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## DISTRICT PLAN REVIEW

# Proposed Waimakariri District Plan - Submission

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

### Submitter details

(Our preferred methods of corresponding with you are by email and phone).

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## Submission details

The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are as follows: (please give details)

RLZ - R16 Rangiora A&P Showground activities (Permitted)  
f. Motor vehicle display events

My submission is that: (state in summary the Proposed Plan chapter subject and provision of your submission. Clearly indicate whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons) (please include additional pages as necessary)

A detailed submission is attached to this document.

In summary subsection f. Motor vehicle display events is ill defined and I do not support its inclusion in the proposed plan.

I set out in my attached submission that at least three alternative definitions should be used. i.e.

One day motor vehicle display events conducted between the hours of 8.00am to 8.00pm

An annual Muscle Car Madness motor vehicle display event lasting no longer than four days (96 hours) subject to prescribed rules [suggested later in this submission]

All other multiday motor vehicle display events are discretionary activities, subject to Resource Consent application and similar rules to those applicable to Muscle Car Madness

I/we have included: 13 additional pages

\* 5 Detailed Submission.  
2 Appendix I  
2 " II  
2 " III  
1 " IV  
1 " V

I/we seek the following decision from the Waimakariri District Council: (give precise details, use additional pages if required)

The deletion of RZL - R16 Rangiora Showgrounds activities, f. Motor vehicle display events from the proposed plan and the inclusion of new alternate definitions as suggested above and in my submission

## Submission at the Hearing

- ☒ I/we wish to speak in support of my/our submission
- ☐ I/we do not wish to speak in support of my/our submission
- ☐ If others make a similar further submission, I/we will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing

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- It contains offensive language
- It is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

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Waimakariri District Council  
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RLZ - R16 Rangiora A&P Showgrounds Activities Where;

1. The activities on the site are;
  - a. An annual A&P show event
  - b. Recreation activities
  - c. Equestrian and ancillary activities and facilities
  - d. Community facility
  - e. Community market
  - f. Motor vehicle display events: and
  - g. Dog agility and training.

I am in favour of ;

- a. An annual A&P show event
- b. Recreation activities
- c. Equestrian and ancillary activities and facilities
- d. Community's facility
- e. Community Market
- g Dog agility and training

I am not in favour of:

- f. Motor vehicle display events.

Reason behind this lack of favour:

I believe there should be a lot more detail in the definition of what constitutes a consented *Motor Vehicle display events*.

For the last seven years I have repeatedly been in contact with the Council over the conduct of a large scale motor vehicle display event. Meetings have been in person promoted/ /interspersed with letters. Three examples of the letters Appendix I,II,III, attached The noise, dust, fumes, traffic and parking disturbance this large scale event makes, forces us to leave our property annually.

I think there should be at least three separate definitions to cover this category of permitted event.

*One Day Motor Vehicle Display Events conducted between the hours of 8.00am to 8.00pm.*

*An annual Muscle Car Madness motor vehicle display event lasting no longer than 4 days (96hours) subject to prescribed rules.[suggested later in this submission].*

*All other multiday motor vehicle display events are discretionary activities, subject to Resource Consent application and similar rules to those applied to Muscle Car Madness*

Comment:

***One Day Motor Vehicle Display Events conducted between the hours of 8.00am to 8.00pm.***

This definition would cater for the Motor Vehicle Gymkhana type event where enthusiasts like say the Alpha Romeo Owners club use the Show grounds as a gathering place to meet, picnic, or use Showgrounds catering services whilst showing off driving skills around cones etc. These sort of one day events are commonplace and cause very little if any disturbance to the surrounding community. One could find many examples of one day meetings of this sort where at least a hundred of likeminded participants meet have a full day together and depart.

***An annual Muscle Car Madness motor vehicle display event lasting no longer than 4 days (96 hours) subject to prescribed rules. [suggested later in this submission].***

Historically, over the last thirty-two years there has been a multi-day Motor Vehicle Display Event at the Rangiora A&P Showgrounds. The event is called Muscle Car Madness.

Over the years council and their officers have consistently protected the running of this event.

***If it is worthy of protecting it should be specifically named as a permitted activity***

**I need to stress that I am totally in favour of this event but there are parts of it that I find infringe on my peaceful enjoyment of our home.**

Over the last seven years I have repeatedly been in contact with the Council over the conduct of the Muscle Car Madness motor vehicle display event. The noise, dust, fumes traffic and parking disturbance this large-scale event makes, now forces us to leave our property annually.

At each of the discussions with Council Officers I have made it clear that I believe an event of this scale should be subject to formal RMA control.

