

**PARKS AND LEISURE AUSTRALIA 2008 NATIONAL CONFERENCE
MELBOURNE PROVISIONAL PROGRAM**

TIME	SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2008
12.00pm – 5.30pm	Conference Registrations – Foyer, 1st Floor - Melbourne Exhibition Centre (MEC)– 2 Clarendon Street Southbank
5.00pm	Tour Federation Square /BMW Edge Auditorium – Corner Flinders Street and Swanston Street Melbourne – Delegates to find own way
6.30pm – 8.30pm	Welcome Reception at Federation Square / BMW Edge Auditorium Corner Flinders and Swanston Street Melbourne Sponsored by City of Melbourne – Delegates to find own way – (15 minute walk)
8.30pm	Delegates to make own dinner arrangements at own expense if required

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7.45am – 8.30am	Conference Registrations – Foyer, 1 st Floor - Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC) – 2 Clarendon Street Southbank						
8.30am – 10.00am	Welcome Address and Key Note Speakers – Auditorium – Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC)– 2 Clarendon Street Southbank – PLA Conference Convenor John Senior PLA President Steve Mason Keynote Speaker – Dr Peter Ellyard						
10.00am – 10.30am	Morning Tea – Foyer – 1 st floor - MCEC						
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10.30am – 12.00pm	Research Ten years of Leisure Trends: Ten years of Performance: How Well Have we Done? Prof Tony Veal (30min) Making the most of ERASS Data in Recreation & Sport Dr John Tower (30min) Increasing Physical Activity in Disadvantaged Communities – Learnings from the “Go For Your Life” Active Places Program – Arden Joseph (30min)	Inclusive Leisure Recreation: It's Valuable, Now let's Prove it! – Sue Marriage (30min) The Contribution of Leisure Activity and Leisure Satisfaction to Adult Well-Being in Five Countries – Dr Anne Binkley (30min) PLA Award Program, Project, Practice Award – Inclusive and Connected Communities Finalists Presentations Management Award – Parks Finalists Presentations	Park Management Developing a Water Management Plan for Parks and Open Spaces in the City of Melbourne – Cathy Kiss & Eamonn Fennessy (30min) Code of Practice : Irrigated Public Open Space – Gerard Charlton (30min) Are Street Trees and the Nature Strip on the Verge of Becoming the Next “Wetlands”? – David Lawry OAM (30min)	Sense of Place Precincts & Hubs Hume City Activity Centres - A Place to Live, Work and Recreate – Bruce Fordham & Greg McLaren (30min) Community Hubs: Features that make them work – Penny Wilkinson & Dr Kate Kerkin (60min)	A Healthy Environment Victoria's Healthy Parks Healthy People Philosophy seeks to reinforce the connection between a healthy Environment and a Healthy Society – Brett Cheatley (30min) Creating Sustainable Urban Landscapes With Biodiversity And A Strong Sense Of Place – Sue Hobley & Barbara Buchanan (60min)	Playgrounds Innovative Active Engagement for Open Space Design – Ann Whitton & Skye Miller (45min) Collaboration at Wombat Bend – Joey Boothby & Julia Jenvey (45min)	Workshop Open Space Planners Network Forum – Sharon Sykes and others (90min)
12.00pm - 12.45pm	Lunch – Foyer, 1 st Floor - MCEC						

