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Profile of NZOIA member and Outdoor Instructor Nathan Fa'avae

“ Maybe just a little bit crazy!! “ By Jill Dalton



I met Nathan on a Bush 1 assessment where he casually mentioned he did a bit of adventure racing!

Well – that was a bit of an understatement as it turned out.

The highlight of that assessment turned out to be the firefighting task – who else do you know who can light a fire in 26 seconds? No, there were no accelerants.

Next, Nathan turned up on a Rock 1 assessment and the story goes that he dislocated his shoulder on the first day. The assessors packed him off to hospital to get it sorted out. Nathan was soon back on the rock face to finish (and pass) the assessment. This shoulder turned out to be a constant source of worry, and a few weeks ago I heard that he was off to Wellington to get it fixed for once and for all. No ferry or plane to get to the hospital – Nathan kayaked across Cook Strait!

Nathan attributes a lot of his adventure racing skills to his career as an outdoor instructor. He recently finished a 3 year contract at the 'Outward Bound' school. He says "I spent about 5 days a week standing in the rain with wet feet and a 25kg pack on my back". He now works at the Nelson Institute of Technology teaching navigation and outdoor skills.

Growing up in New Zealand Nathan had a very active childhood but he attributes most of his sporting talents to his Pacific Island heritage. Being half Samoan has meant he is no stranger to the basic and often hard lifestyle the outdoors offers. "adventure racing is not all that different to a normal day in the islands, big days out adventuring are part of daily life" he says.

Nathan entered the endurance sport scene as an 17 year old, running marathons and competing

in multisport events. In his first outing in the Coast to Coast, he was nicknamed the 'whiz kid' after doing the fastest mountain run and leading the 2 day race after the first day.

He was then attracted to the speed and excitement of mountain biking. Nathan went on to win 2 national titles and was a member of the NZ Pro/Elite XC team for 5 years. He then returned to racing multisport with two podium placings in the Coast to Coast.

"I believe the purpose of life is to experience happiness. I find things I enjoy doing and do them. Right now I enjoy adventure racing so that's what I'm doing. I also seek new challenges and adventure racing has it's challenging moments which I enjoy." he says. "I think the western world is in a bad state, people are unhealthy and the environment is not being respected. I like to be fit and it is important to me to care for nature, adventure racing embraces these two things well. My work is also a big part of my life as I also believe it is important to give, and my work in the outdoors is very giving".

Nathan competes regularly in mountain biking, road cycling, running, kayaking, and multisport events. He holds the world record for a bicycle ascent of worlds longest uphill - 8:45hr, 91km, 4500m altitude gain in Bolivia. Also whitewater 1st descent Waingaro River - North Fork - 2 days Class 4/5 by kayak and 1st descent Karamea River - 1 day - Class 5/6 by raft.

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**OUTDOORS
NEW ZEALAND**

From front page -

In 2001 Nathan recorded 2nd in the Eco-Challenge New Zealand, and 2nd in the World Adventure Racing Champs Switzerland and 6th Raid the North Canada

He has mountain biked extensively in New Zealand, and has been adventure riding in Australia, China, USA, Switzerland, Bolivia:

He holds NZOIA qualifications - Bush 1 & 2, Rock 1, Kayak 1, SKOANZ - Sea Kayak and NZRA - Raft Guide. Rumour has it that he's after Alpine 1 this year.

A relaxed and philosophical attitude to racing often hides his fierce competitive drive and strive for excellence.

From the Presidents Wine Glass

I'm a bit worried about our wine cellar - its growing! It's a bit like the outdoor industry just now, a tendency to be quite diverse, lots of new varieties, young frisky wines pleading to be tried, and the old reliable numbers, always complex, with lots of integrated flavours.

Don't forget a slightly chilled bottle of 2001 Sauvignon Blanc with your kayak trip picnic, or a tasty Italian chianti with your pasta. Its a feast out there.

