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Australian Camps Association CEO Peter McDougall appointed to International Camping Fellowship Board

Camp leaders from around the world came together at the 13th International Camping Congress (ICC) 2026 in China, where the International Camping Fellowship (ICF) announced the appointment of Peter McDougall, Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Camps Association (ACA), to its Board as Development Chair for the 2026 to 2029 term.



Image (Left to Right): Pablo Casas-Alatriste, President, International Camping Fellowship and Peter McDougall, CEO, Australian Camps Association.

The ICF is the worldwide body for camps. As Development Chair, Mr McDougall will lead ICF's strategic growth, including partnerships, and will help position ICF as a global voice in youth development and organised camping. He will bring Australia's camping experience and the ACA's national leadership to that work, so that Australian camps have a direct voice in shaping the global camp movement.

The appointment is a significant recognition of the Australian Camps Association and of Australia's contribution to camping. It places Australia firmly on the world camps map, with Australian leadership now sitting at the table of the global governing body for camps.

Mr. McDougall said, "I am truly honoured to be appointed to the ICF Board. My appointment is great recognition for all Australian camps, and the outstanding work they do collectively to create a world class reputation of providing a high-level experience for the 4 million annual camp participants Australia wide."

"Few camp communities in the world inspire the way Australia does. The depth, professionalism and sense of purpose of the Australian camp sector is a model we celebrate globally, and ICF is incredibly fortunate to be strengthening our connection to it. Welcoming Peter McDougall as our new Development Chair is a privilege — his experience leading associations across different industries give him a fresh and strategic lens on how to grow ICF with purpose and sustainability. Peter, and the Australian camp family, are a gift to our global community."— Pablo Casas-Alatriste, President, International Camping Fellowship.

About the Australian Camps Association

The Australian Camps Association is the national peak body for camps and associated providers.

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