

13 June 2008

Dear ONZ Members;

**2008 Outdoor Forum 'Building Capabilities in the Outdoors' & ONZ Annual General Meeting
12 & 13 September 2008 - Wellington**

On behalf of the Outdoors New Zealand Executive Board, I invite you to the 2008 Outdoor Forum and ONZ Annual General Meeting on 12 and 13 September 2008 at Wellington's iconic Town Hall. *The Outdoor Forum* will be preceded by a sector workshop on the Outdoor Leader Standards and Qualifications project on Thursday 11 September.

A key goal for ONZ is to foster learning, innovation and capacity enhancement towards our vision of New Zealand being a world leader in outdoor recreation and education. Thus, the theme of this year's Outdoor Forum is '*Enhancing Capabilities in the Outdoors*' through practical seminars, interactive workshops and the provision of robust resources. *The Outdoor Forum* is also an excellent opportunity for networking with colleagues and stakeholders from across the outdoor sector.

OUTDOOR LEADER STANDARDS AND QUALIFICATIONS PROJECT **Thurs 11 Sept 9:30 – 4:30**

In this interactive sector workshop, stakeholders will review the feedback from Phase III of the project, report on progress towards implementing Phase II recommendations, and explore tangible ways to achieve the project vision of an integrated model for training, qualifying and revalidating outdoor leaders.

2008 OUTDOOR FORUM – 'Building Capabilities in the Outdoors' **Fri 12 & Sat 13 Sept 8:30 – 5:00**

Friday will focus on organisational critical incident management with presentations and case studies from experts on media, statutory investigation and incident review. A series of interactive workshops follow, with the goal of developing a support structure for critical incident management in the outdoor sector. The Water Safety NZ / ONZ Non-Powered Craft Forum completes the day. On Saturday are workshops and poster presentations followed by the ONZ Members' Forum and AGM. *The Outdoor Forum* plenary session will present the key findings of the Outdoor Recreation Review, and engage delegates in exploring the Review recommendations and identifying key priorities for our future.

OUTDOOR EXCELLENCE AWARDS GALA DINNER

Friday 12 Sept 7:00 pm

The *Outdoor Excellence Awards* recognise the highest achievements of individuals and organisations involved in outdoor recreation and education in New Zealand. Awards will be presented at the *Outdoor Excellence Awards Gala* at The Brewery Restaurant on Wellington's waterfront on Friday 12th September 2008. This year six awards and one scholarship will be presented. Please submit your nominations on the enclosed form to our offices by 15 August 2008.

MEMBERS FORUM AND AGM

Saturday 13 Sept 10:30 – 12:30am

The *ONZ Members' Forum* will include a discussion of ONZ's strategic direction, membership and governance structure, as well as an opportunity for you to discuss any other topics of importance to you as a member of ONZ. The *ONZ AGM* will include the election of members of the ONZ Executive Board, of which five positions for Executive Member and one position for Chairperson are open for nomination. Nominations for the ONZ Executive may be made by current members of ONZ, and must be sent to the ONZ offices on the enclosed form by 21 July 2008. Should you have any matters, motions or proposals that you wish raised, I welcome them in writing, also by 21 July 2008.

AGM AGENDA AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A detailed agenda, profiles of nominees for the Executive, and details of any proposals, resolutions, and motions will be circulated in late July. The ONZ Constitution stipulates a minimum of 1/3 of our members must be present at the AGM, thus it is important that you or another representative from your organisation is in attendance. Proxies or postal votes do not count for quorum purposes.

Registration forms and a detailed programme are available from the ONZ offices. Please contact me with any questions you may have, and I look forward to seeing you at the 2008 ONZ Outdoor Forum and AGM in September.

Kind Regards;



Laura Adams
ONZ Chief Executive