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2017 STATE CONFERENCE GUIDE

23-24 MAY 2017
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CRESWICK



Paul Jane
President
PLA Vic/Tas Region

The PLA Vic/Tas Region Board is excited to be delivering its 4th annual State Conference following the success of last year's Conference in Torquay. It is wonderful to again be visiting regional Victoria, with the historic town of Creswick, in the heart of the central goldfields, being this year's location.

A high quality program has been made possible by the work of the Conference Organising Committee and the outstanding response to the 'Call for Abstracts'. I thank members for their time, interest and effort in being a member of the Organising Committee or by submitting an abstract. It takes a collective effort to provide this wonderful learning and networking opportunity.

I am particularly pleased to see the involvement of PLA members from Tasmania, as both delegates and presenters.

Thank you also to the Conference Principal Sponsor, GLG, and the Conference sponsors SportEng, TORO and Syngenta, and support sponsors a_space and Brand Architects. Urban Maintenance Systems (UMS) is again presenting the Awards of Excellence Dinner on the evening of the first day, and this year our dinner MC, Mark Howard, is brought to you by SportEng. There are also 11 other sponsors supporting the awards and we appreciate the involvement of all the sponsors, enabling us to deliver a quality event at half the cost of comparable conferences.

So enjoy the Conference, and I look forward to catching up at a concurrent session, a networking event, or perhaps out enjoying a walk in the bush.

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MONDAY 22 MAY

7.00pm - 9.30pm

Pre-Conference Event
Enjoy a selection of local produce and wines

TUESDAY 23 MAY - CONFERENCE DAY 1

9.45am - 6.00pm

Keynote Speaker
Adele McCarthy, Director Strategy and Research,
Infrastructure Victoria

19 concurrent sessions covering the Conference streams
of Sport, Leisure and Parks

'Play and Chat'
Programmed recreational activities

7.00pm - 11.00pm

UMS Awards of Excellence Dinner

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY - CONFERENCE DAY 2

9.45am - 3.15pm

Keynote Speaker
Gill Hicks

15 concurrent sessions covering the Conference streams
of Sport, Leisure and Parks

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS	Early Bird Before 26 April		After 26th April		Tasmanian
	Large LGAs* and other	Small-Med LGAs	Large LGAs and other	Small-Med LGAs	
Full Registration Member (incl. Dinner)	\$495	\$395	\$595	\$495	\$300
Full Registration Non-Member (incl. Dinner)	\$595	\$495	\$695	\$595	\$300
One Day Registration Member	\$260	\$220	\$285	\$245	N/A
One Day Registration Non Member	\$300	\$260	\$335	\$295	N/A
Speaker Full Registration (incl. Dinner)	\$450	\$395	\$450	\$395	\$300
Speaker One Day Registration	\$220	\$220	\$220	\$220	N/A
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Awards of Excellence Dinner	\$150	\$165			
Pre-Conference Event	\$50	\$50			

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ADELE McCARTHY

Adele is the Director Strategy and Research at Infrastructure Victoria and she has more than a decade of experience in transport planning and strategy.

In 2016 she led the development of Victoria's first 30 Year Infrastructure Strategy. The Strategy includes 137 recommendations across the sectors to address the State's Infrastructure needs over the short, medium and long term.

Adele will provide an overview of the strategy and the key data and research that informed it, and outline how the strategy and its recommendations might support or impact upon the future provision of leisure, sport, parks and open space in Victoria.

Adele will discuss the role of local government staff in the implementation and delivery of the strategy, and what some of the approaches or initiatives might be that LGAs could adopt or introduce to support the directions of the strategy.

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Her second life is built on what she describes as a series of conscious choices, of mindfulness and being aware of the importance of the moment. Sharing what she has learnt about herself, about humanity and the extraordinary, and what she believes is an inherent ability to not only face, but to rise in the wake of adversity, is not only inspiring but it is a valuable insight into what is possible in life.

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MONDAY 22 MAY 2017

7.00pm Pre-Conference Event for those arriving early

DAY 1 - TUESDAY 23 MAY 2017

9.15am Registration

9.45am Welcome Paul Jane, PLA Vic/Tas Region President

10.00am Opening Keynote Adele McCarthy, Director Strategy and Research, Infrastructure Victoria

