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MSC RESEARCH & EVALUATION UPDATE – October 2011

Welcome...

to the second MSC Research & Evaluation Update! It is intended that these updates get distributed to members via email whenever we have important or interesting news to tell you from the world of MSC research and evaluation. This update is intended to provide you with brief snippets of information so that you are kept in the loop and links to where you can find more detail for those who are interested. If you have difficulty seeing this email it is available in a PDF format on the MSC website at www.mountainsafety.org.nz/research

Ongoing Monitoring and Evaluation Work

MSC is continuing to develop its monitoring and evaluation processes to ensure that we are heading in the right direction to achieve our outcomes. This is a three step process based on planning, monitoring and change. We have undertaken a wide ranging planning process via our outcomes model development. We are now beginning to monitor and evaluate MSC operation drawing upon a range of data sources including course feedback forms, external reviews, membership data and financial data. We are also exploring effective processes for implementing or acting upon any findings.

There will be a number of mechanisms to report upon our findings, these will include our regular communications with members and stakeholders, MSC's annual report and stand alone evaluation reports.

For further information visit www.mountainsafety.org.nz/EvaluationReports
Link to the Outcomes Model at <http://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/Media/Organisation-Documents.asp>

Outdoor Recreation Research Agenda

I have continued to support SPARC research team to develop the Outdoor Recreation Research Agenda. Thanks to all of you that have had input into this process. The purpose of the agenda is to improve coordination and collaboration within outdoor recreation research and identify knowledge gaps and issues. The agenda includes an initial list of research topics and priorities for the next four years. The agenda can be found at <http://www.sparc.org.nz/en-nz/recreation/Research/>

Sport and Recreation Knowledge Library

SPARC is soon to launch the Sport and Recreation Knowledge Library for practitioners, researchers, students, policy-makers and planners working or interested in sport and recreation in NZ. It will hopefully come on line in mid-November and aims to provide information on current and completed research projects and research ideas that researchers want to promote in order to connect with others working in the field.

National Incident Database (NID)

The NID continues to be a valuable source of data for both the registered users and for researchers. MSC promotes the NID as a research tool via the New Zealand Injury Prevention Network and through the medical practitioners on the ski fields. There are currently two research projects underway on snow sport injuries.

The NID is now seven years old and in software terms it is showing its age. Therefore we have to consider how we upgrade our current system and what would this upgrade be able to achieve. To help us with this process we are putting together a working group of active NID users and researchers to make sure that we end up with something meets the expectations of users. Watch this space for updates on our progress.

New Zealand Journal of Outdoor Education

Last month saw the publication of the latest NZ Journal of Outdoor Education. For those of you who are members of Outdoors New Zealand you should be receiving it in the mail soon. If you want to check out the contents page of the latest edition you can do so at http://www.outdoorsnz.org.nz/cms_display.php?sn=197&st=1&pg=2988. This link also contains the details of how you can purchase a copy.

Research on the MSC Website

I do endeavour to continually add relevant research to the MSC website and have added some new items recently. However if you are aware of research that others within MSC maybe interested in please email me the details and I will add it to the site.

Enjoy this delightful spring and I can't help but add "go the All Blacks"

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