

Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy 2019

The proposed vision for our district ... is to have high quality, financially sustainable and highly utilised facilities - that can accommodate the needs of Whanganui residents now and into the future.

Submissions Received including additional information to Submission 7

Sport & Recreation: 001

From: Kathy Cunningham
To: !Policy Submissions
Subject: Sport and Rec strategy

Date: Wednesday, 20 March 2019 11:34:17 AM

Thank you for asking for feedback and I only have one comment to make that I am happy to do publicly.

Roof the velodrome.

Kathy Cunningham Director



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"Do the best you can until you know better. Then, when you know better, do better."

Maya Angelou

From: <u>Manager - Age Concern Whanganui</u>

To: !Policy Submissions

Subject: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Date: Thursday, 21 March 2019 9:27:12 AM

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I have reads the proposed strategy - the Council need to ensure ease of access for people both in the sporting facility but also the grounds, who have mobility issues.

There should not be segregated areas for seating just because you use a mobility device either wheelchair or scooter. Some of the sports grounds are not accessible, especially in the winter months. When buildings and grounds are redeveloped the Council need to involve experts in the field of disability to ensure the redevelopment as far as access will actually work. There have been several incidents where things have been put in place for people who are older or have a disability where this has not occurred – these include the Splash Centre and Cooks Gardens when the new stadium was built. The Council followed the building compliance but what was put in place was not practicable for the people.

Kind regards Michelle

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Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy Submission

Whanganui's sporting facilities will accommodate and attract an increasing number of local and regional events

Roofing the Cooks Gardens Velodrome will certainly do that. As it is, the venue can only conduct cycling activity when the track is dry and predominantly only the summer period. Numerous promotions over the years have had to be cancelled because of the weather to the point that as the risk is too great, minimal major promotions are conducted. If covered, the facility will be busy all year through conducting local, regional, national and international cycling events and cycling activities such as disabled, senior citizen, ACC rehab, arthritis NZ programs, corporate challenges, school programs etc. All conducted in a safe and sheltered environment. Cycling NZ have confirmed that Whanganui will be appointed as a regional development hub for talented young riders and a full-time coach employed only if the velodrome is covered. Apart from cycling related events, there is a multitude of other activities and events that will be conducted continually such as concerts, weddings, kapahaka, car shows, archery, cross-fit, skating, croquet, indoor cricket and football, expos, fairs and much more. A recent survey exposed that cycling related events brought 11 million dollars annually into the Taupo economy (See attached report).

The council's investment decisions will be prudent, sustainable and based on the needs of the Whanganui district.

Roofing of the velodrome is to be recognised and supported by any Government funding as a regional facility encompassing Manawatu.

The velodrome will cater for development riders from Wellington to New Plymouth, ensuring major activity.

Roofing of the velodrome came out as the top priority within two public referendums.

The velodrome surface is a hard-wood that is no longer available, it has lasted since 1995 (24 years) when the projected life was 10 to 15 years without a roof. A new surface will need to be a wood that is being used on all new tracks globally, but it needs to be roof protected. The track is very close to being beyond continual repair as it has been uncovered too long and so the council will only have two options;

a) Replace the surface and roof the facility

b) Destroy the whole facility

The consequences of b) are dramatic as Whanganui has always had the reputation nationally of being recognised and respected for two sports above all others, rowing and cycling.

To destroy the velodrome will cause shockwaves throughout New Zealand sporting circles and cause much local public discontent.

Facilities will be increasingly centralised around suitable hubs

As outlined, the velodrome will be a regional performance hub and positioned within the city's premier sports ground, Cooks Gardens.

Sport and recreation facilities will be designed, maintained and utilised in a manner that enables and encourages all residents to participate in sport and recreational activities.

Cycling activity can be conducted all year round from aged person activity through to high performance, all within a dry and safe environment.

Numerous other sporting activities that cannot be conducted in any other local facility eg. Speed skating, indoor athletics, X-games, BMX, Cross fit etc.

Conclusion

Whanganui really needs this roofing project to go ahead. It will attract more visitors to the city than any other facility on an annual basis, such as art gallery, museum, memorial hall etc.

The Cambridge velodrome operates 7 days a week, 12 hours a day and even up to 16 hours a day with certain events. It is essential to book training times in advance because of the amount of people using it. A big number of cyclists from throughout New Zealand have moved to Cambridge (many with families) because of the velodrome and what it provides in way of participation and employment. In the 2015/2016 year the Cambridge velodrome had an operating surplus of \$330k which followed an operating surplus the previous year of \$363k. In 2016/2017 the surplus was similar. Operating revenue was \$2.7 million. There were 40 schools participating and 1300 riders. The facility had a total of 24,232 community riders riding the track during the year with a total of 36,482 hours, so you can judge just how successful this facility is for Cambridge. The biggest growth came from the trikes programme.

Council have been dragging their feet for too long on this project. If the velodrome had been roofed within 10 years of it's initial build, which was the projection, then the Cambridge facility would not have been built as Whanganui would have been fully operational as the high performance cycling centre of New Zealand and reaping all the benefits for the city, also by leaving it so long has meant the hardwood track surface will now have to be replaced.

The council needs to present a positive attitude and a real need to Sport New Zealand for this project so that they in turn, will recommend funding support to lotteries.

Surely the city can't turn down \$6 million of government funding and the opportunity to be appointed as a regional performance hub supported by Cycling New Zealand.

"Build it and they will come."

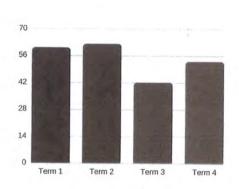
Ron Cheatley ph. 0275458726

SCHOOLS RACING IN NUMBERS



SCHOOLS RACING "The thing I love most about track cycling is the racing, once the race starts nothing outside the track matters anymore it's just you and the other riders attacking, sprinting and winning."

