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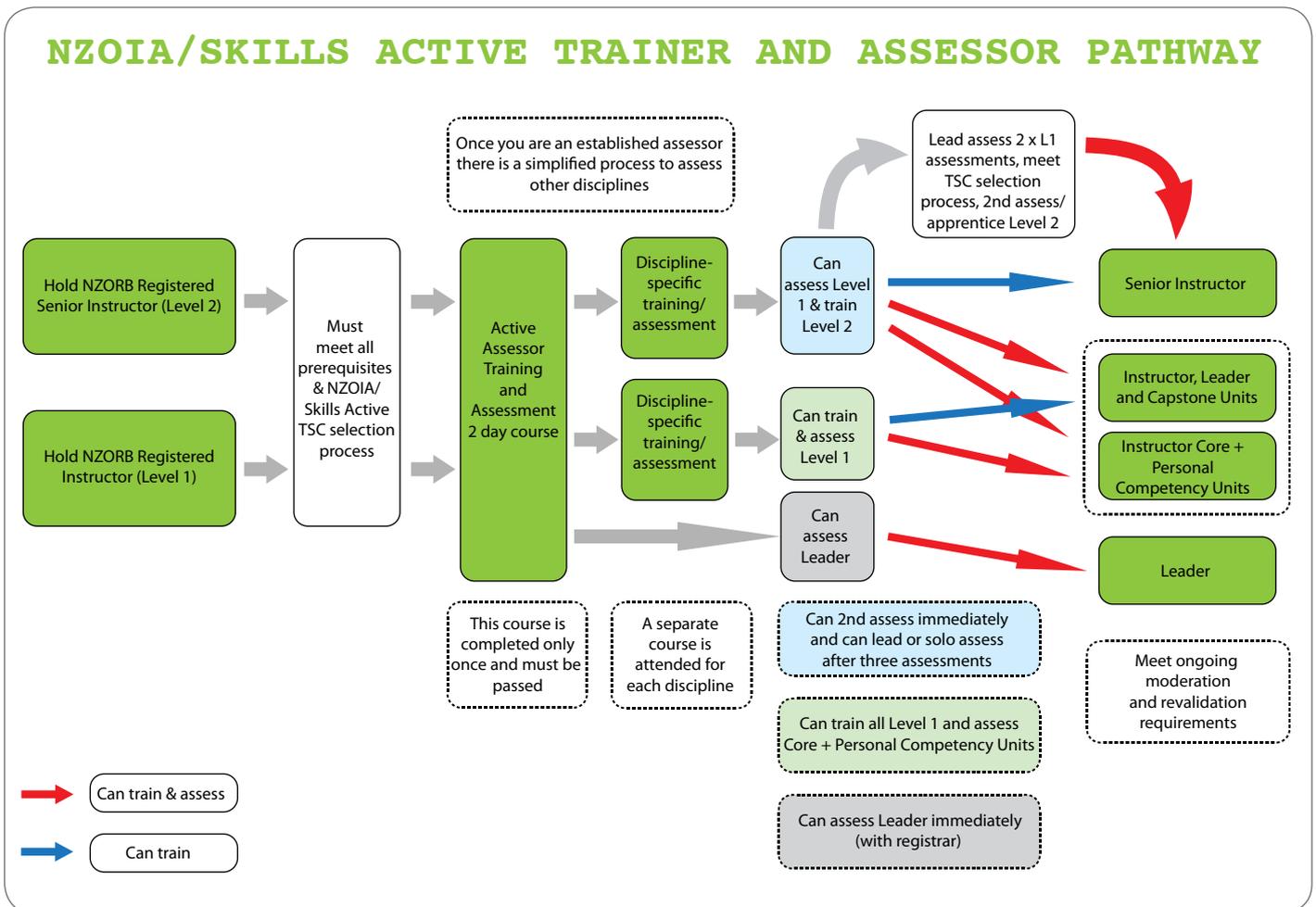
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Interested in becoming an NZOIA/Skills Active Assessor?



The new trainer / assessor pathway was developed in partnership with Skills Active. We believe it is a simpler and clearer pathway to assessor status and a process that will be more accessible to more people. It will assist you in building your instructional career and workplace capability. The process will be continually reviewed. ▶

Active Assessor course dates:

Auckland 29-30 June

Christchurch 14-15 June

Course fees: Nil. Skills Active and NZOIA are covering all Active Assessor course costs. A travel and accommodation subsidy for people who must travel to attend these courses is available on application.

Note: Further Active Assessor courses may be run in the second half of 2010.

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Significant developments include:

- A four tier trainer / assessor hierarchy
- Experienced Level 1 instructors can now become trainers / assessors
- Two types of assessor training –

Active Assessor – a generic course that is attended only once and that all new assessors must attend and pass. This course covers generic principles of assessment, how to assess against unit standards and the systems required by NZOIA and Skills Active.

Discipline-specific training – these courses occur for each discipline and for each instructor level (this is not a requirement for assessment of the leader qualifications). They cover all aspects of the syllabus in detail including the applicable standards for each distinct element, approaches to training and assessment, the assessment guidelines, and task setting and the risk management of training and assessing.

The first priority for NZOIA / Skills Active is to recruit and train people to become assessors for the new Leader qualifications. This will become the first step on the assessor pathway for most people and is open to experienced Level 1 qualification holders as well as those with Level 2s. Once you have been accepted onto the assessor training programme, you need to attend the Active Assessor course. Having been deemed competent on the course you may begin assessing at Leader level immediately, but your first assessment event will be attended by a registrar who will ensure you are competent to assess the specific leader qualification. Successful sign off by the registrar will give you the scope to assess the new leader qualifications for Skills Active and work as a trainer and assessor for NZOIA at leader level. After gaining assessment experience you can apply to step up to training and assessing at Level 1.

We are recruiting for:

Leader Level Assessors – Rock Climbing, Abseil, Kayak, Bush Walking. We need people in all regions. We envisage further recruitment and training in 2011. You must be an experienced Level 1 qualification holder or hold a Level 2 qualification.

Instructor Level 1 Assessors – We encourage experienced Level 2 qualification holders in the following regions / disciplines to begin the selection process now and attend Active Assessor. Discipline-specific assessor training will occur once the qualifications review is completed later this year.

