

The Cutter

Outward Bound®

TE KARERE O ANAKIWA THE BI-ANNUAL ANAKIWA MESSENGER

April 2008

Top Workplace AWARD



*Jumping: Dan Moore, Pita McDonald (Instructors),
Second row: Sekita-Ra Mennie (instructor), Diane Leyten (Finance & Systems Manager), Greg Thomas (Marketing Manager), David Levene (Patron & Board Member), Dynes Fulton (Chairman), Trevor Taylor (CEO),
Front Row: Christina Arathimos (Enquiries Advisor), Danielle Bowater (Account Manager), Steve Hall (School Director), Victor Koller (Maintenance Manager), Ruth Dyson (MP), Heather Rhodes (Instructor)*

FOR THE SECOND TIME IN THREE YEARS,

Outward Bound has been awarded the 'Unlimited/JRA Best Place to Work in New Zealand'. 200 other organisations participated in the survey.

In 2005 Outward Bound won the overall award along with the Best Small Workplace category, and in 2007 won the overall award again, as well as the Best Small-Medium Workplace.

JRA Managing Director John Robertson said "Outward Bound has all the hallmarks of a great workplace: a clear, strong vision, a real sense of community among its employees, a commitment to develop its people, and a culture of high performance."

And the reason for success? This is perhaps summed up best by Instructor Aaron Agnew "It's just an interesting environment to live and work in, and it's a beautiful spot. It's not a job, it's a way of life – living the way you want to live, rather than doing something to pay the bills."

"As Outward Bound looks forward", Trevor Taylor said, "we analyse our performance from the survey each year and continually strive as an organisation to improve those areas that score lower.

This has resulted in Outward Bound continually improving our score each year - that was the ultimate reason we won last year. We will be looking at how we can improve again this year."

"Every day, Outward Bound is asking 'what is the best that we can do for the people we serve?'. That's a really amazing thing to be part of."

Heather Rhodes, Instructor and Duty Manager

Places available! Upcoming courses

11 – 31 MAY

21 day **Masters**

27+ years

20 – 27 JUNE

8 day **Leaps and Bounds**

Parent with teen

24 – 31 MAY

8 day **Navigator**

Professional Development

20 – 27 JUNE

8 day **No Limits**

Mixed ability course

17 - 27 years

"Personally I gained so much from this course, however it was in areas that I didn't anticipate. I learned to expect the unexpected. Where I anticipated fear I found I was strong – it was in the element of surprise and unknown that I was truly challenged."

Tania, Classic student

Membership Form

Are you a member? Become one now!

To view the benefits of membership go to

www.outwardbound.co.nz/membership

Name _____

Address _____

Suburb _____

City _____ Postcode _____

Phone Daytime () _____

Evening () _____

Email _____

Course/Year attended _____

Life Membership (\$500) Annual Membership (\$52)

Donation \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Payment method

Cheque (enclosed) \$ _____

Credit card

Mastercard

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Are you registered on MyWatchmates?

Yes / No

Vest size (Life Membership only)

S / M / L / XL / XXL (Please Circle)

Receipt required? Yes / No

GST Number 10-566-568

Please complete, detach and return to:

Outward Bound, PO Box 25-274,

Panama Street, Wellington 6146

Thank you.

How can you support Outward Bound?

MAKING A DONATION IS the most important way you can support our work.

For 46 years Outward Bound has changed the lives of thousands of New Zealanders – helping them reach their full potential through challenge and adventure in the outdoors.

Our goal is to make sure that Outward Bound is accessible to all New Zealanders who want to attend, now and in the future. Most course fees do not actually cover the true costs. Now more than ever Outward Bound has to find additional funding to cover these costs, to maintain and constantly improve our equipment, facilities and courses, and to ensure our future.

As a charitable trust we have always relied on the generous financial support of the community. We are inviting you to support us and help people in our community to have a life changing experience. Your support will help maintain our long term financial stability and our independence, and your help will create a turning point in someone's life.

Contact us on www.outwardbound.co.nz/donate or **0800 688 927** to be sent a supporters brochure.



Merchandise Promo

If you would like to buy any Outward Bound merchandise please go to: www.outwardbound.co.nz/merchandise or phone us to get a copy of the merchandise form.

NZ Tee

This **new** addition to the shop was designed by Global Culture with the OB compass. This shirt fits both men and women and proudly showcases NZ and Outward Bound. You can wear it with pride.

Prairie Dust or Indigo Blue

Sizes S – XL

\$40



Rope Tee

A re-print of the original Outward Bound Anakiwa shirt. This unisex shirt has proven to be a top seller. Wear it in, wear it out!

