

NOLRS Newsletter Submissions and Advertising Opportunities

About NOLRS

The National Outdoor Leader Registration Scheme (NOLRS) was established in 2003 by the Outdoor Council of Australia (OCA) to provide a transparent, national benchmark of individual currency in outdoor activity leadership skills. NOLRS is a voluntary, national registration scheme for individuals who lead groups in outdoor adventure activities. The registration of outdoor leaders into the NOLRS provides a nationally portable endorsement of their current skills, knowledge and experience.

Registration is available in the following activities:

- Abseiling (Natural and Artificial)
- Bushwalking
- Canoeing
- Canyoning
- Caving
- Challenge Ropes Courses (High and Low)
- Climbing (Natural and Artificial)
- Cycle Touring On-Road
- Kayaking
- Mountain Biking
- Sea Kayaking
- Snorkelling

There are currently more than 280 registrants nationally. More than half of those registrants are from Western Australia and more than 40 per cent are from Queensland. The registered outdoor leaders include guides, instructors, teachers, managers, trainers and outdoor program coordinators. These registrants facilitate activities for thousands of people throughout the year and are often responsible for purchasing clothing and equipment for the programs they facilitate. NOLRS distributes a quarterly newsletter to more than 300 people including registrants, OCA members, and state peak bodies. The newsletter provides updates on NOLRS and a list of training and professional development opportunities on offer throughout Australia.

About the OCA

The Outdoor Council of Australia (OCA) is an incorporated, not-for-profit association of outdoor industry professionals in Australia. The role of the OCA is to represent to the community, industry and all levels of government; the views and needs of the outdoor sector. Further, the OCA advocates for policies, strategies and actions that support and encourage the outdoor recreation sector; promotes a philosophy and practice of sustainable interaction with the natural environment; encourages organisational development within the outdoor community that enhances the delivery of services; promotes best practices in standards and quality of leadership and training; and promotes the advancement of research on outdoor related issues and participation.

Newsletter Content Submissions in return for Advertising

The OCA invites organisations to propose relevant content contributions for the NOLRS Newsletter. Content contributions need to add value to the newsletter for NOLRS registrants. Contributions to the newsletter will be provided in return for advertising (as per below) at a reduced cost or no cost, depending on the nature of the content provided. Examples of content contributions may include outdoor gear information and updates, incident reviews, and facilitation activities/games.

Advertising Opportunities

A variety of advertising opportunities exist in both the NOLRS newsletter and on the OCA website. All advertising proposals will require approval by the OCA Board based on alignment with the vision and guiding principles of the OCA.

- [NOLRS Newsletter Advertising](#)
- [OCA Website Advertising](#)

NOLRS Newsletter Advertising

- Advertising includes a logo with a link to your website and a brief supporting sentence or slogan.

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\$165 (incl. GST) per year (4 x newsletters)

NOLRS Newsletter
June 2013



Welcome
Message from the NOLRS Sub-committee Chair

Welcome to the March 2013 NOLRS Newsletter. This edition provides an update of recent developments in NOLRS that are of benefit to potential and current registered outdoor leaders. Key developments include the revision of logbook requirements for initial registration and recognition of university course pathways to NOLRS. Registration with NOLRS provides outdoor leaders with an external benchmark for currency that is both transportable and transparent.

Whilst the number of NOLRS registered leaders from Qld and WA has remained fairly constant over the last few years, there are very few registered outdoor leaders in the other States and Territories. For NOLRS to be a truly national scheme, a significant increase in the number of registrations from outside of Qld and WA is required. Word of mouth is the most effective way to increase the number of NOLRS registered outdoor leaders. Let your colleagues know that you are a NOLRS registered outdoor leader, and point out the [benefits of registration](#).

If you have not done so recently, have a look at the [NOLRS pages](#) on the Outdoor Council website (www.outdoorcouncil.asn.au). The information about initial registration and re-registration has been reorganised to provide better access to the information you need.

The NOLRS sub-committee of the OCA meets regularly to manage the scheme. The sub-committee has representation from WA, SA, Victoria, NSW and QLD. Comments and feedback are always welcome. So if you have any suggestions about ways to improve NOLRS, feel free to pass them on to any member of the [NOLRS Sub-committee](#), or to Ben Rothwell, the NOLRS Administrator.

Regards

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OYPRA Funding Announced
On the 30 June the Australian Research Council announced that OYPRA will receive \$450,000 in ARC Linkage Grants funding over the next 3 years.
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National Outdoor Sector Survey 2013
Survey is now closed - we will advise when results are available.
If you have any queries about the survey, please contact Susan Belardi by email at sbelardi@serviceskills.com.au

SIS10: Feedback & Comments Wanted
As part of the continuous improvement process, 7 new Outdoor Recreation units has been developed which may result in a v3 of the **SIS10 Sport, Fitness and Recreation Training Package**. Service Skills have put the new Bushwalking, Top Rope Climbing & Horse Riding units up on their website for comment and encourages all stakeholders to be a part of this process.
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Australian Journal of Outdoor Education
Contributions are invited that address any aspect of the theme of "Relationships with others in Outdoor Education" (Click link to download more information)



New Event listings - go to [Events](#)

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NOLRS is not a training and assessment provider. NOLRS uses completed VET units of competence, skills sets and qualifications as the benchmark for registration. The current benchmark standard for NOLRS is the SIS10 Sport, Fitness and Recreation Training Package. Completed Higher Education courses and Industry Based training and assessment may be recognised by the OCA as providing equivalent outcomes, leading to full or partial NOLRS registration. Check out the list of [NOLRS Recognised Outdoor Leader Courses](#).

In addition, activity specific logbooks are used to verify the registrants' experience and currency required for safe, consistent outdoor leadership. These skills, knowledge and experience requirements have been grouped into Registration Categories within each activity specialisation.

NOLRS is managed by the [NOLRS Sub-committee](#) and the NOLRS Administrator under the guidance of the [OCA board](#). The NOLRS Sub-committee also facilitates three [Technical Working Groups](#) who are responsible for determining the requirements for registration and providing activity specific technical advice.



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Further Information

If you have any questions or would like to find out more please contact the NOLRS administrator via email at nolrs@outdoorcouncil.asn.au or by phone on (07) 3369 9455.