



## *Te Tumu herenga waka, herenga tangata* bestowed on Mike Boyes

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Dr Mike Boyes is an Associate Professor in outdoor education at the School of Physical Education at the University of Otago. In his role as an academic, Mike is on a number of editorial boards for academic journals, is widely published in peer reviewed literature, books and magazines, and most importantly has mentored the development of a new generation of academics in this country. Not surprisingly, Mike is considered a leader in the sector.

He is a life member of EONZ and has served on the national executive a number of times, is past chairperson of Outdoors New Zealand, and has chaired the New Zealand Mountain Safety Council's research committee and been a council member. In 2007 Mike was awarded the NZ Sport and Recreation Commission's supreme award for services to outdoor recreation and in 2010 was awarded membership of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to mountain safety and outdoor recreation. In 2013 he was awarded a NZ Mountain Safety Council Award for voluntary service to mountain safety.

*Te Tumu herenga waka, herenga tangata* (the post that binds the waka also binds the people) is a Maori phrase used to recognise someone who has a significant influence over people, someone who brings people together and unites them, someone who is a true leader of people. The EONZ executive take great pleasure in bestowing this title on Mike, in acknowledgement of all that he has done for the sector and the organisation over his long career.