**Alistair Graham 2/8/04 CCC**

QE2 was the idea of Tony Murdoch and Maurice Ryan, he went along with the idea, pavilion

sited where it is because that is where the services were.

**Shackleton 2/8/04**

CCA Board did not know about QE2, Ryan and Murdoch idea, not keen because it is cold, distance and sponsors, pavilion placed there because of services, CCA wrote opposing position of pavilion, not certain why no reply.

**Tony Murdoch 2/8/04**

concept of QE2 was not to replace jade but only play 4 day cricket and women’s cricket. Ashburton and Timaru were not up to standard and concern that Dudley could only be used 1/year. made a submission to council in 1997 at annual plan, 20 page booklet. Had spent time with certain councilors and staff, council agreed to give $100,000/year for 5 year. Believed the proposal was sound because it would be marketed along with other uses of the facility eg swimming. Money was used to move pavilion.

hagley was not ideal because of effect on clubs and not able to charge. also difficult to run matches, temporary stands etc. alan Direen and Al graham were supportive. They would still play OD matches at Jade.

Jade had decided to cut down block to 4 strips and Wyllie very concerned that he would not be able to produce strips of the right quality about 1997, short time between seasons and few strips on block, cf 1998 C v ND one day game when covers not used, jade sold large motorized covers.

He believed addington would not go ahead without substantial backing from council, Herbert idea along with doig who saw it as an opportunity to become involved with fund raising,

**Dean Mckenzie CEO Jade**

Working on basis that Jade is a dual purpose ground for ever, not aware of any policy by NZC re non use, they see cricket as important for the ground, have a high quality pitch and practice facility which must be a priority for NZC in allocation of games, must be an ease of mind for cricket to know that ground is always there, concerned about comments that it is too expensive to play cricket there. $4,000 per game, other costs are simply handed on,

5 person board Hamlin Johnstone, Barry Corbett, Paddy Austin, Bruce Irvine, Vicky Buck

At present have drawings for the Eastern side, ground is already oval shape, no reason to make it square, has 3 natural pitches and 1 portable which is on eastern side, portable will used for test match in March as rugby played 2 weeks prior, are considering making a 2nd tray for a portable,

In feb cricket have priority use of ground, they are waiting for a draft contract

**Anne Hermanson Canty Rugby League**

League turned down approach by CCC re use of QE11 village green, too far out of town, players in main from other side of city, thought they would lose players especially younger ones. some years ago league bought the 2 grandstands, crazy as they did not own the land, they then sold them back to the council, have a 30 year lease from the council, no2 grandstand is condemned and will be pulled down this year, could refurbish no 1 grandstand but have another at present option to develop the no2 ground and build a new grandstand, potential cost $250,000, not totally accepted by her board, CCC engineers report says this a cheaper option rather than upgrading no 1 grandstand and ground

Has approached Lewis at Jade to look at upgrading ground, council have $50,000 over 3 yrs in their annual plans for redevelopment, Sport Canty moving to QE2,

**Megan Netball (Lyn Miles**)

They are very interested in going to addington, they need an indoor venue with 4 courts and hold 4,000 people , is an option for the Flames,would have 40 outdoor concrete courts, and 3,000 car parks,

netball building is 10yrs old, valued at 2.5 million, council was very helpful in getting approval, no charge for the land, netball had been there for 70 years and had talked them out of going to Curletts Rd, Westpac stadium is expensive to hire and is too large, 4,000 people look lost in there, cannot fill stadium, indicated they are actively marketing the sale of the pavilion but not sure how,

hagley school open up grounds and charge $2 for parking but not related to Netball,

have looked at saleyards, but wanting to do a feasibility study on move to addington, looking to ask council for some funding money for the study but have not progressed the study yet, do not know about Octa, thought the cost over $100,000, any shift must be permanent, have 65 car parks,

**Martin Snedden**

Jade a problem because of cost and presentation, other venues CD only want ODI: Queenstown good for ODI in Jan, poss Tests as is Uni Oval, only real ODI venue in Dunedin is Carisbrook,

players prefer spectator friendly venues, economical for NZC at Hamilton and Wellington, At Wellington pay ground authority 15% of gate. realistically test matches would not exceed 5-6000/day as with England, test in March against Aust will be a good test, if crowds poor will negate against future fixtures, grandstand should be available for 1,000 people for superior seating,

NZC need only a small hospitality area as major sponsors are in Well and Auck, size approx 100 people, NZC have been feeding games to QE11 to keep it as a cricket venue, NZ A matches

**He was unsure why CCC unhappy about use of QE11 as they have put little money into it.**

**Chris Herbert CCA Board**

QE11 too far out for sponsors, Lion and Casino said who would drink and drive, $45 cab fare as against $5 at Addington, how many drinks would be sold out there, Casino giving a voucher would not be used, Lion could reduce money from $400,000 to $100,000.

