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1 FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK

Queensland State Conference a Success.
Our state conference at Sea World at the beginning of June was an incredible success. We had more than 100 delegates and involvement from across the state and across commercial, private, state, local and NGO sectors. The quality of the presentations and the amount of content that was available was impressive. The social and networking events were enjoyable and I saw numerous exchanges of contacts, sharing of stories and collegial moments, as we came together as an industry and celebrated the extensive knowledge and experience we have in Qld.

The standout for me was that several people remarked what an exceptional professional development event the conference was. That is what PLAQLD wants to deliver and we will continue to improve and expand the opportunities for everyone in our industry. Our upcoming Leisure Facilities Workshop is already well booked and we have a number of other events planned. If you have an issue, idea or moment of genius and want to share it, please talk to Tracy.

Of course the success of the conference wasn’t due to magical unicorns doing all the work. There was an incredibly dedicated team behind it all and I would like to thank them again. Our PLAQLD Executive Officer Tracy Barkham believed in our ability to run a conference of this quality and worked extremely hard to make it happen. Of everyone the biggest and loudest thanks goes to Tracy. Tracy was supported by a conference committee and a number of other individuals who organised, planned, chased up, programmed and crisis managed. So, some individual mentions: Angela Wright for organising the conference program and being a part of the core group that made it happen, being so supportive and encouraging to industry colleagues who were unsure about presenting (and we are so glad they did); Tara Looby for marketing advice and help in myriad ways (and for sourcing all the Technigro and IVM goodies that went into the satchels - and the satchels); John Wood for photography, advice, support and a great keynote (at short notice); Graham Burgdorf for driving the bus for the tech tours; Eve Craker for helping with getting the awards night together; Paul Knight who started the journey with us; Anand Pillay who helped promote the conference and encourage so many delegates. Richard Clarkson for all the help during the conference and staffing the registration desk; Neal Ames for MC ing the awards night.

To all those who presented, congratulations! I heard so much praise for the speakers and their information and it truly reinforced for me how important it is to all of us that we get out of our home patch and listen to what others are doing. Thankyou also to the many of you who helped run the rooms and introduce speakers and finally, I would like to thank our trade sponsors and conference partners whose support made the conference happen. City of Gold Coast gets a special mention for being our conference sponsor and for supporting the tech tours. I would also especially like to thank the other keynote speakers who presented: Amalie Wright; Dr Rachel Sharman; Dr Andrew O’Neill; Richard Pascoe; Lucas Patchett and Nick Marchesi (Orange Sky). Thankyou also to all those who completed the survey and gave us valuable feedback to use for planning next year. If you have a particular passion, or some great ideas and want to be involved in the next conference - please let Tracy know.

Congratulations also to the awards winners who now go on to be considered for national awards. Speaking of national awards – many of you will be considering the national conference in Sydney. October is a great month to visit the harbour city and the program is shaping up to
be spectacular, so go over to the website and have a look at what’s on offer and... don’t miss the early bird rates.

Marty Lambert, President

2 PLAQ 2015 AWARD SUBMISSIONS & WINNERS

The 2015 PLAQ Award submissions were outstanding. A summary of each submission is presented, together with the email address of a contact person should you want to obtain more details of a particular project. Each award winner is shown in gold, however the real winners are the communities that benefit from such a wide range of excellent programmes, activities and facilities.

**Events Award:** Winner - Toowoomba Regional Council for Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers

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<td>Initially conceived in the 1940s to boost community spirit and generate economic activity post WWII, the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers is now Australia’s longest running horticultural event and the region’s largest event, generating a 22m spend. It is brought to life thanks to 1,500 community volunteers and attracts 171,000 people.</td>
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Contact: krista@kristahauritz.com.au
## Inclusive & Connected Communities Award Submission: GO Clubs - Cairns Regional Council

**Summary**

Clubs are a vital component of every healthy community. Unfortunately though they are subjected to a growing list of challenges. Cairns Regional Council has recognised the pressures threatening their future and has responded with the development of an innovative program to provide practical support to local organisations – Go Clubs.