10.45am MORNING TEA

11.15am	SPORT - BALLROOM	LEISURE - BANKSIA ROOM	PARKS - IRONBARK ROOM
	Richard Simon Simon Leisure Consulting <i>Thinking Outside the Square</i>	Rochelle Eime Federation and Victoria University <i>Sport and recreation spatial program of research for local governments</i>	David McGeary Grant Greenway ETP Turf <i>Sports ground designs and reconstructions: best practice supervision</i>
11.45am	Steve Pallas Sports Community <i>Implications from the explosion in women's sport</i>	Amy Brown City of Greater Bendigo <i>Mapping Local Data: building knowledge to drive investment priorities</i>	
12.15pm	Mark Bamford Regional Development Manager Golf Victoria <i>The changing landscape of golf in Victoria</i>	Paul Jane City of Greater Geelong Tim Ferguson Leading Teams <i>Creating culture to drive success</i>	Nathan Straume TerraCottem <i>Sports Turf: soils and top layer conditioning</i>
12.45pm	WORKSHOP (working lunch) Ben Bainbridge Planning for golf in Victoria	LUNCH	
1.30pm	Steve Harvey Kalinda Primary School <i>Community partnerships with local schools for capital improvement</i>	Wendy Holland communityvibe Martin Mark Central Goldfields Shire Michael Eubank Boulder City Council (USA) <i>Intergrating cycling and walking into the community</i>	Melanie Kinsey City of Melbourne <i>A digital solution for parks quality assurance</i>
2.00pm	Ken Barton Tennis Victoria TBA City of Melbourne <i>Opening Up Tennis: accessible community tennis venues</i>		Darren Harvey Federation Council (NSW) <i>Embracing 'golf course' technology to achieve water management goals</i>
2.30pm	WORKSHOP Natasha Moshinsky Sara Merkus City of Port Phillip <i>Sports clubs leading the way on gender equity and family violence</i>	Nadine Wooldridge Paul Fyffe Nillumbik Shire Council <i>Diamond Creek Trail: dealing with private land ownership</i>	Stephen Livesley The University of Melbourne <i>Managing vegetation in urban green spaces to target biodiversity</i>
3.00pm	AFTERNOON TEA		
3.30pm	WORKSHOP Warren Green Warren Green Consulting <i>The art of negotiation and relationship development</i>	WORKSHOP Mary Jeavons Jeavons Landscape Architects <i>From play strategy to design detail in parks and play spaces</i>	Jayson Kelly Xyst Adrian Gray Brimbank City Council <i>Levels of Service: a critical component of parks asset management systems</i>
4.30pm	CLOSE DAY 1		
5.00pm	PLAY AND CHAT - Programmed recreational activities (1 hour)		
7.00pm	UMS AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE DINNER		



DAY 2 - WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2017

9.30am	Registration		
9.45am	SPORT - BALLROOM	LEISURE BANKSIA ROOM	PARKS IRONBARK ROOM
	WORKSHOP Daniel Smedley Meander Valley Council (TAS) <i>Building sport participation through fires, floods and obesity epidemics</i>	WORKSHOP Christopher Reed Mel Holmes Kevin Heinze GROW/ Humanscape <i>Therapeutic Landscapes: nature, health and wellbeing</i>	Simon Harrison City of Hobart <i>The opportunities and challenges when managing public facilities</i>
10.15am			Cormac McCarthy Maroondah City Council <i>The Toilet Paper</i>
10.45pm	MORNING TEA		
11.15am	Kirsty Reidy City of Port Phillip <i>St Kilda Lifesaving Club Building Redevelopment</i>	Lincoln Fitzgerald City of Greater Bendigo <i>Roles and responsibilities of regional cities</i>	Sue Hecker Futurelocal <i>Parks of the Future: developing your peripheral vision!</i>
11.45am	Jarrold Hill SportEng <i>To D&C or not to D&C: lessons learnt from delivering sports facility Design & Construct contracts</i>	Aaron Wallis Playce <i>Let's Get People Moving: planning for all ages play</i>	Richard O'Byrne Richard O'Byrne Consulting <i>Cycling Trails - what can we learn from overseas?</i>
12.15pm	Brent Gordon Dalton Consulting Engineers <i>St Kevins College Sports Precinct: conversion of a brownfield site</i>	Alexandra Ash YMCA Victoria <i>Measuring social outcomes from community programs</i>	Joey Boothby Manningham City Council <i>Nature Play: putting risk into perspective Part 1</i>
12.45pm	LUNCH		
1.30pm	BALLROOM Justin Burney Phillip Saikaly Sport and Recreation Victoria <i>Roles of LGAs, SSAs and SRV</i>		Michael Robertson Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne Deborah Prentice Parks Victoria <i>Enabling increased community use of natural spaces: the risk/ benefit balance Part 2</i>
2.00pm			
2.30pm	KEYNOTE	Gill Hicks - thought provoking, powerful, life affirming, a survivor of the 2005 London bombings	
3.15pm	CLOSE DAY 2 - SAFE TRAVELS HOME		



TUESDAY 23 MAY 5.00pm-6.00pm

These sessions will provide an opportunity to continue networking with colleagues whilst enjoying some gentle exercise and fun.