Ron Wright on front page council had spent a lot of money on LP $40 million and did not want to lose test cricket at LP so was against promoting Addington.

Graham Condon and Al graham had spent $25 million on pool upgrade at QE11

Mike Godinet and Chris Herbert had talked about a cricket venue, Mark Stewart appoint by Council when League were placed in receivership and then talked to Doig. Addington would have joint eventing with raceway.

**Mike Godber CEO Addington raceway**

Thought Council staff against proposal and wanted QE11 developed, reason for Addington’s interest was it gave them more activity and also stables would be moved at a cost of $2 million, Westpac stadium built by Council at 35 million, managed by NCC which was set up by Raceway and an overseas group on 50:50 basis, make more money from arts, exhibitions and church events than sports, with concrete floor have to relay for netball, see some synergy with another indoor stadium there and could be a spillover from their events. Raceway own land, bought in 1980 from Hospital, were paying 20,000/yr for lease, had been given to hospital by Trigger, cost Raceway $1 million to buy.

**Chris Doig**

5 million raised for Theatre Royal, had visited cricket sites with Graeme Watson and he believes they should be in centre of city, QE11 site needs wooden seats removed.

Fund raising possibilities for $4m

CCC $1.5m Gaming trust $2m Community Trust $400,000

Sponsorship $250,000 Lottery Grant $250,000

**Meeting with councilors Cox and Condon Friday August 27 2004**

Notes by Richard Reid and Brian Adams

David Cox began by outlining his view on where cricket should be based. Left no doubt that in his opinion QE11 was the only choice.

Both thought that Addington was a “no brainer” Condon mentioned costs of 22 million, (that cost needs querying), the 3 sports involved had no money and why would they want to own property and employ staff . Council had no intention of funding a more refined feasibility study. Their concern was that the complex would fail financially and that Council in a few years would have to come in and pick up the financial pieces. Both think league is bankrupt and administered very poorly. The sport has no strategic direction. Both unable to understand why league are weeded to staying at Addington when they could have a ready made ground at QE11.

They asked what cricket wanted and I outlined the brief. David Cox said the only facet against QE11is the site not being in the centre of the city. He could see a scenario where the Council could support building a grandstand with an indoor cricket school and administration offices. The cost would be tied in with the sale of the League grounds at Addington and the location of League to QE11. This grandstand would give some protection from the easterly winds and they would also encourage the planting of more mature trees for shelter and appearance. Council had bought the land from the A&P Association when they moved to Curletts Rd.

I am not certain whether they understand the nature of the lease agreement that league has at the ground or the zoning restrictions. Mike Godber had indicated it was open space residential and that Addington had recently had their northern land rezoned to industrial. Zoning the league ground to industrial would be necessary as no residents would wish to live next to a raceway. Godber indicated that league had a 30 year lease.

Condon asked what the problems were with cricket and Jade, rhetorical I believe. Richard pointed out that Rugby and possibilyJade paid a large sum of money to NZC to change the cricket itinerary last year. Condon suggested that $200,000 over 10 years equates to $2 million. Why not go to Jade and suggest that cricket withdraw from the ground on the basis that Jade would use that money to develop them a new home ground for domestic cricket with the CCA paying a ground rental to the Jade board. He did not specify a ground but the impression I gained was that he had Addington in mind. The CCA rental at present is $88,000/yr

Condon said if we came to council with good concept, David Cox would have to consider it, weight up the possibilities and probably change his mind.

Both think Hagley proposal not on. Too many issues, particularly with the public and we would never get a permanent enclosure.

The Netball pavilion is a white elephant. Contrary what Netball told me he said Council tried to get Netball to move to Curletts Rd but they were adamant they wanted to stay at Hagley. Condon said he could show me the correspondence on this point. There is no way Council would pay the $2 million for it, netball are dreaming. Their best solution is to build their indoor facility at Hagley and accept the parking problem. Strange advice?

