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## Recreational access - allaying concerns

NZRA and other recreational associations have been talking with WorkSafe NZ about the need to rectify landowner misconceptions about the Health & Safety at Work Act. Recent closures and access denials demonstrate how land managers can misunderstand the Act and adopt a risk-averse attitude when it comes to allowing recreational access.

WorkSafe has committed to developing guidance material for land managers that will help provide reassurance around allowing recreational access. They have indicated this guidance will be produced and distributed within months. In the meantime, NZRA recommends providing concerned landowners with this [Walking Access Commission document](#).

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## ASGs recently reviewed

All Terrain Vehicle, and High Wire and Swing Activity Safety Guidelines have been reviewed by their sectors and updated. Read them [here](#). Thanks to WorkSafe NZ for funding this work, and consultant Stu Allan for facilitating the process.

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## Proposed new approach to ASGs

[Skills Active](#) is trialling a new approach for developing good practice guidance documents, which they hope the industry will adopt for Activity Safety Guidelines. They plan to create a core principles document which includes guidance material common to all activities, and separate documents for each specific activity.

### Considering the new approach

TIA and NZRA welcome trialling this new approach. When considering whether to adopt it for ASG development, we will check it meets the core principles behind the industry's current model. Specifically that:

- Activity specific content covers a breadth and depth sufficient to support sector good practice and is driven by sector experts, supported by strong facilitation.
- Development processes promote a strong safety culture. In particular that development processes proactively give all activity members the opportunity to be part of the core working group and to give feedback on the draft content.

### Mountain biking pilot

Skills Active has been trialling their new approach in a mountain biking pilot. They have led two working group meetings and plan to have a draft document available for comment in July. In response to TIA concerns that many mountain bike operators haven't had the opportunity to take part in the working group process,

Skills Active is inviting anyone who wants to provide feedback on the draft to email them at [sueg@skillsactive.org.nz](mailto:sueg@skillsactive.org.nz)

## **Core principles document development**

Skills Active is convening a working group in July to inform development of their proposed core principles document. Participants will include NZRA, TIA, WorkSafe NZ, Education Outdoors NZ, accredited AAO audit bodies, at least one operator and an auditor. Skills Active has committed to broader industry consultation when a final draft is ready.

If you want to help inform TIA and NZRA's position on this working group, please email TIA Industry Advocate [Rachael Moore](#) or NZRA Advocacy Manager [Sam Newton](#)

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## **Events - sharing ideas**

### **Outdoors Forum 2018: 23-24 July, Auckland**

Registrations are open for this networking and motivational event for leaders in the outdoor recreation and education space. The event provides speakers and expert panels who will inspire and stimulate thought provoking discussions under the theme of diversity. [Register now!](#)

### **NZRA 2018 Outdoor Awards - nominate today**

These Awards recognise individuals and organisations for their contribution to outdoor recreation and highlight the importance of outdoor recreation to the lifestyle of all New Zealanders. Nominations close Friday 22 June. [Find out more.](#)

The winners will be announced at the Outdoors Forum Awards Cocktail Function in Auckland on 23 July.

### **Quad Bike and All Terrain Vehicle Hui**

The annual Quad Bike and All Terrain Vehicle Operators Hui was held at [Wellington Adventures](#) recently, providing a great opportunity for eight quad bike and all terrain vehicle businesses to discuss safety and operational ideas.

The hui was facilitated by TIA Industry Advocate Rachael Moore. AdventureMark auditor Simon Reynolds and Manager Jamie Simpson ran a session on incident reporting and themes from the latest round of audits. Honda supplied a side-by-

side vehicle for operators to trial. Many thanks to Nigel and Lou for hosting everyone.

Next year's Hui will be hosted by [Across Country Quad Bikes](#) in Franz Josef.

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## WorkSafe newsletter

Check out the latest [WorkSafe NZ newsletter](#) for adventure activity operators. It covers a range of topics from renewing adventure activity operator registrations to notifying WorkSafe about an injury, incident or illness.

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## Qualifications update

- The first [NZOIA Mountain Bike 1](#) assessments are being held in Nelson, 2-4 November, and Rotorua, 9-11 November. This award is aligned to the NZ Certificate in Mountain Biking (Level 5). [Find out more](#).
- The [NZOIA Canyon Leader](#) qualification is ready for delivery. Holders of this award can lead and manage trips of up to four hours in easy vertical and aquatic canyons in normal conditions and can assist an NZOIA Canyon 1 or 2 holder in moderate vertical and aquatic canyons in normal conditions. For more information contact [admin@nzoia.org.nz](mailto:admin@nzoia.org.nz)
- [NZOIA](#) and [Kathmandu Coast to Coast](#) are running the first Multisport Kayak Instructor pilot assessments in the North Island 14-16 September and South Island 28-30 September 2018. KMDC2C is funding these pilot assessments and has selected candidates to take part. [Multisport NZ](#) is supporting the ongoing review and maintenance of the qualification.

The award is not currently a mandatory requirement to assess the [Grade 2 Kayaking Certificates](#), however, KMDC2C will support assessors who hold a current NZOIA Multisport Kayak Instructor qualification by endorsing and recommending them over other providers.

- [See the NZOIA course calendar](#)
- [Skills Active](#) is undertaking consultation for outdoor leadership qualifications for rafting and river boarding. They will be consulting on

other qualifications as they are developed, including abseil, alpine, bush, caving, education outside the classroom, mountain biking, rafting, river boarding, rock climbing, adventure based learning, hunting and fishing, sea kayaking and whitewater kayaking/canoeing.

Skills Active says there are various stages of consultation as qualifications are developed. If you want to be involved or have any questions, email [reviews@skillsactive.org.nz](mailto:reviews@skillsactive.org.nz)

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## Talk safety with your sector

The Quad Bike Sector Hui in Wellington once again demonstrated how valuable it is for operators to get together to share safety and operational ideas. It's a great way to strengthen safety across your sector and strengthen relationships with your peers! We really encourage you to get this happening within your sector.

Please feel free to contact TIA or NZRA at any time.

Pai hiahia me noho haumarū (*best wishes and stay safe*),

**Rachael & Sam**

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Photo: 2018 Quad Bike Hui, Wellington

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