Our Committee has got a bit like that as well, with some changes happening this year. Stuart Bell has had some business pressures that resulted in him resigning from the Committee. This left the marketing portfolio vacant, with lots of work to be done.

We advertised around the membership and had five expressions of interest. As a result, Jason Marra from Tauranga is joining us with a marketing brief. Jason is a dedicated kayaker, with a strong leaning towards marketing as well.

The website plans are quite extensive, and we are pleased to welcome the assistance of Nigel Seebeck from Wellington who will help Ian Logie.

Andrew Thompson from Dunedin has offered to help us with our liaison with SKOANZ. It is great to be able to spread the work projects around.

Finally, Kate Bowes from Blenheim (Marlborough wine country) will be taking over the Assessment Co-ordination from me (yay). This will be a gradual process, but Kate has loads of energy and enthusiasm. We will profile these people for you in the next Quarterly.

Over the last year there have been two fairly high profile incidents that have resulted in fatalities, namely the Clarence River and the Buller.

On both occasions, NZOIA has been involved in investigations as part of the Maritime Safety Review panels.

We are currently awaiting the outcomes and will publish factual reports when they are to hand. This has also caused us to review our own internal processes.

NZOIA is always concerned when an incident happens that affect our members. We see it as an open process with published results and recognise that these events are opportunities for learning for us all, sombre as it may be.

Have an adventurous Easter - I will be competing in the National Orienteering Champs which is being held on a map by the shores of Lake Pukaki - view distractions on a fine day no doubt.

Cheers

Jill Dalton



Congratulations

to the following members who have recently obtained their NZOIA Instructor Awards -

Rock 1

- Craig Miller
- Ed Nepia
- Angela Pahl
- Sarah Painter
- Graeme Pringle
- Tony Wall
- Tony Wells

Rock 2

- Jo Martindale
- Penny Holland



www.safeoutside.org.nz

Just what you have been waiting for..... Training opportunities.....



Need to upskill, refresh, or learn to use some new instructional skills? Horizons Unlimited offers the following public programmes. All programmes include embedded NZQA unit standards and are led by industry leaders. Feel free to contact us directly to gather more information or check out the website www.horizons.co.nz

Pre-Hospital Emergency Care 4 – 9 June or 7 – 12 October

This programme is offered in partnership with AUT. For those wanting a more extensive First Aid qualification, this six day programme develops emergency care knowledge and skills for a diverse spectrum of outdoor recreation and work environments.

Cost: \$485 incl gst

Duration: 6 days

Location: Christchurch - June
Southern Lakes - October

Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Refresher 8 – 9 June

For those wanting to brush up on their PHEC skills.

Cost: \$260 incl gst

Duration: 2 days

Location: Christchurch

Adventure Education Facilitator Workshop 25 – 28 June

This four day workshop aims to enable participants' to work with an increased level of competency in group facilitation. Based on the Experiential Learning (EL) cycle, the programme will give participants greater understanding of the 'tools and techniques' associated with group facilitation as well as experience in the design and delivery of an EL activity.

Cost: \$345 incl gst

Duration: 4 days

Location: Christchurch

Winter GAP – Certificate in Adventure Leadership 5 August - mid November.

This 16 week programme is offered as a partnership between Horizons Unlimited and Southland Institute of Technology. Its busy, very hands on, adventurous, involves time on the snow, kayaking, rock climbing, expeditions, challenge ropes course, first aid, sea kayaking and leadership opportunities. By combining with IEP we are able to offer off shore job opportunities at the end of the programme.

Cost: contact us

Duration: 16 weeks

Location: Christchurch

Challenge Ropes Course Technical Skills Workshop 2 – 5 September

This four day workshop is designed for people who intend to become involved in the use of adventure-based programmes incorporating Challenge Ropes Courses. It will include all the set up, safety, and group management skills and practices employed in the use of a Challenge Ropes Course.

Cost: \$630 incl gst.

