



SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Draft Long Term Plan

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Submission

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1. Do you have any comments on the proposal to introduce a district-wide rate for community centres and halls, and for reserves? (see pages 10–13) I see that there would be an advantage to the community centres that are struggling to maintain the facilities, but also to ensure that those overpriced facilities are mindful of the need for affordable community facilities
2. Do you have any comments on the proposal to proceed with extensions to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre? (see pages 14–15) I agree with extending the facilities, but I do wonder whether the 25m pool is selling ourselves short and actually looking at 50m pools.
3. Do you have any comments on the proposal to develop indoor courts and a sports hub at Foster Park? Which of the funding options outlines do you prefer?(see pages 16–17) There is a need for indoor sports facilities. I do wonder if the parking that has been allocated for these facilities would be sufficient enough. My concern would be, what the cost would be for sports groups to hire these facilities and how would this be managed. I would agree with option 1, as this is not just a Rolleston community facility but a wider Selwyn/Christchurch facility
4. Do you have any comments on the proposal to introduce chlorination treatment for some community water supplies based on a risk assessment? (see pages 18–19) I do not agree with the chlorination treatment.
5. Do you have any comments on the proposal to replace the current rating system for water races with a standard district rate across all three water race schemes? (see pages 20–21) I do not feel I know enough about water races to make comments
6. Do you have any comments on the proposal to combine the current community grant funding schemes into a single contestable scheme? (see pages 22–23) It is a difficult time with funding options and as long as these funding streams are equal to the communities need, by population then I see this to be fair
7. Do you have any comments on the proposal to develop new community facilities at Hororata, Leeston and Prebbleton? (see pages 24–25) I believe this is a good idea for the communities mentioned, to ensure that the facilities are able to be used for multi usage
8. Do you have any comments on the proposal to build an extension to the Selwyn District Council offices in Rolleston? (see pages 26–27) We have all seen the growth of Selwyn rise in numbers that possibly was not anticipated. In order for a district to operate in way that meets the demands of the community it does have to meet the requirements for employees to be connected and to be a facility that is best suited for the growth of Selwyn

9. Do you have any comments on the draft Walking and Cycling Strategy and the proposed programme? (see pages 28 –29) I am more concerned that there are parts of Rolleston that does not have adequate footpaths and with the increase in school aged children in our community I do wonder whether this is safe for them

10. Other comments: Do you have any comments on other projects in this consultation document or on any other matters? Rolleston Warrior Rugby League would like to consider an option of moving our grounds from Brookside park to the proposed District park around Weedons Rd. As a new sporting code to Selwyn we are currently utilizing Brookside park and while this is only just currently suitable for our club, we do see that within the near future that we will require not only larger grounds but more suitable playing fields that are upto spec with playing sports at night/winter. Rolleston Rugby League have increased its membership significantly from 2017 to 2018. While the majority of our members are from Rolleston we do have members within Leeston, Rakaia, Lincoln and Prebbleton. I have attached a copy of our Strategic plan that is still in draft form.

Rolleston Warriors



ROLLESTON RUGBY LEAGUE GAME PLAN 2017-2020

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AIMS

The Rolleston Rugby League Clubs visions, mission statement and value statement will allow the club to develop and grow. These targets represent the ideology that the club has in order to effectively manage the organisation; and to also reflect both Canterbury Rugby League and New Zealand Rugby League's objectives for the sport of Rugby League.

To achieve these goals, the RRLC Committee will need to gain wider acceptance of the initiatives contained within this Strategic Plan. While the members of the RRLC share the same vision of growth and development that the Committee shares, members will be required to provide significant input into the continued success of the club.

VISION

The vision for RRLC is to be able to field teams in all grades and increase its membership. We also envisage that Rugby league will be the chosen sport for people within Selwyn District.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Rolleston Rugby League Club is committed to providing, managing, developing and promoting the sport of Rugby League at all levels of play.

We are committed to educating our members and community on the values of fair play and good sportsmanship through Integrity, Mentoring, Unity and Teamwork.

We will provide opportunities to educate our members about Smokefree and Are you ok campaigns.

We will endeavour to provide opportunities and or pathways for all its players to achieve success within the sport of Rugby League and within Life.

Enhance the brand Rolleston Warriors within the Selwyn district

To be an integral part of Selwyn Community

VALUE STATEMENT

RRLC endeavours to be guided by the following values:

To ensure that all members and the wider community are well informed, have a positive image of the RRLC; and

To encourage all players to develop their skills and to reach their personal potential.

SWOT ANALYSIS

The aim for the SWOT analysis is to critically look at the objectives of RRLC and to have insight into what areas of development are needed to be strengthened and areas where we can celebrate success. For a copy of this please obtain from the Secretary.

BACKGROUND

Due to the September 2010 and February 2011 earthquakes, the Selwyn District has seen rapid population growth and new facilities opening in Rolleston and its surrounding areas. The growth stems from the relocation of families, arrival of new families for work opportunities and urban/farm land being rezoned for residential new builds. Selwyn is the nation's fastest growing district and has been for over the last six years.

A group of local residents have come together with the same goal to establish the RRLC in Selwyn and make Rolleston its 'home ground'.

Rolleston Rugby League Club Inc. 2016 is the second club in the Selwyn district. The previous RRLC was formally removed from the incorporated/companies register in June 2004. An application to Canterbury Rugby League was submitted in February 2016 to start a new club in Rolleston. Consultation with Burnham, Halswell and Hornby were attempted. The rationale for this was to be open with the intentions of RRLC and how we can collectively serve the Canterbury Rugby League Community.

It was decided with the founding committee that a move away from the 'old club' was the best course of action. An approach was made to Vodafone Warriors to utilise their logo and once confirmed, approval was sought from both CRL and NZRL.

INTRODUCTION TO THE 2017 STRATEGIC PLAN

The 2017 Annual General Meeting was held in June 2017. New committee members were inducted into their roles and it was identified that in order for RRLC to be a successful club with focus and longevity that a strategic plan was to be drawn up with an action plan to sit alongside it. The purpose of a Strategic Plan is to assist the committee and members in planning for the future and in how they will operate.

2017 was the first season in which Rolleston Warriors Rugby League Club Inc fielded 6 teams. With this we have had success in attracting Coaches, Managers and Trainers for the 6 teams. This is a good base and indication of the support within the Selwyn community.

The Strategic plan is not the only document that will guide RRLC in the right direction; but with sound management practices and clear policy and procedures this will allow the RRLC committee to achieve the desired outcomes that have been identified. It is also noted that all members, supporters, sponsors and where appropriate the wider community are informed of the goals and objectives as contained in this Strategic Plan. This is to ensure that a unified approach is made with the stakeholders to achieve the desired outcomes.

ROLLESTON RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB STRUCTURE

The RRLC are still defining the most effective and efficient management structure. The importance of being able to share the work load amongst the volunteers and also to allow for growth within years to come.

President Vice President Club Captain Secretary Treasurer

4 other members

INTRODUCTION TO THE 2017 STRATEGIC PLAN

ROLE OF THE ROLLESTON RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

The RRLC has identified the following roles that it undertakes in providing Rugby League pathways to the community in Selwyn:

- To provide a stimulating and family orientated club environment;
- To develop and grow Rugby League in Selwyn;
- To develop the skills of players, management and club members;
- To promote Smokefree and Are you Ok campaigns
- To manage the requirements of all Junior teams;
- To ensure concern is given to player and member welfare;
- To promote the game of Rugby League in Canterbury.

CATEGORIES OF PLANNING

The RRLC has recognised five areas that focus will be given to in planning for the Club's future. Each of the five categories has been examined independently, and it has been noted that while these categories are interrelated, they summarise the key areas of focus. The categories include an overall goal, a series of objectives and actions for each of those objectives, which are found in the Action Plans contained in the next section.

The five categories are as follows:

- Club structure and administration;

The RRLC seeks to create a management structure that will allow for the more efficient and effective organisation and administration of the Club.

- Finance;

The RRLC aims to provide a financially stable Club

The RRLC aims to have its own Club facilities in order to house the growing membership

- Development of all RRLC members;

The RRLC seeks to develop the skills of all players, coaches, managers and trainers through both internal and external training initiatives.

- Projects to advance membership;

The RRLC will promote the Smokefree and Are you OK campaign as an ongoing part of its programme to the Selwyn community

The RRLC will be actively involved in the wider Selwyn community to engage with potential players and sponsors.

- Image and public perception of Rugby League.

The RRLC strives to advance the image of Rugby League in the community and to ensure that the public perception of the game and the Club is positive.

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Yes. Please see attached.

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Chlorination

3rd March 2018

To whom it may concern

I would like to make a submission on the proposal to enact district wide chlorination of water supplies. I am not in favour of such a proposal and hope we never come to see it pass.

Chlorine is used to decontaminate water as it is well known to be toxic to bacteria and is cheap to procure and use. It also has the benefits for this purpose of leaving a residual in the water that will prevent any future contamination from having an effect. There are several pathogens known to form endospores that are highly resistant to chlorine and will survive several times the regularly dosed levels. These can be easily filtered out or killed by UV irradiation.

When chlorine breaks down biological material (i.e. bacteria) it releases several/many harmful by-products that are known to cause asthma and other respiratory diseases. Exposure to this is through drinking the water, skin contact and through inhalation of evaporated water or steam. The largest individual dose a person will get will be during bathing, followed by cooking and drinking.

Historically it was not known about the correlation between chlorinated water supplies and increased health risks, but the bulk of research done over the last 30 years shows that it is now well-known and universally accepted within the research community that chlorination is related to an increase in many types of cancer (Richardson SD. et al., 2007). There is also much research into asthma, hay fever and other respiratory diseases, whereby children of age 5 showed a statistically noticeable and negative effect on their health (Bernard A. et al., 2015). Skin irritations such as eczema, and dust/mite allergies are worsened by exposure to chlorinated water.

The effects of chlorination and the subsequent by-products are increased rates of cancer of the;
 Bladder (Koivusalo M. et al., 1997 and Plewa MJ. et al., 2017 and Pilotto LS., 1995)
 Rectum (Koivusalo M. et al., 1997 and Flaten TP., 1992 and Pilotto LS., 1995)
 Colon (Sasada T. et al., 2015 and Flaten TP., 1992)
 Oesophagus (Koivusalo M. et al., 1997)
 Breast (Koivusalo M. et al., 1997)

Increases in cancer rates have been found to be as high as 199-244 times higher than negligible when by-products of chlorination, notably trihalomethanes (THMs), are above "safe" limits (Benson NU. et al., 2017). The World Health Organisation reports an association between drinking chlorinated water and cancers of the bladder and colon, and adverse reproductive outcomes. They recommend "...in view of the potential link between such adverse health effects and THMs, particularly brominated THMs, it is recommended that THM levels in drinking-water be kept as low as practicable." (WHO, 2005). The variety and specific toxicity of different THM's are not well understood with less than 50% chemically identified (Richardson SD. et al., 2007).

My job role is to maintain a biological reactor where we rely entirely on micro-organisms to treat the material. This combined with my university training have given me a good appreciation of the roles of micro-organisms in the environment. There is an obvious disruption to the gut microbiome where chlorinated water is being consumed (Van den Abbeele P. et al., 2013 and Sasada T. et al., 2015). This correlates to an increase in recurrent *Clostridium difficile* infections, inflammatory bowel diseases and obesity (Van den Abbeele P. et al., 2013).

Studies have been conducted where chickens were raised in a completely sterile environment. The results of this was that the gut formation of the chickens was incomplete and the chickens' overall health was very poor due to the lack of symbiosis between them and a healthy gut flora. Poultry farms always use chlorine free water as a result of this and similar such studies. If a chlorine free supply is not available they will put in dechlorinating filters.

The chlorine in the water will have a similar effect on people. While we are large enough to withstand the doses of chlorine generally used in the water supply, it will still have an overall negative effect on our health as the chemical is a poison. It will put strain on our immune systems, our normal gut flora, and our bodies in general.

Chlorination of water supplies should be a temporary measure as a last resort, and all practicable steps should be taken to ensure water quality and treatment by other methods.

Sincerely
Chris Salkeld

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Springston School has been involved with the **Te Ara Kakariki** greening project since 2015 and in combination with **The EnviroSchools Team**, we have planted nearly 2000 native trees in the area. We are growing some very environmentally aware students who have a passion for improving the biodiversity and restoring the habitats for our native birds, fish and invertebrates.

As students, we think it is essential that the council has a long term vision that values the environment and educating students, helping them to take environmental action in the places that are close to their homes and school. At Chamberlain's Ford, 240 Springston School students have invested hours in planting, litter picking, weeding and looking after the trees but we are concerned all our efforts will go to waste if there are not enough SDC biodiversity staff to maintain and protect our investment.

We would like to see a plan for investing in more biodiversity staff, supporting the organisations that work with students in taking action and opportunity for students to collaborate with the SDC in their projects.