#ITS WHAT WEDOON FRIDAYS





SPEED | SKILLS | TACTICS | fun

40 Different Schools Represented

198 Individual Riders

Race Nights

Riders on our biggest night

33,000

Laps

Raced

3 races per night Average of 5km per rider

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CATH CHEATLEY 2017

SUMMARY OF TRACK USE 1 APRIL 2015 TO 1 APRIL 2016 TO 1 APRIL 2017 TO NO. OF RIDES 31 MARCH 2016 31 MARCH 2018 31 MARCH 2017 Community 19,377 24,232 23,972 6,555 4,453 5.418 2.115 3,430 3.861 Trike 981 4.102 2.767 Track Hours Used 3.700 4.205 803.5 556 238 603 OF USE (incl. in above total) 22% 13% 15% 6% 8% 78% 81% 77% Community **High Performance** includes all the school in a High Performance track and includes the school holiday program Regional Performance Hubs

Sport and Recreation Facilities: 003

STRATEGIC PLAN TO 2020

Charitable Purpose

Improve the conditions of life for the public at large by promoting health, fitness and physical wellbeing through the development and operation of publically available cycling and related facilities for public recreation.

Vision

A world class environment that inspires the community's passion for cycling, health and wellbeing.

Mission

Sustainably operate a world-class velodrome and sport & recreation complex that stands the test of time for the benefit of future generations.

Perpetual Objectives

- Increase the awareness and participation of track cycling and other healthy activities within the community
- Facilitate accessible and vibrant programmes and competitions that instil regular participation
- · Maximise the Avantidrome as a community facility
- Working closely with Cycling New Zealand, support the on-going development of riders, coaches, commissaries and volunteers
- Provide a facility for high performance programmes to effectively operate from

Additional Goals

- To clear all current debt by 2020
- Investigate future expansion of the facility to match expected demand
- Assist with the hosting of at least one world-class event

Under-pinning organisational principles

- Maintaining sound governance structures
- Maintaining sound risk management and safety strategies
- Growing and maintaining strong working relationships with key stakeholders, sponsors and supporters
- Effective and efficient communication with key stakeholders and the broader community

Organisational values

Excellence Customer focused Partnership Integrity Passion A WORLD CLASS
ENVIRONMENT THAT
BUILDS THE COMMUNITY'S
PASSION FOR CYCLING,
HEALTH & WELLBEING.
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for Finding 1960\$11m to Taupo economy – study

By IRIS RIDDELL

CYCLING is worth more than \$11 million annually to the Taupo economy a commissioned report shows but cycling advocacy group Bike Taupo suspects this is a conservative figure. Bike Taupo chairman Rowan Sapsford said the

study, carried out by research firm APR consultants, was a baseline report which required more data gathering, but having some hard data was a

good starting point.

"Anecdotally, we feel cycling has a far greater impact on the town.

"When we're out riding the trails and we meet someone, we're nosy and we ask where they've come from," he said. "Our trails seem to be particularly popular with

Australians, because of the marketing done at

Rotorua Airport."

The assessment did not involve any surveys and because of the lack of established data the impact estimates are simply an indication. The Contact Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge had

the largest economic impact, followed by the Kel-

logg's Nutri-Grain Ironman New Zealand.

The total output from large cycling-related events was \$10 million, while the impact of domestic Cycle Challenge and Ironman entrants coming to Taupo to train is estimated at \$550,000.

Causal cycle tourism, where cycling is the main reason for visiting, accounts for an estimated \$370,000 and day visits to the Great Lake Trail is

approximately \$530,000.

In total, APC CALLES feneral states \$11.44 million for the local economy and provides 84.3 total full-time equivalent jobs.

From: Whanganui District Council
To: dancomp@hotmail.co.nz

Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Date: Tuesday, 26 March 2019 8:41:55 AM



Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Thank you for your submission. We appreciate you participating in the consultation process on this issue. This email is a formal acknowledgement of Whanganui District Council's receipt of your submission. Please print a copy of this page for your records.

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Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Male
Age group	30 - 39 years
Ethnicity	NZ European,Maori
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation	Yes

opportunities with Council?	
KEY ISSUES	
That Whanganui has high quality, financially sustainable and highly utilised sport and recreation facilities that can accommodate the needs of Whanganui residents now and into the future Do you agree that this is the right vision for out district to work towards? (please see page 9 of the strategy)	Strongly agree
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Further comments	More investment into sport facilities around Whanganui with the right experts inputting on the structure changes needed.
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No

From: Whanganui District Counci

To: gfeist@xtra.co.nz

Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Date: Friday, 12 April 2019 3:52:21 PM



Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Thank you for your submission. We appreciate you participating in the consultation process on this issue. This email is a formal acknowledgement of Whanganui District Council's receipt of your submission. Please print a copy of this page for your records.

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Your role	Chairman
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Male
Age group	60 years or over
Ethnicity	NZ European
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation	Yes

opportunities with Council?	
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Further comments	While the strategy stage is very generic we will wish to become very involved in the development of implementation plans as we are the operator of the major indoor sports facility at Springvale Park. We hope that each operator/facility retains autonomy and doesn't get swallowed by an over-aching organisation. Wanganui has more than enough indoor sport facilities and these should serve our community well for many years. Better utilization of the existing spaces must be the top priority. Although some of the buildings are 'older', with well planned maintenance these facilities should last past our lifetime. Any renovations or upgrades need to be well researched to ensure that these are appropriate and affordable. (Arena Manawatu is a good example of what not to do).
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No

Jennifer Gaskin

From: Whanganui District Council <noreply@whanganui.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 12 April 2019 3:24 PM

To: bridget.belsham@wanganuirugby.co.nz

Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation

Facilities Strategy

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Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

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Organisation name	Wanganui Rugby Football Union Inc.
Your role	CEO
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Female
Age group	40 - 49 years
Ethnicity	NZ European

Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
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Further comments	Submission attached.
Supporting documents	WDC (Sport ^0 Rec Strategy Submission).pdf - Received
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No



WANGANUI RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION INC.

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SUBMISSION SPORT & RECREATION FACILITIES STRATEGY

GOALS

That facilities will be increasingly centralised around suitable hubs

Do you agree that this is a goal we should be focusing on? (please see page 11 of the strategy)

We do not believe it is in the best interests of the Wanganui people to have a designated sports hub due to its size. We believe centralised sports hubs work better in larger areas and cities with Universities and larger populations.

Investment in a \$1.2 million + administration building, although considered a community sports house, we believe is not a good investment of community money. We have a large number of good facilities, including the Jubilee and Springvale Stadiums, Splash Centre & Cooks Gardens to name a few that need further investment. We also have small sporting codes that would flourish if money was attributed to them.

We understand that the idea of sports hubs is about building sustainable structure and partnerships but these partnerships cannot develop without adequate consultation. Consultation with key stakeholders/sporting codes in our region should be a priority. Any community money needs to be spent in the best interests of the whole region.