North Island – Sea Kayak, Alpine, Bush, Rock

Lower South Island – Kayak, Rock, Bush, Alpine

Upper South Island – Sea Kayak, Kayak, Rock, Bush

Criteria for entry

- Hold a revalidated and registered NZOIA Level 1 or 2 qualification in the relevant discipline

- Provide a CV and logged experience since assessment spanning a minimum of two years and amounting to at least double the Level 1 or 2 assessment prerequisite days (exemptions may apply, e.g. people with extensive logged experience prior to assessment or overseas cross credits)
- Two nominations – one must be from your employer, a current NZOIA Assessor or a registered Level 2 qualification holder

Process

- **NOW** – Email tsc@nzoia.org.nz to express interest, reserve a place on the Active Assessor Course and request application and nomination forms
- Submit completed application together with supporting material.
- Your application will then be considered and you will receive a written notification
- Attend and successfully complete Active Assessor training course
- Receive a favourable evaluation report from an NZOIA / Skills Active Registrar who will observe and moderate your first Leader level assessment event. And / or:
- Attend discipline specific assessor training to become a Level 1 trainer / assessor

Please note that this is a **selection** process:

- a) We want the best people for the job
- b) We only need sufficient assessors to meet the demand for assessment. Otherwise we can't keep assessors current. Therefore:

Places on these courses are limited.

It is an advantage to be multi-talented with the potential to assess across a number of disciplines.

Priority will be given to individuals who can demonstrate ongoing demand for Leader assessments within their workplace / institution. And / or:

Can demonstrate established relationships with workplaces that need staff training and Leader assessment. And / or:

Are available to train and assess on a regular basis on scheduled NZOIA Leader and Level 1 instructor events, and live close to the normal NZOIA assessment locations.

Trainers and Assessors need to be highly competent practitioners. We need people who have a rich history of experience and expertise to pass on to others. This means that personal recreational experience is very important as well as extensive logged instructional time.

For more information or to discuss further, please contact either Mike Atkinson tsc@nzoia.org.nz or Matt Cant ce@nzoia.org.nz ph 021 2227331

Executive Update

Qualifications Review

A sincere thank you to those members who made the effort last December to attend the round of regional forums as part of this review. We certainly found your input to be helpful in terms of clarifying aspects of the survey results and hope that the forums served to inform, allay concerns, and explain where things are heading. Stu Allan has now completed his report and recommendations and the Executive will meet to consider these very soon. Following that, an action plan will be developed and conveyed to you so that you know what the next steps are and where you might wish to be involved.

Safety Management

I recently attended a couple of days of the coronial inquest into the Mangatepopo tragedy, largely to offer a degree of support to those members central to the incident and who were appearing as witnesses. While these hearings are designed to be primarily concerned with establishing the cause of death and making recommendations to prevent recurrence, they tend to slip into a more adversarial model with intense cross examination. This was certainly the case in this instance with three lawyers representing different parties each getting a turn to cross examine each witness. It cannot be easy to be in such a position and it's certainly not something that most of us would be well equipped to deal with. The recommendations have just been made public and once we've had chance to look through them we'll convey to members some analysis and recommendations from NZOIA.

In a similar vein I note the judgement against River Valley for the drowning of a guide in 2008 and the recent sentencing of Ferg's climbing wall in Wellington for a serious harm accident to a client. The spectre of an accident, and virtual certainty of prosecution, is a reality we all have to live with. At a national level we are working with other organisations to get clarity from the regulatory agencies so that we all might better understand the environment they are creating and hopefully have some influence on it. Here again, we'll analyse what has been said in the prosecutions and convey the lessons to learn.

Closer to home, NZOIA has appointed a contractor to review and rewrite our quality management system including our safety management system for courses. This was last reviewed in 2004 and is a substantial and important task. Alongside this we are reviewing our insurance needs and options – perhaps a timely reminder for other organisations to do likewise.

Canyoning Research

With funding support from Water Safety NZ, NZOIA initiated a research project to look at canyoning. The scope of the research was to quantify the level of activity, types of organisations involved, terrain being used, consider qualifications/standards applied overseas, and consider whether the activity level in NZ warranted the establishment of standards and/or qualifications. The findings were interesting and it would seem that if NZ emulates the experience of other nations, we are poised on the brink of an explosion in activity. This raises obvious safety concerns and, thus, an immediate outcome is for NZOIA and WSNZ to initiate further discussion with commercial operators and those at the forefront of recreational activity. The full report is available on the NZOIA website.

Assessor Recruitment

For some time now we have been reviewing the pathway to assessor status. This review was influenced by internal evaluation due to increased assessment activity and the requirements of Skills Active. You will see in this edition a two page spread explaining the new pathway and inviting interested members to apply to join the assessor pool. Significantly, assessor selection and training is now open to experienced Level 1 qualification holders as well as Level 2s. I encourage you to apply if you meet the criteria and are keen to step into this role, either as an assessor on scheduled NZOIA assessments, or as an assessor within your workplace.

Tripartite MOU

After a considerable period of discussion a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between NZOIA, Skills Active and NZMSC. This is quite a milestone and we hope it will lay the foundations for more positive and cooperative relations regarding qualifications and registration. Since the signing we have had a further meeting to progress the more practical aspects of NZMSC utilising the NZOIA/Skills Active qualifications, establishing NZORB as a separate legal entity, and encouraging other standard setting bodies to register their qualifications on NZORB. ▶

Revalidation Refresher Workshops

It's been a bit of a slow start in terms of people enrolling for these workshops, though feedback to date has been very positive. Some events have had to be cancelled due to lack of enrolments, which is frustrating for all concerned. There is a real danger of a bottleneck occurring towards the end of the year, (a deadline when many people need to attend a workshop). Please enrol sooner rather than later so we can plan ahead.

Some workplaces are contracting assessors directly and finding this an easier and more convenient way to revalidate all their staff at one go (and others in their local community too). If this approach would suit you, please give us a call and we'll put you in contact with a suitable assessor directly.

Similarly, we're hearing from members whose personal circumstances make revalidation difficult because they are heading overseas, having a child, etc. Please get in touch before your qualification expires, circumstances change, or you head off overseas, and we'll endeavour to work out a reasonable solution.

Assessment Centres and Approved Employer Revalidation Sign-off – At the March meeting of the Executive policies regarding both of these matters were finalised.

Assessment Centres are organisations that are accredited by NZOIA to advertise and conduct assessments.

Approved Employers are those with authority to revalidate their own staff every second three year cycle. These

policies will be tidied up and placed onto the website soon. Once published all members will be informed so that eligible organisations have the opportunity to apply.

Resignation of Grant Davidson

As many of you will already know, Grant has now left OPC to take up the reins as Chief Executive at Skills Active. As a consequence he has resigned as NZOIA President. At the March meeting of the Executive, Andy Thompson indicated his desire to step up as interim Chair and was duly elected by the Committee. Andy will hold this position till the AGM in September when a new President will need to be elected. We sincerely thank Grant for his considerable contributions over the lifetime of the Association, not just as our most recent President, and wish him well for his future at Skills Active. Grant remains an Honorary Member of the Association and will of course remain closely involved in what we do through our partnership with Skills Active. Andy has taken on the interim role with great enthusiasm and will be handing his previous responsibilities as Convener of the TSC to Mike Atkinson, who will join the Executive as a co-opted member for this purpose. A warm welcome Mike, and many thanks to Andy.