**Photo**

![Go Clubs Logo]

**Contact**

A.Lowe@cairns.qld.gov.au

## Inclusive & Connected Communities Award Submission: Jenny O’Malley Arena - Moreton Bay Regional Council

**Summary**

Jenny O’Malley Arena has been a major achievement for Samford RDA and MBRC providing increased capacity for classes, extended operating season, all weather accessibility and greater comfort for participants. The outcome is a fit for purpose covered horse arena that meets the needs of Samford RDA and the wider community.

**Photo**

![Jenny O’Malley Arena]

**Contact**

jennifer.plate@moretonbay.qld.gov.au
Inclusive & Connected Communities Award: Winner - Toowoomba Regional Council for The CHANGE Project

Summary

The CHANGE Project creates a level playing field for healthy habits through providing free and low-cost sustainable programs to help people be active, eat well and live well. Focusing on delivering regular programs in regional areas, the Project creates equitable access for people to lead socially connected and healthy lifestyles.

Photo

Contact melinda.covey@toowoombarc.qld.gov.au

Leisure Facilities: Development Submission: Lockyer Valley Sports and Aquatic Centre, Lockyer Valley Regional Council

Summary

The Lockyer Valley Sports and Aquatic Centre was opened to the public on 7 February 2015 and provides a state of the art facility for the residents of the Lockyer Valley and beyond, providing a 10 lane 50m pool, learning to swim pool, refurbished gym and associated infrastructure.

Photo

Contact blusk@lvrc.qld.gov.au
**Leisure Facilities: Development Submission:** Sunshine Coast Regional Tennis Centre, Sunshine Coast Council

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<th>Summary</th>
<th>Now one of only seven regional tennis facilities across Queensland (as endorsed by Tennis Australia and Tennis Queensland), the newly developed Sunshine Coast Regional Tennis Centre in Caloundra caters for regional, state, national and international events – making it a catalyst for economic development, social inclusion and community wellbeing.</th>
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| Contact | mark.presswell@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au |

**Leisure Facilities: Development Submission** - Redland city wide sports field lighting project

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<th>Summary</th>
<th>In 2013 Redland City Council undertook a city wide sports field lighting audit which all sites failed in meeting basic electrical standards. As a direct result Redland City Council has been able to establish an exemplar and robust sports field lighting program that is more than just a light bulb.</th>
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| Contact | tim.goward@redland.qld.gov.au |
Leisure Facilities: Development Submission: Laidley Sports and Multipurpose Complex - Lockyer Valley Regional Council

Summary
The Laidley Sports and Multipurpose Complex provides a modern multi-functional facility that will be the focal point of the community for generations to come. The facility includes a 225-seat covered grandstand, 600 square metre clubhouse, commercial kitchen, main function room, bar, two canteens, disability toilets, meeting rooms and storage areas.

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Leisure Facilities: Development Award: Winner - City of Gold Coast for the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre

Summary
The Gold Coast Aquatic Centre is Australia's newest international-standard aquatics facility. Constructed for the 2018 Commonwealth Games, the project is a world leader in innovative design to ensure its suitability as an elite competition and training venue and an outstanding community facility for future generations of Gold Coasters.

Contact
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Leisure and/or Open Space Planning Submission: The Charlton Sports Precinct Master Plan and Business Framework, Toowoomba Regional Council.

Summary
The Charlton Sports Precinct Master Plan and Business Framework was developed to address an identified deficiency in developed sports land in the Toowoomba Region. The project moved beyond the basic baseline methodology of sports master planning to incorporate a variety of business, economic and cultural analysis components.

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Leisure and/or Open Space: Planning Planning Submission: Network Land Management Framework - Brisbane City Council and CPR Group

Summary
Brisbane City Council and CPR Group have prepared the first network land management framework in Queensland to manage secondary use of trust land. It provides an innovative and effective approach to ensure the efficient approval of trustee leases. It represents 185 hectares, 40 parks and more than 60 community organisations.