Duration: 4 days

Location: Christchurch

Risk Management Training Programme 16 - 17 September

An introduction to basic Risk Management principles and practices. This two day workshop will include practical applications, current legislation, and accident causation.

Cost: \$225 incl gst

Duration: 2 days

Location: Christchurch

Outdoor First Aid 29 – 30 October

This course provides first aid challenges in outdoor settings. Scenarios in a range of settings are designed to challenge participants' problem solving abilities, improvisation skills, and confidence in dealing with trauma and medical emergencies.

Cost: \$225 incl gst

Duration: 2 days

Location: Christchurch

White Water Rescue Workshop 19 - 20 October

This workshop covers the NZRCA syllabus for river rescue. Content includes understanding the difference between preventative measures in river safety and "crisis management". Participants will learn a wide range of river safety and river rescue techniques.

Cost: \$235 incl gst

Duration: 2 days

Location: Hurunui River

n.b. price includes transportation to and from Christchurch.

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Risk 2002

Wilderness Risk Management Conference

- When** Dec 14-16, 2002
- Where** The Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre of NZ
Tongariro National Park
New Zealand
- What** A national conference for all professionals in the outdoor education and adventure tourism industries.
- Key information will be presented of relevance for leaders, instructors, managers and administrators of any wilderness or adventure-based programmes.

Experts from New Zealand and overseas will be providing sessions addressing important topics such as:

- Legal liability: NZ and international trends
- Accident theory
- Risk management best practice
- Accident trends and causes
- Research findings
- Practical workshops on the latest rescue techniques

Call for Proposals

We are currently seeking proposals from those wishing to present at this conference. Proposals should be sent to the conference organisers at any of the contact options listed below.

The proposal should outline:

- Name and contact details, including email address
- Brief background of submission
- Working title for the presentation
- Brief summary of content of the proposal
- Timeframe of presentation: either 75 minutes or 180 minutes
- Maximum or minimum number of participants
- Any audiovisual gear required
- Any other requirements for the presentation

Deadline: Proposals should be received before April 30th, 2002

***A conference hosted by the
Sir Edmund Hillary Outdoor
Pursuits Centre of New Zealand (OPC)
and supported by Outdoors New Zealand (ONZ)
and the NZ Water Safety Council (WSC)***

CANOE ASSESSMENT (South Island late 2002)

An enquiry has been received for a CANOE Assessment in the South Island in the latter half of 2002 - the date is yet to be determined.

Anyone interested in participating should register their interest with either the:

Administration Officer -
ao@nzoia.org.nz, or the
Assessment Co-ordinator -
assessment@nzoia.org.nz.

WEBSITES WORTH A VISIT

**these two are worth a
look at on a "cold wet
evening"**

www.adventurepro.com.au

- it's an Aussie / NZ "outdoors" site with lots of very interesting outdoors stuff.

www.climb.co.nz

- one for the climbers, by NZOIA member, Steven Riddell, and he would appreciate comments and feedback.

EMAIL !!!

If you are a Full Member of NZOIA, have you been receiving "Employment Opportunity" emails from time to time?

Do we have your current Email Address?

Flick an email to: ao@nzoia.org.nz and we will add you to the NZOIA address book.

With this programme you can help

SAVE LIVES IN RIVERS



On average 48 people drown in rivers each year, many more sustain serious injuries. Most river based incidents could be prevented if people gained a basic understanding of how rivers work and learned simple safety skills.

WSNZ has recently developed a RiverSafe activity manual. This resource focuses on classroom, swimming pool and river based exercises for Year 9 and 10 students with an emphasis on safety and planning. There is a gap in the school system for qualified and professional providers to contract their services to run these activities.

Water Safety New Zealand are now calling for interested people to qualify as RiverSafe trainers.