Matt Cant
Chief Executive, NZOIA

2010 Revalidation Refresher Workshops

Workshop Course Costs

LAND based workshops cost \$150. WATER based - Kayak /Canoe/ Sea Kayak - cost \$75 (with Water Safety subsidy)

Applying for a refresher workshop

The Revalidation Refresher Workshop calendar is now published only on the NZOIA website and is separate to the training calendar
http://www.nzoia.org.nz/refresher-workshops/training_calendar.asp

You will be informed by email each time it is updated

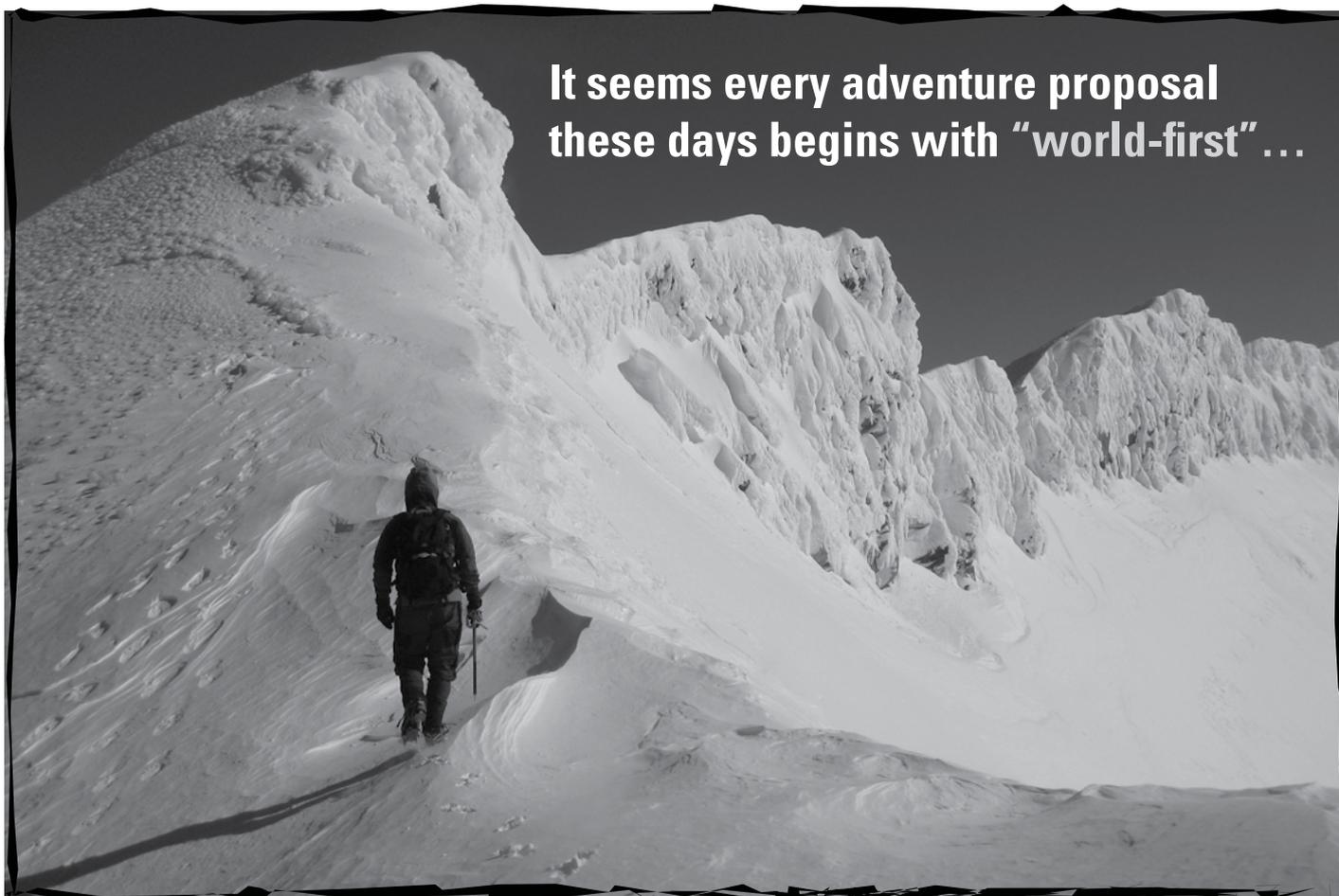
In addition we will inform you of any unscheduled events that have spare places

Applications for enrolment can be made online or by contacting the NZOIA Office. Applications need to be received at least six weeks before the actual course date. However, applications will be accepted beyond the closing date until the course maximum is reached. Places on courses are allocated on a 'first-in (with completed application form and course fee), first-accepted' basis.

Course cancellation. If minimum numbers are not achieved the course may be cancelled and a full refund given. You will be advised of this soon after the closing date for applications.

Refresher Workshops by special arrangement

It is possible to run workshops on other dates, either by special request or if sufficient candidates and trainer / assessors are available. Workshops can be run at other locations, including your workplace. Please contact the Training and Assessment Coordinator to register your interest: nzoia@skillsactive.org.nz or phone **0508 475 4557**



It seems every adventure proposal these days begins with “world-first” ...

It might be a product of a generation growing up with the Guinness Book of Records on the book shelf, or perhaps a result of living with the adulation heaped on those who ticked off one of the coveted dimensions of the planet - a Pole, or Everest, round the globe or what have you. Whatever the reason, whether it's a hook for sponsorship or a feel-good for one's ego, the “world-first” spin seems almost a prerequisite these days for any self-respecting adventure cause.

As the blank spots on the map have become filled in, named, and “conquered”, adventurers have concocted various angles for still managing to claim some title to being “the first”. There's *the chronological angle* - youngest person, oldest, quickest time, etc. *The disabled angle* - no arms, no legs, blind or what have you. *The seasonal angle* - such as first winter ascent (not a lot call for Spring, Summer or Autumn however so tons of untapped potential there). And finally the *I-did-it-my-way angle* - first unsupported, first solo, first with approach by inclined bicycle, etc.

Recently I read of a “first circumnavigation in a self-built kayak”. Simply brilliant! This opens the way for all sorts of world firsts. First descent with homemade life jacket, first ascent with home-knitted sweater, etc.

As self-important as they might sound, one of the great things about “world firsts” is that they are motivators. It's cool to think you might be the first one to do something with your particular limitations and in your particular style and you can find yourself embarking on a project you might never otherwise contemplate.

Several years ago Marcus Waters phoned me with a “world first” plan. The four highest peaks in the North Island, in a day, in winter conditions! We knew of a few folks who'd ticked the four peaks in a day in summer, but we hadn't heard of anyone linking them in winter. No doubt someone had, as it's an obvious enough objective, but as far as we were concerned it was plum waiting to be picked by us and looked to be a promising obsession for the winter of 2007. Marcus booked cheap flights from Christchurch to coincide with a full moon a few months down the track and we crossed out fingers for a kindly window. In the end the forecast was awful, but we had one opportunity and Marcus had flown up all keen for a mission, so we headed off, knowing better, but figuring we'd just see how far we got.

