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## **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ABORIGINAL OUTDOOR INSTRUCTOR SCHEME & OUTDOOR PROGRAMMES IN REMOTE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES**

With the support of the Department of Sport and Recreation Outdoors WA engaged consultants to investigate the opportunity for training of Aboriginal leaders within the outdoor sector. The findings are summarized in the Final Report Proposed Aboriginal Instructor Scheme.

This was an independent review conducted by Shorea Training & Consultancy and Bridging the Gap, as such the views expressed by the consultant in the attached reports are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the Outdoors WA board.

Outdoors WA has also received the report Outdoor Programs in Remote Aboriginal Communities by Darren Smith as part of the Dr Heather MacGowan Scholarship. Both reports deal with similar challenges and as such both were simultaneously reviewed by the Outdoors WA board.

Outdoors WA has identified that these areas are of ongoing significance and should be supported if and when additional resources are made available. The highest priorities that are seen for the sector in the short term in this area are:

- **Establishment of a mentoring program for potential and current Aboriginal outdoor guides.**
- **Pilot the proposed Aboriginal Outdoor Instructor Development Scheme in a remote community and nearby main centre.**
- **Support remote communities to develop sustainable high quality outdoor programs that encourage meaningful participation and skill development.**

It is realized that a broad range of stakeholders were consulted for the report and that this research provides a significant potential base to move forward. Copies of the report will be available for download from the Outdoors WA website. [www.outdoorswa.org](http://www.outdoorswa.org)

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