

16. **“LOOK WELLINGTON 2000” NEW ZEALAND RECREATION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE, TE PAPA, WELLINGTON, 29 OCTOBER – 1 NOVEMBER 2000**

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The purpose of this report is to recommend the appointment of the Council's delegates to the Annual National Recreation Industry Conference.

This year's conference is being hosted by Wellington City Council and is being held at Te Papa between 29 October and 1 November 2000.

LOOK WELLINGTON 2000 CONFERENCE

This annual conference brings together recreation, sports, arts, open spaces and parks industry colleagues as well as local authority politicians with an interest in this area. It is a valuable opportunity to hear the latest in overseas and local trends and innovations and to network with colleagues in the industry.

The theme of this year's conference is "Looking back, looking inwards and looking forward". The industry's history in New Zealand will be examined, personal learning and development will be featured and future trends will be presented.

Keynote speakers include Hon Trevor Mallard, Minister of Sport, Fitness and Leisure; Peter Dale, Chief Executive Officer, Hillary Commission; David Mitsui, President, Canadian Parks and Recreation Association; Gareth Morgan, Infometrics and Farah Palmer, Captain of the New Zealand Black Ferns.

2001 CONFERENCE

This year's conference will be of particular interest to Christchurch participants as the Canterbury branch of the New Zealand Recreation Association will be hosting the next conference in Christchurch in September 2001.

In the past it has been customary for two or three Councillors to attend this conference. However, because the next conference is being held in Christchurch the Committee believes that it would be appropriate for four Councillors to attend this year's conference in order to gain an appreciation of the host council's responsibilities.

Recommendation: That Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Councillors Anderton and Austin be authorised to attend the "Look Wellington 2000" Conference.