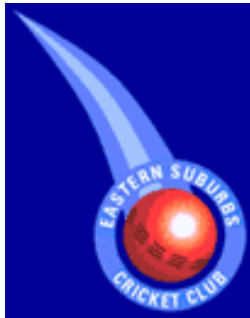


# Kilbirnie Park Sports and Community Club

## Concept Plan Briefing



# INTRODUCTION

Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club, Marist AFC and Marist St Pats RFC wish to develop a joint Sports and Community Club at Kilbirnie Park (“Kilbirnie Park Sports and Community Club”). The three clubs, together with its affiliate members believe there are strong relationships and resources among the group to ensure a long term viable sports and community club to serve the Eastern Suburbs.

## CONCEPT PLAN

Key highlights of the concept plan;

- Formation of the Kilbirnie Park Sports and Community Club initially comprising Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club, Marist AFC and Marist St Pats RFC, as founding members. Have SMOG, Capital Swim and St Pats College as affiliate members. Membership open to other sports and community clubs.
- Sell existing clubhouses at Kilbirnie Park and Hataitai Park.
- Proceeds from Clubhouse sales to be used to build a two level approximate 350-400 square metre new club house at the South Eastern corner of Kilbirnie Park, to replace existing cricket clubrooms.
- Relocate No 1 cricket block and the practice nets to the South Eastern corner.
- Relocate soccer field to the South Eastern corner of Kilbirnie Park.

# BACKGROUND OF FOUNDING CLUBS

Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club was established following the merger of Kilbirnie Cricket Club and Midland St Pats. Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club and its predecessor club, Kilbirnie Cricket Club, has been based on Kilbirnie Park for 125 years. It has won the Wellington Senior Championship an unprecedented 12 out of the last 13 years. 29 New Zealand Internationals and numerous first Class players have played for the club, including the following internationals over the last 40 years Jeetan Patel, Bruce Edgar, Stephen Fleming(Capt), Roger Twose, Barry Sinclair (Capt), Rodney Redmond and Richard Collinge). It is the only cricket club in the Eastern Suburbs.

Marist AFC is the oldest football club in NZ established in 1896. Marist AFC has won New Zealand's premier club competition, the Chatham Cup, in 1932 and 1946, and were runners-up in 1945.

Marist St Pats Rugby Club was established in 1971 following the merger of Marist Old Boys and St Pats Old Boys. Current Swindale Shield holders, it has won 13th Jubilee Cups. It has produced 8 All Blacks (Jeffrey To'omaga-Allen Victor Vito John Schuster Brian McGrattan, Tu Wyllie, John Fleming, Grant Batty and Joe Karam) and numerous Wellington representative players.

# MEMBERSHIP

Initially, the Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club, Marist AFC and Marist St Pats RFC will form the foundation of the Kilbirnie Park Sports and Community Club. The three clubs are all highly successful in their respective codes and have a long and proud tradition in Wellington as well as being recognised nationally. We also have a number of affiliate members. We would seek interest from other community groups who may wish to use the facility on a casual basis or become full or affiliate members of the Sports and Community Club. It is envisaged that the Kilbirnie Park Sports and Community Club will become a key asset for both local sports and community clubs and schools.

The membership of the initial foundation clubs is as follows;

	<b>Eastern Suburbs Cricket Club</b>	<b>Marist AFC</b>	<b>Marist St Pats RFC</b>	<b>Total</b>
Playing adult members	276	100	330	<b>706</b>
Non Playing adult members	150	75	300	<b>525</b>
Junior members	370	20	250	<b>640</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>1,871</b>

# MEMBERSHIP

- In addition to the above member numbers of the foundation clubs, we also have the full support of
  - St Patrick's College who have 78 students involved in cricket, 141 in football and 230 in Rugby.
  - SMOG Netball with 96 players (8 teams).
  - Capital Swim with 250 swimmers (mostly Junior) and 60 non swimmers.
- We are also in discussions with the Park Road Bowling Club (90 members) in participating in the use of these facilities and have received favourable preliminary interest in the concept.

# Location of New Facility



# KEY BENEFITS

Key Benefits of the concept plan are;

- Underpinned by strong foundation clubs with strong desire and commitment to work together.
- Fully funded and a financially responsible approach to also ensure its long term financial viability.
- Consolidation and rationalisation of existing resources.
- Complements and underpins significant investment made in existing artificial turf facilities at St Pats College and the playing facilities of Marist St Pats RFC at Evans Bay Park, as well as the Kilbirnie Aquatic Centre and ASB Centre.
- Greater opportunity to improve membership of individual clubs, cross-code membership.
- Provides strategic options for further development of Aquatic Centre.
- More efficient use of Kilbirnie Park fields and release further land for playing fields. Footprint not bigger than existing clubrooms and utilisation of ground unchanged.

# KEY BENEFITS

- A new built facility that is
  - Right sized;
  - Meets the needs of all clubs at the outset;
  - Long term environmentally sustainable and efficient; and
  - An attractive community asset.
- Move away from congested traffic areas at existing sites and proposed traffic route along Kilbirnie Crescent under the Public Transport Spine Study.
- Better Parking.
- Strong stakeholder support – Cricket Wellington, Wellington Rugby Union and Capital Football.
- Cost Synergies through the sharing of common costs ( insurance/utilities/maintenance). As well as other opportunities to rent facilities on an ad hoc basis.
- Strengthen existing working relationship with St Pats College, Rongotai College and other schools in Eastern Suburbs.
- Access to future funding under new combined Sports and Community structure.



# INDICATIVE CONCEPT DRAWING



Two level clubhouse incorporating multi purpose lounge facilities, meeting room, two changing rooms, storage room, viewing balcony facing North West. It would also house existing groundsman shed.

# NEXT STEPS

Develop work plan to consider following issues;

- Formalise working party through memorandum of understanding (“MOU”) and seek formal mandate from each club.
- Sale of Marist St Pats RFC clubrooms at Hataitai Park.
- Negotiate with NZTA and Council re impact on Kilbirnie Park.
- Working Group with Council on concept approval.
- Detailed design drawings and costing.
- Financial Feasibility.
- Funding - Sale of Existing Clubrooms, alternative funding and approach funding agencies.
- Governance Structure – Trust Structure, Independent Board, Founding and Affiliate membership.

# COUNCIL SUPPORT

- Non financial.
- Council support in negotiations with NZTA.
- Working Group with Council on seeking concept approval re location, design, consent process.

# KEY MESSAGES

- Strong foundation clubs and affiliate support with commitment to work with each other.
- New facility fit for purpose that replaces existing clubrooms and within existing footprint.
- Long term sustainable model.
- Complements and underpins significant investment already made in area.
- An attractive and exciting community asset and St Pats College support.
- Fully funded, no Council funding support sought.

# Appendix

Key Contacts

Proposed Roding Impact

Illustrative Example of NZ Cricket High Performance Centre

# KEY CONTACTS

- Ronnie Nathu – Eastern Suburbs, President
- John Holden – Marist St Pats RFC , Board Member
- Mark Lavery – Marist AFC, Chairman

# PROPOSED ROADING IMPACT

## Draft NZTA Report on Roading Impact







## **NZ Cricket High Performance Centre -Lincoln University– Illustrative example**