We arrived at the 9km gate on the Turoa side of Ruapehu at 4am in the morning discovering the road drifted over and the gate was locked. This added 600 vertical metres

to a day that already promised to be a quite stiff (the planets didn't exactly line up for us that weekend). Nineteen wind-thrashed hours later we descended Tongariro, not enough time left to travel to and climb Taranaki, and quite frankly we were too knackered to contemplate a fourth peak anyway.

We shared some great moments of storm swept beauty that day and the camaraderie of battling through it together, and though we failed we did get to climb three of the peaks in a day, which we'd never done before. However without the seed sown by "the first" angle, I'm pretty sure we wouldn't have ventured out that weekend and shared what was a pretty memorable day.

And there the idea might have reached a sensible conclusion except that I made the mistake of sharing the 4peaks x 24hours idea with someone younger and fitter and with a keener nose than mine for a world first, Cameron Walker. He politely invited me to have another crack at it with him, we circled the last full moon of winter on the calendar, and I set about finding the sort of form I'd need to keep up with him for the best part of 24hours.

One of the best things I love about having a challenge on the calendar is that it generates it's own missions toward the bigger goal. I had some of the best times ever in the Waitakere's of all places, setting stiff challenges (cos I need to get fit fast), in shitty weather (cos that was the window); unexpected adventures, where I never quite knew just how things were going to pan out, having to dig a little deeper than expected, feeling a bit more beat up than expected, but immensely satisfied as well.

Then the long day arrived, it began at 11pm. Anticipation in the air, knowing looks, slow, seeping adrenaline, the usual stuff as we left the car park on Taranaki for the north ridge. Standing on the summit at 1:30am in a pitch-black gale was surreal. Taranaki, flint hard, but glowing softly in the light of the moon, the air clear to the horizon in every direction. A shimmering necklace of rural townships half encircled the mountain while out to sea the Maui platform and tankers nestled like jewels dropped from the starscape overhead. It was a drop dead gorgeous scene, and freezing cold. I could almost see the planets lining up.

We drove the long way to Ruapehu via Wanganui and headed up the Turoa road ahead of the masses. Cam had puked himself empty en route (my chances of keeping up with him were improving). He forced down a few chocolate bars and said good to go, so we went. We cramponed past an offence of steel and machines, then we were back to the real mountain, unsullied snow and rime and the sound of the wind.

Nature has an endless capacity to awe me. This day was no different. Rainbow coloured wisps of ice-cloud danced above the summit as we approached, snatching at the wind and ridges like the technicoloured tentacles of some mountain deity. It was a spectacle of light and wind and

frozen air, and we shared a grin with the edge close by. Bulletproof sustrugi plated the summit faces (which would see two independent falls and hospitalisations over the following 24 hours).



"Three down, one to go..." - Dying fire from Ngauruhoe.

Then the long slog across to Ngauruhoe. It was Father's Day and Cam's Dad (and our driver) met us on the Tama Lakes Track with a welcome drink and bite to eat. The base of Ngauruhoe was an anticipated low point, late afternoon and only two down. Boilerplate-hard ice up the south side had me wishing I'd touched up my crampons. "Look well to each step... no second chances here..." Then long shadows and lingering light gave us golden mile to the summit.

One to go! We took the South Ridge up Tongariro- an honest finish if not the fastest route to the summit- and watched the moon slide above the Kaimanawa Ranges like a great golden coin. "All down hill from here mate". Grinning in the torchlight like two school boys on a chapel steeple... Then down we climbed to reach our end point, the Mangatepopo car park, 23hours and 1min after starting up Taranaki.

The memories I have from that day are pure gold. Life's about making good memories. It was also a luxury to be fit enough to enjoy moving in the hills for that long. Without the goal one doesn't find the capacity. It reminded me of how important it is to have something I'm not sure I can do on the planner, always. It's just a dream til it's on the calendar. It also struck me that the four peaks was the sort of link-up that ought to get done every year. Plenty of angles still left for a world first too... It' an easy-beat time, first unsupported, first solo, etc., and neither of us was wearing a home-knitted sweater. Who's up for 2010?

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Te Ngahere is a new regular feature for the Quarterly and it is hoped that lots of people will gain knowledge, a new perspective and share their ideas of what Te Ngahere means to them. If you are interested in contributing an article about the natural and cultural history of Aotearoa New Zealand please email the editor at editor@nzoi.org.nz

Serendipity

Jo Straker's article on bush knowledge and in particular her story of the Pururi moth and its relation to the Putaputaweta tree has spurred me to write about my perceptions of the NZOIA syllabi and what I have experienced on assessments.

Day 1, Bush 1 as I walk the track through the bush, droplets glint, mistletoe flames and as the first candidate finds his waypoint, a bellbird sings. The candidates maintain a conspiracy of silence, their eyes on maps and compasses and ears seemingly closed. Serendipity, the making of discoveries by chance, has passed them by. Why? How much knowledge do NZOIA syllabi ask for? Enough I'd hope to use fortunate events like these. The Core Generics states "find out the names of the plants, animals and aquatic life..." What's in a name? Does it tell me why the bellbird sings? Or that it has a dialect and its song may not be recognised by a bellbird from another area? Is mistletoe a parasite? What likes it? And why is it getting rarer? Day 3, Bush 2, I crouch low out of the wind while a candidate talks about plants with her group. Some she can name, but better are their adaptations, she describes, to survive in wind, rain, sun, snow and frost. The plants like us hug the ground and their leaves mimic our clothing. They stay. We leave. Another day, a different course and as we ascend through the forest a candidate has us scoop up a handful of leaf litter, one low down and again just before the bush line. The leaves we recognise, the occasional insect, no, and of the millions of bacteria turning plant detritus into soil we haven't a clue. Nor, most likely, has science. There is so much to know. What then can NZOIA expect of its award holders?

More I hope than the sea kayakers as their syllabi doesn't mention flora and fauna. So if paddling on my local lagoon or estuary I can ignore, say, the godwits. That they breed in Alaska and fly here for the summer, lumbering off the ground as couch potatoes, crossing the equator as honed athletes and landing as skinny wrecks. Sounds like a huge tramping trip, but they do 11,000km, some flying non-stop, navigating by sun, stars and the earth's magnetic field. Humbling isn't it what a bird the size of a small chicken can do. I could ask more. What do we know of the seals and dolphins, which cavort so effortlessly in the medium where kayakers can only skim the surface?





The river kayakers at least nod towards what they share the river with. However the cavers detail the care they must take as they alone have it in themselves to ruin their own environments, but once above ground there is little mention of what makes our landscape.

