

## Mayor's Message

Major Consultation Item for Draft Annual Plan 2014/15



### Waimate Stadium Proposal

Through the Long Term Plan 2012-22, Council levied a targeted rate per household for the Waimate Stadium. These funds were earmarked for the investigation and/or refurbishment of our stadium facility.

Staff have worked through a range of options and a proposal is provided as part of the Draft Annual Plan for consultation by the community. Council is excited by this proposal and all affected parties, or their representatives, have had input to the proposal. It has been several decades since Council have embarked on a community facility project of this scale.

Throughout this consultation process Council will continue to review all ratepayer funding options, as well as attracting community and external funding. We have calculated that the worst case scenario for ratepayers would be no external funding available, resulting in the Waimate Stadium targeted rate increasing by \$10.21 per SUIP in 2014/15 rating year and by a further \$55.09 in the 2015/16 year to a total of \$88.00.

Council believe that the proposal will provide the community with a much needed modern facility. Council encourages all members of the community to view the proposal and provide your feedback by way of submission to the Draft Annual Plan which closes 1 April 2014.

Mayor Craig Rowley and CEO Tony Alden

## Local News

### Road Closure To Vehicular Traffic

Pursuant to the Local Government Act 1974 NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the Waimate District Council for the purpose of permitting Waimate 50 Motorsport Inc. to hold a **Tara Hills Hill Climb** event to close the following Roads to ordinary vehicular traffic for the period indicated hereunder.

**Date of Closure Sunday 9 March 2014 8.00 am to 6.00 pm**

Roads to be closed to ordinary vehicular traffic **Tara Hills Road – 2.6km from Serpentine Valley Road end.**

**Serpentine Valley Road – 400metre length from Tara Hills Road** Periodic access available on this section

### Sport Waimate Triathlon/Duathlon

**23 March 2014**

The following roads will be closed from

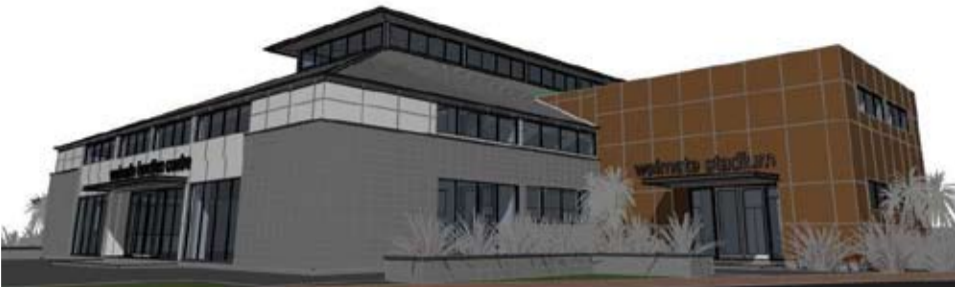
**12.30pm to 5.00pm Goldsmith Street John Street from Goldsmith St to William St**

### Waihao Box Major Rebuild

The Waihao Box Reserve will be closed to the public from 17 February for approx two months for Environment Canterbury to undertake a major rebuild.

## Council News

# Waimate Stadium Proposal



The Waimate District is currently serviced by an aged stadium building which began its life as an army drill hall with extensions added in the 1970's. While this venue served the purpose for many years, the changing usage and expectations of our sportspeople, visiting sports teams, casual users, non-sports users and casual hirers, has meant that the facility has suffered from a reduced tenancy and income stream for several years. It is recognised that there are still a minority of user groups who are satisfied with the current venue, but overall there is general agreement within the district that the facility does not meet today's standards for provision of good local infrastructure and as such does not meet the needs of our community.

Various options for providing Waimate with a venue which does meet the current and future needs of the community have been presented and debated by councils, user groups and ratepayers for more than a decade. Council publicly consulted with the community through both the 2009-2019 and 2012-2022 Long Term Plans with the end result being that in November 2012 council voted against proceeding with building a new facility at Boland Park.

The public consultation did clarify the path forward for Councillors, as many ratepayers were very vocal in favouring the refurbishment and/or remodelling of the existing facility. An original proposal to partially fund a new facility through the sale of the existing stadium was not realistic and it was agreed that the existing facility could not meet the needs of the community without significant investment. Council therefore instructed staff to proceed with an investigation into the options which could be considered to bring the facility up to today's standards.

Working with a consultant, we were able to narrow the options down to the proposal which is now presented through the Draft Annual Plan process. This option has proven to be the most cost effective option and incorporates many of the features which have been presented in other options previously put forward. Councillors and key interest groups including the present stadium committee have all had input into the concept design to ensure that we will be providing a facility which meets the needs of the community.