Rosie Duckworth (Year 8), Toby Benison (Year 6) and Allana Taylor (Teacher)



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Submission

DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEST MELTON RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB TRAINING FACILITY

The West Melton Rugby Football Club (WMRFC) welcome the opportunity to submit a proposal as part of the Selwyn District Council Long Term Planning review. WMRFC are seeking support and funding to further develop our training facilities by incorporating the current West Melton Scout Den / Council Meeting rooms as part of our Clubroom facilities following the West Melton Scout Group and others vacating the building when the new West Melton Community and Recreation Centre is operational.

Background

WMRFC are a significant user of the West Melton Reserve and in turn contributes to the operation of the reserve. The demand on our existing facilities is growing, both through our own use and the request by rep teams to use the facilities and grounds. We are proud of our facilities and the reserve and wish to continue to enhance them.

As part of the planning for the new West Melton Community and Recreation Centre, WMRFC submitted a request for access for both training and for change facilities. At an earlier planning stage the new Centre was to be positioned on the current tennis court, being adjacent to the WMRFC building. With the Centre now positioned to the North West of the reserve the utilisation of the Centre by rugby is now limited.

WMRFC is in need for extra change / shower facilities, change facilities for referees and space for medical support. In addition we would like an indoor training facility which would support the growing need for year-round fitness training.

Proposed Change

WMRFC would like to utilise the current Scout Den and Council Meeting Room (mostly used by Tennis and Netball) to extend our change / shower facilities, and to develop an indoor training area. We see that this repurposing of the building is a useful way to utilise a vacant building once the Scout Group move to the new West Melton Community and Recreation Centre. We understand Scouts will have sufficient storage space in the new Centre and there will be no need to have both spaces. WMRFC would take over the ground lease for the remaining part of the building.

We are aware that the Scout Den has been partly damaged through many earthquake events. WMRFC are keen to work with SDC on this matter and carry out any remedial work. Some of the space would be refitted to create the changing space we are in need of.

WMRFC is also aware that both Tennis and Netball may transition to the new Centre at a later. WMRFC has a good working relationship with these clubs and is happy to coexist with them.

The extra space will allow for additional change areas and an indoor fitness facility.

Funding & Building Management

WMRFC is wishing to maintain and operate all of the building area that covers the existing WMRFC clubhouse, Scout Den and Council Meeting Room. We are seeking co-funding from SDC to remedy any earthquake issues in that space, refit to incorporate new change facilities and to create an open fitness area. No budget has been set as yet.

WMRFC believe the repurposing of the building ensures a high level of community value and access, at a minimal cost or effort by SDC. It will further enhance the excellent facilities available at the West Melton Reserve.

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Refer to the attached document.



LITTLE RAKAIA BOATING CLUB - SUBMISSION

LITTLE RAKAIA BOATING CLUB Inc.

FUNDING PROPOSAL TO REPAIR BOAT RAMP

STATEMENT OF POSITION

The Little Rakaia Boating Club was incorporated in 1965. It is a community-based club that was formed to help facilitate the safe boating and access to the Little Rakaia Huts lagoon and Rakaia River. One of the objectives of the club was to construct and maintain a boat ramp at Little Rakaia Huts.

The club was granted a Resource Consent in 1994 to ***'reconstruct a boat ramp and to occupy the foreshore of the Coastal Marine Area with an existing boat ramp at or about map reference L37:490-018'***.

Through out the years the club has established and maintained the boat ramp for the use of its members and anyone wishing to have boating access to the Rakaia river lagoon, Rakaia River and the Pacific Ocean.

The boat ramp is the only registered boat ramp between Akaroa and Timaru. No.M12197.

The boat ramp and associated area is visited and used constantly by the local community, the people living in the wider Selwyn district and people from throughout New Zealand and the World.

The lagoon provides safe boating for children and adults alike. Schools are using it for water safety training and sailing. Recently the Worlds Jetboat Racing held two legs of the marathon on the Rakaia river and the ramp was very busy leading up to the racing and on the day.

A large number of people use the ramp to access the water for recreational boating, canoeing, salmon & trout fishing, hunting, sailing, model yacht racing, swimming, surfing, sea fishing, bird watching, it is also used for search and rescue.

Many people like to come to the area to picnic or just sit and relax looking at the water.

Visitor and user numbers are increasing every year from within New Zealand and from Overseas.

Over a number of years, the ramp and associated works have sustained damage and under gone repairs.

In 2008 a major flood coinciding with a large storm basically destroyed all of the structure and it has continued to deteriorate.

Within the last 4yrs the club has spent in excess of \$90k sheet piling around the ramp and platform to stabilize the damage. This spending exhausted all of the club's funds.

In 2016 the club made a submission to the Selwyn District Council regarding the club's position and need of funding to carry out more substantial repairs.

Following the meeting the SDC made available a sum of money that had been set aside for any work to the ramp and associated area at Little Rakaia Huts.

The money was to be used to settle the remaining debts the club had left from carrying out the stabilizing work and to pay for a professional engineer to look at the work required and provide construction design and plans to re construct the ramp, platform and foreshore in a proper manner. The money was also to be used to have a qualified estimate done.

The Little Rakaia Boating Club has a current membership of 141 members. The subscription paid by the members is the only regular income the club receives.

An honesty box at the ramp for donations from non-club members, recovers a modest amount of funds. This along with fund raising events and donations has allowed the club to maintain the ramp and associated structure.

However, to repair the damage caused by the flood and storm in 2008 requires considerably more funding than the club can manage on its own.

The Q.S. estimate for the work is;

‘SEVEN HUNDRED and SEVENTY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS’ (\$778,000.00)

The Boat Ramp is not for the exclusive use of the Boat Club members but for anyone wishing to access the Little Rakaia lagoon, the Rakaia River and the Pacific Ocean.

The boat ramp and associated area is very popular and is used by many as a recreational venue, it is generally thought of as a great asset not on only for the Selwyn District but for the far wider New Zealand community.

The Little Rakaia Boating Club in conjunction with the Little Rakaia Huts community wish to restore the ramp and associated area to a safe, functional and valued asset that is available to be used and enjoyed by many people for many years.

PROPOSED FUNDING STRUCTURE

The club will be seeking the considerable funding required to achieve the goal of restoring the boat ramp and associated area from as many of the funding providers available in order to reach the target of the estimated value for the re-construction.

FUNDING SOURCE	FUNDING
Local Government (SDC)	*\$630,000.00
Foundation Grants	*\$ 60,000.00
Local Societies	*\$ 10,000.00
Business Sponsorship	*\$ 3,000.00
Associated Club Contributions	*\$ 5,000.00
General Donations	*\$ 10,000.00
LRBC Further Fund Raising Events	*\$ 5,000.00
LRBC Cash Contribution	\$ 35,000.00
LRBC Project Labour Contribution	*\$ 20,000.00
TOTAL	\$778,000.00

SUMMARY

It is proposed that the project be staged over a three-year period to allow the construction to proceed as funding is obtained.

Stage.1. Rock protection to the existing piling, the Foreshore and the Breakwater.	\$291,500.00
Stage.2. Foreshore Erosion Protection.	\$205,800.00
Stage.3. The Ramp.	\$280,700.00

The preferred method to achieve the construction completion would be to select a group of suitable contractors to tender for the entire project. The successful tenderer would be awarded the work as a whole.

Within the club membership there is a resource of people with construction and contract management skills that can be utilized for parts of the project.

The project can be broken down to areas, some of which the club will be able to undertake and some that will be better allocated to a contractor that has greater resources and more experience.

The Little Rakaia Boating Club contribution will be in the vicinity of \$60,000.00 (8 - 10%)

To achieve our target the Little Rakaia Boating Club is working very hard but needs help from other funding providers to fulfill our vision.
THE RE-CONSTRUCTION & DEVELOPMENT OF THE LITTLE RAKAIA HUTS BOAT RAMP AND ASSOCIATED AREA IS A COMMUNITY PROJECT.

‘IT WILL BE AN ASSET THE EQUAL OF ANY OF THE PARKS & RESERVES IN THE SELWYN DISTRICT’

ATTACHED:

Design and Construction Plans.

Qualified Estimate.

LRBC Current Year Budget.

Artist Impression of completed project.

Photos of Existing.

News Paper clipping.

LITTLE RAKAIA BOATING CLUB BOAT RAMP REPLACEMENT

STRUCTURAL DRAWING LIST

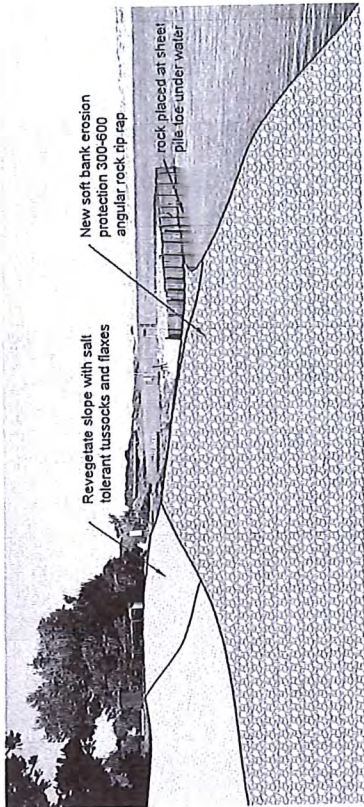
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DWG No.	TITLE
S.00	SPECIFICATION
S1.01	SITE PLAN
S1.02	RAMP PLAN
S2.01	SECTIONS
S3.01	DEATILS

