October 2
	November 12	October 12	North Island	November 19-21	October 17
Canoe			Bush 2		
South Island	December 10-11	November 10	South Island	November 19-21	October 17
Abseil 1			Alpine 1		
Auckland	December 3-4	November 3	South Island	October 15-17	September 15
Cave 1	On request		Climbing Wall	On request	
Cave 2	On request				

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~ the draft 2006 Assessment Calendar is on page 13

Booking for a NZOIA Assessment

Booking Routine

You must have completed the prerequisites before applying for an assessment; check the syllabus - they are all available on the NZOIA website at: www.nzoia.org.nz. You must also be a current member of NZOIA as at the date of the assessment.

To apply for a place on an assessment, obtain an assessment application form, from the website (or the administration officer) and forward it to NZOIA by the closing date with:

- a \$100 deposit;
- a **copy** of your log;
- a **copy** of your current first-aid certificate, (and the application form).

APPLICATIONS normally close one month before the assessment date.

We allocate places on assessment courses on a first-in, with deposit, first-accepted basis. Immediately after the closing date, we will confirm that the assessment will run. You must pay the balance of the course fee before the assessment. If we cancel the course, we will refund all fees.

The deposit will be refunded in full if you withdraw from a course four weeks or more before the course starts, (or you can transfer to another course). Deposits will not be refunded where the withdrawal is within four weeks of the course, but may be transferred to another course. Where a withdrawal occurs within two weeks of the course 50% of the course fee will be charged.

Course fees:	Two day	- \$370
	Three day	- \$495
	Four day	- \$640

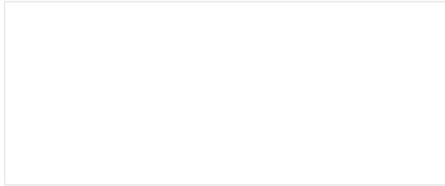
Assessment by special arrangement

It is possible to arrange assessments on dates other than those scheduled (generally subject to the availability of assessors). Please contact either the Assessment Co-ordinator (email - assessment@nzoia.org.nz) or, Administration Officer (email - ao@nzoia.org.nz). Telephone 04-385 6048.

**If you are wishing to participate in an assessment on a particular date, don't be disappointed
~ please secure your place early ~ don't delay in forwarding your application and deposit.**

NZOIA Cave 1 & 2 and Climbing Wall Assessments

These assessments are conducted "on request". If you are interested in participating in one of these assessments, please contact the NZOIA Administration Officer at: ao@nzoia.org.nz. When we have sufficient interested persons, we will organise an assessment.



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