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REGIONAL SPORTS TRUSTS

6 Other Comments

Would you like to comment on any other aspect of this draft 10 Year Plan?

See attached submission

Joint Submission on behalf of Sport Central, Sport Otago, and Sport Southland to the Queenstown Lakes District Council 10 Year Plan 2015-2025

1. Wanaka Sports Facility and Pool

Sport Central, Sport Otago, and Sport Southland; Regional Sports Trusts (RSTs) support the option of progressing design of the pools in 2015-2016 with construction in 2016-2017. A staged complementary construction period, linked to the construction of the Wanaka Indoor Sports Facility should provide for initial site works and construction savings.

The cost to Wanaka ratepayers of a \$184.00 per annum rate, will however, represent a hardship for a sector of the Wanaka community, particularly those on a fixed income.

The RSTs are aware that a range of current and potential users of the pool are non-ratepayer, transient residents of Wanaka. We believe that these transient users should contribute to the annual cost of the pool, potentially through a differentiated entry/user charge that provides some relief to resident ratepayers who would otherwise be subsidising the transients' use of the pool. To avoid resident ratepayers effectively paying twice, we suggest Council look at its fees and charges for pool entry and use.

However, this should not deviate focus away from the development of the initial stage one construction of an indoor stadium. Based on our experience and knowledge of indoor facilities both within Otago/Southland and nationally, it is our opinion that a two court facility is inadequate to meet current and projected local need and negates the ability to attract and host regional or national events based in and around the facility. A two court complex constrains the ability of the facility to generate income from activities and events.

2. Tracks and Trails

The RSTs applaud Council's investment into developing and maintaining its network of tracks and trails. These represent a major asset for the region and further attract visitors into the area, thereby generating an economic return to the district.

We therefore encourage Council to continue to invest in the development and maintenance of its tracks and trails, while also encouraging and working with a variety of community based organisations that contribute to the development and maintenance of the tracks and trails through their volunteer input and fundraising.

3. Events Fund

The RSTs support the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) in establishing a significant Events Fund that provides the opportunity for organisations and individuals to seek funding support for events and activities within the district. However, we would draw Council's attention to the need to support, through funding allocation, local long standing events that cater for the local population and not solely focus on major events promoted by external operators that have as their prime outcome, the generation of an economic/profitable return to the event promoter. Council **must** maintain a balance between major events that attract national and international participants as a one-off that boosts spend within the district and activities and events that meet the needs of its own resident population.

4. Facilities Strategy

The RSTs encourage Council to institute the development of a 'Facilities Plan' that would assess the need for recreation facilities serving the QLDC District. This 'Facilities Plan' would identify what the district has, how it is used, and by whom, along with any gaps in facilities and what may be required in future years. It would provide a framework, process, and criteria that any emerging projects would be assessed against (refer attached process diagrams). It would assist Council to move away from the current ad hoc approach to facilities, to a more structured, analytical process driven approach, that ensures all proposals have been subject to a robust and rigorous procedure that will stand up to scrutiny.

The RSTs have experience and expertise in carrying out such work and can call on the additional knowledge of Sport New Zealand's Community Sport Facilities Team to provide further support and assistance in advising on best practice and examples from within New Zealand and internationally. The RSTs offer themselves for consideration to carry out this project to create a District Facilities Plan for the QLDC.

5. Sport Central Funding Grant

The RSTs greatly appreciate the long standing partnership and funding arrangement with the QLDC in their support of Sport Central. The QLDC is a foundation partner in the establishment of Sport Central, which exists to meet the physical activity needs of the communities within the QLDC catchment. The contribution that the QLDC makes to the services provided by Sport Central, along with the contribution from the Central Otago District Council, ensures the ongoing viability and sustainability of the various programmes, activities, events, and schools focused delivery provided by Sport Central through local identities Bill Godsall and Rebekah Winter (a Queenstown resident).

Sport Central focuses on and delivers community based sport and recreation programmes, activities, and events that grow **participation** in physical activity and in particular within the events area, promotes Central Otago and the QLDC catchment outside the district as a sport and recreation destination.

The grant that we seek from Council will fund the following:

- Support of delivery, of in excess of 30 community events that encourage participation in physical activity. These cover the entire demographic spectrum from early childhood, youth, adults, and the elderly.

- Support of community based activities and events through provision of timing and other equipment (Sport Central provides a range of equipment and personnel support to a wide range of organisations, schools, and event promoters, encouraging shared use of these resources, reducing duplication and demands on district funding agencies).
- Advocacy, advice, expertise, and support to the QLDC communities on capability, organisational, and event based issues to a wide range of entities, schools, QLDC staff, and local groups whether they are sport and recreation based or not.
- Oversight of the Central Lakes Swim Safe Programme and liaison with schools within the QLDC catchment and QLDC Aquatic staff.
- Projects with community sports organisations, focusing on specific issues that organisations require assistance with.
- Delivering sports based programmes into schools within the QLDC catchment, inclusive of providing training/coaching training for school staff/teachers.
- Support of schools NCEA recreation programmes.
- Coordination of sport and recreation organisations and promoters in producing an annual Events Calendar for Central Otago.
- Sport Central's delivery of Active Movement professional development for early childhood teachers and parents; a **key** area of focus and point of difference. This is particularly critical in the QLDC area, with a high early childhood population demographic and the fastest growing area in terms of youth within New Zealand.
- Provision of fundamental skills based training in the primary school setting; linked to Active Movement.
- Advice and provision of safety and traffic management audits and plans for local events; Sport Central is the 'go to' organisation.

