



Outdoor Council of Australia
Annual Report
2010

Vision

To develop and promote a professional community that provides quality outdoor experiences.

Mission

The Outdoor Council of Australia will provide services to support: Professional conduct
Environmental sustainability Cultural and social sensitivity Risk minimisation

Role

The role of the Council is to represent to the community, industries and all levels of government, the views and needs of outdoor educators, leaders and guides as well as organisations that support leadership or are otherwise involved in the training of outdoor educators, leaders and guides via their state and national peak bodies.

Value Statement

- The Outdoor Council of Australia values:
 - outdoor experiences
 - the intrinsic worth and fragility of all natural environments;
 - equity
 - diversity of:
 - environments
 - groups/individuals
 - activities
 - experiences

Objectives

Representation

- To represent the views and needs of members to the community, industries and all levels of government.
- To facilitate communication between outdoor educators, leaders and guides, and between these stakeholders and external interest groups including:
 - the wider community
 - land managers
 - all levels of government
 - the legal and insurance professions
 - educational groups
 - tourism industry
 - indigenous groups
 - volunteer associations
- To liaise with other relevant National and State bodies with similar objects

Advocacy

- To identify, examine and report on key issues affecting the outdoor community.
- To develop policies, strategies and actions on key issues affecting the outdoor community.
- To work with government to develop policies, strategies and actions that support and encourage Outdoor Recreation and Outdoor Education.
- To raise the awareness of the wider community of the value and benefits of Outdoor Recreation and Outdoor Education.
- To co-operate with relevant National and State bodies to establish national networks, standards and policy for outdoor leadership.

Influence on Resource Management

- To promote a philosophy and practice of sustainable environmental living, conservation and positive attitudes towards the use of the natural environment.
- To encourage planning and management for ecologically sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Outdoor Education.
- To encourage and facilitate protection of the full diversity of outdoor settings by promoting increased open space and an understanding of the Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) and other emergent issues.
- To encourage the development of a diverse range of outdoor opportunities to satisfy the range of community needs for Outdoor Recreation and Outdoor Education in so far as such needs are consistent with 2.9 above.

Quality

- To promote the professional exchange of information between members and other related organisations through such activities as conferences and publications.
- To assist the advancement of professional development within Outdoor Recreation and Outdoor Education.
- To recognise outstanding achievements that support and encourage Outdoor Recreation and Outdoor Education.
- To promote safe and quality outdoor experiences
- To encourage organisational development within the outdoor community to enhance the delivery of services that are appropriate, ecologically sustainable, equitable and of a high standard.
- To promote best practices in standards and quality of leadership and instruction through the support of quality education and training within outdoor leadership.
- To undertake such monitoring and research activities that might contribute to the overall standard of the outdoor community.

Research

- To assist the advancement of research within the outdoor community in order to provide accurate information to all stakeholders that will promote best practice in outdoor leadership and enhance community awareness and understanding. This research should investigate (but not be restricted to) statistical data re accidents; value of outdoor activity; economic significance of outdoor activity; safety and risk management; best practice in outdoor leadership and education; ecologically sustainable best practice.

Introduction

The Outdoor Council of Australia (OCA) was incorporated on the 25th March 2003.

This **Annual Report** is for the period January 1st 2010 to December 31st 2010.

The OCA Board

President:	David Petherick
Vice President:	Tony Carden
Treasurer:	Ken Pullen
Secretary:	John Norman
Members:	Donna Little
	John Marshall
	Gregg Moxham
	David Carter
Secretariat:	Qld Outdoor Recreation Federation

OCA Membership 2010

Above and Below
Adventists Outdoors
Australian Camps Association
Australian Canoeing
Bushwalking Australia
Christian Venues Association
Guides Australia
Leave No Trace Australia
Mountain Bike Australia
Outdoor Recreation Centre
Outdoor Recreation Industry Council
Outward Bound Australia
Outdoors WA
Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation
Ralph Gurr & Associates
Recreation SA
Scouts Australia
Skills Alliance
Outdoor Education Australia

President's Report 2010

Dear OCA members,

It has been a very busy and at times difficult year for the OCA. A number of issues have emerged during the year that have taken a significant amount of our time and will continue to do so into the near future. This includes issues with the NOLRS which have required a significant review of the administration arrangements and we thank those effected for their continuing patience with this process.

This has occurred at the same time that our meagre reserves of cash continue to dwindle. The year ahead will be a critical one for the OCA as without financial support from the Commonwealth government I do not believe it will be possible to continue to operate as a National peak body for the outdoors sector.

On behalf of the OCA Board I want to thank QORF for their continued and invaluable secretariat support. I also want to express my heartfelt thanks to my fellow Board members for their continued support and hard work on behalf of our members. Without any funded staff positions Board members have continued to step up to share the workload and for this I am very grateful.

