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Les Munn
PLA NSW/ACT Region

On behalf of the NSW/ACT Region of PLA, I would like to welcome you to the 2018 Regional Conference. The NSW/ACT Board has chosen an exciting destination in Tamworth – Australia’s First Town of Lights, the Country Music Capital of Australia and the Equine Capital of Australia.

The conference committee has put together a wonderfully informative program of keynote speakers, presentations, workshops and technical tours that we’re sure you’ll thoroughly enjoy.

Tamworth Regional Council is one of the event’s Principle Sponsors and is proud to showcase many local attractions, beginning on Wednesday afternoon with a tour of Tamworth’s Victoria Park Precinct. This will be followed by a visit to the award-winning Tamworth Regional Playground, then on to the adjacent Hopscotch Cafe for our welcome cocktail party. A visit to the Northern Inland Centre of Sporting Excellence will be a highlight on day two.

Our Awards of Excellence Dinner will be held at the stunning Goonoo Goonoo Station. It is the night where PLA recognises and honours those outstanding achievements in our industry and is certainly a night not to be missed.

Of course, none of this is possible without the support of our many sponsors and I would like to thank the following for their involvement:

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I would also like to thank the many minor sponsors who have joined us this year. Please take time to visit the large number of exhibitors and speak to their representatives.

So I hope you enjoy this exciting event and take full advantage of the many options on offer. I look forward to catching up with many of you during the course of the conference.

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WEDNESDAY 9 MAY

3.00pm - 5.00pm	Technical Tour 1: Victoria Park Precinct Site Tour - Award Winning Tamworth Regional Playground Welcome Cocktail Function at Hopscotch Restaurant & Bar
5.30pm - 6.00pm	
6.00pm - 8.00pm	

THURSDAY 10 MAY

8.00am	Trade Exhibition and Registrations Open - Blazes, West Tamworth League Club Conference Program Day 1 Technical Tour 2: Northern Inland Centre of Sporting Excellence Workshop 1: Everyone Can Play - NSW Inclusive Playscape Guidelines, Office of Open Space and Parklands Workshop 2: Place Measurement: Understand - Define - Measure - Refine, Place Score
8.30am - 5.00pm	
2.30pm-5.00pm	
2.40pm-3.40pm	
3.50pm-4.50pm	
6.30pm - 11.30pm	Awards of Excellence dinner - Goonoo Goonoo Station

FRIDAY 11 MAY

8.30am-1.40pm	Trade Exhibition and Conference Program Day 2 - Blazes, West Tamworth League Club
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KATE JENKINS SEX DISCRIMINATION COMMISSIONER

THE ROLE OF SPORT IN ADVANCING GENDER EQUALITY

Australia's Sex Discrimination Commissioner Kate Jenkins will discuss the role of sport as a powerful setting for social change and influencing community attitudes – across issues such as sexism, violence against women and inclusion – as well as the opportunities sport presents to make a positive impact on Australian society more broadly.

BIOGRAPHY

Kate Jenkins became Australia's Sex Discrimination Commissioner in 2016. Kate is leading a number of projects at the Australian Human Rights Commission, including the recently released report on the results of the national survey on sexual harassment and sexual assault at university, the Commission's fourth sexual harassment prevalence survey and continuing the Commission's collaborative project on cultural reform with the Australian Defence Force.

Kate is the convener of the National Male Champions of Change group (established 2015), and the Co-Chair of Play by the Rules, a joint project between human rights agencies and sports commissions to make grass roots sports safe, fair and inclusive.

Prior to joining the Commission, Kate spent three years as the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commissioner. In that role she held an Independent Review into Sex Discrimination and Sexual Harassment, including Predatory Behaviour, in Victoria Police. She was also the Co-Chair of the Victorian Commission's Disability Reference Group and a member of the Aboriginal Justice Forum.

Kate spent 20 years as lead partner with Herbert Smith Freehills' and 15 years on the board of Berry Street Victoria. An Arts/Law honours graduate, Kate is on the boards of the Heide Museum of Modern Art and the Carlton Football Club. Kate was recognised in the 2015 AFR/Westpac 100 Women of Influence Awards for her work in public policy.

Kate grew up on a family orchard in outer Melbourne. She lives Melbourne with her family, which includes her husband Ken, their 2 children and her 3 stepchildren.



MOLLY TAYLOR WINNER OF THE 2016 AUSTRALIAN RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

GOING SIDEWAYS TO GO FORWARDS

Becoming the first female Australian Rally Champion Driver meant a huge amount to Molly Taylor. However, it wasn't because she was the first woman to do it, it's never been about that.