ACTIONS

Whanganui's sporting facilities will accommodate and attract an increasing number of local and regional events

Do you agree with the actions set out for this goal? (please see page 10 of the strategy)

It is important for Wanganui sporting facilities to attract new local and regional events. We have in the past worked with Whanganui & Partners to tender for a 2018 Hurricanes game – unfortunately missing out. We are continuing to work closely with the Hurricanes Franchise to vie for a game in the near future.

We do not however agree that the process has been collaborative, as prior to the January 2016 Report being released, Wanganui Rugby had not been consulted on

regarding this report and the contents of it. We communicated our concerns regarding the poor consultation process back then, and that has not improved.

We met with Sport Whanganui in May 2017. We have had no further consultation with SW around the Proposed Sport & Recreation Strategy and a lot has changed.

In that report we raised the inaccuracies – including the omission of Spriggens Park (which is a shared facility between Wanganui Rugby, Pirates Rugby Club, Marist Rugby Club and the Wanganui Greyhound Racing Club).

Council's investment decisions will be prudent, sustainable and based on the needs of the Whanganui district

Do you agree with the actions set out for this goal? (please see pages 10 and 11 of the strategy)

We do not want to see Clubs/Codes forced into a Multi-Club/Multi-use facility without adequate consultation. There is a huge amount of history and tradition with Clubs & sporting codes and we do not want to see strong Clubs/Sports disadvantaged by forcing amalgamations.

It is concerning to see an Implementation Plan feature in the Proposed Sport & Recreation Strategy (Page 13) without any consultation with Wanganui Rugby. Rugby does however get mentioned: 'Establish a development plan for Springvale Park in conjunction with the variety of existing users'

Each code has their own core priorities and to see Rugby omitted from this, being one of the major sporting codes in our region is far from ideal.

Facilities will be increasingly centralised around suitable hubs

Do you agree with the actions set out for this goal? (please see page 11 of the strategy)

No - we see Wanganui City as its' own sporting hub due to its size. We believe centralised sports hubs work better in larger areas.

Sport and recreation facilities will be designed, maintained and utilised in a manner that enables and encourages all residents to participate in sport and recreational activities. Do you agree with the actions set out for this goal? (please see page 11 of the strategy)

Collaborating with facility owners, managers and operators is imperative.

As users of Springvale Park, we have identified that these are no longer meeting all of our needs for Junior Rugby. Ground closures due to excessive flooding in certain areas, lack of good accessible parking, no changing facilities and a disconnect from our Clubs is concerning.

We have budgeted to spend \$20k on fields in the middle of the Wanganui Racecourse to give us more control over our used facilities. We are keen for Junior Clubs to have a connection with the Senior Club which cannot be done without closer alignment.

Since 2015 we have invested \$20k in the Spriggens Park Changing Rooms and have planned to spend another \$19k on the Spriggens Park Referees Changing Rooms.

However, the opportunity to vie for contestable funding is welcomed.

Bridget Belsham

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
On behalf of the

WANGANUI RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION BOARD

From: Whanganui District Council
To: president@wanganuicycling.club

Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Date: Friday, 12 April 2019 3:10:34 PM



Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Thank you for your submission. We appreciate you participating in the consultation process on this issue. This email is a formal acknowledgement of Whanganui District Council's receipt of your submission. Please print a copy of this page for your records.

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Organisation name	Wanganui Cycling Club
Your role	President
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Male
Age group	40 - 49 years
Ethnicity	NZ European
Would you be interested in being	

involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
KEY ISSUES	
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Further comments	I have very recently been elected as the President of the Wanganui Cycling Club (WCC). In that capacity I am of the opinion that the WCC should be making representation to the WDC through this consultation process. Due to timeframe restraints I do not have the mandate to make any substantive submission by the deadline to 5pm today. The WCC seeks the opportunity to do this, through both a written (albeit late) submission and the opportunity to speak to it in due course. If a written submission is not permitted, verbal submission is still requested.
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes

Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Submissions close 5.00pm Friday, 12 April 2019

<u>Privacy statement</u>: Please be aware when providing personal information that this submission form is part of the public consultation process. As such, this document (including contact details) will be copied and made publicly available. Personal information will be used for the administration of this consultation process and decision-making. All information will be held by the Whanganui District Council, 101 Guyton Street, and submitters have the right to access and correct personal information.

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Alternatively, please return this form, or send your written submission to:

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your role:	to Rawse the Yelo Roof group

Oral submissions

If you wish to speak to Council in support of your written submission please tick the box below.

Yes I would like to speak in support of my submission (please ensure you have completed the details above, including contact phone number)

Note: Submissions will be heard on 30 May 2019. If you have indicated that you wish to speak on your submission we will contact you to arrange a time.

If you would be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council please tick the box below and ensure your contact details have been completed.

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Yes I would like to be involved in future consultation and am happy for you to retain my contact details.

Please indicate your level of agreement for the key aspects of the proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy.

KEY ISSUES	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
VISION					
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Do you have any further comments to make? In particular, if you disagreed with any of the statements above please

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	Blueskin- Maxwell □	Springvale (Springvale West,
	Castlecliff (Castlecliff North,	Springvale East, Mosston) □
	Castlecliff South, Mosston) 🗆	Whanganui Central (Laird Park,
	Fordell-Kakatahi 🗆	Whanganui Central, Whanganui
	Gonville (Balgownie, Tawhero,	Collegiate) 🗹 .
	Gonville South, Gonville East, Gonville	Whanganui East (Williams Domain,
	West) □	Wembley Park, Kowhai Park) □
		Other □
Ethnicity:	NZ European 🗸 Maori 🗆 As	ian Pacific Peoples
	Middle Eastern/Latin American/African □	
	Other 🗆	

Proposed WDC Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy – M. Visser Submission

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Organisation: Adviser to Raise the Velo Roof group (RTVR)

Oral submissions: Yes, I would like to speak in support of my submission

Vision: That Whanganui has high-quality, financially-sustainable and highly-utilised sport and recreation facilities that can accommodate the needs of Whanganui residents now and into the future

Goals and Actions: That (1) Whanganui's sporting facilities will accommodate and attract an increasing number of local and regional events, (2) Council's investment decisions will be prudent, sustainable and based on the needs of the Whanganui district, (3) facilities will be concentrated around suitable hubs, (4) sport and recreation facilities will be designed, maintained and utilised in a manner that enables and encourages all residents to participate in sport and recreational activities.