**Richard Reid Notes**

**GRAHAM CONDON (GC)**

a) Standing for re-election.

b) Heavily involved with, and a big supporter, of a variety sports.

c) Supportive of appropriate facilities/venues needed by different sporting bodies.

d) Would support, @ CCC level, an appropriate cricket specific project @ Addington or QE II....leans towards Addington, see (i), below.

e) Financial help would be available, CCC $'s....probable CCC ownership of any new facility.

f) Current SPARC board member, as is Chris Doig. Chris has obviously had a chat to GC & he is well versed on the issue.

g) Understands, conceptually & intellectually, that Christchurch is disadvantaged when bidding for Test matches without a cricket specific venue,as opposed to Hamilton & Wellington.

h) Understands where Jade sits in this e.g. safe-guarding it as the ODI venue and for "tier 1" test matches.

i) Very "bullish" on doing a deal with Jade, thinks there is one to be had. Along the lines of...that Jade & CCA put aside a lot of the crap that has gone on since approx 1996.

- Greenfields approach.

- that CCA are upfront about what it will require for them to sign the access agreement, thereby dissolving the VPB & potentially allowing any redevelopment of Jade Stadium to continue without CCA's involvement.

- What we require is simple...a new, cricket specific, venue.

- one option to consider is that Jade Stadium to become the landlord of a new venue if it was located at Addington. Currently the land adjacent to Addington racecourse is owned by the CCC. I think that GC is clearly signalling that this has already been talked about, @ Jade Board level ? At any upcoming meetings this type of option should be considered/discussed...**lateral thinking hats on please.**

j) Would not support a project on Hagley Park.

k) Chairman of ?????? Committee.

GC is a serious player. It would not be helpful if he failed to get re-elected. Regardless on any other issues he is a HUGE supporter of sport. I believe he will be very helpful in getting whichever "deal" is settled upon, done.

**DAVID COX (DC)**

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g) Would argue passionately for QE II, as it in his electorate/ward, but will go "where the wind blows", if it was decided to be elsewhere.

h) Doesn't seem to be as "political" as GC but hugely supportive of sport, so therefore important.

i) Member of GC's ?????????????????? committee.

DC is not an "intellectual heavyweight", but he is a good ally who can be very helpful.

**SUMMARY**

Unfortunately, from my impressions, of the meeting anything within Hagley Park would not be supported @ CCC level. If you are not going to get a hearing from two passionate supporters of sport in Christchurch we may well be "pushing it uphill", regardless of the regulatory issues, & it might be time to reflect on that H owever they are delighted that we approached them for their input and they grasped it as an opportunity to give their pov and to try and assist in getting talks with Jade re-started. I believe that they are CLEARLY signalling that the time is right and there is a deal to be done. If, as part of that deal, the outcome is a new cricket specific venue the CCC will support it.

The key issue, from CCC's pov, is the safeguarding of Jade so that it is retained for cricket at International level. Neither ourselves or Jade, would seem to disagree on this point !

Now that we have signalled to the CCC that we are "back in the game" it is important that it moves along at a fairly good clip from here on in.

**Meeting Chris Freeman CCC Re use of Canterbury Park**

Tuesday October 12 2004.

Present Chris Freeman, Kevin Collier, Dennis Preston landscape architect.

"Staff quite supportive of the concept, believed the cricket oval should be closer to present oval which was initially earmarked for rugby. All services are closer, cricket oval would be further away from houses, closer to motorway off ramps and sealed car parks, would be able to build a grandstand 14m high if required rather than the height restriction of 8m if in area 5.

Chris Freeman suggested a quiet talk with Dougal Thomas Manager of the Park. His advice was to be general and not too specific on what we might require. His salary is funded 50.50 with CCC and A&P organizations. Rae Findlay event organizer for the Show also worth talking to. Wait till after Show week. She may have some ideas that the Oval could be used for during the Show week.

Cricket would have better acceptance from CCC and A&P if we were to find synergy long term with another sport".

**Time lines**

February 1999 first portable pitch used at LP

March 1999 QE11 first used

17 March 1999 Deed of succession over LP signed

June 1999 submission to CCC re developing QE11

September 1999 Close memo to Council indicating a desire to work with CCA developing QE11

October 1999 Nick Davidson letter re CCA, NZC and Jade

10 February 2000 Murdoch and Ryan apply to CCC for funding

3 March 2000 Geoff Saunders letter requesting comment by CCA on Vesting Act.

October 2000 CCC reply to CCA agreeing to contribute $500,000

13 October 2000 HOA signed between CCA and NZC

April 2001 Harrison quantity surveyor quotes on Addington

August 2001 Hames writes to Direen re CCA use of QE11

September 2001 Business plan written by Mike Godber on Addington

11 March 2002 Application to Council for seeding money to progress Addington

26 March 2002 Connell Wagner feasibility study report distributed

April 2002 Condon letter to Shackleton re non compliance