

PROFILE



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Background

My research interests are primarily in the area of the use of the natural environment for educational or behavioural change. I am interested in the evaluation of Outdoor Education programs for adolescence in the school setting as well as in the field of adventure therapy particularly with adolescence who are 'at Risk'. I have worked in collaboration with schools and Outdoor providers examining and evaluating number of Outdoor Education programs outcomes with a particular focus on the development of life effectiveness skills and self concept. In the past I have been very interested in the development of Risk Management and Safety Management Systems for Outdoor Programs and the effect the insurance industry has on the Outdoor profession. Publications reflect these research interests. I am a fellow of the Australian Council for Physical Education Recreation and Health as well as an executive member of the Victorian Outdoor Education Association.

➤ Qualifications:

- Victoria College , Melbourne, B ed
 - Monash University, Melbourne, M ed St
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➤ Teaching Areas:

- Outdoor Education
- Outdoor Recreation

➤ Research Interests:

- The Natural Environment for Educational or Behavioural changes
- Outdoor Education and Adolescent development
- Outdoor Education program outcomes
- Spirituality and the Natural Environment
- Leadership development, teamwork and the outdoors

➤ Research Degree Supervision

Therapeutic interventions for young people at risk of prematurely disengaging from family and the education system

An evaluation of a cross section of Australian schools Outdoor Education program outcomes.

An evaluation of an Experiential Learning and Outdoor Education School program on the Life Effectiveness skills of middle school boys.

Awakening to Caring in the Outdoors

➤ Research Publications and Presentations

Allen-Craig, S. (2002) 'Wages and Conditions for the Victorian Outdoor Profession'. *Australian Journal of Outdoor Education*. Vol. 6. No. 2

Allen-Craig, S. (2002). Current Initiatives – Legal Responsibilities and Risk Management Strategies in Outdoor Recreation. Referred Conference Proceedings. *ACHPER National Conference 2002*.

Allen-Craig, S. (2003) Insurance, Risk Management Development and New Initiatives in the Outdoor Profession. Referred Conference Proceedings – *Relevance: Making it Happen*. 13th National Outdoor Education Council Inc. April 14th-16th. Marion, S.A

McLeod, B. & Allen-Craig, S. (2004) An Evaluation of a Experiential Learning & Outdoor Education School Program on the Life Effectiveness Skills of Middle Schools Boys. Referred Conference Proceedings. *International Outdoor Education Research Conference*. Latrobe University Bendigo, Vic. July 6-9th

Allen-Craig, S. & McLeod, B. (2005) What outcomes are we trying to achieve in our outdoor programs? An examination of Outdoor Education and Experiential Education programs effect on Life Effectiveness skills. *Referred Conference Proceedings*. 14th National Outdoor Education Conference. *Outdoor Council of Australia*. Gold Coast, QLD July 3-6th