Choose the session of your choice when you complete your registration. There is no additional cost to participate in any of these sessions.

YOGA CLASS



The practice of Yoga combines breathing, postures and relaxation, revitalising body and mind. A great way to relax after a day of conferencing.

VENUE: RACV Resort Fitness Centre

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Suitable for all levels of fitness

GIANT LAWN GAMES



Play a selection of your favourite games but BIGGER! Enjoy the beautiful surrounds of the resort whilst playing giant bocce, jenga, and connect four.

VENUE: Meet in the Resort foyer

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Suitable for all levels of fitness.

GOLF CHALLENGE



Enjoy the glorious views over the course as you challenge each other. Equipment supplied.

VENUE: Meet at the RACV Resort golf club

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Suitable for all levels of skill

MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDING



Enjoy the international standard mountain biking trails. The trail flows through the Resort's golf course and makes use of the natural formations. The 4.5 km circuit has all the elements you need for maximum fun – berms, jumps, vistas and sweeping hills! Equipment supplied.

VENUE: Meet in the Resort foyer

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Moderate level of fitness required

TENNIS



Have a laugh whilst challenging your tennis skills as you go head to head to reign supreme. Short sharp tennis games, a bit like speed dating but with a tennis racquet and a killer forehand. Equipment supplied.

VENUE: Meet on the RACV Resort tennis courts

ACTIVITY LEVEL: Suitable for all levels of fitness



PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT



For those arriving early

**MONDAY 22 MAY
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RACV GOLDFIELDS RESORT, CRESWICK
1500 Midland Highway, Creswick 7pm - 11pm

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TUESDAY 23RD

11:15-11:45
BALLROOM

Presenter

Richard Simon,
Director
Simon Leisure Consulting

Thinking Outside the Square

Local government has had to get smarter, get frugal, and get going in recent years, in relation to the provision of sports and leisure facilities.

With an emphasis on providing shared and multi-use facilities - but with less – leisure planners, architects, landscapers and engineers have had to ‘think outside the square’ to create solutions, whilst not diminishing the functionality and effectiveness of facilities for their intended purpose.

This presentation will be BIG on images and SMALL on text, as it scrolls through a plethora of examples of how leisure facilities and spaces have been constructed or adapted to create flexible, innovative and cost-effective solutions. There will be opportunity for delegates to contribute and to critique the images shown, or other examples identified by delegates.

TUESDAY 23RD

11:15-11:45
BANKSIA ROOM

Presenter

Rochelle Eime
Associate Professor
Federation and Victoria Universities

Sport and recreation spatial program of research for local governments

The aim of Sport and Recreation Spatial (SRS) is to investigate sport and recreation participation and facilities, and associated health outcomes, to support evidence-based decision making.

An important aspect of SRS is the integration and interrogation of data about sport and recreation participation, sport and recreation facilities, population demographics and population health from multiple data custodians. This provides sporting organisations, government and industry with a strong evidence base and an increased capacity for research, strategic planning, and development of participation

programs and facilities management.

Two examples of many research projects: Analysis and benchmarking of LGAs in relation to a range of indicators including: demographic, health, education, physical activity and sport. This is vital for community strategic planning in sport and recreation.

Two examples of many research projects: Community profiles: Analysis and benchmarking of LGAs in relation to a range of indicators including: demographic, health, education, physical activity and sport. This is vital for community strategic planning in sport and recreation. Geographical Information System: SRS provides a national geographical information system (GIS) for presenting spatial data relevant to all levels of the sport and recreation sector.

TUESDAY 23RD

11:15-12:15
IRONBARK ROOM

Presenters

David McGeary
Senior Turf Consultant

Grant Greenway
Senior Turf Consultant
ETP-Turf (Endeavour Turf Professionals)

Sports ground designs and reconstructions: best practice supervision

With most LGAs undertaking significant yearly capital works programs to improve or reconstruct sports grounds there are many pitfalls and issues when planning, awarding and managing these types of projects. Using case studies from numerous recent projects, this presentation will focus on the practical and best practice examples of what is required to complete and manage a successful turf construction project. Topics discussed will include initial site investigation techniques, stakeholder collaboration examples and design and tender specification issues. Discussion will also cover contractor engagement strategies and construction management, inspection and final handover requirements.