Like the barren mountains, but are they? On some long alpine day haven't you had a kea alight to share your stance. To cock its head and wonder what this strange creature is doing in its home. So ill adapted, so encumbered with paraphernalia. Or while climbing an ice route found in a sheltered rock cranny a mountain daisy or buttercup drawing sustenance from crumbs of soil and a few hours of sunshine. Or as tired and relieved to be down smelt the aroma of the spring herb fields. Or the mustiness of beech forest. And on a grander scale how did these mountains come to be and are they as old as the hills? So many things are too easily submerged in gear, techniques and delivering a structured outcome.

I'm about to go to Castle Rock to do a re-assessment. Rope work, it's technical, there's a few methods, most work, a progression and an outcome. I'll stand on rock that bubbled up from the earth in a volcanic eruption about 6m years ago. Rock that has witnessed the Southern Alps grow higher and erode almost as quickly, seen glaciers expand and shrink, possibly had giant eagles swoop from it onto moas, watched the Maori arrive, the eagles go, Cook sail past, the Europeans clamber over from Lyttleton and had climbers scrambling over it. In geological time NZ's youngest crags bubbled up moments ago. Ignimbrite: frothy coffee rock, often a mere skin. Poke too far into a pocket and it's soft, unlike the slow cooled granitic rocks of the Darrans. Hard on the skin, secure to stand on, slow to yield to wind and rain, unlike much of NZ.

How then can this inter-related web of life, Lovelock's Gaia, be incorporated into NZOIA? The commonest phrase in the syllabi is some variation on "basic knowledge of flora and fauna and geology and history of an area or two." Is this phrase as important as "demonstrate layered clothing" usually a glance during an assessment course? Or should it be written in capitals? Isn't this what we are about. Being outside: tramping, kayaking, climbing, caving and at times just being there watching, listening, sharing with friends. Rarely is it revealed as showing passion for just being out. Rarely do we write about it for the Quarterly. Recently I've seen two examples of what we should strive to express. 'Birdman' on TV last Saturday featured the Murawai gannet colony with bird artist Don Binney. He watched with rapture as the gannets rode the updraughts plunging and soaring with a merest flick of their wings. There was one element, an older man's continuing fascination with nature. Next while minding the grandchildren one miserable day the little one demanded to go out. Don't ask me where that came from. Out we went. "Rain" I said. "Rain" she replied. "Wet" I said. "Wet" she replied with hand held out and eyes upturned to the falling drops, a look of wonderment on her face. Yes that's what we also need, a child's wonderment at the beautiful processes of the world. Take it with you wherever you go.

John Entwisle: "How do I describe myself? Essentially I'm a born again teenage bum spending my time tramping, rock climbing, fishing and mountaineering, except that I have grandchildren to play with.

I'm also a NZOIA grandfather holding Rock, Bush and Alpine to Level 2 and I assess all three posing as Statler from the Muppets. Two recent trips were a 230km circuit of Kahurangi NP with Kate and a new rock route on The Mate's Little Brother with Chris Burtenshaw."

Match the captions with the photos:

Daisy Tree, Jan 2010 in the Karamea Valley

Green Clematis, Dec 2009 at Lake Guyon, Canterbury

Penwiper photographed December 2008 on Mt Faust, Lewis Pass

Among the boulders and the lichens is a Rock Wren near Brass Monkey Biv, Lewis Pass, 2007

Correction to Jo Straker's article

"Te Ngahere: What is the Bush?"

In the September Quarterly I wrote that the larvae of the puriri moth are sometimes attacked by the vegetable caterpillar (which is not a vegetable or a caterpillar, but a fungus). I would like to thank the reader who provided the following correction:

"Cordyceps robertsii, the fungus that mummifies (sic) caterpillars, attacks just one species of the porina moth group. Puriri moths are in the same genus as the porinas, Dumbletonius, but are not attacked, otherwise the stalk-like stroma or fruiting body would be sticking out of the hole in the tree where the Puriri larvae lives instead of the ground... NZ Geo has a great article on the vegetable caterpillar in issue #12. That to me is one of the remarkable things about the vegetable caterpillar, that it is so specific and yet maintains a vital balance with its target species."

One of the sources for my original comment was from the DOC resource for Kapiti Island see <http://www.doc.govt.nz/upload/documents/getting-involved/students-and-teachers/field-trips-by-region/kapiti-education-kit/secondary-resources/introduced-pests.pdf> While there may be some inaccuracies in the detail; it is a fantastic resource with lots of good activities. Jo Straker

Congratulations * * * * *

Congratulations to the following members who recently gained NZOIA Qualifications:

Bush 1	Boyd McManus, Rosalind Hughes, Nicola Boyle, Peter Cooper, Chris West, Warwick Prewer
Bush 2	Aaron Agnew, Simon Goodwin, Hayden Titchener
Kayak Leader	Lee-Ann Frandi, Wally Ropati, Daryl Parkin
Kayak 1	Steffan Poepjes, Boyd McMannus, Josh Clark, Brendan Bayly, Stewart Tukerangi
Rock 1	Jeff Sanders, Ivor Heijnen, Benjamin Crossman, Naill Mueller
Sea Kayak Guide	Robyn Crisford, Matthew Walker, Ajah Gainfort

Revalidation Reminder * * * * *

Who needs to come in for revalidation next year:

Qualifications gained before 30 June 2006

- You need to attend a revalidation refresher workshop for **ONE** of these qualifications **BEFORE 31 December 2010**
- You need to attend a revalidation refresher workshop for **all** remaining qualifications at any time **BEFORE 30 June 2012**

Qualifications gained 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

- You need to attend the relevant revalidation refresher workshop **BEFORE 31 December 2010**

Exceptions

- Overseas or heading overseas for an extended period? Contact us.
- Work with or know an assessor in the relevant discipline who can sign you off? Contact us for the forms they will need to fill in.
- Work as a trainer for NZOIA? You are automatically revalidated for the qualifications we employ you to train others in.
- Work as an assessor for NZOIA? You are automatically revalidated for the qualifications we employ you to assess in.

Book early so we can plan ahead and so you get a place on a workshop.

For revalidation dates for qualifications gained at other times or for any general information check out the website or contact us.

Kayak Instructor Training

Funding subsidies still available!

We still have funding available from Water Safety NZ to subsidise any sort of kayak, sea kayak, or canoe leader / instructor training or safety / rescue workshop. If you have a group of three or more people please get in touch asap and we'll endeavour to meet your needs. Courses may be run midweek or weekends.

Course costs are \$75 per person for a 1 day course, \$150 per person for a 2 day course. This is a 50% subsidy!

WHAT WE HAVE AND WHAT WE STAND TO LOSE

The water is renewable – our rivers are not! – Perth River NZ



Graham Charles

NZOIA MEMBERS HELP THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE NATION

NZOIA members Graham Charles, Zak Shaw, Keith Riley and Mick Hopkinson are in full swing with the Lifeblood of the Nation project supported partly by a SPARC Hillary Challenge grant under the banner of Adventure Philosophy. The Lifeblood team is a generational mix of four of New Zealand's kayak industry adventurers, photographers, writers and teachers.