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jacqui.cowell@brisbane.qld.gov.au
**Leisure and/or Open Space: Planning Planning Submission:** The Walker Road Sport and Recreation Precinct - Cairns Regional Council

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<th>The Walker Road Sport and Recreation Precinct will provide high class facilities for the dramatically increasing population of Cairns Southern Corridor, allow for other facilities to expand in conjunction with the precinct and create a sustainable model of club engagement and leadership within the community.</th>
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**Leisure and/or Open Space: Planning Planning Award; Playspace: Minor (<$0.5M) Award; and Research Project Award:** Bundaberg Regional Council for Active By Community Design - The Redevelopment of Boreham Park

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<th>Summary</th>
<th>The Active By Community Design project is a whole of community project developed in response to alarming statistics in relation to physical inactivity levels and obesity in the Wide Bay Region. The goal of the project was to engage local residents in the design and use of parks, with the aim being to increase no-cost opportunities for being physically active.</th>
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Parks and Open Space: Development Award: Place Design Group for Jezzine Barracks

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<th>Jezzine Barracks is a 15 hectare site that has been transformed into a public parkland. Flowing all abilities paths link the various lookouts with views over the ocean to Magnetic Island and back over inland ranges. An important development for Townsville, Jezzine Barracks plays a pivotal role in the area’s tourism growth and historic remembrance.</th>
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Playspace: Major ($0.5M +) Submission: Sunshine Coast Council – Trio of Parks

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<th>The playground provides children with a unique nature and active play opportunity that is not offered elsewhere on the Sunshine Coast. The park is part of an innovative trio of playgrounds in Landsborough and Beerwah; Skippy Park, Pioneer Park, and Turner Park (Turner Park still at the planning stage).</th>
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### Playspace: Major ($0.5M +) Award: Frew Park Exceptional Playground for The Play Works

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<th>At Frew Park in Brisbane’s inner-suburb of Milton, Brisbane City Council has created a park that features a tennis centre, an all-abilities playground that provides challenges up to teenage years, active transport links, and facilities for diverse and inclusive picnicking and recreation. The innovative design has managed flood impacts, demonstrates environmental and social best-practice and has set a new standard for parks in Australia.</th>
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### Playspace: Minor (<$0.5M) Submission: Brooking Parklands – Urban Play

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<th>Property development group Sekisui House engaged landscape architects, Hassell and playground designers Urban Play to create a playspace the community would be proud of. Brooking Parklands features a world-first Corocord Frisbee rope play structure accompanied with various other play equipment to provide countless play activities and opportunities.</th>
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Playspace: Minor (<$0.5M) Submission: Active Park, Bells Reach – Urban Play

Summary
Active Park at Bells Reach was a joint venture for Stockland Developments between AECOM, Eureka Landscapes and playground designers, Urban Play. The playspace has an aesthetic presence which both complements the award-winning Blue Park but is iconic in its own right and features another world-first play structure: Corocord’s Jellyfish tower.

Photo

Contact info@urbanplay.com.au

Research Project Submission: Future Park – Landscapology

Summary
Over half the world’s population now lives in cities. As this increases, so does the need for high quality public parks. Future Park shows how cities, councils and communities are responding to the challenge of providing resilient, accessible and inclusive places, using innovative thinking about what parks can be.

Photo

Contact amalie@landscapology.com.au
**Use of Technology Award:** Moreton Bay Regional Council for the Sports Demand Modelling Tool

**Summary**

The Sports Demand Modelling Tool is a predictive, Microsoft excel based tool that processes inputs of population projections, club participation numbers, ABS participation numbers, a field provision standard for each sport, a catchment layer and produces a targeted demand analysis for selected sports, a specific catchment and defined time period.

2.1 PLAQ 2015 Conference Presentations


2.2 PLAQ 2015 Conference Photos

To view the hundreds of photos taken during the conference visit [https://www.flickr.com/photos/125720714@N02/albums](https://www.flickr.com/photos/125720714@N02/albums)
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4 PARK INDUSTRY NEWS

4.1 Off Grid Lighting Made Simple

Vandal Resistant and Low Maintenance Lighting Kits

12 volt off grid lighting has come a long way since its initial development. Higher quality components, enhanced technologies and an increase in popularity has helped drive off grid lighting to become used in everyday life. We have developed in conjunction with a quality national off grid solar supplier a simple yet very effective LED lighting kit for the use with outdoor structures. These kits are high quality, vandal resistant and have been tested in remote and high vandal areas within Australia with excellent results. We break down the components and explore the features and benefits of these LED lighting kits.