The ACC RiverSafe Programme Provider Training days will cover the activities in the RiverSafe manual, curriculum links, and the policy and qualifications required to run the ACC RiverSafe programme.

www.riversafe.org.nz

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To find out more, contact: **Brendon Ward, Project Manager**

Ph 04 – 801 9600, Email: bward@watersafety.org.nz

Water Safety New Zealand have recently been running ACC RiverSafe Programme Provider Training days. In October 2000 a RiverSafe manual was sent out to all secondary schools. This activity based manual focused on classroom, swimming pool and river based exercises for students with an emphasis on safety and planning.

With 6 school river drownings in the past 2 years, it was perceived there was a gap in the school system for qualified and professional providers to contract their services to run these activities. The ACC RiverSafe Programme Provider Training days cover the activities in the manual, curriculum links, and the policy and qualifications required to run the ACC RiverSafe programme.

So far 43 organisations have attended the ACC RiverSafe Provider Training days including: Hamilton Skills Centre, YMCA (Tauranga, South Canterbury, and Christchurch), Waiariki Institute of Technology, Tihoi Venture School, Black Water Rafting, Sir Edmond Hillary OPC, TOPEC, Pete Outdoors, Blue Mountain Lodge, Taranaki Sports, Sport Wanganui, Raftabout, Riverslea Lodge, El Rancho, River Rock, Kapiti Skills Centre, Top Adventures, Weltec Institute of Technology, Adventures Unlimited, Whitireia Polytechnic, Wellington College of Education, Castle Hill Outdoor Centre, Christchurch Polytechnic, Academy NZ Christchurch, Horizons Unlimited, Tai Poutini Polytechnic, Boyle River Outdoor Education Centre, Earth Touch Adventures Ltd and Peel Forest Outdoor Pursuits Centre.

Based on initial feedback from providers who have attended and from schools who have since been contacted by those providers, there is a demand and the programme will be popular with schools because of the safety aspects and curriculum links. More ACC RiverSafe Programme Provider training days will be run depending on demand.

For more information on the ACC RiverSafe Programme check out the www.riversafe.org.nz website or contact Brendon Ward at Water Safety New Zealand on 04-801 9600 or bward@watersafety.org.nz. You can also contact Brendon Ward if you would like to register interest in attending an ACC RiverSafe Programme Provider Training day.



SO WHAT IS NZOIA DOING FOR YOU ?

(And what are you doing for NZOIA?)

by Jill Dalton, on behalf of the Executive

Here's an update on what is going on just now.....

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

This email service to members has met with resounding success. When we get notification of jobs that are available, they immediately go out to full members via an email distribution list. We have been impressed with the range of jobs out there, and feedback from members regarding the value of this service is very positive. Make sure your correct email address is part of our list.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

We are investigating a new membership card of a more durable nature. In future it will have more information on it, such as what awards the person holds. Probability is that it will be of a plastic type material, similar to that used for credit cards.

BROCHURE

We are designing a new full colour brochure to advertise just who NZOIA is and what it does. This will go alongside our brochure for employers (which will also be upgraded at the same time.)

CLOTHING

Soon we will have a service for members where you can send items of clothing for either screen printing or embroidering with the NZOIA logo. There will be a small charge for this, but NZOIA will pay the set up cost.

DISCOUNTS

A number of outdoor suppliers are to be approached to negotiate discount deals for members.

BROMIDES

Will be available for members that will include the pms colour number, so that you can use this in your advertising.

SKOANZ

We have reactivated dealings with SKOANZ regarding the possibility of a Sea Kayak Instructor Award. This has been in the melting pot for a long time, we are hopeful of progressing this one way or the other soon.

NZOIA/SFRITO LIAISON

NZOIA has representation on the SFRITO Board, and also on the Outdoor Recreation Advisory Group. We are also talking to SFRITO about the possibility of gaining credit for unit standards as part of gaining a NZOIA award. In order to progress this proposal, we needed approval from 80% or more of our assessors. This has now been achieved, and so further discussions with SFRITO will be held.