9.3 Rock shall be placed in the grading to ensure minimum voids and locked together.

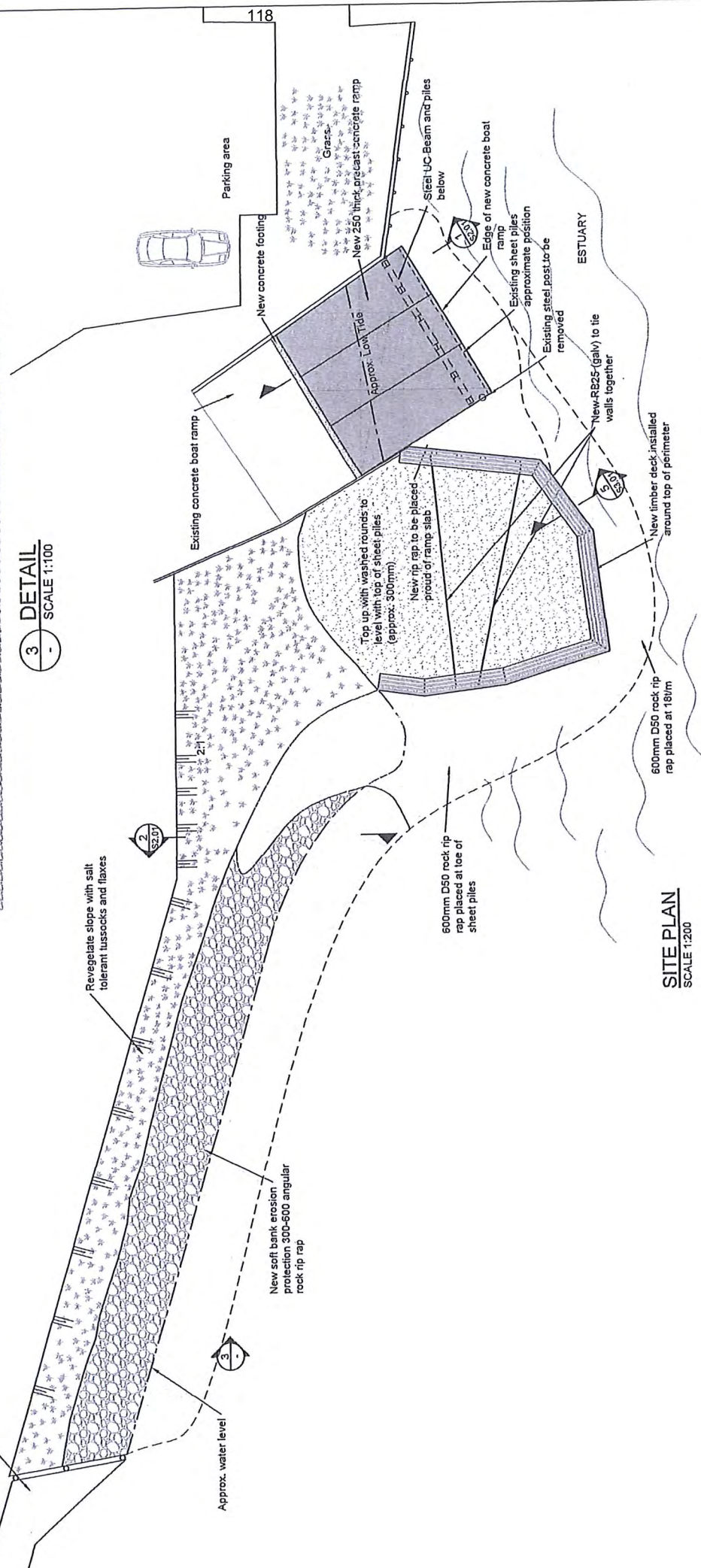
- 5.0 CARPENTRY**
- 5.1 All timber shall be MSG 8, H4 unless stated otherwise.
- 5.2 Timber shall be treated as set out in NZS 3602:2003 – Timber and Wood-based Products for use in Buildings.
- 6.0 STEEL WORK**
- 6.1 All steelwork shall be fabricated from grade 300 steel (BHP 300-plus steel or equivalent). The exception to this is where grades are identified on the drawings.
- 6.2 All steelwork shall be set out correctly to angles and planes at the time of fabrication. If necessary component parts are to be trial assembled to ensure proper alignment. Fabrication shall be in accordance with the recommendations and procedures given in "general specification for the fabrication and erection of structural steel (Hera 1990)".
- 6.3 The Contractor shall provide temporary bracing and sharing against lateral forces and all construction loads throughout the work. The Contractor shall submit a method statement to the Engineer detailing the proposed means of the erecting the principal steelwork, including details of all temporary bracing and sharing required.
- 7.0 SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT**
- 7.1 The Contractor shall produce an erosion and sediment control plan prior to commencing the site works.
- 7.2 Any exposed soil should be vegetated (e.g. grass, flaxes or native shrubs) to maintain ground stability and reduce erosion.
- 8.0 PILING**
- 8.1 The piling Contractor shall satisfy themselves with the pile design and visit site to ensure they are satisfied of the extent of the work.
- 8.2 Test piling shall be undertaken to determine the pile depth. Test piling shall be undertaken under the design geotechnical of structural Engineer.
- 9.0 ROCK PROTECTION**
- 9.1 Rock rip rap shall be sourced from a quarry with certified records showing it met hardness and soundness test suitable for erosion protection.
- 9.2 Rock shall be well graded with a d50 of 450mm, maximum size of 650mm and minimum size of 300mm.
- 4.7 All concrete to be mechanical vibrated and carefully worked around the reinforcement and into the corners of the formwork.
- 4.8 All reinforcement shall be 500E MA unless specified.
- 4.9 Welding of reinforcing bars is not permissible except shop welding where means of demonstrating compliance as per AS/NZS 1554.3 – Structural steel welding – welding of reinforcing steel". Welding of 500E QT is not permitted under any circumstance.
- 4.10 Where rods are shown in long lengths, they may, in general be lapped anywhere providing that the laps are full length as outlined below. Laps in adjacent bars must be staggered at least 60 bar diameters. Where laps are detailed, these must not be varied or extra laps introduced without the permission of the Engineer. Reinforcement lap lengths in concrete shall be as follows:
- D12 – 450mm.
 - D16 – 550mm.
 - D20 – 700mm.
 - H12 – 700mm.
 - H16 – 900mm.
 - H20 – 1150mm.
- 4.11 Where hooks are specified on reinforcing bars (where the diameter is equal or less than 20mm) they shall consist of either:
- A 180 degree turn plus a 80mm extension.
 - A 90 degree turn plus a 240mm extension.
- 4.12 The bend diameters for bars equal or less than 20mm diameter shall be 5 x diameter for deformed bars and 2 x diameter for plain bars.
- 4.13 Reinforcing shall have the following minimum covers:
- 60mm to exterior air and water.
 - 75mm to unprotected ground
- 4.14 Panel lifting points to be designed by a Registered Engineer
- 4.15 No lifting of panels shall be attempted until concrete compressive strength has reached 25 MPa or within seven days of casting or as directed by the precast manufacturer.
- 4.16 Contractor to check all panel dimensions and fixings setouts before casting panels. Panel dimensions are overall and exclude joint dimensions. A minimum 20mm tolerance on the outside edge of the ramp shall be allowed for.
5. Precast slab – by RCE
6. Rock Rip rap before installation – by RCE
- 2.2 A minimum of 48 hours notice shall be provided to the Engineer before an inspection is required.
- 2.3 Failure to have the structural work inspected may result in Richards Consulting Engineers Limited not able to issue a PS4 or destructive testing to expose hidden structural elements.
- 3.0 EXCAVATIONS AND HARDFILL**
- 3.1 Backfill or subgrade material shall consist of well compacted GAP65 or AP40 in layers not greater than 200mm deep. A bidim cloth shall be placed before filling commences.
- 3.2 The Contractor shall manage the effects of water.
- 3.3 Removed concrete, asphaltic concrete, and subgrade fill can be used as fill provided they are broken to meet fill requirements in holes resulting from the removal of obstructions should be cleared and back filled with well compacted fill.
- 3.5 Fill material shall not contain rocks or lumps larger than 150mm with not more than 15% of fill to contain larger than 60mm. Imported fill shall be well graded predominantly granular material with a plastic index of 12 or less when tested to NZS 4407:1991, test 3.4.
- 3.6 Fill shall be compacted to at least 95% maximum dry density as determined by NZS 4402: test 4.1.1.
- 4.0 CONCRETE WORK**
- 4.1 Carry out work in accordance with NZS 3109:1997 – Concrete construction.
- 4.2 Refer Architectural specification for concrete finishes, chamfers, rebates and upstands.
- 4.3 The Contractor shall request a concrete mix design form the concrete supplier to meet exposure class C (NZS 3101).
- 4.4 Concrete compressive strengths at 28 days shall be:
- Precast slab and footings – 45 MPa
 - Site concrete – 17.5 MPa
- 4.5 The following finishes are required:
- Ramp slab – Broom or ridged finish perpendicular to ramp direction,
 - Unexposed foundations F1
 - Exposed foundations F3
- 4.6 The specified finishes are to be in accordance with the standards defined in NZS 3114:1987 – Concrete surface finishes.
- 1.0 GENERAL**
- 1.1 All Work shall comply with the relevant clauses of the New Zealand Building Code, best practice and relevant New Zealand Standards and Codes of Practice.
- 1.2 The Contractor shall verify all dimensions on site before commencing work or making shop drawings. Note the site measure will need to identify features under the water.
- 1.3 Do Not Scale from any drawings. Use figured dimensions only. If in doubt ask.
- 1.4 The Contractor shall be responsible for verifying all dimensions on site and ensuring that all dimensions and levels shown on the drawings are correct and consistent with other relevant drawings. Any discrepancies are to be reported immediately to the Engineer
- 1.5 If at any time prior to Practical Completion, the Contractor should become aware of any signs of distress, excessive settlement or deflection, conflict of components or any other indications whatsoever of actual or potential damage to the Contract Works or any part thereof, they shall forthwith notify the Engineer, and confirm such notice in writing as soon as is practicable.
- 1.6 Materials and components to be appropriate for intended use.
- 1.7 Manufacturer's drawings and calculations for reinforcement, steelwork, flooring systems and stairs shall be submitted for the Engineer's approval/ comment a minimum of 14 days prior to fabrication.
- 1.8 The Contractor shall design temporary propping works and be able to provide a Producer Statement (PS1-design) if requested.
- 1.9 The protection and durability requirements of steel, timber, concrete and masonry materials shall comply with section 4 NZS 3604:2011. Please refer to Architectural plans and specifications for further details.
- 2.0 INSPECTIONS**
- 2.1 To verify the works have been constructed as per the design the following inspections:
1. Contractor to confirm the demolition methodology with the Engineer and submit to Richards Consulting Engineers Limited (RCE) for approval 14 days before commencing work.
 2. Contractor to confirm the construction methodology with the Engineer.
 3. Pile driving – by RCE
 4. Steel UC Beams – by RCE

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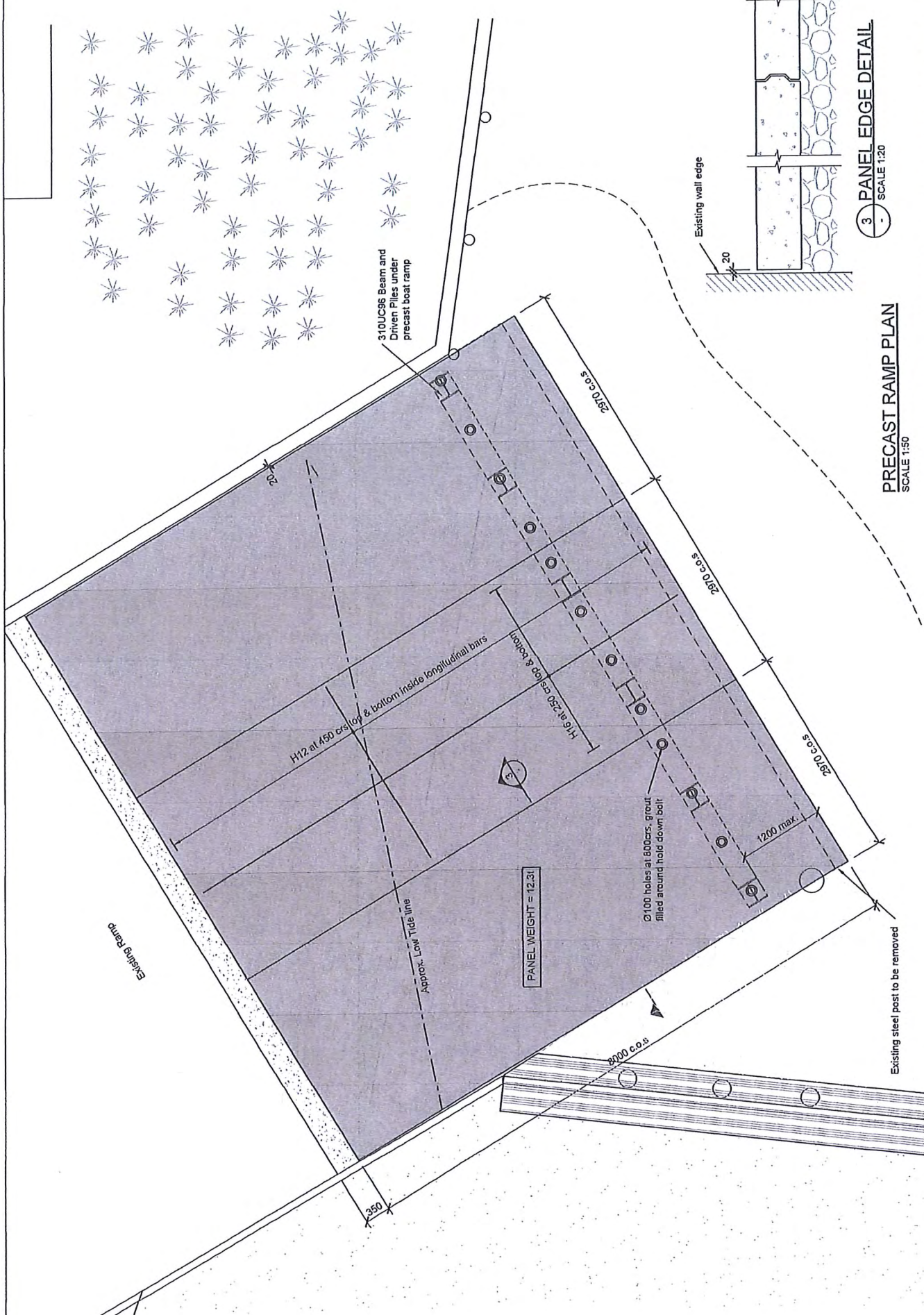
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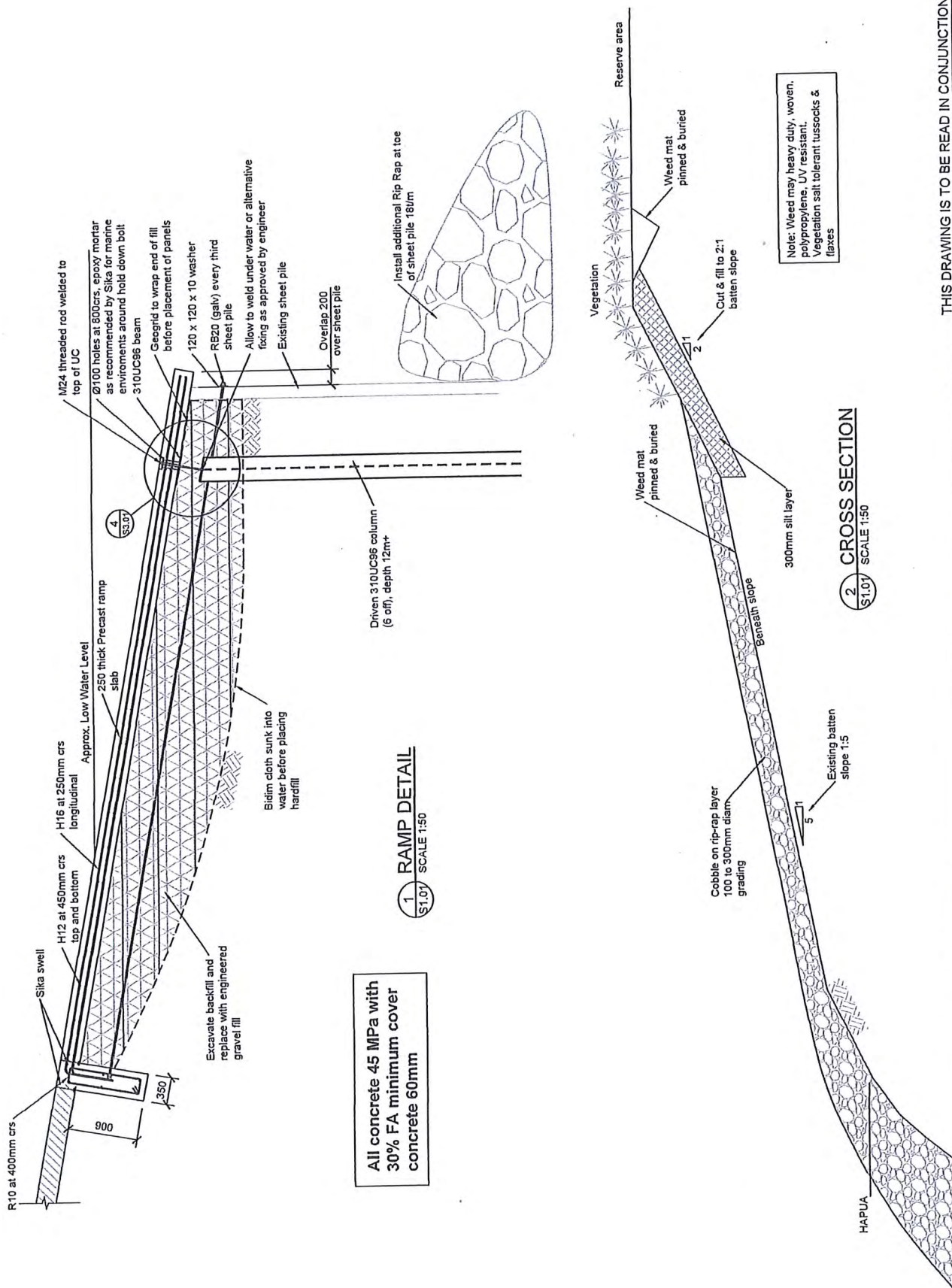
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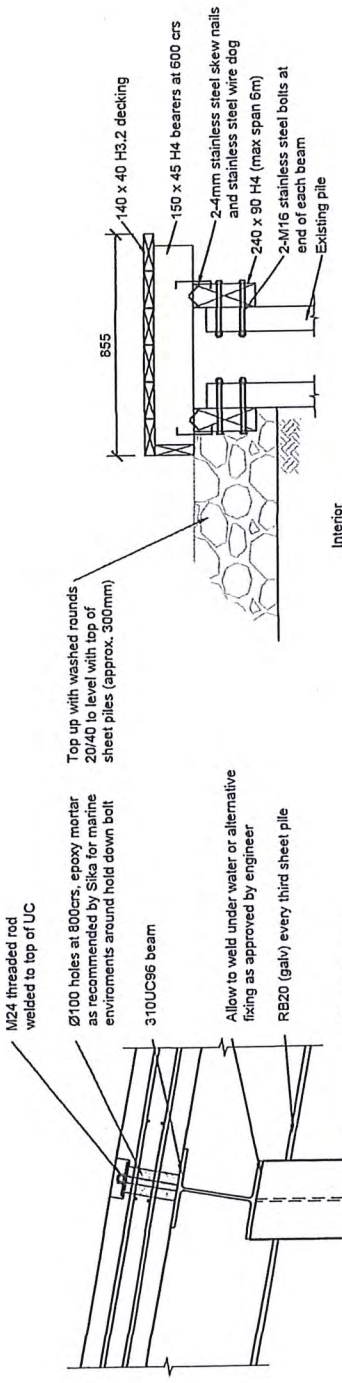
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16th April 2018

