

ACTION LEARNING INITIATIVES

What's been happening at ALI?

We have enjoyed a fun and fast paced year with plenty of new and existing customers welcomed to Bungarra each week.

Andrew kept us all entertained and enthused for travel with photos sent on a regular basis as he travelled the globe on an amazing adventure with his wife Cath. They have reminded us the importance to explore, discover and dream. It's not enough to sit inside and watch the world go on around us, we need to get out there, live it and instil this same sense of passion in our young people.

Back at the office it's been business as usual.

The office staff have been busy preparing for programs and new groups have risen, as schools look for new and exciting opportunities to get students out of the classroom and exploring the beauty and wonder of the Snowy Mountains.

Field Staff have been busy on the ground sharing their knowledge and skills with students from Years 2 – 12. The continued development of sequential outdoor education has assisted in the customisation of programs, with several of our current schools requesting programs for multiple year groups, with specific aims and objectives, targeted to challenge, grow and develop the students based on their age and curriculum focus.

We hope you have all enjoyed the year as much as we have and thanks for your ongoing support of ALI. Best wishes for great adventures in 2016



The winter that was... The start of the season kept us waiting, and it was definitely worth it.

We were all champing at the bit to get out there to enjoy the alpine region in all its glory and when Mother Nature delivered, she sure did come through.

Under Nathan's leadership ALI experienced one of its busiest seasons on record. With a 5% increase of students on snow, and a continued focus on enjoying alpine sports in a safe and fun way, our "on snow" team did a great job delivering the message of safe and responsible on snow behaviour and special thanks must be extended to all our groups for their attentiveness during safety briefings. We have again experienced a drop in the number of injuries and this is thanks to the instructors at Thredbo for their quality teaching and the individuals really stepping up, listening and applying the lessons learnt.

A big thanks must also go to all the staff and group leaders attending the programs. Your passion and enthusiasm on Resort and in the Back Country was infectious and instrumental in the success of the programs

WHITE WATER PADDLING

Have you ever thought about getting qualified in white water paddling?

Stu Preston, ALI Senior Guide and WW specialist, is just the guy to get you skilled and qualified.

This year Stu has introduced paddling courses in partnership with Australian Canoeing. Stu's expertise on the water and qualifications as a trainer has broadened the scope of what we have on offer at ALI.

Details for courses to be conducted in 2016 will be available on our website www.action-learning.com.au or if you have a group and would like a training course tailored to your organisation send Stu an email

stu@action-learning.com.au or call the office 02 6457 2788



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Farewell to staff

This is always the hardest part, saying goodbye to work colleagues, who are so much more than that, when their path in life takes them on a new journey.

Jason Beachcroft – Guide and resident celebrity (Solo Kayak Adventurer) has moved across to WA to continue his work in Outdoor Education. Jason's quiet nature and ability to encourage and inspire students on program will be greatly missed. On snow or down the river, this is one person you want to be travelling with. We hope you don't miss the snow too much!

Ricki Porter – Program Administrator and community service organiser extraordinaire. Ricki's great sense of humour and fun loving nature will be greatly missed in the office. Ricki is taking up a role in Aged Care and you won't find a more caring and compassionate person to do the job.

Fiona Green – the lure of the "GONG" has been too great a force. Fiona is heading back to her home town of Wollongong and will continue working in office management. We know you will whip them all into shape at your new job, just like you have done with us, no job ever too big and you can navigate around a complex set of computer cables like no other.

We wish all 3 staff the very best in their new pursuits. We know you'll be just as amazing in your new roles as you have been with ALI. Your enthusiasm, professionalism and teamwork will be greatly missed and we look forward to your regular visits ☺

GOODLUCK AND KEEP IN TOUCH

A very warm welcome is extended to our 2 new office staff Allison Lane (Program Admin) & Shauna Knee (Office Admin). They both bring to ALI extensive experience and we are all looking forward to working with these two great ladies.

Logo & Website Refresh

We have employed the services of "Ellis Creative" to refresh our website and logo. Remember the good old days when the Yellow Pages were the go to for services – how times have changed with the digital age. As the digital world has developed we have identified the need to upgrade our website with a clear brief to our guy Dan. Make it look good, enhanced functionality and browser compliant. With more than 50% of websites being accessed with mobile platforms we want people to have access to our site wherever they are. Dan and his team have been working hard and the test site is looking great. Not long now until the great unveil, stay tuned for the rollout

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR WINTER 2016 PROGRAMS

If you haven't yet booked a trip for your school next winter, it's not too late. We specialise in Snowsport programs – Skiing, Snowboarding, Cross Country and Back Country experiences.

We tailor a program to suit the numbers of days on snow and nights' accommodation you are looking for. Our programs are comprehensive with Lift & Lessons, Accommodation, Meals, Transport, National Park entry and Hire all inclusive. And we can include Canberra site visits to and from Jindabyne, supporting educational outcomes. For further information contact Miff Page on 0414610442 or miff@action-learning.com.au

LAST MINUTE DEALS FOR WINTER

This winter we introduced a new booking system for LMD's using the online site Little Hoteliers. Customers were able to jump online, check availability and pay online. For staff in the office this was a great improvement on the previous system and for LMD regulars & newbies the new booking system was user friendly and will make future bookings a simple and quick process. Thanks to Leigh, Bungarra's Site Manager, for facilitating change.

Here's the link you'll need for next winter: <https://apac.littlehotelier.com/properties/bungarradirect>



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