



Currently contribution to Yarrow Stadium from small businesses is approximately \$80.00. This change to a flat rate of \$428.30 is a massive increase and also unfair. A small retailer in a single use building in New Plymouth will be paying the same amount as a big box retailer or a complete shopping mall.

Our view is that rate allocation should reflect the benefits received and should not be unfairly applied to businesses as a revenue raising mechanism; especially as we are heading into more trying economic times. It is essential that councils do not use rating policy to overcharge the business community if they want to attract and retain business in the district.

The Chamber would like to see the proposed rating differential between residential and commercial/industrial categories reduce or retain the current system.

The Chamber does not support the proposed change to move to a Targeted Flat Rate for Commercial businesses.

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Local Government Funding Agency Scheme

The proposal for Taranaki Regional Council to become a Guaranteeing Local Authority has not received any publicity and we are certain that the majority of ratepayers are not aware that this is the only proposed way to secure funding for Yarrow Stadium. The probable assumption is that the loan will be from a financial institution.

We note that New Plymouth District Council and South Taranaki District Council are shareholders of the LGFA. It appears that TRC has fully analysed the options and we are comfortable with the decision.

The Chamber supports Option 2.

Yarrow Stadium

Sporting, arts, culture and entertainment events are vital to a robust local economy. The Chamber supports investment by the Council to improve facilities which enhance both local and visitor experiences. However it is important to focus on who the major beneficiaries are. With Yarrow Stadium, it is mainly the region's residents along with hospitality providers and sporting bodies' stakeholders.

The Chamber supports Option 2. However this support is based on revision of the proposed targeted flat rate (see below).

Targeted Flat Rate

The proposal to move from a UAGC and land value based rating system to a flat rate has met with a lot of disgruntlement from our members.



**Submission to: Taranaki Regional Council Proposed
2019-2020 Annual Plan
Submission from: Taranaki Chamber of Commerce
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16 April 2019**

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**Taranaki Chamber of Commerce wishes to present its
comments to Taranaki Regional Council in person but is only
available to attend a hearing on Monday 13 May.**

Introduction

Taranaki Chamber of Commerce welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission on the Taranaki Regional Council's Proposed Annual Plan 2019-2020.

The Taranaki Chamber is part of a national and global network. We are a not for profit membership based organisation with a current membership of 687 businesses. Our role is to support and inspire a strong and vibrant business community through advocacy, business connections and celebrating business success.

The Board of the Taranaki Chamber of Commerce undertakes a leadership role in the business community and represents our members' views in this submission.

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Yarrow Stadium

What is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium? Other

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the Yarrow Stadium Funding options as part of your Annual Plan 2019/20.

Bizlink Hawera (Business Association) represents more than 400 Hawera businesses.

Summary of our submission:

Comment (field will expand as required)

Bizlink understands that doing nothing is not a viable option and is in support of the structural repair of the stands at Yarrow Stadium. However, Bizlink does not support any of the options in the Consultation Document, and asks the TRC to consider repairing the stands at an estimated cost of \$33 million.

In particular Bizlink has concerns about the way the repairs of the stands are to be funded. We believe it is unreasonable to impose such a large rate increase in one year and that the funding model for the Yarrow Stadium is flawed and detrimental to the ratepayers of South Taranaki.

Bizlink acknowledges the regional significance of the Yarrow Stadium as a (predominantly rugby) venue and agrees with the need to repair the stands and get the stadium up and running again. We also understand that the cost of repairing the stands is actually approximately \$33 million - the remaining \$22 million included

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being for additional upgrades, (including things like new seating, lighting, extra retail/beverage spaces, car parking, astro-turf, a new building that will house a gym, toilets and changing rooms, audio visual upgrades etc). These upgrades may be desirable, but, given the circumstances, at this point in time they are unnecessary ‘nice-to-haves’.

We agree we should contribute something towards the \$33 million cost for repairing the stands, but do not agree to the \$22 million for additional works..

Bizlink does not believe these additional new projects totaling \$22 million should have been combined with the repair of the stands and we cannot see the justification for the additional expenditure when ratepayers are already faced with a \$33 million bill. We do not necessarily object to these new projects going ahead but we do object to our (South Taranaki) ratepayers, who receive none of the revenue the Stadium generates and will receive little/none of the benefits from these projects, having to fund them. We ask, that if you decide to proceed with these projects that you find external sources of funding to pay for these additional facilities as stated in Pg 19 of the Yarrow Stadium Strategic Plan 2015-25.

We are also concerned that the funding of Option 2 will have a negative impact on future funding of other sporting codes and regional assets. We consider the preferred treatment provided to rugby union through this proposal is not equitable and not aligned with your own Regional Facilities Strategy.

While we accept that South Taranaki ratepayers should make some contribution to the repair of the stands, we are very concerned about the level of contribution.

Option 2, TRC’s stated preferred option, would see an increase of over \$47 per South Taranaki ratepayer (from \$11 to \$58.65 per ratepayer). This is a substantial, and in our view unreasonable, increase in one year. South Taranaki ratepayers have previously each paid \$11 a year (plus GST) for the Yarrow Stadium. This contribution continued even after the initial loan was paid off in 2012. So in the last 7 years South Taranaki ratepayers have contributed in excess of \$1 million towards the upkeep of the stadium. If you add the contributions from North and Central Taranaki ratepayers the contributions toward the Stadium (not including revenue generated) should conservatively exceed \$5 million. The question has to be asked as to where this money has gone? If revenue generated from the venue has not been able to cover operating expenses (including maintenance) perhaps the whole way the facility is managed needs to be reviewed.

Bizlink believes that all of the proposals put forward fail to recognise that the benefits for South Taranaki are substantially less than for other districts due to the distance from the stadium (especially for those ratepayers who live in Patea or Waverley) and that the funding model used to come up with the (17%) ratio is completely outdated

As a way of minimising the impact on all Taranaki ratepayers we would like the TRC to consider extending the loan period (which should reduce the upfront cost) and programme the projected work in such a way that borrowing can be spread. For example TRC may complete only 10-20% of the work required in the first year. If this is the case you don't need to loan fund for the full amount in the first year, but increase it incrementally as loans need to be drawn down.

In conclusion Bizlink Hawera does not believe that option 2 as it stands (your preferred option as outlined in your consultation document) is fair or reasonable. We also feel that the 17% ratio you have apportioned to South Taranaki ratepayers is too high for the actual benefit we receive and that the model used to justify this is outdated. We do accept that doing nothing is not an option and are in support of the structural repair of the stands at Yarrow Stadium at an estimated cost of \$33 million. However the additional \$22 million of new projects or upgrades are an unnecessary burden for all our ratepayers, which we are strongly opposed to being funded in this manner and would like you to seriously reconsider.

Thank you.

Alison Smith, Secretary, Bizlink Hawera
On behalf of the Bizlink Hawera Executive

**Local Government Funding
Agency Scheme**

**Tick if you also wish to submit on
the Council's proposal to join the** No
**Local Government Funding
Agency Scheme**

**Are you in favour of the Council's
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Yarrow Stadium

What is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium? Other

Comment (field will expand as required)

About Parafed Taranaki
Parafed Taranaki (Taranaki Paraplegic and Physically Disabled Incorporated) was founded in 1976. Our aim is to grow and develop sport and recreational opportunities for physically disabled people within Taranaki. Parafed Taranaki can provide physical activity pathways from regional through to international levels. At ParaFed Taranaki we are excited about creating opportunities for disabled people to participate in sport and recreation.
Parafed Taranaki is supportive of a repair of Yarrows Stadium but did not find an option that could allow our members to make an informed decision. We have many members who often make the most of the excellent accessible facilities at the Stadium. Looking to the future we would hope to enjoy the same level of accessibility that we now do.
Concerns:
We value participation over spectator sport and recreation facilities for our members. We have existing facilities in the region that are not meeting participation demands for our current members that are a priority for our organisation. For example the Aquatic centre is in need of an upgrade to cater for our members and Basketball has a lack of available court space to run the number of teams wanting to enter their competitions which has put our member's participation in jeopardy. With the Aquatic centre in particular being an ongoing issue for us. We have raised this with the NPDC many times and despite several

Reports back to Council is still not part of their long-term plan.

While TRC may see this as not their concern, their choice of 'preferred option' to spend \$55 million on one facility is not reflective of our member's views on best value for money of ratepayer spend and effectively reduces the ability of each council to invest in other areas of higher community need. We fully support the reinstatement of the Stadium to its previous condition, but feel any further public spend be spread out to other codes and facilities.

Our organisation had input in to the 'The Regional Sport and Recreation Facility Approach' which clearly states that "...it is recognised that providing high performance training facilities or International/National level facilities for major sporting events it is not supported in terms of the level of demand and is not economically sustainable for a region of Taranaki's size."

There has been a lack of transparency and disclosure around what makes up the preferred option 2, the split between repair and enhancements, the 'Rugby Sports House' included in the repair, the No 2 field being turned in to an artificial turf and some of the enhancements already included in current asset management plans currently rated for. There were also no options offered between \$6 million and \$55 million for a straight repair. The consultation workshop that we attended last year that has seemed to form the basis of the enhancements list was made up of existing users of the stadium rather than a wider community consultation.

There also appears to be a lack of research regarding the future proofing of facilities that will need to be more adaptable, inclusive, attractive, multi-purpose, and better meet the needs of a wider range of activities and users.

Recommendations:

- TRC to propose more cost effective options that utilise facility planning frameworks and are reflective of current trends, the size of our region and meet an identified need.
- Any costs that are specific to one sport need to follow a transparent and equitable process through the 'Sport and Recreation Facilities Steering Group' that all other sports are required to follow.
- That TRC consider inclusivity and accessibility for participation as a future focus with regard to investment in sport and recreation.

Local Government Funding Agency Scheme

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Yarrow Stadium	
What is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium?	2: Repair stands and update facilities
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23 April 2019

TRC 2019/2020 Annual Plan Submission - Yarrow Stadium

New Zealand Rugby is very grateful to the Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) for this opportunity to make a submission with regards to the repair or replacement of Yarrow Stadium following its closure due to the earthquake prone assessment. New Zealand Rugby would also like to thank the TRC for its support to date of Taranaki Rugby during this challenging period.

New Zealand Rugby's vision is to Inspire and Unify New Zealanders and is one of New Zealand's largest sports organisations, with over 156,000 registered players both male and female. We promote the game at a community level right through to the pinnacle events for both our All Blacks and Black Ferns teams.

The Taranaki RFU (TRFU) is a proud member of the New Zealand Rugby Union with a significant history of successful teams and producing players who have contributed as proud Taranaki representatives not only at local but also international level as All Blacks. This is presently epitomised by current All Blacks Beauden, Jordie & Scott Barrett, Waisake Naholo, Te Toiroa Tahuriorangi and Angus Ta'avao.