Summary

Discussions in late December 2018 with Bob Smith of the RTVR group of volunteers (and ex-Partner and Principal Engineer of OPUS Consultants) pointed to important information lacking on the quantification of benefits of a roofed velodrome to the Whanganui Region. Sport NZ, in its review of earlier proposals, had also highlighted the omission of a "needs analysis" to assist with form and design and building a business case. I volunteered to examine the problem based on my skills and experience and wanting to better understand an issue which has vexed many people in this city since the velodrome was built 24 years ago.

I will identify in this submission the financial quantum of those benefits to press the case for roofing the velodrome and to do so appropriately - not from some "let's just roof it as cheaply as we can, so at least we're protecting the asset" point of view [or the "half-finished" approach of which Whanganui seems to have been guilty for much of the last half century – but from a more holistic point of view].

My 10-year NPV (Net Present Value Analysis), for which further potential uses/activities are still to be added, indicates a value to the Whanganui region of over \$114 million beginning with over \$9m (discounted) in Year 2 and also positive net cashflow to the velodrome itself from the beginning, providing challenging but achievable sponsorship levels via the Avantidrome model can be achieved. This compares from memory to \$100 million for the Sarjeant Gallery strengthening and extension [of which I personally am in total support] over the lifetime of the asset.

Just over one week before our submissions were due, I was presented with an excellent report by APR Consultants completed in late 2008, including an NPV and confirming my own analysis, beginning with a regional benefit (albeit 10 years old) of \$6m in Year. This report seems to have been ignored, or at least didn't move the issue from the status quo or any further ahead. The APR report also refers to a "virtuous cycle of tourism investment and growth" (not factored into its NPV nor mine) and the benefits of Whanganui re-instating its sporting legacy. I would suggest that, if the velodrome had been roofed at the time of construction, Whanganui probably wouldn't know itself — population decline would most likely have been halted some 20 years earlier — even ignoring the impact of the decision to locate the New Zealand Centre for Cycling Excellence at the Avantidrome in Cambridge - which incidentally is transforming Cambridge. That opportunity still exists — if anything the case is stronger now. Roofing our Whanganui velodrome has advantages including lower risk and greater revenue

opportunities not available to the Cambridge operation, simply because it is limited to cycling. Concerts are the factor which makes this concept work.

Council may feel that it has its hands full with the Sarjeant Gallery strengthening and expansion, Port development and further development of the flying school, but it needs to act to avail the city of the opportunities provided by such a multi-purpose venue unmatched in the lower North Island and attracting visitors from the region and beyond. In short — in terms of Council's Vision and Goals for its proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy, roofing the velodrome ticks all of the boxes.

Methodology and Key Assumptions

Bob Smith, Leigh Grant and I have spoken over the last 2-3 months with leaders in various sports fields, concert promoters, other cultural event promoters to help identify their venue needs, likely usage, costs, fee expectations.

Key assumptions and features of the NPV model include:

- 1. Potential uses importantly only include those which are currently not met by other sports venues in Whanganui.
- 2. The NPV of \$114m allows for track replacement, toilets, Vesmaco skating finish, toilets and sides (if required) at \$2.13m immediately on roof completion (note that Council I believe has indicated that it would cover the cost of the first two items) and total capex of \$18.6m so as to provide the finished solution
- 3. The latest spend statistics (year ended Dec 2018) from MBIE and Statistics NZ have been used to identify average daily spend figures for Domestic and International Visitors to Whanganui RTO
- 4. The spend averages used have been dropped by 20 per cent to reflect athletes' and young concert goers' likely lower restaurant and retail spend
- 5. Future costs and spend have been discounted at 4.5% per year (I initially used 5.0% per the Australian local government model, but reduced it on reading the APR report) to express future flows in today's value
- 6. A Multiplier II of 2.31 (which includes the secondary effects of visitors spending in the region "indirect" i.e. businesses which supply goods and services to tourism-related firms and "induced" i.e. spend flowing into the paypackets of employees in tourism firms) using Economic Impacts of Transport & Tourism in New Zealand: An Input-output Multipliers Approach by Tantirigama and Taniguchi-Singh as a base. The Multiplier is weighted by spend sector (e.g. accommodation, retail, etc) size and attempts to exclude the value of goods "imported" to Whanganui especially retail, so as to limit the likelihood of double-counting.
- 7. If we exclude the Multipliers, which would be naïve and incorrect after all it's through Multipliers how most job creation comes about the NPV is still \$50m.
- 8. Hourly cycling charges for individuals are only two-thirds of those charged by Avantidrome
- 9. Venue hireage fees for concerts are only 80% of the nationally-accepted standard
- 10. Where possible Avantidrome has been used as an existing, working example
- 11. Avoidance of health costs to the region through cycling rehabilitation programmes have yet to be added. Assistance from WDHB on the metrics involved continues.

Points 3) to 8) are all lower in the interests of conservatism.

[The NPV Model may be available for review upon request.]

From: Whanganui District Council
To: jeff@phillipselect.co.nz

Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Date: Thursday, 11 April 2019 6:40:45 PM



Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

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Your role	Board Member
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Male
Age group	50 - 59 years
Ethnicity	NZ European
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes

KEY ISSUES	
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Further comments	Sport and Rec Facility's strategy has been undertaken with out adequate consultation with key stakeholders ie the sporting codes. Recommend that full consultation is undertaken and a new report generated that has input and reflects the challenges and changing landscape for various sports in the region. Sport Whanganui should have contacted each codes board individually to gain knowledge of challenges etc that they face. Implementation plan- Whanganui Swimming has not been consulted as to our requirements for the development plan appendix A (in our case as a user of the Splash Center) to help identify future needs- example at the Splash the starting blocks need replacing estimated cost approx \$12000, the existing blocks are becoming a health and safety issue and are not fit for purpose anymore. Global Leisure Report from 2016 is outdated and is modeled on outdated statistics showing population declining where the idcommunity forecast on WDC website shows population growth-report should be revisited and updated. Some key council sports grounds ie Spriggans Park, Peat Park etc are missing from this report. Global

