

1. **NEW ZEALAND RECREATION ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE, NEW PLYMOUTH  
9-12 NOVEMBER 2003**

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The purpose of this report is to seek the Council's approval for two Councillors from the Community and Leisure Committee to attend the 2003 New Zealand Recreation Association National Conference in New Plymouth.

The theme for this year's conference is Relationships in Recreation. It will provide an opportunity to collectively build new relationships with old and new partners including SPARC, Department of Conservation and the Regional Sports Trusts and learn how much can be achieved by building new relationships in recreation.

Keynote speakers include Rodney Tolley, Director of Walk 21, a global partnership that focuses on raising international awareness of walking issues, Professor Adrian Bauman, Professor of Public Health and Epidemiology at the University of New South Wales and Director of the New South Wales Centre for Physical Activity. He also is on the World Health Organisation reference group for establishing global policy for nutrition and physical activity. Nicholas Hill, Chief Executive Officer, Sport and Recreation New Zealand, will also speak, as will John Ombler, central region General Manager for the Department of Conservation.

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

Registration including reception	\$1,500
Accommodation	\$800
Airfares	\$1,200

Daily meeting allowances would also be payable for Councillor delegates.

The report is being considered at this meeting due to the need to take advantage of a discount for early registration if Council approval is given.

Attendance of two members of the Community and Leisure Committee at the Conference in New Plymouth is recommended.

**Staff**

**Recommendation:** That Councillor Graham Condon and one other member of the Community and Leisure Committee attend the Recreation Conference in New Plymouth in November.

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