

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEMBER PROFILE & BIO

NAME: Pete Hegarty

EMPLOYMENT: Engineering roles in the power industry – 35 years

BACKGROUND PERTAINING TO THE OUTDOORS INDUSTRY:

- 1 Camping and bushwalking since age 6
- 2 Family including parents and grandparents involved in leadership roles in the scouting movement
- 3 Bushwalking with groups and clubs for over 30 years
- 4 Bushwalking in Western Australia for 20 years, with 15 years as a leader and 10 years in committee positions with a leading bushwalking club
- 5 Use 4WD for access to remote areas for walking, camping and canoeing expeditions
- 6 Experienced recreational SCUBA diver (PADI Rescue level) in Australia and overseas
- 7 Instrumental in the development of policies & guidelines for bushwalking club management
- 8 Involved with Federation of WA Bushwalkers Inc, the peak body representing bushwalking interests in Western Australia, and interfacing with Bushwalking Australia Inc for insurance and risk management issues.

REASON INVOLVED IN THE OUTDOORS WA BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:

The Board of Management has strong representation from both the outdoors education industry and commercial outdoors operators, but has historically lacked representation from the recreational 'industry'.

Recreational activity is arguably the largest sector of the outdoors industry, with bushwalking alone represented by 1,000 club members and a further estimated 80,000 (ERASS statistics) involved in 'non-organised' bushwalking activity in Western Australia.

As the "Peak Industry Body" for outdoors adventure activities in WA, Outdoors WA should also represent the recreational sector. Conversely, the development of programs such as the Adventure Activity Standards (AAS) and the National Outdoors Leader Registration Scheme (NOLRS) are significant tools in risk management, and while not binding to the recreational sector they provide a valuable model on which to base their management.

Outdoors WA is also a strong advocate for the recreational industry, and pursues issues such as access to recreational areas which are vital to the industry.