

Memorandum



Date: 17 November 2008
To: WSNZ Education Forum Delegates
From: General Manager
Subject: Education Forum Notes – November 2008

The Water Safety New Zealand (WSNZ) Education Forum was held on the 5th of November 2008 at the Brewery Bar in Wellington.

Present:

Matt Cant (NZOIA), James Livingston (NZRA), Brett Sullivan (SLSNZ), Ally Todd (SNZ), Teresa Stanley (WAI), Alex Brunt (WSNZ), Julie Chambers (SafeKids), Sue Campbell (Plunket), Jim Lott (MNZ), Nevill Sutton (SCATNZ), Richard Greenwood (ACC), Gemma Periam (EONZ), Peter Crabb (NZU), Tony Hickmore (Scouting NZ), Cynthia Redwood (RLSSNZ), Sheryl Hart (NZ Big Game Fishing Council), Julie Reynolds (KASK), Sonya Sutherland (Girl Guides), Mark Haimona (WSNZ), Nicola Smith (WSNZ)

In attendance and/or observing:

Anne Brunt (National Education Framework), Garth Gulley (Outdoors NZ) and Cynthia Thomas (Consultant) and Pat Bird (RLSSNZ).

Apologies:

Neil Murray (CBE), Ashley Cheeseman (SKOANZ), Matt Barker (NZRCA).

1. WSNZ update

- a. Drowning statistics – September (5) and October (4);
- b. DrownBase – awaiting proposal for data importing, GIS software and analysis tools;
- c. Australian Water Safety Strategy 2008-2011 see www.watersafety.org.au for more information;
- d. Pacific Peoples Strategy Launch;
- e. Regional Water Safety Strategy – WAI and WSNZ working in partnership to ensure uniform delivery of this strategy across NZ;
- f. Communications Strategy – WSNZ to facilitate a session in Auckland and Wellington to discuss this with Members;
- g. Member Relationship Plan – WSNZ Advisor, Policy & Planning and General Manager are working through a schedule of meetings with most Members over next 4 months to primarily discuss:
 - i. Funding Applications
 - ii. Evaluation Framework
 - iii. Water Safety Education Framework
 - iv. 2009 Water Safety Conference
- h. WSNZ AGM – Louis Sylvester appointed to the Board of WSNZ. Dave Henderson and Sally Webb reappointed with Alan Warner also reappointed to the position of Chair.

2. Risk Management

Matt Cant, Chief Executive, NZOIA and Garth Gulley, Outdoor Safety Programme Manager, Outdoors NZ presented on risk management and the OutdoorsMark programme. For further info please contact Matt on ce@nzoia.org.nz or Garth on garth@outdoorsnz.org.nz

3. National Water Safety Education Framework – Key Messages

Anne Brunt presented a summary of work developed by the Working Group. The Messages formulated were aligned to the six Essential Water Safety Elements of the *Framework*.

The messages provide the generic blueprint for more specific messages to be utilised when applicable and/or appropriate.

WSNZ will finalise the Messages document and distribute for comment/use prior to Christmas.

4. Drowning Prevention Strategy

Richard Greenwood informed the Education Forum of the Drowning Prevention Council (DPC) and Advisory Committees work to date.

Matt Claridge spoke to the proposal put to the Education and Advisory Committee (EAAC) and subsequent recommendations made by that Committee to the DPC. In summary the Committee agreed:

- There is no philosophical objection to removing duplication in regards to the existing WSNZ Education Forum and the DPC EAAC
- In principle the EAAC agrees with this structural change.
- Further consideration, discussion and planning around the detail is required regarding this proposed change.

WSNZ is awaiting further information from the DPC regarding this.

5. Funding Guidelines and Evaluation Framework

The Funding Guidelines were tabled for further comment following previous discussion at the July Education Forum and the request for submissions from the Memorandum dated 29 October 2008.

The Funding Guidelines were approved by the Membership for 2009/10.

The Programme Evaluation Framework was presented by Cynthia Thomas. This model will be applied generically to all evaluations conducted on behalf of the Project Review Team for the next three years.

6. Maori Water Safety Strategy 2008-2012

Mark Haimona presented the draft and top level components of the Maori Water Safety Strategy 2008-2012 (MWSS).

This document will be forwarded to Members and displayed on the WSNZ website.

7. Water Safety Education Conference

Please refer to Memorandum distributed on Friday the 14th of November, 2008.

8. Non Powered Craft Forum and Learn to Swim Committee Report

Nicola Smith, Project Manager, WSNZ fed back on the objectives of the Non Powered Craft Forum (NPCF) along with the activity to date.

These objectives are:

- Identify opportunities for water safety education programmes, both current and new;
- Identify and potentially address water safety education issues of concern;
- Drive new initiatives from collective base enabling collaboration;
- Networking opportunity for non-powered craft stakeholders.

The NPCF held in November 2007 provided a collective response to Maritime NZ on the Draft Strategy for Safety in Kayaking and Canoeing and more recently provided a further opportunity for review and discussion directly with Maritime NZ.

The NPCF recently initiated an action plan for the NPC forum ensuring widespread involvement and substantial outputs.

Matt Claridge spoke of recent developments from the Learn to Swim Committee meetings. These have primarily focused on:

- Joint project discussion
- Strategic approach to funding applications
- Other matters/issues

WSNZ Action Points

1. Finalise Key Messages Notes and distribute
2. Proceed with Water Safety Conference Organising Committee Meeting

Next Forum

Date: 18 February 2009

Time: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

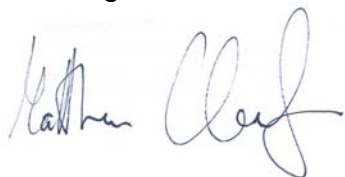
Location: TBC

Indicative Agenda:

1. Forum in the morning
2. Member Workshops in the afternoon

Please return comments to me on matt@watersafety.org.nz

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matt Claridge', is positioned above the typed name.

Matt Claridge
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