

Wed Rāapa 23 SEPT	Thurs Rāpare 24 SEPT	Friday Rāmere 25 SEPT			Saturday Rāhoroi 26 SEPT		Sun Rātapu 27 SEPT
0900 – 1700 Assessor Training Workshop (for new Assessors) Mangatawhiri Block	0730 Breakfast 0800 - 0900 Assessor Registration Open Dining Room 0900 - 1700 Assessor Conference Mangatawhiri Block 1530 Shuttle from Airport	0700 Breakfast & make packed lunch		0700 Breakfast & make packed lunch		0700 Breakfast	
		0730 Safety Hui – <u>ALL</u> Fri Offsite Assessors/Facilitators		0730 Safety Hui – <u>ALL</u> Sat Offsite Assessors/Facilitators		Clean up	
		Full Day Workshops 8am – 5pm		Full Day Workshops 8am – 5pm			
	Refresher Workshops Bush 1 (Andy Thompson, Gemma Parkin & Steve Onyett) Bush 2 (Don Paterson) Cave 1 (Kieran McKay) Rock 1 (Loz Ogle)	PD Workshops Raranga harakeke (Mark Jones) Flip and fix (Graeme Swift) Beyond the Wall - Creative Climbing for Real Learning (Darrin Worsfold) Teaching mountain biking for dummies (David Williams) Salt and Soul (Athena Jones, Oliver Bone & Luke Shaw - Dilworth)	Refresher Workshops & RCC Assessments Bush 1 (Nick Davies) Kayak 1 & RCC Assessment (Shanan Miles & Stewart Tukerangi) Rock 1, 2 & SCE (James Geddes) Mountain Bike L & 1 (Kris Bartley) Sea Kayak L, Guide, 1 & 2 (Mark Johnston)	PD Workshops WERO canoe rolling (Simon Dixon) Rope & Rigging Techniques for Canyoning (Russell Hodgson) Rock climbing Movement (Prajot Sabnis) Outdoor Photography It’s not the oven that matters! (Andy Thompson) Never sacrifice style and grace for the summit (Sash Nukada)	0900 NZOIA AGM Following the AGM: Rakiura 50 min Doco and Q&A by Mark Jones on circumnavigating Rakiura earlier this year		
	Symposium Start	Half Day Professional Development Workshops		Half Day Professional Development Workshops		1100 - 1115 Karakia, Kai & Symposium Close	
	1600 - 1700 Registration Open Dining Room 1700 Assemble at the Dining Room 1730 Welcome Mihi Whakatau	AM 0800 – 1200 NZ Ecosystems and Ecology (Tom Trnski & Robert Vennell - Auckland Museum) 0800 – 1200 Te Here Taura – Weaving authentic connections with te ao Māori in te taiao (Taylor Bruning & Lara Hania, Whenua Iti Outdoors)	PM 1300 - 1600 Lost at Sea – Nautical Charts (Royal New Zealand Navy) Session A 1300 – 1500 Educational change (Fiona McDonald, EONZ)	Session B 1530 –1730 Strengthening Pathways through the outdoors (Ella Creagh Sport NZ, Mark Mandeno Adventure Works)	AM 0800 – 1200 From Insta reels to real – Modern Glacier travel and rescue in practice (Cam Walker) 0800 – 1200 May thy knife - <i>chip and shatter</i> -carve - Teaching Knife Skill Progressions (Scott McCulloch & Dan Fieten, Dilworth)	PM 1300 – 1700 From Insta reels to real – Modern Glacier travel and rescue in practice (Cam Walker) 1300 – 1700 Accessible Adventures: Building Inclusive Outdoor Experiences (Kate Parr, First Step Outdoors & Mark Mandeno, Adventure Works) 1300 – 1500 The Dilworth Outdoor Journey (Rob Jolly & Dan Fieten, Dilworth)	1115am Airport shuttles depart
1900 Assessor Conference accommodati on check in 1900 Airport Shuttle	1900 Dinner 2000 Fri Gear Collection Sector Group Hui Registration (till 2100)	1730 Gear Return / Sat Gear Collection 1830 Dinner Dining Room 2000 Social Time Dancing through the outdoors Workshop (Stephen Ward)		1730 – Gear Return 1830 Excellence Awards Dinner 2100 - Social Time			

Friday | 25 Sept – Professional Development Workshop Descriptions

FRI - FULL DAY

Flax weaving/ raranga harakeke.

Mark Jones | AUT | NZOIA Bush 2 Assessor

In this workshop we use harakeke as a medium for cultural and sustainable learning.

Understand the tikanga, terminology, and material processes involved in working with harakeke: karakia, whawhaki, tapahi, hapene, hāro. You will learn some student friendly projects progressing to more difficult in order to produce a kono/basket. I have many years as a kairaranga/weaver and have used harakeke as a medium for sustainability learning for my students for a long time. Resources will be provided. Open to Everyone.

