



**CONNECTIONS
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PROGRAMME**





CONNECTIONS 2019
EVERY BODY ACTIVE



DAY 1

MONDAY 24 JUNE 2019

7:30am	Registration & Networking FOYER		
8.55am	Powhiri GREAT ROOM 3 & 4		
09.30am	The Labour Government perspective – Our approach to wellbeing, how we ensure no one misses out Speaker: Hon Grant Robertson, Minister for Sport and Recreation GREAT ROOM 3 & 4		
10.00am	Morning Tea		
10.45am	International Perspective: Opening our minds to other approaches Speaker: Jerril Rechter, CEO Vic Health <p>This Girl Can – Victoria is a powerful campaign from VicHealth that celebrates real women giving it a go and has inspired more than 285,000 Victorian women to get active as a result of seeing the campaign.</p> <p>In this presentation, VicHealth CEO Jerril Rechter will tell the story of this highly successful campaign – the lessons learned along the way, what has been critical to success and future.</p> GREAT ROOM 3 & 4		
11.30am	The importance of organisational cultural capability Speaker: Julian Wilcox, Ngāi Tahu Chief Operating Officer <p>Phrases such as ‘consulting with Māori’ and working with Māori are being replaced with ‘Partnering or even Empowering Māori’. Get ahead of the ensuing wave of Māori influence and know what it means to support Māori to engage in play, active recreation and sport ‘As Māori’.</p> GREAT ROOM 3 & 4		
12.15pm	Lunch		
1:30pm	CONCURRENT SESSIONS – EVERY BODY ACTIVE		
	A kid in sport is a kid out of court: How sport and physical activity saved our lives Speakers: Junior Armstrong and Levi Armstrong Facilitator: Colin Stone Sport NZ <p>Come along to hear about the barriers faced when growing up with a Dad who was a long-time gang member and how Levi and Junior Armstrong used sport as motivation to create a better life. They're now giving back to those same communities through Patu Aotearoa.</p> GREAT ROOM 3 & 4	Understanding sport and recreation for young people with a disability Panellists: Victoria Baldwin Halberg Youth Council Monique Irvine Special Olympics Athlete Liam Keenan Mountain biker Facilitator: Laura Menzies Sport NZ <p>Play, sport and active recreation creates happier, healthier people, better connected communities and a strong Aotearoa. However, we know that disabled people are less likely to participate and are more likely to participate for weight management and fitness than fun. Come along to hear from some of our amazing young people on their experiences, motivations and barriers within play, active recreation and sport.</p> CRYSTAL ROOM 1	Good governance Panellists: Nive Sharat Chandran International YWCA Board Brent Impey Chairperson, NZ Rugby Board Tania Te Whenua Te Whenua Law Recreation Aotearoa Board Alison Shanks High Performance Sport NZ Board Facilitator: Robyn Cockburn Lumin <p>A core function of boards is to consider issues from a range of perspectives. We also know that gender diversity supports this function by bringing a breadth of perspective. This results in better decision-making and creates stronger and more sustainable organisations. Panellists will discuss their experiences and progress to achieve strong balanced leadership including the recent gender diversity target of 40% of self-identified female and male directors.</p> CRYSTAL ROOM 2

2.25pm	Move from concurrent sessions back to keynotes
2.30pm	<p>How can we use innovation to improve health?</p> <p>Speaker: Tim Kastelle, Professor in Innovation</p> <p>People often think that innovation is only about technology, but it is a concept that applies much more broadly. Innovation is executing new ideas to create value. Creating better health outcomes certainly creates value – so innovation is a tool that we can use too. This talk will explore some of the key innovation concepts that we can use to encourage physical activity and lifelong participation in active recreation and sport.</p> <p>GREAT ROOM 3 & 4</p>
3.15pm	Afternoon Tea
3:45pm	<p>The role of sport for recovery from trauma: Global and Local Insights and the role of sport for recovery in our Muslim communities</p> <p>Speakers: Dr Holly Thorpe and Nida Ahmad, Waikato University</p> <p>In this session we explore the power of sport and recreation for helping individuals and communities recover from traumatic events. Professor Thorpe shares insights from her award-winning three-year project focused on the role of informal, non-competitive sports in post-disaster spaces and conflict zones. She then considers what her findings mean in the context of New Zealand following the March 15, 2019 mosque attacks.</p> <p>Holly will be joined by Nida Ahmad to explore issues for our Muslim communities participating in sport and recreation. In dialogue with the audience, this session will take global learnings and put them into context in a new Aotearoa, with practical implications for all sports organisations as to what we can do to be more inclusive and supportive for our Muslim communities, including girls and women.</p> <p>GREAT ROOM 3 & 4</p>
4:30pm	Connections Day One concludes
6.30pm	NZ Sport and Recreation Awards Networking, Foyer
7.00pm	NZ Sport and Recreation Awards open

