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OUTDOOR SAFETY

NEW ZEALAND MOUNTAIN SAFETY COUNCIL

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Chairman's Report

As another 12 months passes by we need to look back on where we have come from and in addition, look forward to where we as an organisation are going.

If we look at the Business Plan for the last year, we see that we have met most of our targets set around our four strategic goals. There have been a number of key initiatives met, and there is work in progress in a number of other areas.

Many of our core programmes are being reviewed or further developed to meet community needs. Outdoor First Aid is being refreshed to further meet expectations from its target groups. The Hunts programme is expanding, and proving very successful; this is a good example of a programme run in partnership with a member of Council (NZDA). Outdoor Leader is growing, and the client group for this programme gets wider. Cadet Forces have grown from this and we are now starting to see many of their members achieving higher levels of training. The Avalanche programme continues to gain wide support for its work across the snowsport, and even the transport and tourism sector. We are now in a position to do some meaningful research into needs and purpose, with the establishment of a research programme manager within the national office. We can collect valuable information about what is needed by the community and then target resources to support the findings.

There are a number of areas where there is work duplicated within the sector, and over the next year we will continue to work with these other organisations to more clearly define our various roles within the sector. This will allow the sector as a whole to be a stronger group, gain critical mass and become recognised for our worth by the various funders and other agencies. We need to become more collaborative as we share the same vision around increased participation, and outdoor safety by training and education. We need to get there together.

This year to come is a chance to refine our future, through the design and then implementation of a new strategic plan. This will need to be consulted widely, at all levels within the organisation, with our member organizations as well as the wider outdoor sector and other key stakeholders to ensure we have the right direction and focus to take us forward for the years to come.

This strategic planning process is an opportunity for us to re-engage with the community, our branches, the volunteer network, and the outdoor recreation sector. Central to this process is determining the expectations and needs of the sector, branches, and local communities, and MSC's scope, role and ability to deliver on those needs. As an organisation we need to have a clearly defined purpose, so that we can consolidate our business and be clear and focused in what we are about. We need to be mindful of the needs of our member organisations and work collaboratively to deliver the outdoor safety message.

Delivery of our work is dependent on a continued source of funding that is reliable and predictable. Inconsistent funding creates a degree of uncertainty at times and the effects are felt from National Office where projects are constrained, down to the branch level where the impact is often felt by the community.

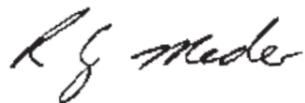
However, even within these constraints, some things are certain:

- We need to be efficient in the way MSC does our business.
- We need to respond to the needs of the community.
- We need to look at efficiencies across the whole of the Outdoors sector.
- We need to add value to the work of MSC, so that we remain credible and relevant to the community we service.
- At the same time as there appears to be an increase in active participation in the outdoors, there also needs to be a corresponding level of promotion of the outdoor safety message.

We are supported in our activities by very hard working and dedicated staff at our national office and in the branch network. Also, MSC is fortunate in having a wider group of volunteers out there with a passion for outdoor safety. They are found within our MSC branches, in church groups, youth organisations, school camps, outdoor recreation clubs, the education sector, and in families and whanau.

As we move forward into a new year of business, I applaud you all for your involvement in the cause that is the Mountain Safety Council. Active participation at all levels will continue to promote this valuable work; outdoor safety.

Our thanks go to each of the funding organisations that recognise the value of the work we do, in particular the Lottery Grants Board, the Police and others that support specific projects.



Ross Meder
Chairman of Council



Executive Director's Report

2007/08 was a good year for the New Zealand Mountain Safety Council. We delivered most of the commitments in our business plan; we delivered within agreed budget variances across all programmes, activities and the business as a whole; and all projects associated with the additional funding gratefully received from the Lottery Grants Board were delivered upon. In addition we now know the actual cost of running our activities thus allowing us to go forward and expand or contract our activity according to known funding levels.

