



You are invited

Outdoor Education Australia, in association with the ACT Outdoor Education Association, invites you to join colleagues in January for the 17th National Outdoor Education Conference in Canberra, ACT.

The Conference will include a wide array of presentations, practical workshops and activities. New on campus accommodation ensures stylish modern rooms conveniently located to the conference activities. Mountain bike hire will be available for those wishing to ride to local tracks and shared paths around lakes and into town.

Pre-conference workshops & activities will add another dimension to add to your professional development. Let our locals guide you to some of our special places in and around Canberra.

Who should attend?

Anyone who works within or alongside the Outdoor Profession,

- Teachers, Educators, Practitioners; Private Providers
- Researchers, Students
- Organisation Managers, Programme Designers
- Youth Organisations, Environmental Organisations
- Technology developers & users, Land Managers

Conference features

Detailed info: www.actoea.org.au/conference

- Pre-conference sessions and activities
- Keynote Speakers
- Concurrent Streams
- Trade Show
- Conference Dinner and other social dinners
- On campus accommodation in new self-contained units at special extremely affordable rates.

Concurrent streams:

- Resilience Building;
- Risk management;
- Technology and adventuring;
- Environment;
- Practice-led research;
- Sustainability;
- Leadership development;
- Skills focus

Browse the program, presentation abstracts and presenter bios at www.actoea.org.au/conference

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THEME: The Next Step... Innovations in Outdoor Education. Our theme explores innovations in technology, sustainability, adventuring, risk management, curriculum, pedagogy, and practice led research for the Outdoor Education profession

WHEN: 16-18 January, 2012

WHERE: University of Canberra, Belconnen, ACT, Australia

Keynote speakers at a glance

Be inspired and engaged by



Dr Thomas Nielsen
Steps towards greater wellbeing



Dr Paula Barrett
Building Resilience in the Outdoors



Tim Macartney-Snape AM, OAM
Nature-based education and tourism



Michael Milton
Going downhill fast

SO WHAT WILL YOUR NEXT STEP BE? **NEW**

Registration is open on Monday 29 August

Register Now at www.actoea.org.au/conference (Visa, Master Card, EFT payments) or email noec@actoea.org.au for alternative payment methods (cheque or money order only). Early bird registration closes 17th October; late fees apply after 12th December.

Standard Registration includes

- Conference day time program;
- delegate satchel with note paper & pen;
- temporary WiFi access;
- access to bicycle hire (cash refundable deposit at collection, limited availability);
- daily welcome coffee & tea, morning & afternoon teas and lunch;
- daily access to trade display. Excludes: evening meals or structured social activities.

Other options include

- Evening mountain bike ride on Monday night
- Social evening meals Sunday and Monday nights
- Conference Dinner on Tuesday night
- Rewarding pre-conference activities (bushwalk, rock climbing, ropes course workshop, mountain bike ride)

Pre-conference activities & workshop

Saturday & Sunday (14th & 15th Jan)

- **Climbing at Point Perpendicular and Nowra** (two full days +o/night)

Sunday 15th Jan – single day only

- **Local rock climbing** (full day) – be guided through some of Canberra's best loved climbing spots.
- **Local bushwalking** (full day) – Journey with guides through the regenerated bushland of Mt Tennant.
- **High Ropes Course Session + Participation and Standards** (full day) – venue: Outward Bound Australia, Tharwa; (Participation session 9.30am – 1.30pm); and follow up with lunch and a workshop on Ropes Course Standards.
- **Mountain Bike ride at Bruce Ridge** (2-6pm) – guided single track cross country mountain bike rides through the native bushland reserve at Bruce Ridge, Belconnen.

Supporting the Fred Hollows Foundation

We rely so much on our sight in Outdoor Education, but imagine if you could not actually see the beauty of the outdoors? For as little as \$25 you can help The Foundation restore the sight of someone with treatable or preventable blindness. You will be able to add your donation to The Fred Hollows Foundation when registering, or buy tickets at the raffle during the conference dinner.

Cancellation policy

Any cancellations of or changes to registrations must be made in writing to the Conference Organiser. Cancellations received by 12th December, 2011 will receive a refund of fees paid less a \$100 handling fee. Cancellations made after this date are not eligible for a refund, however substitute delegates may be sent. Extenuating circumstances will be considered.

Conference fees structure

- Discounts offered for Early Bird registration*;(Closes 17th OCT)
- recognised outdoor education organisation member;
- concession holder (eg FT student); and confirmed session presenter.

Additional activities are offered on the weekend prior to the conference and during the conference to provide social and professional learning opportunities for delegates. These are additional costs to delegates but must be booked and paid for at the time of registration. Follow up information will be sent out mid-December.

On-site accommodation needs to be paid for at the time of registration (min. 3 night stay).

