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New Zealand Recreation Conference 2004

1. New Zealand Recreation Association

The New Zealand Recreation Association (NZRA) was formed in 1992 with the amalgamation of three antecedent organisations that represented professionals in the Parks, Pools and Recreation industries.

NZRA is a professional association representing among its members policy makers (both elected and officials), territorial local authorities, regional councils, voluntary organisations (such as the YMCA, YWCA, CCS, IHC), regional sports trusts, the Department of Conservation, commercial leisure providers, recreation planners, facility managers (wet and dry), programme and event managers, community arts leaders and practitioners.

NZRA's mission is:

“To support a vibrant professional recreation industry by providing opportunities for individual and industry development, industry leadership and information sharing”

A cornerstone of the associations' professional development programme is the annual conference. The annual conference is targeted at a wide audience of professionals with particular emphasis on strategic issues relevant to elected representatives and managers.

2. Remarkable Recreation

Remarkable Recreation is the brand for the 2004 National Conference to be held at the Millennium Hotel, Queenstown from 22-25 August 2004.

The conference programme is attached (see **Attachment 1**). Keynote speakers are:

- Don Bruns, Bureau of Land Management, Lakeland, Colorado, USA
- Dr Spenser Havlick, University of Colorado, Elected Official, Boulder, USA
- Robin Judkins, Speights Coast to Coast, Event Organiser
- Dr Clive Pope, Waikato University.

The conference will cover a range of pertinent issues for the parks and recreation professionals. Themes include risk management, recreation measurement, the relationship between health and recreation industry and barriers/motivation for recreation participation.

The Committee is to consider sending a delegate to the conference.

In line with past Council practice, it is suggested that the Committee Chair be the Landcare delegate.

3. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. ***receive the report.***
2. ***note the contents of the report.***
3. ***agree that the chair of the Landcare Committee be registered for attendance at the 2004 New Zealand Recreation Association Annual Conference to be held from 22-25 August 2004.***

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Attachment 1: New Zealand Recreation Association Annual Conference Programme