What it was about, was the achievement representing countless people, hours, family, and personally proving to herself that it's possible to reach the highs you dream of. It was that satisfaction of being the best team they could be and the rewards for perseverance.

Helping to further break down gender stereotypes was never a goal. It was, however, an unintended consequence. In order to continue to increase women's participation in sport Molly believes there are two main areas where we can have the biggest influence.

To lead, we have to inspire. To Molly, there is nothing more inspiring than watching someone genuinely following their passion. We also have to create more grass roots level accessibility. To facilitate pathways for young girls to find what their passion is. How we measure success and what we ultimately do with it, she believes, will also determine our future success.

BIOGRAPHY

Subaru do Motorsport team driver Molly Taylor became the first female and youngest winner of the Australian Rally Championship in 2016.

Growing up in a motorsport family, an interest in rallying was inevitable, with Molly's mother Coral a four-time Australian Rally Champion co-driver. However, it wasn't until a later age, working at her father Mark rally school in the holidays that Molly tried driving a rally car herself.

She won the F16 class in the Australian Rally Championship in 2006, backing the victory up again in 2007. Following that, Molly moved overseas at age 20 with very little money or resources to follow her dream to become a professional rally driver.

Supported by the Australian Motor Sport Foundation's International Rising Star program, she won three of the six events she contested in the 2009 Suzuki Swift Sport Cup, also becoming the British Ladies Rally Champion in the process. She took that title again in 2010 along with finishing 3rd in the Citroen Racing Trophy.

In 2011 she was selected as one of six drivers globally to be part of the Pirelli Star Driver Program, giving her a scholarship to compete in the World Rally Championship Academy, where she took out her maiden stage win in the category.

In 2013 Molly competed in the European Rally Championship, where she won the European Ladies Championship and her results also elevated her to World Rally Rankings Number 1 International Female Rally Driver.

In 2014 Molly took on four rounds of the Junior World Rally Championship. She also became the first female to achieve a podium position in the Junior WRC's history, finishing third in the prestigious Rally Finland.

In 2015 Molly became the first female to win a round of the Australian Rally Championship and finished second overall in the series.

In 2016 she went one better, winning the Championship as part of the Subaru do Motorsport team. Molly's achievements that year also included winning one of the most prestigious awards in Australian motorsport, the Peter Brock Medal, named in honour of the late touring car legend.



GLENN INGLIS Managing Director, Inglis Group and Local Government Strategist

LOOKING FORWARD - ARE WE READY? A LOCAL GOVERNMENT PERSPECTIVE

Local government is the ultimate community place maker and place shaper. There is no other organization like it that has the legal authority, the community mandate, and the resources to truly activate sport, leisure, and recreational activities and community spaces.

We live in demanding and changing times – tight budgets, rate pegging, new agendas for fiscal responsibility, new performance frameworks, increasing community expectations, shifting demographics and rapidly changing community priorities.

Local government needs to take a strategic perspective, be good at establishing the right policy settings, be good at analyzing and solving problems, be good at making things happen, be good at getting results, be good at growing relationships and at building partnerships, and be extra good at communicating.

Looking forward and to be ready, local government needs to supercharge its organizational competence and capabilities. It needs the right leadership with the right strategies and initiatives, and the right people with the right skills.

Local government can be the master activator.

BIOGRAPHY

Glenn is a specialist strategic local government advisor. Glenn has held senior management positions in local government for over 25 years. He was General Manager of Tamworth Regional Council for 6 years and Parry Shire Council for 11 years. Under Glenn's leadership Tamworth Regional Council was awarded the 2009 AR Bluett Memorial Trust Award for the most progressive Council in NSW.

Glenn was a consulting lecturer at Charles Sturt University Bathurst for 8 years. He taught subjects to Masters level examining the practical and theoretical basis of an enterprise role for government in entrepreneurial and strategic economic development.

Glenn is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Glenn maintains the highest professional standards and his specific areas of expertise are strategic thinking, financial, legal and governance.

