

2008/09 DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 21 April 2008

I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 12 May 2008 and Wednesday 14 May 2008.

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If you are representing, how many people do you represent?

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The Community Board is concerned at the steep increase in fees for use of the Recreation Centre. Whilst appreciating that the Council needs to make the fees more realistic and bring them more into line with City facilities, the Board feels that the fee increase could be introduced on a staged basis. The Board sees this as only needing to be a transitional measure so that Community groups and clubs that use the facility have time to adjust and organise their finances accordingly.

The Board wishes to cite an example of a small sports club in Lyttelton that has had an increase from \$11 to \$30 per week for its use of the Recreation Centre. The club is a children's sports club whose committee members have told the Board that the club's viability is now threatened. The committee is reluctant to increase the fees to the children to the same extent that the facility fees have increased as they know they will lose members. The Board is also aware of other groups in the community which may find it difficult to continue operating because of the sharp, unexpected price rise.

The Lyttelton-Mt Herbert Community Board submits that the Council reconsider the proposed fee increase for the Lyttelton Recreation Centre and instead introduces the increase over a period of time