

## Greetings

### **Outdoor Recreation Industry Council (ORIC) - NSW AAS-Bushwalking**

The meeting was advised that ORIC are holding Information Forums on the AAS Project across Sydney and NSW and Confederation will be advising clubs of the details of these Forums. Confederation had written to ORIC requesting membership of the Technical Working Groups as a major stakeholder of bushwalking in NSW.

**An Update:** An invitation subsequently received by Confederation from ORIC was forwarded to Clubs. At least four of our Management Committee have now attended the Information Forums. ORIC's Project Manager reported a good representation from the bushwalking community in the first week of the Forums.

The first draft of the AAS for Bushwalking, Canoe & Kayaking, Abseiling, Mountain Bike Riding, Rock Climbing and Challenge Ropes Course are now available on ORIC's website. These drafts can be downloaded at the following link: <http://www.oric.org.au/AAS-NSW/Downloads.html>

Confederation welcomes comment from our clubs on this first draft. BUT it is requested your comments be received well prior to ORIC's feedback deadline of Friday, 5th June.

Any club requiring a paper copy of the first draft of ORIC's NSW AAS-BW should contact Confederation at [admin@bushwalking.org.au](mailto:admin@bushwalking.org.au) or phone 9565 4005.

### **NP&WS: Blue Mountains National Park**

#### **Grand Canyon Partial Closure from 18 May 2009 to December 2009**

The walking track through Neates Glen, i.e. the upstream end of the Grand Canyon Walking Track circuit, will be closed Monday to Friday for upgrade works from 18 May to December 2009. When Neates Glen is closed, access to the Grant Canyon is from Evans Lookout only. Weather permitting, the full circuit will be open on weekends and public holidays.

For info. contact Blue Mountains Heritage Centre: (02) 4787 8877

Open seven days from 9.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m.

### **Bushwalkers Wilderness Rescue Squad**

St John Ambulance Senior First Aid Course will be held 23 & 24 May

**Register online at:** [www.bwrs.org.au](http://www.bwrs.org.au)

### **NavShield 4 & 5 July**

See BWRS website for information: [www.bwrs.org.au](http://www.bwrs.org.au)

### **8th May 2009**

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