TUESDAY 23RD

11:45-12:15
BALLROOM

Presenter

Steve Pallas
CEO
Sports Community

Implications from the explosion in women’s sport

Women’s sports participation is exploding. Clubs that traditionally offered participation options for males only are now offering sporting options for women and girls. In theory (and practice) this is fantastic for community sport and its participants, but there could be some unexpected implications.

The way clubs are run in the future will change, and how will clubs handle this change? Clubs will need to identify where conflict and disruption might occur at committee, volunteer and participant level, and consider strategies to address potential issues.

TUESDAY 23RD

11:45-12:15
BANKSIA ROOM

Presenter

Amy Brown,
Research and Evaluation Officer
City of Greater Bendigo

Mapping Local Data: building knowledge to drive investment priorities

Extensive evidence exists about the relationships between access to high quality public open space, physical activity levels and health and wellbeing outcomes, yet these relationships are not always clear to the public, media or decision makers. Through its Active Living Census, Wellbeing Survey and Public Space Plan consultation, The City of Greater Bendigo has collected detailed data about our communities’ views of our places and facilities, levels of physical activity and health and wellbeing. Mapping the results of these highly localised datasets resonates with the local community and the decision makers, and it is being used to build understanding and consensus and drive prioritisation and coordination of efforts across the community.



TUESDAY 23RD

12.15-12.45
BALLROOM

Presenter

Mark Bamford
Regional Development Manager
Golf Victoria

The changing landscape of golf in the community

Golf is a game for life. In 2016, 300,000 people of all ages played 4 million competition rounds on 374 Victorian courses. Golf contributes significant economic, social and health benefits to the community estimated to be worth \$883.5 million a year.

Golf Victoria's Regional Development Officers (RDOs) provide club support and development programs to all clubs, with the aim of strengthening the game's position. In 2017, RDOs have a mandate to meet with each LGA, with a view to broadening the dialogue and enhancing the benefits of golf to the community through greater collaboration.

TUESDAY 23RD

12.15-12.45
BANKSIA ROOM

Presenters

Paul Jane
Manager Sport and Recreation
City of Greater Geelong

Tim Ferguson
Leading Teams

Creating culture to drive success

Culture is all the rage at the moment with every consultant, coach and manager talking up the value of creating and sustaining a great culture. But what does this mean and how do you create something that drives performance? The City of Greater Geelong Sport and Recreation team commenced a program with Leading Teams, hoping to drive success and accountability. Now that the Program has been in place for a couple of years, what are the successes, what did the team continue with, what did they stop and what did they improve?

How do work teams create this type of culture, what are the tools and what are the tangible results?

TUESDAY 23RD

12.15-12.45
IRONBARK ROOM

Presenter

Nathan Straume
Regional Manager
TerraCottem

Sports Turf : Soils and Top Layer Conditioning

The use of sands in sports field construction is basically the benchmark for all fields worldwide. Over the years these soil profiles fail to promote plant health and eventually fail. This session explores sand based sports field soil characteristics, what problems are faced by sand based profiles and some solutions to overcome the problems.

TUESDAY 23RD

12.45-1.15
Working Lunch
BALLROOM

Presenter

Ben Bainbridge
Project Manager
Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

Planning for Golf in Victoria

Golf is one of Australia's most popular organised sports with over 1.2 million golfers. Golf is being challenged to find new ways to engage with a changing demographic and changing leisure trends. Clubs are in membership decline which is placing pressure on their ability to meet escalating operational costs. These challenges have forced some clubs to fold, merge or relocate. The Planning for Golf document will deliver a state-wide golf course strategy to help navigate the land use and facility challenges facing the sport.

The State Government and Golf Victoria invite you to this workshop. It is an opportunity for delegates to contribute to the conversation about the future of golf courses. This workshop will introduce Victorian scenarios and discuss how Golf Victoria, together with Local and State Government, can transform golf courses in order to attract a broader golf participation base and meet land use and facility challenges regionally.

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, together with Department of Health and Human Services (SRV) and Golf Victoria, are project partners.

TUESDAY 23RD

1.30-2.00
BALLROOM

Presenter

Steve Harvey
Physical Education, Sport & Facilities Management
Kalinda Primary School

Community partnerships with local schools for capital improvement

With many municipal facilities reaching full capacity, and with limited options for land acquisition, the use of education department resources is a viable option for Councils to increase facilities and increase participation. For LGAs this has often been relegated to the 'too hard basket', with too many barriers making establishing agreements unachievable.

Kalinda Primary School has independently brokered a highly successful partnership with Warranwood Sharks Cricket Club and the Bendigo Bank to develop a multisports oval for the benefit of the wider community.

This presentation will explore the model and the key learnings from the project.