Charcoal with white or White with black

Sizes S – XL

\$40



Retro Tee

This funky new shirt has cool 70s spirals. Fits both men and women. A Global Culture design.

Blue

Size S - XL

\$40



Comments from the School Director

'BOOT CAMPS' HAVE HIT THE HEADLINES recently as part of John Key's proposed "Fresh Start Programme". Interestingly some people seem to look to Outward Bound at these times, a sign of what has been something of a commonly held misconception regarding Outward Bound and 'youth at risk'. While Outward Bound USA does have programmes for adjudicated youth, OBNZ has never focussed on 'hoods in the woods.'

Outward Bound has held to the educational model of Kurt Hahn (who was concerned about youth in the 1920's) which begins with a 'motivated student.' In fact over the last few years we have worked hard to ensure that our students arrive informed and committed. It is often this work and the conversations had before arriving that can make the difference between a student departing early, or successfully completing a great course.

One of the key ingredients of a great course is diversity and as much as possible we strive for this – with people from both sides of the tracks, and different genders, ethnicities and geographies all mixed in together. The learning from this can be profound for everyone.

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Speaking of perceptions, it is a shame that youth are so often in the media for all the wrong reasons, and the effect that has on public perception of them. Here at Anakiwa we see the exact opposite – with wonderful young people who are bound for greatness. On our Mind, Body, Soul (for 16-18 year olds) and Leaps and Bounds courses (for parents and teens) in particular, we see young people who are positive and compassionate, open to learning, and striving to be the best they can be. When they walk down the jetty at the end of their courses they are proud of their efforts and achievements – as are we. I feel optimistic about the future of our nation.

However it is not just students that are exceptional at OBNZ – our staff are pretty special too. Winning the Overall Best Places to Work award for the second time was a wonderful achievement that we were very proud of. It is a testament to the passion and commitment of

our staff, and to the constructive culture which they create. For us it's also about integrity – practising what we preach, and walking the OB talk!



Steve

Helping our community

FOR MANY YEARS OUTWARD BOUND has offered places on mid year courses to other charities, local newspapers and Murray Deaker.

These sponsorships provide an opportunity for Outward Bound to, in terms of the charities, 'educate the educators' as well as fulfilling our vision of 'Better People, Better Communities, Better World.'

The charities that we partner with for these opportunities, are given the scope to set their own selection criteria and we have found that the quality of applicants is outstanding.

“Better People, Better Communities, Better World.”

THESE CHARITY PARTNERS INCLUDE:

- Youthline
- St John
- Girl Guides
- Scouting NZ
- YWCA
- YMCA
- Lifeline
- Volunteer NZ.

Youthtown

OUTWARD BOUND AND YOUTHTOWN Outward Bound and Youthtown have a common goal of encouraging and fostering youth development, and entered into discussion regarding partnership opportunities in 2007. Since then this relationship has progressed.

Youthtown currently has three branches in Auckland and is looking for opportunities to take its programmes nationwide, by establishing a range of branches throughout the country which will follow the Auckland model, in delivering a range of quality and affordable programmes which are available to all youth.

Youthtown runs regular, highly successful programmes including After School and School Holiday, water wise, outdoor camps and adventures, plus an unparalleled range of sports, games, trips, arts and cultural activities.

Outward Bound was extremely fortunate to secure funding for its AiMHI programme from Youthtown in 2007. This programme allows 14 students from Decile 1/2 schools in South Auckland and Porirua to embark on a 21 day Outward Bound course. We are indebted to Youthtown for the success of this course. In addition Outward Bound has welcomed two Youthtown staff members to Outward Bound in the last six months to participate on our courses.

In the future we see this partnership developing further, with both of our organisations dedicated to the development of young New Zealanders.

YOUTHTOWN

Outward Bound®

PROFESSIONAL

FOUR DAY courses



Over the past two years Outward Bound has been working with Contact Energy on a four day custom design programme. This four day programme, which provides a great template to take elsewhere, has worked incredibly well and is producing great results for the company.

Contact Energy specifically, has used the four day Outward Bound programme as a way to support the work they have done to revise their company values and organisational culture. Feedback prior to and after the course is extremely positive and Contact Energy is thrilled with the outcomes received.

If this is something your organisation may be interested in, please talk to Shane Wratt on 04 495-1766 or swratt@outwardbound.co.nz

www.outwardbound.co.nz/professional

GO WHERE NO ONE HAS GONE BEFORE

20 – 27 June 2008

Enrol on our first ever June Navigator course.

