## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Community Forum

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SHORE JUNCTION
WHERE IDEAS COLLIDE
AND FUTURE PATHS FORGE
CO-DESIGNED WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

SAFE | ACCESSIBLE | AFFORDABLE
JAMIE'S STORY

Outcomes for young people

- Pathways to success
- Belonging, community & connectedness
- Business exposure
- Opportunities to excel
- Turning passions and dreams into careers
- Access to existing services in a safe environment
- A safe place that is between school and home
ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMMES

Delivery of programming

- Partnerships through our pillars
  - Z Energy
  - Google
- Community service providers
- Skills providers
  - 21C Skills Hub
  - Life101
  - OMGTech!
WHAT OUR COMMUNITY CAN ACHIEVE

- Ian’s story of success
- Local Boards
- Local businesses
  - Subject Matter Experts
  - Mentors
  - Intern providers
- Rotary
- Schools
- Universities
- Grow North
- eCentre
- North Harbour Club
Auckland Cricket’s Key Strategic Focus Areas 2018

Supporting material to the Sustainability and Changing Face of Cricket

Auckland Cricket are committed to servicing the community and increasing participation rates within Auckland. A major part of this, is the world class ‘Club is the Hub’ program, which invests over $70k per annum to support each cricket club, with a paid management solution and established organizational tools.

Junior Cricket
Has been reimagined to ensure kids get active and involved in our summer game, with the mantra of more fun, more action and more participation. This includes:

- Shorter boundaries
- Shorter pitches
- Shorter games
- Less players per team (9-a-side compared to 11)
- Flexible playing dates

Youth Cricket
Has been streamlined to unite schools and clubs in the same competitions over various days of the week including; weekday and weekends to make cricket more accessible. This initiative was launched during the 2017/18 season, with the inclusion of a Thursday night T20 competition which saw over 300 players compete.

Girls and Women in Cricket
Auckland Cricket are committed to increasing the opportunities for girls and women to play cricket. In 2017/18 we invested $50k into this area. Our objective is to have cricket the choice of sport for all girls and women in Auckland.

New Immigrant Initiatives
The Auckland population is made up of 40% of people born overseas. Auckland Cricket in cooperation with AKTIVE launched a targeted population growth project with the objective of getting more subcontinent Asians active and playing cricket. A total investment of $60k was spread across four key regions, resulting in over 2,000 participants reached, among varying competitions including; tape ball, tennis ball etc. We will continue to engage and increase participation in this area into 2018/19 and beyond.

Social Cricket
This segment continues to grow as Aucklanders look to get their sporting fix during the week and in shorter formats and competitions. Each of our 16 clubs run twilight competitions and we continue to work with organizations such as Last Man Stands. From 2011/12 to 2016/17 team numbers grew from 84 to 267 (87%) and continue to exhibit strong growth.
Sport is valued by New Zealanders

- 84% believe that life skills are learned playing sport, like teamwork and co-operation
- Active New Zealanders are 59% more likely to be classified as having the highest level of well-being
- Physical inactivity is the 4th biggest risk factor for non-communicable disease and healthcare - $200m per year
- 73% of New Zealanders agree that sport and physical activity help build vibrant and stimulating communities
- Only 26% of new migrants belong to a sports club or group
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Overview

In 2016 a group of local Devonport residents began discussing the possibility of forming a community tennis facility that could be used and enjoyed by a wide cross section of our Devonport Peninsula community. The main obstacle, at that stage, was finding an appropriate piece of land and the Devonport Bowling Club was identified as a logical option on the basis that their membership numbers were dwindling and the Club was struggling from a fiscal standpoint. We approached the Council and, following various discussions and on site meetings, the bowling club subsequently decided to close.

The club sits on almost 3900 square metres of flat land and, it is our submission, that a tennis facility would be a fantastic community resource and also a great use of a Council asset. Tennis remains a very popular sport in New Zealand with playing numbers increasing on an annual basis with players covering a very wide demographic in terms of age, gender and race.

The following is a summary of the relevant considerations as well as a brief synopsis regarding our intended structure.
The Land and Area

The piece of land in question is on Cambridge Terrace and is approximately 3900 square metres in size. The shape of the land is relatively uniform with 3 straight sides and a curved fourth outer that follows the bend of Cambridge Terrace.

