

ACTION LEARNING INITIATIVES



2016
Newsletter



The winter that was...

A snow storm of great proportions descended upon the region in the second week of the July holidays and for those staying at Bungarra, what an experience!

Bus navigated their way down the Alpine Way as snow bucketed down, arriving at Bungarra to a winter wonderland. The following morning the excitement was palpable as groups hurried through breakfast, eager to hit the slopes and make the most of the falls.

And so the season continued with plenty of enthusiastic students and staff skiing and boarding on Resort and exploring the back country on cross country skis or snowshoes.

The team at hire made sure everyone was kitted out and ready to go and Thredbo Instructors did a great job this season, exploring every nook and cranny the resort had to offer.

Thanks to everyone that has taken the time to provide valuable feedback on your experience this year. We are continually looking at ways to improve the service we offer and your feedback, during your program and after, enables us to assess what is working well and areas we can improve.

We now have several schools looking to run a summer program with us as well as their annual snowsports program. If this is something your school would like to consider, give us a call and we can chat ideas.

Wicked Wombat 2016

MTB event New Year's Eve at Bungarra

To register follow the link:

<https://online.mtba.asn.au/ERegister.aspx?E=3299>

or go to www.rollingground.com.au for details about the event and accommodation available at Bungarra



Explore. Discover. Dream

We've done plenty of that in 2016!

Having stacked away the Skis and Back Country touring gear the ALI shed is now full of Mountain Bikes, Canoes, Camping and Expedition equipment. We are now ready to meet the mountains in their spring form! Due to some late season falls, there is still plenty of snow up on the main range so we will be carrying snow shoes for all our early season walks.

This summer we are partnering with several schools on dedicated Mountain Bike programs.

Bungarra makes the perfect base for skill development and progression on day 1 of program, and with the Snowy Mountains rapidly becoming the destination for MTB there is plenty of epic single trail and lifted gravity trail for expedition riding for additional days. We would be happy to partner with MTB teams, outdoor education streams or other groups that are keen to focus on and build their MTB skills. We are looking forward to partnering with you to give your young people a journey-based experience in the Mountains over Summer 16/17.

*Recent upgrades to
berms on trail section*



AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS ALPINE SPORT FOUNDATION (AIASF)

In mid-September students and staff from Narooma HS joined other indigenous children from Canberra, AIASF, Burton/Chill Foundation and ALI staff for 3 days on snow at Thredbo. They had the unexpected enjoyment of meeting up with 60 remote area children from Wongutha WA. It was a great experience and the students took to snowboarding like ducks to water. ALI invited the WA kids back to Bungarra to continue socializing with the Narooma students staying at Bungarra; an experience greatly enjoyed by all. To read more about this program and the remarkable achievements for these students, go to <http://aiasf.org.au/?p=586>



Farewell

After 7 great years with Jay Williams, in the role of Program Director, it's time to say farewell. Staff

and students alike benefitted from Jay's passion and knowledge of the Mountains and we wish him great success in future endeavors

ORIC Conference 2016- Developing the outdoor community.

Several ALI staff attended the annual ORIC conference this October at Camp Womberoo in the NSW Southern Highlands. The conference provided invaluable insight into emerging trends and research currently taking place, by some of our country's leading experts in the field of OE. Presentations ranged from the effects of experiential education on the emotional intelligence in adolescent males to Primary School outdoor learning, and the successful introduction of a bush skills experience based around a slow pedagogy – allowing students to take a breath and reflect, as an alternative to the fast paced experiences many programs provide.

The programs we offer at ALI support this ideology, providing a balance of experiences within our programs, and we find students respond well to participating in energised activities and passive learning, which may include camp craft, solo reflection sessions and astronomy in the evenings.

Our guides will be assessing ways to incorporate new skills and techniques learnt during the course of the conference.

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN FOR WINTER 2017 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 being all inclusive. We also include Canberra site visits to and from Jindabyne, supporting educational outcomes.

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Accessing important info on our website www.action-learning.com.au

With the new website in full operation we have made accessing information which is relevant to all groups - Risk Assessments, Insurances, Activity and Accommodation info - available through a separate login. Go to the client login section on the home page **username:** teacher general **password:** ali998 Program information (Proposal and Program Matrix etc) specific to your group will continue to be available through your unique login. If you need a copy or your login, call the office and we can give this to you.

Check out on the web:

MTB footage of trails in the mountains featuring Bungarra: <http://www.action-learning.com.au/general-public-riding/>

Introducing Tom Robb

Outdoor Facilitator & Motivational Speaker

ALI has recently partnered with Tom, an experienced Outdoor Educator, as he travels the country with his "Take the Apple" presentation, designed to equip students with decision making skills, based on the challenges they face in today's society .

Take The Apple covers such topics as: Employment versus University; alcohol and drug abuse; sex; image perception; depression; bullying; social media; general well-being; and authenticity.

Tom's expertise in content delivery and his ability to engage the students has been commended by school staff as he approaches each topic in a relatable and sensible manner. The presentation is powerful and encourages young people to be thoughtful on the decisions and choices they make in their youth, and the implications on their journey into adulthood.

Tom's wealth of life experience enabled him to draw upon a wide range of challenges faced by young people, and he communicated serious and complex issues with integrity and sensitivity. The solutions he offered up for consideration by the students were age-appropriate, practical and effective, and were indicative not only of current trends in adolescent development but also of his own robust personal code of ethics.

Marist College, Canberra

If you are interested to connect with Tom and talk more about his program, please get in touch with the ALI office and we'll provide his details



Tom Robb