TUESDAY 23RD

1.30-2.30
BANKSIA ROOM

Presenters

Wendy Holland,
Director
communityvibe

Martin Mark,
Recreation Manager
Central Goldfields Shire Council

Michael Eubank,
Manager of Events
Boulder City Council (USA)

Integrating cycling and walking into the community

Central Goldfields Shire's recently completed cycling and walking strategy integrates planning for cycling and walking



across the entire organisation, and actively sets out to ensure equitable access to attractive, safe and well-connected paths throughout the municipality. In this presentation you will learn about:

- the highly successful Bicycle and Walking Cycling Advisory Group;
- the small towns trail framework (with a particular focus on connecting schools and aged care facilities to the network);
- a proposed urban bike park to encourage participation and skill development in all types of cycling;
- planning scheme amendments that are required;
- how various units within Council became engaged in the project;
- the comprehensive 10 year path / trail development and upgrade program; and
- targets that Council has set to measure the success of its initiatives.

TUESDAY 23RD
1.30-2.00
IRONBARK ROOM

Presenter
Melanie Kinsey
Asset Improvement Officer
City of Melbourne

A digital solution for parks quality assurance

The City of Melbourne Parks and Waterways Department utilises a performance based contract system to pay both its tree care and open space service providers. Their performance is monitored through a rigorous and time proven quality assurance process in the form of a monthly audit that checks over 300 green and built assets selected at random. This audit has been carried out for the past 21 years using a paper based approach. Recently the City of Melbourne's geographical information systems team developed an application for use on an I-pad. Following 18 months of development and testing the app has been used with great success since February 2016. This has resulted in savings in time, accuracy, fuel and paper.

TUESDAY 23RD
2.00-2.30
BALLROOM

Presenters
Ken Barton
Facilities Manager
Tennis Victoria

TBA
City of Melbourne

Opening Up Tennis: accessible community tennis venues

As part of a pilot program, twenty-five Victorian tennis venues have had an electronic gate installed which is linked to online court booking software. The technology is designed to improve community access to courts, enable easier casual court usage and reduce the burden on club volunteers.

This session will outline the results of the pilot program, and opportunities for additional tennis venues to install the system. The City of Melbourne has four participating venues and will outline the impact of the program will be outlined from Council's perspective.

TUESDAY 23RD
2.00-2.30
IRONBARK ROOM

Presenter
Darren Harvey
Co-ordinator of Council Presentation,
Federation Council (NSW)

Embracing 'golf course' technology to achieve water management goals

Federation Council is a prospering rural community centrally located on the Majestic Murray River in New South Wales, just 3 hours from Melbourne. This newly established Council combines the previous shires of Corowa and Urana and spans an area of 5,685 square kilometres. Despite being located along the Murray River, the warm climate and frequent long periods of dry saw Federation Council facing increasing pressure on improving water efficiencies.

A proposal to install a centrally controlled irrigation system was developed. With the central control system now up and running, covering 12 sites across two towns and watering over eight playing fields and the lawn cemetery, Council is

now focused on expanding to a third site some 25 Kms away from council offices.

This session will work through the steps taken in reviewing the existing system, presenting the benefits to council – including time and water savings – and how technology is helping Council to achieve their water management goals.

TUESDAY 23RD
2.30-3.00
BALLROOM
WORKSHOP

Presenters
Natasha Moshinsky
Community and Health Development
Officer

Sara Merkus
Recreation Participation Officer
City of Port Phillip

Sports clubs leading the way on Gender Equity and Family Violence

The City of Port Phillip Health, Equity and Social Justice and Sports and Recreation teams have united to bring the gender equity and prevention of violence against women messages to sports clubs across Port Phillip.

The City delivered a grassroots program addressing gender equity and family violence in the sports club setting.

The sessions explored the prevalence and impact of family violence in our community, the key drivers of gendered violence, as well as specific ways that sporting clubs can make a real difference to preventing violence against women and children. A key focus of this work is about identifying the leadership role that sports clubs have in strengthening participation of women and girls in sports clubs and creating fair, equitable and respectful sporting environments (Vic Health 2014).

This workshop will provide the tools and tips to assist LGAs to deliver a program addressing community issues.



TUESDAY 23RD

2.30-3.00
BANKSIA ROOM

Presenters

Nadine Wooldridge
Coordinator
Community Leisure

Paul Fyffe

Senior Strategic Planner,
Nillumbik Shire Council

Diamond Creek Trail: dealing with private land ownership

For over ten years Nillumbik Shire Council has worked to find a feasible route for the extension of the Diamond Creek Trail - a project backed by plans and strategies at local and state Government level, and strong community support.