In April-May 2015, the RSTs partnered to institute a 'Stakeholders Survey' of Central Otago. Funded through Sport New Zealand, this is the first district level survey carried out by that body.


The survey will assist us in identifying current and projected needs of the Central Otago community and therefore what range of services, levels, and resources are required to address this need. The findings of the survey will be shared with the QLDC, who will be crucial in being party to any adjustment in Sport Central's areas of focus and allocation of resource.

The Council currently provides a grant of \$35,000 per annum (+ GST) in support of Sport Central. We seek Council's consideration of ongoing support at this level. We would also seek Council's consideration of applying an inflation adjustment to the grant which has not altered in six years, despite rising costs.

Yours faithfully



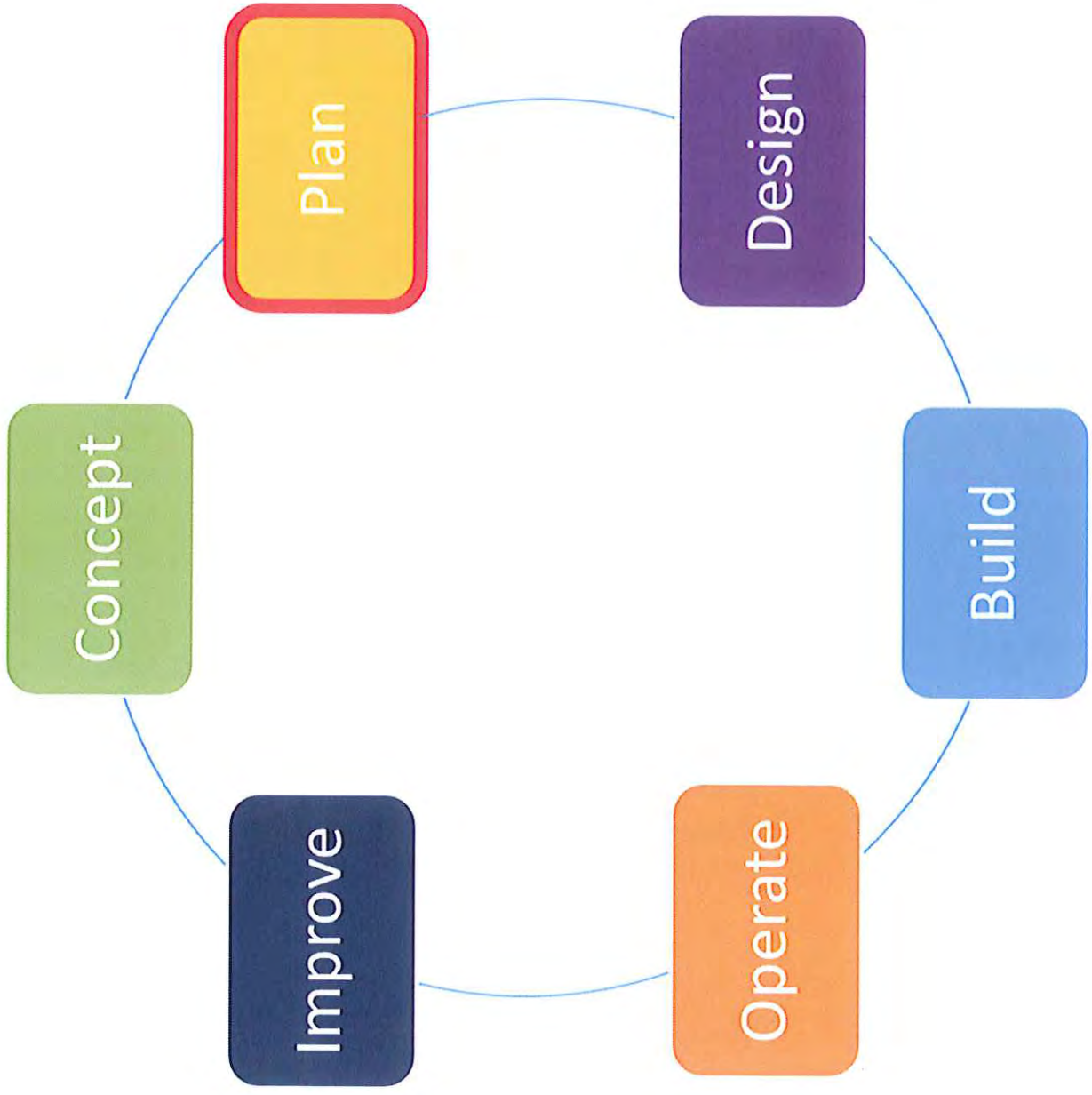
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1. Identify the need for the facility and develop a strategic business case
2. Review the need in the wider context of the desired facility network
3. Assess market dynamics including demographics and changing sport dynamics
4. Critique and review key thinking



5. Establish a fit-for-purpose and sustainable model – ‘whole of life’ costing considerations
6. Assess the functional and spatial requirements
7. Govern, manage and operational concepts considered for optimal and quality service provision
8. Evaluate the success of the facility against planned outcomes and assess future plans