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

NZOIA members (Jill Dalton and Matt Cant) are on the Outdoors New Zealand (ONZ) board and were recently involved with a strategic planning exercise. Quite a few initiatives were proposed and we hope to have a report on this for the next Quarterly.

Steve Milgate represents NZOIA on NZMSC and WSNZ boards, and we are presently planning to talk with NZMGA about possible liaisons.

SO WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING FOR NZOIA, AND WHAT COULD YOU DO?

- *Give us feedback on the bumper stickers.*
- *Write articles for the Quarterly.*
- *Give us feedback on anything.!!!*
- *Offer to be a 'worker ant' and help with projects.*
- *If you are keen to be on the committee, let us know.*
- *Promote the value of NZOIA awards at every opportunity.*

6th International Camping Congress Melbourne, Australia 5-10 Jan 2003.

A great opportunity to meet people involved in camping from across the world.

An exciting program has been devised and there will be many opportunities to visit parts of Australia & meet lots of Aussies.

For more information and registration look at the website:

www.icc2003.cav.asn.au

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Camping Association
of Victoria
332 Banyule Road, View
Bank, Victoria,
Australia, 3084
Phone: (613) 9457 5434
Fax: (613) 9459 3600

CAVE INSTRUCTORS WEEKEND

A Cave 1 training day was held at Waitomo on the 16th of February and went really well with all the participants learning a lot.

Another weekend is planned towards the end of the year - for details please contact:

Hayden Titchener

Ph 07 873.6650, or email:
hayden54@hotmail.com

MEDIA release - 1 March 2002

Water Safety At Risk Of Going Under

Water Safety New Zealand claim they are missing the boat in funding rounds from government sources !

The claim comes following a statement that road safety education would receive an additional \$38 million dollars from the increased petrol tax and further widens the gap between funding available for the prevention of injuries and fatalities within the water safety sector and other areas.

Alan Muir, Executive Director of Water Safety New Zealand said that water based safety agencies are currently funded by the New Zealand Lottery Grants Board (NZLGB) with no direct Government funding. "The NZLGB has a funding pool that is reducing as well as being more widely dispersed. That has meant either a static or reducing allocation to the water safety groups over the past 10 years despite increased participation, increased population and the effects of inflation".

"Approaches to a variety of government ministers for additional funding over the past 10 years have not been fruitful" said Mr Muir. "Last year Water Safety New Zealand had meaningful discussions with the Minister of Education and Sport Fitness and Recreation Mr Mallard, and whilst he is supportive of water safety education, this support needs to be more tangible".

New Zealand's drowning statistics are appalling by international standards said Mr Muir. "We have twice as many drownings per head of population as Australia and nearly 5 times that of USA".

"The investment in water safety education and drowning prevention in New Zealand is currently about 45cents per head of population from government sources and based on the lack of emphasis or action demonstrated by ministers from successive governments, it would seem that drownings are viewed as being affordable", said Mr Muir.

Based on LTSA figures for road deaths, the cost of drowning on New Zealand in the last year alone was \$255m.

The spate of drownings in January and February this year have renewed calls for additional emphasis and resources to be allocated to water safety education. Leading injury prevention expert, Professor John Langley from the Injury Prevention Research Unit at Otago University, spoke out at a recent Injury Prevention conference in Wellington about the inequalities of funding between road safety and water safety. These inequalities also appear when comparing water safety to fire, civil defence and OSH.

It is the vision of Water Safety New Zealand that "Everyone in New Zealand will have the water safe attitudes, skills and behaviours necessary to use and enjoy the environment safely". This vision cannot be achieved without a definite commitment from government to adequately fund organisations charged with keeping New Zealanders safe in, on and under the water.