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12.45pm – 2.15pm	Synthetic Surfaces Natural Turf V's Synthetic Turf – Michael Robinson (20min) Synthetic Surfaces in Schools – Shayne Ward & David Strickland (20min) Is Artificial Turf Suitable for Aussie Rules Football? – Assoc. Prof Leonie Otago, Dr Dara Twomey & Dr Natalie Saunders (40min)	Facilities Sustainable Sports Facilities – Philip Saikaly & Andrew McKenzie (30min) Sustainability in Sport – Raqibul Hassan (30min) PLA Award Management – Leisure facilities Finalists Presentations	Open Space Planning The Whitehorse Open Space Strategy – Planning makes Great Parks – Bill Morrison (30min) Parks Improvement Program: Beyond a Swing and a Blade of Grass – Annette Stafford (30min) Yarra Bend Park Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan – Ben Bainbridge (30min)	People & PLAcEs Prioritizing Customer Service – The Introduction of a Formal Service Assessment Process – Carina Jacob, Brett Lavale & Terry Jenvey (30min) Culture Identity, Sport and a Sense of Place – Rob Hyatt (30min) Shady PLAcEs ... and getting Shade Savvy – John Simmonds (30min)	Park Management Star based Ratings for Streetscapes – Glen Fensom (20min) How to bring your Park to your Desktop (and live to tell the financial tale) – Henk de Graaf (30min) PLA Award Program, Project, Practice Award – Water Conservation and Management Finalists Presentations	Playgrounds Time, Space and Permission: Providing for Children's Play – Doug Cole (60min) I Can Play Too – Cathy Kiss (30min)	Workshop PLA 2020 Summit – Community Infrastructure in Australia – Key stakeholders to be invited to workshop industry issues with PLA Board (90 min) Continued after break
2.15pm – 2.45pm	Afternoon Tea in Foyer, 1st Floor MCEC						
2.45pm – 4.15pm	Research Urban Parks and the Bleeding Edge – Peter Boyle (30 min) Why Leisure is Important to Work/Life Balance – Prof Peter Brown (30 Min) Evaluation of the Healthy & Active Choices Program in four Victorian Leisure Facilities – Arden Joseph (30min)	Planning GreenMark Landscape – at Last an Objective TBL sustainability Benchmark for Parks – Neil Power (30min) Making a Partnership Approach Work for Industry – Brendon Ward & Jude Rawcliffe - (30min) PLA Award Planning Finalists Presentations	Open Space Planning Premier Parkland in Geelong: Recreating the Premier Parkland in Geelong – Liz Wood & Steve Schutt (30min) Dubbo City Park & Open Space System – Scott Alston, John van Pelt & Ken Rogers (30min) Sunshine Coast Noisy and Hard-to-Locate Sports Study – David Cooper, Matthew Horder, Robyn Douglas & Neil Tredwell (30min)	Facilities Lighting up a PLAcE: Learning from Sports field Lighting Projects across Victoria – Ricky Bell (30min) Think Nationally: PLAn Locally – Tennis – Melanie Orr, Chris Head & Michael Bodman (60min)	Adapting our PLAcE Carbon Soil Sequestration, the Townsville Carbon Exchange Initiative – Tristram Denyer (30min) A Process for Balancing Crisis Management and Strategic Planning under Conditions of Severe Drought and Climate Change – Dr David Deeley, Sue Marriage, Greg McLennan & Leon English (60min)	Playgrounds Revisiting Old Playgrounds & Getting the Best out of Spaces & Assets – Mary Jeavons (45min) A Landscape for Children – The Ian Potter Foundation Children's Garden at the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne - Richard Barley (45min)	Workshop PLA 2020 Summit – Community Infrastructure in Australia – Key stakeholders to be invited to workshop industry issues with PLA Board (90 min) Continued from previous session.
4.15pm – 5.00pm	Auditorium - Keynote Speaker – Dr Paul Eagles						
5.00pm - 6.00pm	Foyer – 1st floor MEC - Drinks Happy Hour						
6.00pm – onwards	Optional Dinner Night at own cost – Leave MEC – Tramcar Restaurant, Laneway Tours and Restaurants- (Greek Restaurant sponsored by Simon Consulting)						

TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2008							
6.30am – 7.30am	Early Morning Activity Options – meet outside Melbourne Exhibition Centre (MEC) – 2 Clarendon Street Southbank Walk or Run along Yarra River and Tan, Swim and Gym at YMCA Docklands - Book in at registration						
7.45am – 8.30am	Conference Registrations – Foyer, 1st Floor Melbourne Exhibition Centre (MEC)						
8.30am – 10.15am	Auditorium - Melbourne Exhibition Centre - Keynote Speakers - Ms Sylvia Admans & Ms Sarah Gaventa (sponsored by Heart Foundation) and 2009 National Conference Announcement						
10.15am-10.45am	Morning Tea – Foyer, 1 st Floor Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC)						
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10.45am – 12.15pm	<p>Planning for Youth Spaces</p> <p>Redland Youth Plaza: From the Start to the Beginning – Angela Wright & Jim Gleeson (30min)</p> <p>So What is a Youth Space? – Aaron Wallis (30min)</p> <p>Skate Parks Perception V's Reality? – Richard Amon (30min)</p>	<p>Workshop –</p> <p>CABE – Spacemaker – the UK Toolkit for Planning Open Space - Sarah Gaventa (90min) Limit of 25 people</p>	<p>Making it Work</p> <p>PLA Management Award – Events & Festivals Finalist Presentation</p> <p>What a PLAcE for an event! But why? – Peter Stewart (30min)</p> <p>The Parks Forum Industry Agenda: Developing a Common Language and a Common Voice for the Park Sector – David Clarke (30min)</p> <p>PLA Award Management Award – Open Space Finalists Presentation</p>	<p>Coastal & Foreshore Facilities</p> <p>Melbourne Docklands – Waterways Activation – Greg McNally & Graham Porteous - (30min)</p> <p>People Profit and PLAcEs – Dominic Fitzsimons (30min)</p> <p>Urban Foreshore Placemaking – It jest aint (only Natural! – Andy Goldie (30min)</p>	<p>Open Space Planning</p> <p>What is the relationship? Developer Open Space Contributions, Facility Provision Standards and Participation – Michael Cahill (30min)</p> <p>Using Spatial Analysis in PLAnning and Managing Leisure Facilities – Dr Ken Marriott & Prof Tony Veal (60min)</p>	<p>Speed Presentations (5 min each then 2 X15 min discussion sessions</p> <p>Getting People Active in Bankstown – Karen Hawksworth & David Hickey</p> <p>People, PLAcEs and Participation _ A Case Study of TeamMONASH – Robert Elston & Marcia Larose</p> <p>Parks Victoria has developed a Junior Ranger Program which Incorporates both "In-Park" Activities and an "On-Line" Club –Kerry Roberts</p> <p>The Case for Exclusive Dog Off Leash Areas in Open Space – Sally Jeavons</p> <p>Innovation in Swimming Centres – Peter Patterson</p>	<p>Workshop</p> <p>Park Planning</p> <p>How can three match sticks plus playdo = sense of place? - Lucilla Marshall & Emily Morgan - (90 min)</p>
12.15pm – 1.15pm	Lunch – Foyer, 1 st floor Melbourne Exhibition Centre (MEC) PLA - AGM in Auditorium						