In delivering our business activities, we focused on the four key goals identified in our 2005-2010 Strategic Plan. The main achievements relating to each of these goals were:

1. Research and standard - we established the research function, recruited a Programme Manager Research and Evaluation and commenced development of a research and evaluation programme;
2. Communication of the outdoor safety message - we developed and implemented a comprehensive media strategy addressing both proactive and reactive communications;
3. Publication of the outdoor safety message - we developed and implemented a project orientated publication process; and
4. Training - we implemented Branch led analysis of their community needs and their known active resource base, and this now informs funding support.

In addition, we reviewed and subsequently re-built our information technology infrastructure, financial processes and human resources services; we re-engaged with current key funders and stakeholders; we secured funding of \$2M for the 2007/08 year and remained a financially and operationally viable organisation.

We believe that the long term success of MSC relies upon the commitment of our member organisations, our staff, our volunteers, our sponsors and other key partners. We are extremely fortunate in this regard and I wish to thank those who have contributed to our activities at a local, regional and national community level, through our technical committees and in governance roles.

Therefore, a significant part of our activities throughout 2008/09 will be (re)connecting through consultation with our member organisations, our local, regional and national communities,

and our colleagues in the outdoor recreation sector, our funders and our volunteer base. This will provide the opportunity for MSC to confirm our purpose and the role we play in society and will provide the basis of our strategic plan detailing what we hope to achieve in the next 3 – 5 years.

In addition, we have an organisation to run. We will continue to lift the rigor in our business practices to ensure our long term viability. It is with this in mind that our key areas of focus in the coming year will include:

- securing adequate long term funding;
- ensuring the New Zealand Mountain Safety Council's national infrastructure, including our Branch and volunteer network, is robust, healthy and sustainable;
- fostering aligned and supportive relationships across the outdoor recreation sector;
- establishing closer relationships with relevant government departments and leveraging from common goals;
- establishing an evaluation programme to provide evidence of our success, accountability to funders, and opportunities for improvement;
- youth and tourism; and
- better serving the needs of the MSC Council (as a collective membership).

I look forward to another challenging and interesting year, working with a great team achieving great outcomes i.e. enabling people to enjoy the outdoors safely. This means more people in the outdoors, more often, safely.



Darryl Carpenter
Chief Executive Officer



In Review

ABSEIL

Abseil continues to be popular as a personal or team challenge activity with the likes of Scouts and youth groups, and at community “Have a Go” days. Three training sessions were held for abseil/rock climbing instructors, and two assessments held for abseil/rock climbing. A total of 562 people participated in MSC abseil activities around the country. The planned development of standard operating procedures for abseil did not occur, and is rescheduled for next year.

Our priorities for the coming year are: to estimate the rate of capture of abseil incidents in the National Incident Database and to look at how it can be improved; to investigate the cause of new incidents occurring in abseil activities and to identify how they could be prevented; and to identify whether there is a need for a new abseil manual with rock climbing components included.



ALPINE

Alpine highlights for the year included communication of the research findings and recommendations from NZMGA on the wearing of climbing helmets, 193 people receiving alpine training on MSC courses around the country, and three training events for alpine instructors. There were several deaths in the mountains over the past year, and we commented in the media on several alpine incidents. We are awaiting coroners' reports before taking any further action regarding key messages/lessons learned that can be passed on to the climbing community. Dedicated MSC Alpine instructor & NZMGA guide Anton Wopereis was killed while leading a client on Mt Cook in Jan 2007. He will be sadly missed by the MSC community and those that benefitted from his instruction.

A major ongoing project is the New Zealand Alpine Rescue Techniques Manual. The rewrite was completed during 2007/08, and it will be printed and distributed during the coming year.

Other activities for 2008/09 include clarifying the needs of the volunteer and club sector with respect to best practice training for alpine activities. This includes avalanche training for volunteer alpine instructors working for MSC or within the club network. We will develop safety promotion material and processes that will support safer participation on high incident routes, particularly the Tongariro Alpine Crossing and the Cascade Saddle Route, and revise the current MSC Alpine Manual.

BUSHCRAFT

Restricted funding and the retirement of the senior programme manager made for a challenging year for Bushcraft. However, hard work by the committee, consultative group and programme manager saw (1) the release of the Bushcraft DVD incorporating updated training videos, (2) the issue of the Standard Operating Procedures for MSC Bushcraft Courses (including guidelines on standard course content for courses at various levels) to improve consistency



throughout the country, and (3) the release of new or revised brochures for Survival, Water Safety, and Outdoor Leader. Work was done reviewing training and assessment needs for our instructors, and providing advice and support on various Bushcraft related topics to outside organisations, media, individuals, and MSC personnel.