PRE-CONFERENCE - WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2018

3.00-5pm	TECHNICAL TOUR: VICTORIA PARK PRECINCT Bus to depart from West Tamworth League Club at 2.45pm
5.30-6pm	Tamworth Regional Playground - Site Tour
6.00-8pm	Welcome Cocktail Function - Hopscotch Café

DAY 1 - THURSDAY 10 MAY 2018

8.00am	Registration and Trade exhibition opens - Blazes
8.30-9am	OFFICIAL CONFERENCE OPENING Welcome to Country NSW/ACT President - Les Munn opening address Welcome from the Acting Mayor Cr Helen Tickle Tamworth Regional Council & Kevin Anderson MP - Member for Tamworth

9-9.45am	KEYNOTE ONE - Blazes Room The Role of Sport in Advancing Gender Equality Ms Kate Jenkins, Sex Discrimination Commissioner
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9.45-10.30am	KEYNOTE TWO - Blazes Room Going Sideways to Go Forwards Molly Taylor - Winner of the 2016 Australian Rally Championship
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10.30-11am	MORNING TEA
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	ACTIVATING PLACES & SPACES CHILLINGWORTH ROOM	ACTIVATING SPORT AND LEISURE BLAZES ROOM
11.00-11.30am	The Benefits of Measuring Place Kylie Legge - Founder/CEO, Place Score	Future Sports Plans - A New Way of Delivering Sport and Active Recreation Karen Jones - Executive Director Sport Infrastructure Group & Anne Gripper - Executive Director Sport and Recreation, Office of Sport
11.45-12.05pm	Partnering with Local Councils. eCoFit: Phase 2. Ronald Plotnikoff - Director - Priority Research Centre for Physical Activity and Nutrition, University of Newcastle	
12.10-12.40pm	Western Sydney Parklands - 50 Years in the Making Sarah Christie - Senior Project Manager, Recreation and Infrastructure & Nathan Jay - Senior Program Officer, Visitor and Event Management, Western Sydney Parklands Trust	Participation Trends Over the Last 17 Years Gary Rauber - Research Consultant, Australian Sports Commission
12.40-1.20pm	LUNCH	
1.20-1.50pm	How to Create an Inclusive Play Space for Under \$40k Cr Michael Regan, Mayor of Northern Beaches Council, Caroline Ghatt, Co Founder Play For All & Jeremy Smith, Park Assets Manager, Northern Beaches Council	Active Kids Program Jacqueline Nguyen - Senior Project Officer, Active Kids Voucher Program, Office of Sport
1.55-2.25pm	The Realities and Costs of Maintaining a 6000sqm \$4 Million-dollar Children's Wild Play Garden Bryce Lambert - Horticulturist, Botanic Gardens & Centennial Parklands	Northern Inland Centre of Sporting Excellence Mark Gardiner - Project Manager, Northern Inland Centre of Sporting Excellence, Tamworth Regional Council
2.25-2.40pm	AFTERNOON TEA	

TECHNICAL TOUR: 2.30pm-5.00pm
NORTHERN INLAND CENTRE OF SPORTING EXCELLENCE
Bus departure from West Tamworth League Club

WORKSHOP ONE: 2.40pm-3.40pm
Everyone Can Play - NSW Inclusive Playscape Guidelines
Aaron Mullins - Manager Open Space and Parklands, Office of Open Space and Parklands, Department of Planning and Environment

WORKSHOP TWO: 3.50pm-4.50pm
Place Measurement: Understand - Define - Measure - Refine
Kylie Legge - Founder/CEO, Place Score

6.10pm **BUS DEPARTURE FOR GOONOO GOONOO STATION FROM WEST TAMWORTH LEAGUE CLUB**

6.30-11.30pm **AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE DINNER - THE WOOLSTORE, GOONOO GOONOO STATION**

DAY 2 - FRIDAY 11 MAY 2018		
8.30am	Trade Exhibition Open - Assembly Hall	
8.45-9.30am	KEYNOTE THREE - Blazes Room Looking Forward - Are We Ready? A Local Government Perspective Mr Glenn Inglis - Managing Director, Inglis Group and Local Government Consultant	
	ACTIVATING PLACES & SPACES CHILLINGWORTH ROOM	ACTIVATING SPORT AND LEISURE BLAZES ROOM
9.35-10.05am	Collaboration: Mission Possible , Illawarra CALD Water Safety Committee Model Facilitated by Joanne Massey: Education Manager Surf Life Saving NSW with 5 industry Panelists	Volunteers of Tomorrow Amanda VanderWal - Consultant, Sports Community
10.10-10.40am	The Role of Community Development Principles in Engaging Marginalised Communities within Sport and Leisure David Owen - Community Development Coordinator, Belgravia Leisure	Shoosh for Kids - A Cross Sport Initiative Joanne Barrett - Development Officer, Office of Sport
10.40-11.10am	MORNING TEA	
11.10-11.40am	The Latest Playground Standards & the Implications for Local Government Fiona Robbe - Director, Fiona Robbé Landscape Architects	Centennial Parklands Sports Centre - The Changing Face of Participation Carla Armanet - Director , Sport and Recreation, Botanic Gardens and Centennial Parklands
11.45-12.15pm	Fitness Stations - Next Level Activation Madeleine Walding - Commercial Manager, Proludic Pty Ltd	The Use of Data to Future Proof Australia's Cricket Facilities Jake McMinn - Cricket Australia's National Community Facilities Manager & Dee Brock - Cricket NSW State Infrastructure Manager, Cricket NSW
12.20-12.50pm	Moore Park Golf – Reinterpreting the Delivery of Golf and Building Meaningful Connections with Customers Stephen Peverett - Assistant General Manager, Moore Park Golf	Creating Equality - Sports Fees & Charges Paul Kelly - Senior Strategy & Facilities Coordinator, Tamworth Regional Council
12.55-1.25pm	What a World Cup Campaign Can Teach Us About Strategic Planning Simon Haire - Associate, Otium Planning Group	Artificial Surfaces for AFL David Lawson - Infrastructure Planning Manager, AFL NSW
1.30-1.40pm	OFFICIAL CONFERENCE CLOSE - Please note the Conference program on Day 2 has been condensed to allow time for attendees to access flight departures from 3.20pm	
1.30-1.40pm	LUNCH TO GO. SAFE TRAVELS.	