Little Rakaia Boating Club Inc
Pacific Drive
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Attention: Graeme Patterson

RE: REPLACEMENT BOAT RAMP ON THE RAKAIA RIVER

As requested we have prepare an estimate for the replacement boat ramp as detailed in Richards Consulting Engineers Plans and specifications dated March 2018

We have been asked to divide the estimate in to three areas to enable the work to be staged as time and funds allow.

Stage One: Rip Rap protection to the piling and foreshore including the construction of the break water.

- Sourcing, transportation and installation of approximately 900 tonne of 300-600mm boulders to top up the breakwater and provided river bank protection.
- Bracing breakwater tie walls together, installation of new deck and washed rounds.

Stage Two: Foreshore Protection

- Installation of weed-mat, rip rap, silt layer and salt resistant grasses and tussocks

Stage Three: Ramp Re-construction

- Demolition of existing ramp, concrete edge, excavation and filling.
- Installation of new structural steel driven piles
- Installation of reinforced concrete footings and reinforced precast concrete ramp panels

Estimate Costs

Stage One	\$ 291,500.00 including GST
Stage Two	\$ 205,800.00 including GST
Stage Three	\$ 280,700.00 including GST

Total Estimated Cost	\$ 778,000.00 including GST

Yours faithfully

Phillippa Goodman-Jones
FNZIQS AAMINZ Registered Quantity Surveyor

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BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2018

Year to date 11/04/2018

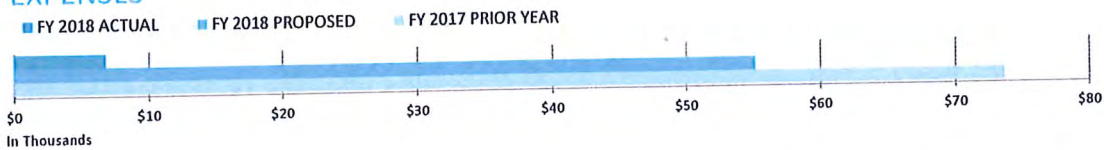
REVENUE



	CURRENT	\$ 51,682.92
OPENING Budget	\$ 46,519.88	CLOSING Budget \$ 5,841.38

REVENUE	FY 2017 PRIOR YEAR	FY 2018 PROPOSED	FY 2018 ACTUAL	FY 2018 VARIANCE	FY 2018 +/- PRIOR YEAR
Fundraising	3988.20	2500.00	2171.30	(328.70)	(1816.90)
Ramp Fees	582.60	600.00	873.90	273.90	291.30
Donations	71017.29	750.00	589.00	(161.00)	(70428.29)
Subscriptions	5935.00	6000.00	5550.00	(450.00)	(385.00)
Interest Income	187.43	300.00	439.69	139.69	252.26
Polo Shirt Sales Budget for 50%	0.00	1960.00	1600.00	(360.00)	1600.00
Boat Registration Stickers	2906.40	2352.00	800.00	(1552.00)	(2106.40)
Funding	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	\$84,616.92	\$14,462.00	\$12,023.89	(\$2,438.11)	(\$70,428.29)

EXPENSES



EXPENSES	FY 2017 PRIOR YEAR	FY 2018 PROPOSED	FY 2018 ACTUAL	FY 2018 VARIANCE	FY 2018 +/- PRIOR YEAR
Secretary / Treasurer	150.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	150.00
Ramp and Foreshore	71,092.18	37,000.00	591.68	-36,408.32	-70,500.50
Boat Registration Stickers	2,318.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	-2,318.40
Postage and Stationary	58.00	250.00	116.40	-133.60	58.40
AGM	33.98	500.00	470.90	-29.10	436.92
Professional Fees	0.00	12,362.50	2,070.00	-10,292.50	2,070.00
Polo Shirts	0.00	2,783.00	2,783.00	0.00	2,783.00
Logo Design	0.00	230.00	230.00	0.00	230.00
ECAN	0.00	200.00	0.00	-200.00	0.00
Fund Raising and Events	0.00	500.00	298.27	-201.73	298.27
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Internet Bank Fee	0.00	15.00	0.60	-14.40	0.60
Contingency	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00	0.00
TOTALS	\$73,652.56	\$55,140.50	\$6,860.85	(\$48,279.65)	(\$66,791.71)













Little Rakaia Huts ~ a safe and friendly haven for holidaymakers and leisure-seekers

Situated near the mouth of the Rakaia, the small village of Little Rakaia Huts boasts a permanent population of around 80, but numbers swell over the holiday and fishing seasons with many taking advantage of the pet-friendly camping ground with its many amenities.

As well, the grounds are used for various events such as the vintage car rally last year with more than 200 vehicles displayed on the ground while drivers, friends and families had lunch and locals enthused over the many makes and models.

There's a basic cost of \$7.50 per site per night at the camping grounds, plus \$2 for power.

And for this minimal cost, campers can utilise showers, a kitchen, barbecue day area, public toilets with just a small extra charge for a pay washing machine.

There are 10 power sites at the grounds and there's also a campervan dump.

Camp manager is Clarke Wilks, president of the Little Rakaia Huts Community Committee, and he can be reached on 3242-253, phone or fax.

The local community hall is adjacent to the camping grounds, and bookings can be made through Linda Harkers on 3242-489.



A view of the many vintage vehicles gathered at Little Rakaia Huts camping ground last year.

Boaties and fishermen are more than welcome at Little Rakaia Huts.

And a welcome sight the settlement was to the crew on board the 28 foot, 3 1/4 tonne commercial charter fishing boat, the "Lady Marie" which sought a safe haven when she ran into trouble 18 miles off-shore last year.

Two hours south of the Akaroa heads and around two-and-a-half hours north of Timaru, it was decided to play it safe and head for the huts when their engine began to play up.

The two-man crew were most

appreciative and enthusiastic with the assistance they received from local fishermen who reckoned it was one of the larger boats to come into the lagoon in recent times.

They guided the boat in darkness into the lagoon and to the wharf where the Lady Marie's engine was checked the following day before putting out to sea again on her way to Oamaru.

There's boat ramp access to the lagoon and river, which has a charge of \$2.

The lagoon is suitable for class yachting, canoeing, swimming and fishing for trout and herrings.

A walking track will take you to the north branch of the river, and another track to the shingle beach, which unfortunately is definitely non-swimming.

Main fish caught at the beach are salmon, trout and whatebart in season.

The nearest shopping facilities are just a few kilometres away at Southbridge.

Southbridge Walking Group report

The Southbridge Walking Group meet every Friday morning at 9.15am at St John's Church, Lee Street.

Members walk around Southbridge for one hour, before enjoying a welcome coffee together.

Anyone in the community is most

welcome to join the walkers, and usually on the last Friday of the month they go for an outing, taking their lunch.

Places visited last year were Dunsandel, Doyleston, Riccarton Bush, Ham Gardens and the Christchurch Botanic Gardens in the spring.

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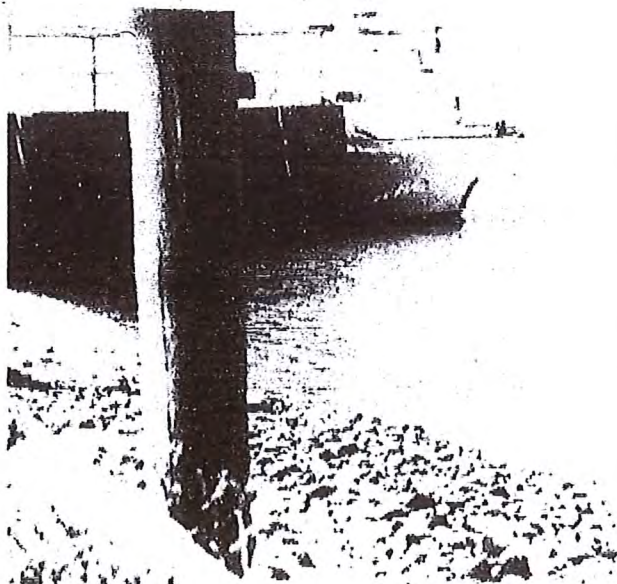
FARMING COURSES COMING UP — BOOKINGS TAKEN NOW

Buying a Small Block — starts 11 February — 6 evenings, 1 field trip
Farm Skills for Women — starts 11 February — 6 days plus field trips (10am to 3pm)
Deer Production — starts 17 February — 6 evenings plus field trips — \$140.00
Relief Milking — starts 26 February — 5 evenings plus practical milkings

Cost: \$90.00 per course unless stated otherwise.
All course times are 6.30pm to 9.00pm unless stated otherwise.

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Speaking: 6.30pm - Tuesday 22 May 2018

Submission

Submission supplied as PDF or Word document, printed and attached as the following page.

1. Do you have any comments on the proposal to introduce a district-wide rate for community centres and halls, and for reserves? (see pages 10–13)
2. Do you have any comments on the proposal to proceed with extensions to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre? (see pages 14–15)
3. Do you have any comments on the proposal to develop indoor courts and a sports hub at Foster Park? Which of the funding options outlines do you prefer?(see pages 16–17)
4. Do you have any comments on the proposal to introduce chlorination treatment for some community water supplies based on a risk assessment? (see pages 18–19)
5. Do you have any comments on the proposal to replace the current rating system for water races with a standard district rate across all three water race schemes? (see pages 20–21)
6. Do you have any comments on the proposal to combine the current community grant funding schemes into a single contestable scheme? (see pages 22–23)
7. Do you have any comments on the proposal to develop new community facilities at Hororata, Leeston and Prebbleton? (see pages 24–25)
8. Do you have any comments on the proposal to build an extension to the Selwyn District Council offices in Rolleston? (see pages 26–27)
9. Do you have any comments on the draft Walking and Cycling Strategy and the proposed programme? (see pages 28–29)
10. Other comments: Do you have any comments on other projects in this consultation document or on any other matters?