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1.15pm – 2.45pm	<p>Planning</p> <p>Swings and Roundabouts - Meeting the Infrastructure Challenge for Recreation Assets – Martin Parmenter (30min)</p> <p>Project Management for Recreation Professionals – Stephen Bunting (60min)</p>	<p>PRAW Award - Play Spaces Finalists Presentations</p> <p>Tim Rowe, Wellington SC, Lucilla Marshall, Townsville CC, Joey Boothby, Manningham CC, Aaron Wallis, Convic Designs, Simon Bradley, City of Burnside, Ali Coster, Moreland CC</p>	<p>Art in Public Open Spaces</p> <p>Art In Our Landscapes – Phyona McMahon & Dianne Beevers (45min)</p> <p>Do the Suburbs Deserve Distinctiveness? Public Art, PLAcemaking and Public Outrage - Anna Bunbury (45min)</p>	<p>Places</p> <p>Creating a 10 Year Vision for the Management of Hobart's Bushland – Jill Hickie (30min)</p> <p>Great Ocean Walk: Working Together to Create an Inspirational Experience – Alysia Brandenburg (30min)</p> <p>Fundamentals for Providing High Quality Tracks and Trails Experiences – Dr Stephen Wearing (30min)</p>	<p>Open Space Planning</p> <p>Planning for Open Space as a Land Use: Strategic Plans and Structure Plans – Sally Jeavons (45min)</p> <p>Parkland Use by residents of Differing Dwelling Types David Vial & Laurel Collofello & Paul Brookfield (45min)</p>	<p>Facilities</p> <p>Eastern Region Soccer Strategy – The World Game, a Regional Approach – Ian Benjamin / Nicole Columbine (30 min)</p> <p>Biomechanical Comparison of the Traditional and All Season Cricket Surfaces – Linda Smith, Dr Kevin Ball & John Watkins (60min)</p>	<p>Workshop</p> <p>CABE – Spacemaker – the UK Toolkit for Planning Open Space - Sarah Gaventa (90min) Limit of 25 people</p>
2.45pm – 3.15pm	Afternoon Tea – Foyer, 1st Floor Melbourne Exhibition Centre (MEC)						
3.15pm – 5.00pm	Auditorium – Keynote Speakers – Leonie Young, CEO, Beyond Blue and MP James Merlino Minister for Sport and Recreation Victoria Presentation of PLA Awards of Excellence– Planning, Play Spaces, Program, Project and Practice Awards for Water Conservation and Management, and Inclusive and Connected Communities, Management Awards for Leisure Facilities, Events, Parks and Open Space -						
6.30pm – 7.00pm	Meet at Southern Cross Station, for Private Train to Flemington Racecourse for Dinner						
7.00pm	Private Train leaves Southern Cross Station for Flemington Racecourse – Look out for the horses!						
7.20pm	Dinner, drinks and a fun night at Flemington Racecourse Atrium – Sponsored by Urban Maintenance Systems (UMS) Address Flemington Drive off Epsom Road Flemington Melways Map 2S J2						
10.30pm	Train leaves Flemington Racecourse for Southern Cross Station						

TIME	WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2008
6.30am – 7.30am	Physical Activity Options – meet outside Melbourne Exhibition Centre (MEC) – 2 Clarendon Street Southbank Walk, Run along Yarra River and Tan or Swim and Gym at YMCA Docklands- Book in at registration day before
8.30am – 9.00am	Meet and collect packed lunch for Technical Tours - Veranda/ Apron of Melbourne Exhibition Centre – 2 Clarendon Street, Southbank -
9.00am	Depart on Technical Tour
4.30pm	Technical Tours Return
7.00pm – 12.00am	PLA TurfFactory 10th Birthday Gala Dinner – Telstra Dome, Brassiere, behind Southern Cross Station – Delegates to make their own way there (walking distance- 10 min) Conference ends
TIME	THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2008
9.00am- 2.00pm	Post Conference Workshop CABA - - Delegates to make own way there (Extra Cost) Pre booking required Venue TBD