Critical sections of land along the shared use trail's preferred creek side alignment are in private ownership, requiring a Planning Scheme Amendment and acquisition to allow the trail to be constructed along this route. Once completed, the trail is intended to provide for horse riders as well as walkers, runners and cyclists, adding a level of complexity to the design and management of user interaction.

Follow Council's journey to find a safe, environmentally sensitive, feasible, enjoyable trail for all users that minimises land acquisition and is sensitive to nearby landowners; and learn how we navigated the complexities of a private land acquisition Planning Scheme Amendment.

TUESDAY 23RD

2.30-3.00
IRONBARK ROOM

Presenter

Stephen Livesley
Senior Lecturer
The University of Melbourne

Managing vegetation in urban green spaces to target biodiversity

The University of Melbourne has undertaken a three year project in South East Melbourne measuring bird, bat, beetle, bee and other insect biodiversity values in golf courses, urban parks and private residential gardens.

This session will outline the findings of the project, which are related to simple vegetation strategies to increase habitat value and the likelihood of fauna biodiversity increase for very different types of animals.

TUESDAY 23RD

3.30-4.30
BALLROOM
WORKSHOP

Presenter

Warren Green
Director
Warren Green Consulting

The art of negotiation and relationship development

As a consultant, a central theme in all sport and leisure projects is working with key stakeholder groups. These groups generally have high levels of passion and enthusiasm and a strong focus on their own outcomes. A key challenge in sport and leisure is to enhance these relationships and work collaboratively with stakeholder groups to develop a shared vision and direction. The aim of this workshop is to present a framework for negotiation and relationship building which can be used to achieve these outcomes.

TUESDAY 23RD

3.30-4.30
BANKSIA ROOM
WORKSHOP

Presenter

Mary Jeavons
Director
Jeavons Landscape Architects

From play strategy to design detail in parks and play spaces

From the 'top down', play strategies are necessary to address the big picture of play provision across any municipality, both rural and urban, to ensure equitable distribution and access, to budget strategically, to manage new developments, and to address quality and management issues. At the ground level, the context of play provision and design has changed somewhat over the years due to limited resources, many play spaces not meeting the needs of the community, and the

same-old /same-old approach to play space design being largely a waste of scarce funds.

This workshop discusses basic principles that underly both strategic planning and design; how park design not play space design should be the focus of play provision; how to mesh the 'big picture' with on-site details, and what very small details will make a big difference to play provision.

TUESDAY 23RD

3.30-4.30
IRONBARK ROOM

Presenters

Brian Milne
Director
Xyst

Adrian Gray

Manager Urban Design
Brimbank City Council

Levels of Service: a critical component of parks asset management systems

Abstract available soon

WEDNESDAY 24TH

9.45-10.45
BALLROOM
WORKSHOP

Presenter

Daniel Smedley
Recreation Co-ordinator
Meander Valley Council

Building sport participation through fires, floods and obesity epidemics

Most regional / rural Councils, and their communities, face natural and man-made challenges of increasing complexity and cost. Councils are the front line for community responses and must increasingly play their part to ensure that sport assets are not only available, but are being sustainably used and developed, so as to overcome the challenges posed



by natural disasters and man-made ones. What are the best practices to more fully engage the community's sport and recreation interests and capacity? Can Councils achieve meaningful health outcomes through developing a more active generation and also helping older members of the community to push back against inactivity and obesity? At Meander Valley, Northern Midlands and West Tamar Councils there are increasingly innovative practices / projects which are worthy of analysis and consideration.

This session will consider how to build community pride and participation by developing sport assets on limited budgets, best practice examples leveraging community resources to improve sport assets and how to facilitate and lead the community to be more engaged in sport and active recreation.

WEDNESDAY 24TH

9.45-10.45
BANKSIA ROOM
WORKSHOP

Presenters

Christopher Reed
Consultant
Mel Holmes
Occupational Therapist
Kevin Heinze GROW/Humanscape

Therapeutic Landscapes - nature, health & wellbeing

Over the past 300 years we have become more urbanised and for the first time in human history more people live in cities than in rural environments. This has had an impact on human health. In this workshop we will explore the evidence that supports the notion that nature is good for human health. Parks and gardens are often the closest available access many people have to a natural environment. Together we will explore this aspect of parks and gardens as "nearby nature" and how local, community and domestic gardens may have the potential to provide the benefits of therapeutic horticulture.

Dr Christopher Reed will give an overview of therapeutic landscapes and the potential for improving human health in urban environments. Occupational Therapist, Mel Holmes will detail the clinical aspects of therapeutic landscapes

and designer Rani Blake will give examples and case studies of therapeutic horticulture in practice.

