

# BERWICK OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

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Dear Supporters and Sponsors

When, I sent out my first letter to Lions Clubs, businesses and other likely supporters and sponsors away back in 1990. I am sure it never crossed my mind that all this time later I would still be writing these letters. However, as we approach our 28th annual BOE course I am very happy and proud to still be carrying out this task on behalf of our very enthusiastic team.

The full sponsorship fee for a participant's back then cost \$180.00 pp and that was for a five-day course. Compare that to today's fee of \$550.00 for eight days and you can see we still offer great value for money!

Of course, we can only continue offering this opportunity because of the fantastic support we get from our sponsors whether they are businesses, private citizens, service clubs or a multitude of other organizations and individuals that have supported our endeavours throughout this time.

Lest we forget, all our Instructors are volunteers, and without their contribution, none of what we achieve would be possible.

I received an email last week from one of last year's participants. Her work placed had sponsored her to the course.

She asked for an application form as she wished to sponsor a young lad she felt would benefit from the experience she had been privileged to have experienced.

Then excitedly proclaimed she had learned to swim, she had been terrified of water and wouldn't take part in the kayaking during the course. She had then approached our kayaking instructors asking if they would be prepared to take her out as they had promised to do when she felt ready! "That is why I am still cheerfully writing these letters."

We trust that we can rely on your continuing support for our next course as we believe the results speak for themselves!

**The dates for this course will be held from the 10th – 18th May 2019. - Total Cost \$550 for 8 days.**

(To those who have already responded we thank you for your early applications, much appreciated).

We urge clubs and organisations wishing to participate by sponsoring someone from their local community to give early consideration to finding suitable applicants.

This is not only to be sure of obtaining a placement but also to give the participant time to physically prepare for the course.

What type of people benefits from this course? --- In short people from all walks of life.

- We need a cross section of NZ society to make it work.
- We believe learning from each other plays a huge part in the success of the course.

Consideration should be given to those who are 18yrs of age (the minimum age limit) or older;

- Keen to avail themselves of this opportunity.
- Have the ability to benefit from it.
- Can use the benefits learned, in the Community, Work Place or Family.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you need more brochures, we are happy to provide them for you or can download from our website.

Extra application forms can be downloaded from our website. Check out our Facebook page also.

Yours Sincerely

Kevin Moore

For the BOE committee - Lions Club of Taieri

P.S Could clubs that have booked positions in the course please confirm them by March 1st or make contact.

We cannot guarantee to hold places after this date.

