

LTCCP 2006-16 Submission - Received by Email

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Your Submission:	<p>Cure Boating Club - Submission to LTCCP</p> <p>Hi James Please find attached the Cure Boating Clubs submission to the CCC LTCCP, re a flat water facility for the area. Regards</p> <p>Emma Frazer CURE BOATING CLUB: SECRETARY</p>

Cure Boating Club

Background

The Cure Boating Club is based at Kaiapoi and uses the Kaiapoi and Waimakariri Rivers to train on. The club has a strong and competitive secondary school membership, a recreational and competitive master's membership and a small but competitive club membership. To host regattas at our club we are restricted by tides and the condition of the water in the Waimakariri River. This means that there is a time restriction which can be worked around but the condition of the water on the Waimakariri River is unknown ahead of time. This makes planning competitive events difficult.

Secondary School

The Cure Club attends as many competitive regattas as possible to enable rowers especially our young talented secondary school pupils to get as much strong competition as they can. However because locally based competition on the Avon River is limited, our youngsters spend a great deal of time and money traveling to Lake Ruataniwha (3 hours 30 minutes) or Lake Hood, Ashburton (1 hour 30 minutes). For our young rowers to improve they need constant high level competition and with the only first class flat water facilities so far away this is difficult and costly.

Club Rowers

The Cure Club is very keen to build the competitive club rower base, retaining the secondary students and capturing the 18 – 25 age groups. People in this age group are interested in taking up the sport but to become competitive the thought of having to travel vast distances to put there skills to test turns many talented people away from the club and ultimately the sport. This is an age group that is dropping out of sport and all the community needs to be encouraging them to be active.

Masters

While the social/masters section of the Cure Club is strong they too would like access to a superior flat water facility to test their skills against like minded rowers and would prefer not to have to travel and not be away all weekend for a couple of races.

Benefits of a Specific Flat Water Facility

The benefits of having this superior facility virtually in Christchurch would naturally enhance the level of competition, would develop a stronger competitive community amongst the Canterbury rowing fraternity, would make it more cost effective for the Cure Club to attend regattas, would encourage more parents, family and members to support children and fellow club members and the on going effect of that would be more club support and rowing is a sport that needs these people.

Safety is a real issue for the Cure Club with more people owning pleasure craft policing speeding boaties and jet skiers on the rivers used by the club has become an increasing concern. There has been a serious accident in the North Island and on any multi use river this danger exists all the time.

Community Benefits

Having a facility that offers multi use offers families the chance to attend regattas to support family etc but will also provide the chance to them to walk, bike, roller blade, canoe or just picnic in pleasant surroundings. The list of sport and community based activities that will be available for everyone from the learner, spectator, recreational participant to the international class athlete within a close distance from a big population will make us the envy of many international communities

For all flat water sport in Canterbury to develop, grow, succeed and to win we need this facility now.