Yarrow Stadium is the physical and spiritual home of Taranaki Rugby. Historically it has been the scene of many memorable rugby moments. And in recent years Yarrow Stadium has played host to fixtures at men's and women's national domestic competition level, (Mitre 10 and Farah Palmer Cups respectively), Investec Super Rugby and All Blacks fixtures.

With a playing base of 7,000 players, New Zealand Rugby believes it is important Taranaki continues to have a rugby venue that offers participants an aspirational local pathway to the highest levels of rugby. The BERL report identifies the attachment the Taranaki community has to watching its teams competing in national provincial competitions, citing 6,000-8,000 spectators consistently attending Mitre 10 Cup (and its predecessors) matches between 2003 and 2017.

New Zealand Rugby acknowledges that ultimately it is up to the Taranaki community to decide what should be done about Yarrow Stadium, but on making this submission we believe that the best option of those presented is option two, which proposes the repair of both stands and updated facilities. New Zealand Rugby would also support option four which is a repair of both stands, additional seating and community facilities that will provide the region with a true national convention centre, should funding and community support for this option be secured.

As well as being a home venue for Mitre 10 and Farah Palmer Cup matches, Taranaki is a shareholder in the Chiefs Super Rugby franchise and has previously hosted many Investec Super Rugby games. The venue has of course also hosted numerous international matches, most recently in 2017 when the All Blacks defeated Argentina 39-22.

The Council will be well aware that in addition to the community pride and excitement that high profile rugby fixtures generate, the economic benefit of such matches is significant to the local economy. The BERL report estimates between 2003-2017 an economic impact of over \$60m was derived from approximately 245,000 visitors to the region, 215,000 of whom visited to attend rugby matches.

New Zealand Rugby's venue requirements for things such as lighting, team and spectator amenities and corporate hospitality vary for the various levels of fixtures and we would be very happy to provide further information to the Council on the specific minimum venue requirements should that be helpful. While we are not in a position to guarantee future fixtures, our vision to inspire and unify all New Zealanders means that we have a commitment to allocate matches around the country depending on the suitability of the various venues and Yarrow Stadium, once repaired, would once again be an attractive option for appropriate fixtures.

In closing, New Zealand Rugby thanks the TRC for the work it has done in identifying the available options and the opportunity to provide this submission. We would also value the opportunity to speak to this submission in person at the hearing scheduled for May 13/14 and intend to do so.

Yours Sincerely,



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Yarrow Stadium

What is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium? 2: Repair stands and update facilities

Comment (field will expand as required) Please see attached document in support of option two

Local Government Funding Agency Scheme

Tick if you also wish to submit on the Council's proposal to join the Local Government Funding Agency Scheme No

Are you in favour of the Council's proposal to join the Local Government Funding Agency Scheme?

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5th April 2019

Annual Plan Submission
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Dear Sir

Yarrow Stadium Submission - Preferred option two with an upgrade to option four if funding allows

Taranaki Rugby Football Union (TRFU) takes this opportunity to thank the Taranaki Stadium Trust (TST) and the Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) for providing Yarrow Stadium as the premier regional events centre to the public of the Taranaki region since 2003 through to December 2017. During this time the TRFU was a tenant at the facility in what was considered one of the best venues in New Zealand and an iconic stadium throughout the world.

Over this 15-year period, a Berl report completed in October 2018 estimates the total economic value to the Taranaki region of the Yarrow Stadium Regional facility was \$100M. Events at this regional facility over the same period have attracted 245,000 visitors to the Taranaki province and an estimated \$45-\$55M added to Taranaki GDP.

There is no argument that the Taranaki region needs a Regional Facility for a multitude of purposes. Hosting a significant variety of events, with the iconic Yarrow Stadium the jewel in the provinces' crown, provides a sense of pride to our region where the above noted economic value is testament.

The challenging position that the region now faces due to the earthquake prone issues with the east and west stands at the venue which have deemed the facility unfit to host significant events is frustrating and a serious detriment to the province. We have lost our ability to bring major events to Taranaki and to our 118,000 people. We require a collective 'Team Taranaki' approach to remedy this situation to ensure that we at least reinstate the facility back to previous capacity as a minimum to continue to attract these key public occasions.

The TRFU thank the TST and TRC for working within their limitations and providing option two where they are proposing to repair both stands and update facilities which the TRFU fully supports. The TRFU is also supportive of option four which is a repair of both stands, additional seating and community facilities that will provide the region with a true national convention centre if the extra funding for this option can be found.



Taranaki Rugby is in its 134th year of existence being the sixth oldest province in New Zealand, a foundation member of NZ Rugby and the sixth highest producer of All Blacks with 82. We are a not for profit organisation with the core purpose to foster and develop the game of rugby throughout our region across 19 affiliated rugby clubs, 13 secondary schools and 72 primary schools.

In 2018 the TRFU exceeded 7,000 registered rugby players for the first time in our history with over 2,000 of these women. Taranaki rugby is the fastest growing female sport in the region with an 11.7% increase in 2018. Participation rates in our region are the highest in the country with a population of 118,000, approximately 6% of the province play our game.

Taranaki Rugby also field a semi-professional team in the National Provincial Championship. The Yarrows Taranaki Bulls play in the Mitre 10 Cup, the premier domestic competition in world rugby and our home ground is Yarrow Stadium.

To foster the dream for a young child to play the national game, it is important to have pathways and role models to aspire towards. The Yarrows Taranaki Bulls had six All Blacks in 2018 – Beauden, Jordie & Scott Barrett, Waisake Naholo, Te Toiroa Tahuriorangi and Angus Taá'avao.

The Barrett brothers epitomise the pathway that Taranaki Rugby provides where we have three brothers growing up in the Pungarehu community, playing for the Coastal Rugby Club, attending Francis Douglas Memorial College, playing for Taranaki and becoming All Blacks.

It is important that the Yarrows Taranaki Bulls play at a premier regional facility to showcase our talent and inspire our region. 2014 is testament to this when the Taranaki Bulls won the Mitre 10 Cup final at Yarrow Stadium in front of a sold out 22,000 capacity crowd. This occasion, the sense of pride and achievement is vital to well being of the Taranaki Region and the aspirations of our people with a particular focus on our youth.

Yarrow Stadium is a significant and important piece of infrastructure that plays a major role in the region and the earlier we get it operating back to full capacity for the well being of the province, the better off we will be.

Currently there are no other viable options in the region to host these major events. From a rugby perspective there is TET Stadium in Inglewood, and the TSB Hub at Hicks Park in Hawera. Both are fantastic community facilities but not at the capacity required with minimum standard lux lighting for televised nights games, world rugby minimum standard changing facilities, 8,400 covered grandstand seats to accommodate the crowds and the lounges associated to service corporate partners.



Taranaki Rugby have a long association with the land that Yarrow Stadium sits upon which was previously Rugby Park. This land was owned and operated by the TRFU before it was gifted back to the community in 1999 to allow the Yarrow Stadium development. Taranaki Rugby is about lifting the opportunities for everyone that calls this place home and about creating an identity for the region and we believe this key iconic asset is critical to our affinity to the province.

Yarrow Stadium is the spiritual home of Taranaki rugby, steeped in history with the field and lighting world class. The reinstatement back to capacity with the proposed option two will ensure that the region can continue to host key events including club finals day, five to seven Mitre 10 Cup fixtures a year with the return of Super Rugby matches and All Black tests imminent.

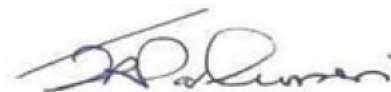
The key events over the last fifteen years from the Crusty Demons and Nitro Circus, NRL and Warriors Rugby League matches, Phoenix football games, FIFA U20 World Cup, Rugby World Cup 2011, Mitre 10 Cup Rugby, Super Rugby and All Blacks matches play an integral part of this region creating a vibrant community where we all want to live, being Taranaki.

The television broadcasting of the above key events provides significant advertising of our region. Yarrow Stadium, with the famous Mount Taranaki as a backdrop, promotes the Taranaki province as a key destination for visitors. This exposure is vital to attracting and adding to the 245,000 people who have already made the journey to New Plymouth and Yarrow Stadium for an event. The night that the All Blacks played Argentina in September 2017 the television broadcast that went out across New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and the UK alone was to in excess of 1,000,000 viewers.

TRFU support option two in the first instance with an upgrade to option four if additional funding can be found. The earlier the work begins on Yarrow Stadium to bring this regional facility back to operation the better the wider province will be.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit on this matter and wish to present in person to our submission at the hearing scheduled for 13/14 May 2019.

Kind regards



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Yarrow Stadium

What is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium? 2: Repair stands and update facilities

Comment (field will expand as required)

The Taranaki Community Rugby Trust is a registered charity and includes providing funds for junior community rugby in Taranaki. It is our view that it is beneficial for young persons to see role models being the best rugby players in New Zealand and from overseas playing at a national and international recognised rugby ground. The opportunity for such young people to play from time to time on the same ground as their heroes provides another incentive and dream. It is important for all young people in Taranaki that Yarrow Stadium is reinstated. The TCRT supports option 2 with an upgrade to option 4 if funds are available.

Local Government Funding Agency Scheme

Tick if you also wish to submit on the Council's proposal to join the Local Government Funding Agency Scheme No

Are you in favour of the Council's proposal to join the

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Submission form

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Signed 

YOUR SUBMISSION

Note that your submission and any information you supply as part of it is considered public information and will be available in reports and documents relating to this process and will be published on our website, www.tbc.govt.nz.

YARROW STADIUM

Which is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium?

Tick one of these boxes:

- ☐ Option 1: Demolish stands, grass banks
- ☐ Option 2: Repair stands and update facilities
This is the Council's preferred option
- ☐ Option 3: Repair stands, add extra uncovered seating
- ☐ Option 4: Repair stands, add extra seating, add community facilities
This is a potential preferred option if a co-funding partner emerges
- ☐ Option 5: New East Stand, extended West Stand, new South Terrace
- ☐ Option 6: New East Stand, extended West Stand, new North Stand, new South Terrace
- ☐ Option 7: New Stadium
- ☒ Option 8: New Stadium with roof

COMMENTS

I was asked to pick option 2 therefore
I'm picking option 8.

Thank u

Submission form

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Signed 

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Be it arts, cultural or sporting, we must be able to put our hand up as a region and attract these events to showcase our region to the wider public

A multipurpose operating Yarrow Stadium capable of attracting world class events is a crucial part of the infrastructure needed to deliver these, be they All Black test matches Warriors games, Phoenix games, Conventions expos and the like.

The economic value of having such a facility cannot be underestimated and I urge councillors to ensure the facility is returned and enhanced as soon as possible.

Any other decision which opposes this will consign the region to becoming a backwater, which our geographical isolation would only heighten the risks of this. Please don't allow this happen. Stand up for the region and be counted!