Refer to the attached submission

SUBMISSION TO THE 2018-2028 LONG TERM PLAN

Malvern Community Board
30 April 2018

District-wide rating for community centres, halls and reserves

The Malvern Community Board supports the proposal as set out in the Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028, but noted the requirement for Council to reassure the relevant Committees of the following:

- Some Committees will have access to a bigger pool of money
- That the Committees will remain in place (i.e. Council will not be 'taking over' the existing facilities); and
- Whatever monies the Committees have accumulated prior to a district-wide rate being instated, will be available for use within a set timeframe.

The Malvern Community Board encourages Council to make a grant to the Kirwee Hall in recognition of the (approx) \$60,000 rates they will be contributing to the district-wide pool of money.

Selwyn Aquatic Centre extension

The Malvern Community Board supports the proposal as set out in the Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

Indoor Courts Facility at Foster Park

The Malvern Community Board supports the extension proposal as set out in the Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028. The Malvern Community Board encourages the Council to provide for continual development of appropriate sporting facilities across the District.

Water quality improvements and chlorination

While noting that some of the Malvern communities support the introduction of chlorination as required, and others object, the Malvern Community Board notes that it will support the Government's stand on chlorination when this is clear.

Water race rating review

The Malvern Community Board supports the rating proposal as set out in the Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028, however would like to be involved in further discussions around the water race closure process.

Changes to community grants processes

The Malvern Community Board supports the proposal as set out in the Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

New community centres - Hororata, Leeston and Prebbleton

The Malvern Community Board supports the proposal for a new Community facility within Hororata, as set out in the Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

The Board also supports the request of the Hororata Township Committee regarding the siting and construction of a new short-term (basic) playground together with the construction of a new, modern playground next to the new community centre.

Rolleston Council offices extension and parking

The Malvern Community Board supports the proposal as set out in the Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028.

Walking and cycling strategy

The Malvern Community Board supports:

- the proposal as set out in the Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028 and encourages Council to extend the cycleway from Kirwee to Springfield.
- the continuation of the footpath programme around onto Railway Tce – in support of the Community Committee's submission.
- the continuation of the cycleway/ walkway to provide a linkage between the townships Coalgate and Hororata.
- dialogue between Council and Kiwi Rail to further discussions on the establishment of main walkways and cycleways in the vicinity of rail corridors.

Other matters for consideration

The Board also supports the requests raised by various Malvern Ward Community committees, including, but not limited to:

Ward projects

- The Board supports Council's initiatives for the Darfield Wastewater Scheme as identified in the Draft Long Term Plan Consultation document
- The Board gives its support to the installation of effluent dump stations in Glentunnel as well as the request from the Kowai Pass Domain Board.
- We see the installation of recycling and transfer facilities in the Malvern Ward as essential, building on the public support for the Greenwaste Open Days
- The Board reiterates its support for items in last year's Annual Plan submission for local projects: completing filtration and UV Water Treatment upgrades for Arthur's Pass, Hororata, and Sheffield

Water schemes; and undertaking a UV water treatment upgrade for Castle Hill water scheme (if they have not been done already)

- The Malvern Community Board asks Council to consider providing paid secretarial services to community committees at no cost to existing community committees as exists, with the possible extension for future committees.

Springfield

- Concrete pad by children's playground with basketball hoop and volley board. This is noted by the Committee as a priority for the coming year.
- Malvern Community Board supports the Committee's proposal to seek the support of Council to achieve the establishment of a pump track on reserve land behind the Fire Station.
- Ongoing maintenance of a grassed area on Regent Street

Kowai Pass Domain

- Seeks renewal of the toilet block and a possible inclusion of this in Round 2 of the Tourism Infrastructure Fund.
- Support of a holding tank for the dump station to stop the discharge into the wastewater system – this is indicated as being urgent work.

Sheffield

- Support the cycleway being developed between Sheffield and Darfield.
- Support Transit's proposal to seal some areas outside the Pie Shop on the sides of the SH for parking.
- The Malvern Community Board encourages Council to classify the Sheffield Toilets as public toilets to allow eligibility for funding support.

Hororata

- Siting and construction of a new short-term (basic) playground together with the construction of a new, modern playground next to the new community centre. (23/24 is the preferred year).
- Construction of a bike track with planting at the Pit near the club. The committee would like this project approved 18/19 with a budget of \$5k.
- Leaches Road to be resurfaced and widened as this is a very busy connecting road.

Kirwee

- Development of new block in the plan
- Widening of Courtenay Rd from the railway to the 100kph sign.

Darfield

- Upgrade to the toilets at the Recreation Centre

Coalgate / Glentunnel

- Supports the reseal drive and car park work be undertaken as one project, rather than a two-stage projects as is currently set out in the LTP spreadsheet
- Noted items required by the Glentunnel Hall Committee including the replacements as set out in their Submission. Specifically, the Board supports the installation of a new storage shed in the short-term (\$38k approx)

Whitecliffs

- Support the community's submission for picnic table shelter construction with historical interpretive signage on a board at one end of the shelter structure on Tarling common
- Cycle/walkway between Whitecliffs and Glentunnel.

Glenroy

- Continued support for upgrade and maintenance for the Glenroy Hall as submitted on by the Glenroy Hall Committee.

Lake Coleridge

- Support Lake Coleridge public toilets upgrade, a continuing maintenance programme of the trees in the village and Arboretum.
- Continued maintenance of bathrooms and other requirements for the hall to cope in an emergency/ Civil Defence situation.
- Continue to upgrade water supply and install switch for provision of generator when power outage.

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Speaking: 6.40pm - Tuesday 22 May 2018

Submission

Submission

2. Do you have any comments on the proposal to proceed with extensions to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre? (see pages 14–15)

Yes, we 100% support the proposal to extend the aquatics facility. We would love to run an extensive aquatics programme at the College, and this would assist us greatly.

3. Do you have any comments on the proposal to develop indoor courts and a sports hub at Foster Park? Which of the funding options outlines do you prefer?(see pages 16–17)

Yes - the sooner the better! This is an amazing opportunity. The additional inside and specialist space would greatly benefit a growing college's sports and physical education programme.

9. Do you have any comments on the draft Walking and Cycling Strategy and the proposed programme? (see pages 28–29)

Yes, really good for an actively community. Safe opportunities for travel of our college's community is a good thing.

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First would like to speak part of my submission

To install an emergency management road behind the Canterbury aero club airport to develop public rail service from Rolleston to Cheviot pass through to Christchurch new Stadium and University

I shall be setting up Strategic Planning Centres Hamner, Christchurch Airport, Selywn, Kikouria

Will require community and council engagement

Core focus Forestfire prevention Bio Security Boarder Security Emergencey Management City to City Events Film and game developement

\$30.000 emergencey management software

I have lobbied the goveriment to host the 2026 Commonwealth games They are looking into it and other events We need more then one 50m pool If you have a 50m pool you will bring in people from out of town which will Help pay for it plus keep swimmers at a international level Drucilla Kingi – Patterson 289 Kensington Avenue Rangiora

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I support this proposal providing there is sufficient parking offroad.

4. Do you have any comments on the proposal to introduce chlorination treatment for some community water supplies based on a risk assessment? (see pages 18–19)

If chlorination is necessary do it on a risk assessment.

10. Other comments: Do you have any comments on other projects in this consultation document or on any other matters?

- REFER ATTACHED -

Re 10 year Plan¹⁴⁰
Re Roading

As a frequent user of Dunns Crossing Road, I ask the Selwyn District Council why part of the said road does not have a white Centre line. Maybe the line has been overlooked and if not please advise when this shall be done.

I wish not to get a Traffic infringement for crossing the invisible centre line.

I applaud the Selwyn District Council for their consideration to seal the remaining 11/1200 metres of Dunns Crossing Road & therefore removing that potential Death Trap & Environmental Health Hazard.

I firmly believe that a Roundabout at Gould, Selwyn, Dunns Crossing intersection would be a great improvement and worthy of consideration in the not too distant Future.

Campervan Parking

I have been told by a Campervan owner from out of the District there appears to be a lack of Parking for them around the town shopping.

If the Selwyn District wishes to attract Tourist may be this could be considered in the 10 year Plan.

Yours Ivan Robertson

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- It is a good idea because everyone in Selwyn is using these facilities, no matter whether they live there or not as people travel all around Selwyn. - The people who don't use the facilities may be frustrated that their rates are increased. - The facilities are for the wellbeing of the whole community, these facilities can improve the wellbeing for everyone.

2. Do you have any comments on the proposal to proceed with extensions to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre? (see pages 14–15)

- Hydrosleds (everyone agreed on this) - Fitness area is a good idea, as the people could use equipment such as spin bikes before and after swimming - The cafe is a nice idea but not really necessary, people would be just as happy without it - Having a cafe is also good for the parents who have to take their children to swimming lessons

3. Do you have any comments on the proposal to develop indoor courts and a sports hub at Foster Park? Which of the funding options outlines do you prefer? (see pages 16–17)

- Love the walking track idea - Think it's a great idea - Love the toilets - Maximum the floor space - Meeting rooms would be good - Could have a rock climbing wall on a wall of the court rather than dedicating a room to it

4. Do you have any comments on the proposal to introduce chlorination treatment for some community water supplies based on a risk assessment? (see pages 18–19)

- It's better than getting sick - One member said that doesn't like it as we would have to buy bottle water which is bad for the environment - Only want it if we need it

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No Comment

6. Do you have any comments on the proposal to combine the current community grant funding schemes into a single contestable scheme? (see pages 22–23)

- That's great - That is a really cheap price to pay

7. Do you have any comments on the proposal to develop new community facilities at Hororata, Leeston and Prebbleton? (see pages 24–25)

- 100% Leeston has nothing that serves a purpose, the community centre could bring the community together - For emergencies this would be great to give the community somewhere to feel safe and go together as a community - We need to know the numbers are there (for Hororata)

8. Do you have any comments on the proposal to build an extension to the Selwyn District Council offices in Rolleston? (see pages 26–27)

- Want to know if the community has input on the design? - Think it needs to happen as you can't have staff not working in the building and not being in good facilities, we need to look after them - Parking is definitely needed

9. Do you have any comments on the draft Walking and Cycling Strategy and the proposed programme? (see pages 28–29)

- Think its a lot safer as there a lot of people biking these days "It's the new thing" - Destination cycle way? - Lincoln to Tai Tapu should be made before Leeston to Doyleston - More destination tracks through natural forests - scenic paths - Leeston and places like that need cycleways to get other places however in big towns in Rolleston we just need cycleways inside the town as there is already sufficient transport outside - Would be cool to link a bike track through Rolleston College, Foster Park, the pool, new town centre etc.

10. Other comments: Do you have any comments on other projects in this consultation document or on any other matters?

No Comments

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It is essential to have clear, timely information available about the scheme. An annual review/assessment of distribution is required with adjustment if necessary, as long as the change increases the total amount of funding available!

7. Do you have any comments on the proposal to develop new community facilities at Hororata, Leeston and Prebbleton? (see pages 24–25)
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Please note our attached submission on long term storage of historical documents and artifacts across the Selwyn District.

A Distributed storage network across Selwyn for community collections and archives, and support for developing online collections.

We would encourage the SDC to plan for secure, dry document storage facilities, especially at new & rebuilt community centres and libraries across the district.

Currently community groups and Historical Societies have a range of solutions in place to care for their unique, local history and heritage collections. None are ideal, failing in terms of space, (too small), access (eg limited to Cmte members, or only able bodied folk), cost, or environmental conditions (damp, pests, dust).

At Lincoln we value the central, secure, dry storage area we have been offered at the Event Centre, but are acutely aware of the space constraints there as both LEC files & equipment stores, and the collections of other groups stored there also grow.

In addition only Committee members are able to access the collection, there is no space or facility to work with the items, and physical access is only via stairs.

Our collection is currently 30m long in total (in three cupboards, 5 banana boxes, shelves at members' homes, and one 4- drawer filing cabinet at Liffey Cottage).

As well as the Society's papers, it includes the records of small local groups, eg Lincoln Ploughing Association, Springston Table Tennis Club, and also family histories, rare books and maps, early and 20th Century photographs, and unique local artefacts. The Neville Moar Research collection relating to early and 20th century Lincoln is currently stored in 5 stacked banana boxes – not ideal.

Committee members access the collection at least weekly to answer queries, or source material for display.

Our highest use resources have been digitised to improve access and are available and well used via Kete Selwyn (eg our newsletter, historic photographs, notes), and also from LU's Living Heritage site, the recently launched, online Fitzgerald's Town.

Neither Liffey Cottage nor Pioneer Hall currently provide suitable storage or space for document collections – there is no temperature, light or moisture control, and dust and pests are a problem.

In Lincoln we would encourage the SDC to support the development of the Ellesmere Country Club/LPS Junior campus site as a local centre for Arts, Culture and Heritage.

We would also strongly encourage planning for archival & document collection spaces in community facilities across the district. Local spaces for local collections.

We would also encourage the SDC to provide the infrastructure to support the development of digital access to our collections, including:

* ehive – collections software & training opportunities, and

* re/development of Kete Selwyn.

