

ATHLETICS CANTERBURY INC.

The Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) has developed a Greater Christchurch Recovery Strategy and this is our sport's opportunity to have input into what we would like to see replacing our international class facility at QEII Park that was irreparably damaged in the 22 February 2011 earthquake.

Submissions in respect of CERA's Strategy close on 30 October 2011.

To help Athletics Canterbury address the challenges in respect of facilities in Christchurch, Athletics New Zealand appointed Terry Lomax as the Athletics NZ Christchurch Recovery Manager to work with Athletics Canterbury to achieve the best possible replacement facilities. Terry, who currently resides in Wellington, is formerly from Christchurch and is passionate about athletics in this Centre.

Terry has been working with representatives of Athletics Canterbury and a proposal has been developed that we would like to present to the athletics community of Christchurch. The proposal is not primarily about the detail of the replacement facilities themselves but more on outlining a forward-looking strategy for our sport that will provide the strongest possible arguments for the facilities to be constructed with a form and timeline which would result in the most desirable outcomes for athletics at local, regional, national and international levels.

A presentation to the sport will be made on –

Thursday 6 October 2011 at 7.00pm

**Venue: Elmwood Bowling Club
83D Heaton Street
Merivale, Christchurch**

It is important that a wide cross section (children to masters) of the sport is present, particularly representatives of the Christchurch Clubs, because future facilities will have an impact on your Club and members.

We look forward to seeing you on 6 October.

John McBrearty and Alan Tucker