

Australian Adventure Activity Standard

Online Forum

June 21, 2022

00:03:33	Mark @ Outdoors Queensland:	Morning all.
00:04:01	Sue from GGT	Hi Mark, Sue from GGT. I don't have a laptop available today, so can only hear you. Using a very old desktop 😊
00:09:51	Dom Courtney:	Good morning all
00:09:55	Mark @ Outdoors Queensland:	I think I may have sent out link designed only for me as many of you are displaying using my name - can you please rename yourselves. :-)
00:10:08	Mark Squires:	Good morning from TAS
00:11:50	Mathew Townsend - Nature Freedom:	Mark I am seeing lot of same names of you. I had to rename my username because it under your name for some reason. I am seeing others are a same too
00:12:57	Mark @ Outdoors Queensland:	My bad Mathew. Apologies for that. Please rename yourselves :-)
00:13:33	Cheryl Garson:	Good morning everyone - from Toowoomba Gaibal-Jarowair country
00:14:33	Janice - Leader with Girl Guides WA:	Will slides be available afterwards?
00:14:52	David Maskell - Somerset College:	https://australianaas.org.au
00:15:30	David Chitty:	I am going to have to go at 11.20 - another meeting - sorry
00:15:38	Mark @ Outdoors Queensland:	The presentation is being recorded and will be available afterwards. I will post to you all and put it up on our Forums page; https://outdoorsqueensland.com.au/resources/industry-forums/
00:21:56	Mark @ Outdoors Queensland:	Core GPG https://australianaas.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Core-GPG-v1.0.pdf
00:23:29	Mark @ Outdoors Queensland:	Dependent Participants as defined in AAAS: http://australianaas.org.au/about/faq/#faq-dependent-participant
00:25:04	Brent Greenfield YMCA:	Thats a nice photo of the activity hear the instructor is a pretty good bloke
00:26:23	Janice - Leader with Girl Guides WA:	As a Guide Leader I have referred to AAAS for guidance before running a canoeing activity
00:27:16	Narell - Birdwings Forest School:	We felt that the standards weren't enough for us with regards to numbers, so we do follow them but made our own judgement with regards to numbers of dependent children.
00:27:43	Jen - Running Creek Parklands:	I have not started running outdoor activities, but very keen to start the right way ;)
00:29:04	Donna Thompson:	Girl Guides Australia also have their own set Ratios for Activities
00:30:08	Kym Gibson Adventure Connections (WA):	Hi Narelle, would you be willing to share what you do do Narelle? I'm happy to email you, from Kym in WA.
00:30:17	David Maskell - Somerset College:	https://australianaas.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Bushwalking-GPG-v1.0.pdf

00:30:43	Narell - Birdwings Forest School:	It was good to have them for insurance purposes. I am Narell from Birdwings Forest School Kim, we have a website same name.
00:31:18	Mark Squires:	Yes I am from AABAT and follow your work
00:36:40	Narell - Birdwings Forest School:	I love the last line "environmental and cultural protections" I think it is vital for the industry to follow this. We can't randomly just "use" the environment without looking after it.
00:39:35	David Maskell - Somerset College:	@Phil how do you reference the application of the AAAS in your paperwork - just by links to the relevant section or quoting directly or via attribution? And is that in the Risk Management Plan or Standard operating procedures / practices?
00:40:21	Narell - Birdwings Forest School:	We reference them at Birdwings in the risk assessments and then in staff policies.
00:42:56	Lori Modde:	NPWS NSW require all ecoPass holders to comply
00:43:06	Ian Ferris - Your Insurance Broker:	Compliance with the AAAS is beginning to feel like a requirement for insurers to offer Liability Insurance.
00:43:11	Phil Harrison:	We use the EQ Curriculum Activity Risk Assessments for documentation, and outline our practice in our Standard Operating Procedures. We generally work in class groups for activities - can range from 15 to 30.
00:52:26	David Maskell - Somerset College:	Common sense isn't always common
00:54:36	Ian Ferris - Your Insurance Broker:	In terms of Liability claims, in the event of Injury, Lawyers and the Police if necessary (and Coroners in the worst case) are looking at the Risk Management & Compliance with the AAAS when considering Liability matters.
01:00:50	Narell - Birdwings Forest School:	We have a picture checklist for staff to start the day and then dynamically referring to it throughout the day.
01:01:16	Donna Thompson:	We are Girl Guides use 3 question
01:01:25	Narell - Birdwings Forest School:	It includes things like wild animals, domestic animals, wind, storms etc
01:01:26	David Maskell - Somerset College:	@Narell @ Donna would love to see that if possible
01:01:26	Donna Thompson:	What are we doing
01:02:40	Narell - Birdwings Forest School:	We have had it all this year so far, evacuations, cancellations, wild animals, snakes, goannas, goats, deer, flooding rains aaargh
01:02:59	Mathew Townsend - Nature Freedom:	Frustrating year too, weather, covid etc
01:03:01	Narell - Birdwings Forest School:	Dynamically risk assess that!
01:03:14	Brent Greenfield YMCA:	do you companies do regular reviews of staffs compliance with activities?
01:03:39	Narell - Birdwings Forest School:	Yes 3 monthly staff reviews @Brent
01:03:45	Mark @ Outdoors Queensland:	Outdoors Queensland Awards https://outdoorsqueensland.com.au/resources/public-events-master/outdoors-queensland-awards/
01:04:21	Narell - Birdwings Forest School:	Some new sections this year. How did that come about?
01:04:22	Mathew Townsend - Nature Freedom:	Have to go now, have another meeting to attend, thank you

01:05:00	Mark @ Outdoors Queensland:	Coffee & Conversation https://outdoorsqueensland.com.au/resources/coffee-conversation/
01:05:37	Mark @ Outdoors Queensland:	Industry Forums https://outdoorsqueensland.com.au/resources/industry-forums/
01:05:53	Jen - Running Creek Parklands:	Am I able to take part in the "coffee & chats" even though I m not a financial member?
01:06:22	Donna Thompson:	Thankyou Dom and Mark
01:06:30	Kym Gibson Adventure Connections (WA):	Thanks for organising :)
01:06:36	Cat Anderson Girl Guides VIC:	Thank you so much
01:06:40	Graeme Ferguson:	Thanks guys!
01:06:41	Cheryl Garson:	thank you - it has been most helpful.
01:06:53	Mark @ Outdoors Queensland:	Thanks everyone. See you next time.
01:06:54	Rachel Tattersall:	Thank you

Industry Forums: <https://outdoorsqueensland.com.au/resources/industry-forums>

Today's Links

- **Australian Adventure Activity Standard**
<https://australianaas.org.au>
- **Australian Adventure Activity Standard** (on Outdoors Queensland site)
<https://outdoorsqueensland.com.au/industry/australian-adventure-activity-standard/>
- **Core GPG**
<https://australianaas.org.au/wp-content/uploads/Core-GPG-v1.0.pdf>
- **Dependent Participants as defined in AAAS**
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