

1. **NEW ZEALAND RECREATION ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE, HAMILTON,
10-13 NOVEMBER 2002**

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of the content of this conference and to seek the Council's approval for two Councillors from the Community and Leisure Committee to attend the New Zealand Recreation Association National Conference in Hamilton.

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The twin themes for this year's annual conference are "Leisure in the Commodity Age" and "Recreation to Go". The conference will focus on the changing face of leisure and explore the growth of recreation as a commodity and the new framework for government support of recreation and leisure. The conference will take place in Hamilton from 10 to 13 November.

Keynote speakers include Sandra Coney, writer, health activist and Deputy – Chair of Parks in the Auckland Regional Council; Alan Hall, Associate Professor in the School of Education at the University of Waikato; and Brian Turner, a freelance journalist, editor and writer and Professor Boyd Swinburn, Physical Activity and Nutrition Research Unit, Deakin University, Australia.

As well as sessions on parks, leisure, arts and research and planning there will be a special half-day get together for elected members.

Costs for attendance at the conference for two Councillors are in the order of:

Registration including reception	\$2,000
Accommodation	\$735
Airfares (approximately)	\$1,070

Daily meeting allowances would also be payable for Council delegates.

Attendance of two members of the Community and Leisure Committee at the conference in Hamilton is recommended.

Recommendation: That Councillors Graham Condon and Ishwar Ganda attend this conference.