

Ferrymead Bays Soccer Club
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Christchurch City Council
P.O.Box 237
Christchurch
Attention Mr Kevin Roche

Dear Sir:

Subject: Heathcote Valley Park

We wish to present our submission to the Annual Plan for the bringing forward of funding for the development of the Heathcote Valley Park Sports facilities.

Ferrymead Bays Soccer is one of the main local sports clubs in the area, fielding 71 teams this year, (23 current Senior and Junior Youth, who require Senior pitches). With an annual growth over the last 5 years averaging 18%, we will be delivering an additional 12 teams next year of which at least 4 of them will be Senior teams bringing our complement of Senior and Junior Youth Teams to 27. We also have 150 Midgets who are 7yrs and below who are not based in teams and are in skill based programs. This has grown to the extent that our Midget programme is now broken into 2 periods on a Saturday morning.

The pitches currently available to us are 3 Senior, 2 Intermediate and 4 Junior Pitches. With the teams we have playing for this year we need 7 Senior, 4 Intermediate and 6 Junior.

In addition to this our Junior Youth Female teams will be graduating to the Seniors of which we are expecting an additional requirement for 2-3 female teams in this section alone.

The existing facilities at Barnett Park and McCormacks Bay are completely inadequate for this growth and we have been fielding teams playing 'Home' games at other venues such as Warren and Avonhead Park for the last 3 years. After 4 years I have finally played a 'home' game at Barnett.

The existing Pitches cannot sustain the amount of current use with both morning and afternoon games being played during the weekend and training on all pitches from 3.30pm till 8pm Tuesday to Thursday inclusive.

We understand that the lack of fields is not entirely the Council's fault and that it is hard to gauge the community's requirement for future use, however an opportunity has arisen with the Heathcote Valley Park proposal.

The Club is in dire straits regarding pitch allocation and we have also had a major run in with Sumner Rugby who are in a similar position on a far smaller scale. Events escalated to the point where substantial resources from both Clubs were being employed to lobby Council for available pitches to the extent that Council staff were put in an impossible situation and the end result was always going to be a 'lose - lose' situation.

To this end to resolve the existing conflict and future potential conflict with both Codes and Council a meeting was held between Sumner Rugby and Ferrymead Bays Soccer and a plan for the future was agreed in principle. Following this meeting both Codes and their respective Associations attended a meeting called by Council Staff and local Councillor to facilitate resolution of the current and future problem regarding available pitches and future allocation.

The result was an amicable agreement between both Codes and a tentative response from Council that it was possible subject to a number of conditions.

Critical to the success of this plan was the accelerated development of the Grounds and Facilities for the Heathcote Valley Park for the Sports fields. It was understood that \$160,00 had been allocated for the Toilet facilities for the 2008/09 year, which was going to be inadequate for the requirement for changing facilities required for Senior fields.

It is requested from Council that they allocate a minimum of \$300,000 for the development of Toilet Facilities and Changing Rooms, (4x) as well as Referee rooms and facilities, and storage capability for sports equipment.

It is requested that this expenditure be brought forward to the 2005/06 period to ensure that the Senior pitches can be fully utilized.

The agreement between Ferrymead Bays and Sumner Rugby hinges upon this occurring and both codes would operate on the status quo for the next 12 months if Council agrees to the proposal for advancing and extending the Facilities expenditure. Failure to meet this condition would ensure the breakdown of the agreement in principle between Ferrymead Bays and Sumner Rugby creating an unworkable environment for both Codes and Council Staff.

At the same meeting it was requested as conditions to the agreement that the Junior field formation be advanced for the 2005/06 year ready for use for the 06/07, the Senior pitches be irrigated for the 2005/06 period and that Ferrymead Bays would pay for the lighting required for the Senior pitches with assistance from external Council and local Trust Grants.

The last condition was that Council revisits the extension of Barnett Park to extend playing fields back into the Flood plane are adjacent to the existing substation.

Ferrymead Bays Soccer Club would like the opportunity of speaking to present the proposal to the appropriate committee as well as supplying supplementary information in support of the application.

I thank you for the opportunity of presenting the outline of our submission and look forward to your valued response on this matter.

Sincerely,

Peter van Eekelen
Development Manager for Ferrymead Bays Soccer

Attachments: Pitch Allocation Plan between Ferrymead Bays Soccer and Sumner Rugby Football Club,
Emailed minutes from Ferrymead Bays on Council meeting.

Morning Lee,

Thought you would like a copy of our meeting minutes.

regards PvE

From: Peter van Eekelen [mailto:pvaneeekelen@contract-construction.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 2 June 2005 8:09 a.m.
To: 'Kevin.Collier@ccc.govt.nz'
Subject: FW: Meeting with Council update

Morning Kevin,

I thought it would be helpful if I sent you a copy of our meeting report.