	Leisure is big at pushing the Hub concept but the sports hub model is not the answer for all sports or regions-Due to the small compact size Whanganui city itself should be treated as the hub.
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No

From: Whanganui District Council
To: dean@gingercat.net.nz

Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Date: Thursday, 11 April 2019 3:31:16 PM



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Organisation name	Wanganui Cycling Club Inc
Your role	Club Secretary
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Male
Age group	50 - 59 years
Ethnicity	Other,As the submission is on behalf of the club - ethnicity seem a bit irrelevant
Would you be interested in being	

involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
KEY ISSUES	
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Further comments	The above goals, vision and actions clearly mirror those of WCC. We obviously would see the velodrome once roofed as being one of the sport hubs in Wanganui . At present it makes a pretty poor hub as it can only be used safely in summer when the track can be guaranteed to be dry
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No

From: Whanganui District Council
To: Rangi Madeline@xtra.co.nz

Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Date: Thursday, 11 April 2019 11:04:56 AM



Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

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Organisation name	Bowls Wanganui
Your role	Chairman
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	
Gender	
Age group	
Ethnicity	
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes

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Further comments	As indicated Bowls Wanganui are supportive of the Councils proposed Sport and Recreation Strategy. At a recent seminar in Auckland it was revealed that it was revealed that in 2015 15% of the countrys population were aged over 65 years with projections indicating that this figure will increase to 24% by 2043.Bowls Wanganui envisage that these numbers will impact on memberships in the area. As a result of this and other developments there will be a need for an indoor facility in Whanganui. Current indications are that a suitable structure could cost approximately \$1 mil. When visiting Whanganui last year the CEO of Bowls NZ indicated that the number of bowlers appeared to be increasing in those areas that had installed indoor facilities. It has also become apparent that although membership of Bowling Clubs had declined there has been an significant upsurge in participation from casual bowlers. In response to this need Clubs in Whanganui have organised regular competitions to accomodate this change. These competitions are well attended. With respect to Sporting Hubs WDC should note that in recent weeks the Station United Sports Club

	which has over 300 members spread over 4 sports has entered into a joint scheme with the Laird Park Bowling Club.At this time both organisations are using the Laird Park building. It is envisaged that this this arrangement will see an organisation created that will be the basis of a Sporting Hub. Lawn Bowls is an activity which is seeing an increased participation from younger members of the NZ community. This increase in interest has still to take effect in Whanganui but with the number of well attended National Tournaments underway opportunities should see Whanganui youth participating.
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes

From: Whanganui District Council

To: <u>Ariana Cronshaw</u>

Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Date: Thursday, 11 April 2019 9:22:16 AM



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Organisation name	Whanganui District Council Youth Committee
Your role	Youth Councillor
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Female
Age group	Under 18 years
Ethnicity	NZ European,Maori
Would you be interested in being	

involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes
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Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No

From: Whanganui District Council
To: rossmcneil@xtra.co.nz

Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Date: Wednesday, 10 April 2019 8:55:07 PM



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Daytime phone number	0275720056
Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	Yes
Gender	Male
Age group	50 - 59 years
Ethnicity	NZ European
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation	Yes

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Further comments	The Strategy is well structured, providing clear direction through a set of complementary principles, goals and actions. Of particular note, which is strongly supported, is the focus on developing/maintaining facilities centred around a Hub concept (colocated and shared assets) and investing in the renewal of existing facilities with significant residual value in key locations. I note the Implementation Plan identifies the development of specific Hubs and flags the level of support/contribution from the Council on the basis that the bulk of any required funding is secured from other (non-Council) sources. Council's financial contribution is typically shown as 20% of the expected cost. What appears to be an obvious omission from the Implementation Plan is reference to the Cooks Gardens Sporting/Recreational Hub, and particularly the Velodrome development project. The Council's LTP signalled a \$1M contribution towards this project, on the basis that the bulk of the funding was to be secured elsewhere. The Council's contribution being 5-10% of the likely project cost. In addition, this project

	aligns very well with the Strategy Vision, Goals and Actions - so should be included in the Implementation Plan as a demonstration of the Council's desire and leadership to help bring this multi-purpose/multi-benefit project to fruition.
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	Yes

From: Whanganui District Council
To: dean@gingercat.net.nz

Subject: Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Date: Wednesday, 10 April 2019 11:48:21 AM



Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

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Last name	Blackwell
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Daytime phone number	+6463452418
Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	Male
Age group	50 - 59 years
Ethnicity	NZ European
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes

KEY ISSUES	
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Further comments	We need to see more people involved in sport and activity that's a given but as well as sporting facilities maybe we should encourage more informal activity as well. The creation of better walking and cycling paths around town has been a great start to this. More and more I find there are people who would get out on a bike for instance but they are increasingly afraid of the traffic as our local roads become more busy and people seem to be driving faster. Maybe council should also be looking at traffic flows to make our roads safer as part of a sport strategy
Supporting documents	File(s) not provided
I would like to speak in support of my submission	No



Submission: Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

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Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy Submission.

If the thinking stays in the past, we stay in the past.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy.

Introduction

Our Velodrome is a huge untapped asset for our community and must be upgraded and roofed to ensure we can maximise the potential economic benefits.

This event centre will be well placed to take advantage of future tourism opportunity. It's no secret that some regions are feeling the pressure and will need support to get tourism working well for both communities and the visitors.

To quote former Sport and Recreation Minister Jonathon Coleman "this event centre will become a Tourist attraction in its own right".

Our Region could make better use of the Velodrome / Events centre as part of a push to get tourists spending more when they visit. We need to develop our existing velodrome into something that is much more focused on the needs of our community. An example is that the Avanti Drome in Cambridge has 80% usage from community events. It also engages very well with it's local and regional communities.

This is an opportunity to "turn up the volume" on the marketing and the utilization of our Regional facility. This is not just an Iconic cycle facility but is also a covered event centre of rather large proportions. We have existing smaller stadiums, but these do not meet the requirements for undercover large events e.g. Concerts, In Line Skating, Kapa Haka that multi-use such stadiums can provide. We need to leverage off international events and concerts to give economic growth to our region. At the same time provide an exciting venue that attracts users locally and the wider regions.

We are faced with an ageing population and a need to replace or upgrade many expensive facilities. However, in the case of our existing velodrome we can upgrade and refurbish at very little cost to rate payers. (1Mil \$) The economic return from this small investment is huge and must not be passed by. An important aspect of this centre will be how it engages with the community and how this large covered space will enable many organisations the opportunity to hold events that would otherwise not be possible due to adverse weather conditions.

