



Otago Institute of Sport and Adventure Newsletter

New Degree

Bachelor of Applied Science (Physical Activity, Health and Wellness)

The Otago Institute of Sport and Adventure will be delivering a new degree for the first time in 2010! Following on from our successful Diploma in Applied Sport and Exercise Leadership, the qualification will have a strong applied and vocational nature.

This degree combines physical activity, health and wellness areas to develop a practitioner that is skilled in their ability to understand the scientific background and apply the information at either the individual or population level.

[Click here for more information on the new degree](#)

New Staff Member – Hayden Croft



New to the Otago Institute of Sport and Adventure in 2010, Hayden has come to the department with an ongoing interest in Sport Science, Biomechanics and Video Technology. Hayden has worked with the NZRU and All Blacks, leading in the development of simulation technologies for decision making and lineout practice.

Hayden's goal over the next two years is to develop his teaching and continue his research into sports technology with high performance teams. [Read more about Hayden here.](#)

Programme Updates

Sporting Performance (Specialty)

Gary Barclay is the new Sporting Performance Programme Manager. The 2010 students have been making the most of the unique opportunities offered by this programme which is designed to provide access to training, coaching, nutrition and mental skills expertise, while simultaneously building an educational foundation for a successful career in sports management.

This year we can add one more student to the ever increasing list of Sporting Performance students selected to represent their country in sport, with a first year selected for the New Zealand Under 19 Touch Team. This takes the tally of New Zealand representatives from the institute to 116 students.

Sport Management and Coaching (Specialty)

It continues to be a busy year for second year students specialising in Sports Event Management. The students undertake a minimum of twelve days volunteering and begin with secondary school athletic meetings, which involves many disciplines and requires many volunteers to make the day run smoothly.

The New Zealand University Games were held in Invercargill in April, with some students involved in a range of duties including registration, sports liaison positions and general administration. Two weeks later the Southern Area Schools Tournament was held in Lawrence where students controlled and officiated sports for three days. Other events our students will be involved in include the Special Olympics swimming, secondary rugby, netball and soccer tournaments.

Sports Student and Black Fern – Kelly Brazier



Otago Institute of Sport and Adventure student Kelly Brazier was a Black Fern in 2009 and selected for the 2010 Rugby World Cup. Having played for the Otago Spirit team at high school, Kelly's progression into the Black Ferns seemed inevitable. Kelly also had a tremendous club season in 2009 for Alhambra-Union scoring 388 points. The talented sports all-rounder has also represented New Zealand in touch, making the national under 21 mixed team in 2009.

“At the Otago Institute of Sport and Adventure it was fantastic having so many practical courses that allowed me to improve in so many different aspects. Lecturers went out of their way to accommodate having time off to play touch and rugby for New Zealand teams.”

Kelly is the eighth Black Fern to come from the Institute.



One less car on the road – An OISA Initiative

The purchase of a bike trailer provides a great example of OISA's commitment to sustainable practice.

This initiative was first established by OISA lecturer Andrew Keene in an effort to lower vehicle usage and reduce our carbon footprint.

Finally, staff can easily move equipment to offsite venues and as a result, there is less physical stress in having to carry large loads and parking hassles are eliminated.

Adventure news

Congratulations to the Adventure staff who have successfully completed an external audit of their Diploma in Outdoor Leadership and Management programme through Outdoors Mark, Outdoors New Zealand (ONZ). This is a significant achievement for our team, and ensures our safety systems and daily operations are in order.



Photo by Andy Thompson

We now have a signed MOU with the National Industry Assessment Organisation, New Zealand Outdoor Instructors Association (NZOIA). The agreement will enable our second year students to gain their first NZOIA associate membership for free, and complete their first recognised external industry qualification as part of their Diploma at no extra costs. If they are successful in passing their assessment, students will gain full membership as industry recognised practitioners.

It is a fantastic advantage to gain a Diploma in Outdoor Leadership Management at Otago Polytechnic, enabling our students to enter the industry equipped with the right qualifications to kick-start their careers.



**CONGRATS TO THE ALL
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