In the early meetings Council Officers advised:

They relied on the "existing uses" exemption in the RMA (Section 20A(1)(b)) and conditions were negotiated annually following a review meeting with interested parties.

They did not want issue a RC for the event as it gave the organisers something to sell to parties they may not have a comfortable working relationship with in the future.

They had to protect the economic benefit the event brought to the Rangiora Township.

They did not believe any specific consents or exemptions needed to be issued by Council, including exemption to the Camping Ground Regulations.

(The need for exemption to Camping Ground Regulations was queried again in August 2021, batted away by Council Officers [Appendix IV] and suddenly imposed by 14<sup>th</sup> October 2021 with advice organisers will comply with all regulations)

Throughout these seven years I and my wife, have always had the fallback position of applying to the Environment Court for ruling under RMA if conduct of this or another similar event on an "existing uses" basis is correct and applying for an injunction to stop the event (or similar events) until the issue is settled.

Maintaining the requirement of resource consent process allows for continued input through the RMA process for the surrounding community to have their requirements for enjoyment of their properties to be considered in the way any event of this sort is conducted.

The inclusion in the proposed plan of an ill-defined permitted activity **RLZ - R16 Rangiora A&P Showgrounds Activities, f. Motor vehicle display events** removes my and my neighbours current statutory right to the RMA process and right of appeal to the Environment Court.

If the protection provided by the Environmental Court covering the conduct of the annual Muscle Car Madness motor vehicle display event is to be taken away by a change in status to "Permitted activity" it must be subject to rules set out in the District Plan or else the nature of the event could change in both size and event duration as it has over the last thirty years.

**By making a clear distinction in the proposed District Plan between one existing event which is subject to codified rules which include the opportunity for local resident's input into the nature and operation of the event, still leaves the opportunity for public scrutiny as to its effect on the surrounding community so essential in any democracy.**

*All other multiday motor vehicle display events are discretionary activities, subject to Resource Consent application and similar rules to those applied to Muscle Car Madness*

The proposed permitted activity of; **f. Motor vehicle display events**: is written in the plural, i.e **events** meaning more than one. The people in the local community know of one per year, Muscle Car Madness, many are enthusiastic, many indifferent, and a considerable number opposed to this event. However, it is with us. The proposed activity as defined would allow a Muscle Car Madness type event every second weekend without the right of any resident member in the Rangiora District let alone those in close proximity to the Showgrounds to object to it occurring. This totally unacceptable.

If we are to be subjected to Multi Day motor vehicle display events which could be as large or larger than Muscle Car Madness then they must be subject to Resource Consent

### Suggested Rules:

Submitted below are a series of rules which I believe are appropriate and a bare minimum for inclusion in the Proposed Plans for events of this nature which would put in place finite controls that allow events of this nature to be staged whilst recognising the surrounding communities' requirements.

### Suggested Rules:

1. The Muscle Car Madness multi day motor vehicle event is limited to one event of four days (96 hour) duration (excluding set up and dismantle time) per calendar year.
2. Any second multi day Motor vehicle display event to be conducted within the same calendar year as Muscle Car Madness is subject to normal notified resource consent application and must not exceed two days, 48-hour duration.
3. Any Muscle Car Madness Motor Vehicle Event and any other resource consent permitted event is open to the general public at all times.
4. The Muscle Car Madness motor vehicle display event and any other resource consent permitted event must have a council approved event management plan. There must be the opportunity for public review of and contribution to this plan.
5. Any Multi day Motor Vehicle event must have an Event Traffic Management Plan which includes no pre or post event parking (especially camping) on the streets which have immediate boundaries to the Show Grounds (Coldstream Rd, Bridget Lane and Ashley Street)
6. Any multi day motor vehicle display events Traffic management plan must provide for onsite public parking preferably on the south section of the Showgrounds from Cemetery to Coldstream Road (as used annually for A&P Show) for the periods the Event is open to the paying general public attendees of the Display event.[see Appendix V]
7. No camping within this designated public parking area is permitted at any time during the Muscle Car Madness even or any other resource consented event.
8. If attendees of Muscle Car Madness or any resource consented motor vehicle display event camp at the Showgrounds during the event then the total camping area is subject to the camping ground regulations 1985.
9. Any camping pre and post the four day (96Hour) duration of the Muscle Car Madness event must be confined to the north east corner of the Polo Grounds within the showgrounds.
10. Any camping pre and post the two day (48Hour) duration of any resource consented event must be confined to the north east corner of the Polo Grounds within the showgrounds.
11. At no time, pre, post and during the Muscle Car Madness event or any resource consented event can noise levels from the showgrounds exceed levels set in the District Plan for commercial activity close to residential properties.
12. "Cruising". Cruising at Muscle Car Madness or any other resource consented Motor Vehicle Display Event is allowed only within the hours of 3.00pm to 9.00pm on three (or two) evenings during the Event.