Entertainment and Concert Venue

Our discussion with a Promoter of Live Entertainment over some 42 years has identified our city as having good potential for local large-scale events, plus the all-important regionally-marketed events that take in the Manawatu, Central North Island, Taranaki and Wellington.

The need is for a multi-purpose venue that has been planned to encompass the particular staging, loading, and production needs for high level Entertainment, as well as meeting the usual requirements for Sporting and other activities (Exhibitions, Themed activities etc).

Palmerston North is the nearest city and has tended to be the regional base in the past, but does not currently have such a facility, tending to rely on an older Sports Stadium as its only large resource. So, there is an opportunity here.

These promoters think there is good potential for Whanganui to occupy such a space in the New Zealand venue scene, it all gets down to foresight of design, a willingness by the city, as a whole, to heavily promote the facility, and good solid local support and management.

Bike NZ Track cycling Hub.

To have confirmation that Bike NZ will establish its Regional Performance Hub (RPH) right here in Whanganui is a massive opportunity for Whanganui. Bike NZ have stated that this hub will cater for athletes from Wellington to Taranaki including Manawatu to the Hawkes Bay, across south of Taupo back to Taranaki, which is a huge catchment.

Bike NZ have also stated that a fully funded coach will be appointed along with supporting part time coaches. This hub status is significant in that it is common knowledge that many families with up and coming athletes associated with cycling, will relocate to a centre that supports high level coaching and a covered velodrome that ensures consistent riding time and personal coaching time. These athletes are the stars of our future, world champions, and Olympic Gold medallists. All this will also attract commercial interest with media coverage and potential sponsorships.

In-Line Banked track Speed skating.

The installation of an international inline speed skating track built to the very latest specifications as directed by World Skate, will in fact enhance and provide yet another opportunity to showcase our region.

This track will be formed inside the arena bounded by the cycle velodrome and will form part of the safety runoff from the Cycling track. The specification for the inline skating track has just been ratified. This makes the Whanganui facility the only track in the world that conforms to the new In line banked track specifications at this present time.

It is predicted that usage at the Jubilee Stadium will increase as the new Banked track proposal will generate more interest in Artistic, Roller Hockey and Flat track racing. Whanganui has a very strong club with multiple NZ speed champions and record holders from all age groups, Oceania champions, and the current World Masters Champion. Our roller hockey section is the biggest in the country and we have a fledgling artistic section. Whanganui was considered by many as the Roller sport capital of New Zealand until Timaru built their track. Our new event centre will restore that position and place Whanganui back on top.

The sport of Inline skating is on the upward trend in popularity and stature. It's a sport that has undergone significant technical development in recent years and now, with its inclusion in this years Junior Olympics is set to grow even bigger, faster and more professional by the day. Whanganui has a unique opportunity to be right at the forefront of this growth.

To have this facility host a World championship is a genuine possibility.

This event runs for two weeks with about 800 skaters. Most teams spend two weeks acclimatizing, so with officials, management, medical staff and supporters you can double the number attending with many of those attending for the whole month of the event. It is understood that Skate NZ are putting their hand up for hosting a World Speed skating Championship. All eyes are on the Whanganui project as the venue for these championships.

The Italian International home of In Line Speed skating's top officials, describe our plans as even better than anything in Europe.

Rehabilitation

The centre will also present many opportunities to provide our regional community with a platform for Rehabilitation programmes that will cater for all ages and abilities. This is a great way to maintain or increase fitness level, community interaction and wellbeing. This concept is currently operating at the Avanti Drome Cambridge with much success. We have many instances that show rehabilitation is paramount to the early recovery of accident victims, assists stroke victims, Parkinson patients, and all manner of age-related problems concerning mobility and balance, as well as those handicapped people out there who just want to be treated as "normal".

The programme involves the use of Trikes and enables the coach to promote Mobility and balance, Cardio fitness, Improve fine motor skills, Improve confidence, Socialisation, Reconnecting with the environment, and to take on new challenges.

Discussions with WDHB CEO Russell Simpson has encouraged and supported the belief to grow this opportunity right here in Whanganui. The Cambridge experience has proved that this type of programme, without doubt can contribute to the well being of our community and adds value to the "Positive Aging Forum" currently being discussed right now in Whanganui.

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Demographic is changing and that will keep on happening. We owe it to our community to stand for the future we want. We can have ambition for an extraordinary future here. Holding on to past aged, negative attitudes is not going to fix anything. Developing this existing facility will broaden its use and enhance what we already have.

We believe Whanganui residents will respond positively with pride in the knowledge that we have a multi-use event centre to be proud of. The Event Centre is Aesthically Astute and will inspire a desire and encourage our local and regional community.

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Submission by WHANGANUI RIVER INSTITUTE TRUST

WRIT, (the Trust), was formed in 2009 to foster and fund recreational, sporting and events activities on the Whanganui River and environs, The Trust is currently involved in a range of recreation development projects spanning the awa from the sea to its upper reaches.

These include:-

- Development of a multi sport "Blue Water" recreation hub at Whanganui Port
- Developing programmes to build capacity for expanding waka ama opportunities for Whanganui Schools and community groups
- Promoting safe and practical public recreational access to/and from the awa for a range of activities
- Promoting and assisting events held on the awa
- Fostering protocols to ensure user safety across a range of activities and ages
- Working with Mangatiti Landing Retreat (a charitable trust) to establish a wilderness project
 in the mid-reaches of the awa that will enable young people, disadvantaged youth, and
 family groups to experience the bush and the awa in a wilderness setting

Short term priorities focus on assisting the expansion of waka ama capacity to meet the growing demand from schools and community groups. The Trust's initial focus is to develop and resource programmes which build operating and coaching skills among the expanding waka users base - ("Training the Trainers").

Allied to expanding capacity is providing safe access onto the awa especially in the city centre where current facilities are unsafe and need urgent upgrading.

The Trust has, and continues to collaborate with a range parties involved in water recreation and sport in Whanganui. Accordingly, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss further the developments we are promoting and explore opportunities for collaboration with key participants - particularly iwi, educational, recreational, community and tourism groups.

