

# Growing community sports

Wellington's Indoor Community  
Sports Centre newsletter

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This is the third newsletter about the design, planning and construction of the Indoor Community Sports Centre at Cobham Park, Kilbirnie.

This issue covers the revised timeline for the resource consent application for the Centre. It also covers our engagement with local schools about their needs. The next issue is due out around June.

## RESOURCE CONSENT UPDATE

In our second newsletter, which came out at the end of January, we said that an application for resource consent would be lodged soon after the end of February.

Since then, our timeline has changed. The resource consent application is now unlikely to be ready before May or June 2008.

This is because we have had to reconsider some aspects of the Centre's design in order to meet budget constraints. Some aspects of the original brief that have changed, and features that have been added during our ongoing consultation with key sports codes and others, need further consideration. We've been revisiting the layout and needs for local, national and international-standard facilities that will make up the 12-court venue to see if we can do things smarter.

This means that we're taking the Centre's design back to its essentials and focusing on the resources that the sports codes need while keeping costs in line with the budget that is acceptable to the Council.

The community engagement that we undertook in October and November last year has helped us in this process. It also showed us what issues were causing concern and we've been working to address these where practicable.

An example of this is the Centre's parking – following feedback, the proposed two-level parking structure has been redesigned and moved from beside the building on the western side of the site to under the building, where almost half the parking will be out of view. This will improve accessibility and help reduce the effect of issues such as noise and light spill.

Changes such as this obviously mean that the existing preliminary design is outdated and needs to be redrawn. Once this is ready, it will form part of the resource consent application documentation that will be available to the public when the consent is notified.

## MAILING LIST

You've received this newsletter either because you live near Cobham Park, or you gave us your contact details for follow-up at a public meeting or when you provided feedback. If you've been passed a copy of this newsletter and you'd like to be added to our mailing list or, alternatively, if you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please contact Tim Harrod – his details are in the Contacts section.

Once the resource consent is lodged, we will undertake appropriate advertising to let people know how to make a submission. Please remember that if you're interested in making a submission about an aspect of the application that affects you, you need to make sure that your submission is submitted within the period specified in the consent notification. **Early submissions cannot be accepted.** If you're not sure about when to make a submission, please call 499 4444.

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## SCHOOLS ENGAGEMENT

While all the other work has been going on, Council representatives have been talking to schools near the Cobham Park site, and some lower-decile schools from slightly further afield, to find out how the new Centre can best meet their needs.

Getting schools' input is vital because they will be able to make extensive use of the facility during the day.

Issues such as affordability, transport and travel times, effective booking systems and innovative programmes have been common themes during the engagement exercise.

This feedback will be useful at all stages of the project, and particularly when the Centre begins operating in 2010. Until then, we will continue to develop programme packages and plan for the types of equipment, staff and activities that may suit schools and which support their delivery of the physical education curriculum.

Most schools in the area are reported to be excited about the possibilities allowed by having a large indoor sports facility nearby.

The schools engagement exercise started late last year and in our discussion we have also been talking to Wellington Primary Principals' Association, College Sport Wellington and Primary Sport Wellington. The engagement work will continue through until June and will include an online survey of other schools across the city to get their views on how they might want to use the Centre.

For more information about the schools engagement exercise, please contact Jamie Delich, Manager, Recreation Wellington, on 803 8353.

### CONTACTS

For general project information, check out the Projects section of the Council's website [www.Wellington.govt.nz](http://www.Wellington.govt.nz) which is updated regularly.

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## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

Depending on the consent process, the anticipated project timeline is as follows:

**November 2008**

**Detailed design completed**

**December 2008**

**Construction start date**

**Mid 2010**

**Construction complete**

More details will be added as the project progresses.