The project aims to refresh publicity surrounding NZ's stunning waterways, explore demanding kayak runs and to photograph iconic NZ river environments particularly those threatened by hydro electricity generation.

The Lifeblood idea has been fueled by a growing concern over the future of NZ rivers. The focus is not to stop every single hydro or irrigation scheme in the country but merely to highlight the fact that NZ has a set of rivers we believe should have the same level of protection as national parks. New Zealand's mountains have always been sacred places but as a people we haven't extended that same sense of value to our rivers. Some rivers currently threatened by hydro electricity generation fit the bill in that they possess characteristics that are not renewable.

We have spent a lot of time teaching people to kayak on the Matakītaki River in Murchison. If you only had one river to take a politician to that would be it! The river is an exceptional fishery and is currently averaging ten kayakers per day!

The Karamea and the Mokihinui Rivers had fantastic flows and clear weather in spring. Zak shared a passion and affinity for a river with ten business executives from Auckland and Wellington on a five-day Karamea tramping and river journey. A "trip of a lifetime" was found at home and was theirs!

Mick and Graham are committed advocates for river conservation. This work has continued this summer season with countless letters being written to members of parliament and Department of Conservation Ministers. Mick is working hard to rally all river users to unify and have a voice. By placing river log books at the finish of river sections river users are now becoming numbers and prove the popularity and "value" of the resource to both the public and international community. Graham has been busy with camera in hand. His involvement with the Mokihinui hydro proposal could prove invaluable. This summer Graham has provided several lectures to audiences of international tourists both in NZ and onboard tour ships in the southern ocean.

In November Keith and Zak spent two weeks on the road adventuring and filming wild rivers. They ventured into South Westland's Burke River and the "Churn Gorge" The

Churn gorge itself is just 2km upstream from where the Burke joins the Haast River. Kayaking, climbing and bush bashing all day they were rewarded with views into an incredible chasm of carved bedrock with big cauldron waterfalls.

During the same road trip they pulled off an epic three-day first descent of the East Waikaia river in Southland. The alpine highlands of the Waikaia River are unparalleled and contain some of the best whitewater in New Zealand! There are no trees only golden tussock slopes, craggy rock and unrelenting class V whitewater! The Waikaia descent was a huge adventure and a brilliant tie in to the Lifeblood ideals.

The Lifeblood of the Nation project is ongoing. Our efforts will not be limited to a few trips. With summer now in full force we are active adventuring and photographing wild rivers. One of our current aims is to maintain the momentum of a 'Wild Rivers' campaign that was launched nationally in the later part of 2009.

Our team has identified a list of rivers that we believe hold qualities of national significance. Our next project is the Waitaha River. It flows west out of the Southern Alps to the west coast of the South Island, its glaciated headwaters feed the Morgan Gorge - a pristine corridor of raw rock and turquoise colored water. A privately funded electricity scheme is underway and aims to cater to the 'future tourism growth of Franz Josef. It would be a sacrifice of ludicrous mis-proportion given the small size of the scheme, the small percentage of energy supplied to the national grid but the HUGE loss of ecosystem and resource.

There are many hydro electric proposals threatening the health and natural character of our nations rivers. Rivers are currently considered a green energy option. The water is renewable - our rivers are not. We are grateful for the input from SPARC and the Hillary Expedition funding to help continue the project.

Graham Charles



Left to right: Mick, Zak, Graham – the Lifeblood team

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NZOLA courses not being run at a suitable time or location?

Want to get all your staff sorted when and where it suits you?

Got a group of 3 or more people and a date / location in mind?

Whether it be training, assessment or revalidation we are happy to run a custom course for you. Contact the Training and Assessment Coordinator to discuss your needs and we'll do our best to make it happen. Costs may vary from scheduled courses and minimum numbers of participants dependent on the course type will apply.

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What's Up

The Fifth International Outdoor Education Research Conference

Research in "friluftsliv" and outdoor education: Different places, critical perspectives and new possibilities!

The Fifth International Outdoor Education Research Conference will be held in Denmark, July 5-9 2011. The conference will be hosted by the Institute of Sports Science and Clinical Biomechanics, University of Southern Denmark and Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences, University of Copenhagen. Both universities offer outdoor education, teaching and research programs and have therefore decided to co-host the conference.

Contact: Research Unit Movement, Sport and Society, Institute of Sports Science and Clinical Biomechanics Campusvej 55, DK-5230 Odense M, phone: +45 6550 3590

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Aspects of Leadership

Small Freedoms

Ray Hollingsworth

Windows down, the afternoon heat resounded with cicadas as I drove slowly across the Waipapa Dam, excitedly telling my kids stories of the changes in the landscape and the evolution of climbing on the cliffs surrounding the dam. Glancing in the rear view mirror, I could see them look with renewed interest at the placid lake, could almost see them imagining the wild rapids that used to exist, and the small city of people that it took to construct the dam to tame the wildness. As we eased our way into the empty car park, I not very subtly suggested we have a look at a climb I had put up on the Car Park Wall. Ginny rolled her eyes and laughed but we were all thankful of an excuse to stretch our legs. And there it was - right in the middle of the last great, unclimbed line on the cliff - a sign saying "No Access. No Rock Climbing or Abseiling in this area by order of Mighty River Power. Phone 07 857 0199".

My groan was followed by muttered expletives. Yet again it was happening - a faceless edifice squashing the joys and efforts of those seeking some small adventure. What possible harm could rock climbing on this small crag do to the dam or the people who work in it? I had personally invested several hundred dollars in equipment and petrol and many hours of time driving to and from the crag (three hours from where I live), let alone the filth of cleaning the route or the brownie points accrued to enable me to escape in the first place. I had experienced the pleasure of creating a fine route where none existed, and now as I stood staring at the sign, all of that effort counted for nothing. Ginny walked along the base of the cliff, offering that it was a shame as the routes looked really good, before diverting the kids into looking for fish.

The Car Park Wall at Waipapa is only a small cliff, in scale and stature. I am only one of maybe half a dozen first-ascentionists on this cliff, so the number of people who will experience what I felt at that point is small. Yet nearby are two more spectacular cliffs that many more people have contributed to in time, effort, skill and money. What if access to those places was closed off too?

I stopped at Bryce's Café on the way home and talked to the man himself while the kids each inhaled an ice cream. Bryce Martin has had a hand in just about every major crag developed in the North Island and Waipapa is no different. In his typically gruff way he described the apparent cause of the access demise. A group of climbers, possibly from a school or a centre, had filled the car park with vehicles leaving nowhere for one of the workers to park. Bryce went on to bemoan the inability of climbers to walk more than 50 metres or to think beyond themselves. I wasn't sure if I agreed with everything he had to say but if the story was true then it was pathetically tragic. A lack of consideration for other users by the rock climbing group, and an overreaction from the Mighty River Power company, resulting in climbing

getting a bad name amongst non-climbers, and another climbing area being lost.