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and the promotion of partnerships.

TOUR ONE - VICTORIA PARK PRECINCT WEDNESDAY 9 MAY

This tour explores the wonders of the Victoria Park Precinct which incorporates Tamworth Marsupial Park & Adventure Playground, Tamworth Miniature Railway and Oxley Lookout.

Schedule:

Delegates will arrive at Victoria Park which incorporates the Botanic Gardens, including the threatened species (flora) group, Men's Shed, Tamworth and District Model Engineers and the future site of the Tamworth Regional Astronomy Club. Sam Eriksson, TRC Sport and Recreation Development Officer, will provide an overview of the Victoria Park precinct and its governance. Presidents from each subcommittee within the Park will be on hand to address specific questions in relation to their club.

Delegates will then move on to Marsupial Park where an overview of the Park will be provided by Hugh Leckie and guests will hear from Friends of the Marsupial Park President John McDarmont. This part of the tour will focus on five key areas:-

- Management of the Park and the relationship between Tamworth Regional Council and the Friends of the Marsupial Park
- Free flight bird aviary
- Adventure playground
- Linkages throughout the park
- Animal enclosures

The tour will finish with a visit to Oxley Lookout to watch a Tamworth sunset before delegates are delivered to the Welcome cocktail function at Tamworth Regional Playground and Hopscotch Cafe.

The bus will depart for this tour from the main entrance of West Tamworth League Club at 2.45pm on Wednesday 9 May. Please ensure you wear enclosed shoes and comfortable clothing

TOUR TWO - NORTHERN INLAND CENTRE OF SPORTING EXCELLENCE

The second tour is to the Northern Inland Centre of Sporting Excellence Development (NICSE). The Centre will not only enhance recreational facilities for the local community but promises to boost economic activity through increased numbers of visitors competing or spectating at major premier level sporting competitions and other events held there.

Schedule:

This tour will begin with an introduction to NICSE and the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre (AELEC). The tour will then incorporate a visit to the Sports Dome which includes 6 indoor courts and show court, 12 outdoor netball courts, Sporting Hall of Fame, Physiology and Allied Health Services and supporting amenities.

Moving on, the delegates will see Stage 1 of the NICSE including the outdoor velodrome and criterium track, Sports Dome extension and Athletics Centre. The final component will be a tour of AELEC including the indoor arena, sales ring, stables, outdoor arena and warm-up arena.

The bus will depart for this tour from the main entrance of West Tamworth League Club at 2.30pm on Thursday 10 May and return at 5.00pm. Please ensure you wear enclosed shoes and comfortable clothing



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AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE DINNER

THURSDAY 10 MAY 2018

Dress: Cocktail



The Woolstore, Goonoo Goonoo Station, Tamworth

The NSW/ACT Awards of Excellence gala dinner will showcase the most creative, sustainable and innovative initiatives developed by the sport, leisure and parks industry throughout the NSW/ACT Region.

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We're changing the way people think about play spaces, because play should be inclusive for everyone.

The office of Open Space and Parklands is committed to making play spaces in NSW more inclusive. From local council, right through to landscape architects, we've partnered with key stakeholders across the state to translate this vision into a reality.



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To find out more about Everyone Can Play in NSW, contact Aaron Mullins (Manager, Open Space and Parklands, Department of Planning and Environment) at aaron.mullins@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Visit www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Open-space-and-parklands.

