

Minutes from McKenzie Pool Re-development Working Group  
Monday 22 September  
Pelorus Trust Sports House, Hutt Park

**Present:** Cr Joy Baird (Chair), Cr Barbara Branch, Kelly Barrat (PCB), Mason Branch (PCB), Gerard Davidson (PCB), Graeme Lyon, Nick Millar, Stephen Keatley (HCC), Marcus Sherwood (HCC), Tony Stallinger (CEO, HCC)

**Apologies:** Cr Rodger Styles, Joan McGrath (Petone Schools Rep), Aaron Marsh (HCC), Allen Yip (HCC), Michael Lulich (PCB)

**Minutes:**

Welcome and introductions

Question raised regarding nominations to the working party in particular concerning Lorraine Williams. The Chair explained the criteria for selection and that Lorraine Williams had declined an invite to be part of the group.

The Chair discussed the process to this point including the past reports and minutes related to the project. The Chair highlighted the Approved Terms of Reference for the group and what the group had been tasked to achieve:

- Identify gaps in the network and opportunities to add to pool services
- Agree to the overall pool concept
- Identify and evaluate possible sites
- Obtain technical reports
- Identify partners/other funding sources
- Report to Council

Cr Styles memo was circulated

Nick asked about having all the information about McKenzie Pool Re-Development on the HCC website to allow people interested to be able to access it. This was agreed by all.

**ACTION: Marcus Sherwood to set up webpage by the end of the week.**

A presentation was made by Marcus Sherwood on:

- The current pool network
- Interesting pool facilities
- Identified sites in Petone

A discussion was held on the sites identified. Nick asked about the possibility of Council buying land for the project. Cr Branch raised the idea of having 2 pools one to cater for schools and another as an attraction pool. Upgrading the Wilford school pool was raised as an alternative for school use.

A general discussion was held about type of pools and in particular Cr Styles memo. The group agreed that the minimum requirement was for a 25m lap pool and learners pool. In general the group agreed that additional services should be investigated to make it a tourist attraction. Mason Branch raised that in 1933 the community built the best pool that they could and we should have the same attitude. The following were suggested:

- Should keep its family feel e.g. good grass areas, BBQ's, areas for picnics.
- Learn to Swim for schools
- Lap pool
- Modern facilities
- Outdoor spas

- Gym and health related activities

The discussion was moved to what sites should be investigated further. The following were identified:

- Korokoro Gateway (West end of the Esplanade)
- Hikoikoi Park (East end of the Esplanade)
- North Park – extend into.
- Settlers Museum area
- Petone Recreation Ground – Caretakers old House or Corner of Udy and Britannie Street
- Extend on current site

The group had some questions on who owns the land at Korokoro Gateway and the Old Petone College site and had concerns about some locations and zoning laws.

**ACTION: All options should be considered at this early stage and issues around land zoning will form part of the analysis.**

Tony asked how likely it was going to be to get external funding eg Pelorus Trust etc. Marcus said it is hard for just community facilities, as most gaming organisations or companies like regional or national facilities to get maximum exposure. Partnership could work, but this all needs to be investigated. It is more likely to obtain external funding if the facility is seen as a tourist attraction.

The chair stated that each of the above sites needs to be fully investigated and a report presented to this group so the preferred site can be found. Marcus recommended to the group that he would like to use a consultant, as well as council officers, to complete a multi-criteria analysis on;

1. Different pool types.
2. Different sites.

Marcus recommended David Allen from Global Leisure Group, who completed the Options paper for Council last year.

**ACTION: Marcus Sherwood to contact Dave Allen regarding his availability**

**ACTION: Marcus Sherwood to develop a draft timeline for the project**

Meeting Closed at 6.55pm

**Next Meeting date:** TBA