

Press Release

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Support of the Aquatic Centre

The Kapiti Chamber of Commerce, while mindful of the impact large capital developments have on the Kapiti ratepayers is totally committed to the development of an Aquatic Centre now. Wendy Huston, Kapiti Chamber of Commerce chair said "Now is not the time to become timid and stop moving forward. It is critical, that we continue building a local infrastructure that not only meets current needs but also that of the predicted growth in our community. In Kapiti, our coastline defines who we are. Our wonderful beaches are one of our greatest points of difference. Given that our schools are struggling to provide swimming pools, I believe as a community, we have at the very least, an obligation to provide a public facility where our children can learn to swim and be safe in water. While we may not be able to complete the project immediately, to have a plan in place for progressive developments and the immediate building of a competition-sized pool is something that will not only provide a much-needed local facility but will also attract regional and national events to Kapiti – the spinoffs are obvious".