

5. **NEW ZEALAND RECREATION ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONFERENCE, CHRISTCHURCH,  
12-14 SEPTEMBER, 2001**

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The purpose of this report is to advise Councillors of the content of this conference and request that representatives from the Parks and Recreation Committee attend.

**NZRA NATIONAL CONFERENCE: “NAKED, 2001 CANTERBURY”, 12-14 SEPTEMBER,  
HOTEL GRAND CHANCELLOR CONFERENCE CENTRE**

Councillors will have recently received a registration brochure for this conference, which is being hosted in Christchurch for the first time in more than ten years and which the Council has sponsored with a contribution of \$10,000.

The theme of the conference is “back to basics” (hence the title “Naked”!!) and its programme represents a marked shift away from a policy focus to one of practical sessions of interest to both staff and elected members. Sessions will be presented in “streams” – recreation, facilities and parks, allowing recreation programmers, facility managers and staff, parks professionals and elected members to get together for a “conference within a conference”, as well as attending sessions in other streams which are of interest.

For every trend, policy issue or great idea presented at the conference there will be time allowed to discuss practical implementation ideas and approaches, giving attendees plenty of ideas to take back to their everyday work lives.

Opportunities for networking will be maximised, and another “first” at this conference will be a luncheon get-together for all elected members attending the conference, hosted by Councillor Condon.

Keynote speakers include Canadian Pam Meunier who has been prominent in Canada’s implementation of physical activity (“30 minutes a day”) strategies; the Minister of Sport, Fitness and Leisure, the Hon. Trevor Mallard; Christchurch City Council City Manager, Mike Richardson and Garry Henshall, the Executive Director of Parks and Leisure Australia.

As part of the Council’s sponsorship the Chair, Parks and Recreation Committee, receives a full complimentary conference registration. As the conference is in Christchurch it is suggested that three Parks and Recreation Committee Councillors may also wish to attend.

The registration fee for the conference is \$646.88 per registrant. The day registration is \$309.38.

**Recommendation:** That the Chair, Parks and Recreation and three Committee members attend the NZRA National Conference.

**Chairman’s**

**Recommendation:** That the above recommendation be adopted.