DAY 2

TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2019

8.55am	Welcome Karakia FOYER		
9.00am	Facing the Future with confidence Speaker: Melissa Clark Reynolds How big trends can be harnessed to help us shape the future we want. Thinking about what customers really need and what they are trying to achieve rather than finding ways of selling the products we already make. We will look at Amazon, Netflix, Uber, John Deere and Mercedes Benz and see what we can learn from them as they disrupt their industries. GREAT ROOM 3 & 4		
10:00am	Rangatahi Aspirations Speaker: Tauawhi Bonilla Tauawhi says that within his circle of friends, he is just your average rangatahi Māori. Most Rangatahi he knows, speak Te Reo as their first language, love mau rākau, and do wakaz and hakaz (that's waka ama and kapa haka). He is a rangatahi Māori, grounded in his culture and proud of who he is. Chances are, if you haven't already, you will meet rangatahi Māori like him. Tauawhi will share his story and how his culture has been so important to his success. "He pātai tākū, my question to you is, "Are you providing culturally distinctive pathways for rangatahi Māori?" GREAT ROOM 3 & 4		
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11.00am	CONCURRENT SESSIONS – EVERY BODY ACTIVE		
	Te Whetū Rēhua – The Guiding Star Speakers: Moana-Lee Raihania Toihautū, Sport NZ supported by He Oranga Poutama Kaiwhakahāere Facilitator: Moana-Lee Raihania Sport NZ Te Whetū Rēhua is the tangible Māori Framework that brings to life the Treaty of Waitangi and its principles. The Whetū has the capability and flexibility to be used in many contexts such as Strategy and Professional Development, wellbeing kaupapa such as Spaces and places. In this session, we will be focussing on how Te Whetū Rēhua guides the development of initiatives that meet the needs of Rangatahi Māori Wellbeing. This session is open to all cultures and all organisations who wish to learn about a Māori cultural distinctive pathway to wellbeing. Nau mai haere mai tātou katoa. CRYSTAL ROOM 1	Getting to impact – addressing barriers for young people and measuring the change Speakers: Hamish McEwen and Justin Richards Sport NZ Intelligence team Facilitator: Hamish McEwen Sport NZ Combining insights from Otago University research into addressing barriers for young people with understanding and measuring change to demonstrate impact, this session will both provide an update on the latest research and assist those working with young people to measure and demonstrate the impact of their work. GREAT ROOM 3 & 4	From prototype to Innovation Speakers: Hank Rowe, NZ Launcher of Lime and Lauren Mentjox, Public Affairs Manager, Lime Facilitator: Fran McEwen Sport NZ Are you interested in hearing more about innovation, challenging yourself to embrace change and risk? Lime is more than 'that scooter company', they are on a mission to change mindsets to encourage communities to think about how they travel, take cars off the road and reduce congestion. But it's not an easy feat. Negative media attention, safety concerns and bureaucracy make this an interesting time to be thinking differently. Learn from those at the leading edge of innovation and interrogate the synergies and learning between our world and theirs. CRYSTAL ROOM 2

12.00pm	Lunch
1.00pm	<p>The Long Way Home: A 20,000km cycle journey from Switzerland to New Zealand</p> <p>Speaker: Rebecca Wardell</p> <p>A presentation on the highs and lows of a cycle journey across 19 countries, covering more than 20,000km over one year, from Lake Geneva in Switzerland to Lake Hawea in New Zealand. The brainchild of Kiwi Olympians Emma Twigg and Rebecca Wardell and their friend Sarah Van Ballekom, the journey aimed to raise money for a New Zealand based charity, the Forward Foundation, which aims to get more high school aged girls involved in sport. The journey also provided an opportunity to connect with and inspire school children across the world, culminating in more than 40 school visits throughout New Zealand, as well as meeting fellow Olympic athletes along the way.</p> <p>GREAT ROOM 3 & 4</p>
1.30pm	<p>Moving beyond mainstream: Understanding youth cultures to effectively engage young people</p> <p>Speaker: Ben Birks-Ang, National Youth Services Adviser</p> <p>We know that young people are diverse. Yet, we often group them all in the same box as “youth” or use demographics such as age, gender, or ethnicity, which do not consider the unique values, attitudes, and lifestyles that tend to have more influence on their decisions. It’s not surprising that these techniques don’t tend to identify, reach or engage young people who sit outside of the mainstream.</p> <p>An exciting inter-agency project has been working to change this. Working with Rescue Agency we identified four teen and five young adult groupings, each with shared values, attitudes, and influences. We then built on these findings, working with the groups most impacted by alcohol and not well served by existing approaches to co-design approaches that would improve their wellbeing while reducing or preventing alcohol-related harm.</p> <p>Come along to hear about how we are using youth culture to develop new targeted approaches.</p> <p>GREAT ROOM 3 & 4</p>
2.00pm	<p>Wrap up panel session</p> <p>Reflect on what we have heard over the last two days and the key takeaway messages.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Peter Miskimmin, Chief Executive Officer Sport NZ</p> <p>Sarah Murray, Customer and Community Partnerships Manager, Wellington City Council</p> <p>Joe Hitchcock, Badminton CEO and 2018 Future Leader winner</p> <p>Bernadette Tovia, Community Sport Manager, CLM Community Sport</p> <p>Facilitator:</p> <p>Jannah Wootten, Sport NZ</p> <p>GREAT ROOM 3 & 4</p>
2.30pm	Connections concludes



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