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Yarrow Stadium

What is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium? 1: Demolish both stands, replace them with grassed banks

Climate Justice Taranaki opts for Option 1, demolishing the stands in favour of grass banks. Our chief reason for choosing this option is our belief the funds are better spent on TRC projects that reduce carbon emissions. Given climate scientists' estimate that humankind can only prevent catastrophic climate change (and the potential extinction of humanity) by halving carbon emissions by 2028, we feel TRC has an obligation to place the reduction of carbon emissions at the very top of their spending priorities.

Comment (field will expand as required)

Since TRC already funds a bus service, a commitment to subsidise that service to the extent that it significantly reduces private vehicle use would seem a good place to start. Currently many Taranaki car owners express interest in using the bus service for work commutes and errands - but simultaneously lament the total impracticability of doing so. This relates either to the infrequency of scheduled buses (especially in South Taranaki - buses serving coastal towns between Hawera and New Plymouth run only once a week) or because the fares are so high it's still cheaper for them to take their cars.

WITT has consistently requested a daily coastal bus service to facilitate student access to further education. There is a clear need for this service which upon improvements such as frequency, will empower the 'transport disadvantaged' as defined in the Regional Public Transport

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Plan for Taranaki (2014-2024). The plan is coming up for review, so it is timely to consider potential savings that can be channeled into public transport.

Financial support for community initiatives such as shared electric vehicles would also be very much worthwhile.

By going with Option 1 (which costs \$6 million), TRC has the opportunity to use the \$49 million difference between Option 1 and Option 2 (TRC's preferred option) to reduce fares, increase the frequency of service and otherwise improve Taranaki's public transport to the point it makes a serious dent in private vehicle use.

Other venues like the Brookland Bowl get huge crowds despite having no seating. Winter sports people are tough people so they should be used to bringing umbrellas and seats if needed. There are other venues for indoor winter concerts.

Local Government Funding Agency Scheme

**Tick if you also wish to submit
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the Local Government Funding
Agency Scheme**

**Are you in favour of the
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Yarrow Stadium

What is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium? 1: Demolish both stands, replace them with grassed banks

I am in support of option 1 at this time as I am aware of the significant investment the community has already made into this code and not other codes facilities. Also water and public transport services are inadequate and failing.

Climate change mitigation and community development and resilience low carbon economy needs significant work so resources will need reprioritising.

Comment (field will expand as required) I am aware there is a good argument for strong community cultural and sporting facilities and activities to be supported by Council and had the above concerns been addressed or more broadly I would reconsider my choice. At this time this has not occurred.

I note "consultations" on transitions cost \$500.00 to attend which makes contributions from affected people prohibitively expensive and means only a few elite or business can attend.

These consultations, given the expense being unaffordable, therefore also do not have mandate either in my view.

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19th April 2019

Annual Plan Submission
c/- Chief Executive
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Dear Sir,

RE: Yarrow Stadium Submission - Preferred option two.

The Chiefs Rugby Club LP (CRC) would firstly like to acknowledge the work that the Taranaki Stadium Trust (TST) and the Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) has done to develop Yarrow Stadium into the premier multi sports facility in Taranaki. Yarrow Stadium is considered one of the best sporting venues in New Zealand and an iconic stadium throughout the world. It hosts events such as rugby Internationals that brings millions of dollars into the Taranaki economy. The Taranaki Rugby Football Union plays a huge roll in attracting such events. Yarrow Stadium also hosts a range of other sporting and non-sports events that the Taranaki public would not enjoy to the same extent without a fully functioning Yarrow Stadium. Over the course of the last ten years, numerous fixtures and events at Yarrow Stadium have been broadcast nationally and internationally, putting a spotlight on the Taranaki Region.

The Gallagher Chiefs team have played six games at Yarrow Stadium since Taranaki Rugby Football Union invested in the CRC in 2014:

- 2014: Blues/Warratahs
- 2015: Hurricanes/Brumbies
- 2016: Sharks
- 2017: Reds

Planning was underway to host a Gallagher Chiefs match at Yarrow Stadium in 2018. Unfortunately the TST found itself in a challenging position due to the discovery of earthquake prone issues with the east and west stands. This ultimately put an end to Yarrow Stadium's ability to host Super Rugby fixtures at the venue. Rugby plays a prominent role in the wider Chiefs Region and Taranaki is no exception. Taranaki has a proud history and the province produced some fantastic rugby talent over the Unions 134 year history.

Current Gallagher Chiefs contracted players include:

- Mitchell Graham
- Angus Ta'avao
- Bradley Slater
- Reuben O'Neill
- Finn Hoeata
- Mitchell Brown
- Lachlan Boshier
- Pita Gus Sowakula
- Te Toiroa Tahuruirangi



- Kini Naholo
- Sean Wainui
- Tom Florence

Coaches; Colin Cooper and Neil Barnes also developed their playing and coaching careers in Taranaki. Yarrow Stadium is a significant and important piece of infrastructure that plays a major role in the region. Yarrow Stadium or Rugby Park has been the constant in the evolution of rugby in Taranaki.

The TSB Hub and the TET Stadium in Inglewood are fantastic community facilities but not at the capacity required with minimum standard lux lighting for televised nights games and SANZAAR minimum standard requirements for changing facilities to host Super Rugby competition matches. As neither of these venues meet minimum SANZAAR requirements we do not need to discuss minimum covered seats and hospitality requirements to generate revenue needed to successfully operate a Super Rugby match. The CRC hosted the Hurricanes at the TSB Hub at Hicks Park in Hawera, June 2018. This was a "friendly" match played at 1pm. Currently there are no other viable options in the region to host Super Rugby competition games.

The CRC support option two in the first instance with an upgrade to option four if additional funding can be found. It is important to Taranaki that the Stadium is returned to full capability. The opportunity in this awful situation is to refurbish the venue and set plans and funding in place to provide for the ongoing maintenance and appropriate development of the facility. The CRC look forward to returning Super Rugby back to Yarrow Stadium as soon as possible.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit on this matter.

Kind regards,

Michael Collins
Chief Executive
Chiefs Rugby Club LP

Submission form

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Yes ☒ No ☐

Signed Joe

YOUR SUBMISSION

Note that your submission and any information you supply as part of it is considered public information and will be available in reports and documents relating to this process and will be published on our website, www.ttc.govt.nz.

YARROW STADIUM

Which is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium?

Tick one of these boxes:

- ☐ Option 1: Demolish stands, grass banks
- ☐ Option 2: Repair stands and update facilities
This is the Council's preferred option.
- ☐ Option 3: Repair stands, add extra uncovered seating
- ☐ Option 4: Repair stands, add extra seating, add community facilities
This is a potential preferred option if a co-funding partner emerges
- ☐ Option 5: New East Stand, extended West Stand, new South Terrace
- ☐ Option 6: New East Stand, extended West Stand, new North Stand, new South Terrace
- ☒ Option 7: New Stadium
- ☐ Option 8: New Stadium with roof

COMMENTS

Demolish existing.

Rebuild at TSB Stadium / Race course.
- Multi-sport facility - basketball etc.

60,000 seat rugby stand. Similar to Tottenham Hotspur set-up

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Yes ☒ No ☒

Signed:

17 April 2019

Yarrow Stadium Public Consultation

17th April 2019

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to eight redevelopment options.

We can do better than this

Except for infrequent events the proposed rebuild of the Yarrow Stadium is too big.

Worse, the current Stadium is in the wrong place.

The Berl Report forms the basis of all assumptions

The Berl Report attempts to quantify the unquantifiable. Reports of this nature are suspicious because they run the risk of being self-serving. That is they can be written to support the sponsors view. Berl has probably done their best to polish the flimsy records presented to them for utilising the entertainment areas. No matter how these are presented the intention to increase community use has a hollow ring. Option 4 suggests an extensive catering upgrade with hope an outside funding partner can be found. This option is looking for an extra 14 million dollars. This submission does not support Option 4

Further, the Berl Report (October 2018) points to attendance of around one million over the 15 year period between 2003 and 2017, on average that's 5,500 per month. This figure may have validity being based on ticket or turngate data; it includes major events such as the Rugby World Cup, All Black tests and so forth. Further, it includes other sporting codes and 'non-sport' spectacles. Due to field size or other competing events within or outside Taranaki this attendance could have been higher no matter where in New Plymouth the stadium is situated. Overall, some form of stadium is worth having.

Reasons for a redesign

Like most stadia Yarrow Stadium remains underused for most of the year. It is hard to get a sense of excitement and involvement when only 6,000 to 8,000 ardent fans are spread about a stadium capable of seating fifteen to twenty five thousand. From experience most games or events have even fewer attendees. A more intimate atmosphere and hence smaller stadium would serve Taranaki better.

The proposed idea of 'build it and they will come' is a dangerous notion. Such ideas fail to take into account the high cost of promotion and servicing an unused facility once the first wave of excitement is over. Running a year-by-year campaign to bolster use has not been factored into the running costs, let alone maintenance and so forth. As it stands the New Plymouth District Council will be liable for the greater proportion of these insidious expenses. Any new stadium must offer something for everyone. As designed the new plan does not.

The old adage of 'Rugby, Racing and Beer' no longer cuts it.

The world of sport and entertainment has changed.

Participation of horse racing is in decline and just like rugby other codes look for handouts and community support; support that's no longer there. The music has changed and so have the drinks.

Different sporting codes are gaining a greater following at the expense of the traditional. In particular contact sports are in decline, even though rule changes have attempted to make sport less injury 'free'. While rugby is still considered by many as New Zealand's national sport fewer are playing the game. Professional sport is costly; player's remuneration, trainers, equipment, travel and accommodation are examples. Expectations of services and facilities are higher; it seems some sports are cannibalising their support base and it's fast becoming the problem of 'who pays'? The cost of attending and participating in games is a constraining factor; discretionary income is shrinking. In other words someone must pay for the high overheads from a more expensive re-build.

As councillors you already know people are watching sport in differing ways and have been for years. The digital age has and will change future involvement so arenas for sport need adjustment; new thinking, layout and smaller stadiums. Regretfully players need to adjust to playing at a high level with diminished crowd involvement. Most sports are gravitating towards entertainment for gambling purposes – no gambling no funding. In other words it's not traditional sport anymore. Something has to change but nothing seems to change. As offered the design presented simply replaces the same with the same! It runs the risk of being constrained and condemned by this design forever.

Design modification

If you are to continue with the current site at Maratahu Street indefinitely or hopefully as a temporary measure until better alternatives are found then a modified Option 1 is best.

With such a modification you would remove the roof from the West Stand (Yarrow Stand) complete the geo-tech work to stabilise the seating, protect the food and camera positions and disabled access. You should get on and do this immediately. Tents or caravans can supply any additional accommodation while you sort things out.

You should remove the East Stand but keep the changing areas. Further, replace with a temporary stand similar to that in Christchurch – it hasn't done the Crusaders any harm and has already lasted for years while they also vie for the optimum solution. This solution will have all the cost and design benefits a new green-field site can offer. We must do the same.

With reluctance this submission can only back Option 1 with modification.

Regrettably it's back to the drawing board and you should vote \$500,000 for further design and investigation into alternatives using a green-field site

A design competition may prove fruitful.