I believe there are important emerging opportunities for the outdoors sector and I look forward to working with the New Board and OCA members over the coming 12 months to make the most of these opportunities.

David Petherick

President

27 March, 2011

Treasurer's Report 2010

I need to preface my report with thanks to the QORF Office for the efficiency with which the accounts of the Outdoor Council of Australia have been kept in the past year.

The Audited reports as circulated show the Outdoor Council has experienced a loss of \$10,226 for this financial year, against a Budgeted loss of \$180. A potential for a loss in the order of \$12,000 was brought to the attention of the Board in September when it became apparent that income for the year was to be lower than expected (despite an increase in membership funds, but due to NOLRS & AJOE experiencing downturns) and expenses were going to be higher (again mainly due to NOLRS and related Secretariat expenses).

The End of Year figure is some \$2,000 better than I had predicted at that time, however it does not include AJOE costs that were to have been included in 2010. They were not included due to the need to close the books for Audit prior to the invoices being received. If these costs had been included the loss would have been closer to that predicted.

The Board acknowledged, despite the projected greater loss, that it had to continue to work and pay for the further development of the NOLRS. If not, one of the Pillars of the OCA would cease to exist. Thus the decision was made to overspend the budget to try and ensure NOLRS developed as OCA Board desired.

These results show that, unless there is significant turnaround to the financial operations of the OCA, it has a maximum life of at most three years! A sobering thought.

All members of the OCA need to remain aware of the financial tension that exists. The OCA is able to meet all its current and projected requirements for the next 12 to 24 months, but the Treasurers report of 2013 may not be able to indicate similarly.

Ken Pullen

Treasurer

7 March, 2011

Ref. Appendix 1. Financial Report

Secretary's Report 2010

This past year has seen industry developments arise that has been both confronting and opportune for the OCA.

The revision and final endorsement of the Outdoor Recreation Training Package, SIS10, was a process that brought the OCA into the focus as a peak industry advocacy body for many sectors that previously had not actively engaged. These industry identities and organisations were contributing to the goal of achieving an acceptable training package for our sector and achieved this with a united voice and commitment from all those working on behalf of recreators and educators involved in the outdoors and the broader community that we have contact with.

I would like to personally acknowledge the support from the OCA Board, the Subject Matter Experts who were proactive and professional in the process and the many individual contributors' who provided information to the process.

The NOLRS has highlighted our need to actively monitor our operations and to better direct the function of OCA products. Our reaction and revisit to the intent and application of the scheme was challenging from my perspective and I acknowledge that the OCA board took the responsibility for remodifying and continuing the scheme in the manner and spirit in which it was originally devised. This work is continuing and the NOLRS now has the potential to service the sector as a means of identifying individuals as "current" both from an activity technical and knowledge base.

John Norman

Secretary

Monday 21 March 2011

Appendix 1

Financial Report 2010

Outdoor Council of Australia Inc

Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2010

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Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 31 December 2010

	2010	2009
	\$	\$
Income		
AJOE Subscriptions	14,954.34	16,124.07
AJOE Royalties	845.94	329.67
Conference Registrations - OCA Summit	0.00	(113.64)
Interest received	929.95	858.31
Membership	9,700.00	7,000.00
National Outdoor Leadership Registration	7,151.01	9,719.17
Other income	6.91	510.00
Total income	<u>33,588.15</u>	<u>34,427.58</u>
Expenses		
AJOE Expenses	8,278.33	11,314.63
Audit fees	540.00	300.00
Bad Debts	1,138.64	56.82
Bank Fees And Charges	279.20	272.48
Catering	0.00	139.57
Consultants fees	795.64	0.00
Contract payments	13,436.41	7,288.79
Donations	454.55	0.00
Insurance	1,802.65	1,656.42
Internet/ Computer Expenses	380.37	448.47
Meeting expenses	5,043.73	3,879.99
National Outdoor L'ship Scheme Expenses	10,198.82	9,307.74
Postage	160.00	396.01
Printing & stationery	6.60	(38.14)
Project Development/Labour	(518.54)	0.00
Research & development	1,818.18	1,000.00
Sundry expenses	0.00	195.37
Trails Australia	0.00	(227.05)
Total expenses	<u>43,814.58</u>	<u>35,991.10</u>
Profit (loss) from ordinary activities before income tax	(10,226.43)	(1,563.52)
Income tax revenue relating to ordinary activities	0.00	0.00
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	<u>(10,226.43)</u>	<u>(1,563.52)</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Outdoor Council of Australia Inc
Income and Expenditure Statement
For the year ended 31 December 2010

