

OUTDOOR INDUSTRY SUMMIT PROGRAM

8-11 JULY 2025
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The **Outdoor Industry Summit** is a vital gathering for everyone committed to the future of outdoor recreation, education, tourism, and therapy. This year's event also proudly features the **NatCORR Outdoor Risk and Resilience Symposium**, providing critical insights into risk management, climate adaptation, and resilience planning for the outdoor sector.

Together, these two important forums create a unique opportunity to collaborate, share knowledge, and tackle the challenges and opportunities shaping our industry. As outdoor spaces become even more essential to community health, economic development, and environmental stewardship, the Summit equips participants with the insights, strategies, and networks needed to lead confidently into the future.

Who should attend:

- Outdoor recreation, education, tourism, and therapy operators
- Land managers and government agencies
- Risk management and safety professionals
- Program developers and outdoor trainers
- Environmental and sustainability advocates
- Suppliers and service providers to the outdoor industry
- Outdoor researchers, consultants, and policymakers

Whether you're running a business, managing land, shaping programs, influencing policy, or strengthening community access to the outdoors, the Outdoor Industry Summit is your opportunity to connect, learn, and drive collective action for a stronger, safer, and more resilient outdoor industry.

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Outdoor Risk & Resilience Symposium

Wednesday 9th July 2025

• 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

• 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

• 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Tea/Coffee Break

• 10:30 AM - 11:25 AM

• 11:35 AM - 12:30 PM

Lunch Break

• 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM

• 2:15 PM - 3:30 PM

Tea / Coffee Break

• 4:00 PM - 4:55 PM

• 4:55 PM - 5:15 PM

Registration

Welcome - MC - Jessica Bulger, Wiradjuri, CEO Australian Indigenous Governance Institute and Co-Chair OBA
Symposium Opening Address

State of Outdoor Readiness Panel Discussion

- Dr Loren Miller, NatCORR / OBA - Moderator
- Sally Kuschel, NEMA
- John Richardson, AIDR
- Dr Karl Braganza, Bureau of Meteorology
- Lori Modde, Outdoors NSW/ACT
- Dr Clare Dallat, Risk Resolve

Micro Workshop 1: Weather Ready

- Mary-Jane McLeod, Bureau of Meteorology
- Dr Clare Dallat, Risk Resolve
- Ben Lovell, Outward Bound Australia

Micro Workshop 2: Organisational Resilience incorporating Critical Incident Response

- Dr Clare Dallat, Risk Resolve
- Dr Loren Miller, Outward Bound Australia
- Ellie Hargrave, Outward Bound Australia

Protecting People, Not Just Places: Managing Heat Stress Risk in the Outdoor Industry

Dr Grant Lynch University of Sydney Heat and Health Research Incubator.

Impact Overview and Case Studies

- Dr Loren Miller, Outward Bound Australia
- Leanne Hodge, Parks Victoria
- Shaun Elwood, Lithgow City Council
- Sam Stedman, Outer Limits Adventure Fitness

Collaboration for Climate Change Readiness

- NatCORR, Ellie Hargrave and Nicky Hanson
- ATOEN Research Projects, Brendon Munge
- International Perspectives, Dr Jeff Jackson
- Climate Change Education Strategy, Peta White
- AIDR Networks, John Richardson

Closing Remarks followed by Networking Drinks



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Thursday 10th July 2025

- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

- 8:30 AM

- 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

- 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM

Tea/Coffee Break

- 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Session 1

Choose 1

Session 2

Choose 1

Lunch Break

- 1:15 PM - 2:00 PM

- 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM

Tea / Coffee Break

- 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

- 4:00 PM

- 4:45 PM onwards

Registration

Official Welcome

Industry Update & Release of the 2025 Census

The Great Outdoors, Accessible to All?

Ryan Smith - Access Agency

Smart Solutions: How AI Can Empower the
Outdoor Sector Alex Mendis

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

AAAS Review Update and Discussion - Dr David
Marsden **OR** Release of the MTB Manifesto -
Tracey Dickson / Lori Modde **OR** What is Nature
Play? - Bec Burch

Child Safety Standards Workshop - Mark Lorenti &
Jon Sleeman **OR** Recreation and Tailored Data -
Laurent Schmutz & Mike Morris **OR** Risk &
Insurance - Greg Shallard

Leadership Beyond the Title: Actions That
Shape Our Future

Ky Furneaux & Pinnacle Panel

Essentials to Workplace Safety

Kris Johnston Worksafe ACT, Liz King Cancer Council
and Ginny Mitchell Risk Resolve

How Storytelling Creates Deeper Outdoor
Connections

Garry Watson - National Capital Educational Tourism Project

Annual Awards & Pinnacle Leadership
Graduation

Celebratory Drinks

celebrating 40 Years



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Friday 11th July 2025

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

AAAS | Are we selling at the right price? | Child Safe Standard Update | Outdoor Employment Guide

- 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM

Registration

- 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

VET Review for Outdoor Leadership - and what Jobs and Skills Councils are doing for the Outdoor Industry - HumanAbility & SaCSA

- 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Tea/Coffee Break

Access and Opportunity: Updates from Our Land Managers - NSW NPWS, Forestry & Crown Lands

- 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Session 1

Choose 1

Session 2

Choose 1

Lunch Break

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Child Safety Standards Workshop - Mark Lorenti & Jon Sleeman **OR** SkillsAware - A new tool for Employers /Employees **OR** Understanding Psychosocial Risks in the workplace - Lori Modde & Ginny Mitchell
Working with First Nations People - Peter Kent **OR** AAAS Review Update and Discussion - Dr David Marsden **OR** TBA

- 1:15 PM - 2:15 PM

Duke of Edinburgh – Entering our Next Level Era - Cathy McInerney, Karen Witt & Cathy Ryan

- 2:15 PM - 3:00 PM

The Power of Automation & Systems that Work Debbie Eglin

- 3:15 PM - 4:00 PM

Financial independence is your superpower - Trish Gregory, Financial Advisor

- 4:00 PM

Presentation of the Industry Feedback Important Announcements, Peter Kent

- 4:15 PM onwards

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Tickets can be purchased through
www.outdoorsnswact.org/2025Summit

Book to attend one day or all

Tuesday excursions will be confirmed for all attendees
who book the FULL ACCESS pass in June 2025.

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