Dr Rupert Tipples,
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1. Do you have any comments on the proposal to introduce a district-wide rate for community centres and halls, and for reserves? (see pages 10–13)

We are concerned that the introduction of district wide rates will kill the voluntary efforts which have been the mainstay of all Springston Committees (Community, Reserve, and Hall). Has the Council thought or budgeted for the replacement of these voluntary efforts by paid Council staff? These council staff will not have the background knowledge of contributing voluntary committee members. What incentives will there be to encourage such volunteers to continue when all the critical decisions will be made by a huge anonymous bureaucratic Council?

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Submission on behalf of Springston Community Committee to Selwyn Districts Long Term Plan *fastforward28*

1. After a sustained campaign over several years SDC has included a proposal for public toilets for Springston next to the dairy on Leeston Road on the former 'Library Reserve' section. It appears as a Springs Ward project on page 38. Springston Community wishes to thank the Council for so doing.
2. However, such a development has been delayed until 2024-2025. In light of the Council's recent circulation of its draft policy on Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary buildings, we regret that SDC is not going to move faster to reduce the insanitary use of the former 'Library Reserve' and Anglican churchyard.
3. Since our last submission (2017-2018) problems of the lack of public toilets have continued to be highlighted. The two additional reasons we wish to focus on this year are the regular requests received by Lisa Guckert, owner of Springston Dairy, for toilets for the use of customers and passing drivers/passengers. She has to decline them and point out there are no public toilets in Springston. The second point, reported by Letesha Brook, one of our Committee, is of the use by passing truckers of the vacant Library Reserve to relieve themselves. Recently she observed three cases in about 40 minutes while waiting there. This problem is becoming worse with the growth in traffic volumes in both Leeston Road and Ellesmere Junction Road.
4. The previous section did not include increases in potential use from the growth in tourism and 'freedom camping', which will be on-going.
5. The cost of this project is forecast to be \$137,000 in 2024-2025. That is just 0.005% of \$25.6 million budgeted for Springs Ward over the ten years. It is such a small proportion that bringing the project forward, say to 2019/2020 when the initial landscaping should be well established, should not be a problem. By 30 June 2018 initial landscaping should be well underway to ensure that the \$10,000 of accumulated funds for this project will be used by that date as required by Council. Following consultations with Derek Hayes, the Council's Landscape Architect, and obtaining initial quotations for fencing etc., a further \$16,000 needs to be budgeted to complete the landscaping of the Library Reserve around the proposed toilets.
6. Springston Community Committee therefore requests Selwyn District Council to:
 - a. Bring forward the provision of public toilets for Springston to 2019/2020
 - b. Allow a further \$16,000 to complete the related landscaping of the Springston Library Reserve in 2018/2019.

Dr Rupert Tipples,
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1. Do you have any comments on the proposal to introduce a district-wide rate for community centres and halls, and for reserves? (see pages 10–13)

Yes, we are opposed to them because they will disadvantage Springston particularly. Please see the appended submission.

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Submission on behalf of Springston Recreation Reserve Committee to Selwyn Districts Long Term Plan *fastforward28*

1. Springston Recreation Reserve Committee is not in favour of District wide rates for Reserves as they will cost more for Springston ratepayers; and will probably discourage voluntary efforts, which have led to an efficiently run and relatively inexpensive Reserve. Reserve costs will inevitably increase when all minor tasks for the Reserve have to be performed by paid staff and not volunteers, e.g, weed spraying, grass cutting etc.
2. Springston Recreation Reserve Committee wishes to support the development of public toilets in Springston. It also has suffered from ongoing problems of visitors using the Reserve as a toilet. This has become more of an issue since the closing of the old open toilet block because of vandalism before the redevelopment of the Errol Tweedy Pavilion. Since redevelopment toilets are only available when the pavilion is open for club or private use.
3. Pre-planting operations have begun for the replanting of the Western Shelter belt (Project 2682-017 for \$16,106) between Reserve and Pony Club. An unbudgeted item has come to light which is that it is desirable to protect the Council's investment in trees and shrubs. Combi-guards @ \$1.55 each have been recommended by our consultant for the planting, Dr Colin Meurk. If most plants for the planting cost around \$4 each, that gives a total budgeted cost of \$8,100 (2025 plants x \$4). The cost of the guards would be \$3138.75 (2025 x \$1.55). We ask Council to provide that additional expenditure in 2018-2019, please, to protect its already approved investment.
4. Following the renewal of the 'old' pavilion's roof in 2016-2017, the item in the detailed plan for the Reserve noting a need to replace part of the roof in 2021-2022 for \$3,000 no longer seems to be necessary.
5. Thus the additional expenditure proposed appears to be cancelled out by the unnecessary further roof work.

Dr Rupert Tipples,
Chairman,
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Submission

Refer attached (following a presentation to Council on 14 March 2018).

The following information has been posted by Council staff: This submission arises out of a public forum session held on at the 14 March 2018 Council meeting. The below is an excerpt from the minutes of that meeting:

A discussion was held regarding the public forum presentation, the following resolution suggested by Councillor McEvedy:

Moved – Councillor McEvedy / Seconded – Councillor Bland

‘That Council receive the presentation and documentation provided at the 14 March 2018 Council meeting public forum from: Mr Bruce Russell; Mr David Clarkson, President of the Regimental History Centre; Mr John Rae, President of the Templeton RSA; and Mr Gordon Wadie, Master of Progress Masonic Lodge, and treat this as their submission to the Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028, but request further financial detail.’ (CARRIED)

Councillor Alexander stated that he would like the Group to come back as he did not have the opportunity to ask the questions he would have in the submission process. He suggested that the project could be in the vicinity of \$10-15m in be sited in the centre of Rolleston. He stated that would not be a trivial submission to the Long Term Plan and may set a precedent. He further stated that it is beholden upon the Submitters to work through finances, not Council staff.

Councillor Morten noted his support of Councillor McEvedy’s recommendation, stating that if the Group wishes to come back to submit on the Long Term Plan, he is sure that they will. He further commented that this is the start of a journey for them, and they are looking for help and guidance.



SELWYN COMMUNITY & SERVICES HUB

Presenters:

David Clarkson, President Regimental History Centre; John Rae, President Templeton
RSA & Gordon Wadie, Master of Progress Masonic Lodge

PRESENTATION

to

SELWYN DISTRICT COUNCIL

on Wednesday 14 March 2018

This presentation covers the combined objectives of providing a suitable central location and friendly environment for the families of the Selwyn District, a Regimental History Museum, in conjunction with an RSA and a Masonic Lodge, which all residents & visitors can enjoy, whilst providing the commemoration & welfare requirements of both serving and ex-servicemen and women from the New Zealand military.

Stakeholders

The stakeholders for the project are: the Selwyn District Council, the Regimental History Centre (a museum currently in Burnham Military Camp), the Progress Masonic Lodge and the Templeton RSA.

Objectives

The critical project objectives are as follows:

- Agree on a combined plan between the four stakeholders on the development of the Selwyn Community & Services Hub at Rolleston.
- Complete a combined feasibility study document on the Project.
- Confirm the timings for the Project.
- Confirm the cost objectives for the Project.
- Complete a Project Management Plan.

Hub Facilities

- It is proposed that the facilities be called the "Selwyn Community and Services Hub", being similar in concept as the current "The Combined Clubs of Marlborough" in Blenheim.
- We see the commercial operation associated with the proposal being run by a Board of Directors, or some such collection of professionals' as we are keenly aware that the proposal is significant and demanding more than a part time Executive. A full-time manager will be required.
- The combined facilities would include a fine dining area, café area, kid's play area and bar area. The proposed silver dining service would also be of a very high standard to meet fine dining' principles and would be open to the public, both locals and visitors, and would be an asset to the community.
- The provision of the term "Community and Services" encompasses members of the community who want to belong, along with personnel of the Military, Fire Service, Ambulance and Police.
- We intend that the facilities will be of a very high standard to attract members and the public to the Regimental History Centre, the Rolleston RSA and the Progress Masonic Lodge.
- As part of the facilities there would be a children's entertainment area suited to the needs of free play for all ages of children. This would be within sight of their parents/care givers, but out of general earshot. These facilities would be available for kid's party hire and family group gatherings.
- A family focus in a range of club activities would appeal to families looking to spend time in a social and convivial atmosphere and attract future members and their participation in the Hub.



CAPTAIN CHARLES UPHAM, V.C. AND BAR

VC AWARDED FOR HIS EXPLOITS IN CRETE

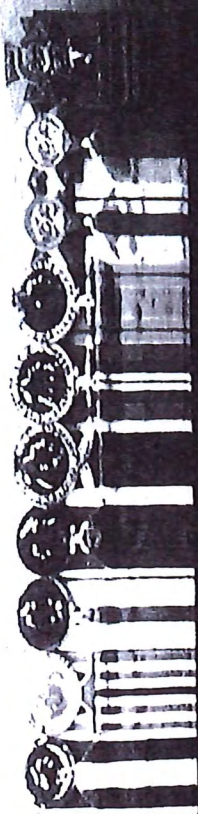
Captain Charles Upham enlisted in the Army in September 1939. He joined the 20th Infantry Battalion and sailed for Egypt with the 2nd Echelon in the rank of Sergeant. On commissioning he rejoined the Battalion and went with them to Greece in 1941. After the withdrawal operations of that bitter campaign, he and his Platoon were evacuated to Crete. It was in the hard fought operations near Maleme that he first displayed cool, calculated bravery in a number of actions, and particularly in the counterattack towards the airfield, as well as at Galatas village. In spite of suffering severe wounds in his shoulder and foot, as well as becoming exhausted in Greece, during the withdrawal he mustered with his platoon the 40 miles over the mountains to Souda on the south coast to await evacuation. During the walk, and in spite of his physical condition, he led his platoon in a bold action against a group of Germans who had infiltrated the defence area. By climbing a very steep (and total) hill and ambushing the enemy, his leadership, courage, tactical skill and fierce determination during the encounter were an inspiration to his Platoon, Company and the Battalion. He was awarded his first Victoria Cross

BAR TO HIS VC AWARDED FOR HIS EXPLOITS IN THE WESTERN DESERT

Captain C. H. Upham, V.C., was commanding a Company of New Zealand troops in the Western Desert during operations which culminated in the attack on El Kuvweit Ridge on the night of 14th/15th July, 1942. In spite of being wounded twice he insisted on remaining with his men to take part in the final assault.

During the opening stages of the attack on the ridge Captain Upham went out himself armed with a Spandau machine gun to rectify a breakdown in communications. After several sharp encounters with enemy machine gun posts he succeeded in bringing back the required information, just before dawn very heavy fire was encountered from a strongly defended enemy locality which consisted of four machine gun posts and a number of tanks. Without hesitation he at once led his Company in a determined attack on the two nearest strong points on the left flank of the sector. In spite of the fierce resistance and the heavy casualties on both sides, the objective was captured.

Captain Upham himself destroyed a German tank, several guns and vehicles with grenades. During this phase he was shot through the elbow suffering a broken arm but he went on to a forward position and brought back some of the men who had been isolated. Weak men less of blood he was sent to the Regimental Aid Post. Once his wound was dressed he returned to his men and remained all day until he was again more severely wounded. Despite outstanding gallantry and magnificent leadership he was captured with the remainder of the Company by superior German forces which destroyed their positions.



Regimental History Centre (RHC)

Background:

- The Regimental History Centre (RHC) of the Canterbury Regiment Association Inc. was founded in 1990 to support the local territorial unit, 2 Canterbury, Nelson, Marlborough, West Coast Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment.
- It's collection of military archives, dioramas, and static displays covers from 1845 to present day.
- It encompasses the story of the citizen soldier drawn from and trained in the District – especially at Burnham Military Camp.
- It represents the generations of young men and women who have given service to our country from this district.
- The Regiment's association with the Selwyn District stretches back to the 19th Century.
- There continues to be interest in our military history and heritage, reflected especially in the increasing turnout of young and old at ANZAC commemorations.
- The RHC is a 'not for profit' organisation manned by a group of dedicated volunteers, albeit with a professional approach, to the building of its collection.

Regimental History Centre - continued

Location:

- The RHC has been located in the Detention Centre Burnham Military Camp since 2001. That building, built in 1910, is currently subject to an EQC yellow sticker notice (substantial repairs/rebuild required, but it remains habitable).
- As a standing military camp, Burnham Camp's security protocols inhibit easy access for the public to the site. This makes it difficult for the RHC to garner community support, including funding applications to the likes of the Rata Foundation, Lotteries Commission, etc. It also affects the RHC's ability to recruit volunteers to man and maintain the museum.
- With the expansion of Burnham Camp and the increasing number of soldiers to be deployed there, there will be consequent pressure on existing non-core facilities, such as those the RHC occupies, to be reassigned/removed. The RHC's tenure is thus not guaranteed and its collection could be at risk of breakup and dispersal.



The Gallipoli Drum

Regimental History Centre - continued

Aim of the RHC:

- To provide a research base, to preserve and to promote the military history/heritage of the citizen soldiers of the South Island Army Infantry Units for public use.

Objects:

- To focus on educational displays of historical material that are thought provoking and are attractive to youth.
- To provide professionally constructed and interesting displays.
- To secure valuable items owned, donated, or loaned to the RHC.
- To apply for funding for its continued development.
- To provide a cost-effective facility which has long term sustainability.
- To secure all assets on behalf of the public of New Zealand from 2 Cant NMWC and 4 Otago South Infantry Regiments (both infantry battalions), post their amalgamation.
- To develop appropriate publicity for the History Centre.