Submission on 2019-20 Annual Plan

To TRC by email.

1. Consultation Process Biased.

Nowhere on the online consultation form is a provision for ANY OTHER (Tick box) suggestion.

A “cost to strengthen the EXISTING structures ONLY” option should have been provided.

Nowhere within the Annual Plan/ consultation, nor Council media statements, is the \$36 million needed to reinstate the existing facilities to back to safe for public use, clearly mentioned.

It has taken scrutiny of plans by Mr Hugh Barnes to expose that through media, in a very restricted timeframe before submissions closed. One has to wonder if councillors were ever told this, or maybe their blinkered bias in favour of rugby, caused them to brush that sensible alternative aside.

It appears that BERL were never asked to do an economic evaluation on that alternative either.

Clearly, ‘Option One’ is not a serious choice, being a retrograde step back to the old Rugby Park, and even worse.

All the remaining options on the submission form are serious money gobblers and some just dreaming. Only centres of very large populations can expect to fund expensive stadiums catering for more than 16-20,000 attendees.

Yarrow Stadium does not need any more seating. It already has twice as many covered stand seats than is required, but ratepayers are stuck with ongoing maintenance and financing costs of this overbuild. That is due to increasing televised/streamed live events, and the multiplicity of alternative entertainment options available. Already evidence from Westpac Stadium proves that, with even major sporting events failing to fill more than a quarter of seats available. In Rugby’s case, there are far too many major rugby games scheduled, many running concurrently against major summer sporting codes events. Patrons of Rugby are choosing to watch world -wide rugby on electronic media, or go to places to see a variety of other sports. Live televised sport is a bigger revenue earner for the sport than attendance at stadiums will ever be.

In a way it is a pity that an earthquake did not damage the stadium grandstands, because at least there would be an insurance pay-out and a RATIONAL and realistic choice would then have been possible, by NOT to rebuilding for 8000 covered seats, when half that number is all that is needed.

2. Who Benefits from the extra \$19 Million Upgrade?

Whilst public support from the whole of Taranaki rating base was agreed in 2002 for the construction of Yarrow Stadium as a multi-use outdoor sports & entertainment venue, the subsequent upgrades for a Rugby World Cup (a “once in a generation” happening), the proposed \$19 million PLUS! extensions and upgrades to lounge areas, added seating, proposed gymnasium, no2 ground improvements with upgraded lighting, extended sealing of car parking & embankment areas are all **PRIMARILY FOR THE BENEFIT OF:-**

- RUGBY (more particularly Elite/Professional rugby events)
- NP District Council to obtain more revenue from hires of indoor facilities, or to offset spending at alternative NPDC operated premises.

By excluding the \$19 million for 'Enhancements' Taranaki Regional ratepayers will save not less than \$1.14million p.a. for next 25 years (and beyond).

STRATFORD DISTRICT & SOUTH TARANAKI DISTRICT ratepayers are according to proposed TRC rating of those areas, expected to pay towards those "Enhancements" costing at least \$19million.

It is right and proper for those district's ratepayers to contribute to the cost of bringing the original stadium & facilities up to a standard that complies with the EQ safety code, but nothing more!

Those Councils need to refuse to levy their ratepayer's for any expenditure beyond the cost of EQ strengthening.

That saving to Stratford DC is \$235,986 and to South Taranaki it is \$698,833

To attract International Rugby games to Taranaki, NZRFU & TRFU talked up their needs, before they would consider staging an All Blacks game or International game in Taranaki. As a consequence Yarrow Stadium is an 'over-build' to cater for solely those alleged/unnecessary rugby "requirements". Nelson's Trafalgar Park with amenities far less extensive and far less expensive been allocated All Blacks and International rugby games. So too have other regions outside the four main centres, with facilities of a lower standard than Yarrow.

This overbuilt and under-utilised stadium has become an ever increasing burden on ratepayers, yet the TRC wants to add more seats, spruce up secondary surrounding grounds and lights, add another gymnasium, all for the benefit of Rugby, or add to the conference facilities, that only benefit NPDC ratepayers & citizens economically, not contributing Central & Southern councils.

3. No Economic Benefits from Yarrow hosting All Black Games.

The BERL reports provide a series of examples of the "economic" benefits accruing to the province from investing in facilities & hosting international rugby, or even test matches.

Although, the earnings from attendances at Yarrow for these professional rugby NZRFU events is not publicly available, well considered assumptions have to be used. It is reasonable to expect that more than 60 percent of the ticket price for those games will be money flowing out of the province to NZRFU. By gleaning information from BERLs reports we are told that Visitors (from overseas and rest of NZ) to these games bring in \$250 each to benefit Taranaki's economy (actually mostly to benefit New Plymouth). As an example, from a total attendance of 20,000, about 20% will be visitors (4000 people). Those reported visitor numbers appear overgenerous; I wonder if NP and nearby towns could actually accommodate that number in hotels and motels, most of which would normally already have other visitors occupying at least half of their available beds. So 4000 visitors will bring in \$1million. If admission tickets cost on average \$300, then gate takings from 20000 will be \$6 million. Assume 40% of gate is paid for use of facilities at Yarrow (all of which goes to NP District Council...(none goes to the stadium owners), so Taranaki gets to benefit with GDP of \$3.4million.

Money flow to outside Taranaki is \$3.6million (60% of ticket sales)

TARANKI ECONOMY SUFFERS A LOSS of \$0.2million*

What if Yarrow Stadium didn't hold that NZRFU event and instead 4000 Taranakians went to a big city to see the play?

They would spend 1 million on accommodation, meals , etc in that big city.

They would pay \$300 per seat = 1.2m . Total economic value taken from Taranaki = \$2.2million

The remaining 12000 Taranaki rugby fans would stay at home and watch the game live on TV. They will retain in their pocket \$3.6million, available for discretionary spending, most of which would be spent on alternative sports, recreation, goods and services within Taranaki province.

TARANAKI ECONOMY BENEFITS by \$1.4 million*

- Economic "trickle down" (multiplier) benefit is applicable but has been ignored because the same magnitude of multiplier effect applies to both economies outside or inside Taranaki,

4. RATING IMPACT into the future.

TOTAL RATES for yr 2019-20 per Annual Plan (AP) = \$14.172 million

TOTAL RATES for yr 2019-20 per Long Term (LTP) = \$10.532 million

Increase in rates per Draft AP 2019-20 = \$ 3.640 Million or by 34.56%

\$55m Yarrow stadium EQ repair & enhancemt = \$ 3.373 Million

Other Expenses in AP = \$ 0.267 m

By Restricting Yarrow EQ repair to Estimated \$36m

Reduces Loan borrowing by \$19m & rates by = \$ 1.165m pa. less or by 11.1%

NP Ratepayer Target Rate lowers to \$67.40 per household

NP Ratepayer Target Ratelowers to \$45.32 per household

Whilst the annual household saving doesn't appear to be very significant, the target rate goes on for at least 25 years (SAVINGS IN RATES totalling over \$\$29 million) .

Because the Taranaki Stadium Trust has no prospective income sources from which to repay TRC loan used for EQ strengthening, ratepayers will be paying into the future for as long as the stadium remains standing.

5. PORT TARANAKI DIVIDENDS

As a major source of income available to lessen rating levies, the annual dividend projected into the future is expected to be \$8 million p.a over the next 10 years.

The port's most lucrative sources of income at present are from shipping petro-chemicals and logs to China. Both of these major income earners are scheduled to be seriously curtailed over the coming decade. Petro-chemicals by climate-change initiatives (Govt policy and public switching) and forestry, due to unavailability of harvestable trees.

A reduction in that dividend by say 50%, would need to be recovered by a 38% increase in the present day level of rates.

Alternative cost 'cutting savings' will focus on "non-core" regional council functions, so caution needs to be exercised now before committing ratepayers funding into unnecessary long term non-core function projects (e.g. capital extensions at Yarrow Stadium).

6. DANGEROUS PRECEDENT.

By originally focussing on the requirements of Rugby at Yarrow Stadium, the stadium is now incapable of meeting international and national cricket standards, lost its cycle track (costly relocation elsewhere), and owing to noise restrictions (and an alternative Brooklands venue) cant host huge VISITOR ATTRACTING crowds (exceeding 30,000) at Rock & Pop Star concerts. These are really major money earners for stadiums elsewhere and for the local economy.

By going beyond its original mandate and actually channelling rates into subsidising rugby events; by providing local (cash strapped) TRFU with facilities/lounge/ secondary ground upgrades/lighting/ administration offices at nil or little cost, is it any wonder the other sporting codes are crying foul!

Those other codes do their own fund raising and use voluntary labour to provide for those sorts of necessary facilities which they own, often located land leased from their local council.

Any further funding of non-regional benefit type infrastructure, must not be supported from Regional Council funds. Otherwise expect a visit from Football, Equestrian, Hockey, Speedway, Bowls, etc, all looking for major funding for their facilities.

TRC (and ratepayer funding support) for "homegrown" (natural or artificial) attractions that will pull in a high percentage of tourists, is good for Taranaki economy and ratepayer resources should be more focussed on that as the GDP/trickle-down effect is far greater.

7. FINANCIAL DOCUMENT/ REPORTS QUERIED.

The Statement of Financial performance 2019-20 (AP & LTAP) doesn't disclose the council's investment in Taranaki Stadium Trust (TST) as it has to for Council Controlled Organisations (eg. Port Taranaki, etc)

Instead the AP treats the money to be "loaned" to TST for the stadium fix-up as an asset (debt owing by TST to TRC) and as a liability (loan drawn down by TRC from Bank or other provider) as off-set. As at 31 July 2018 TST had a net equity value of \$11.2 million after writing off \$15.5 million impairment value relating to the buildings. That value is not disclosed in either plan.

TST has no direct income source from which to repay TRC for any loan borrowings, except for grants/ratepayer contributions from TRC. All income from stadium hires, leases etc goes directly to NPDC. Therefore for the council to show the proposed loans to TST as an asset is dishonest. There is no prospect of the "loan" being repaid, except from the sale of the land and useful structures (which legally is difficult because of the Reserve status of the land).

I will be seeking a comment from the Auditor-General in that regard.

8. Taranaki Stadium Trust (TST) Unaccountable to Ratepayers

The TST is controlled by two trustees (Mr M Neild a council employee and one elected Councillor)

The TST financial report for y/e 31/7/2018 shows trustees have borrowed \$4 million from a \$5 million TSB Bank finance facility and applied that to purchase yet more assets for the Stadium.

With no source of income other than grants from TRC, it will be ratepayers of TRC that will eventually have to repay that \$5 million TSB loan on top of the already \$55m proposed stadium "loan".

By creating this intermediate ownership entity (TST) on behalf of the real owners (TRC), scrutiny over expenditure decisions by Trustees is not part of any Annual Plan presented to ratepayers and doesn't require, ratepayer consultation. Furthermore, the TRC has placed a \$55million ceiling on its borrowing, and because of the separation of control, the TST's borrowing will not count as breaching the \$55m TRC limitation, despite TRC being ultimately liable to repay TSB if TST defaults.