With reference to the Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy we note that the awa and its associated sport and recreation structures and resources is not regarded as a "facility" for the purposes of the report. Accordingly, river based sport and recreation attracts little attention in the strategy.

We believe the awa within the city environs constitutes a priceless community asset providing a vibrant multi use recreation and sports hub with huge potential to provide for a great deal more users and variety of use. The awa and its banks comprise an already functional "River Park" from the sea, through the city centre to the hinterlands. This jewel both defines and provides Whanganui. It deserves a standard of care and amenities to match.

It is in this context that we would like to further discuss/submit on the following issues:-

- Provision of safe and functional access to and from the awa for a range of activities
- Urgent provision of safe access for waka ama at Pakaitore, (Calliope Boatshed).
- Developing operating rules for "River Park" users to ensure a safe user environment
- Exploring events potentials
- Collaborative planning

The Trust thanks the WDC for this opportunity to contribute to planning process for future sport and recreation facilities in Whanganui.

I would be grateful if the Trust could have the opportunity to speak to this submission

Nga mihi nui

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Do you have any further comments to make? In particular, if you disagreed with any of the statements above please let us know why and provide any alternative options you may have:

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Submission to Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Thankyou for the opportunity to submit to the Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy.

My submission relates to the Whanganui velodrome and the opportunity to create a multipurpose events centre by roofing and upgrading the existing facility. This project is a visionary proposal to re-energise the existing velodrome by utilising a unique opportunity to upgrade an existing facility into a modern sports and events centre.

It is an economic development opportunity for Whanganui and the region.

In support of this proposal I wish to make the following points. Please also refer to the attached booklet entitled *Central Regional Velodrome*. *Background Information*.

- The Whanganui velodrome is a world class facility and when constructed in 1995 it
 was state of the art and the first in the country. However:
 - · it is unfinished
 - · it is under-utilised
 - · it is rapidly deteriorating
 - · it is unique to the lower North Island
 - it should be regarded as a regional asset rather than a Whanganui liability
- Once roofed, Cycling NZ have promised to establish a Regional Performance Hub in Whanganui, to service the lower half of the North Island. This includes Taranaki, Hawkes Bay, Manawatu and Wellington. This is a significant opportunity itself.
- 3. Research into the operation of velodromes around the world shows that none operate as commercial ventures; they rely on sponsorship. The area inside the cycling track, the arena, is huge, being two thirds the size of a rugby field or twice the size of the Memorial Hall forecourt. Our proposal, therefore, is to utilise this significant space for a wide range of sporting, cultural and artistic events.
- 4. A fundamental decision was made at the outset that this events centre would only complement existing facilities in the district and would not compete with them. A workshop was held in 2016 attended by a number of stakeholders, including Sport Wanganui, to define the activities the venue would be designed for. It was decided, for example, that the venue would not be designed to cater for any court sports as these are already well provided for.

- 5. In August 2000 Opus International Consultants submitted a proposal to Council to roof the velodrome and make it into a multi-purpose events centre utilising a clear-span tension membrane structure to cover the facility. This did not proceed. In 2006, a working party was established under the stewardship of Councillor Philippa Baker-Hogan, to re-investigate this proposal. A design consortium was engaged by Council to identify options. A tension membrane roof was the clear winner. See attachment. In 2011 SPARC tendered for submissions to establish a Cycling Centre of Excellence and the Events Centre Proposal morphed into a bid for this facility. Council had clearly adopted the tension membrane option at this stage as the Design Report was included as part of the bid documentation for the Cycling Centre of Excellence.
- 6. Tension-membrane structures have been proven over 50 years of use and there are many examples around the world. They are the first choice for covering large sporting arenas and 80% of new structures of this nature utilise tension membranes. The recently-built velodrome in Brisbane utilised a tension-membrane for both the roof and the sides.
 - The latest example is the new roof being constructed over the velodrome in Lima, Peru for the Pan Am and Parapan Games.
 - The largest in the world is the airport terminal at Denver, Colorado.
- 7. The Whanganui roof has already been designed and costed by a firm of Quantity Surveyors very familiar with this method of construction. The upgraded facilities are at a preliminary design stage and have also been costed. It only remains for tender documentation to be prepared and contractors appointed and the roof structure could be in place within 2 years.
- 8. The roof design is a very cost-effective structure which cleverly uses tensioned cables rather than a tubular steel space frame to support the membrane.

 This results in a significant saving in structural steel.

 For example, The Brisbane velodrome covers a plan area of approximately 10,000 m² (North- South span 120 metres, East-west span 110 metres) with a structural steel cost of \$AUD 11.7 million or \$AUD 1170 per m².

 The Whanganui velodrome covers an area of 7938 m² (long span 123 metres, short
 - span 73 metres). with an estimated steel cost of \$NZD 4.9 million or \$NZD 617 per m2.
- 9. The striking architectural form of the proposed structure may lead some to believe it will be difficult to design and build. While the design, already completed, has been complicated, requiring the use of sophisticated computer software, construction will be straightforward. The design lends itself to a high degree of prefabrication. Construction risks include unexpected foundation conditions, fluctuations in the price of steel, and weather conditions, e.g. erection in windy conditions is not possible.

The foundation conditions have been extensively investigated and the estimates are based on a generous time allowance for erection of the structure.

The main cost risk will be the cost of steel.

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From: <u>Kirsty Milham</u>
To: <u>Jennifer Gaskin</u>

Subject: FW: Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy
Date: Thursday, 2 May 2019 9:25:08 AM

From: Nicole Dryden [mailto:nicole.dryden@teoranganui.co.nz]

Sent: Wednesday, 1 May 2019 11:17 AM

To: Kirsty Milham < <u>Kirsty.Milham@whanganui.govt.nz</u>> **Subject:** RE: Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Apologies Kirsty I am still travelling.

In brief I feel it would be worthwhile for the oral submission from Healthy Families Whanganui Rangitlkei and Ruapehu and Te Oranganui.

Key points:

- A focus on centralised and prioritised facilities should be equally offset by available play and recreation areas in suburbs especially affected by lack of transport, poverty, social isolation (young and old).
- 2. Facilities requiring maintenance and slated for development should be informed by an equity lens, that is the most in need areas/population should be prioritised.
- 3. Funding to sport and recreation bodies for facilities should include the provision by these bodies of how the facility will meet the above needs.
- 4. Many of our facilities have been paid for or largely contributed to by philanthropic trusts and individuals who intended that these places should be accessible to all community. E.g. Splash Centre. Costs associated with enhancing, developing or maintaining these places must not be wholly passed onto those with less ability to pay.
- 5. Facilities should be transformed into multi use and available at hours that encourage community use.
- 6. Facilities should reflect the community in a cultural and identity sense. Let these facilities showcase our history as Tangata whenua.