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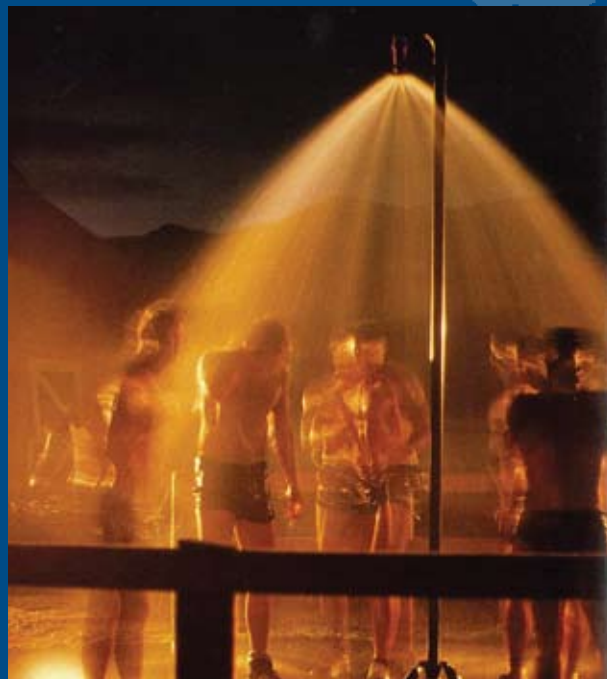
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ENVIRONMENTAL INSPIRATION

WATER: THE ELIXIR OF LIFE



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT next time you run the tap, have a shower, use the hose, wash your car...?

As New Zealanders we are extremely fortunate to have a large supply of freshwater that supports both life and our lives recreationally and productively. The freshwater we see in lakes, streams and rivers is actually a very small part of the total amount of fresh water that is present at any one time.

Average domestic use per person per day is 180 litres.

Depending on the location, it is the underground flow of water or 'ground-water', that provides the majority of our water for personal and industrial use. We use this water for things such as bores, town supplies and irrigation.

If we include the 'big' users for example hydro, irrigation and industry we use 82,000 litres of water per person per day!

The quality of New Zealand's water is part of our national identity. We swim and kayak on them, drink from them, admire them and also use them for producing electricity, horticulture and agriculture.

However, New Zealand has finally reached the situation that many other countries already have. We now have to start to be concerned about how much water we have, how it is used, what is polluting it and how we protect its sources.

Our continuing demand for more water means the sources are shrinking.

To read the full article by instructor Dan Moore go to:
www.outwardbound.co.nz/516.0.html#c1157

Outward Bound New Zealand is currently reviewing its environmental policy in order to support the development of practices that are both environmentally responsible and sustainable. The hope is that we can serve as a role model to others and encourage, through example, positive environmental action in students, staff, clients and the wider community.

Outward Bound & UNITED WORLD COLLEGE NEW ZEALAND



ON MARCH 19TH OUTWARD BOUND signed a Memorandum of Understanding with The New Zealand United World College Trust, linking two programmes dedicated to developing human potential.

The agreement calls for development and operation of some joint programmes. United World College students would participate in Outward Bound activities as part of the curriculum and Outward Bound would have access to campus facilities to coordinate delivery of its programmes to all New Zealanders. United World Colleges and Outward Bound share a common heritage.

Both international movements were founded by German education visionary Kurt Hahn.

There are 12 United World Colleges across the globe. They offer Rhodes Scholarship-style financial grants to talented young people to study for two years in a pre-university curriculum that stresses academic excellence, personal challenge, global perspective and an ethos of service to society. The New Zealand campus would accommodate about 240 students drawn from 85 countries.

It is currently planned that timing for the first intake will coincide with the 50th Anniversaries of Outward Bound in New Zealand and UWC globally in 2012.



Potential site, Paradise, Glenorchy

New Board Member

THE BOARD OF THE OUTWARD BOUND TRUST of New Zealand is pleased to welcome Mark Bentley as their newest Board Member, replacing Ron Faber who stood down following last year's AGM.

Mark, who has held the position of General Manager, Excelerator, New Zealand Leadership Institute, The University of Auckland Business School since late 2004 brings youth and education experience to his role on the Board.

"I really see Mark bringing a great balance to the Board. His contribution will balance out the experience of all Board members but particularly in the education field where we have been reliant on Barry Maister", commented Dynes Fulton, Chairman.

Before moving to New Zealand in 2001, Mark worked in marketing roles in TV, sport, the construction industry, further education and higher education.



Mark's first New Zealand role was as the University of Auckland Business School's Director of Advancement and Marketing and included managing the "World Class Business School" fundraising project which successfully raised \$50m from the business community, alumni and trusts. In 2004, Mark was selected as the University's nominee on the Committee for Auckland's inaugural two year "Future Auckland Leaders Programme". This Programme fuelled Mark's ongoing interest in civic leadership which he has continued as the Chair of Ed&Co, a not-for-profit initiative which is creating successful school-business partnerships at a governance level for disadvantaged schools.