Currently Water Safety New Zealand receives \$1.4m from the NZLGB for its water safety education projects such as; Swimming New Zealand's learn to swim program, Coastguard Boating Education's boating courses, Surf Life Saving New Zealand's beach education programmes, New Zealand Underwater's Dive Safe campaign, Yachting New Zealand's SailSafe program, The Kiwi Association of Sea Kayakers courses together with pre-school, RiverSafe, Maori and other initiatives.

notes from **New Zealand Recreational Canoeing Association**

The New Zealand Recreational Canoeing Assn has had a difficult and busy summer, working with the Maritime Safety Authority to respond to a number of tragedies on New Zealand rivers.



**New Zealand Recreational
Canoeing Association Inc.**

However, the news is not all sad, and in conservation work we are delighted to announce our successful defence of the Gowan river from hydro generation, and its inclusion in the Buller Water Conservation Order. Other efforts include representing the views of recreational kayakers at the hearing for conserving the Rangitata River. See: www.rivers.org.nz for more details of the work of the association.

If you want to support their work and support the future of whitewater then have a look at the Associations's magazine, NZ Canoeing. It goes out to around 1000 individuals, clubs and organisations around the country. The Autumn issue includes articles by NZOIA members Graham Charles and Mick Hopkinson.

PASSENGER SERVICE LICENSE - do you need one?

A number of enquiries have recently been made about the Land Transport Safety Authority's (LTSA) regional enforcement and the issue of Passenger Service Licenses (PSL). The Tourism Industry Association has a long-standing interest in this issue and has sought clarification from LTSA.

The most recent "agreement" regarding LTSA's interpretation of PSL legislation is as follows:

Whether any particular operator requires a passenger service licence is decided purely on whether they are either:

- 1 Operating a large Passenger Service Vehicle (PSV) - one designed to seat 13 persons or more or,
- 2 If the vehicle is a small PSV - one designed to seat 12 persons or less - whether the small PSV is being operated for hire or reward.

If the answer to 1, or 2 is yes, then a passenger service licence is necessary. In respect to point 2, the central issue is whether the service is running for hire or reward.

Current policy position on deciding whether hire or reward is present, are the following guidelines:

Hire or reward is present if:

- 1 The operator is making a specific charge for the transport either of passengers, or some other body (such as a trust). The charge can include part payments to cover petrol, and a donation; or
- 2 The operator is being funded with money "tagged" for the provision of transport - say a Ministry of Health grant to take older citizens for outings; or
- 3 The courtesy service is of a type identified in MOT v Brownlie unreported decision, Fisher J, HC Rotorua Registry AP60/90 (11 October 1990), or LTSA v Off Road Adventures (Queenstown) Ltd - where the carriage of passengers is considered to be an integral part of the commercial service.

Mr Brownlie organised paid tours of local walking tracks and sites of interest. To get his customers to and between these different sites he rented a mini van. It was held on appeal that using the mini van to carry his customers between the walking tracks was not a courtesy but a part of his business and he needed to be licensed.

Off Road Adventures is a commercial enterprise. It hires out motorcycles to tourists and conducts a tour/adventure ride. It would drive the hirer, along with rented motorcycles, to the tour start point in the company truck. Without the transport provided there was no way a tourist could be expected to get to the start point. The Court found that the transport to and from the start point could not be divorced from the overall cost, and that the transport was therefore integral to the business, not a courtesy.

The LTSA's position, therefore, is that services that are not integral to the business nor subject to any categories 1 or 2 above, do not currently need to be licensed.

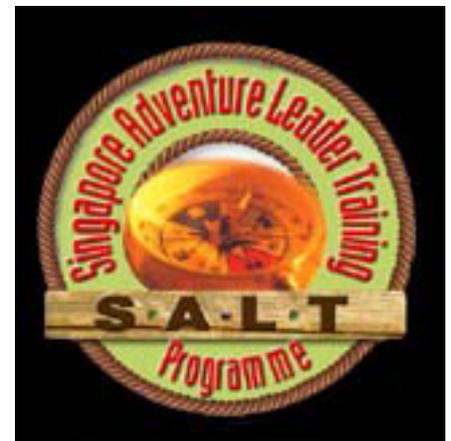
The above item is from the February 2002 issue of the Adventure Tourism Council newsletter.