Council should spell out why there is any need for TST , as in reality TRC owns the assets and is totally responsible for TST liabilities.

9. Waitara Endowment Lands.

The Annual Plan has estimated \$8 revenue from the council's share of the above, when the leaseholders pay to freehold their leased property. There was no reference to this in the LTP.

The prospect of receiving all of this during 2019-20 year is impractical and grossly overstated.

Offsetting the above is Expenditure (not detailed) of \$8 million. It is possible that during y/e 2020 some costs will have been incurred in setting up various committees....but in the thousands, not millions!

Incidentally, since the level of extra expenditure reported is "significant" in terms of the reporting requirements for AP and LTP, under the Local Govt Act this requires more specific and meaningful disclosure within the AP.

Council needs to make appropriate corrections to the draft plan

I wish to attend and speak in support of these submissions

Jeffrey Ward

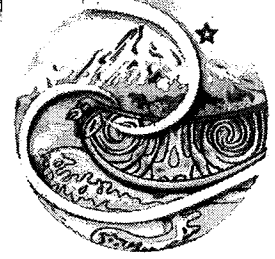
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23 April 2019

Annual Plan Submission
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Tena koe Basil,

RE: 2019/2020 Annual Plan

Te Runanga o Ngati Ruanui Trust (Ngati Ruanui) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the Regional Council's 2019/2020 Annual Plan.

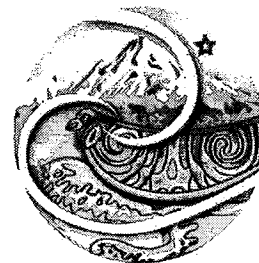
Ngati Ruanui acknowledges the significant changes that have been made over the years in respect of annual and long term planning frame works and in particular the sections of the these plans which relate to "Working Together with Maori". Ngati Ruanui appreciates the on-going recognition of Maori, Iwi and Hapu as a key to making planning documents inclusive and a means to strengthen partnership relationships.

In respect of 2019/202 Annual Plan Ngati Ruanui makes the following comments:

1. Overall we support the section entitled "Working Together with Maori". This section continues to build on our initiatives of working together with the Council in our kaitiaki role. We continue to note the leading way in which this section is placed at the front end of the plan; making the enduring relationship between Council and Maori a strong platform.
2. Ngati Ruanui considers that there needs to a be a stronger intent for active involvement of Maori in the monitoring of our environment; we recommend that the last bullet point under "Resource Consents process" pages 14 and 15 reads as follows " give full and meaningfully input of Maori in the participation of resource consent monitoring".
3. Ngati Ruanui actively supports Mana Whakahono a Rohe Relationships as prescribed in the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). We note that the manner in which this is expressed in the draft Annual Plan is a singular Mana Whakahono a Rohe relationship. We note that by way of explanation under Section 58(O) of the RMA such relationships are not exclusively singular and each iwi of the region may choose to have an individual relationship with the Council. In this respect Ngati Ruanui recommends this section on page 15 read as follows: "The Council will work with iwi to develop Mana Whakahono relationship agreements regarding iwi input into resource management policy development and resource consents".

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4. Ensuring active Maori representation on the Council is important to Ngati Ruanui. In this respect the section on representation, page 15, is weak and we recommend the following: "Meet with Maori and involve them in the need for establishing a Maori constituency or constituencies under the local Electoral Act 2001".
5. The level of service , Resource Management, as set out on pages 20 to 24 do not include any measure that allow the incorporation Maturanga Maori assessments as a basis for measuring the health of various environmental indicators and most importantly Fresh Water. Ngati Ruanui considers that it is timely that there is inclusion of iwi/hapu based tools and frameworks which would assist the more conventional western based models for measuring the condition of our environment. We would offer discussion with the Council officers prior to any hearing on the Annual Plan where we could agree on wording to incorporate Maturanga Maori assessments in the levels of service outlined on pages 20 to 24.
6. Ngati Ruanui notes the measures and commentary on a predator free Taranaki, this is supported. We also note specific measures relating to possum control within the Kaitake range and mustelid control surrounding the Maunga. Overall Ngati Ruanui is concerned with the limited measures proposed within the draft plan and the lack of co-ordination with the Department of Conservation; in particular in pest control surrounding and within the Maunga boundaries. We wish to signal to the Council that significant more work is needed to protect our bio-diversity and more coordinated action in the control of pests are required now. Ngati Ruanui seeks further dialogue with the Council on this matter and signals this for short to medium term planning horizons for the Council. The Council will need to be ready for potential governance changes with the pending Maunga settlement.

Ngati Ruanui welcomes continued discussion on the Annual Plan and wishes to be heard in respect of this submission.

Ngā mihi,

Debbie Ngarewa-Packer
Kaiarataki

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Yarrow Stadium

What is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium? Other

I support only the seismic repair of the east and west grandstands to return them to the full use that existed prior to the discovery that these buildings were earthquake prone and unable to be occupied by the spectator public.

Any update of the facilities should be completed in line with the Yarrow Stadium Asset Management Plan 2015 to 2025 and beyond.

Comment (field will expand as required)

The projected \$4.25 million increased rate take per year under the Council recommended option 2, for the stadium facility including the enhancements is not justified when the current \$826K rate take is projected to cover most of the enhancements listed under the AMP.

The Council needs to be cognisant that the Taranaki rate payers have already paid significantly for the Yarrow Stadium facility upgrades in the past, so accepting that we need to pay again to return it to the original standard is already a bitter pill to swallow.

Refer to attached letter in support of my submission.

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17 April 2019

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SUBMISSION YARROW STADIUM

In reviewing the submission documentation outlining the eight options presented for us to consider, none are acceptable to me. Now that the submission form has been altered, last week, to provide the ninth option, "other". Under the other option, my support for the upgrade is only to reinstate the grandstands to the original standard in order to make them seismically safe for the public to occupy. The original facility was suitable for international and regional sporting codes; therefore, I see limited need for the Taranaki region to have a facility with increased enhancements when they can be budgeted for over time.

I do not support any of the \$19 million enhancements being promoted under option 2 (\$55 Million Upgrade) as part of the seismic upgrade of the grandstands.

My decision has been based on the following:

1. The main objective for the upgrade of the stadium is to repair the grandstands to overcome publicised seismic issues, which has resulted in the closure of the stands for public safety.
2. Taranaki rate payers have already paid a significant portion of the original stadium upgrade in 2002 through rates. We have also contributed funding of the recent upgrades as outlined in the Yarrows Stadium Asset Management Plan 2015 – 2025 (AMP)
3. AMP identified major and minor capital works over the 10-year management cycle and beyond. It identified the priorities for these upgrades and the funding allocations from the existing direct rate payer contribution to the stadium.
4. The Taranaki Regional Council recommendation to adopt option 2, \$55 million repair, included \$19million of enhancements. The true cost for this option to Taranaki rate payers, with interest, in the order of \$106 million. When most of the significant enhancements were already planned for under the AMP under the current rate take.

To illustrate my concern the following are examples of the listed essential enhancements that have already been budgeted for under the AMP at significantly lower budget amounts. It leads us to believe that the budget figures have been embellished.

The items not covered below and are on the list, typically are operational and maintenance items that should be covered by the AMP.

a. Budgeted \$1.2 million; To create additional space to provide additional food and beverage outlets and one more toilet block at the south west corner.

The AMP budgeted \$300,000 in 2019/20 financial year to review current layouts of food and beverage areas in the Yarrows Stand.

Grandstand and stadium toilet facilities are dictated by the rules set out in the Building Act, and building consent approvals. Additional toilet block at the south stand was not identified in the AMP as a necessity. From the BERL report, the stadium typically hosts spectator crowds around 10,000. With crowds for All Blacks matches being over 15,000 three times in the last 10 years. For major one-off events the temporary toilets are more appropriate.

The additional budget of \$900K over the 2019/20 budget allowance makes this a nice to have item.

b. Budgeted \$ 2.4 Million; Replace Sports Lighting with new LED System

The AMP budgeted \$500,000 in 2018/19 financial year to cover lighting Upgrade to the No 1 field and \$450,000 budgeted for the lighting upgrade of fields 3 & 4.

AMP stated that this sort of capital expenditure was to be funded from external sources, why is this then included in enhancement package for rate payers to pay for. The AMP also stated that maintenance of the existing lights and replacement spares was covered under the existing rate take to maintain the lighting levels at the Stadium.

Lighting upgrades are typically driven by a low lux level reading report that must indicate that the lighting levels on the park are below what is required to safely play the sport or in this case for televised Rugby. The increased expenditure to \$2.4 million needs the appropriate scrutiny as we understand other regional rugby stadium LED lighting upgrades are being completed for significantly less than this.

The \$500k rate payer budget allocation is totally over and above what other sports codes receive for lighting upgrades, having recently completed the LED lighting upgrade of the Hobson Street Hockey Turf. This was totally externally funded.

Separated out as a high priority enhancement is the upgrade of the lights on fields 3 & 4.

This work was budgeted for in the 2018/19 financial year from the existing rate take. This is essentially for rugby community use. Where has this budget funds been used?

c. Budgeted \$1.15 million; Canopy Weather Protection and general upgrade of the entry gates.

AMP \$300,000 was allocated in 2016/17 for redevelopment of outer areas including reconfigure of the main and 2017/2018 \$160,000 budgeted allocated from existing rate take, for improvements to gate 2,3&4 to upgrade gate entry, lights and roof.

Why \$1.15m is budgeted for this, in the detail column, new security gate house was highlighted as essential. Why now after 15 years of operation? Another nice to have and not essential for the seismic repair of the grandstands.

d. Budgeted \$800,000; Improve East Carpark and entry for parking, team drop off, avoid mixing with pedestrians.

The AMP budgeted \$468,000 in 2022/24 year for the Maratahu Street scape/ premier entrance development.

Essential Enhancement??? This is nice to have item and in my opinion is not essential of the operation of the stadium, when typical use is well below stadium capacity.

e. Budgeted \$400,000: Replace seats to the south

The AMP budgeted \$500,000 in 2024/25 for the replacement of the south stand seating under the renewals funding.

This is a renewal of existing asset, and should be funded from operational and existing rate take. Why is this being included when it directly impacts on the proposed regional rate take.

f. Budgeted \$250,000: Replace end of life catering equipment.

The AMP Renewals budget indicated kitchen equipment to the value of \$20,000 was budgeted to be split over two financial years 2016/17, and 2017/18.

The Renewals budget should have indicated the significant level of equipment replacement.

g. Budgeted \$3 Million: Improve Levels on pitch 1. Upgrade drainage, provide new hybrid reinforced turf system.

AMP Renewals, budgeted \$900,000 2024/25 main field renewal and drainage.

