



# RESEARCH CONNECTIONS

Since 2011, Research Connections has been published as a joint initiative between Parks & Leisure Australia (PLA), New Zealand Recreation Association (NZRA), and ANZALS (Australia and New Zealand Association for Leisure Studies). There is a continual need to support practical knowledge gained through on-ground experience, with evidence-based research which identifies, debates, explores, clarifies and grows our industry knowledge.

The February 2015 edition of Research Connections features information on Western Australian and New Zealand Research Projects, as well as research projects around the country.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

**Event Management - What skills, knowledge and experience are needed in event management, and integrating these requirements into event management curriculum, student learning outcomes and graduate outputs at Edith Cowan University.**  
 Researcher: Dr David Lamb  
 Institution: Edith Cowan University

**Are we China ready - A study of Perth hotels' catering to Chinese guests' in-room dining appetites.**

Researchers: Dr David Lamb; Dr Alfred Ogle; Dr Stephen Fanning; and Tom Darley (Postgraduate research student)  
 Institution: Edith Cowan University

## NEW ZEALAND

**Planning Approaches for the Management of Surf Breaks in New Zealand.**  
 Sport New Zealand's Young People's Survey 2011 - In-depth Report.  
 Green Prescription Active Families Survey: 2014 report.  
 Sport Northland's Board Structure

**and Strong Culture Encourages RSO Involvement.**

Wellington Oceans Sports (case study).

**The Contested Terrain of Alcohol Sponsorship of Sport and Social Policy in New Zealand.**

**Sport and Recreation and the Links with Socio-economic Background. (New Zealand Young People's Survey Series. Community Sport Good Practice Case studies.**

**How to Setup a Sportville: The Hutt City Approach.**

**In Fact 6: New Zealand's Coaching Workforce.**

Wellington Cycling Demand Analysis.

**Mapping Outdoor Organizations' Governance.**

**New Zealand as a Safe Adventure Destination - Is It a Reality?**

**Gaming Funding for Sport and Physical Activity/ Recreation 2012: Auckland Region. Sport and Recreation Knowledge Series. Short Report.**

Hauraki Gulf Marine Spatial Plan.

**Commercial and Recreational Fishing. Factsheet July 2014.**

Lower Hutt Interschool Sport Case Study.

**Post-Secondary School Sport Participation, Transition & Withdrawal.**

**Active Communities Project: a Case Study of the East.**

City on Its Feet.

**Financial Analysis of Leading Auckland Sports Organisations.**

**Alcohol and Sport: What is the Nature of the Relationship and is there a Problem?**

## ACROSS AUSTRALIA

**Climate Change - Coping with climate change in the Pacific Islands Region - community tourism and climate change in Vanuatu.**

**Social Capital - An exploratory study of the nature of social capital in local area leisure clubs.**

The February edition also features a new section called Project Snippets, which lists some research projects in the pipeline. These projects include:

- Development of a Risk Assessment Tool
- The Australian Community Capacity Study (ACCS)
- Urban Green Spaces
- Bird Migration Ecology
- Conservation Planning

There are two more editions of Research Connections planned for the remainder of 2015 - July and November. The July edition will focus on South Australian and Northern Territory research projects; while the November edition will focus on Queensland research projects.

If you have views regarding the state of research in either Australia or New Zealand, contact John Wood, Editor, Research Connections and long-time member of PLA.

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