In his spare time Mark enjoys getting into the outdoors listing his hobbies as backpacking, camping, canoeing, skiing, mountain biking and all sports.

"Outward Bound is an organisation that I have long admired," says Mark. "It transforms the lives of those it touches and I feel privileged to have been asked to contribute. I hope my experience in education, leadership, marketing and fundraising will be useful in assisting Outward Bound to continue to grow and prosper."

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A Brief History of Watch Names

WHAT IS THE HISTORY HATHORNE WATCH?

HATHORNE, Bill 1919 – 1987

NOT ONLY DOES HATHORNE WATCH take its name from Bill Hathorne, so too does Bill's Kayak Shed, located at Rai Falls.

Bill started as a maintenance man at the Outward Bound School in 1962 when Outward Bound New Zealand first opened, prior to this

he farmed for himself at Linkwater for 28 years. While Bill was on staff he also ran the Outward Bound farm, including the growing of the school's vegetables. He remained there until his retirement in 1990's - becoming the longest serving member of staff, a total of 36 years service! Bill was a real character and loved a practical joke. He always seemed to wait for the most inconvenient time to mow the lawns, his cheeky grin led people to believe it was another one of his jokes. His famous saying was "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."



What's happening at Outward Bound?

Beijing Olympics



It is approximately 120 days until the Beijing Olympics. We would like to wish our Outward Bound alumni all the best in their pursuit of gold for New Zealand.

Sarah Walker - MBS492 - BMX

Nathan Cohen - CDC501A - Rowing Double Scull

Canterbury Outward Bounders

Are you a former member of the Canterbury Outward Bounders? If so they are holding their 40th Anniversary on the weekend of 4th – 5th October in Christchurch.

The anniversary provides an opportunity for all Canterbury Outward Bounders who were members at anytime over the last 40 years, to come together and reminisce about their time at Outward Bound or their time in the Outward Bounders.

If you are a Canterbury Outward Bounder who would like to attend please contact Julie Lassen on (03) 337 8108 or juliel79@gmail.com

Bike Race

On April 5th 18 Outward Bound staff from Anakiwa biked through the night participating in the Ground Effect 12 Hour Day/Nighter Mountain bike race in Hamner. In doing so they were raising funds for Limbs 4 All, a charity established by Mark Inglis to support some of the 400 million disabled people in the world. Last year staff ran the entire Queen Charlotte Track in one go and raised \$6000 for the same charity.

Eco Lodge

On 18th April, nearly 11 months after commencement, two new Eco-Lodges built as staff accommodation, will be opened at Anakiwa.

The objective of the lodges, which will house 7 instructors, is to save 60% of the total energy required in a typical accommodation that does not have energy efficient systems installed and to minimise the effect on the environment. The buildings are designed to have minimal heating requirements. The unique design and construction features include solar tubes, as opposed to panels, for hot water; double glazed windows and doors; concrete flooring sitting on 200ml of polystyrene; underfloor heating; heat pumps and heat exchangers; and designing and positioning buildings to obtain high passive heat from the sun by having large glassed areas facing north.

This project is another step in Outward Bound's journey to lessening our impact on our environment.

We all have the ability...

2008 IS PROVING TO BE AN EXTREMELY BUSY YEAR for our courses designed for people with different abilities. Along with our Starlight (physical impairment), *Horizons* (intellectual impairment) and *No Limits* (mixed ability) courses we work closely with outstanding New Zealand organisations to customise courses for their members, including: *BIA* for people who have acquired a brain injury (in collaboration with the Brain Injury Association); *UPBEAT* for people with early onset Parkinsons (in collaboration with Parkinsons New Zealand; *Insight* for people who are blind or vision impaired (in collaboration with the Foundation of the Blind) and, *Deaf Association* for people who are deaf or hearing impaired (in collaboration with the Deaf Association).

Insight (24 – 31 May 2008) and *Deaf Association* (7 – 14 June 2008) only run every two years - now is a great opportunity to take up the challenge of an Outward Bound course. *No Limits* presents a great mid-semester option for students 17-27 years (20 – 27 June 2008) as well as being the only short course option for individuals under 27 years.



Eco Lodge Staff Accommodation

The Cutter April 2008 is written and edited by Tracy Bowman, Marketing Executive. If you have any questions or queries about this publication or future publications, would like more copies, or simply would like to tell us what you think, contact Tracy directly on tbowman@outwardbound.co.nz or 04 495-1765.



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