Regimental History Centre - continued

The Collection:

- The collection includes an extensive military history library. It has reference material and photographs (in paper and digital form) relating to the history of the 2nd Battalion, its predecessors and successors.
- It includes dioramas of a WW1 trench scene and a scene from the WW2 Battle of Casino. Currently under construction is a diorama dedicated to Charles Upham VC and Bar.
- There are several static displays of uniforms, headwear, medals, regimental band instruments and other related memorabilia, plus a large assortment of miscellaneous items.
- A key item is the 'Gallipoli Drum'. This went ashore with the Canterbury Regiment in 1915 and was filled with '1st field dressings' (wound dressing pads). It returned to band service post the landing. It is a unique piece of history that is of significant historical interest to our region.
- In 1986 the then collection held by the Canterbury Regiment Association was passed to the Canterbury Museum. The contents of that collection are available to the RHC for loan to complement its display activities.
- The raising of the profile of the RHC will have one additional major benefit. It will provide for people who want to have their military memorabilia go to an appropriate place for long term security and display. This will assist the current collection to grow.
- The Selwyn District Council's assistance is sought to provide the RHC with a facility to house its collection. This is to ensure the collections long term survival.
- Steps need to be taken now to preserve the collection. It risks the breakup and the distribution of its contents outside of the district – heritage to be lost forever to the community.



Regimental History Centre - continued

Our Proposal:

- We seek provision by council of a 400m² facility that meets museum standards and security criteria.
- It would be a world class attraction for the Selwyn District.
- This will be a unique facility - the only military museum in existence honouring the Citizen Soldiers of the South Island.
- It ensures the retention in the District of a heritage collection of significant historical value.
- Open gam – 5pm, 7 days a week, throughout the year.
- Offering high quality interactive, static, photographic and archival displays.
- Regular changes to themed displays generating ongoing interest.
- Professionally run.
- Providing educational, entertaining and fun experiences for the community and all visitors.
- Named “The Citizen Soldier South Island Museum” or similar.
- Complementary to the proposed RSA and Progress Masonic Lodge facilities.
- A long-term asset for the Council and the community.

Regimental History Centre - continued

In Summary:

- The prospect of finding a permanent home for the RHC in Rolleston is exciting. It presents a unique opportunity to secure for the Selwyn District a special part of its history and heritage.
- It would be a drawcard for schools, local residents and visitors to Rolleston alike as it would be a 'one of a kind' military museum in the South Island.

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RNZRSA CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLES - OBJECTS AND PURPOSE

- To perpetuate the comradeship born of service to New Zealand and to promote the general welfare of those who serve or have served New Zealand and their families;
- To foster the ANZAC spirit of courage, commitment, comradeship and compassion;
- To foster remembrance of the service undertaken by Service Personnel;
- To cultivate a sense of responsibility within members of the RNZRSA community towards fellow citizens, the local community, and for the well-being of mankind;
- To provide for the relief of poverty, the advancement of education or any other matter beneficial to the community.

The principles listed above are stand-alone independent objects and purposes.



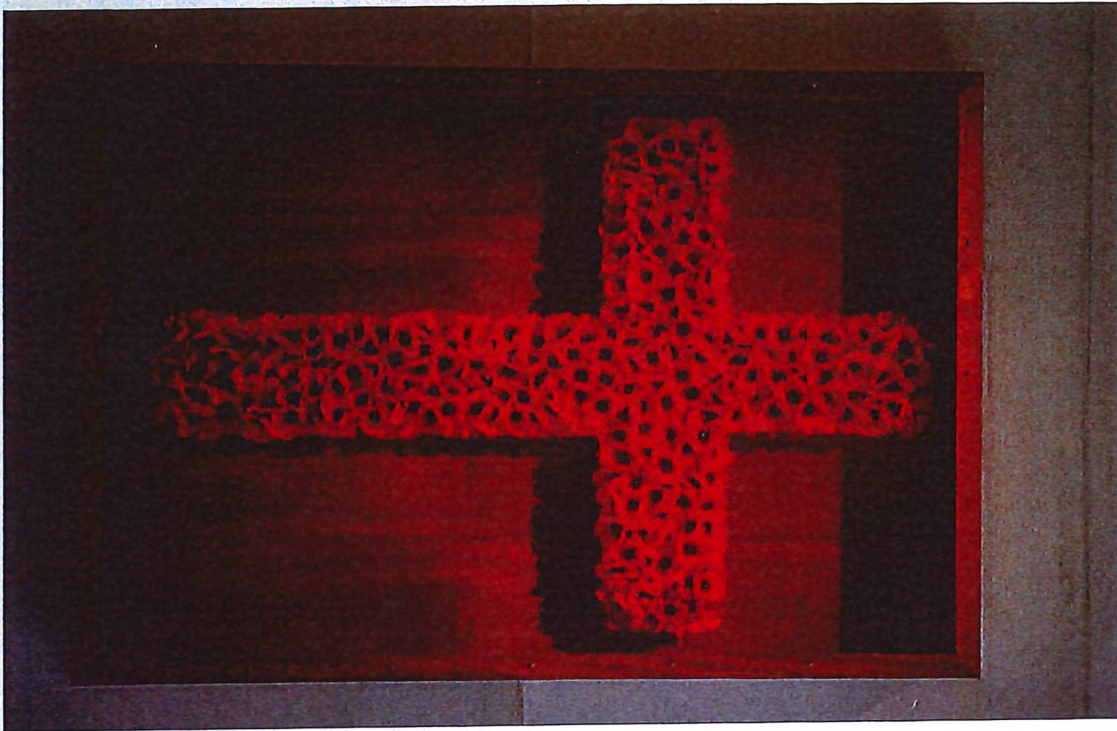
The Rolleston RSA



- The intended Hub includes a 'new look' RSA with space for both military and former military members and associated families, with their standard elected Executive committee
- The RSA Hub services offered would particularly focus on the principles of the national RSA organisation – remembrance, welfare, comradeship and camaraderie – the focus on the remembrance would enable participation by the public particularly during commemoration services.
- The RSA would participate in timed events and displays with the Regimental History Centre to provide an incentive and interest to the general populace, both resident and visiting.
- The RSA has a range of membership options already available – returned and service members, associate, youth and corporate, together with affiliates. The RSA's involvement in the community in Selwyn (Rolleston and Burnham in particular) is seen not only as a necessity but a viable option.
- The RSA would be being particularly involved in the cultural aspects of the community.
- To reiterate the promotion of the remembrance aspects of the RSA invite strongly supported community involvement in commemoration ceremonies, displays and promotions associated with the local and national military and associated history.
- It is common for RSAs to have various 'sections' such as a fishing section, indoor bowls, outdoor bowls golf, darts, pentaguin etc. With sufficient ground available the inclusion of an outdoor bowling green would provide this facility to the community who at the present time do not have one locally.

The Rolleston RSA - continued

- The expansion of the Defence operation based at Burnham Camp is a great opportunity to encourage both Defence Force personnel living in the camp and out in the community to meet in a non-threatening environment. It would be part of the connection between military personnel and past members along with the general populace under strictly controlled conditions.
- In this way, the RSA and Hub would contribute to the 'destination' intention of the Selwyn District Council with the ability to support a licenced restaurant of high quality, a café and various club facilities.
- The RSA has a 100-year history of being involved in the communities they are in and our efforts in conducting our business as outlined above are well recognised nationally.
- In some other centres the local RSA uses a suitable room usually on licensed premises, but we believe Rolleston needs a far more prominent and community-oriented facility
- The Honourable Amy Adams has written in support of an RSA in Rolleston and the discussions with both the RNZRSA National President and his staff, along with the RNZRSA Board, has found positive support.
- We believe we need about 750 m² in building with a sufficiently large car park to hold commemorative parades and to provide parking. In stating this, we have not researched the layout or legal requirements of the building and public places but are certainly willing to take good advice.
- Though a new RSA opened in Franklin last year, the new Selwyn Community & Services Hub is a first RSA in the South Island for many years and it is an opportunity to part of history.



PROGRESS MASONIC LODGE

(Lodge of Progress No 22)



History and Background

- Freemasonry lodges were first founded in the Selwyn District in 1860s.
- Lodge Progress No 22, an amalgamation of the Leeston and Southbridge Lodges, now meets at the Lincoln Lodge room, owing to the earthquakes. The Lincoln Lodge rooms will not meet compliance in the next few years.
- We need a modern meeting place to meet the needs of the Lodge and our families in the 21st century.

Membership

- There are several other lodges that meet in Lincoln or now travel to Ashburton or Shirley. This includes the English Constitution who have expressed interest in using a new lodge room in Rolleston. This Rolleston lodge room would therefore not be for the use of one lodge. There are also several freemasons in Rolleston who currently do not belong to a Selwyn lodge, and have expressed interest in joining a new modern lodge in Rolleston.
- There are **BBB** freemasons in North and Central Canterbury.
- The new freemasons centre in Shirley has been very successful. It is a modern purpose-built facility with two lodge rooms and a large modern refectory that now houses 14 lodges. These facilities are available for other groups to use. It would be fantastic to be able to create a similar facility on this side of town. If you were interested, we would be happy to show you through the Shirley Centre.

PROGRESS MASONIC LODGE

(Lodge of Progress No 22)



Building

- We are seeking 200m² of building space to house a lodge room and ante-room (with storage).
- We will then share refectory/ club facilities with the RSA and Regimental History Centre.
- It is envisaged that our members will be members of the 'Hub' and can use the facilities as Hub members.
- This will allow us to organize family lunches on Sundays, for example, to foster and promote the social aspect of freemasonry.
- The lodge ante-room would house lodge memorabilia which will be in effect a masonic museum that will be open to the public to view. The door of the lodge would also be kept open for the public to see inside – much as the lodge room in Shanty Town is on view to the public.

PROGRESS MASONIC LODGE (Lodge of Progress No 22)



CHARITY

As an example of our charity work in the local area:

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- In the period 2014-2017 there were 19 applications locally for grants to the Freemason's Charity. This included: 17 applications for individuals (Masonic brethren, brethren's family, school teachers, students and families and the general public) and two targeted applications (Bellyful and the Ellesmere Community Vehicle Trust).
- The first St Johns ambulance in Leeston was kitted out by the freemasons.
- Total grants associated with Lodge of Progress were more than \$28,000 – 40% of the Canterbury District total.
- **Nationally the Freemasons charity dispenses approximately \$10 million per year:**
 - This includes **\$295,900** in student scholarships - \$34000 of which goes to Canterbury and Lincoln University students annually.
 - We also sponsor: University of Otago Medical School - [Freemasons Pediatric Fellowships](#), University Of Auckland- [Freemasons Chair of Gerontology](#) & [Chair of Neurology](#).
- We have contributed to the Canterbury Charity Hospital and the Blind Foundation of New Zealand.
- Following the earthquakes, the freemasons donated \$120,000 to the Christchurch, Selwyn and Waimakariri Mayoral Funds. Selwyn later used their portion to purchase the chair lift at the Selwyn Aquatic Centre.

SUMMARY OF REQUIREMENTS

- A suitable building provided by the Selwyn District Council, that will include an area for both parking and future extensions.
- The size of the building required is estimated to be around 1300-1500 m².
- Provide the resources needed and the guidance to ensure that all four stakeholders involved with the Selwyn Community & Services Hub are kept regularly up to date with the progress of the Project and also able to contribute to the overall establishment of the Hub.
- Establish a Committee to oversee the planning and execution of a plan to establish the Hub.

Deliverables



The products & services that this project will deliver are as follows:

- A (Selwyn Districts) Military History Museum, which focuses on the military history of the Canterbury Regiments as well as other items of military history.
- A Rolleston RSA, which caters for the needs and welfare of the military and ex-military personnel in the Rolleston/Selwyn District and their families.
- The Progress Masonic Lodge facilities.
- A café and licensed restaurant, as well as a lounge, which all the people of Rolleston, the Selwyn District and any visitors to the region can enjoy.
- An area set-aside for families and, in particular, children, with a play centre area, that allows for families to use the facilities as a point of interest and conviviality.
- A central area for all residents and visitors to commemorate historical events, including ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day each year.
- Other facilities, such as a Bowling Green, etc could be included; but the emphasis would be on other clubs and associations in the Selwyn District utilizing the Hub's facilities.

Success Factors

- The following elements identified as the keys to the success of the project, are:
 - The approval and commitment to the project by the Selwyn District Council.
 - The completion of a Feasibility Study, including a Scope Management Plan, that has all the necessary objectives and approvals required to complete the project.
 - Include in the above documents a marketing and finance performance assessment, showing that the combined Museum, Progress Masonic Lodge & RSA can provide the ongoing finances and profitability needed to ensure the success of the venture over many years, without additional financial support.
 - The appointment of a Project Team, including all representatives of stakeholders for the project, with the important position of Project Manager being given the tools to complete the project.
 - Have the project completed within the agreed budget.
 - Have the project delivered on time.