WEDNESDAY 24TH

9.45-10.15
IRONBARK ROOM

Presenter

Simon Harrison
Manager Parks and Recreation
City of Hobart

The opportunities and challenges when managing public facilities

The City of Hobart is currently experiencing a period of significant growth due to a range of factors, including an expanding tourism market and events calendar, and the promotion of Tasmania as a great place to live both from an affordability and lifestyle perspective.

As a result of this growth and resulting increase in the demand for the use of City of Hobart assets, it was recognised that many of our facilities had aged significantly, did not meet the needs of our customers and reflected poorly on the City as a whole. One key area was the public toilet network managed by the City's Parks and Recreation Unit. Many of these facilities had numerous challenges, including their location, level of accessibility and functionality, all of which are a result of under investment over a period of time.

It was recognised that the City of Hobart's Public Convenience Strategy, developed in 2004, was out of date and that the document required renewal. As a result, an extensive amount of work was undertaken by the City of Hobart to develop a new Strategy. A ten year planning framework has been developed to deliver the outcomes.

WEDNESDAY 24TH

10.15-10.45
IRONBARK ROOM

Presenter

Cormac McCarthy
Open Space Coordinator
Maroondah City Council

The Toilet Paper

Public toilets are the bane of any authority that provides this service. They are costly to build and maintain, and seem to attract trouble. In the words of Kenny Smyth you need to build them like a "brick shithouse" or there will be problems! Take a light hearted journey through the world of public toilet provision, the good, the bad and the ugly. You have to laugh or you will cry!

WEDNESDAY 24TH

11.15-11.45
BALLROOM

Presenter

Kirsty Reidy
Coordinator Recreation and Open Space
Planning
City of Port Phillip

St Kilda Life Saving Club Building Redevelopment

The St Kilda Life Saving Club redevelopment project was funded by Port Phillip Council, Life Saving Victoria and the St Kilda Life Saving Club, and commenced planning in 2012. The project was under immense scrutiny as it is directly adjacent to the Stokehouse Restaurant redevelopment and the ability of Council to deliver a significant capital works project in line with the Stokehouse was one show.

This presentation will explore the community engagement process, club engagement process, negotiations with Life Saving Victoria, the Coastal Consent application process, and management during the building stage.



WEDNESDAY 24TH

11.15-11.45
BANKSIA ROOM

Presenter

Lincoln Fitzgerald
Manager Active & Healthy Communities
City of Greater Bendigo

Roles and responsibilities of regional cities

Regional Cities provide for both the local municipality and the surrounding region. There is an expectation to provide leadership, and advocacy as well as major facilities which are beyond the usual remit of local government. This presentation will outline how the City of Greater Bendigo provides leadership, and ways in which major sporting facilities are being developed.

WEDNESDAY 24

11.15-11.45
IRONBARK ROOM

Presenter

Susan Hecker
Director
Futurelocal

Parks of the Future: developing your peripheral vision!

Social, technological and climate change, combined with unprecedented population growth, mean that the look, feel and utilisation of future public space will be significantly different from what we know today. This presentation will highlight the problems with planning for the future based on what we know today, and the need for increased awareness of life outside of our individual LGA's. By developing a better understanding of our changing political and environmental world we can look to possible scenarios and work towards a preferred future for our communities.

This presentation will push boundaries, highlighting the changing nature of future open space through existing and theoretical case studies. Delegates will gain an insight into the many surprising future trends that will influence how we use, access and plan for public space. From the strategic to the pragmatic, delegates will gain a peripheral view of future challenges confronting park planners, designers, and managers.

WEDNESDAY 24TH

11.45-12.15
BALLROOM

Presenter

Jarrold Hill
Company Director
SportEng

To D&C or not to D&C: lessons learnt from delivering sports facility Design and Construct contracts

Ultimately the selection of how a project is to be delivered is about the level of control and risk that the client wants for the project. Often D&C contracts are viewed as de-risking a project by simply moving the project risk onto the D&C Contractor. By doing this the client is relying on the Contractor to not only construct a high-quality project, but to oversee the design process. It is here where there can often be a trade-off between quality and costs. Not every project is suited to a D&C approach, with some requiring a greater level of investigation and detailed design. Learn about the different D&C contract options and how they are best applied to sport and leisure facility development projects.

WEDNESDAY 24TH

11.45-12.15
BANKSIA ROOM

Presenter

Aaron Wallis
Playce

Let's get people moving...planning for all ages play

Recently there has been a lot of talk about all ages or intergenerational play. But what does it actually mean, what does it look like and how can it be successfully implemented?