Given the land has been used for a bowling club, it is very flat, and this is obviously a necessity when developing tennis courts. Further, the size of the land would easily allow for 3 tennis courts with the potential for a small basketball court another possibility (see below).

The minimum area required for a tennis court is 450 square metres and this allows for a 2 metre zone to the side of the doubles line and a 3 metres zone behind the base line. Ideally, it is preferable to have slightly more clearance so we have allowed for 500 square metres per court. This therefore equates to 1500 square metres of tennis facility based on 3 courts however given we are in the preliminary stages this may well change dependent on other factors such as finance and Council consents.

We intend to install green AstroTurf courts which will blend in with the immediate environment. The land sits in a very sheltered area with prevailing winds sheltered by the contour of the land and surrounding trees.
The Community

With an approximate population of 15,000 there is high demand for recreational facilities and tennis is a sport played by a large number of local residents. In addition to club members (see ‘Intended Structure’ below) we envisage the club being used by other groups (fitness and boot camp), schools, coaches, other sporting codes as well as casual members of the public. In essence, this facility will be utilised by a large cross section of the Peninsula community in a variety of uses and it is this inclusion that will be one of our founding principles.
Demographic

The average age of a Devonport resident is 39 years and, in recent times, the suburb has seen a steady influx of young families while retaining a relatively high percentage of 50+ and retired residents. Devonport has a fantastic local community and it is our intention that a tennis facility will cater right across the age spectrum from ‘littlies’ tennis to seniors.

Further, tennis is a sport played by an equal mix of female and male players, a balance that is perhaps missing from the nearby rugby and cricket clubs and a tennis facility would therefore be highly representative of the local community as opposed to having a high number of male participants.

I note that the rugby and cricket clubs have subsequently expressed interest in the vacant bowling club land following our efforts over the past 2 years. Whilst a proud member of the North Shore Rugby Club I do not believe they, nor the cricket club, require further resources for club purposes. They are sitting on large chunks of land as it is and we feel that a club that is more inclusive of a wider range of residents is more appropriate in this situation.
Seasonality

Another crucial benefit is the fact that a tennis is no longer a seasonal game and is in fact played for 12 months of the year as well as being played at all times of the day (see ‘Lighting’ below). In contrast to the neighbouring cricket and rugby clubs who sit on vast chunks of land that are, in reality, only used for 4-5 months a year, a tennis facility would offer far greater return in terms of hours played throughout the year. In essence, it is arguably a far more efficient use of this piece of land than any other sporting code.

Access and Parking

As well as having 7 dedicated car parks there is ample parking available on Cambridge Terrace. Further, there are many houses within a 500 metres radius and it is envisaged that a large portion of players or those using the facility would in fact walk or cycle.
Intended Structure

We invite direction from the Council on this however our assumptions are currently on the basis that this will be self-funded.

Subject to Council approval we intend to form a club with the initial development to be funded by foundation member contributions and corporate sponsorship. In addition, members will pay an annual subscription and members of the public will also be able to use tennis courts on a casual payment basis. In addition, community groups will pay a modest fee to use the facility as will other commercial operators such as tennis coaches and other sporting groups. It is intended that, subject to detail, school groups will be able to use the facility free of charge.

As mentioned above, every member of the public will essentially have access to this facility. In addition, we are fortunate to have a wide range of trade practitioners (construction/electrical/concrete etc) and professional’s (lawyers/accountants etc) in the community and we intend to utilise their services in order to complete this project within a reasonable timeframe and within a prudent budget.
Environmental Factors

Noise
Recreational tennis is a relatively quiet sport with no spectator noise. In addition, suitable landscaping and planting can further diminish the actual noise being produced from the sport itself.

Lighting
Subject to Council approval we intend to install floodlights in order to maximise the land usage and revenue streams. Modern tennis floodlights are highly efficient and, more importantly, have minimal light pollution outside of the playing area.

Bowling Club Fixed Assets/Buildings

There are existing buildings on the site which we would look to renovate and utilise. These include a ‘clubhouse’ with a bar and changing rooms and there is also an implement shed which would be ideal for the storing of maintenance equipment.
Additional Uses

It is our intention that the club will be available as a resource for, but not limited to, the following

Community Groups

Boot camp/fitness groups

School groups

Other sporting codes (potential for basketball court)

Private functions

Corporate use