

Submission to the Ashburton District Council 2022/23 Annual Plan

From Rakaia Rugby Club with regards to the new Rakaia Recreation Centre in the Rakaia Domain.

At the 15 December 2021 Council meeting, the Rakaia Rugby Club representatives presented to Council our concept of building a new recreation centre on the Rakaia Domain. This facility is to incorporate our new club rooms, changing rooms and new public toilets.

This project is required as we have sold our club rooms in the Rakaia township and the existing facility, on the domain, is not large enough to accommodate the club room functions.

The Rakaia Rugby Club has received strong support for the project from various stakeholders in the community and is seen as creating a valuable asset for all to use.

The Rakaia Rugby Club have completed their design and cost estimates stages (March 2021) and are well advanced on securing funds. At the time of writing this submission we have not secured all necessary funds. Part of our proposal is to construct new public toilets, as the existing ones are part of the existing club changing room facility, which will be demolished. The rugby club are asking Council to consider funding this part of the new building.

The Rakaia Domain currently has 2 public toilet facilities: The rugby club building (which is to be demolished) and the toilet block near the bowling club, which was reinstated due to demand. Open Spaces staff clean the main toilet block (rugby club building) and the Rakaia Domain Board clean the toilet block near the bowling club.

During the winter sports season the Rakaia Domain can have up to 500 people as players and spectators, including 200 children and their parents for junior sports.

The proposed new public toilets, within the new recreation centre, are of a separate male (1 urinal and 2 pans) and female (4 pans) section design. The Rakaia Rugby Club March 2021 estimate is \$265,000 for this design.

Council staff have indicated to us that they are not supportive of this concept as it doesn't allow for efficient use of the facility and is unable to have sections opened and closed depending on the demand. The unisex componentry facility, similar to Rakaia Salmon Reserve, is what staff would prefer. Discussions have been held with Rakaia Rugby Club and the Rakaia Domain Board chairperson, who are now supportive this change.

Council staff have indicated that a high level estimate has been received from a public toilet supplier that Council has previously used, for a 6 and 8 pan unisex facility. This estimate includes, the units, foundations, delivery and placement, concrete apron around the units and drainage connections.

Six pan unisex option \$300,000 plus roof estimated at \$51,000- Total \$351,000

Eight pan unisex option \$400,000 plus roof estimated at \$51,000- Total \$451,000

The Rakaia Rugby Club are also asking Council to consider granting them a loan of up to \$200,000 if we have a shortfall in funding to enable building to begin late 2022.

in summary we are asking Council to consider supporting this project by,

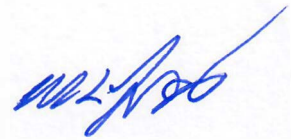
Providing funding for the new public toilet section of the new Rakaia Recreation Centre, and grant a loan of up to \$200,000, if they have a shortfall in funding to enable building to begin late 2022.

Yours sincerely



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