13. All cruising vehicles must be registered and display a current warrant of fitness and be in a condition where the vehicle would pass a warrant of fitness examination if stopped whilst cruising.
14. Council must have a senior Noise Control Officer available 24 hours a day in Rangiora to receive and attend to Noise control breach complaints, for the full day before the event, during the event, and the day after the event.

This is a joint submission from the following persons;

Signature:

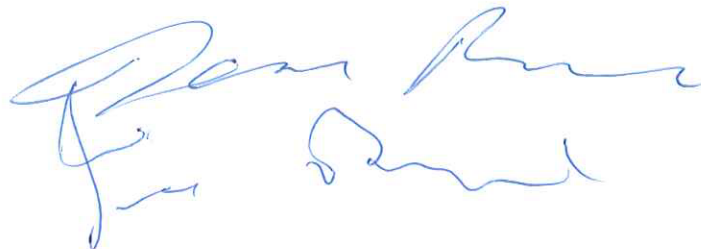
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0274 503582

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349 Coldstream Road  
Rangiora, 7400  
26 January 2015

The Chief Executive Officer  
Waimakariri District Council  
P O Box  
Rangiora

Dear Sir

2015 Muscle Car Madness Event: Period 19 to 26 January 2015.

On Thursday the 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015 I had what I believe was a justifiable reason to ring the Waimakariri District Council Noise Control Service concerning the noise emanating from the A & P Show Grounds.

Given social and news media comments by both the Mayor and the Council Environmental Officer this is clearly a Council approved and condoned event.

Given its reported size (8500 attendees, 2500 vintage American muscle cars to refurbished Indian motorcycles), and the fact that show participant registration fees and entry fees to the venue were charged this event will meet the definition of a commercial enterprise.

Before I take my noise complaint issue further, can you please advise:

1. Did this event require a Council issued Consent?
2. Who applied for it?
3. Who is the owner of the land on which the event is staged and what conditions did they impose on its use during the period of the event?
4. What consent process was followed before the event Consent was issued?
5. What general conditions were imposed in this years Consent?
6. What specific conditions were imposed in relation to:
  - Noise Pollution, sound levels emanating from the event grounds, how permitted sound levels were set and monitored, what noise curfews were to be followed.
  - Fire prevention controls (including discharge of fireworks)
  - Liquor Control, participants sobriety whilst driving within event grounds
  - Separation barriers between camp sites and vehicle pathways.
  - Speed restrictions within the grounds during the time the general public was present and during the periods when only event participants were present.
  - Disaster evacuation procedures during the period the event was open to the general public and during the period the event was open to participants

It is reported in the news media your Environmental Officer liaised with the neighbours around the area. Can you advise when, how and whom he liaised with?

Can you advise what processes were followed by your contracted out of hours officers after receipt of my noise complaints on Thursday and Sunday evenings. What was reported to Council on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January relating to the complaint?

As I was in accordance with Council published guide lines forced to call the after hour service twice on Sunday evening I asked specifically that a noise abatement notice be issued. Was this done? What reportage has Council received about the complaints made on Sunday evening?

In closing let me assure you I fully understand the economic impact events such as Muscle Madness have on the Rangiora and wider community but believe these need to be balanced by respect for those on whom they are inflicted.

Yours faithfully

C N Knowles

349 Coldstream Road  
Rangiora 7400  
12<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

Mr Les Pester,  
Manager: Environmental Services  
Waimakariri District Council  
Private Bag 1005  
Rangiora 7440

Dear Les

2015 Muscle Car Madness Event: Your Reference: ENV-06-01 / 150225028673  
150225028435

It was wonderful to meet with an environmental services officer who could charm birds back into trees!!

Thank you for meeting with Vivien and myself on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. At the commencement of our meeting Vivien and I were able to share with you a recording made at our front gate, at 9.49pm Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015 of vehicle noise emanating from the Show Grounds. Our decibel recording meter indicated the sound from this vehicle at times exceeded 110 decibels.

Noise at this level had come from both parked and moving vehicles numerous times from Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January until late Sunday evening. At peak times the frequency of these bursts of noise could be 30 times per hour.

Vivien and I take this opportunity to record our ongoing support for the continuation of the Muscle Car Madness Event.