The Bushcraft Committee has been expanded to ensure better representation from across the sector, and currently involves 10 people from a range of organisations and MSC National Office staff as required. A big challenge is the proliferation of awards and standards in the sector. The Committee's approach is to be inclusive to ensure the safety message uses the best information available, is appropriate and delivered well.

Tasks for the year ahead include nationwide update/training workshops for instructors to follow up on the release of the DVD and Standard Operating Procedures, a review of the Bushcraft Manual for the release of the new topographical map series, and ongoing work to review new information coming to hand on issues, risks, and best practices in our area of operation. Tourists (and some locals) continue to underestimate our terrain and weather, and medical emergencies continue to feature in the bush.



EDUCATION

2007/2008 year saw the restructuring of the Education Committee to improve the clarity of the role it has in serving MSC. In consultation with the Executive Director and Education Outdoors New Zealand (EONZ), a new committee of five people was created with an appropriate spread of expertise across the education sector. It was recognised that it was important for the work of the education committee to be relevant across all programme areas, not just one or two.

Looking forward, the Education Committee has identified the need for an education framework that underpins the educational work of MSC across all its disciplines. The intent is to provide guidance for good educational practice, to promote a consistent approach to educating people about outdoor safety, and to guide future developments. It is envisaged the process will be consultative and collaborative, and that the framework will be useful for both MSC and member organisations. A second initiative is assisting in developing capability for safe outdoor learning experiences within the education sector. This is also naturally a collaborative exercise with organisations that serve the education sector.

FIREARMS and HUNTS

The main activities of the Firearms' programme relates to the provision of safety training for those wishing to become licensed firearm owners. A major role is running the Firearms Licence Testing Programme for the New Zealand Police, with instruction taking place in 159 locations throughout New Zealand.

The firearms safety programme and the work of the firearms instructors have both increased over the past year. This has been managed either by larger class sizes or extra sessions. In addition, a national co-ordinator for Firearms and HUNTS was employed during the year to focus on training and assessment for firearms and HUNTS instructors. The programme is currently trying to gain additional resources for the qualifications programme, research, and publicity. In addition to 6,984 volunteer hours spent on training and testing of new licence applicants, volunteers willing to share their expertise with the community have delivered training to a variety of other community groups.



A key indicator of the success of the programme, is the death and injury statistics. During the 2007-8 year there was only one fatal non-intentional shooting, and eight non-intentional incidents involving injury – a very low incident rate given the 230,000 license holders and estimated 1.1 million firearms in New Zealand.

In addition to training, major projects have included: work on airgun safety (ongoing); the production and release of a revised Arms and the Licence DVD; and discussions with Police, Agri-Business, and the NZ Deerstalker Association on how they might use the MSC firearms qualifications.

OUTDOOR FIRST AID

During 2007/08, a survey of OFA instructors and participants was conducted and a review of the OFA programme was undertaken by Auckland University of Technology. Work has been underway to revise the MSC OFA course content as a result of the recommendations in the review. In future, OFA training will be in two parts: an essentials course covering the current 6400 series Unit Standards; and a “wilderness” course which will be developed to provide a higher level of training for those that are active outdoors people needing a higher degree of preparedness.

As a result of the revised course content, a new set of instructor resources is being developed and will be rolled out during 2008/09 to meet new delivery expectations. Several trial courses have been held, and successive courses during 2008/09 will refine the material. This is taking longer than expected, but it is important to get it right. The OFA programme should be well positioned to meet the changing demands of our client groups.

Other activities for 2008/09 include: developing on-line pre-course work material and post course assessments; developing Outdoor First Aid merchandise; and preparing a communications and marketing strategy. The hypothermia information brochure is up for review and this will be updated and reprinted as supplies of the current pamphlet run low.