4.2 Crowsfoot (Eleusine indica) Control

Crowsfoot (Eleusine indica) is a Summer growing grass that tolerates close mowing and compacted wet or dry soils. Crowsfoot competes aggressively with turf species and germinates in spring after rain when temperatures reach 15°C - 18°C. Crowsfoot gains its name from the way the leaves angle from the stem, making it look like “crows feet”. Reaching up to 50cm in height, Crowsfoot has a very strong, fibrous root system and is a coloniser of bare or disturbed areas. The stems are upright to sprawling and can form a mat, however they do not make root at the nodes. The seed head consists of several short, finger-like branches radiating from the top of an erect stalk. Leaves are shiny, green and hair free. They can be up to 9cm long. Crowsfoot has been recorded to produce up to 60,000 seeds per plant. These seeds will not germinate until soil temperatures are in the 15-18°C range. In optimum conditions, the time between germination and flowering is approximately 5 weeks.

Key features

- Is a common weed of lawns and playing fields, where the grass cover is thick or has been disturbed during Winter.
• When matured, it forms thick clumps that disrupt the surfaces of playing fields.
• Normally infests turf and over 40 crops throughout tropical areas of the world.

**Control**

1. Small clumps can be chipped out or removed by hand, although mature plants have a strong, fibrous root system that resist removal.
2. An effective management strategy is to improve turf-growing conditions by alleviating soil compaction and reducing excessive moisture. The current turf registration for pre-emergent controls in Australia includes Pendimethalin, Dithiopyr and Oxidiazon. These herbicides should be applied when soil temperatures at 10cm deep average 15°C for 24 hours. This is usually from early August to September.
3. The clumping nature of this weed significantly impacts on the safety and usability of the sporting surface or park. Post emergent control can be achieved with repeat applications of Diclofop-methyl. Diclofop-methyl is most effective on Crowsfoot in temperatures below 24°C. This means a narrow window of opportunity to treat in early spring and early Autumn.

For more information visit

**4.3 Advancements in LED Sports field lighting**

Installations across Australia continue to flow through all codes of sport. It is now possible to light even the most difficult fields such as Cricket and AFL to the highest standard with LED. The largest and most energy efficient LED installation to date is The University of Queensland's Tennis Club. Twenty one courts have been fully retrofitted and will soon be tuned to 750 lux (International Competition) and 350 lux (Competition).

An interfaced software system and touch screen provides the club with full individual court lighting control, allowing each court to be dimmed, and lit when booked for play within seconds of booking time. The energy and maintenance costs have plummeted, delivering exceptional light for the club for the next 20 years and beyond.

The AAA-LUX luminaire has been proven now to outperform the older 2 kw metal halide lamps, whilst delivering energy and maintenance savings.
4.4 Planning facilities people need workshop

Thanks to our great supporters Redland City Council, Logan City Council, Jasstech and Working Visions we held another very successful workshop last Wednesday which focussed on finding solutions to common problems when planning facilities. The aim is to develop a White Paper on the issues and possible solutions. This workshop was part of the the Parks and Leisure in a changing world series of workshops. Future workshops planned include Land Tenure, Asset Management, and Leadership.
UPCOMING CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

Where else can you be stimulated and exhibited to at the same time? With over 70 sessions that will inform, engage and challenge, a trade hall with over 40 stands and an estimated 500 attending, the PLA National Conference is the only happening place to hang out with like minded professionals in 2015 if you want to increase your industry knowledge and networks and ensure that you remain a leader in your industry. Oh and did we mention the great social programme?

The PLA National Conference is one of the biggest industry events in 2015, attracting key decision makers working in policy, planning and provision of assets, services, facilities and programmes.

Everything you need to know is on the Conference website
https://www.etouches.com/ehome/119147/268057/

Developing Northern Australia Conference
Rydges, Southbank, Townsville, 20 - 22 July, 2015

The program will cover the critical issues facing the area from north of the Tropic of Capricorn, spanning Western Australia, Northern Territory and Queensland; an area of approximately three million square kilometres with a population of around one million people.