THE PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS

TOGETHER – WE WILL PROVIDE A VERY SPECIAL
PLACE FOR THE PEOPLE OF SELWYN.

Background and history of Freemasonry

One of the oldest fraternal societies in the world, Freemasonry has more than six million members internationally who strive to live by the fundamental principles of integrity, goodwill and charity.

Records of the first lodge in England date back 300 years and 2017 represented Freemasonry's tercentenary. While Freemasonry's first origins cannot be confirmed, it's generally accepted to have occurred when fraternities of stonemasons formed during the 14th century.

To protect the highly prized technical know-how of their trade, symbols such as the square and compass, modes of dress, handshakes and signs were used to distinguish the level of experience of different stonemasons. The masons also formed guilds to work on large projects and these became social places.

Sometime around the 1500s and 1600s Masonic lodges began to allow non-masons (or speculative masons) to join. Thus began Freemasonry as we know it today.

Prominent members throughout history have included Winston Churchill, Apple founder Steve Wozniak, Buzz Aldrin, Henry Ford, Jesse Jackson, John Wayne, Oscar Wilde, Albert Einstein, Gilbert and Sullivan, Mozart, Beethoven, more than a dozen US Presidents, and numerous English and European kings and princes – notably Kings Edward VII, Edward VIII and George VI and Prince Philip.

FREEMASONRY IN NEW ZEALAND

Freemasonry came to New Zealand in 1837. The first Lodge opened in 1842 and the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was formed in 1890. Today the approximately 10,000 New Zealand members operate under four constitutions: English (38 lodges), Irish (four lodges), Scottish (eight lodges) and New Zealand (261 lodges).

Former New Zealand Prime Minister Sir Keith Holyoake was a well-known Freemason and famously approved a building design concept based on a key Masonic symbol – The Beehive.

Every year New Zealand's estimated 10,000 Freemasons give away millions of dollars to tertiary students, to hospices and in other grants – notably to university research into gerontology, brain disease and paediatrics. Freemasons are also the country's largest private provider of university scholarships, and own numerous rest homes and pensioner housing.

WHAT MAKES FREEMASONRY UNIQUE

Unlike groups such as Rotary and Lions, which maintain a strong focus on good deeds within the community and fundraising, Freemasonry's purpose is instead on 'making good men' and generally helping men to be their best. This is achieved through teachings related to personal resilience and social morals that, as it's turned out, are proven to have passed the test of time.

'Support' is a core aspect of Freemasonry and the benefits members gain from the very strong sense of brotherhood is akin to that reported by military personnel. It's no coincidence that Freemasonry's heyday occurred when soldiers returned from the last World War and men missed the camaraderie they'd enjoyed during service.

Another distinguishing feature of Masonry is how members study to complete three 'degrees' involving a body of knowledge designed to best support men and grow their potential as they move through three main life stages – young adulthood, mid-life and the final years.

- The first degree gained is the *Entered Apprentice*
- The second degree is the *Fellowcraft*
- Finally, after taking the third degree, the candidate becomes a *Master Mason*, which is a fully fledged Freemason.

Given its strong emphasis on group belonging, it could be argued that Freemasonry's time has come again. Social dislocation and a growing incidence of mental health issues, notably male suicide, points to the need for men to have access to environments where they can feel fully supported. In this respect, Freemasonry provides a much needed framework that supports men and helps grow their potential, while teaching them strong morals and fostering caring socially responsible behaviour.

Freemasonry is also designed to bring together like-minded people and therefore provides excellent networking – locally and internationally. When you travel as a Freemason, you will never be alone as you are welcome automatically as one of five million Masons worldwide at any of the many lodges in most countries throughout the world.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Masonic_Grand_Lodges

Another unique aspect of Freemasonry is that discussion about politics and religion is banned within lodges as these are seen as contentious. Members are however required to believe in a higher being, however this can be from any spiritual belief system.

Freemasonry is highly inclusive culturally, with membership considered aspirational in countries such as Malaysia and Asia in general – something that's reflected in the diverse membership of New Zealand's lodges.

Freemasonry is also renowned for its ongoing support of the wives and families of deceased members.

RITUALS, SYMBOLISM AND SECRECY

Together with symbolism, rituals are at the core the Freemasonry experience at lodge meetings. Masons wear black suits, white gloves and Masonic regalia. When combined with the use of blindfolds and other props, Masonic ritual can seem strange from an outside perspective,

However such rituals are in fact the core interface through which Freemasonry delivers its teachings about life, serving to illustrate the principles that Freemasonry espouses. More than 300 years' experience proves that the highly structured way the rituals are performed, and the discipline required by members to conduct them, is a highly effective way for men to learn and generally grow their potential – all the while teaching them strong morals and fostering caring socially responsible behaviour.

*"If all this talk of blindfolds and secret handshakes sounds ominous, consider the following. Every Sunday, the pagan day of the sun god Ra, millions of God-fearing Christians kneel at the foot of an ancient instrument of torture to consume ritualistic symbols of blood and flesh. In other words, wine and bread. The point is - all rituals are strange until they become familiar." **

Many phrases are drawn from Freemasonry, such as:

- The Third Degree
The term reflects the final stage of mastery within Freemasonry (which requires significantly more dedication to achieve) including giving correct responses to interrogation.
- On the level
Meaning someone is honest, straightforward and sincere. In Freemasonry, the carpenter's level symbolizes integrity.
- On the square
When a master stonemason forms a block to be used in construction it must be perfectly shaped. So something that is 'squared' is something stable and therefore a foundation for building upon. Freemasons use the term to describe their trust in each other. It can also refer to something that needs to be kept private.
- Blackballed
When Masons vote on whether to admit a new member, they use a ballot box that contains white balls (for "yes") and black balls (for "no").

Such terms are testament to how Freemasonry's 300 years of heritage has stood the test of time and indirectly form part of our non-Mason experience.

Persecution by Hitler prompted Freemasonry to act in secrecy however, while the some of this perception endures, in reality this is not the case. What secrets there are relate to certain initiation rituals that progressively 'reveal' Freemasonry and its insights.

* SOURCE: http://www.nzherald.co.nz/auckland/opinion/news/article.cfm?c_id=1503375&objectid=11083827

RECENT NZ RESEARCH

In 2017, Freemasonry's *District Grand Lodge of the South Island of New Zealand* commissioned qualitative research involving focus groups of both current and potential Masons.

Opinions Market Research director Karen Selway said Freemasons who participated in the research reported having a clear appreciation of learning from the group environment offered by lodge meetings.

"In particular they talked about the opportunity to talk in a supportive confidential environment, to explore feelings they didn't know they had, and to share experiences."

This contrasted with comments made by non-Mason participants when questioned about themselves, who expressed a desire to be accepted – notably to develop a sense of pride in themselves, a high self-esteem, and sense of purpose.

Non-Masons also referred to a general perception that within New Zealand communities there is limited healthy guidance and structure for men.

- *"The role of men at home and in the community is unclear and confused; who am I, what am I doing?"*
- *There's less guidance and fewer mentors around day-to-day in men's lives".*
- *"I don't think it's easy for males to ask for help. You're a man to provide – you almost feel like you're embarrassed to ask for help."*

"Men often only have only a few people they can speak to in a meaningful way," says Selway, "particularly when relationships with fathers and family can be fraught or non-existent."

She says societal pressure on men often required men to suppress emotion, and research participants talked about the need to be 'strong' and 'staunch' with an emphasis on physicality.

Selway says comments typical of a focus group of younger non-Masons were:

- *"I keep falling into my own traps and habits, like I'm too shy to ask for help and I know I'm doing it. At the end of the day it feels like your manhood is on the line."*
- *[Who supports you?] "I don't like to admit it but day-to-day it is my cat. I carry around a picture of a friend who took me under his wing and that picture is my strongest support."*

Older men, says Selway, expressed a particular interest in exploring Freemasonry as a way to gain new skills or tools to help them deal with issues, and to help them support others.

"As friendships are falling away – and with this the comradery they used to gain from the sport they're now too old to play – they miss the opportunity to fraternise with other men. A common theme was difficulty in making new friends while acknowledging they weren't making sufficient effort to make new connections.

"Likewise, many of the more mature research participants reported feeling ill-equipped to support others and welcomed the opportunity Freemasonry presented to gain a new set of skills or tools and support for themselves."

Fathers within the focus groups reported there was limited guidance and support to equip them for parenthood – specifically, how to support themselves as a father and how to be a father.

Selway describes the social capital of Freemasonry as "significant", summarising this as being:

- Camaraderie
- Providing a structure/framework for life that's supportive, trustworthy and confidential
- Offers principles and values to apply
- Role models to guide
- Mentors to support
- Personal growth opportunities.

"Freemasonry offers a shared experience designed to enable manhood that's lacking for many men in modern society. Masons report that what happens inside the lodge helps equip men to perform and live their lives, and to apply a lens over what's happening in the various stages of their life."

SUBMISSION 100002

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Russell introduced the panel of presenters to speak on a proposal to establish a community building.

Mr Clarkson from the *Regimental History Centre* spoke first, presenting the case on behalf of all those present. He stated that the Group is seeking support from Council to assist with the provision a building to house their three organisations. He stated that each of these will organisations would foster a sense of community and heritage within the district.

Speaking specifically about the Regimental History Centre in Burnham, Mr Clarkson stated that this is the only Army Museum in the South Island, and houses an extensive collection which tells story of generation of young men and women from the District, including volunteers, the Reserve Corp, conscripts, and territorials.

Mr Clarkson stated that the Centre wants to maintain and extend its collection to expand on this heritage base. The Collection is currently situated at the Burnham Army base in an old (yellow-stickered) building which needs to be either significantly repaired or demolished. Access for the public to the Museum is extremely difficult due to it being located on the Base. Mr Clarkson also referred to a possible expansion of the Base causing a concern for the Museum as they have no guarantee they can stay there.

Mr Clarkson confirmed that the Regimental History Centre is looking for 750sqm facility which is up to museum standards (including security) with the aim of presenting a world class museum which would be a destination attraction.

Mr Rae from the *Templeton RSA* then spoke, citing club and membership figures throughout New Zealand. He referred to the RSA having 102 years of tradition and experience but noted the need for them to focus on the future. Going forward, the RSAs need to be viable and sustainable and will need to appeal to a wide demographic. He stated that the RSA would support the Regimental History Centre in their endeavours. Mr Rae believes that Rolleston is in need of one of these clubs.

In commenting on the space they are requesting, Mr Rae noted that the RSA would take their own section for activities which would include bowling and arts and noted an outside bowling area may be a benefit – and indicated a space of approx 400spm. He stated that this would be community facility but will require all four stakeholders to make it work.

Mr Wadie then spoke on behalf of the *Freemasons* noting that the Lincoln Lodge building is currently facing compliance issues. They are now looking for new modern space of approximately 200sqm with room for meetings. Mr Wadie referred to other lodges within the area which could also use the space and stated that it would also house a Masonic museum. Mr Wadie then referred to the Freemason lodge in Shirley which has been very successful. He then spoke to the Freemasons Charity and sponsorships they have assisted with between 2014-2017.

Councillor Alexander referred to the upcoming adoption of the Draft Long Term Plan documentation and asked presenters if they would be making this presentation as a submission to the LTP given their request has financial implications. Mayor Broughton also noted that Council would also need this process to happen.

Councillor Bland asked what would happen to the Regimental History Centre if it needed to leave their current location and this facility did not eventuate. Mr Clarkson noted that the risk is the integrity of the collection being broken, as it would likely have to be distributed to other parts of the country. He stated that this would lead to this valuable District asset disappearing.

Mr Russell noted that whilst the Freemasons had a history of being a 'hidden cloak' organisation, this is no longer the case, and they are very welcoming. He stated that this would fit in very well with the RSA. He confirmed that entire facility would be very family-oriented.

Councillor Hasson referred to the Prebbleton History ANZAC day displays, asking presenters if they could see themselves sitting alongside other historical societies, and holding their displays on occasion. The presenters noted they would be happy to encourage this.

REVIEW OF ISSUES RAISED IN PUBLIC FORUM

A discussion was held regarding the public forum presentation, the following resolution suggested by Councillor McEvedy:

Moved – Councillor McEvedy / **Seconded** – Councillor Bland

'That Council receive the presentation and documentation provided at the 14 March 2018 Council meeting public forum from: Mr Bruce Russell; Mr David Clarkson, President of the Regimental History Centre; Mr John Rae, President of the Templeton RSA; and Mr Gordon Wadie, Master of Progress Masonic Lodge, and treat this as their submission to the Draft Long Term Plan 2018-2028, but request further financial detail.'

CARRIED

Councillor Alexander stated that he would like the Group to come back as he did not have the opportunity to ask the questions he would have in the submission process. He suggested that the project could be in the vicinity of \$10-15m in be sited in the centre of Rolleston. He stated that would not be a trivial submission to the Long Term Plan and may set a precedent. He further stated that it is beholden upon the Submitters to work through finances, not Council staff.

Councillor Morten noted his support of Councillor McEvedy's recommendation, stating that if the Group wishes to come back to submit on the Long Term Plan, he is sure that they will. He further commented that this is the start of a journey for them, and they are looking for help and guidance.