There needs to be significant justification for the additional \$2.1million expenditure over and above the budgeted upgrade in 2024, based on the seasonal rugby game use of the premier ground. Taranaki is renowned for growing grass so the cost benefits of the change to the new hybrid system has to be significant over the current pitch structure. Are users going to pay a higher rental for providing this turf system, and I doubt will we see greater player performance from the hybrid reinforced turf system over the existing turf.

h. Budgeted \$3.5 Million; Field 2, improve lighting to 500 Lux, provide irrigation and replace turf with new hybrid reinforced turf system and covered changes to east carpark.

AMP stated that this project would have external funding. AMP stated it would be an artificial surface.

The inclusion of this project in the high priority enhancement, means that the development will be totally funded by the rate payer. We note that the proposal is now to upgrade the field with the new hybrid reinforced system similar to that proposed under item (g) above for the main field and not an artificial surface as indicated in AMP. Oval ball sports do not need 500 lux lighting in order to play nor does football. Artificial surfaces do not need irrigation for playing of oval ball sports. This upgrade is reported to be for community use. The question is raises is this the best location for the community facility. This item needs to be justified through the regional facilities group that has been established to review and make recommendations to funders.

i. Budgeted \$1.5 Million; Replace grassed areas of north and south terraces with hard stand finishes and repair facia of retaining walls at pitch level.

AMP projected this project would be completed in 2040 for a budgeted figure of \$735,000.

This item has been included as a high priority enhancement, what has changed? The AMP has already prioritised this item. It's a nice to have.

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Yarrows Stadium Submission
Dated 17 April 2019

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5. New gymnasium inclusion in the stadium upgrade for \$2.65 million to be fully funded by rate payers raises the question that there is a need for equitable approach to facility improvements and funding across all sports. We question if Sport Taranaki building is in the right place for community sport. This building could be utilised for the gymnasium and offices of Taranaki Rugby, rather than construct a completely new building.
6. Under Taranaki Regional Council Option 4, the projected cost of \$14million, with funding to be obtained for external funding sources. This appears only to be a construction cost, not a whole of life cost to maintain this facility expansion going forward. Maintaining the expansion will clearly be funded by the rate payer. We do not see the need for this expansion for the sports facility.

In addition, we note that this option includes increased permanent seating capacity. What is the driver for this when there is a known drop of live spectator participation at sporting events and the average crowd attendance being typically around 10,000? Temporary mobile community seating that can be utilised at other sporting venues would be more appropriate.

In closing I support only the seismic upgrade of the stadium grandstands and that the current AMP approach remain for enhancements at the stadium.

Yours Faithfully

Hugh Barnes
New Plymouth Rate Payer

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Yarrow Stadium

What is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium? Other

Taranaki Hockey Federation submission to Yarrow Stadium consultation.

The Federation would like Councillors to consider the following.

THF supports the reinstatement of Yarrow Stadium to its previous operating level.

Councillors need to note the following reservations.

Comment (field will expand as required)

1. The reinstatement should be limited to making good the Grandstands and not the enhancements and improvements listed in Option 2, or 4 as these have been allocated funding in the pre-existing Yarrow Stadium Strategic Plan via the existing TRC rate (\$876,000/annum).

2. The current TRC proposal fails to sufficiently consider regions pressing requirement for other sport facilities and this proposal will generate ratepayer resistance to develop options with a wider level of use resulting in a significant opportunity missed.

3. Taranaki Hockey, along with other sports codes, have been working with Sport Taranaki, and supporting the Taranaki Facilities Strategy which has assessed the state of sports facilities in Taranaki and assessed the needs for the future based on predicted population growth. As such

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we are promoting the “sports hub” concept as recommended in this document. We do not consider the Yarrows Stadium ful-fils the “hub” concept that will cater to the wider needs of Sports in Taranaki. All improvements that are Rugby specific, over and above reinstating the grandstands, should be dealt with through the Taranaki Facilities Strategy, on a level playing field with all other sports codes.

4. The budgeted repair cost seems extremely high given the current asset value of the stands. Has con-sideration been given to further engineering community consultation to develop a more cost effective solution. Our committee is concerned at the proposals’ depth of research and the apparent lack of insur-ance cover of such a significant asset.

Thank you

Denise Hill

Executive Officer
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- ☐ Option 6: New East Stand, extended West Stand, new North Stand, new South Terrace
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- ☒ Option 8: New Stadium with roof

COMMENTS

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Yarrow Stadium

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Comment (field will expand as required) The priority for the community and for ratepayer expenditure is community sport facilities which enable thousands of residents to be active every week as identified in the Regional Sports Facility Strategy. Consultation regarding proposed enhancements has not been transparent or community-wide, evidence around decisions has not been provided, and the enhancements do not align with the Strategy or the current processes followed by sports for facility development. We support that a repair of some scale needs to be undertaken but require more detail of what is included in the \$36m is required and what scale of stadium is appropriate for the region now and into the future. We do not support the \$19m of enhancements which should be accounted for within the existing Asset Management Plan and/or via the Regional Facility Strategy process if sport-related. We feel strongly that there is a great need for an equitable approach to facility improvements and funding across sports.

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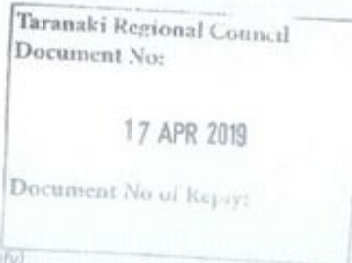
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Signed 

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COMMENTS

Taranaki Synthetic Turf Trust (TSTT) submission to Yarrow Stadium consultation.

The Trust would like Councillors to consider the following.

TSTT supports the reinstatement of Yarrow Stadium to its previous operating level.

Councillors need to note the following reservations.

- 1. The reinstatement should be limited to making good the Grandstands and not the enhancements and improvements listed in Option 2, or 4 as these have been allocated funding in the pre-existing Yarrow Stadium Strategic Plan via the existing TRC rate (\$876,000/annum).**
- 2. The current TRC proposal fails to sufficiently consider regions pressing requirement for other sport facilities and this proposal will generate ratepayer resistance to develop options with a wider level of use resulting in a significant opportunity missed.**
- 3. The draft proposal includes a synthetic surface (Field 2), of which TSTT obviously has an interest. This does not have the stated versatility and thus could be regarded as misleading. TSTT has some knowledge around these options which it would readily discuss.**
- 4. The budgeted repair cost seems extremely high given the current asset value of the stands. Has consideration been given to further engineering community consultation to develop a more cost effective solution. Our committee is concerned at the proposals' depth of research and the apparent lack of insurance cover of such a significant asset.**

Thank you

Lloyd Morgan

Chairman Taranaki Synthetic Turf Trust

Taranaki Regional Council

2019/2020 Annual Plan

Submission from Sport New Zealand

April 2019

Context

Who are we?

Sport New Zealand (Sport NZ) is a Crown Entity established in 2002 under the Sport and Recreation Act (2002), and mandated, among other functions to develop and implement national policies and strategies for sport and physical recreation, promote and advocate the importance of participation in physical activity by all New Zealanders for their health and well-being. We work with National Sports Organisations, Regional Sports Trusts and Territorial Authorities to ensure the maintenance and development of the physical and organisational infrastructure for sport and recreation.

Why does Sport NZ have an interest in the future of Yarrow Stadium?

In 2014 Sport NZ published the “Better Value From New Zealand Sport Facilities”, a Sporting Facilities Framework. This framework identified the challenges that we face as communities grow and evolve and our sporting facilities age and wear out. To respond to these challenges the Sporting Facilities Framework seeks to improve the strategic decision making around facility development and encourage smart investment in sport and recreation facilities so that these facilities are fit-for-purpose, well utilised, affordable and future proofed.

To achieve this the Sporting Facilities Framework developed six-principles to overcome the problems of the past and deliver the greatest benefits for all New Zealanders. The six principles are: Meeting an Identified Need; Sustainability; Partnering/Collaboration; Integration; Future Proofing; Accessibility.

Sport NZ’s role in bringing this framework to life is through:

- Providing Leadership – engaging across the sector, facilitating alignment and collaboration between all those with an interest in sporting facilities
- Guiding Investment – through the Sporting Facilities Framework, help New Zealand spend money wisely on sports and recreation facilities
- Enabling others – developing a network of facility specialists across the sector, providing tools, resources and templates for the sector to use and the development of national and regional facility strategies

In addition to the Sporting Facilities Framework, Sport NZ also adopted its Community Sport Strategy 2015 – 2020 which acknowledged that while we have a rich sporting heritage that every generation to date has been fortunate to inherit, this is under threat from societal changes. Sport NZ’s Strategy acknowledges this, provides the case for change, philosophy, outcomes and priorities to ensure that more young people and adults can participate in sport and active recreation.

Spaces & Places is one of five strategic priorities within the Community Sport Strategy which has a focus on alignment and collaboration between those with an interest in the planning and development of sporting spaces and places.

For the Taranaki Region this has resulted in the development of a Regional Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy, led by Sport Taranaki and in partnership with the regions three local councils, which has defined the current network of community sport and recreation facilities across the region, the quality of that network, the gaps in that network, and what the future needs of the region are.

Adopted by the local councils in the region and with support from regional funders there is now a Regional Steering Group made up of representatives of the local councils, funders, Sport NZ, and chaired by Sport Taranaki tasked with adding value to proposals for community sport and recreation infrastructure for the region.

Sport NZ's observations, feedback and recommendations in response to the proposals for the future of Yarrow Stadium are as follows:

- Sport NZ acknowledges the important role Yarrow Stadium plays in the life of the Taranaki Region, from a social cohesion, economic impact, sport and cultural experience perspective, and that the facility is synonymous with the importance of rugby to the region.
- Also acknowledged is that under the empowering legislation, the Taranaki Regional Council is limited in its involvement with the sport and recreation sector to that of Rugby Park in New Plymouth (Yarrow Stadium).
- Sport NZ supports the efforts of the Regional Council to find a solution to the current earthquake prone East and West Stands of Yarrow Stadium

Development Options

- Sport NZ recommends that the Regional Council reconsider the options currently being considered as part of this Annual Plan process for the following reasons:
 - Appropriate Scale of Options – except for Option 1, all the options being considered maintain a total, permanent stadium capacity in excess of 20,000 and in the case of the preferred options 25,000.

Maintaining a permanent capacity at this level exceeds the need as described in the Berl report 'Yarrow Stadium value to the Taranaki community'. This report indicates approximately 975,000 have used the stadium over the last 15 years which equates to filling the stadium only 2.5 times per year. In addition, Taranaki Rugby as a principle user of the stadium occupies on average just 24% to 32% of the proposed capacity in the preferred Option 2 for regular NPC games. Other higher interest games such as Ranfurly Shield matches occupy just 40% to 51% of the proposed capacity. Even with an improvement in the quality of the facilities following redevelopment it is difficult to see a scenario where these figures will increase sufficiently to require this capacity on a regular basis.