It will engage with the drivers of growth including agriculture, mining, energy, tourism and other emerging sectors. The strategic importance of the North with its geographic proximity to Asian markets also presents both challenges and opportunities to engage and formulate new partnerships.

For more information visit http://northaust.org.au/
The Summit will feature some of our State’s brightest and most innovative thought leaders. It will examine policy initiatives to further Queensland’s social and economic growth.

Please click on the link for the Futures Summit Programme.

If you wish to attend the Summit click here or if you have any further questions contact the Business Manager, Nicole Conlon on nicole.conlon@qldfutures.com.au or 0408110943.

Monday 17th of August 2015, 8:30am -12pm, $90 per person
Auditorium - Brisbane Botanic Gardens, Mt Coot-tha

This half-day workshop aims to develop participant’s skills, knowledge and understanding of how to identify common weed species found across Queensland.

This comprehensive workshop presented by Dr Sheldon Navie, Australia’s leading expert in weed identification, includes recognition of environmental weeds, declared weeds and weeds of national significance.

During the workshop participants will gain an understanding of weed ecology, as well as management issues faced when controlling weeds.

For more information visit http://www.eventbee.com/v/ivmgroup/event?eid=133434615
PROGRAM NOW AVAILABLE

The Australian Regional Development Conference Program includes over 70 presentations from our renowned keynote speakers, session speakers and poster presenters.


ORIC hosts an Annual Outdoor Industry Conference for the outdoor recreation community. It is a vital event for industry professionals, educationalists and organisations, attracting unprecedented attendances.


UPLOADS Accident Analysis and Risk Management Workshop August 28, 2015 at 10:00 am – 4:00 pm ORIC, Sydney Olympic Park

**Outdoor Industry Conference 2015** August 29, 2015 – August 31, 2015 Sydney Olympic Park NSW, Australia

For more information visit [http://uploadsproject.org/about/](http://uploadsproject.org/about/)
Making Waves in Macao, the 3rd International Conference on Events, is proudly hosted by the Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT) on 7-9 September 2015. The first ‘Making Waves’ conference in Bournemouth set out to “harness this natural energy to create enthusiasm that will change the way we perform our work under the broad umbrella of events management”. Making Waves in Macao critically reviews the value and meaning of events to individuals and communities with an emphasis of prevalent waves such as the use of social media in events, the Asian giants, and the arrival of the millennials as adults. This conference aims to examine a variety of contemporary issues in festivals and events, particularly at how the industry and communities respond to the following topics and/or event types:

- Asian festivals and events
- Business events (MICE)
- Co-creation and event experience
- Diasporas and identities
- Events and equality
- Green events and meeting the green challenge
- Impacts and legacies of events
- New events space and place
- Pedagogic research and experiential learning in events
- Risks and safety, crisis management
- Sport events

For more information visit [http://www.ift.edu.mo/ice2015/](http://www.ift.edu.mo/ice2015/)

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2015 World Leisure Games "Dynamic City, Colorful Life"

The city of Qingdao in the People's Republic of China is preparing to host the 2nd World Leisure Games from September 12 - 21, 2015. The event will operate under the theme of "Dynamic City, Colorful Life" and will feature a total of 19 events with 14 of the events taking place at the nearby Laixi Lake and Jiangshan Wetlands. Planned events include extreme sports, sport climbing, obstacle roller skating, water skiing, sport and street dancing, sailing, e-sports, golf, horse riding, off-road vehicle track racing, powered paragliding, dragon boat racing, angling, body-building, aerobics, beach soccer and an around-the-late triathlon. The World Leisure Games, held once every five years, is a worldwide sports event that aims to promote outdoor leisure activities among people of all ages. The first World Leisure Games were held in Chuncheon, South Korea, in 2010. For more information about the World Leisure Games, please visit [http://www.china.org.cn/travel/qingdao/2012-10/12/content_26776778.htm](http://www.china.org.cn/travel/qingdao/2012-10/12/content_26776778.htm)

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Wednesday 23rd September 2015, Mansfield College, Oxford, United Kingdom