RESEARCH

The key focus for the year has been establishing staffing and infrastructure to support the research functions of the Council with the appointment of a Programme Manager, Research



and Evaluation. We have concentrated on setting up structures to develop, assess and progress research projects. This includes the production of documentation on: (1) understanding the MSC research process; (2) a research proposal template; (3) ethics application; (4) a research proposal grading guide; and (5) a legal agreement for use of data. Ongoing work includes: research grant applications to support new projects; and projects that are in various stages of completion such as (1) the economic impacts of outdoor recreation in New Zealand, (2) development of an interactive avalanche forecast map, and (3) intensive winter snow accumulation study.

The key focus for 2008-9 is the generation, refinement and operationalisation of research projects from the programme managers, standing committees and management. Some of these will be undertaken through MSC and others contracted out to the wider research community. A portfolio approach is being undertaken with each committee member having responsibility for at least one project while drawing on the wider wisdom of the committee.

RISK MANAGEMENT

A total of 250 outdoor organisations are now registered to use the National Incident Database (NID), including schools, commercial operators and providers, clubs and recreation organizations. A process for collecting participation has been put in place and promotion resources developed. Funding for improvements to the database is being sought to make some further refinements to the on-line database.

Media successes during the year included articles in Ki Waho and the Education Gazette.

Members of the Risk Management committee have been involved in running and participating in workshops and presenting papers at various events on critical incident management, incident investigation, hazard identification and control. This has generated the development of a critical incident management plan template for use by organisations in the outdoor sector. The formation of a traumatic incident response team is an action plan for next year.

The number of RM courses being run has been static over a number of years. The upcoming Risk Management course review will assist us to understand why this is occurring. Research on the training and qualification needs of teachers who lead EOTC activities does indicate a need for foundation level training and qualifications such as first aid, risk management and leader level outdoor pursuits.

The focus for the coming year will be a review of the MSC risk management course, and the development of a critical incident management template and traumatic incident response team to assist an organization in a time of crisis.

We would like to acknowledge the huge commitment made by the committee over the last year, and the expert input they provided the Council.



AVALANCHE

The programme continues to provide significant benefit to the public in terms of information and opportunities for courses; industry in terms of coordination, standard setting and professional course delivery; and in general in terms of ongoing research, liaison with stakeholders and a significant media presence in times of high risk.

The regional avalanche forecast programme ran in all regions. Long term stable funding is required for this programme to continue and be expanded into new areas. In the past 2 seasons NIWA was contracted to oversee the Infoex Programme. This year it has been brought back in-house with support from NIWA.

Achievements during the year included: the provision of two regional avalanche seminars (Wellington and Christchurch) in June; The review and publication of the 2008 edition of the 'New Zealand Standards and Operational Guidelines for Weather, Snowpack and Avalanche Observations'; an update of the avalanche.net.nz web site; a publicity campaign as conditions became risky during the winter of 2008; and significant numbers of students at all levels of courses (though some courses had to be cancelled possibly due to adverse weather, or poor numbers as a result of restricted advertising budget).

The Snow and Avalanche Committee continues to support the Avalanche Education Working Group activities that are focused on the provision of recreational and professional training; liaising with stakeholders including NZOIA, NZMGA, SFRITO, SAANZ and supporting succession planning for guiding, snowsports and roading operations.

As a result of creating the Avalanche Education Officer role, it has been possible to monitor and moderate our education programme. This has resulted in more standardised delivery and will ensure future avalanche professional development will be robust.

Looking forward, the biannual Avalanche Seminar is being planned for the North Island to be convened in Ohakune in May 2009. This is a showcase event for the Committee.