Kia ora ano Kirsty Nicole

Additional Information to Submission 7: Wanganui Cycling Club

Wanganui Cycling Club – Submission in consultation to the Whanganui District Council Proposed Sport and Recreation Facilities Strategy

Firstly, thank you for the opportunity to speak this morning in regard to the WDC Proposed Strategy. My name is Ian Murphy and I am the President of the Wanganui Cycling Club (WCC).

The WCC apologises that it did not submit a formal written submission of any substance. This was due to a range of circumstances at our end, principally concerning my recent appointment as President. I have been active since my appointment which essentially coincided with the closing date for submission to better understand the scope of our role in the community in order to now present the submission of the WCC today.

The Role of the WCC

The WCC acknowledges that it has been relatively silent on the advocacy front for cycling, having focused its efforts predominantly on a road cycling programme. It is envisaged that into the future the WCC will broaden its role to include a number of other elements consistent with the varied objectives of the organisation including youth development, advocacy, mass participation events, alongside catering to the competitive cyclist. A fit for purpose track facility will provide advantageous for its endeavours.

The Submission

The WCC sees its submission in two parts.

Firstly, to make some general comments regarding the proposal as supplied by the WDC and then to comment specifically on the matter of the velodrome, and in particular the absence of any reference to it in the proposed strategy.

General Comments on the Strategy

WCC, by its own objectives supports active communities and initiatives designed to facilitate this including the provision of appropriate assets for this purpose. As such it supports the formulation of a strategy to achieve this. Further to this it understands the context (I will make further reference to the Leading-Edge Strategy for the city later) and supports the vision, success measures and principles.

Some of the goals and actions are less clear to the WCC.

Goal 1 - We do support creating more events and bringing more events to Whanganui. To this end we have already had a preliminary discussion with Whanganui and Partners in this regard from a cycling perspective.

Goal 2 - Investment decisions – the impression gained from the proposed strategy is that the investment by the council has largely already been determined given Appendix A. The investments that have already been made (the hockey turf) support this to be the case. Given this, those who are not ear-marked for support may face a challenge to even get in

the door. The WCC would strongly suggest that the WDC retrench a step, in terms of determining funding prior to the strategy being fully consulted on and finalised. There are commitments in this strategy that have had very little preliminary work done yet funding (albeit capped) has been made.

Goal 3 - Hubs — it is unclear how success will look in regard to this in a small location like Whanganui. With very limited travel times it is unclear how co-location of venues (if that is even feasible) let alone office space will help bring events to the city. It is acknowledged that it may reduce administration costs. Following on from the comments regarding investment, to date it appears that hub formation is not possible for sports due to financial barriers — hockey being an obvious example from the consultation document.

Beyond the goals, the issue of aging infrastructure is referenced in the report by Global Leisure Group and it is unclear how it is planned to address this in the longer term.

The final general comment, and the basis for our further specific comments, is that there is no reference to the Velodrome, and specifically its roofing, in this strategy anywhere. This is surprising given the well-known and long-standing efforts by interested parties to see it roofed and the discussion that has occurred in the past. It gives an impression to both the WCC and the wider community including other funders that the WDC is not in support of it, or is no longer in support of it, even in principle. This would seem to be a significant oversight in the context of the document as read.

The Velodrome

The WCC supports the roofing of the velodrome for a number of reasons.

- It will see a significant WDC owned asset that requires protection from the weather elements protected for a very long term.
- It will increase its ability to be used significantly by local and regional track riders and other user groups.
- It will attract national events to Whanganui that cannot be hosted otherwise.
- It will attract organisations to be based in Whanganui
- It will attract people to live and work in Whanganui.

With a roof it has the ability to be the only Sport and Recreation sustainably competitive strategic advantage asset that this city has. All other sport and recreation assets are not.

This competitive advantage aligns with the pillars of the Leading-Edge Strategy that have referred to in the strategy document including

- Community pride in our city and health advantages
- Connectivity improved perceptions of the district and increased visitor numbers
- Environment more events and more people at them
- Economy more positive views of Whanganui as a place to live and activate

The features of sustainable competitive advantage in respect of the roof are:

That it is **Valuable** – there is a demand for the facility for track cycling (locally, regionally, and nationally) and that is before other activities that cannot be performed in other facility

already available are considered. In short there is an opportunity there to exploit. It is likely that all regional track events will converge to Whanganui away from exposed asphalt tracks that create uncertainty.

That it is **Rare** – this is one of three in NZ and the only facility in the lower half of the North Island. This is the right number for NZ geographically and participant numbers wise. There is nothing more to say on this.

It is not able to be **Replicated** – entry barriers are too high- cost especially. No one will look to build another one as long as the Whanganui track exists.

It has **Organisational Support** behind it – this comes from the national body - Bike NZ, from the regional cycling groups and from WCC – hence we are here. There are cycling experts in the community able to make this work. We would like to think it has clear support from the WDC also but for this not to appear in the Sport and Recreation facilities strategy is unsettling.

The WCC supports the roofing of the Velodrome. Not only for the benefit of cyclists but because it will benefit the community more broadly and the strategic value it offers Whanganui.

Question for the WDC

The question for the WDC is pretty simple from the WCC perspective -

Are you going to support protecting this asset and the advantages that come with for the city or are you going to let it decay until it is no-more?

It is understood by the WCC that there has recently been a RFP process with an agency appointed to review the need and business case around a roof for the Velodrome. The WCC will participate in this and assumes the WDC will provide details of this in due course to relevant parties.

We acknowledge that there have been a group of dedicated individuals working hard on the detail of putting a roof on. You have or will hear from them today and it is not for the WCC to comment further on the detail of this.

In summary, the WCC supports the strategy in principle but believes the matter of the Velodrome and specifically the roofing of it are a significant omission from the Strategy. The Velodrome should be roofed for the strategic benefit of the Whanganui community and district way beyond the cycling community.

lan Murphy President on behalf of the Wanganui Cycling Club. 29 May 2019