In September 2014, Inter-Disciplinary.Net’s Sport project held its first Olympics workshop. The project will run a second Olympics workshop that extends the focus to writers, campaigners, practitioners and academics
interested in discussing their work on sporting mega-events and international sports organisations more broadly. The explicitly inter-disciplinary scope of the workshop is primed to examine issues arising out of the Olympics and its relationship to the IOC, the World Cup and its relationship to FIFA and any sport event and organisation that operates a global, professional and commercial. We are interested in the Olympics and the IOC, the World Cup and FIFA, but also any sport events and organisations that operate on a global, professional, commercial scale.

We invite expressions of interest for people thinking of attending and for them to send a statement of their interest and experience/expertise to the organising chairs by Friday 1st May 2015:

Karl Spraklen: K.Spracklen@leedsmet.ac.uk
Rob Fisher: megaevent1@inter-disciplinary.net

For further details of the conference, please visit:

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How we define recreation has changed greatly over the last 50 years. What once was understood as a public good that reached out to include vulnerable people, families and communities, has since evolved into a facility-focused, individual model that does not effectively engage the community in creating positive and enduring change. It’s important that we reaffirm recreation’s historic values, all the while adopting new approaches to meet emerging needs. Key to revitalizing recreation is adopting a community development approach that empowers people and communities to work together to enhance wellbeing.

Recreation has the potential to address many socio-demographic challenges such as increased sedentary behaviour, obesity, decreased contact with nature, threats to the environment, and inequities that limit participation. Addressing them requires a commitment to a shared vision, values and goals, as well as the development and implementation of effective action plans. The Framework for Recreation in Canada 2015 provides a foundation for reflection, discussion and the development of such action plans.

For more information visit http://arpaonline.ca/events/energize-conference/

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EIANZ Annual Conference 28 - 30 October 2015.
Pan Pacific Hotel, 207 Adelaide Terrace Perth WA

The EIANZ Annual Conference in Perth is an opportunity for you to challenge the status quo; and in so doing, help expand the realms of knowledge and practice that are the foundations of sound environmental policy and good practice environmental management.
You are invited to share your research and experience of practice, provoke debate and discussion and present the advances in knowledge and good practice environmental management that you know will lead to better environmental outcomes.

The EIANZ Conference Planning Committee is building a program that will provide a mix of headline speakers, subject matter expert presentations, workshops, posters and networking opportunities. The following themes will be the focus of the conference:

- Biodiversity Threats, Conservation and Resilience. Issues relating to the identification, conservation and management of biodiversity and the ecosystem services it provides, with an emphasis on how science informs good practice.
- Water, Land and Landscapes. Issues relating to the management of water, land and landscapes, with an emphasis on ecological health, sustainable productivity, and the role of culture in determining good practice.
- Reefs, Ports and Sustainable Access. Issues relating to the sustainable management of marine environments in ways that provide access for dependent activities such as shipping, boating, fishing and tourism with an emphasis on how science informs good practice.
- Strategic Assessment Policy, Practice and Science. Issues relating to the changing focus of development assessment from individual projects to strategic assessments, with an emphasis on how policy, regulatory practice and science intersect to produce good outcomes.


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**INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON COASTAL AND MARINE TOURISM (CMT)**


**CONFERENCE THEME:** 25 Years of CMT: Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future

The International Congress on Coastal and Marine Tourism (CMT) returns to Hawaii 25 years after its inaugural meeting there in 1990. Recent previous CMT conferences have been in New Zealand, South Africa, and the Netherlands. We invite researchers, educators, government and industry practitioners, students, and representatives of other organizations to consider submitting abstracts for research papers and/or posters at the 25 Year Anniversary CMT 2015 under the general theme of "Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future."

