

3. UPCOMING YOUTH RELATED CONFERENCES

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The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with background information about two forthcoming conferences concerning young people.

Third International Conference on Nightlife, Substance Use and Related Health Issues; Club Health 2004, Melbourne, 18–20 April 2004.

This conference will provide an international forum for debate and exchange of information on nightlife policy and practice. Conference themes include: emerging trends in recreational drug use, tackling accidents and violence in nightlife settings, controlling alcohol and tobacco use, outreach and nightlife community interventions, emergency planning in nightlife settings, and developing nightlife strategies.

The organisers consider that this conference has relevance to those working in or researching the fields of drug use (including alcohol and tobacco), nightlife policy development, sexual health, crime reduction, environmental health and tourism as well as individuals and organisations working in bars, clubs or nightlife related industries.

More information is accessible on www.clubhealth.org.uk. Including information about the 2002 conference which was held in Rimini, Italy.

Youth in Local Government: Dunedin 4–7 July 2004

This biennial event provides an opportunity for Councillors, Council staff, community organisations, researchers, policy makers and young people from throughout New Zealand to meet together to discuss issues related to involving young people in their local communities.

The 2004 conference themes are "Participation – Youth in the City" which will examine young people's participation in community and civic affairs, "Sustainable Futures" which will explore young people's participation in addressing environmental and social issues, and "Youth Employment" which will investigate issues concerning youth employment.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Committee consider the information, and decide whether or not to have representation at these events.

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Recommendation: For discussion.