This presentation touches on some recent strategic projects undertaken by Playce with a number of Victorian LGA's that have reassessed play provision across all ages. The focus of these projects has been to create a new implementable model where the needs of older children, tweens, teens and adults are also considered, along with those of younger children. These projects have helped clarify what play actually means for all ages and what it can look like?

As part of the presentation a number of examples of successful built all ages play will be discussed that have applied the principles established in the strategic work.

WEDNESDAY 24TH

11.45-12.15
IRONBARK ROOM

Presenter

Richard O'Byrne
Richard O'Byrne Community Environment Planning

Cycling Trails: what can we learn from overseas?

The presentation will include many images and examples of trail culture and facilities from France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, United Kingdom and Singapore, as well as some Australian content. Examples will encompass both urban and regional trail systems, based on personal experience and research.

The presentation will look at facilities such as trail surfaces, intersections, separation/non-separation and ancillary services. The trail culture observed in each of these places will be examined, and compared and contrasted with Victorian cycling. The presentation will also briefly analyse what can be learned from overseas, opportunities for us to improve, and ideas that could be adapted for Victoria.

WEDNESDAY 24TH

12.15-12.45
BALLROOM

Presenter

Brent Gordon
Senior Associate
Dalton Consulting Engineers

St Kevin's College Sports Precinct: conversion of a brownfield site

The St Kevin's College Educational and Sporting Facilities is now the largest privately owned synthetic sporting facility in Australasia. Located on 5.5ha of land in Glen Iris, the old Brickworks site required 40,000 cubic metres of imported fill to create a sub base for the new ovals. Synthetic turf was utilised across the playing fields and athletic track, resulting in 3.0ha of Synthetic Surfaces being laid. This presentation will outline the design challenges overcome by DCE in



conceptualising the initial masterplan and completing the design of the sporting facility which includes:

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- 200m Athletics Track, including Long Jump, High Jump and Shot Put areas
- 13x Cricket Nets
- Associated access roads and car parks

WEDNESDAY 24TH
12.15-12.45
BANKSIA ROOM

Presenter

Alexandra Ash
Program and Product Manager – Recreation
YMCA Victoria

Measuring social outcomes from community programs

YMCA Victoria operates over 160 recreation/leisure facilities throughout Victoria, with the majority of these being in partnership with local government. Whilst participation is a key measure of community engagement, we seek to understand how programs contribute to social outcomes in other ways.

This session explores YMCA Victoria’s evaluation method and approach to establishing an outcomes measurement framework. This is linked to key examples of YMCA’s programmatic response to community need using this framework. Considering the evolving environment of municipal remit, this session outlines benefits of presenting social measurements as measurable contribution to community engagement.

WEDNESDAY 24TH
12.15-12.45
IRONBARK ROOM

Presenter

Joey Boothby
Senior Recreation Planner
Manningham City Council

Nature Play: putting risk into perspective

Victorians have embraced the nature play movement and as a result, community groups, kinders, play groups and Councils are currently running, planning to run or aspiring to run a range of programs in our parks and natural spaces. Due to the overwhelming benefits of spending time in our parks and natural spaces, these initiatives require and deserve support from local authorities. As nature play programs and bush kinders pop up across Victoria, many land managers and operators are grappling with perceived and actual risks associated with these activities.

Using Westgarth Bush Kinder and Manningham Nature Play programs as case studies, this presentation will unpack and explore the risk issues that arise when providing programs in our parks and natural spaces.

Participants will be encouraged to put ‘risk’ into perspective and to take reasonable and practical approaches that focus on the immediate and longer term health and wellbeing of the participants.

WEDNESDAY 24TH
1.30-2.30
BALLROOM

Presenters

Justin Burney
Director Major Events & Projects
Phillip Saikaly
Manager Metropolitan Community Facilities
Sport and Recreation Victoria

Roles of LGAs, SSAs and SRV

Abstract available soon

WEDNESDAY 24TH
1.30-2.30
IRONBARK ROOM

Presenters

Michael Robertson
Education Coordinator
Royal Botanic Gardens, Cranbourne

Deborah Prentice
Manager Healthy Parks Healthy People
Parks Victoria

The risk/ benefit balance: enabling increased community use of natural spaces

For land managers it is hard to find the balance between mitigating risks of litigation and allowing creative, engaging activities to occur on public land. The benefits to human health, and the environment of increased use of natural areas are well documented. The will of organisations and community to partner on programs and activities is also there - so why is it so hard to make it happen? This presentation includes research and examples from the nature play sector.



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