We also recognise there is a difficult balance between the needs of the organisers and attendees of Muscle Car Madness and residents who occupy homes built in the Ashley and Coldstream Road area close to the show grounds, after the event was first held in 1990.

Our only wish is that there be enforceable noise curfews set at reasonable time limits to control the high revving of both stationary and moving vehicles (with or without open headers) during this event.

We suggest absolute no tolerance be allowed prior or post event days of Wednesday to Sunday. During the event, Wednesday and Thursday unhindered noise (including open headers) be allowed between the hours of 7.00am and 9.00pm. Friday and Saturday time limits are set at 7.00am to 10.00pm and Sunday 7.00am to 8.00pm.

Whilst we have no problem with low rumble noise of vehicles at idle or slowly moving around the cruising zone we take the opportunity of suggesting a lot of the problems we are concerned about could be alleviated if the cruising circuit was moved to say the outer perimeter of the polo ground and the principle camping areas were confined to the railway side of the grounds.

This would mean that any attendee who does have a temporary lapse of judgement and rev their car outside the allowed time zones would be far enough away from surrounding houses to reduce the noise and not attract a noise control complaint.

We understand from our meeting you have a debrief with event organisers and set the ground rules for next years event. We would be grateful if you could advise us of the outcomes from this meeting and if our suggestions were of use and taken up.

Yours sincerely

C.N. (Chris) Knowles

349 Coldstream Road  
Rangiora 7400  
25<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Mr Malcolm Johnston,  
Manager: Environmental Services  
Waimakariri District Council  
Private Bag 1005  
Rangiora 7440

Dear Mr Johnston,  
Muscle Car Madness 2016.

Last year I had a series of discussions with your predecessor, Mr L Pester and His Worship the Mayor, over the Resource Management Act consenting processes and conduct of the 2015 Muscle Car Madness Event.

Council advised inter alia they relied on the "existing uses" exemption in the RMA (presumably Sect20A(1)(b)) and conditions were negotiated annually following a review meeting with interested parties.

Whilst I stated then, and reiterate now, I believe Council is wrong in interpreting the application of "existing uses" clause in the RMA, I none the less went along with this approach and contributed suggestions which I believed would reduce the disruption to the normal lives of those living in close proximity to the event. (ie Coldstream Rd)

I subsequently received a letter from Council setting out agreed noise/no noise timings and a response to other suggestions.

Sadly, whilst there were some improvements during the running of this year's event, these were to a greater extent diminished by the placing of the "cruising lane" closer to Coldstream Rd, rather than farther away as requested.

Noise levels measured on my hand held device averaged between 75 to 95 decibels at both my and my immediate neighbour's gateways for most of the evenings of Thursday and Friday. We left our property on Saturday evening to get some respite from the noise but as it could still be heard at the property we were guests at we assume noise levels were similar or louder.

On Sunday evening two and a half hours after the event finished we rang Council's noise control service and asked for relief. We tried to address the issue with some of the remaining campers and were told to go home. This prompted me to visit the main gate area of the Show Grounds, seek out someone claiming to be in control and request of him in no uncertain terms, the noise caused by wheel spinning open exhaust vehicles, cease immediately.

I now feel we are at or past "Strike Two"

“Strike Three” and we go to the Environment Court to get the issues which overwhelm both my wife and I, together with my immediate neighbours settled.

Last year, aware of the implications/economic benefits to Rangiora of continuing to hold this event, I offered negotiated compromise.

I again offer the same opportunity to collectively draw up a set of conditions (capable of monitoring and enforcing) that address our and our neighbours concerns, and that these conditions be included with whatever else Council may require for the operation of next years event.

To this end I am happy to organise a gathering of our immediate neighbours at our home so that you and the Mayor can hear directly the feelings they have about the disruption to their lives caused by this event and how they may be ameliorated

I look forward to your response to these suggestions

Yours Faithfully

C.N.(Chris) Knowles

cc: Colin Bryant

**Chris and Viv Knowles**

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**From:** donnaandstevanz@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 August 2021 4:25 PM  
**To:** 'Chris and Viv Knowles'  
**Subject:** FW: Camping Exemption

Hi Chris,

Information on the camping exemption. What's your take on this?

Regards Donna

**From:** Marie Heist  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 August 2021 4:02 pm  
**To:** Jamie Woods <jamie.woods@wmk.govt.nz>; Donna Lamont <donna.lamont@outlook.com>  
**Cc:** Chris and Viv Knowles <vivchris@xtra.co.nz>; Tracy Tierney <tracy.tierney@wmk.govt.nz>; Matthew Bacon <matthew.bacon@wmk.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** RE: Letter to Council re Muscle Madness

Hi Jamie,

As far as I can tell, the last certificate for exemption was issued in 2016 to Glentui Campground and none have ever been issued for MCM. My first impression is that these only apply to official campgrounds – I don't believe the AMP grounds would be classified as such.