The proposal incorporates the following areas on the ground floor level:

- Stage area including stairs. The existing stage will be dismantled and reconstructed as additional floor space at the eastern end of the stadium, adjacent to the car parking area.
- Storage space sufficient to meet the needs of all user groups
- Tournament Office
- Male and female amenities including toilets, showers and changing rooms

- Separate function room
- Function room toilet
- Function room kitchen
- Reception Area
- Ground floor entry foyer including stairwell and lift
- Court area. The court is of a size which meets the official standards for such sports as basketball, netball and tennis.
- Court control area

The first floor level incorporates the following:

- Male and female amenities including toilets, showers and changing rooms
- Viewing area and landing
- Fitness centre

The concept plan provides a complete redevelopment and refurbishment of all existing and proposed stadium spaces and facilities. This is enabled by a realignment and extension of the steel beams to allow full use of the space currently contained within the exterior walls. There will be additional floor spaces added for the reconstructed stage at the eastern side of the building, reception and entrance to the stadium at the southern side and the function centre at

the western side. Natural light, efficient heating and ventilation are priorities.

While there will be some minor alterations within the squash club entrance area, the squash club will retain their full facilities as they currently exist. There will be windows installed between the squash club and stadium facilities to provide visibility between the two spaces.

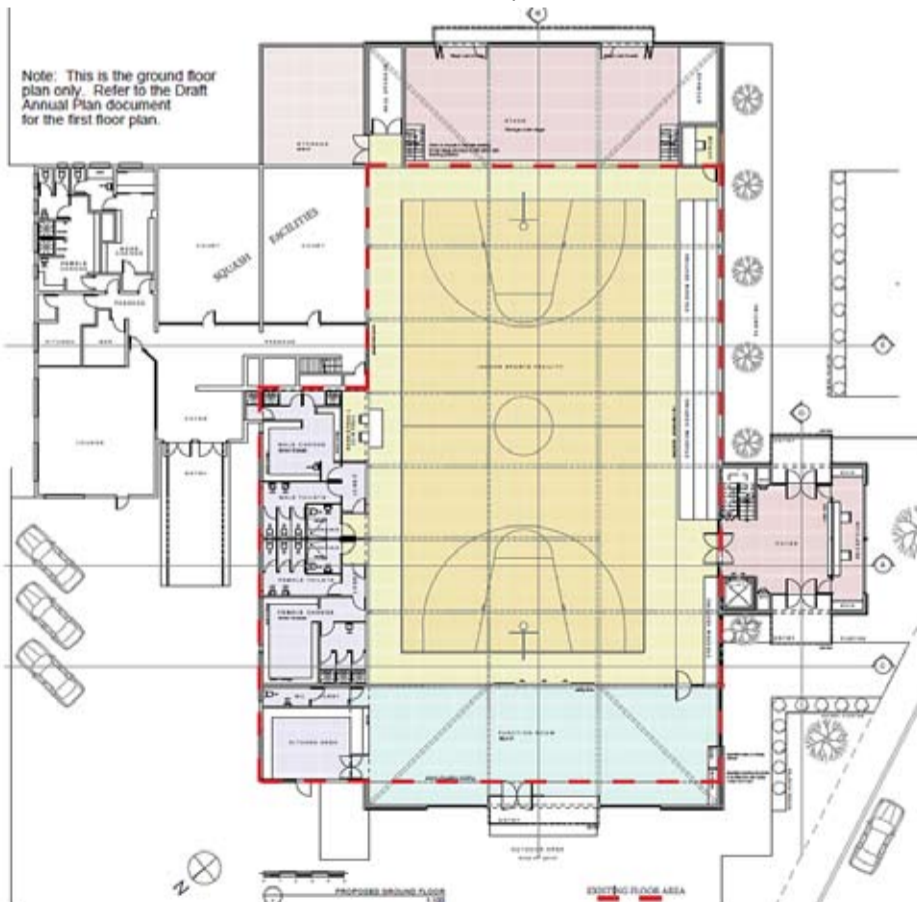
The facility will be fully wheelchair accessible and a lift will be installed to allow for complete access to the fitness centre and amenities on the first floor.

We believe that the proposal utilises the existing structure in such a way that it is very cost effective, while allowing us to achieve a building with a life expectancy equal to a new building. The preliminary estimated cost range for this project is \$3.5m - \$3.8m. Further concept plan drawings will be on display at the Council Offices, Public Library and Information Centre or online at [www.waimate.govt.nz](http://www.waimate.govt.nz).

Open Days will be held at the existing stadium during March to allow you to view the current facilities and concept plans, and have your questions answered about this proposal. The times and dates will be advertised in the Waimate Trader and will also be available on the Council's website.

If your organisation has a particular interest in this project and you would like us to organise a time to address your members please contact the Property Manager at Waimate District Council.

This Council can only move forward and provide a facility which you can be proud of with your support. If you want to ensure that a stadium facility exists in Waimate for future generations we invite you to be a part of the submission process.



### Waimate District Council Meetings

Council Meetings (in the Council Chambers): Tuesday 18 March, 9am & Tuesday 15 April, 9am  
PUBLIC FORUMS ARE HELD AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH MEETING.

Agendas available three days prior to the meeting from Councils reception area and website.

If you require assistance or further details, please contact Karalyn ext 838

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## Reminder

# Rates payment due by Friday 28 February