For the rest of the drive home I mused on the sign. With perfect timing, Joni Mitchell's 'Big Yellow Taxi' came on the radio,

*"Don't it always seem to go,
that you don't know what you've got till it's gone.
Oh, they paved paradise and put up a parking lot"*

That sign represented the loss of something that I'd worked hard to get. That seemingly insignificant climb was my contribution, and I was proud of it. It wasn't big or flashy or even world class, but it was mine. That sign represented an inability to control my own destiny because the landowner determined my recreational ventures. It represented the loss of recreational diversity, one less place that I could go to find the thing I need from my recreation.

Outdoor recreators can sometimes be a headless bunch of idiots, often poorly mannered, and at worst, leaderless. Where was the dialogue between the company and the group? And if it wasn't a 'coherent' group, then who would the company have dialogue with anyway? Who stands up for the climbers and the cliff access? And further, why don't climbers respect themselves and the history of which they are a part, and manage themselves so that their climbing future is assured?

We stopped for a cuppa at my mother's place in Hamilton. As the other occupants left the car, a roll call of images played across my eyeballs, images of other places compromised or lost to the climber and kayaker I used to want to be: Motuopa, Tihoi, Ti Toki Point, Smith Rocks, Wharepapa / Castle Rock, whole acres of Whanganui Bay, Sargood's Weir, Fulljames I had to snap out of the cloud of grumpiness that had descended. I had to be nice to my mother. I had to borrow her phone to ring Mighty River Power. With my favourite mantra from Edward Abbey ringing in my head - 'resist much, obey little' - I went inside.

Denise, the cheerful receptionist at Mighty River Power, put me through to the cell phone of Geoff Anson, who was in charge of the Waipapa Dam. Geoff said there had been no conflict situation, but Mighty River 'had seen some people going along and doing abseiling there, and we can't allow that to happen on our land. We can't sanction it.' Mighty River, he suggested, was not prepared to take responsibility for the actions of others. He also conceded that he wasn't familiar with all the legal ramifications surrounding access and use and said he would pass my details on to someone who was.

It was beginning to sound like a trip back in time to the early nineties when the health and safety legislation was passed and farmers were fearful of allowing access onto their land

because they might be held accountable for any accidents. What saved the day then was education – if landowners made all practicable steps to inform visitors of hazards, if they could demonstrate due diligence in making their place safe, then they could not be held responsible for any injury that might occur to people recreating on their land. This allowed climbers to climb, abseilers to abseil, mountain bikers to bike, orienteers to run – and for those people to take responsibility for their own actions. Of course, the farmer still had to allow them onto the farmland in the first place, which they were not obligated to do. It was – and is – their prerogative.

Some time later, I spoke to Alan Hurcomb, Resource Manager for Mighty River Power. We had an amiable conversation that covered a range of topics including camping, climbing with a permit and fishing access. Unfortunately, the outcome was the same and their argument goes like this: Mighty River can't control who goes onto their land (it is part of the management plan to allow people access) and if they know an activity is happening on their land, then they are responsible for that activity. But Mighty River can't guarantee the anchors are safe, they can't know that the people are competent, and they can't know that the equipment used fits the purpose to which it was designed. We talked about a fenced off area with only permitted people allowed to climb – but the management plan does not allow that area to be fenced.

Disappointed, I approached some colleagues at AUT University who have more expertise than I in the field of health and safety. One suggested a number of options – explaining the safety of the pursuit (compared to rugby it must come out with a sparkling record); having dialogue with the company about what their major issues are; seeking permission for a permit on the grounds of my (and my colleagues') experience, qualifications and training; identifying areas of concern and trying to find solutions. The other colleague intimated that risk-disclosing signage might work, but the health and safety laws in New Zealand dealing with negligence were mostly uncharted territory. In the end, both colleagues came to the same conclusion: if it is their land, they can do what they like.

With kids in bed and beverage in hand, I recalled an earlier conversation with Bryce Martin. In his convoluted and prescient way, Bryce talked about possible futures for climbing in the Wharepapa South region. One future is where further changes of landowners bring about a further removal of the climbers' free access to the crags. This has already happened at Wharepapa / Castle Rock where climbers have to pay for something that they once didn't, and Smith Rocks, where the recent change of landowner brought about the total closure of access to three crags. Why should farmers bother with the hassles of parking, and the worry about gates, stock and injuries when it is easier to not have random visitors?

Another future, à la Bryce, was where climbers banded together and agitated to buy the crags to secure the access. Buying a crag is a novel concept for most of us but it has already been done in the Waikato with the acquisition of Wharepapa / Castle Rock and Froggat's Edge by a Hamilton

businessman for the express purpose of creating a tourism attraction. With the amount of media coverage given to an obesity epidemic in NZ, and the amount of money being put into encouraging people (and especially children) to lead healthier lifestyles, perhaps this future isn't a complete fantasy but actually a fantastic idea. Climbers could lobby the city councils and national organisations (and maybe even empathetic businesses) to secure recreational access for all. Bryce went on to suggest that the crags in the Waikato region are a national asset, part of the tourist trail for international climbers, and as such were worthy of protecting.



Sargood's Weir

But who would lead the way? Who are the stewards of the places in which we recreate? The NZ Alpine Club has been to the forefront in the past with brokering access at places like Whanganui Bay. The Federation of Mountain Clubs (FMC) has been an active voice in promoting wise use of the high country in New Zealand. The NZ Recreational Canoeing Association has likewise been active with safeguarding the flow and access of rivers throughout the country. The Department of Conservation is often sympathetic to recreators but has its own agenda and priorities. All of these organisations are worthy of being supported. But outdoor groups lobbying to purchase land for outdoor recreation / outdoor education use only, is a relatively new idea. The mountain bike parks in Wellington and Rotorua are the only examples that spring to mind. In the past, lobbying by outdoor recreation users has focused on preserving areas of scenic or ecological or wilderness value. Or focused on issues like access. Outdoor recreational value has most often been a part of a greater whole, not the purpose itself. Buying the crags for climbers and educators would be a radical move.

Why does any of this matter? After all, the Car Park Wall at Waipapa is an obscure crag with a handful of climbs on it. It matters because it is symptomatic of a risk-aversion malaise that has infected this society within my lifetime (and I'm not really that old!). It matters because another small freedom has been extinguished.

Ray Hollingsworth teaches a variety of outdoor subjects at AUT University and dreams of finding a mother lode of unclimbed rock in the Waikato. Being moderately decrepit, even though technically still in his prime, the climbing wall in his basement has to suffice for now. Being the proud father of two blossoming children, he is also getting used to small freedoms being extinguished every day. When the price of petrol goes down again he will, no doubt, leave his man-cave and venture forth.