Regards,

**Marie Heist** | Environmental Services Manager  
Environmental Services Unit  
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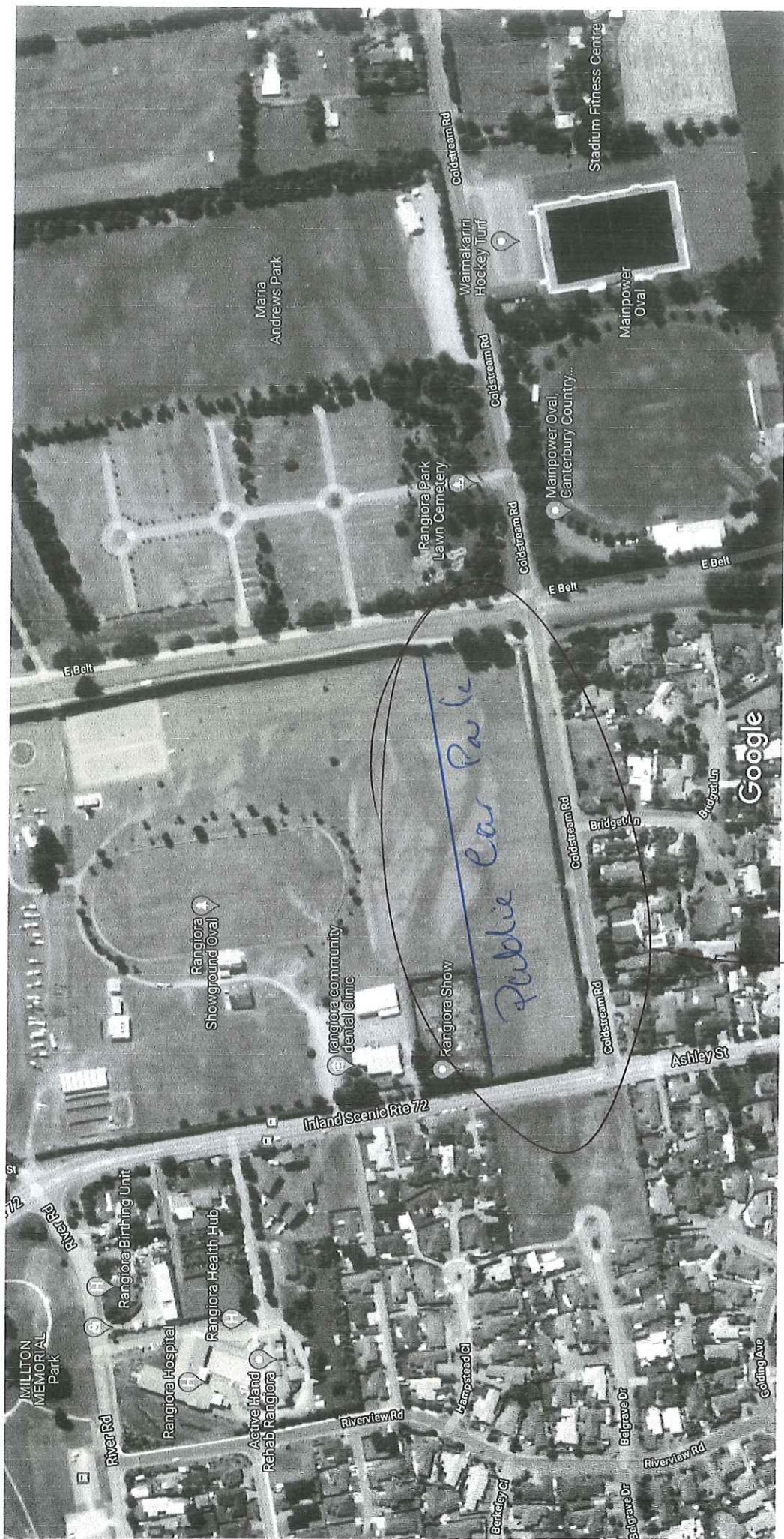
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**Subject:** CM: Letter to Council re Muscle Madness

Hi Donna,

Thanks for the letter, I will review this during next week and aim to get a response to you regarding the status and requirements of the camping ground regulations back to you towards Friday.

Regards

Jamie



Area normally use for public parking at A & P Shows.  
Should also be used for parking at Huckle Car Trades