THURSDAY 10TH

11.00-11.30

CHILLINGWORTH ROOM

Presenter

Kylie Legge - Founder/CEO, Place Score

The Benefits of Measuring Place

Making places that attract and attach people is harder than it sounds. Understanding the benefits of measuring place and place measurement tools can help us to recognise what is working or not working, define priority projects, measure impact and guide the refinement of scope or design.

This presentation will provide the introduction to the workshop Kylie will be facilitating later in the day.

THURSDAY 10TH

11.00-12.05

BLAZES ROOM

Presenter

Karen Jones - Executive Director Sport Infrastructure Group & Anne Gripper - Executive Director Sport and Recreation, Office of Sport

Future Sports Plans - A New Way of Delivering Sport and Active Recreation

The Office of Sport is preparing for the future and is devising a new way to deliver sport and active recreation across NSW. The "place-based" approach is evidence-based, holistic and inclusive. The combination of extensive research and far-reaching consultation is resulting in the development of nine regional Sport and Active Recreation plans and five Sport Facility plans. These plans will inform and guide future planning and investment into sport and active recreation across NSW.

THURSDAY 10TH

11.35-12.05

CHILLINGWORTH ROOM

Presenter

Ronald Plotnikoff - Director - Priority Research Centre for Physical Activity and Nutrition, University of Newcastle

Partnering with Local Councils. eCoFit: Phase 2.

50% of Australians don't meet public health guidelines for aerobic physical activity (PA) and less than 20% meet the resistance training guidelines. Local Government

Councils (LGCs) are ideally positioned to assist in community-based PA promotion by the provision of facilities such as parks and equipment (e.g., outdoor gyms), however these facilities are underutilised and don't address the individual and social factors that influence PA. Building upon the findings of our recently successful efficacy trial (eCoFit) and in collaboration with two LGCs (Newcastle/Lake Macquarie) we will evaluate eCoFit, a multi-component intervention involving the installation of outdoor fitness equipment and trails in LGC parks with a linked innovative smartphone application, education and social support. We are conducting a randomised controlled trial involving 14 park locations followed by a dissemination trial, which will examine the population reach and uptake. We will present a research partnership model for Councils/groups to use our eCoFit program.

THURSDAY 10TH

12.10-12.40

CHILLINGWORTH ROOM

Presenter

Sarah Christie - Senior Project Manager, Recreation and Infrastructure & Nathan Jay - Senior Program Officer, Visitor and Event Management, Western Sydney Parklands Trust

Western Sydney Parklands - 50 Years in the Making

Identified in 1968 to provide for the future infrastructure and regional open space needs of Western Sydney, this year Western Sydney Parklands is celebrating 50 years in the making. How do you activate and manage a Parkland 15 times the size of New York City's Central Park? This presentation will tell the story of the Parklands and reflect on the development, activation and management of one of the biggest urban park systems in the world.

THURSDAY 10TH

12.10-12.40

BLAZES ROOM

Presenter

Gary Rauber - Research Consultant, Australian Sports Commission

Participation Trends Over the Last 17 Years

The way Australians participate in sport and physical activity is changing and the Australian Sports Commission's (ASC)

AusPlay survey was designed to provide insights about participation and track trends. In April 2018 the ASC will release a time series comparison of AusPlay data from the 2016 and 2017 calendar years. Given the 2018 NSW/ACT PLA Conference follows shortly after the release, this event will be the first time these results are presented in a public forum. In addition, the ASC has compared AusPlay data with the decade of Exercise, Recreation and Sport Survey (ERASS) data from 2001-10. As a result the presentation will provide insights into current participation and show trends over the last 17 years with a focus on NSW, including how participation trends compare between Sydney and the rest of the state.

THURSDAY 10TH

1.20-1.50

CHILLINGWORTH ROOM

Presenter

Cr Michael Regan, Mayor of Northern Beaches Council, Caroline Ghatt, Co Founder Play For All & Jeremy Smith, Park Assets Manager, Northern Beaches Council

How to Create an Inclusive Play Space for Under \$40k

This innovative program focused on one Sydney suburb and the transformation of 5 local playgrounds within it. Utilising 'design thinking', the partnership between Northern Beaches Council, Play For All Australia (PFAA) and their selected educational, creative and community partners, re-imagined how local neighbourhood playgrounds could be made inclusive, on a budget. Over 9 months they researched, prototyped, designed, locally manufactured and installed an innovative system of open-ended play proving it could not only be done - but for 40% less than the cost of a traditional equivalent. The result? The transformation of five local playgrounds into one vibrant and sustainable sensory-rich network where all children can now play, belong and connect to their local community.