We note that there is a significant gap in costs between Option 1 (\$6m) and Option 2 (\$55m). Given Sport NZ's concern of the appropriate scale of response, it is unclear whether the Regional Council has considered other solutions that would fall between

these two options with a reduced permanent seating capacity. Sport NZ recommends the Regional Council to consider this as a matter of priority.

- Quality of the Preferred Option 2 – Sport NZ notes that the overview of Option 2 states “On the downside, there will be little evidence of any change to the Stadium, and the use and capacity of hospitality areas remains limited.”

Sport NZ recommends the Regional Council to reconsider this approach. Maintaining a permanent capacity that is not needed to the detriment of the user experience would be an error in the view of Sport NZ.

Sport NZ recommends the Regional Council to consider a smaller scale development with greater flexibility of spaces, an enhanced experience for both performers/players and visitors alike, and which would have the opportunity to generate a better return on investment and reduce operating and maintenance costs in the long term.

- Capacity for Significant Events – Sport NZ acknowledges that should the Regional Council consider a lower permanent capacity, then there may be times when Yarrow Stadium will wish to host events of significance to the wider Taranaki Region and which will require higher levels of capacity.

If not already considered, Sport NZ recommends the investigation of options that would allow the Stadium capacity to be temporarily increased for those major events.

Costs

- While Sport NZ acknowledges that Taranaki Regional Council is only mandated to act in respect of Rugby Park in New Plymouth, we know that the Council is also aware that any decisions it makes with regards to the rates it levies has a material impact on the residents of the Region and therefore on the wider network of community facilities including those relating to sport and active recreation.

Any decision the Council makes regarding the redevelopment of the Stadium has an opportunity cost attached to it which impacts the ability of the community to respond to the other sport and recreation needs it has.

Those needs are well documented through the Taranaki Regional Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy and include several priority projects for the New Plymouth District. As the Regional Council proposes a rate which will be structured so that those living in the north of region pay a higher percentage than those in the south this is likely to have a negative impact where new community facilities are most needed.

Sport NZ requests that Council when considering its level of investment into the Stadium, take a wider network view of sport and recreation needs for the whole region.

In 2016, Sport NZ reported a 7.7% decline in adult participation over a 16-year period between 1998 and 2014, the 2017 Active NZ Survey identifies a decline in participation between the ages of 15 and 17. Sport NZ as a strategic priority is working with multiple partners including Sport Taranaki to address this decline and community sport and recreation facilities are an important part of the solution.

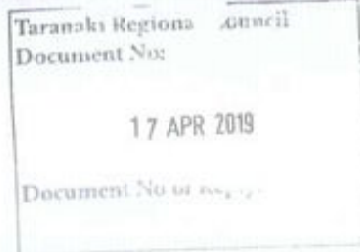
Those facilities also provide the foundation for the pathways of future athletes who may one day perform at the Stadium or represent Taranaki on the national or international stage. Ensuring that the Taranaki Region has a complete network of fit-for-purpose facilities is the responsibility of all the stakeholders in the region and requires all of them to work together.

- Sport NZ notes that the preferred Option 2 at \$55m represents the most Council can and should prudently borrow, and that Option 4 at \$69m could only proceed if outside funding were available. We are aware that with many earthquake strengthening projects around the country, project costs have increased significantly as detailed design and construction prices are agreed. Reducing the overall scale of the project would be one way for Council to mitigate this risk given the financial limit Council finds itself operating within and we would encourage consideration of this approach.
- Sport NZ recommends that the Council give consideration to the list of 11 Essential Enhancements totalling \$8.6m and the 14 High Priority Enhancements totalling \$9.59m. It is unclear whether any prioritisation of these enhancements have been undertaken. A number of these would appear to be renewals of existing assets which should have been appropriately depreciated, in which case funding should already be available for these items so it is not clear to us why they would be captured in this project.

Summary

Sport NZ recognises the importance to the Taranaki Region of having a fully functioning and fit for purpose Yarrow Stadium. We believe that the Stadium best fulfils its role when it is considered as part of an overall network of sport and recreation facilities that support the desires and aspirations of every person in the Region. Given that, we believe that careful consideration needs to be given to the scale of any proposal for redevelopment. Based on the evidence provided there remain significant questions and concerns regarding the Options being considered, both in terms of the future function of the stadium itself and the associated impacts in maintaining the wider network of community facilities with the associated benefits that the residents of Taranaki can enjoy.

Sport NZ's overall recommendation is that Taranaki Regional Council reconsider its currently preferred option and look to develop a more modest solution that would reduce the capital burden on the Council, reduce ongoing operational costs, and improve the quality of experience for performers and spectators alike.



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COMMENTS

Option Two appears to be the most obvious solution and most easiest way to get things back up and growing.

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Yarrow Stadium

What is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium? Other

Comment (field will expand as required)

We believe there is an Option 1.5 that should be explored. Taranaki region ratepayers need more information the enhancements included in Option 2. TRC should organise another meeting at Sport Taranaki to explain the breakdown of enhancements to the other sporting codes and thereby potentially obtain their better support. Transparency on Option 2 thus far has been lacking.

Local Government Funding Agency Scheme

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Are you in favour of the Council's proposal to join the Local Government Funding Agency Scheme?

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Megan Gundesen, Chairperson, Taranaki Equestrian Network

- Agribase NZ data- 80,000 horses in NZ:
- NZ Horse Network survey of horse spends annually, province by province, excluding cost of horse, horse transport, and property-average is \$13,000 per annum;
- <https://www.nzhorseriders.info/resources/research-and-statistics>
- Taranaki horse numbers-TEN survey Dec 2018- 1200 active horses, excluding racehorses.



23 April 2019

To the Taranaki Regional Council

Re the Yarrows Stadium Consultation Process

1. About us

TEN represents 19 equestrian clubs in Taranaki which between them include, conservatively, around 700 members. The Taranaki Horse Owners/Riders facebook group has 1328 members. We are a very enthusiastic community whose sport costs the Taranaki councils/ratepayers almost nothing, but whose economic contribution probably exceeds almost every other sport in the region. Based on research *, equestrians spend in excess of \$14 million per annum, primarily in this province. That excludes the racehorse industry. We are a sport worth nurturing for our economic return alone. We seek an indoor arena and equestrian facility in the North Taranaki area which has been acknowledged in the Regional Sports Facilities Strategy. Funding decisions on Yarrows will have a trickle-down effect on this vision becoming a reality.

2. We agree with the Sports Facilities Collective statement as follows:

“The priority for the community and for ratepayer expenditure is community sport facilities which enable thousands of residents to be active every week as identified in the Regional Sports Facility Strategy. Consultation regarding proposed enhancements has not been transparent or community-wide, evidence around decisions has not been provided, and the enhancements do not align with the Strategy or the current processes followed by sports for facility development. **We support that a repair of some scale needs to be undertaken but require more detail of what is included in the \$36m is required and what scale of stadium is appropriate for the region now and into the future.** We do not support the \$19m of enhancements which should be accounted for within the existing Asset Management Plan and/or via the Regional Facility Strategy process if sport-related. We feel strongly that there is a great need for an equitable approach to facility improvements and funding across sports.”

3. NPDC ratepayer funding of the Stadium repair significantly impacts on the availability of ratepayer funding for other sports facilities-so what is spent on Yarrows must have proven economic benefit.

We appreciated the TRC presentation to Sport Taranaki on 3 April. A public body fronting a proposal is quite rare. But TRC repeatedly stated that the TRC only have a mandate in respect of rugby at Yarrows and is not responsible for the lack of facilities for other sporting codes.

Our point is- the funding of the repair *will* affect the funding of other sports facilities because the rate burden will increase. Will voters support another increase for other sports facilities to be developed if rates have already increased for Yarrows?

4. On the financial side, the TRC should carefully scrutinise all the proposed \$19m of enhancements-are they necessary, are they necessary immediately, or have they already been budgeted for in the Asset Management Plan 2015-25?

- Overwhelmingly the enhancements are for 'customer experience' rather than 'community use'. How many 'customers' are there? Are they public or private enterprise? Are they a growing or shrinking audience? Listen to submitters picking apart the BERL report (which makes future predictions based upon historical economic benefits).
- The enhancements grew out of a consultation meeting where current users (caterers, security, rugby etc) were asked to use 'blue sky thinking' with budget being no object. Listen to submitters questioning \$1m on upgrading wifi and \$1.5m to replace grassed terraces, for example. Existing wifi and terraces and many of the other enhancements are quite satisfactory for the average NPC audience well under 10,000 people.
- How many of the enhancements have already been budgeted for in the Asset Management Plan 2015-2025? It is difficult to compare apples with apples here because some of the descriptions are different. Question this aspect carefully.

5. We submit that the TRC should ask its officers to go back and review every aspect of the proposed \$55m repair. It's the community which is funding this and will do so for 25 years. Every dollar spent is important.

6. We further submit that the other sporting codes (including TEN) could very well have been more supportive of Option 2 if we had had the chance to have a second meeting with TRC to be informed with a lot more detail on each aspect of the enhancements. Can the TRC's 13/14 May decision be delayed a week? Or could a further meeting with TRC between today and 13/14May be arranged? The consultation around the financials has been somewhat lacking in detail and we deserve better information.

Thankyou.

Kay McAlpine

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Yarrow Stadium

What is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium? 2: Repair stands and update facilities

Comment (field will expand as required)

Local Government Funding Agency Scheme

Tick if you also wish to submit on the Council's proposal to join the Local Government Funding Agency Scheme Yes

Are you in favour of the Council's proposal to join the Local Government Funding Agency Scheme? Yes

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Submission form

SUBMITTER

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89 Parikopa Rd

Postcode 4381

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I wish to present my submission personally at a hearing scheduled for 13/14 May

Yes ☒ No ☐

Signed [Signature]

YOUR SUBMISSION

Note that your submission and any information you supply as part of it is considered public information and will be available in reports and documents relating to this process and will be published on our website, www.ttc.govt.nz.

YARROW STADIUM

Which is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium?

Tick one of these boxes:

- ☐ Option 1: Demolish stands, grass banks
- ☒ Option 2: Repair stands and update facilities
This is the Council's preferred option
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COMMENTS

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Yarrow Stadium

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Comment (field will expand as required)

Your options are not specific enough. To be more precise, I think the Yarrow Stadium stands should be repaired to the required standard, but no more money spent than required to do that.

I am involved in local club cricket, holding administration positions in the New Plymouth Old Boys' cricket club. I am a life member of the club. I am concerned at the lack of money that is made available to all sports other than rugby, and believe even less will be available if most of these stadium proposals go ahead.

It too often seems that what rugby wants from local body organisations, rugby gets. I point out that rugby participation rates are falling. The sport itself is concerned.

We should not be building big facilities for rugby and ignoring the thousands of other young sportsmen and sportswomen in the province who play other sports and struggle for money and facilities. TRC and NPDC need to be more equitable in their funding to all sports. Rugby has the highest profile in New Zealand, but many more people play other sports than the number that play rugby. The Taranaki Rugby Union are more concerned with their status in Taranaki than they are with their own clubs and club competitions. Club sportsmen and sportswomen pay rates and should have more money made available to their sports than they do.