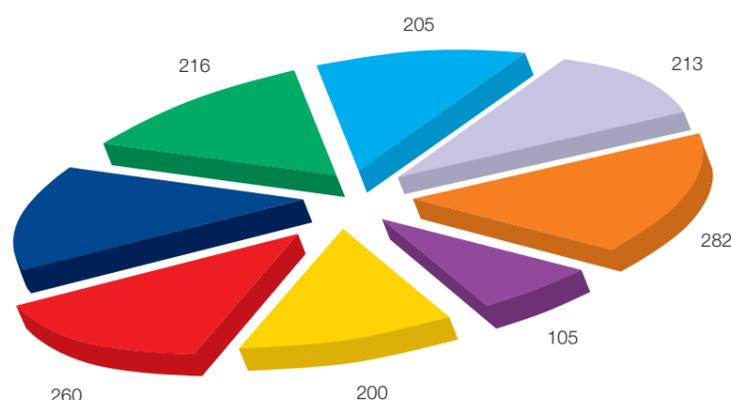
Other efforts are in place to maintain our internationally recognized programme through liaison at the International Snow Science Workshop (Whistler 2008), the International Commission on Alpine Rescue (Chamonix 2008) and ongoing exchanges of materials and staff with the Canadian Avalanche Association. The programme is also active in working with NZ based stakeholder groups including SARINZ, NZ LandSAR, DoC, NZ Transit Authority and the Ministry of Tourism.

Lastly, the committee will be scheduling a new round of strategic planning at its next meeting. Previous goals have nearly all been achieved, with only the goal of sourcing stable funding outstanding.

Regional Highlights

TOTAL MEMBERS 07-08 06-07

Region	Members	
Region 1	205	-
Region 2	213	-
Region 3	282	-
Region 4	105	-
Region 5	200	-
Region 6	260	-
Region 7	251	-
NZ Cadet Forces	216	-
	1,732	1,556



REGION 1 Auckland, Northland

MSC Auckland has refocused and is delivering a wide range of courses. A highlight is the success in training leaders through the Outdoor Leader programme which is ensuring that the outdoor message is being spread across a wide number of people. Also, for the second year running, MSC Auckland has provided training for participants in the Cure Kids Great Adventure Race. Fifty three of the participants received training in navigation, compass, location awareness and map reading. This was brought together with the opportunity to test these skills in a practical run in the Hunua Ranges.

Northland primarily delivered public courses with steady support across all disciplines.

In both branches the firearms instructors continue to deliver excellent community support with the ongoing training they provide.

REGION 2 Waikato, Tauranga, Taumaranui, Eastern Bay of Plenty, Rotorua

Branches in Region 2 cover a wide range of activities. Courses are run in all disciplines, combined activity numbers are about 180 and activity hours about 1,500. There is a very good support network between the branches. One of the aims for next year is to re-establish the popular regional seminar. Relationships with the wider community include NZAC, NZDA, tramping clubs, scouts and guides, SAR, Police, schools and universities. Publicity events in 2008 included the Redwood Fun Day in Rotorua with 500+ people attending and the Kawerau Woodfest.

REGION 3 Wellington, Horowhenua, Wanganui, Taranaki, Manawatu

Despite a challenging year, the Branches and Volunteers have continued to put the MSC "cause" ahead of all else and continued to work hard in their communities. Public demand for instruction has largely been met by all branches and other work contributing to the 4



strategic goals not captured by activity reporting has continued. Networking and interaction between branches as well as between branches and their communities in the region continues.

Recruitment and particularly retention continue to be a concern for most branches, mostly for instructors, but sometimes for committees. The reduced financial support from National Office means committees are looking to recruit people with fund raising and financial skills.

In the coming year we hope to facilitate regional training that has been absent in the last couple of years.

REGION 4 Gisborne, Hawkes Bay, Wairarapa

The Wairarapa branch are steady with the usual demand for firearms evenings, and schools and youth group relationships requiring bush craft courses. The Hawke's Bay branch is static with instructor numbers in the branch becoming an issue. There is also mixed demand for public courses with lack of numbers to run OFA courses as the year draws to a close. Gisborne is busy with an outdoor leader course just about to conclude and numbers of instructors on the rise, they have been involved in profile raising events such as the A&P show and it seems to be paying off.

REGION 5 Nelson, Marlborough, Buller

Buller have been successful in obtaining funds for running courses, have a motivated team of instructors and have planned for a comprehensive programme for the year to come.

Marlborough branch continues to expand its instructor base and activities with the pilot youth programme having received funding for another year. Through the work of our instructors in the community, the promotion of safety in the outdoors has been enhanced within the region.

Nelson has been busy running courses in Bush, Firearms, HUNTS, OFA, Risk Management as well as preparing for assessments. We feel we have a consistent yearly programme which meets the community's needs.