THURSDAY 10TH

1.20-1.50
BLAZES ROOM

Presenter

Jacqueline Nguyen - Senior Project Officer, Active Kids Voucher Program, Office of Sport

Ausplay for NSW: A Call to Action?

Participation in sport and active recreation can significantly contribute to health enhancing levels of leisure time physical activity. There is an ongoing need to improve state-wide understanding of participation rates and trends in organised sport and physical activity to inform future participation policy and practice. Ausplay is the Australian national population tracking survey which provides participation data for the sport sector, funded and led by the Australian Sports Commission. The research partnership between the University of Sydney and Office of Sport NSW Government have conducted the first thorough analysis of Ausplay data at the NSW state level. This provides the latest robust evidence on participation trends amongst NSW children and critically explores the factors which influence participation.

THURSDAY 10TH

1.55-2.25
CHILLINGWORTH ROOM

Presenter

Bryce Lambert - Horticulturist, Botanic Gardens & Centennial Parklands

Gain an insight into the realities and costs of maintaining a 6000sqm \$4 Million-dollar Children's Wild Play Garden within an urban parkland where visitor numbers exceed over 20 million yearly.

The presentation will focus on how the Horticulture team at Centennial Parklands sustainably maintains the 'WILD PLAY' experience at the Ian Potter Children's Wild Play Garden while still allowing the children to explore and observe the natural changing environment. Topics and insights during the presentation will cover the following:

- How does the high number of visitors impact the Wild Play Garden itself and the surrounding landscape? (Exceeds over 20 Million visitors per annum to the Parklands and 1000 visitor's per day within the Wild Play Garden)
- Logistics

- Operational and maintenance costs/ budget to maintain an intensive outdoor playground?
- What have been the challenges, successes and lessons learnt by maintaining an outdoor playground of this size?
- Stakeholder and organisational engagement
- Plant selection and their maintenance needs
- Guest and community feedback
- Operational Playground Inspections
- Insightful short video's and photographs

THURSDAY 10TH

1.55-2.25
BLAZES ROOM

Presenter

Mark Gardiner - Project Manager, Northern Inland Centre of Sporting Excellence, Tamworth Regional Council

Northern Inland Centre of Sporting Excellence

This session will provide a brief background to the project including the key challenges and key considerations in planning and delivery. These include - accurate scoping of the project deliverables, including supporting infrastructure; accurate estimating of both capital costs and whole of life – engineering input to consider geometry, subgrade, site constraints; prioritise deliverables for improved project financial management; key risks & issues need to be considered as part of the business case – delivery of appropriate level facilities that can be delivered at appropriate cost to the end user; engineering design challenges, including limitations around standards and industry specifications; consultation – compromise required (multiple user groups, budget and site constraints), shared facilities; and delivery

THURSDAY 10TH

2.40-3.40pm
BLAZES ROOM

WORKSHOP ONE:

Everyone Can Play - NSW Inclusive Playscape Guidelines

Aaron Mullins - Manager Open Space and Parklands, Office of Open Space and Parklands, Department of Planning and Environment

The New South Wales Government recently announced the commitment to ensure everyone in NSW can enjoy playgrounds and playspaces across NSW. With more than 1.3 million people in NSW living with a disability or added needs, it is vital that our community spaces are planned, designed and managed to be enjoyed by every person regardless of their level of ability. This new program focusing on playspaces will support the design and management of inclusive playspaces across NSW. The commitment will be reinforced by the establishment of a suite of Guidelines, based on the principles of universal design, to communicate how to design and manage these important community spaces to maximise community access. Lets work together to ensure that Everyone Can Play in NSW.

The interactive workshop will question and allow discussion on:

- What makes a playspace inclusive?
- What are the barriers to creating an inclusive playspace?
- How can we influence the design of playspaces?
- How will the guidelines help you?

THURSDAY 10TH

3.50-4.50pm
BLAZES ROOM

WORKSHOP TWO:

Place Measurement: Understand - Define - Measure - Refine

Kylie Legge - Founder/CEO, Place Score Making places that attract and attach people is harder than it sounds. Place measurement tools can help understand what is working or not working, define priority projects, measure impact and guide the refinement of scope or design. This interactive workshop will provide an introduction to place measurement and the easy tools you can start using straight away. You will learn to use the Place Score platform and review data from over 15,000 Australians who have already participated in one of our surveys to come up with your own objectives for a regional town centre.

