

Morning all,

Thank you for your time yesterday, we appreciate being involved in the consultation process regarding the future plans and development of Hamlin Park. We also, thank council and the contractors for maintaining Hamlin Park and surrounding grounds to a high standard, which allows us to administer our competitions, and the cricketing community to enjoy the sport and get active – much appreciated.

Following the meeting, we would like to summarize the below points to ensure an accurate representation of the situation is conveyed to the Local Board before any decisions are made.

Hamlin Park – Auckland Cricket and Mt Wellington CC Key Points

- Mt Wellington CC have been based at Hamlin Park since 1961.
- There is currently one artificial wicket, a cricket net and clubroom that are all utilized by the Club on site.
- During the 2017/18 season the usage of Hamlin Park for cricket was;
 - Saturday AM = 16/16 (48 hours in total)
 - Saturday PM = 18/18 (108 hours in total)
 - Sunday PM = 10/16 (35 hours in total)
 - This includes 8 home games for the Mt Wellington CC over the season
- Maungakiekie-Tamaki includes Cornwall CC, which is the largest cricket club in New Zealand with over 1700 members and only 3 pitches at their home ground, Ellerslie (600 members) and Auckland University (over 1000 members) flank Maungakiekie with the clubs being based at Michaels Ave and Colin Maiden Park respectively. When Mt Wellington CC are not using Hamlin Park, it is utilized as an alternate home ground for all three of these clubs.
- Maungakiekie-Tamaki currently has a surplus of 3.5 wickets on a Saturday morning and 3.5 in the afternoon. This surplus is needed to accommodate games as the neighbouring Local Boards; Albert-Eden (shortfall of 16 on a Saturday morning) and Orakei (shortfall of 4 on a Saturday morning) and allow for when grounds are offline due to upgrades, as Mt Wellington War Memorial was last season.
- With the new junior cricket formats coming into fruition next summer, we predict that 3 further grounds in the Maungakiekie-Tamaki area will be needed to match demand, due to teams now only having 9 players per side, not 11 (this is based on no growth, just actual figures from last season). If Hamlin Park did not cater to cricket, that would mean Maungakiekie-Tamaki will join the bordering Local Boards and be in a **shortfall** of cricket wickets on a Saturday morning.

Note – I have attached the document which was circulated yesterday, with more information regarding the current situation at Hamlin Park.

Summary

We understand the position the Local Board are in, and we support all Aucklanders getting active, no matter the sport and the growth of softball. If the Local Board do make the decision to pull up the existing artificial cricket wicket at Hamlin Park, we would need an alternate ground established to fill the void, and allow us to run our competitions and Maungakiekie-Tamaki to meet cricket pitch demand.

We are very willing to meet with council and any other interested parties to discuss alternate cricketing options within the Maungakiekie-Tamaki area, which have the potential to alleviate cricket pitch shortfalls.

Further, if Council and the Local Board wish to meet with the Mt Wellington CC, we are happy to facilitate this meeting and attend.

Regards

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