REGION 6 South Canterbury, Canterbury, Ashburton, West Coast

This is a geographically widespread region, and community needs and expectations of the various branches are diverse. There are areas of relatively low population within the region, and this is a problem faced by more than one branch in terms of activity support.

There is growing support for working on a more regional basis, including sharing a common calendar of events and promoting courses region wide. This will support and encourage the branches to raise their profile in their own community, as well as to tap into the strengths of their neighbours. There have been a number of changes to the way the branches now operate, and we need to share the good ideas and learn from them.



All branches recognise the key strategic goals of MSC, but some feel they are not well equipped to deliver as they do not all recognise what their community needs are. Branches survive by the goodwill of their membership, and I would like to acknowledge all the good work by those who give their time so willingly to promote the use of the NZ outdoors, safely.

REGION 7 Dunedin, Wakatipu, Wanaka, North Otago, Southland

The region continues to be strong in the delivery of the firearms and avalanche programmes. Delivery of the other disciplines is at times hampered by a shortage of qualified instructors e.g. in OFA. Branch activity tends to reflect community needs with Oamaru having a strong youth focus and Wanaka delivering avalanche and OFA. Wakatipu and Dunedin are in a growth phase whilst continuing to support traditional areas such as the PE school and tramping clubs. Southland continues to offer a wide range of courses although this is in part due to the availability of a large instructor pool.

TOTAL MEMBERS 2007-08 Detail

Region	Branch Name	Members	
Region 1	Auckland	117	North (NI)
	Northland	88	
Region 2	Waikato	90	Central (NI)
	Tauranga	44	
	Taumarunui	18	
	Eastern Bay of Plenty	11	
	Rotorua	37	
	Central Plateau	13	
Region 3	Wellington	140	South (NI)
	Horowhenua	19	
	Wanganui	29	
	Taranaki	44	
	Manawatu	50	
Region 4	Gisborne	30	East (NI)
	Hawke's Bay	44	
	Wairarapa	31	
Region 5	Nelson	87	North (SI)
	Marlborough	73	
	Buller	40	
Region 6	Canterbury	130	Central (SI)
	West Coast	43	
	Ashburton	31	
	South Canterbury	47	
Region 7	Dunedin	79	South (SI)
	Southland	90	
	Wakatipu	35	
	Wanaka	37	
	North Otago	19	
NZ Cadet Forces	-	216	
<i>Grand Total</i>		<i>1,732</i>	

Financial Summary

Summary Statement of Financial Performance For the year ended 30 June 2008

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Income		
NZ Lottery Grants Board	1,872,771	996,400
New Zealand Police	213,569	162,000
Other Trusts	14,500	112,250
Other Income	363,664	444,873
	2,464,504	1,715,523
Less expenditure	2,262,695	1,997,203
Excess (Expenditure)		
before Taxation	201,809	(281,680)
Income Tax	0	0
Net Income (Expenditure)		
after Taxation	201,809	(281,680)
Opening Equity	1,012,047	1,293,727
Total Recognised Revenue (Expenses)	201,809	(281,680)
Closing Equity	1,213,856	1,012,047

Summary Statement of Financial Position As at 30 June 2008

	2008	2007
	\$	\$
Non-current assets	330,111	284,280
Current assets		
Cash	1,071,846	600,131
Near cash	282,611	310,578
Total Current Assets	1,354,457	910,709
Total Assets	1,684,568	1,194,989
Total Current Liabilities	448,686	154,677
Total Non-Current Liabilities	22,026	28,265
Net Assets	1,213,856	1,012,047
Represented by:		
Equity	1,213,856	1,012,047

The Notes to the Statements below form part of and are to be read in conjunction with these Financial Statements.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

The reporting entity is The New Zealand Mountain Safety Council Inc. The specific disclosures in the summary financial statements have been extracted from the full financial statements (approved on 27 August 2008) of The New Zealand Mountain Safety Council Inc. which have been prepared in accordance with the Incorporated Societies Act 1908 and the Financial Reporting Act 1993. The summary report is in compliance with FRS43 Summary Financial Statements. The summary report cannot be expected to provide a complete understanding as would be provided by the full report. More than three months has elapsed between the issuance of the full financial report and the summary financial report. The full financial report was audited and included a qualified audit opinion. This summary report was examined by the auditor for consistency and included a qualified audit opinion. A copy of the full financial statements can be obtained by contacting the NZ Mountain Safety Council.

