



TOOWOOMBA REGION **SPORTS CONFERENCE**

Supply **sport and active recreation**; engage **volunteers**; deliver an **active community**

FREE ENTRY

Limited seats available

**Saturday February 4, 2012,
from 8.30am – 3pm**

**Clive Berghofer Stadium,
Arthur Street, Toowoomba**

When you think about it, sport touches the lives of so many people in the community. Whether playing at the local park, watching your heroes on television or taking up a role as a coach or administrator, sport keeps us fit, entertained and engaged. It creates lasting friendships and provides opportunities for travel and economic growth for the region. That's why it's so important to get behind our local sport and be a part of the 2012 Toowoomba Sports Conference.

The aim of the seminar is to develop strategies that will advance sports in the Toowoomba region, with an emphasis on exchanging the ideas and knowledge of our sports leaders.

This conference is the only regional sport and recreation engagement event to discuss regional strategies, progress capacity building initiatives and engage local networks for success in delivering active communities.

Hope to see you there.



Councillor Mike Williams
Toowoomba Regional Council

“ This conference is an opportunity for all not-for-profit sport and recreation clubs to network and develop a strategic plan for their future. ”



Councillor Peter Taylor
Mayor - Toowoomba Regional Council

“ This is an extremely important conference focused on capacity building, opportunities and challenges faced by sport and recreation organisations in this region. ”





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8:30am	Arrival and registration
9:00am	MC explanation of conference, housekeeping and introduce the Mayor
9:05am	Official welcome - Mayor Peter Taylor and Cr Mike Williams (TRC)
9:15am	TRC vision – Open Space in Toowoomba region in 2030, with Nick Hauser
9:45am	<p>Deconstruct the Dung Heap - <i>working groups facilitated by TRC staff</i></p> <p>This session will dissect the state of organised sport in the Toowoomba Region – warts and all. Participants will be challenged to put aside their opinions and differences and assess and compare organised sport in our region with other regions of Australia. We must develop ways to transform our region’s organisations from being held together by grit, spit and a whole lot of duct tape to professionally advanced organisations with state of the art facilities.</p>
10:50pm	MORNING TEA
11:00am	<p>2010 Sport and Recreation Plan - <i>with Paul Knight</i></p> <p>This session will review progress made to date with the implementation of recommendations from the TRC 2010 Sport and Recreation Plan and outline priorities for the next two years.</p>
11:15am	<p>Toowoomba Sport in 2030 - <i>featuring a panel of experts</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Getting the balance right - volunteers and paid staff - Meeting facilities requirements over the next 20 years - Sustainable management options for multi-sport precincts - Securing financial independence for not-for-profit sporting clubs - Participant talent retention to prevent the exodus of top-level athletes
12:30pm	<p>OFFICIAL LUNCH – <i>guest speaker Jason Greenhalgh</i></p> <p>Topic: “Toowoomba Regional Sport - creating a point of difference”</p>
1:30pm	<p>Media & public Relations - <i>with Matt Grant</i></p> <p>Gaining more exposure, avoiding the traps, developing new strategies and getting the most out of Public Relations.</p>
2:00pm	<p>Reconstruct the Dung Heap - <i>working groups facilitated by TRC staff</i></p> <p>This session will establish ways to improve organised sport in the Toowoomba Region. Participants will be challenged to find solutions to the key challenges identified in the morning session.</p>
3:00pm	Wrap-Up and Close