## ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE + FOR GROWING ° POPULATIONS

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## Australian and New Zealand Association of Leisure Studies (ANZALS)

Purpose of ANZALS is to promote the further development of research and scholarship in leisure studies.

Membership of ~ 100 people, representing scholars and practitioners from the Australian and New Zealand institutions delivering leisure courses and research

An objective is to provide relevant comment, and advocate more effective leisure policies and programs to government, community and commercial agencies as appropriate.



## Environmental Infrastructure Benefits the Community

Physical and mental benefits to the community

Infrastructure needs to be safe, accessible and designed to meet community needs

Access for all community members achieved by planning by and with community and key stakeholders



## Planning for Environmental Infrastructure

- Continuous process of planning by and with the community
- Planning process needs to include:
  - Scope of what is to be achieved
  - Rigorous research about community needs, existing provision, participation trends, socio-economic and demographic characteristics, complementary programs and services.
  - Documented plan
  - Plan implementation, evaluate outputs and outcomes.
  - Community and stakeholder engagement throughout the planning process