Flip and fix – for Sea Kayak & Kayak

Graeme Swift | Hillary Outdoors | NZOIA Kayak 2, NZOIA Kayak 1 Assessor

What does an ideal roll progression look like? Key stages and steps to instructing rolling, what are some common problems and strategies to help with these. Use of video to diagnose. Flatwater session ideas - from the technical development of skills to a range of fun and engaging games. Building your toolbox to make the time on the water a good one. Open to anyone who is keen to develop your roll instruction and flatwater instruction. *Bring along your kayak and associated gear. Gear available to borrow from Dilworth – check with us to see if its suitable for you. There is the possibility this workshop may take place at WERO if there is a whitewater release. If this happens there may be an additional cost for this workshop of \$32 for WERO entry.*

Beyond the Wall - Creative Climbing for Real Learning

Darrin Worsfold | Vertical Adventures | NZOIA Rock 1, NZOIA Rock Leader Assessor

Creative Climbing is a practical, energising workshop for teachers, instructors, youth leaders, and anyone who wants to make climbing sessions more fun, meaningful, and engaging. Climbing is far more than simply getting up a wall or a rock face, it is a powerful way to build confidence, friendship, communication, teamwork, co-operation, leadership, problem-solving, and resilience. Drawing on nearly 30 years of coaching, teaching, and running Vertical Adventures, this workshop will share creative ways to teach core climbing skills, structure sessions that keep participants actively learning, and design climbing units that come alive for a wide range of ages and abilities. Participants will explore fresh approaches to coaching, games and activities that support skill development, ways to weave leadership and teamwork into climbing programmes, and how to make better use of indoor climbing gyms and automatic belays to maximise practice time, safety, engagement, and progression. This is a must-do workshop for both experienced climbing educators looking for new ideas and those newer to climbing who want practical tools, confidence, and inspiration to deliver memorable climbing experiences. *Bring your own harness and shoes, or you'll be able to borrow one on the day.*

Teaching mountain biking for dummies – A beginner's guide

Dave Williams | Wintec | NZOIA MTB1

This workshop focuses on the fundamental skills and progressions when teaching mountain biking. How to run an engaging session when a variety of abilities are present. No experience required. *Participants should bring along: A working Mountain Bike, A Helmet, active wear, no baggy pants, sturdy footwear, rain protection, lunch, water and a basic first aid kit. Any bike maintenance and repair kits you have so we discuss instructor kit. (Dilworth do have some bikes if you would like to borrow one).*

Salt and Soul – Awakening wonder in the marine world

Dilworth | Athena Jones, Oliver Bone (NZOIA Sea Kayak 1, MSc Marine Biology) & Luke Shaw (NZOIA Sea Kayak 1)

When did you last slow down, and really look at what lives in a rockpool? Or feel the pull of a current beneath a kayak paddle? Or taste the sea on your fingertips? This hands-on workshop invites you to jump in and rediscover the marine environment through fresh eyes. Together we'll forage for seaweed along the shoreline, explore the ocean through snorkel and sea kayak, and get up close with the astonishing biodiversity packed into a single marine metre squared. But this workshop is about more than getting wet. It's about the moment — that catch of breath, that quiet awe — and how we, as educators and facilitators, can create opportunities for others to experience those moments. We'll explore the vital question: how do we move people from passive observers to passionate advocates for our ocean? Through storytelling, sensory immersion, slowing down, and honest conversation about the real pressures facing our marine world — overfishing, pollution, and climate change — you'll leave with both inspiration and practical tools to take back to your own programmes. *Participants must be: Confident paddling in a sea kayak on the open ocean with swell not exceeding 1m and waves not exceeding 0.5m and confident swimming unassisted for 100m. Bring along: Sunglasses, sunblock, water bottle, thermals, fleece, quick dry top and shorts. Wetsuit (minimum 3/2 seam sealed), towel, personal mask and snorkel and fins if desired (we can provide if required).*

FRI – AM

0800 – 1200

NZ Ecosystems and Ecology

Robert Vennell (Ecologist & Author of the Forgotten Forest) | Auckland Museum

Clinton Duffy (MSc Zoology, Curator of Marine Biology) | Auckland Museum

Join Robert and Clinton for two presentations on New Zealand's Ecosystems and Ecology. We will take a walk through nearby bush and talk about native plant identification and uses of different native plants. As well as learning about the differing marine environments found around NZ, the major hazards and do's and don'ts around marine life. All welcome. *Wear warm and comfortable clothes and shoes for the first part.*

