



Commentator

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Neighbours' Newsletter

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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

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

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

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,
Julie Kelleway 631 5346

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



UPDATE ON PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL NIGHT GAMES

Eden Park has lodged an application for resource consent

Eden Park Trust Board has lodged a formal application for resource consent to hold up to nine additional night games per year, in addition to the 16 night games already consented to by the Environment Court. Five of these additional games could be played as either rugby or cricket games. The other four night games (the buffer games), would only be played if Auckland rugby teams reached the semi-finals or finals of national competitions such as Super 14 or the Air New Zealand Cup Series. If this resource consent were granted it would mean that a maximum of 25 night games, including the four buffer games could be played at Eden Park in any year. More details are attached at the end of this Newsletter.

Why are more night games needed?

More night games are needed at Eden Park because of increased demand for games in Auckland. These include the:

- Extension of the Super 12 rugby competition into the Super 14 meaning there are more games played in a year
- Change of the NPC rugby competition (10 teams) to the Air New Zealand Cup Series (14 teams)
- Introduction of an additional All Black game from 2005 including the possibility of the All Black Trial
- Introduction of the Chappell – Hadlee Trophy Series between Australia and New Zealand (cricket)
- Introduction of Twenty20 cricket game

This increase in the number of night games will form part of Eden Park's routine operations and is not related to preparations for the Rugby World Cup. Any resource consents required as part of a Rugby World Cup will be sought under separate resource consent applications.

Event Planning

Event planning for the additional games will be similar to that undertaken for the 16 night games already consented.

You will be aware from the August 2005 issue comment on the Lions' Tour that the Trust Board has actively moved to improve its event planning; in particular encouraging the increased use of public transport to and from major matches.

The Trust Board is proposing to use the existing night game conditions as a base to address the operation of these additional night games. These include:

- Noise limits
- Limits on lighting level and duration
- Traffic management plan (traffic management, parking, residents' only parking)
- Public transport planning including park and ride schemes
- Crowd management
- Security in and around the ground
- Toilet facilities
- Litter control
- Community liaison and newsletters
- General communications

Night Games are envisaged under the District Plan

Night games involving the use of artificial lighting over 150 lux are provided for as a discretionary activity under the District Plan. This means that while the use of Eden Park for night games is anticipated, the Council requires that resource consent is made. The Council has the power to grant or refuse consent, and may make consent subject to conditions.

District Plan provisions specifically recognise that Eden Park provides major value to the communities of the City and region. It also anticipates that the use of large venues such as Eden Park may cause over-spill effects (e.g. traffic and parking) and that these effects must be properly managed to reduce the impact of the activities on the neighbourhood.

Consultation

The Eden Park Trust Board has been consulting with the Eden Park Neighbours' Association regarding this resource consent application. The Eden Park Neighbours' Association has raised general neighbourhood concerns around night game event management and provided feedback on the draft consent application.

Open days for local residents

Eden Park Trust Board wishes to invite the community to a series of open days ("Eden Park to 2011 and Beyond") in the coming months.

The first open day on Wednesday 15 February (1pm to 9pm) will specifically discuss the resource consent application. The Trust Board and its expert traffic adviser, planner and noise consultant will all be available during this time to discuss any aspects of the application with you. The Open Day will be held in the Auckland Rugby Supporters' Lounge, ASB Stand, Eden Park. Access is via Gate A, Walters Road.

This first Open Day will focus on the resource consent application but will also introduce discussions with you on Eden Park's role in the RWC. These discussions and the development of options for Eden Park to 2011 and beyond will continue at further Open Days in March and April.

Further information and consultation

The Board will continue to liaise with the Eden Park Neighbours' Association and to continue its ongoing discussions regarding event management with the Community Liaison Group. If you want further information, either attend the open day on 15 February or call Christine Lawrence (Eden Park Trust Board, ph 815 4852) and we will send you an information pack about the application.

If you, your organisation or group of neighbours, would like to meet with the Trust Board, in addition to the Open Days, Christine is also able to arrange this for you.

Resource Consent Application Offers an Opportunity to Submit

The resource consent application will be notified in the near future and residents are advised to keep an eye out for the notification in the Auckland City Council publication City Scene. In addition a wide area in the local neighbourhood can expect to be notified of the application through the mail.

UPCOMING FIXTURES

February	10 (Fri)	Super 14	Blues v Hurricanes	7:35pm	•	April	08 (Sat)	Super 14	Blues v Stormers	7:35pm
	16 (Thurs)	Twenty20 Cricket	NZ v West Indies	7:00pm	•					
					•	May	13 (Sat)	Super 14	Blues v Chiefs	7:35pm
March	04 (Sat)	ODI	NZ v West Indies	2:00pm	•		19 or 20	(possible Super 14 semi-final)		
	09-13 (Thurs - Mon)	Test	NZ v West Indies	10:30am	•		27	(possible Super 14 final)		
	18 (Sat)	Super 14	Blues v Brumbies	7:35pm	•					
	31 (Fri)	Super 14	Blues v Bulls	7:35pm	•	June	17 (Sat)	Test match	All Blacks v Ireland	(tbc)
					•	August	18 or 19 (tbc)	Test match	All Blacks v Australia	(tbc)

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PRE SEASON SUPER 14: BLUES V WESTERN FORCE THURSDAY 02 FEBRUARY Kick off 6.00pm

Eden Park has undertaken to implement Traffic Management Plans (TMP) once estimated crowds exceed 5,000. As a precaution we will be implementing a basic TMP for this pre-season match. The basic TMP covers resident only parking. It does not include check points.

INDICATIVE BREAK-DOWN OF NIGHT TIME SPORTING EVENTS THAT INVOLVE THE USE OF LIGHTS

Category of Competition	Expected Annual Baseload	Buffer Games for semi-finals and finals (if Auckland involved)	Maximum proposed number of Night Games
Rugby			
Super 14	7	2	9
All Black Games (includes Bledisloe Cup, International Tours, Tri Nations)	2		2
Air NZ Premier Rugby Competition (old name NPC)	6	2	8
All Black Trial	1		1
Cricket			
One Day Internationals	4		4
Twenty20	1		1
Total night games played per year	21	4	25

Note: Competitions change through time. This mix is indicative only, but the total number of games is proposed to be limited by condition of consent.

INDICATIVE CROWD SIZES AND TIMING FOR NIGHT TIME SPORTING EVENTS THAT INVOLVE THE USE OF LIGHTS

Games	Timing	Predicted Crowd Size	Day of week game is likely to be played
Super 14 Rugby	Mid February to mid May	20,000 to 46,500	Friday, Saturday
Super 14 semi-finals	Late May	35,000 to 46,500	Friday, Saturday
Super 14 finals	Early June	46,500 to 47,500	Friday, Saturday
Air New Zealand Cup Series Rugby	Mid August to early October	5,300 to 18,000	Friday, Saturday
Air New Zealand Premier Series semi finals	Mid October	20,000 to 30,000	Friday, Saturday
Air New Zealand Premier Series finals	Mid to late October	20,000 to 30,000	Friday, Saturday
All Black Games	June to September	46,500 to 47,500	Saturday
All Black Trials	June	20,000 to 30,000	Any night of the week except Sunday
One Day Internationals, Cricket	Early December to early March	12,000 to 30,000	Public holiday or Saturday
Twenty20 Cricket Game	Late December to late February	20,000 to 30,000	Any night of the week except Sunday

Note: Crowd numbers and days of the week are indicative only