Learning outcomes:

- Introduction to place measurement and evidence based decision making
- How to use data to define projects and measure success

FRIDAY 11TH

9.35-10.05

CHILLINGWORTH ROOM

Presenter

Facilitated by Joanne Massey: Education Manager Surf Life Saving NSW

Panel:

Miguel Andrade: Development Officer, Office of Sport

Peter Wilson: Coordinator Aquatic Services, Wollongong City Council

Ian Kennerley: Regional Manager, Royal Life Saving Illawarra

Allyson Pazos: Multicultural Youth Services Coordinator, Multicultural Communities Council of Australia

Anthony Scerri: Program Manager Settlement and Community Services Program, Advance Diversity Services, Rockdale.

Wollongong is a seaside city with 17 patrolled beaches, 10 unpatrolled beaches, 9 Rock pools, 9 public pools, a lake and a number of creeks. Wollongong has a strong multicultural background. Currently Wollongong has the second largest intake of newly arrived refugees within NSW. With such diversity, efficient communication of water safety programs is essential in the Illawarra. Established in 2012, the CALD Water Safety Committee focusses on meeting the needs of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities in relation to water safety in the region. By forming the committee, bringing together aquatic service providers and community service agencies, the strong partnerships have ensured a commitment to providing access to information on beach and water safety to as many new arrivals as possible. Committee partners include; Aquatic Service Providers, Multicultural Service Providers, Wollongong City Council, Department of Education, NSW Police and Office of Sport.

FRIDAY 11TH

9.35-10.05

BLAZES ROOM

Presenter

Amanda VanderWal - Consultant, Sports Community

Volunteers of Tomorrow

The obligations, responsibilities and challenges for sports clubs and their volunteers are growing larger by the day. With clubs modifying sport to cater for a time poor society and the increasing

demand on individuals within and outside the sporting community, clubs must be active in tailoring volunteer roles to support new club initiatives. As a result, clubs and committees have to be proactive in engaging and managing volunteers in an ever changing sporting environment. This session highlights how clubs manage the changing demand of volunteers to ensure long term sustainability in the sporting market. We will take a closer look at how to recruit volunteers to the sporting clubs of tomorrow and how best to empower and engage them in achieving ongoing club objectives. This session will also take a look at some of the resources clubs can use to make volunteering a manageable prospect in sport.

FRIDAY 11TH

10.10-10.40

CHILLINGWORTH ROOM

Presenter

David Owen - Community Development Coordinator, Belgravia Leisure

The Role of Community Development Principles in Engaging Marginalised Communities within Sport and Leisure

Community development is a process in which community members are supported to identify and take action on issues which are important and may be affecting them. A community development approach considers community members to be the experts in their lives, needs and desired outcomes.

FRIDAY 11TH

10.10-10.40

BLAZES ROOM

Presenter

Joanne Barrett - Development Officer, Office of Sport

Shoosh for Kids - A Cross Sport Initiative

Shoosh for Kids grew from a Sports Network Forum partnership between Office of Sport and State Sporting Organisations who service and support grassroots sport in regional NSW. The key issues for grass root sport were identified as participation rates (player retention) and volunteer burnout (and abuse). Shoosh for Kids was piloted as a cross sport initiative in June 2016 with six partner sports who actively promoted (through clubs and associations) that the

focus of junior sport should be on fun. Due to an overwhelming response and support from grassroots sport and media, the campaign was expanded to other regions of NSW. The following summer season a state-wide campaign was piloted with four summer sports. 16 partner SSO's and over 667 grassroots sporting groups have signed up to actively promote the campaign in the last 16 months.

FRIDAY 11TH

11.10-11.40

CHILLINGWORTH ROOM

Presenter

Fiona Robbe - Director, Fiona Robbé Landscape Architects

The Latest Playground Standards & the Implications for Local Government

Australian Playground Standards have been systematically updated over the last 7 years by the CS005 Playground Committee, and work is still ongoing. Our new Standards now harmonise with the rest of the world, but importantly, also meet Australian conditions. AS4685.0 was published in mid 2017 and contains vital new information to Local Government playground providers.

FRIDAY 11TH

11.10-11.40

BLAZES ROOM

Presenter

Carla Armanet - Director, Sport and Recreation, Botanic Gardens and Centennial Parklands

Centennial Parklands Sports Centre - The Changing Face of Participation

As populations grow and housing density increases, public parks and recreation facilities are becoming all the more important, doubling as the backyard for many people. These spaces play a crucial role in the physical, social and mental wellbeing of the community. Centennial Parklands, Australia's largest community sports precinct prides itself on being at the forefront of enabling sport & recreation trends within the community. We have seen the demand for our sport & recreation facilities and venues grow each year, and as such we are continually looking for innovative and original ways to meet our participants changing demands. Time poor and more connected than ever, This Centennial Parklands Sports Centre case study, an example of how organisations

can plan and drive new visitation by adapting and improving our facilities to attract and benefit from new participation opportunities.

