

**Northern Tasmanian Municipal Organisation
(NTMO) Recreation Committee:
Regional Recreation Planning Project 2000
our Future Game Plans**

**Report No. 7 – RECREATION PLANNING
& POLICY GUIDELINES**

‘Helping the Sport and Recreation Industry
to adopt ‘best practice’ and
‘continuous improvement’.

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Incorporating partnership activities between Launceston City Council and the Tasmanian Office of Sport and Recreation and fostering regional approaches to sport and recreation planning and management through working together with regional councils including Break O Day, Dorset, Flinders, George Town, Northern Midlands, Meander Valley and West Tamar.

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Section 1 - Introduction to the Regional Recreation Industry Study

The Northern Regional Recreation Planning Project 2000: Expected Deliverables

The 'Future Game Plans' overall project goal states that the Recreation Committee of the Northern Tasmanian Municipal Organisation will consult the recreation and sport industry and then endorse for implementation a recreation planning framework. In seeking to establish a recreation planning framework the objectives of the overall project were:

- To adopt a planned approach to recreation industry development.
- To improve the viability of the recreation industry.
- To improve cooperation in facility and infrastructure provision and maintenance.
- To facilitate increased community participation through improving recreation opportunities. (and)
- To identify and pursue increased funding opportunities, and
- To achieve a common vision through working and communicating together cooperatively.

The individual projects within the overall project were to be produced in a relatively short period of around six months within overlapping phases. Phase One was to produce two reports; one as a review of regional recreation planning from 1980 to 1999 and the other as an analysis of recreation participation and demographics in Northern Tasmania. Phase Two was to produce three reports; one as a regional recreation facilities inventory, the second as a data base of organisations and events and the third as this industry study report based on an economic analysis of the regional sport and recreation market. Phase Three was to produce two more reports; one to identify issues, needs, demands and make an assessment of these and the other as recreation planning and policy guidelines. Phase Four was to bring together the findings of these seven reports and provide a strategic recreation plan for Northern Tasmania.

The key outcome of the overall project was to be a composite of the eight reports and was expected to deliver a recreation planning framework for Northern Tasmania underpinned by:

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- quality information,
- assessments of regional sport and recreation needs,
- guidance for the development of relevant systems and policies,
- strategies for marketing opportunities and facility provision,
- opportunities for better management of infrastructure, facilities and services,
- links to existing plans and strategies and
- the identification of a regional context.

This final outcome is anticipated to follow the industry study and may include provision of a draft for community comment prior to formal endorsement by the NTMO Recreation Committee.

Overview of Report No.7

The Report No. 7 – Policy and Planning Guidelines provides over 55 best practice and policy information documents from around Australia. These have been identified and categorised in a Resource Kit. The resources include: facility planning, risk management, and the newly developed ‘Future Game Plans - Regional Significance Classification System’.

The Local Government Resource Kit is now based at the offices of all Councils and the Office of Sport and Recreation and is available for inspection and use by all industry stakeholders.

The Northern Regional Recreation Planning Project also sought to develop agreed regional policy in respect of:

- Public Liability Insurance
- Pricing for facility use

These policy areas will be further investigated and reported upon during the implementation phase of Future Game Plans.

The completed Local Government Resource Kit will contribute to the development of the regional sport and recreation industry by providing a comprehensive range of best practice resources. These provide the opportunity to assist industry stakeholders to continuously improve their planning and management performance on a strategic and day to day basis.