

ABOUT THE OUTDOOR COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA



MISSION

The Outdoor Council of Australia exists to lead the outdoor sector in Australia and support national and state organisations in outdoor recreation and outdoor education and other sector partners to ensure equitable access to safe, high quality and sustainable outdoor recreation and outdoor education.

THE OUTDOOR COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA BELIEVES IN:

- the high value to the Australian community of outdoor recreation and outdoor education;
- the significance of equity of access to outdoor recreation and outdoor education;
- the importance of sustaining natural environments to achieving the goals of outdoor recreation and outdoor education

KEY FOCUS AREAS:

1. REPRESENTATION AND COLLABORATION

- To represent the coordinated views and needs of the outdoor sector in relevant national forums.
- To collaborate with government to develop policies, strategies and actions that support and encourage outdoor recreation and outdoor education.
- To collaborate with other relevant national and state organisations and other sector partners to develop policies, strategies and actions that support and encourage outdoor recreation and outdoor education.

2. ADVOCACY

- To advocate for the views and needs of the outdoor sector to all levels of government and the wider community.
- To raise the awareness of government and the wider community of the value and benefits of outdoor recreation and outdoor education.

3. SAFETY, QUALITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

- To influence and develop policies, strategies and actions that support and encourage equitable access to safe, high quality and sustainable outdoor recreation and outdoor education.
- To influence and guide the planning and management of outdoor settings to satisfy community needs for equitable access to safe, high quality and sustainable outdoor recreation and outdoor education.
- To establish national networks, standards and policy for outdoor leadership.

4. RESEARCH

- To undertake and support research activities that will promote best practice in outdoor recreation and outdoor education and enhance government and wider community understanding of the benefits of outdoor recreation and outdoor education and how these are achieved.



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