FRIDAY 11TH
11.45-12.15
CHILLINGWORTH ROOM

Presenter
Madeleine Walding - Commercial Manager, ProLudic Pty Ltd

Fitness Stations - Next Level Activation
Living in a digital age has changed the way we live; use of mobile phones has contributed to an increasingly sedentary lifestyle which can put health at risk. A fitness station facility is a great start for providing communities with access to an easily accessible resource to help improve their fitness. But is providing a fitness facility enough? How can we ensure that as many people as possible will use it?

FRIDAY 11TH
11.45-12.15
BLAZES ROOM

Presenter
Jake McMinn - Cricket Australia's National Community Facilities Manager & Dee Brock - Cricket NSW State Infrastructure Manager, Cricket NSW

The Use of Data to Future Proof Australia's Cricket Facilities
In 2016-17 Australian Cricket, with the support of local government, delivered the largest ever audit of community facilities encompassing 5,500 sites across Australia. One third of which were from NSW. With the recently launched Australian Cricket Strategy 2017-2022, Australian Cricket turns its focus to growing participation, particularly in women and girls. Data collected from the audit will fundamentally support and inform the development of individual state and territory infrastructure strategies designed to meet the needs of current and future cricketers. This presentation will provide a high-level overview of findings from both the National and NSW Facility Audit and demonstrate how cricket is committed to collaboratively partnering with government, education authorities and the cricket community to shape the future of Australia's cricket facilities.

FRIDAY 11TH
12.20-12.50
CHILLINGWORTH ROOM

Presenter
Stephen Peverett - Assistant General Manager, Moore Park Golf

Moore Park Golf – Reinterpreting the Delivery of Golf and Building Meaningful Connections with Customers
Sustainability of public parks and recreation facilities are becoming heavily reliant on commercial activities due to an increasingly competitive economic environment. It is therefore critical these commercial entities strive for innovative ways to reinvent their environments to deliver a more meaningful and enriching experience with customers.

FRIDAY 11TH
12.20-12.50
BLAZES ROOM

Presenter
Paul Kelly - Senior Strategy & Facilities Coordinator, Tamworth Regional Council

Creating equality - Sports Fees & Charges
In 2016/2017 Tamworth Regional Council (TRC) undertook a major review of its sports field fees and charges modelling. In an attempt to establish a modern and equitable approach to sports field fees, the project involved the review of other models around Australia and the development of a new approach that provides users with transparency of charges as well as options for sport to control costs by investing in their own facilities. Following extensive consultation and working through a number of issues with sports, TRC successfully adopted these fees in 2017/2018 which are now proving beneficial in the improved management of sports fields – from consistency in service levels to infrastructure development.

FRIDAY 11TH
12.55-1.25
CHILLINGWORTH ROOM

Presenter
Simon Haire - Sport and Leisure Consultant

What can a World Cup campaign can teach us about strategic planning?

On the cusp of the 2018 FIFA World Cup, this presentation takes the opportunity to use planning and preparations for teams heading to the tournament as a parallel for an approach to local sports planning. This includes looking at information/ research gathering, developing a strategic framework and implementation in a dynamic environment. The presentation will take key points from this comparison along with other approaches to developing strategy to outline a suggested model for local government sports planning. This includes clearly distinguishing strategy from the action plan (i.e. intended outcomes/results) and facilitating a more dynamic planning outcome. As we know sometimes plans become 'out of date' soon after their completion because of their prescriptive nature. What is suggested is a method which ensures that changes can be made to meet contemporary needs/trends and take advantage of opportunities whilst maintaining a consistency with strategic directions.

FRIDAY 11TH
12.55-1.25
BLAZES ROOM

Presenter
David Lawson - Infrastructure Planning Manager, AFL NSW

Artificial Surfaces for AFL
The consistent growth of the AFL code, most recently with female participants is testing the carrying capacity of turf fields, particularly those shared with other codes. New ovals are unlikely to be created in medium to high density areas, particularly in metropolitan Sydney. The only way to add carrying capacity is to replace turf fields with artificial surfaces, light the precinct and double carrying capacity. Clubs are reaching the point of having to turn away new participants, a completely unacceptable situation for a growing code. This presentation will briefly explain advances in artificial technologies and products to match the demand. Completed projects will be used to illustrate case studies of what the future should increasingly look like.

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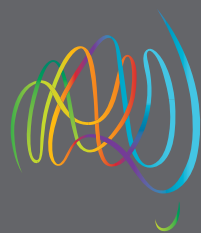
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