The Singapore Adventure Leader Training (SALT) Programme

The SALT programme is a non-technical mountain walking leader programme aim to equip participants with the relevant skills and knowledge to lead expeditions in the tropical environment. Topic includes navigation, risk assessment & management, expedition planning & management and emergency procedures. Participants will also be directly involved in the planning of their own expedition.

The SALT programme is the first programme in the Asia-Pacific Region to be accredited to The International Mountaineering and Climbing Federation (UIAA) Mountain Walking Leader Standards.

For more information, log on to:
www.salt.org.sg



NZOIA Logbooks

are now available - please see page 13 for details.

Outward Bound

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DEVELOPING PEOPLE & DEVELOPING TEAMS

Outward Bound® is New Zealand's leading educational charitable trust specialising in and holding a strong commitment to the personal development of young people.

With a strong vision and an exceptional strategic plan, Outward Bound® is striving for quality outcomes both in terms of curriculum delivery, staff competence and the continual personal development of staff and students in an educational environment. As a result of this philosophy, new positions based at Anakiwa, Marlborough Sounds, have become available.

INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

As part of an annual recruitment to replace staff who are finishing their terms of agreed employment and to reflect growth in student numbers, Outward Bound® is running a Staff Selection programme in May.

Interested facilitators, educators, or trainers with proven outdoor experience, life skills and necessary qualifications to deliver to a range of students and other clientele including corporate, special needs and challenging youth, are encouraged to apply. A philosophy that embraces Outward Bound® values is essential, as is being able to establish positive relationships with students and the school community.

Instructional and / or teaching experience is desirable. On-site or nearby accommodation is available.

The selection days are: **May 1 - 5, 2002.**

Potential staff that have already forwarded a completed application form need not apply again. Their applications will still be considered. We will also have a staff selection programme later in the year during September or October. Applicants can indicate a preference.

Successful applicants from the May programme will begin their employment agreements towards the end of 2002.

Applications for these positions close on March 20th, 2001. An application package is available from Ruth Schaffer Ph: (03) 574 2016, Email: rschaffer@outwardbound.co.nz

Applications and further enquiries should be addressed to: Craig McDowell, School Director, Outward Bound School, Private Bag 403, Picton. Ph: (03) 574 2016, Fax: (03) 574 2350. Email: cmcdowell@outwardbound.co.nz

ADVANCE NOTICE

**The 2002 NZOIA AGM will be held in conjunction with
Outdoors New Zealand AGM and Industry Forum.**

Friday 6th / Saturday 7th September in Auckland

The NZOIA AGM Will be on the Saturday afternoon (more details later).

Letter to the Editor ~

Dear Editor

This is an update on where we are at regarding getting a toilet at Rapaki Rock. Since the original letter was sent to you we have had a meeting with Paul Deviin, the Head Port Hills Ranger. At this meeting we discussed some of the issues surrounding putting in a toilet at Rapaki Rock and what may be possible options.

We would like to highlight these and are seeking other ideas and solutions to the problem.

The issues:

1. Rapaki Rock is a Maori Reserve of high cultural significance and continual access is not guaranteed.
2. Land ownership: Rapaki and Mount Vernon (across the road from Rapaki) are privately owned.
3. Lack of suitable sites. A toilet would need to be close enough to the crag for people to use it, yet sited to avoid vandalism & comply with the Christchurch City Council's visual regulations for the Port Hills.
4. Funding. Who is going to contribute to initial costs and on-going maintenance? A number of people who have made contact with us have indicated that they may be able to contribute to the cost.
5. Who is the toilet for and is the perceived need for a toilet higher than the real need?