**CONFERENCE TOPICS:** Papers and posters may be presented on a range of topics focusing on coastal and marine tourism including, but not limited to, the following:

- Marine wildlife
- Education and interpretation
- Marine protected areas
- Hawaiian and pacific islanders
- Planning and development
- Surfing
- Scuba diving/snorkeling
- Cruise industry
- Yachting/boating and marinas
- Coastal resorts small islands
- Coastal trails and beaches
- Marine ecotourism
- Marine water sports
- Governance/policies/stewardship
- Sustainability and certification
- Seafood tourism
• Social and environmental impacts
• History and heritage

A special session will be held on the topic of Climate Change and Hazard Resilience in Coastal Tourism, and participants may also suggest other special sessions to the conference Co-Chairs. For more information visit http://socialsciences.hawaii.edu/conference/cmt2015

8th International Urban Design Conference

The theme titled "Empowering Change: Transformative Innovations and Projects" will focus on inspirational changes in urban environments. For further information please visit the conference website.

The Tasmanian School of Business and Economics (TSBE) is delighted to be hosting the 21st SMAANZ Conference. The conference dates are November 25 – 27, 2015. The theme for the 2015 conference is ‘Coming of Age’. Deakin University recently hosted its third SMAANZ conference in 2014 to celebrate twenty years of collective efforts to advance sports management scholarship. For more information visit http://www.utas.edu.au/business-and-economics/smaanz-2015

Inaugural ANZALS PhD Pre-Conference Workshop

Tuesday 8th December 2015. 12:00-5:00pm
Adelaide, South Australia

Prior to the 12th Biennial Conference (9th-11th December) ANZALS will be hosting a half day pre-conference workshop for PhD scholars.

The pre-conference workshop will provide an opportunity to:
• Discuss thesis and journal publication hints & tips,
• Seek career development advice,
• Create networks with other doctoral students,
• Gain personal feedback on the preparation of an article for publication in a peer-reviewed leisure/tourism/recreation journal.

This inaugural ANZALS pre-conference workshop will provide a relaxed and active atmosphere as well as an opportunity to engage in intensive and collegial discussions.

For queries concerning the pre-conference PhD workshop contact anzals2015conference@gmail.com

Leisure as a Human Right

This event will seek to build on the long tradition of ANZALS conferences by asking presenters and attendees to reflect on and discuss both the positive and negative role leisure has across a number of significant global and
local issues. The conference will provide an avenue for the dissemination of leisure studies research that cuts across a variety of domains including health, the environment, education, disability as well as transport, planning and infrastructure. This conference calls on all to review leisure as a human right at an individual, community and societal level. The conference will provide an avenue for the dissemination of leisure studies research that cuts across a variety of themes including:

- Leisure, health and health promotion,
- Leisure and the natural environment,
- Leisure as an educational tool,
- Leisure and inclusive practice,
- Leisure and the built environment including transport, planning and infrastructure,


Outdoor Education Australia (OEA) is delighted to announce its 2016 biennial National Outdoor Education Conference (NOEC) will return to Queensland for the first time in 10 years. With the theme of Innovate - Educate - Celebrate and a major emphasis on outdoor experiential learning, 2016 NOEC is set to be a cracking event. A full conference program including costs and accommodation options will be released over the coming months. For now, schedule this event into your training and development plans for 2016. For further inquiries, contact Outdoor Educators Association of Queensland (OEAQ) on: [oeaq@oeaq.org.au](mailto:oeaq@oeaq.org.au)

WASH 2016 Conference announced

IWC is proud to announce that the next of the internationally successful WASH Conference series will be held in Australia from 16 – 20 May 2016. The WASH conference series, managed by the International WaterCentre with the support of the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, have brought together WASH practitioners from all over the world since 2006. The conferences strengthen the capacity of WASH actors and facilitate the exchange of learning for improved effectiveness of policies and programs. They are attended by leading practitioners and professionals from governments, donors, civil society organisations and academia. The week-long event will have two days dedicated to conference style sessions, tackling multiple issues of sustainability in WASH, and three days dedicated to training workshops on a range of WASH topics. For more information visit [http://www.watercentre.org/news/wash-2016-conference](http://www.watercentre.org/news/wash-2016-conference)

