



National Conference Dunedin 16 - 18 November 2011



Your opportunity to develop your knowledge, awareness and understanding of the major issues affecting the recreation sector as we go into a new phase of central and local government.

The programme will include a broad range of topics covering parks, facilities and recreation. Keynote speakers, forums and breakout sessions will be complemented by a selection of field trip options.

Keynote Speakers Include:

Rod Oram Author & Journalist, Winner of 2010 Vero Excellence in Business Support award - "The Value of Recreation"

Jon Reid General Manager, Community Sport and Recreation, SPARC - "Sport or Recreation - What a lot of Hogwash"

Robyn Cockburn Director of LUMIN and **Esther Bukholt** Senior Community Recreation Advisor, Wellington City Council - "The You and I of Community"

John Prendergast Chief Executive, Community Trust of Southland "A Funder's Perspective of Recreation"

Bob Gidlow Associate Professor in Sociology, Lincoln University and **Grant Cushman** Professor of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Lincoln University - "A New Zealand Leisure Research Strategy: An Idea Whose Time has come?"

Friday Forum (optional):

Interactive Forum: Have we got it covered yet? Focussing on recent events in New Zealand and internationally that have shown us that the world around us can change in an instant and considering how the recreation sector is prepared to respond.

Field Trips Include (plus others):

Playing Indoors Moana Pool, the Edgar Centre and Dunedin Ice Stadium are three key indoor facilities for recreation in Dunedin. Take the opportunity to discuss with managers the future of recreation facilities as costs rise and disposable income decreases and the challenges of balancing the needs of casual users, organised sport and events.

Beaches, Roads and Recreation What does a City do when the sea decides to take over its sportsfields? And what about the houses behind? An opportunity to see how Dunedin City is attempting to deal with the effects of coastal erosion on the city's most popular urban beach and the impact on some of its prime sports fields.

Under the Covers A guided tour of the Forsyth Barr Stadium, the world's first permanently covered stadium with natural turf.

Training Open forums for discussion and debate with the presenters and panellists, to clarify what is available now and to set some challenges for the future for the workforce, education and research sectors.



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