Registration type

Conference Rates	Early Bird*	Normal*	Late*
Standard delegate (no discounts applied)	\$613	\$645	\$690
Organisation member	\$522	\$580	\$625
Concession	\$466	\$548	\$593
Presenter	\$466	\$548	\$593

Day Registration (per day)

Single day	\$205p/day	\$215p/day	\$230p/day
Single and/or additional evening meal tickets			
Welcome BBQ (Sunday dinner)		\$36pp	
Lakeside Picnic (Monday dinner)		\$20pp	
Conference Dinner		\$85pp	
On-site accommodation			
min.3 nights @ \$70pp per night		\$210pp	
Additional activities			
Nowra/Pt Perpendicular guided climbing	\$90pp	\$100pp	
Local guided climbing	\$35pp	\$45pp	
Mt Tennant guided bushwalk	\$25pp	\$35pp	
Ropes course play & Standards Workshop	\$80pp	\$90pp	
Local MTB guided ride	\$10pp	\$15pp	
Evening Mountain Bike Ride	\$70pp	All inclusive	
		or \$30pp BYO Bike & Lights	
Optional donation			
Fred Hollows Foundation donation	Y/N	\$25 or other amount	



About the conference venue

The University of Canberra is conveniently located in close proximity to the Canberra Civic Centre, the Belconnen Town Centre, and the beautiful natural surrounds of native bushland at Black Mountain and Bruce Ridge and the iconic waterways of Lake Burley Griffin and Lake Ginninderra. Canberra is easily accessed by air, road and rail, and is serviced by internal bus and taxi services.

On campus at the University of Canberra you'll find funky water fountains to refill your drink bottle (no sale of bottled water allowed on campus), recycling stations and other sustainability initiatives.

The conference venue is also an active participant in the OzHarvest programme, donating extra food resources to the programme to help needy members within the Canberra community. So far, OzHarvest has saved more than two million kilos of good food being sent to landfill.

Venue transport & parking

Parking on the University of Canberra campus is free and readily available at the time of the conference. Dedicated parking for those staying on campus is supplied at the accommodation venue.

Disabled car parks are located at various spots across campus. Details of parking are available on the campus map: <http://www.canberra.edu.au/university/maps>

Taxi

The University of Canberra campus has a number of Taxi drop spots (see campus map: www.canberra.edu.au/university/maps)

Bus

Canberra's local bus service, Action, provides a number of different services running from locations around the University. For more information check out: www.action.act.gov.au. Call 1317 10 or +61 2 6207 7611 outside the ACT.

Accommodation

On-site accommodation at the University of Canberra Village in stylish new apartments (opened in 2009) is offered at a special rate of \$70 per person per night (min 3 nights). These self-contained 5 bedroom apartments boast secure bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen (kitchen pack at extra cost), lounge room and balcony per apartment (linen and basic toiletries provided). Dedicated bike storage facilities are available near each apartment building (BYO bike lock). The Globo Cafe downstairs offers all-day breakfasts. Contact the Conference Convener if you only require 2 nights or less, or would like to purchase a 'kitchen pack'.

Visit the apartments: www.clvsmartstays.com.au OR www.ucvillage.com.au

These new apartments feature environmentally sustainable design initiatives such as grey water recycling, solar powered hot water tanks and a wildlife corridor for native animals. Delegates staying in these apartments will have full access to the Village recreation lounges, a laundry, BBQ, landscaped village greens and access to University of Canberra's recreational facilities.



University of Canberra Village apartment blocks



sample apartment shared living area – 'kitchen pack' items extra cost

The Village offers car parking in the University's residential car park, centrally located within the Village. It should be noted that all car parks on campus are public car parks.

If you would prefer to share an apartment with particular colleagues, or order a 'kitchen pack' (kettle, cutlery, crockery etc – pay on arrival) please email the details to noec@actoea.org.au to arrange.

For other accommodation options please visit: www.visitcanberra.com.au

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Experiencing Canberra and the surrounding region

Canberra is located in Ngunnawal Country, some 280 kilometres from Sydney, 150 kilometres inland from the east coast at an elevation of 571 meters above the Pacific Ocean. With a population of approximately 350,000 people, Canberra is home to a lively array of culturally diverse groups. Canberra is a carefully planned city that is laced up with shared paths, wildlife corridors and nature parks ensuring ease of active travel throughout the area. Bring your mountain bike or road bike to enjoy getting about in our clean air.

The beautiful bush capital of Canberra is the perfect location for the Conference and an add-on holiday with your family or friends – nature parks, wild rivers, tamed lakes, cliffs, and mountains for wonderful climbing, walking, paddling, cycling... Bring your kayak, mountain or road bike, ropes and rack for adult play time. Networking, socialising and opportunities to play in the natural surrounds will help you enjoy your stay.

Whilst you are here, please enjoy Canberra's diverse tourist attractions – Parliament House, Questacon, the National Portrait Gallery, the National Gallery of Australia, National Zoo and Aquarium, Australian War Memorial, Australian Museum, Australian Institute of Sport, nearly 90 Embassies, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve, Tidbinbilla Tracking Station, Mt Stromlo Observatory, Mt Stromlo Cycle Park, hot air ballooning, and local wineries.

By land, water or air, Canberra is an exciting blend of bush and urban spaces.

Why not explore our surrounding areas – www.visitcanberra.com.au

Weather

Canberra experiences hot dry summer days and cool evenings through January. Mid January daytime temperatures tend to be in the low 30s, so it's easy to be active outdoors.

Disclaimer

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