2016 World Leisure Congress | Durban, South Africa
The first World Leisure Congress on the African continent will be hosted by the Leisure and Recreation Association of South Africa (LARASA) in Durban, from 27 – 30 June 2016. The aim is to explore the main theme “Challenges, Choices and Consequences” by creating a platform for professionals from diverse fields to interact, share and present a context for leisure services and opportunities. We anticipate speakers and delegates from many countries, communities and academic fields to merge their knowledge by identifying the challenges that confront us, to develop strategies in making the right choices and to achieve positive consequences for all. The benefits of leisure has been widely documented and this congress will highlight the importance of an integrated approach using leisure services to improve the human condition, transform spaces and boost the economy.
For more information visit http://www.worldleisure.org/detail-event.php?v=ac&catId=0&Id=22

6 RESEARCH CONNECTIONS

Research Connections is a joint initiative of Parks and Leisure Australia, ANZALS and the New Zealand Recreation Association. The broad aims of the Newsletter are to:

- Inform members about current research projects, particularly within Australia and New Zealand;
- Provide links to sources of research related information of potential interest to members;
- Facilitate information exchange between researchers and members;
- Identify member research priorities/interests; and
- Identify potential research sponsors / funding sources.

If you are interested in assisting or know of universities / organisations / people who might be able to contribute, please contact the editor (see contact details below).

The July 2015 edition of Research Connections includes information about:

- six projects in South Australia and two from around Australia, and
- twenty recent projects listed in the NZ knowledge library.

The November 2015 edition will focus on Queensland research projects. However researchers are welcome to submit project abstracts or snippets from elsewhere at any time and they will be incorporated into the next edition. The cutoff for the November edition is October 30.
Email John Wood at jwcs@bigpond.net.au for a project reporting template.

Past issues of Research Connections can be viewed at http://www.parksleisure.com.au/resources/research-connections
7 USEFUL LINKS

For the latest Parks & Leisure related news go to http://www.parksleisure.com.au/news

Ifpra is the world urban parks organisation dedicated to city liveability and a sustainable environment through parks, open space and recreation. We support a world where people value and have easy access to quality urban parks and open spaces and connect, leverage and support members in the form of governments, professionals, businesses and citizens dedicated to this vision. For more information visit http://www.ifpra.org/


For more information visit http://www.srknowledge.org.nz/
For more information visit http://www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/

For lots of sport related information visit https://www.sportengland.org/about-us/


International Centre for Research and Study on Tourism go to http://www.ciret-tourism.com/
The UPLOADS Project has a new website:  
http://uploadsproject.org/

The latest edition of Responsible Tourism News is available online at  
http://responsibletourismpartnership.org/RTMedia.html

For the latest QORF News visit  

The health of Queenslanders 2014: Fifth report of the Chief Health Officer Queensland. The health of Queenslanders is a report from the Chief Health Officer to inform Queenslanders about the health status of the population.

For a copy of the report visit  
Sustainable urban communities
For the first time in history, most people in the world live in cities. Rates of urbanisation continue to increase, creating a central challenge for the 21st century – to create affordable, socially, economically and ecologically vibrant urban communities serviced by sustainable water, food and energy systems.
IWC develops organisational and community capacities to change the way we manage water in urban landscapes, in particular:
- water, wastewater, food and energy services for urban communities
- the impact of urban development and land uses on aquatic ecologies, and
- relationships between water, urban form, green space and community.
See IWC Sustainable urban communities publications

Explore Melbourne’s Urban Forest
Right now, you can log onto the City of Melbourne’s Urban Forest Visual map. Individual tree data for City of Melbourne trees is presented. Just click on a tree to obtain details and you can then send it an email!

Exploring Leadership and Innovation in park management visit https://parks4life.wordpress.com/
8 GRANTS AND FUNDING SOURCES

For information on the range of Grants & Funding opportunities available for sport and recreation in Queensland – go to http://www.nprs.qld.gov.au/funding/index.html

QORF have an excellent summary of grant and funding information – go to http://qorf.org.au/industry/resources-master/grants-funding/

9 REQUEST FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

If your organisation has done something innovative or interesting that you would like to share with others, please send details and photos for inclusion in this newsletter. Alternatively you may be aware of an interesting website or some recent publication that PLAQ members would be interested in. Please forward information to John Wood at jwcs@bigpond.net.au. The next issue of the PLAQ newsletter will be in early September with cut-off for items August 31, 2015.

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