



## Adventure Activity Standards (AAS) Update Number 6 May 2003

### Introduction

This is an extremely important update, We have final AAS being hosted on the ORC Inc. website, AAS being launched at the CAV/VAEE/VOEA State conference in June and 11 more activities to be included in AAS by the end of June 2004.

So please forward this update to everyone who you think may be interested in getting involved and as always we invite all feedback by email to [info@orc.org.au](mailto:info@orc.org.au).

### News at a flash

- The final details have been added to 6 activity standards which will be freely available by tomorrow (Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May 2003) at [www.orc.org.au](http://www.orc.org.au). There has been a slight delay in posting these as we extended the final review period on request. Not to mention the inevitable technical difficulties we come to expect.
- As mentioned above the 'Launch' of the AAS will occur at the CAV/VAEE/VOEA conference. This will be a great opportunity for questions and answers and to really have a look at the finished product.
- The recreational angling AAS has been slightly modified following our second consultation with PFIGA and VRFISH, most issues centered around the additional workload perceived as necessary for volunteers and the potential for AAS to become restrictive as rather than beneficial.
- Similar issues are currently being discussed among some Four Wheel Drive Organisations and a final consultation with the peak body 'Four Wheel Drive Victoria' has provided some solutions. This will be revised then confirmed with the working group to be added to the completed AAS in mid to late June.
- The Review process has also been confirmed. This will involve the ORC storing feedback for discussion over the next 8-12 months after which a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition will be produced. We hope that this will facilitate acceptance and more importantly iron out any oversights sooner rather than later.

### Stage two activities and proposed key dates.

The following activities and key dates are very important. Some issues with stage one related to the tight schedule involved in this project. As a result we would like to invite interest and create discussion from the very start of stage two.

As AAS are our (The industries) opportunity to demonstrate consistency and to take steps towards ensuring the success and sustainability of the outdoor recreation sector (Commercial and Non commercial), we are, as always, very keen to involve all key organisations, individuals and types of activity providers (Education, tourism, community etc.). So please contact us if you would like to be involved in any of the following workshops [info@orc.org.au](mailto:info@orc.org.au).

**Block One;**

- Bushwalking
- Surfing
- Trail Bike Rides/Tours
- Trail Horse Rides

Workshops for these activities will be held between July 29<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup> 2003.

**Block Two;**

- High and Low Ropes
- Abseiling
- Canoeing/Kayaking

Workshops for these activities will be held between November 27<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2003.

A third block is being included but the activities are not yet confirmed.

There is also some discussion regarding the inclusion of wild life tours (dolphin, penguin etc.) in the AAS project. Currently we suggest that this is done by documenting Scuba and snorkelling AAS then documenting a supplementary AAS for the wildlife viewing. Opinions are also encouraged on this matter to [info@orc.org.au](mailto:info@orc.org.au).

Please forward this information to anyone who you feel will have a reason to view these drafts.

**Additional Industry News**

**The CAV / VAAE / VOA 2003 state conference** "A dry & ancient land" will be held on Friday and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> June 2003. This year's conference is being held at the Edmund Barton Centre, 488 South Road, Moorabin 3189 Melbourne Victoria (Melways Ref: 77, G5)

The conference brings together professionals from the camping, outdoor education and recreation and environment sectors. A common theme for all three professionals is the respect and use of the land.

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