



Commentator

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Neighbours' Newsletter

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Happy New Year.

This issue of Commentator focuses on the background to the Trust Board's application for resource consent for additional night games.

Whilst the Rugby World Cup 2011(RWC) is exciting news and continues to attract media attention the Trust Board must remain focused on successfully running events at the Park.

We will keep you up to date with Eden Park's development to meet the needs of the RWC. At this time however there is nothing new to report except internal management changes that the Trust Board has made. We have restructured our team to ensure that we can focus on the redevelopment of the Park and on day to day operations.

Whilst retaining my role as Chief Executive I will be spending the majority of my time on RWC matters and the development of the stadium. Murray Reade, who has been appointed General Manager, will be responsible for all day to day activities. He will be supported by John Strawbridge who has been appointed Operations Manager.

A key component of the resource consent process for additional night games is consultation with our neighbours. On behalf of the Eden Park Trust Board I would like to invite you to an Open Day on 15 February.

The Open Day will give you the opportunity to discuss the application in detail with the Trust Board and its advisors.

We will be in a position to update you on development proposals for the RWC at the second Open Day on 15 March.

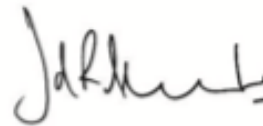
You will already be familiar with the application as we have kept you informed of the process to date in the December 2004, May, August, November and December 2005 issues of Commentator.

You will be aware that the process began with the Trust Board's application for three night time concerts (non-sporting events). Last year both New Zealand Cricket and the New Zealand Rugby Union approached Eden Park for additional night games to allow for their extended competitions. Following discussions with the City Council and the Eden Park Neighbours' Association (EPNA) the request for additional night games evolved into the current proposal. The Trust Board has been involved in extensive consultation on the additional night games with the EPNA.

An important condition of the process is the Eden Park Trust Board's commitment to withdraw the application for night time concerts if, and

when, the resource consent for additional night games was to be granted and there were no outstanding appeals against the consent.

We look forward to welcoming you at Eden Park on 15 February.



John Alexander – Chief Executive.

EDEN PARK TO 2011 AND BEYOND

Eden Park Trust Board wishes
to invite you to a series of public open days:

15 FEBRUARY 2006, 1 – 9pm
Auckland Rugby Supporters' Lounge,
ASB Stand, Eden Park
(access via Gate A, Walters Road)

- 1pm – 3pm: Presentations and Question time
- Resource consent application - Additional night games
- Rugby World Cup 2011 and Eden Park's role
- 3pm – 7pm: Drop in and talk one on one with the Eden Park team and technical experts
- 7pm – 9pm: Repeat of afternoon presentations and Question time

Future open days:

15 MARCH 2006, 1 – 9pm:

Public workshop – Options for Eden Park to the RWC 2011 and beyond

12 APRIL 2006, 1 – 9pm:

Presentation of proposals for Eden Park to the RWC 2011 and beyond

Comment from the Eden Park Neighbours' Association

When EPNA was approached last year by Council and Eden Park, to adjourn the concerts Environment Court appeal, and to look at Eden Park concentrating on sporting events, we saw it as a opportunity to work with the parties to achieve the best outcome possible.

We have been encouraged over the last year by Eden Park's acceptance that they must improve event management, and we have continued to work with both them and Council to explore options for improvements – especially better traffic management.

Eden Park have sought feedback from us during this process. To date this has entailed helping them anticipate likely issues that may affect their neighbours.

Now the application has now been lodged, we move into the Resource Management Act (RMA) process, where Council will distribute details of Eden Park's application for increased night events, and later, after submissions, Council's own analysis of the

Where can I get further information?

The Trust Board's contact person is Christine Lawrence - clawrence@edenpark.co.nz and phone number 815 4852. She has an information pack with a summary of the resource consent application available on request. She is also able to arrange a meeting with you with the appropriate Trust Board advisor, if you so desire.

The Auckland City Council's contact person is Robyn Pilkington – Phone 353 9250.

The Eden Park Neighbours' Association contacts are:
Mark Donnelly - 630 8834 or mark.donnelly@xtra.co.nz
Anne Meekan - 623 1659, Gayatri Jaduram - 630 5787,
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The EPNA website is www.epna.org.nz

A new neighbourhood association has been formed the Eden Park Residents' Association. They can be contacted at www.edenparkresidents.org.nz

application. Everyone, including EPNA will now be able to make submissions.

To date, the feeling of the EPNA committee has been that, given improved event management, and the promise of the permanent removal of concerts as an option for Eden Park, the area may be able to cope with an increase in the number of Rugby games. However, Council would need to come up with a mechanism whereby the event management standards can not "slip back", and in fact are continually improved. We have yet to see a proposal of how this could be achieved.

With Cricket, the current restriction of 2 Day/Night internationals was put in place by the original consent, because of the crowd issues which we are all well aware of. Whilst better management may help, we are concerned with the increase from 2 to 6 day/night internationals. We appreciate that Eden Park have tried to address the noise issue by proposing a 5db reduction.

Where to from here?

We would like to hear your views on the application (contact details are in this Commentator). As usual, we will also send out a newsletter later, with details of RMA/Submission sessions we will aim to run. These are to help people understand Eden Park's submission and the subsequent Council hearing process.

As always, we would encourage people to make submissions. Whether you oppose or support some, or all of the application, it is crucial that you have a say – and you can only do this by making a submission. That will also mean you will receive further reports from Council during the process.

The RMA process isn't a popular "vote" process, it is about the environmental "effects" i.e. what will the impacts be on you and your household. The process may seem daunting, and we will try and help through that process – however it is worth the effort, as things such as conditions play an important part in addressing effects. And as we have seen from the night games, the conditions we as a community achieved have helped make a big difference to how these events have been run.

This is EPNA's 10th year – and it looks like being a busy year!

Mark Donnelly
President,
Eden Park Neighbours' Association