0800 – 1200

Te Here Taura – Weaving authentic connections with te ao Māori in te taiao

Taylor Bruning & Lara Hania | Whenua Iti

This workshop will give people an insight and understanding on how to appropriately and authentically engage with te ao Māori in te taiao. Everyone is welcome, no experience needed, bring a positive attitude and a willingness to be in a safe and vulnerable space that could be potentially uncomfortable and confronting. This space will be tapu and tikanga will be adhered to. *Bring along comfortable walking shoes.*

FRI – PM

1300 – 1600 Lost at Sea – Nautical Charts

Cdr Tim Hall | New Zealand Navy

How data for nautical charts is compiled - combining historical and modern techniques to create modern charts, Electronic charts vs Paper charts - +/- of each, Data that charts contain that would be useful when planning a multi-day sea kayak trip (both coastal passage or a transit from say, Coromandel to Gt Barrier): Physical Features on charts such as – types of coastline, bottom types, depths, etc, Navigation aids & Symbols, Interpreting lights and their ranges – with respect to a sea Kayaker, Tide, Tidal flow, current etc information found on, Interpreting heights & depths on charts into the real world, Notices to Mariners and other bits of gold that would be useful to people planning sea kayak voyages. All welcome.

Session A

1300 – 1500 Educational change: What Outdoor Education Change means for schools & providers

Fiona McDonald | EONZ

This session will explore the place of outdoor education within the current curriculum development and what this may mean for providers working alongside schools. We will consider opportunities for stronger school – provider partnerships, local and place-responsive learning, and resource requirements. We will also look at the challenges: variable school understanding of EOTC, changing curriculum and assessment pathways, duty-holder confusion, and the risk that outdoor learning is reduced to activity delivery rather than educational purpose. We will discuss changes in response to incidents, fatalities, coronial learning and the resulting changes to good practice. Everyone is welcome.

Session B

1530 – 1730 Strengthening Pathways through the outdoors

Ella Creagh Sport NZ | Sport NZ Ihi Aotearoa

Mark Mandino | Adventure Works

In this workshop we will discuss the actions required to ensure the outdoor sector is thriving, connected and valued. We will discuss key challenges the sector is facing including workforce shortages, unclear qualifications and career pathways and changing education and policy environments. Drawing on sector identified priorities and proposed actions we will explore practical opportunities to improve alignment and evidence of impact of outdoor experiences and careers. Mark Mandino will share an example from collaboration between NZOIA and Adventure Works to produce work ready graduates that are eligible for professional NZOIA membership. Everyone is welcome.

FRI - EVENING

2000 – 2100 Dancing through the outdoors

Stephen Ward

Join Stephen for a fun activity for people to meet, mingle and socialise while learning some Modern Jive, a contemporary style partner dance that is modular in teaching. You learn individual moves and then put them together in whatever order you want. All welcome, if you can walk, you can dance!

Saturday | 26 Sept - Professional Development Workshop Descriptions

SAT - FULL DAY

WERO canoe rolling

Simon Dixon | NZOIA Canoe 1 Assessor

Ever wanted to roll a Canoe? Come along to this fun session giving it a go and learning hands on technical experience for good practice. *There will be an additional charge for this workshop, \$32 for WERO entry.*

Rope & Rigging Techniques for Canyoning

Russell Hodgson | Peak Safety | NZOIA Canyon 2 Assessor

This workshop will be exploring rope and rigging techniques for canyoning. Participants should be experienced in canyoning or at least rigging group abseils and looking for more skills.

Participants must bring: Harness with double lanyards, figure eight/canyon descender, basic rigging gear. Static rope.

Rock climbing Movement

Prajot Sabnis | Hillary Outdoors | NZOIA Rock 2, NZOIA Rock 1 Assessor

Stuck on the same climbing grade for years? Want to lead grade 20 trad with style and grace? Want to make rock climbing even more fun than it already is? Sick of injuries stopping you from progressing to the next level? Do you want to teach beginner and intermediate climbing technique? (Intermediate being grade 16-21). Then this is the workshop for you!! Learn about movement skills for rock climbing to take you (and your students) to the next level. *Please bring along: Climbing shoes, chalk bag, passion for movement! Open to everyone of intermediate climbing ability. Participants must be able to climb grade 16-18 or boulder grade v2-v4.* There will be an additional charge for this workshop, Approximately \$23 for Bouldering gym entry.

Outdoor Photography – It's not the oven that matters!

Andy Thompson | Adventure Lens NZ | Diploma in Photography | NZOIA Assessor

Turn your outdoor photos from ordinary to unforgettable. Whether you're photographing family adventures, epic landscapes, outdoor sports, or a bucket-list holiday, knowing how to work with light, composition, and your camera can make all the difference. This hands-on workshop will show you how to capture the moments that matter with confidence and creativity. No matter your experience level, you'll leave with practical skills you can use straight away to create stronger, more impactful images. If you want better outdoor photos, this workshop is for you. Everyone is welcome. *Please bring along: a camera. This can range from phones to SLR/Digital interchangeable lens.*

Never sacrifice style and grace for the summit

Sash Nukada | NZOIA TSC Convenor | NZOIA Rock 2, Alpine 2, Bush 2, NZOIA Assessor | Bachelor of Phys Ed First Class honours | Degree major in Sports Psychology.

