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## **NEW ZEALAND WINS BID!**

### **Auckland's attractions boost bid to host VI Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship**

The variety of sporting and cultural experiences New Zealand offers is endless. Climb a volcano, conquer the SkyJump, abseil down waterfalls, horse-ride on pristine beaches or sail on the sparkling Waitemata Harbour. Experience kiwi culture and discover the history of Aotearoa. Visit Auckland Museum, historic buildings, or join a cultural tour to learn more about the culture and heritage of New Zealand....and, of course... GO BOWLING!!

Today's announcement by the President of the Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Federation, Julian Pace-Bonello, of the success of Tenpin Bowling New Zealand's bid to host the next COMMONWEALTH TENPIN BOWLING CHAMPIONSHIP in February 2013 has been widely acclaimed by the international bowling fraternity.

Auckland enjoys a warm coastal climate without extremes of temperature and the mean daily temperature during February is 23 degrees Celsius (74 Fahrenheit), with an average night time temperature of 16 degrees Celsius. It is one of the sunniest spots in the country, enjoying 2060 sunshine hours annually, and also has high rainfall, which ensures the lushness of its rainforests.

"However, February has the lowest average rainfall of any month, and the sunshine will appeal to our Commonwealth colleagues from Europe and Canada, while any rain will be water off a duck's back for those from the tropical climes of the Caribbean," said TBNZ President, Craig Nevatt, with a smile. "We are both humbled and excited by the opportunities that the Championship will present to our small Federation" he added.

With enthusiastic support by TBNZ's Board and membership, and the anticipated involvement of regional and national tourism authorities, the VI Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship will be staged at Pins Lincoln Road Bowling Centre in Henderson, Auckland. Championship dates are scheduled from 9-17 February 2013.

The host Centre comprises 24 recently-refurbished wooden lanes, AMF pin setting equipment, Computer Score automatic scoring, a fully equipped Proshop and TBNZ's own Kegel Sanction 500 lane oiling equipment. It also offers a large open plan area with ample space for bowlers and spectators alike.

"We have proposed a date early in 2013 as we are concerned that trying to fit the tournament in the later part of 2012 could result in clashes with many other major tournaments," explained Craig Nevatt when submitting his organisation's bid.

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Following the inaugural Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship held in Stirling, Scotland in 2002, the CTBF - an association of national Federations representing numerous Commonwealth countries - was formed with the specific goal of staging biennial Commonwealth Championships that will ultimately meld into the official Commonwealth Games program. Since then, four Championships have been staged in Cyprus, Australia, Northern Ireland and Malaysia.

Under the auspices of the international Commonwealth Games Federation, officially endorsed Commonwealth Games Federation Gold, Silver and Bronze medals are awarded to the winners and placegetters of Singles, Doubles and Teams events in this unique Championship that attracts participants from countries ranging in size from the huge expanses of Australia, Canada and India to tiny island nations including Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Malta, Bermuda and The Bahamas.

Bowlers, officials and supporters throughout the Commonwealth will be invited to Auckland to participate, and the VI Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Championship is expected to attract teams from at least 20 Commonwealth nations.

Full details of the Championship schedule, host centre, local transport/accommodation arrangements and the link to a dedicated Championship website will be included in the first of a series of Bulletins that will be published early in 2012 by the Commonwealth Tenpin Bowling Federation and host, Tenpin Bowling New Zealand Inc.

For a glimpse of just some of Auckland's attractions that participants in the VI CTBC will enjoy, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mb7aVOCEBw0&feature=related>.

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