Regards Peter van Eekelen

From: Peter van Eekelen [mailto:pvaneeekelen@contract-construction.co.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 1 June 2005 10:32 a.m.
To: 'Mark.Zumbraegel@sungard.com'
Cc: 'Ian Goodwin'; D Grice & J Ritchie (ritchiegrice@clear.net.nz)
Subject: Meeting with Council update

Morning Mark,

The meeting went very well. Cr. Cox did the introductions, and got Kevin Collier to table the updated existing and future proposed fields. At that point I requested the opportunity to table our document and then went on to explain how it worked.

We had updated Lee & Colin from Mainland prior to the meeting and they were in agreement with the additional comment that Tech had raised its hand as well for HVP.

Discussion ensued regarding the feasibility of our request regarding both funding and timeline for delivery with budgets of about 250k for the forming of the Junior fields, 150k for the irrigation to the Senior pitches and 300k for the Senior facilities at HVP. Bays would fund the lights but would require Mains supply and board termination to get them connected causing me to ask for the whole building pad to be laid at that time.

Timelines were discussed to be accelerated as per the discussion with SRFC from 2 years back to 1 year if possible and them agreeing to a code share pitch at McCormacks for this and next year only and that Council looks at funding the code share posts. We also stated that we had no money and would be looking at Council to assist us in raising the funds required, interest free grants were mentioned but not followed up. Ian raised the issue of our funding base possibly disappearing and that we would have to move quickly if we had to raise funds through the sports trusts currently available with the Ferrymead Tavern

Kevin Collier also pointed out the requirement to consult with other sports codes and our suggestion was that the offer the secondary fields that the council had tabled if it was to become an issue.

A brief note was taken regarding whether a 'joint share' multi use facility could be built for the park utilising the proposed golf facilities etc with each 'partner' paying towards the cost of upkeep & rent etc. This discussion did not get too far and wasn't a major point. We reiterated that we were not interested in a single use club facility.

Meeting closed at 5.30 with a preliminary response by Council back to us within the next two weeks on what was discussed and a formal meeting once other codes have been consulted within 4 weeks. At that stage we should also have a response regarding Councils ability to fund the capital works within their next financial period as no funding has been allocated for this period and submissions have already

Ian has also requested input from Club representatives to Council regarding layout of pitches at HVP as it is only detailed to take 2 Senior pitches and 2 Juniors once the fields are formed.

The Barnett extension was also briefly discussed and agreed to be left to another day. It was interesting to note there was strong support from Brent Washington, CCC Parks for this proposal and that it is more of a political hot potato than any thing else that is causing the holdup.

Cr. Cox did a good job running the meeting keeping us online and defining the result of the discussion. I believe he will also ensure timelines are met. SRFC did their bit though Phil nearly dropped us all in it with his continued reservations of two codes sharing the pitch at McCormacks. We have given the undertaking to shift our matches if there is a conflict of scheduling. Colin from Mainland and Tim from CRFU are working together to make sure it wont raise its head.

I am working with Keith Beardsley and another couple of major civil contractors to see if we can help speed up the process of supplying fill required for the raising of the junior pitches. Call that bit a work in progress

as it will take at least 2 years for them to be formed. Also I have asked whether we could bund the main pitches creating a natural seating bank around 3 sides of each senior pitch and cutting down the opportunity of vehicular vandalism.

Ian is to contact the Heathcote Valley Residents Association to update them as to what our plans are for HVP.

Regards PvE

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Bays/SRFC Pitch allocations

2005

Park	Senior	Intermediate	Junior	
Barnett	S2	S1	S2	
St Leonards	R1	0	0	
Redcliffs	0	0	R2	
McCormacks Bay	R1/S1	S1	S2	Senior pitch Code Share
Heathcote	S1	0	0	
HVP	0	0	0	Fields not available till 2006
Actual to date	R2/S4	S2	R2/S4	Bays requires 7 Senior, 4 Intermediate and 6 Junior based on current teams playing

Senior Pitches need changing and shower facilities for both Male & Female Senior and Junior Youth grades playing on full sized fields.

Intermediate Pitches need changing facilities for Premier Grade teams

2005/6 Allocation

Park	Senior	Intermediate	Junior	
Barnett	S2	S1	S2	
St Leonards	R1	0	0	
Redcliffs	0	0	R2	
McCormacks Bay	R1/S2	0	S1	1x Senior pitch code share
Heathcote	S1	0	0	
HVP	0	S2	S1	No facilities available Junior/Intermediate pitches marked on Senior field allocation
Total	R2/S5	S3	R2/S4	

Same requirements as above

Irrigation and Lights minimum requirement for HVP for Bays to accept 1x Rugby Pitch at McCormacks

2006/7 Allocation

Park	Senior	Intermediate	Junior	
Barnett	S2	S1	S2	
St Leonards	R1	0	0	
Redcliffs	0	0	R1/S1 based on current requirements	
McCormacks Bay	R2	0	S1	
Heathcote	S1	0	0	
HVP	S2	S2	S2	
Total	R3/S5	S3	R1+(4)/S6	

Council has changing facilities built at HVP for Senior pitches prior to shift

Junior and Intermediate pitches available for use

Rugby uses McCormacks 2 Senior pitches for junior games giving additional 4 junior pitches

Council enters into discussion to extend Barnett Park Fields into domain area for additional Soccer playing fields