	2010 \$	2009 \$
Total changes in equity of the association	<u><u>(10,226.43)</u></u>	<u><u>(1,563.52)</u></u>
Opening retained profits	46,772.44	48,335.96
Net profit (loss) attributable to the association	<u>(10,226.43)</u>	<u>(1,563.52)</u>
Closing retained profits	<u><u>36,546.01</u></u>	<u><u>46,772.44</u></u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Outdoor Council of Australia Inc
Detailed Balance Sheet As At 31 December 2010

	Note	2010 \$	2009 \$
Current Assets			
Cash Assets			
Cash At Bank - General Account		27,613.53	17,888.75
ING CM Account		13,940.14	23,012.28
		<u>41,553.67</u>	<u>40,901.03</u>
Receivables			
Trade debtors		14,923.00	34,343.00
		<u>14,923.00</u>	<u>34,343.00</u>
Total Current Assets		<u>56,476.67</u>	<u>75,244.03</u>
Non-Current Assets			
Intangible Assets			
Intellectual Property		22,000.00	22,000.00
Less: Accumulated amortisation		(5,000.00)	(5,000.00)
		<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>17,000.00</u>
Total Non-Current Assets		<u>17,000.00</u>	<u>17,000.00</u>
Total Assets		<u>73,476.67</u>	<u>92,244.03</u>

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

Outdoor Council of Australia Inc
Detailed Balance Sheet As At 31 December 2010

	Note	2010 \$	2009 \$
Current Liabilities			
Payables			
Unsecured:			
Trade creditors		6,213.95	4,795.50
		<u>6,213.95</u>	<u>4,795.50</u>
Current Tax Liabilities			
GST payable control account		2,100.00	4,097.00
Input tax credit control account		(498.00)	(861.00)
GST clearing		12.66	292.88
		<u>1,614.66</u>	<u>3,528.88</u>
Other			
Trails Aust Contributions in Advance		14,102.05	10,442.66
Murdoch Childrens Institute		15,000.00	26,704.55
		<u>29,102.05</u>	<u>37,147.21</u>
Total Current Liabilities		<u>36,930.66</u>	<u>45,471.59</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>36,930.66</u>	<u>45,471.59</u>
Net Assets		<u>36,546.01</u>	<u>46,772.44</u>
Members' Funds			
Accumulated surplus (deficit)		36,546.01	46,772.44
Total Members' Funds		<u>36,546.01</u>	<u>46,772.44</u>

Outdoor Council of Australia Inc
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2010

Note 1 : Statement of Significant Accounting Policies

This financial report is a special purpose financial report prepared in order to satisfy the financial reporting requirements of the Associations Incorporations Act. The committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity.

The financial report has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act and the following Australian Accounting Standards:

AASB 101: Presentation of Financial Statements

AASB 102: Inventories

AASB 108: Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors

AASB 110: Events Occurring After Balance Sheet Date

AASB 116: Property, Plant and Equipment

AASB 1031: Materiality

AASB 1048: Interpretation and Application Standards

No other Australian Accounting Standards, Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views or other authoritative pronouncements of the Australian Accounting Standards Board have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on an accruals basis and is based on historic costs and does not take into account changing money values, or except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following material accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous period unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of this financial report:

(a) Income tax

The association is exempt from income tax.

Outdoor Council of Australia Inc
Statement by Members of the Committee
For the year ended 31 December 2010

The Committee has determined that the association is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In the opinion of the Committee the Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, and Notes to the Financial Statements:

1. Presents fairly the financial position of Outdoor Council of Australia Inc as at 31 December 2010 and its performance for the year ended on that date.
2. At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the association will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

President

Treasurer

Outdoor Council of Australia Inc
Independent Audit Report to the Members

Scope

We have audited the financial statements, being a special purpose financial report comprising the Statement by Members of the Committee, Income and Expenditure Statement, Balance Sheet and notes to and forming part of the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2010 of Outdoor Council of Australia Inc.

The committee is responsible for the financial statements and have determined that the accounting policies used are appropriate to meet the needs of the Associations Incorporation Act and the needs of the members. We have conducted an independent audit of these financial statements in order to express an opinion on them to the members. No opinion is expressed as to whether the accounting policies used, and described in Note 1, are appropriate to the needs of the members.

The financial statements have been prepared for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Associations Incorporation Act. We disclaim any assumption of responsibility for any reliance on this report or on the financial statements to which it relates to any person other than the members, or for any purpose other than that for which it was prepared.

Our audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Our procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial statements, and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial statements are presented fairly in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements. These policies do not require the application of all Australian Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views).

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Qualification

The size and composition of the Organisation does not allow an adequate system of internal control and, as such, this Audit Report is limited to an opinion on the preparation of the accounts from the books and records presented to us.

Audit opinion

Subject to the foregoing qualification, in our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in accordance with the accounting policies described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial position of Outdoor Council of Australia Inc as at 31 December 2010 and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

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