

On behalf of the Kapiti Cycling Club and the Kapiti Inline Skating Club, we would like to jointly put forward, a proposal to build a multi-purpose paved circuit on the Howarth Block of land.

Our proposal is a combined 'vision' to create a world class sports and recreation facility for people of all ages and all levels of ability, from novices to elite level, while at the same time catering the vast numbers of recreational users. A paved, hot mix sealed circuit will ensure compliance to every UCI standard for cycling and inline skating at international, national, regional and local levels of competition at all age levels. Equally the complex will lend itself to a wealth of opportunities of local and regional importance as it will be unique to New Zealand. It would also be an everyday facility that anyone at any age can go and use any day of the week, any time of the year.



There is a growing trend around the world, to move cycling training, development and racing facilities away from increasingly busy roads. Overseas facilities are generally specifically for cycling – however we are proposing a multi-purpose venue that could be shared with cycling, inline skating, running, triathlon, Paralympics, skateboard racing, and any other human powered wheeled events. So the design grows from a combination of overseas developments and own design ideas – to make the venue truly multipurpose. Kapiti is currently a world powerhouse in inline skating – with a triple world champion part of the Kapiti Club. But the Inline Skating Club has nowhere safe to train and develop the skills of it's members – especially new people wanting to get into the sport.



We would be building on existing work, including the internationally acclaimed multi use pathway/cycle-way at New Plymouth, The Toowoomba and Canberra cycle-ways and race tracks in Australia (and others currently being developed), and many such circuits in the United Kingdom that have helped turn the UK into one of the top performers in international cycling.

We have talked with a major grant provider, who has said they would look favorably on a substantial community grant for this circuit, on the proviso that we can get the involvement of the Council. We have also had preliminary discussions with a major trading bank about being a naming right sponsor for the circuit.

All these developments are important in connecting communities, that gives people a sense of healthy well being, a place of social interaction in a safe environment for all family members of all ages.



With the space available – a dedicated circuit of 3kms is possible, completely separated from internal park roading, though links to the park roads would enhance the vision further, by allowing one off, longer distance events that incorporate the dedicated circuit as well as the internal park roads. The design of the circuit is key to making it truly multipurpose. One circuit, but many other circuits within the circuit. The benefits of this would be the ability to hold 3-4-or 5 disciplines at once. For example, school children could be having cycle lessons at one part of the circuit, in-line skates in another, long boards, para-cycling in another, and anything else with wheels powered under human effort, all at once, training at one facility.



We also believe that the popularity of other such projects around New Zealand and the world would only benefit tourism not only locally, but also at a regional level.

The circuit would also benefit a multitude of many other sporting groups, from harriers to multi-sport clubs, that could use this as a start and finish line for running races, triathlons, Ironman and the Weet-bix Kids Triathlon series etc. The circuit would also make a magnificent venue for non-competitive events such as the Relay for Life.

The purchase and development of the Howarth Block is hugely forward thinking, and we believe the addition of our proposal, as well as well as the plans for other sport and recreation facilities on the block will leave a fantastic legacy. This represents a great opportunity to collaborate on a venue that brings people and communities together for many generations to come.



Kind regards The Kapiti Cycling Club and Kapiti In-line Skating Club.