

3. **NEW ZEALAND RECREATION ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE, TAKAPUNA, AUCKLAND, 7-9 NOVEMBER, 1999** RR 10867

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The purpose of this report is to inform Councillors about the purpose and content of the annual, national New Zealand Recreation Association Conference and to appoint this Council’s representatives to the conference.

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The annual NZRA conference is aimed at leisure/parks personnel in senior or management roles and at Councillors with a leisure/parks portfolio. It is a valuable opportunity to hear about best practice both in New Zealand and around the world. The conference is well attended by local authority personnel and provides a wonderful opportunity for networking and exchange of information.

This year’s conference includes keynote presentations from Peter Hillary; Brian O’Neil, the CEO of Golden Gate National Park, USA; Marilyn Waring, political economist and author; Jeff Floyd, CEO of Tourism Victoria and Alan Duff, New Zealand author.

As well, there will be half-day themed workshops in three professional streams:

1. Policy, politics and planning (councillors, managers, planners and policy staff)
2. Leisure, sport and culture (wet and dry facilities, community recreation, arts, sports)
3. Open space management (parks, natural resource management, marine)

In past years two Councillor representatives from the Parks and Recreation Committee have attended the conference. However, the Committee considered that it would be appropriate for three Councillors to attend this year’s conference given the relevance of this year’s conference programme to the work of the Committee. The Committee therefore decided to recommend that the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Councillor Harrow attend this year’s conference. However, since the meeting Councillor Ganda has advised that he is unable to attend. It will therefore be necessary for the third Council representative to be appointed at the present meeting.

COSTS

The estimated costs per delegate are as follows:

1. Return airfares (best available price) - \$319
2. Registration fees - \$787.50
3. Accommodation - \$130 per night

Total cost per delegate - \$1,437

Recommendation: That the Chairman, Councillor Harrow and one other Councillor be authorised to attend the 1999 New Zealand Recreation Association Conference.