2010 Training Calendar

The training calendar is now published only on the NZOIA website and lists courses run both by NZOIA and other providers: http://www.nzoia.org.nz/training/training_calendar.asp

You will be informed by email each time it is updated.

In addition we will inform you of any unscheduled training events that have spare places.

Training Course Costs

All courses run by NZOIA are discounted for members; this includes full, associate and student members. If you are not already a member it is probably worth joining to access discounted training.

All water based courses including kayak, canoe and sea kayak are supported with Water Safety NZ funding.

Course Duration	NZOIA members	Non - members
1 day courses	\$75	\$150
2 day courses	\$150	\$250

All other courses including bush, alpine, rock and cave

Course Duration	NZOIA members	Non - members
1 day courses	\$150	\$250
2 day courses	\$300	\$400

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.

Important notice: Ideally there should be a period of several months between training and assessment. This allows you time to work on any gaps that have been highlighted by the training course. It is NZOIA policy that you cannot be trained and assessed by the same person within a one month period; because of this booking training and assessment within a one month period is not recommended and may lead to disappointment.

Please plan ahead to allow for this as NZOIA is unable to confirm who will be a trainer or assessor until after the application closing date.

Applying for a training course

The application form for enrolment for Training Courses can be downloaded from the website at: <http://www.nzoia.org.nz/Training/index.asp> or by contacting the Administration Officer / Training and Assessment Coordinator. Applications need to be received at least 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 a full refund given. You will be advised of this soon after the closing date for applications.

Training courses by special arrangement

It is possible to run training on other dates, either by special request or if sufficient participants and trainers are available. We are happy to run courses at any level, at other locations or in your workplace; and will be pleased to discuss your individual or organisational needs. Please contact the Training and Assessment Coordinator to register your interest. **Email:** nzoia@skillsactive.org.nz **Phone:** 0508 475 4557

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Assessment Fees

Climbing Wall	Sea Kayak 1 upgrade	\$250
Bush Walking Leader	Abseil Leader	\$470
Kayak Leader	Rock Climbing Leader	
Cave 1	Rock 1	
Canoe 1		
Bush 1 + Bush 2	Rock 2	\$630
Alpine 1	SKOANZ Sea Kayak Guide	
Cave 2	Sea Kayak 2	
Alpine 2		\$800

BOOKING FOR AN 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 the required fee, 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 fully completed application and fees, first-accepted basis
5. After the closing date we will confirm that the assessment will run
6. If we cancel the course we will refund all fees
7. Refunds are generally not provided where a candidate withdraws after the six week closing date irrespective of the reason (see website for full details of refund policy)

Assessments by special arrangement

It is possible to run assessments on other dates, either by special request or if sufficient candidates and assessors are available. Please contact the Training and Assessment Coordinator to register your interest.

If you are getting ready for assessment, do let the Administration Officer and Assessment Coordinator know! We may be able to run a special assessment if we have sufficient numbers or include you in an unscheduled assessment that does not appear on the calendar. Email: nzoia@skillsactive.org.nz Phone: 0508 475 4557

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NZOIA PROFILE: Ben Dorrington



“ Hey I’m Ben, I’ve been the NZOIA Assessment Co-ordinator now since Nov 09 and I’m finding it a very busy and involved job.

I enjoy being outdoors, although I don’t partake in many “outdoor” activities. I do surf, snowboard and seakayak, among other things. I have recently started training in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, and am reveling in the physical challenge it provides.

I do have some great memories from school tramps in the Tararuas when I was at high school. I remember big missions in from the Holdsworth Road end, along the Atiwhakatu, and up to Jumbo Hut... I even stayed one very cold mid-winter night at Mountain House before it was torn down.

The photo here was taken during a snow-shoe trip I did with some friends in the Canadian Rockies. This was a lake near the Alberta/BC border – completely frozen over, with a good 1m + of solid ice! We walked around the edge of it on the way back to the car! Pretty terrifying when you hear massive cracks and groans while you are on it!

I look forward to meeting the needs of NZOIA members in the future. Now... bring on the winter... I need a snow fix! ”

Ben Dorrington works for Skills Active as the NZOIA Training and Assessment Coordinator.

NZOIA PROFILE: Paul Richards

“ **A bit of history:** I was born at an early age... I started working in the outdoor recreation industry prior to finishing my further education and, as my mum reminds me, I still haven’t managed to get a proper job some 20 years later. I have been the operations manager for PGL France and Spain putting through 50,000 guests a year, a manager of a field studies centre in the Lake district (it rained) and I even ran a ski hotel in Serre Chevalier (it snowed).



I held a number of British nationally recognised qualifications including kayaking, canoeing, rafting, sailing, windsurfing, climbing, and mountain biking. A jack of all and master of none!

What currently floats my boat? I would windsurf everyday if I could. I can’t because my wife won’t let me, I have to work and I’m too old and broken. I love mountain biking, which is great as I live in Wellington, and sports climbing (please refer to the Wellington location)

Interesting Fact: Some people would say I am one of the luckiest men alive as I have managed to break my neck twice and I am still doing outdoor activities. I may suggest that breaking my neck once wasn’t that lucky. Twice may have been careless.

Philosophy: I am a strong believer that qualifications along with experience have an essential role to play in establishing and maintaining operational standards for the outdoor industry. NZOIA has a pivotal role to play in the creation and assessment of meaningful qualification that are accessible and credible. ”

Paul Richards is a Project Manager within the team at Skills Active with responsibility for outdoor recreation and as such works closely with NZOIA through our partnership in training and qualifications provision.

NZOIA Logo

After much design work and considerable deliberation we have decided on a new logo. You may not see much difference from the old one and that was intentional!

The Executive considered lots of alternatives and a wide variety of more pictorial graphics (mountains, rivers, ocean, items of equipment, trees etc) we finally came around to a decision that the existing NZOIA brand is a strong one – widely recognised, respected and valued – things we didn’t want to lose.

So, the overall look preserves our established identity, but the font and colour have changed slightly. We have replaced the descriptor ‘New Zealand Outdoor Instructors Association’ with ‘Excellence in Outdoor Leadership’. This also replaces the old motto ‘Excellence in Outdoor Instruction’.

NZOIA
Excellence in Outdoor Leadership

While these changes are subtle there is good reason for them. For some years now we have been in partnership with SKOANZ and welcomed sea kayak guides into our membership, and more recently have extended our qualifications to include leaders. Accordingly we’ve tried to shift the emphasis away from just ‘instructors’ and thus be more inclusive of these groups. We hope you like the design and approve of the reasons for it. If you wish to use the new logo please contact Steve Scott in the office, ao@nzogia.org.nz for the necessary files and guidelines.



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