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**YOUR CONTRIBUTION**

Please feel free to offer feedback or response to any of these articles. If you have an interesting story or information you think would be useful to people working in the fields of outdoor adventure activities then please send them in.

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**NEWS****National Outdoor Education Conference Scholarship**

Outdoors WA has a scholarship available for the National Conference to be held in Victoria from 20-23 September 2007. Outdoors WA will fund return air travel and registration costs. EO'S extended to August 13. Contact the Outdoors WA office for application details.

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The recent Board Meeting in Melbourne resulted in Kathy Kingsford's election as President. The OCA also agreed to engage a person to develop and position certain aspects of NOLRS MKII, in particular the Preferred Assessment Provider initiative. Applications for the role are available from Outdoors WA.

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The results from the industry survey indicate need for re registration information in abseiling (natural and artificial) and bushwalking. It's anticipated that the following sessions will be conducted.

- One Day Guides Revision/Extension Day – in these workshops qualified and experienced instructors will have opportunity to learn and revise their roping competencies. There will be no formal assessment although group feedback will allow participants to evaluate where their skills are at in relation to the abseiling competencies
- Evening information sessions to assist experienced outdoor instructors prepare their documentation for NOLRS re registration

Details to follow or register your interest today!

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The Public Forums have now been completed and the Technical Working Committees for each of: Abseiling, Climbing, Artificial Climbing, Canyoning, Challenge Ropes Course are being convened. Draft AAS will be available for public comment in the near future. We have vacancies on Technical Working Committees for artificial climbing and challenge ropes courses. Please contact Outdoors WA if you are interested in participating.

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**Thursday 30 August 2007**  
**AND IT'S FREE!**

City of Fremantle Reception Rooms, 1st floor  
 8 William Street WA 6162  
*View attached PDF for more info!*

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Conference Registration forms were sent out last Friday, so you should be finding them in your mailboxes soon if you haven't already! If you find you haven't received one please contact the ACA Office on 1300 734 187 or email [camping@auscamps.asn.au](mailto:camping@auscamps.asn.au)

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## Track and Trails Conference 2008

In March 2008 QORF will be hosting the Tracks & Trails Conference on the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. The conference program is developing and will have a pre-conference workshop with Joey Klein from IMBA presenting a practical workshop on mountain bike trail design solutions. Other aspects of the conference include: panel discussions, concurrent sessions and practical workshops. Those interested in presenting should notify the conference convenor at [info@tracksandtrails.org.au](mailto:info@tracksandtrails.org.au) or by lodging an expression of interest on the conference website. More information including registration forms (Early Bird registration available) can be found on the website: <http://www.tracksandtrails.org.au/>

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## Swiftwater Rescue Course

The 3 day course features 1 day of classroom based theory plus 2 days of on site practical participation in both individual and team environments. The 2 days practical are very hands on with a major focus being the ability of students to move effectively and safely in a dynamic swiftwater environment. Students complete a skills, sheet and a test at the course completion. A certification issued by Rescue 3 is awarded.

**Rescue 3 Swiftwater Rescue Technician Level 1** is recognised by the Department of Education and Training as a suitable qualification to comply with the Outdoor Education and Recreation Activities procedures and guidelines.

Dates are as follows: Friday 17th August to Sunday 19th August 2007  
Wednesday 3rd October 2007 to Friday 5th October 2007

Phone Dwellingup Adventures on 95381127 or visit [www.dwellingupadventures.com.au](http://www.dwellingupadventures.com.au) or email [dwqupadv@westnet.com.au](mailto:dwqupadv@westnet.com.au)

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## Parks and Protected Areas Forum

Are you someone who has passion for parks and protected areas and wishes to seek partnerships to enable these precious areas to continue to provide a sense of place, for all people, for all time?

Registrations are now being invited for the inaugural **'Parks and Protected Areas Forum'** hosted by DEC, FACET, Conservation Commission, Conservation Council, Marine Parks & Reserves Authority, World Commission on Protected Areas and Parks Forum.

The forum will take place from 23 to 26 September, 2007, at the Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle. Notable park luminaries including The Hon Bob Carr, Paul Eagles, Malcolm Douglas, Peter Cochrane, Sally Morgan and Penny Figgis will be speaking on themes based around the values of parks and protected areas.

For more information about the conference, including the conference program and registration details, please visit the website [www.promaco.com.au/2007/parks](http://www.promaco.com.au/2007/parks) or contact the conference organiser, Promaco on 9332 2900.

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## The 2007 Healthy Active Lifestyle Awards

Information on how to enter will be posted on the website [www.achperwa.asn.au](http://www.achperwa.asn.au) by the end of July. Nominations must be received by close of business Monday 29 October. For further information contact ACHPER WA on 9383 7708 or email [info@achperwa.asn.au](mailto:info@achperwa.asn.au)

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## Sport and Recreation Industry Awards

The awards folders for the Sport and Recreation Industry Awards are now being distributed.

- Minister's Award for Industry Excellence
- Industry Award for Management
- Commitment to Participation
- Best Management Initiative of a Built Facility
- Best Management Initiative of a Soft Facility

and many more.

Of course, if you know of an organisation that is doing particularly good work it would be great if you could give them a call suggest that they might like to enter. This year like the last awards, the nomination must not be longer than two A4 pages so it should not be too difficult for them. The nominations close on August 31. There are details of the awards on our website - perhaps you might like to forward the following link to your clients [http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/scripts/nc.dll?DSR.655612:STANDARD::pc=PC\\_60227](http://www.dsr.wa.gov.au/scripts/nc.dll?DSR.655612:STANDARD::pc=PC_60227)

If you have any questions about the awards contact Tim Haynes on 9492 9839 or Charles Hayne 9492 9833.

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## Industry Peak Body Award

Nominations for the Outdoors WA Peak Body award being for, "demonstrated outstanding innovative service by an industry member", close August 31 2007, further details are available by clicking [here](#).

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## Women in Sport and Recreation Survey

The physical activity taskforce is conducting a quick survey to seek opinion and obtain your views and experiences on a range of topics relating to women in sport and recreation in Western Australia.

The survey follows up the Senate Report (About Time! Women in Sport and Recreation in Australia) and will, with input from people involved in sport and recreation in WA, build upon the recommendations made in the report and identify areas of most significance to people in WA.

The survey is being undertaken by Womensport West with the support of The West Australian Department of Sport and Recreation.

The survey is voluntary but I encourage you to contribute to this survey and to the wider debate on women's sport in Western Australia.

The information you provide will remain confidential and only be used in aggregate. It will form an important base for future lobbying and advocacy work by Womensport West.

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2UKjs6FSK3RJ89MpshZRSg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=2UKjs6FSK3RJ89MpshZRSg_3d_3d)

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