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Yarrow Stadium

What is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium? Other

My submission is below

20th April 2019
Annual Plan Submission
Chief Executive Taranaki Regional Council
Stratford

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Comment (field will expand as required)

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I was Chairman of Taranaki Cricket Association and match manager for most of the cricket games played at Yarrow. The Berl report mentions T20 cricket at Yarrow Stadium and the spectator figures presented in the report – 40,000 in the few games that cricket was played at Yarrow – a generous figure would be 6,000 – 8,000 spectators.

When you look at the history of Yarrow the only regular user is rugby. FIFA Football Under 20 World Cup and Rugby World Cup were ‘one off’ events, three NRL Rugby League games over 11 years and with the All Blacks there is no guarantee of matches in the future as there are many stadiums like Yarrow in NZ, therefore the funding stream becomes very shaky.

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Neil Sulzberger

23 April 2019

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Dear David

Submission on Yarrow Stadium Funding – Annual Plan 2019/20

The South Taranaki District Council (STDC) thanks the Taranaki Regional Council (TRC) for the opportunity to provide a submission on the Yarrow Stadium Funding options as part of the Annual Plan 2019/20. We do wish to speak to our submission.

The situation that we all find ourselves in with the need to fund the strengthening of the Yarrow Stadium is a place none of us thought we would be or ever want to be.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the TRC for the work that has been done to date on this project. We acknowledge the huge challenge that the TRC has had and the difficult and complex issues that have to be resolved. Thanks to Chairman David MacLeod for coming and discussing the proposals with our Council.

We also acknowledge the challenge that Taranaki Rugby has faced over the last few years and we are keen to see the TRFU return to 'business as usual' as soon as possible.

Our Council has discussed and considered the various options presented for consultation. We do understand the need to do something. Yarrow Stadium is a regional facility which does provide benefit to the Taranaki region.

However, we are very concerned about the cost to all Taranaki ratepayers and in particular those within the South Taranaki District.

We are also concerned about the detrimental effect this situation is having on rugby and the potential negative effect on other sporting codes.

We appreciate the additional detailed information that was provided to us by TRC staff. This has helped our Council with its deliberations on this matter and after careful consideration our preferred option is a **modified version of Option 2**.

We understand that Option 2 potentially has two parts to it.

1. The first part is strengthening the two stands to make them compliant with earthquake codes and regulations. We estimate the cost for this, based on the information provided, to be approximately \$33 million.

2. The second part appears to include a range of extra capital enhancements that could be considered as non-essential items but are over and above the remedial work that is needed to earthquake strengthen the stadium. We estimate the cost of these items, again based on the information provided, to be approximately \$22 million.

Given the situation we support strengthening and repairing the stands and getting them back to a usable state. However, at this stage, we do not support the extra \$22 million of capital works some of which include things like new astro-turf, a new TRFU building that will house a gym, toilets and changing rooms, audio visual upgrades etc. See Appendix 1.

We believe the extra \$22 million is additional capital expenditure over and above repairs and maintenance. STDC understands that this additional work would require formal agreement from the three district councils under Clause 5 (4)(b) of the Taranaki Regional Council Empowering Act 2001. See Appendix 2.

A modified Option 2, would reduce the funding required from the ratepayers of Taranaki by an estimated 40%.

While we accept that South Taranaki ratepayers should make some contribution to the repair of the stands, we are concerned about the level of contribution and the amount of a targeted flat rate. We believe the benefits for the South Taranaki District are substantially less than for the other districts due to the distance from the stadium.

Based on the calculations for Option 2, we believe it is unreasonable and unacceptable to impose an increase of 463% (going from \$11 per ratepayer to \$58.65) in one year. South Taranaki ratepayers have previously each paid \$11 a year (plus GST) for the Yarrow Stadium. This contribution continued even after the initial loan was paid off in 2012. As such in the last seven years South Taranaki ratepayers have contributed in excess of \$1 million toward the stadium.

Furthermore this level of increase applied in such a way has the potential to severely limit our ability to levy rates for future work we want to undertake on our own facilities.

We believe there are also some extra measures that could help the TRC ease the burden on our ratepayers.

Extending the term of the loan would lower the initial cost. A 30 year loan or longer would lower the upfront cost.

We also believe the levy increase could be introduced progressively (staggered) over the first few years as it is highly unlikely that any loans would need to be drawn down all at once, but as the work is completed over a number of years.

The targeted flat rate is also especially regressive for our lower valued properties and hits those who can least afford it. We would support a modification to the levy to take this into account.

We would also like the TRC to consider a further differential within the South Taranaki District to take into account the distance from the stadium, for instance those in the Pātea Ward who are less likely to use the stadium.

We would encourage the TRC to carefully consider the points we are raising so we can restore the stadium to what it was at a cost that is more acceptable to all of our ratepayers.

In summary we would make the following recommendations:

- Focus on strengthening the two stands to make them compliant with today's earthquake regulations at a cost of approximately \$33 million.
- Recognise the need to obtain the three councils' formal agreement for capital expenditure over and above the earthquake strengthening work.
- Investigate loan funding over a longer period to reduce the upfront cost.
- Increase the levy progressively as the loans are drawn down.
- Consider more differentials on the levy to take into account distance from the stadium.
- Consider modifying the levy so it is a combination of general rate and flat rate to make it less regressive on those who can least afford it.

We accept that doing nothing is not an option and believe it is important that the Yarrow Stadium is strengthened to meet the current earthquake standards so it can be returned to business as usual as soon as possible.

We also recognise the huge cost to the Taranaki ratepayers and believe that any further costs must be limited and avoided where possible.

Thank you for considering our submission.

Yours sincerely



Ross Dunlop

Mayor
South Taranaki District Council

Appendix 1 – List of additional works in Option 2

New Administration Building for TRFU, new gym and changing rooms. Community toilets. \$2,600,000	Create additional space and provide additional food and beverage outlets and one toilet block to the south west corner. \$1,200,000	Provide for technology upgrades to include Wi-Fi solution with captive portal, IPTV system, improved PA, and audio visual equipment to hospitality spaces \$1,000,000
Improve the levels of the pitch 1, upgrade drainage and provide new hybrid/reinforced turf system \$3,000,000	Provide a dedicated goods lift to all levels of the East Stand \$200,000	Replace the seats to the South \$400,000
Field 2, improve lighting to 500 lux, provide irrigation system and replace turf with new hybrid/reinforced system \$3,500,000	Tar seal west car park, better lighting and improve sense of arrival \$800,000	Canopies/weather protection and a general upgrade to entry gates \$1,150,000
Replace sports lighting with new LED system \$2,400,000	Improve east car park (and entry) for parking, team drop off and to avoid mixing with pedestrians \$800,000	Replace end of life catering equipment \$250,000
Extend pathway from Field 2 to Gate 3 and beyond to Gate 4 \$150,000	Provide new maintenance and grounds storage sheds \$250,000	Upgrade CCTV system by replacing cameras at end of life and resolving blind spots \$100,000
Replace the grassed areas of the north and south terraces with hard finishes and repair the fascia of the retaining walls at pitch level \$1,500,000	Water recycling system from the stadium roofs on the East and/or West Stands \$100,000	Improve wayfinding Signage \$70,000
Move sewage pump to outside Gate 4 or gravity feed to main \$40,000	Upgrade sports lights to Fields 3 and 4 to 200 lux \$500,000	Replace cladding to the north and south ends of the East Stand \$375,000
Relocate generator away from office/hospitality space \$100,000	Better management of hot water system \$100,000	Provide conduits for Sky TV Cabling \$65,000
Re-level Field 4 and install sub-surface drainage \$100,000	Automatic irrigation to Fields 3 and 4 \$40,000	

Appendix 2: Taranaki Regional Council Empowering Act 2001 – Section 5

5 Powers of Council

- (1) In addition to the functions, duties, and powers of a regional council under the [Local Government Act 1974](#), the Council has the power to undertake, implement, encourage, or maintain, any services, works, projects, or facilities that are—
 - (a) for the recreation or cultural well-being of the residents and ratepayers of the Taranaki Region; or
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- (2) To avoid any doubt, the Council may, in exercising its powers under subsection (1),—
 - (a) take, purchase, or otherwise acquire any land or buildings;
 - (b) make financial contributions towards the services, works, projects, or facilities as set out in subsection (1);
 - (c) enter into arrangements with other local authorities, persons, or groups of persons (whether incorporated or not).
- (3) Subsection (2) does not limit subsection (1).
- (4) The Council may not undertake or implement any services, works, projects, or facilities in reliance on the powers conferred by subsection (1) unless it first—
 - (a) completes the special consultative procedure in relation to the proposed exercise of the powers or, if the proposed exercise of the powers relates to any specified project, undertakes such consultation as it considers reasonable; and
 - (b) obtains the agreement of the New Plymouth District Council, the Stratford District Council, and the South Taranaki District Council in relation to the proposed exercise of the powers.
- (5) Subsection (4) is subject to [section 9](#).

Submission form

SUBMITTER

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Postcode

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I wish to present my submission personally at a hearing scheduled for 13/14 May

Yes ☒ No ☐

Signed [Signature]

YOUR SUBMISSION

Note that your submission and any information you supply as part of it is considered public information and will be available in reports and documents relating to this process and will be published on our website, www.ttc.govt.nz.

YARROW STADIUM

Which is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium?

Tick one of these boxes:

- ☐ Option 1: Demolish stands, grass banks
- ☒ Option 2: Repair stands and update facilities
This is the Council's preferred option
- ☐ Option 3: Repair stands, add extra uncovered seating
- ☐ Option 4: Repair stands, add extra seating, add community facilities
This is a potential preferred option if a co-funding partner emerges
- ☐ Option 5: New East Stand, extended West Stand, new South Terrace
- ☐ Option 6: New East Stand, extended West Stand, new North Stand, new South Terrace
- ☐ Option 7: New Stadium
- ☐ Option 8: New Stadium with roof

COMMENTS

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I wish to present my submission personally at a hearing scheduled for 13-14 May. Yes

Yarrow Stadium

What is your preferred option for the future of Yarrow Stadium? 2: Repair stands and update facilities

Comment (field will expand as required) I strongly believe it is absolutly vital for our province economically and socially that we maintain and enhance key facilaties like Yarrow Stadium. Taranaki like no other. Lets pull together on this. Lets ensure our province is seen as progressive, modern and has the ability to promote itself as a great place to live. And continues to punch above its weight sporting wise.
I have ticked option 2, but would prefer option 4 if the necessary private funding is available.
Kind Regards Noel Caskey

Local Government Funding Agency Scheme

Tick if you also wish to submit on the Council's proposal to join the Local Government Funding Agency Scheme Yes

Are you in favour of the Council's proposal to join the Local Government Funding Agency Scheme? Yes

Comment (field will expand as required)

Document 1

Document 2

Document 3

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