An explorative and experiential session looking at how we can maintain calm, style and grace in the face of stress, pressure and fear; and some tools to help with this. Some of the things we will be looking at are breathwork, mindset, the 6 pillars of heath/Hauora, purpose and Ikigai. Applicable to personal climbing and kayaking, outdoor education, NZOIA assessments, parenting, to living life and all its challenges. Please be ready to be challenged physically and mentally, you will be testing the tools we will explore. It will be in a supportive environment, and you can push as much or as little as you want. Sash has been climbing and adventuring for over 40 years, teaching in the outdoors for over 30, listened to a bazillion podcasts on this matter, and also participated recently in Dave Wood's 'Calm Under Pressure' Workshop. Open to everyone. *Please bring along: An open mind (one that doesn't judge oneself!) Clothes to exercise and sweat in, togs to get wet in, towel and change of clothes. Journal and pen.*

SAT – AM

0800 – 1200

From insta reels to real – Modern Glacier travel and rescue in practice

Cam Walker | NZOIA Alpine 2, NZOIA Alpine 1 Assessor | Alpine Cliff Rescue

A practical workshop exploring efficient glacier travel, crevasse rescue and self-rescue systems - separating trend from tested practice.

Participants must have an understanding of roped glacier travel or crevasse rescue experience...or Previous rope rescue skills or background e.g. pully systems etc

- *Folks who have done glaciated mountain travel but has been sometime.*
- *Folks keen to progress their mountain travel into glaciated environments.*

Please note: This is not a substitute for a full crevasse and glacier travel course on a mountain.

Participants must bring: Harness, Helmet, Dynamic climbing rope, Crevasse rescue kit (e.g. Pullys, prussics, tiblocs, micro traxions, other gadgets you use etc), Slings, cordelettes etc, Locking and non locking carabiners, Belay device, Climbing pack with lanyard and weight to simulate a heavy pack.

May thy knife chip and shatter carve - Teaching Knife Skill Progressions

Dan Fieten | Dilworth | NZOIA Bush 2. NZOIA Assessor

Scott McCulloch | Dilworth | NZOIA Bush Leader

From apples to (mini) waka; we'll take a look at some ways to progress knife skills for our ākonga, focusing on boundaries, motor control/competence and the peace of working with wild things ¹⁰⁰. All welcome. *Participants should bring: Outdoor Clothing (warm and wet weather options), Closed toe shoes (gummies/boots ideal), Personal Bushcraft/Outdoor Knife (optional as BAHCO knives will also be available to use, any knife skill resources to share are welcome too.*

SAT – PM

1300 – 1700

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1300 – 1700

Accessible Adventures: Building Inclusive Outdoor Experiences

Kate Parr | First Step Outdoors | NZOIA Rock 1. NZOIA Assessor.

Mark Mandeno | Adventure Works

Join a collaborative learning experience where we'll share practical tools, lived experiences and professional expertise to build the confidence and skills needed to create more accessible, inclusive and meaningful outdoor adventures. We will utilise some of the High Ropes Course to deliver content, plus an option to build a wheelchair abseil set up. We are not the experts – so if you know something you want to share – come along – lets learn together! Kate Parr is a Level 6 High Ropes Instructor and Rock 1 Climbing Instructor with many years of hands-on experience designing and delivering inclusive outdoor programmes. Kate is passionate about creating environments where everyone can participate, drawing on practical knowledge and collaborative approaches to make outdoor adventures accessible and meaningful for all. Mark brings extensive experience in adaptive mountain biking and offers authentic insight into living, working and recreating in the outdoors as a person with a spinal cord injury. His lived experience, combined with practical expertise, provides invaluable perspectives on creating genuinely accessible outdoor experiences.

1300 – 1500

The Dilworth Outdoor Journey

Rob Jolly & Dan Fieten | Dilworth

An opportunity to learn about the LiTO Programme (Outdoor Learning Programme) at Dilworth. Why has the school invested in the LiTO programme? What were its roots? How has Outdoor Learning at Dilworth changed (from a year long intensive residential model to a 7 year longitudinal model) in the last 5 years and how does it continue to evolve? What are the core components of LiTO? How the LiTO programme operates in a calendar year and over a 7 year span and wrapping up with a tour of the Dilworth Campus & Facilities. All welcome, bring along a curious mind.

Sunday | 27 Sept

Keynote: Mark Jones - One in the Wilderness

50min Documentary and Q&A by Mark Jones on circumnavigating Rakiura earlier this year.