There were three main options we could see:

Permanent structures:

1. Composting Toilet (similar to the one at Castle Rock):
 - Site needs to be north facing for the toilet to work (Remember the quarry is south facing).
 - Site needs to be discreet to avoid vandalism and landscape issues. Even the toilet at Castle Rock has been damaged in the past.
2. Vault Toilet System:
 - Has no site restrictions, but requires vehicle access for emptying.
3. Portable - Portaloo:

There are two thoughts on this idea:

1. Groups organise and bring/hire their own toilet, which could become a requirement for groups to use the crag.
2. Collectively buy a "Rapaki" loo.
Don't need to worry about site or access as it will be in the car park and removed when not in use.
How to co-ordinate toilet collection and drop off particularly when multiple groups are using the crag.
Where will it be stored and serviced?
Who will manage it?

Christchurch City Council could also trial a portaloo at Rapaki for a day/week to see how much use it gets to determine demand/need.

These issues and ideas need to be discussed with the major uses of the crag - being you and/or the organisation you work for. One option for this is to organise a cleanup day at Rapaki. Such a day would provide an opportunity for all to assess the problem, contribute to an initial clean-up and debate options for toilet facilities.

If you have any ideas or feedback regarding any of the issues we have raised here please feel free to contact either of us. If you think a clean-up day at Rapaki is a good idea and would be happy to attend and contribute, please let us know.

We look forward to any comments, feedback or other ideas you may have.

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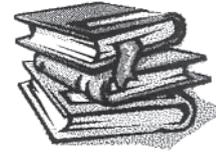
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If you have internet access, please take time to have a look at YOUR website, and yes, your comments and suggestions would be most appreciated (you can make these via the website - use the "contact us" page).

email - goes hand in hand with the big wide world of the Internet. As of the 15th March, just over 75% of our current members had provided us with an email address. If you have an email address and have not provided it to us, we would like to know it - either drop into the website and send it to us via the "contact us" page, or just send an email to: ao@nzoia.org.nz

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climb.co.nz - one for the climbers, by NZOIA member, Steven Riddell

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mountainsafety.org.nz - the NZ Mountain Safety Council

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nzalpine.org.nz - NZ Alpine Club Newsletters

wildernessmag.com - the Wilderness Magazine

acc.co.nz - the ACC website - a good place to check requirements and services

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- if you have any that you think other members would find useful, please let the Editor know.

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<u>Kayak FW</u>			<u>Rock 1</u>		
Taupo	April 6-7	March 1	Christchurch	April 13-14	March 5
Auckland	November 2-3	October 1	Central NI	April 28-29	March 20
			Christchurch	Sept 22-23	August 10
			Auckland	October 12-13	September 5
			Christchurch	Nov. 2-3	October 1
			Dunedin	Nov. 23-24	October 15
<u>Kayak 1</u>			<u>Rock 2</u>		
Murchison	March 15-17	February 5	Christchurch	March 22-24	February 10
Christchurch	October 11-13	September 5	Whanganui Bay	Nov. 15-17	October 10
Central NI	November 15-17	October 5			
Christchurch	November 22-24	October 10			
<u>Kayak 2</u>			<u>Bush 1</u>		
Murchison	March 22-24	February 10	Central North Is.	April 27-29	March 20
			South Island	Nov 2-4	October 1
<u>Abseil 1</u>			<u>Bush 2</u>		
Christchurch	April 6-7	March 1	South Island	22-24 March	February 10
Auckland	October 26-27	September 20	North Island	Nov 14-17	October 10
<u>Abseil 2</u>			<u>Alpine 1</u>		
Christchurch	October 26-27	September 20	North Island	September 7-10	August 1
			South Island	Sept 14-17	August 5
			South Island	October 12-15	October 1
<u>Cave 1</u>			<u>Alpine 2</u>		
Waitomo	Sept. 7-8	August 1	South Island	October 4-7	September 1
<u>Cave 2</u>			<u>Indoor Wall</u>		
Nelson	October 14-15	September 10		On request	
<u>Outdoor 1</u>				On request	
<u>Canoe</u>				On request	

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