Branch Income and Expenditure

Branch income and expenditure has been netted and is included in Other Income.

Council Member Sections

NZ Police

The New Zealand Police has an interest across the board in the key goals of MSC; we are mindful that any strategy needs to be based, as Dame Sian Elias put it to the Criminology Conference in 2005 on 'solid research, not pious hopes'.

Police are especially appreciative of the firearms safety and HUNTS programmes. This community partnership has had real, tangible and measurable benefits to the community. One researcher suggests that the fact that non intentional firearm deaths and injuries have gone from an average of one a week to one month is due largely to firearms safety training. The MSC firearms programme has been the main vehicle for this training.

The NZ Snowsports Council

The NZ Snowsports Council (NZSC) is a member of the NZMSC on behalf of the snowsports industry. The NZSC is an umbrella group for the industry comprising 6 member organisations - Ski Areas Association NZ (SAANZ), NZ Snow Industries Federation (NZSIF), Snow Sports NZ (SSNZ), Ski Racing NZ (SRNZ), NZ Snowboard Union (NZSBU) (formerly NZSBA), NZ Mountain Safety Council (NZMSC)

The NZSC is in partnership with the NZMSC involving a number of safety initiatives. Our valuable partnership enables the industry to implement safety programmes and set recognised industry standards to operate a safer ski area environment

Department of Conservation (DOC)

DOC works together with MSC to set industry standards for the safety and enjoyment of users that use the NZ outdoors. Specific areas of support that DOC requires from MSC includes the promotion of correct process around the use of Intention Forms, Visitor Risk Management Systems and overseas visitors to DOC managed areas such as the Tongariro Alpine Crossing.

Federated Mountain Clubs

FMC is a founding member of MSC and sees value in MSC in a range of areas. In addition to MSC acting as a national advocacy organisation for mountain recreation, safety, access, conservation lands, FMC member clubs take advantage of MSC's instruction and leader training. The FMC clubs and members also widely use and value the publications and instructional resources of MSC.

New Zealand Alpine Club

NZAC is a longstanding member of MSC which places great value in MSC's work in the sector. In particular NZAC values MSC's training, its ability to provide a professional and united voice for the climbing community to the media and MSC's data collection and research





through such initiatives as the National Incident Database. NZAC sees potential for MSC to expand its research to examine in depth the trends and other factors that impact on climbing.

NZ Shooting Federation

The New Zealand Shooting Federation represents the National Rifle Association of New Zealand, the New Zealand Clay Target Association, the New Zealand Pistol Association and Target Shooting New Zealand Inc. This represents a total of 250 clubs and 14,000 members. They all have an interest in the New Zealand Mountain Safety Council position and its the mandate as a leading authority on outdoor safety and firearms safety in New Zealand.

NZ Shooting Federation not only supports firearms safety, but we also support those who give their personal time to deliver the safety message by assisting and instructing (as with the outdoor disciplines) and we also support the Council's qualifications scheme. The New Zealand Shooting Federation would like to congratulate the Executive Director and his staff on the running of the NZMSC office

New Zealand Deerstalkers' Association

NZDA is a founding member of MSC and has supported the Council's work since its inception.

NZDA's mission is to retain, enhance and create opportunities for the enjoyment of legitimate recreational hunting and sport shooting for the members of the Association. NZDA values MSC's role as a standard setting body in the outdoor sector and sees the need for research based safety messages and programs, support for community based safety programs and continued cooperation with key stakeholders such as the NZ Police.

NZ LandSAR

Both MSC and LandSAR has had representation on each other's National Committees/Council since the inception of NZLSAR in 1994 with collaboration on publications. With a continued positive relationship between both organisations there is perhaps more willingness to pursue avenues of mutual benefit. Key areas will be in training and assessment, incident data collection and analysis, media releases, and publications.

