

## **Promotion and Development Report January 24<sup>th</sup> 2013.**

### **General.**

I have been on leave from Dec 21<sup>st</sup> to January 21<sup>st</sup>, so work has been minimal!

### **SRV**

Submitted the 6 monthly report for the 4 Directions projects, on December 17<sup>th</sup>.  
(deadline 30<sup>th</sup> December)

### **Parks Vic permits.**

I have been advised by PV Ranger in charge of permits for Eastern Metro Parks (Jells/ CRP and Lysterfield) that she will only accept OV schools booking if OV is registered as a Licenced Tour Operator (LTO)- paying commercial rates.

I have again sought advice from the PV Liaison Officer for LTO scheme who has said once we are registered for the LTO then we can apply to PV/DSE to have fees waived/ reduced or refunded. Let's hope this really works!

I have completed the application form -- 25 pages, today (Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan) and it has been emailed (preferred format) to Parks Victoria. Here's hoping for a quick turn around....reckon it could be 2 – 3 months.

### **Gilwell Park – Gembrook**

This site is used for a number of schools for more advanced orienteering sessions.

The site is now under new management.

New manager, without any warning, has increased user fees from \$3 to \$7pp. He has also applied this retrospectively to December 2012 sessions. I have written to him, indicating that the new fees cannot be applied retrospectively and please resend tax invoices, advised that 3 months warning for increase fees is needed and indicated that OV schools program is not able to sustain such an increase.

This increase was a surprise to me because on meeting the new manager in early December, he stated he wanted to increase school usage, reduce fees and target low socio economic groups and people with disabilities!

### **New management of Recreation House offices.**

The new body now called Outdoors Victoria has advised that there will be:

- new tenancy agreements
- new billing of utilities
- new arrangements for photocopying.

### **Photocopying**

Outdoors Victoria will no longer provide shared facilities. As a result Canoeing Victoria has purchased its own photocopier and Orienteering Victoria will use this and be charged according to copies made, an invoice from CV will be presented monthly.

### **School Bookings**

These are rolling in for 2013.

12 school groups and 4 tertiary groups have already booked.

Kingswood College is a new school bringing their Year 8's for 2 sessions per class.

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