Tourism Industry Association New Zealand

During the last three years TIA and MSC have established a better understanding of each others' roles resulting in a number of joint initiatives. The sum of these shows a growing partnership approach. Specific TIA/MSA initiatives and joint representation include working together on the Outdoor Leaders Standards and Qualification Project, supporting each other to get MSC material into the official i-SITE network, representation on the Outdoor Recreation Review and attendance by Darryl Carpenter at TRENZ and the Tourism Industry Conference. Future initiatives that the TIANZ is interested in working with MSC on include pre-season



guide training and courses for TIA members and working towards improving visitor safety in the New Zealand outdoors.

Education Outdoors New Zealand

EONZ is a national professional association of outdoor teachers and educators. Our Mission is “to promote quality education outdoors”.

EONZ is involved in advocating and facilitating the outdoor safety message in the education sector. This is achieved through professional development opportunities and courses, regional support, and providing training and qualifications through Outdoor Leader. Current involvement with MSC involves collaboration on the joint outdoor leader qualification/award, members of EONZ national executive provide expertise on the MSC Education Standing Committee and an EONZ representative to MSC has been co-opted onto the MSC executive board.

EONZ values its role as a member organisation of MSC and takes this role seriously by making a contribution to the organisation. It enjoys a positive working relationship with MSC and sees the development of this relationship as a positive initiative in working together to educate people to enjoy the outdoors safely.

NZ Cadets Forces

NZCF works closely with MSC through its training of Outdoor Leader and Bush qualifications and has found MSC to be professional and appreciates MSC’s ability to be flexible to NZCFs requirements. Future collaboration between MSC and NZCF in the training of Cadets in Bushcraft continues to be of value to the NZ Cadets forces.

ACC

ACC’s long time association with MSC is focused on accident prevention. This has meant collaborating on projects such as the National Incident Database, especially in the area of snow sports injury data. ACC and MSC share a commitment to research that allows for greater understanding of outdoor incidents and methods for maximising educative processes to deliver the outdoor safety message.

NZMGA

NZMGA work closely with MSC in matters related to alpine areas and the skills required to work as a professional in the alpine environment. NZMGA goal is to establish a consistent training programme for professional Mountain Guides in New Zealand and value MSC alpine and avalanche contribution to achieving this goal. NZMGA members have a key role in the MSC Technical Advisory Committees of Snow and Avalanche, and Alpine and Abseil.



NZ sports industry Assoc

NZ sports Industry Association has a logical link to MSC in that both organisations want to encourage recreation and both organisations recognise the need for this recreational opportunity to be an enjoyable one. This encouragement is targeted at both an individual participation level and at influencing government and policy makers to understand the value of recreation. Key collaborations for MSC and NZSIA are based around utilising the NZSIA network of sport and recreation retail sites to disseminate the outdoor safety message.

NZOIA

NZOIA and MSC share many similar goals, in particular that of having instructors in the outdoors achieve an acceptable leadership standard. Latterly NZOIA and MSC have been discussing ways in which this goal can be effectively achieved for all those who lead people in the outdoors. This is consistent with NZOIA objective to promote and safeguard standards of professional practice.

DoL

The DoL work to support employers and employees to create safe workplaces, therefore our relationship with MSC is important to assist with achieving this goal. The term workplace and employee apply to many of the individuals involved with the MSC as member organisations or as MSC branch members. Therefore the DoL relationship with MSC enables a conduit to the member organisations who work, either voluntarily or in a paid capacity, in the outdoors.

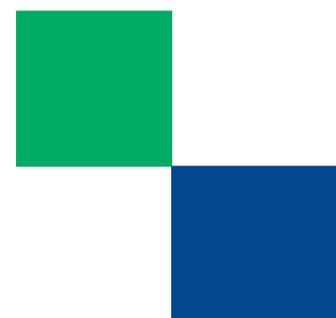
4 Youth

4 Youth represent the major youth organisations in New Zealand. A majority of these youth organisations utilise the outdoors as a corner stone of their programs. Therefore utilising the skills and resources of the MSC to enhance our leaders knowledge plays a critical role in ensuring our programs operate within current accepted best practice. The resources and manuals also allow our organisations to distribute consistent outdoor safety material to the young people who make up the youth organisations



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NZ Snowsports Council	Miles Davidson
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