

# **Papakura sports needs assessment**

## **Project scope**

## Background and Objectives

The Papakura Local Board wishes to undertake a comprehensive sports and recreation needs assessment to help inform future planning within the district, including the development of and use of Bruce Pulman Park, Opaheke and Hingaia sports grounds. In undertaking this study it should be understood the focus is on local rather than regional provision, whilst still having regard for any regional or national aspirations and opportunities.

The Papakura Local Board has championed the need to provide quality sport and recreation parks and facilities for a number of years. Their support and advocacy for sport and recreation continues to be prioritised in their Draft Local Board Plan 2017<sup>1</sup>.

“Outcome:

- People in Papakura lead active, healthy and connected lives.

Objectives:

- Papakura’s parks, sports and recreation facilities are well used.
- Services and facilities meet the community’s needs now and into the future.
- Communities are supported to achieve their goals and aspirations.”

The local board has also identified how an empowering communities approach can assist in carrying out their plan. “We seek to empower and enable communities. This means listening to what you want to achieve, directing council resources towards community aspirations and supporting diverse communities to have an input into the things they care about and which matter uniquely to them.”<sup>2</sup>

Community placemaking is part of the empowering communities approach and recognises communities of place, interest or identity. Sport and recreation entities often encompass all three aspects and successfully build and strengthen community.

The Papakura sports needs assessment study provides an opportunity to take a holistic view of the current and future needs of sports clubs and how the network of facilities serving the Papakura local board community can meet such demand. The study seeks community input which will assist with finding solutions to achieve optimum use of available resources.

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<sup>1</sup> Papakura Local Board Plan, Draft 2017, page 15

<sup>2</sup> Papakura Local Board Plan, Draft 2017, page 10

**The key objectives for this study include:**

- Identifying and understanding how and where current needs are being met.
- Identify all existing sport platforms, including but not limited to parks and schools within the Papakura local board boundaries. Note; for the purposes of this study, sport platforms refer to outdoor playing surfaces (including but not limited to courts, fields, greens, turfs and wickets) used for formal sport.
- Assess the current utilisation of all sport platforms in the area.
- Assess potential additional capacity of all sport platforms in the area.
- Determining future facility needs for community (including non-professional representative) sport in the area.
- Undertake a condition assessment of park facilities (including sportsfield lighting).
- Identifying current and potential future gaps in provision in the area of both formal and informal sport and recreation.
- Identifying and understanding where parks currently fit within network provision in the Auckland Region and the role they could play in the future.
- Assess the current location of existing sports clubs and any benefits derived from a reconfiguration of club locations.
- Consider what additional facilities would encourage better utilisation of sport platforms in the area.

**Outcomes sought:**

- Assess current need in the area
- Assess current supply in the area
- Assess future need in the area
- Predict when existing or future sport platforms and facilities would be required
- Does the existing use of sport platforms enable the best utilisation of resources?
- Would a different configuration of domiciled or itinerant users allow better utilisation of resources?
- What facilities are required to support the better utilisation of all parks?
- The study will inform future planning and investment.

**The following philosophies shall be considered when undertaking this study:**

- The supply of sport and recreation facilities should be driven by need.
- To ensure that the identified sports are provided for in the Papakura local board area, awareness and consideration of the provision of sport platforms in neighbouring areas may provide an opportunity to cater for local needs.
- Demand for sport platforms and facilities used by organised sport is driven by the number of teams seeking to play.
- A similar approach is taken to the supply side, with each existing facility reviewed and an assessment made of its 'carrying capacity' rather than historical use.
- Although much sport and recreation takes place in or on Council facilities it is also important to identify and include other current or potential facility providers, eg. schools, trusts etc.
- Local demand will be referenced against developed national and/or regional facility plans and other relevant facility plans.
- When determining future needs, population growth or decline is a key factor.
- When looking to the future we also look at the past and consider recent trends of code participation.
- Although this study is being undertaken for the Papakura Local Board, we recommend a 'soft boundary' approach is taken that includes nearby facilities that lie within other local board boundaries.
- Population projections produced by Auckland Council are to be used in this study.

**Desired timing**

- The needs assessment will be completed on or before 30 September 2017.
- Emerging findings to be reported in November 2017 to help inform Long-term Plan discussions.
- The Final Report will be presented to council by 30 April 2018.

**The study will include the following sports codes (but these may be extended during the course of this work) and are predominantly focussed on outdoor playing surfaces:**

Athletics	Kabaddi (outdoor)
Australian Rules	Kilikiti
Baseball	Netball (outdoor)
Basketball (outdoor)	Rugby
BMX	Rugby League
Bowls	Softball
Cricket	Tag
Football	Tennis
Futsal (outdoor)	Touch rugby
Gridiron (American Football)	Volleyball (outdoor)
Hockey	

**For the avoidance of doubt, the following codes are out of scope for the purposes of this study:**

Blokarting	Squash	Equestrian sport
Croquet / Petanque	Swimming / Diving	Ice-staking, curling etc.
Basketball (indoor)	Inline-skating	Motorcross, kart-sport etc.
Volleyball (indoor)	Waterpolo	Golf
Badminton	Underwater hockey	Archery / Shooting
Table Tennis	Rowing	Fencing
Boccia / Parafed	Waka-Ama	Triathlon
Martial arts	Canoeing	Air-modelling
Weightlifting	Yachting/windsurfing	Orienteering
Wrestling / Boxing	Road and track cycling	Surfing / Surf lifesaving
Gymsport	Mountain bike	Beach volleyball and others

**The study will encompass the following sports parks (but may encompass additional parks that are found through the course of the study to be relevant):**

<b>Park</b>	<b>Address</b>
Army Fields (lease arrangements with Ministry of Education to be confirmed)	75 Walters Road, Papakura
Bruce Pulman Park (including fields, wickets and courts)	90R Walters Road, Papakura and 138R Walters Road, Papakura
Drury Domain Reserve	214R Great South Road, Papakura
Drury Sports Complex	20R Victoria Street, Drury
Karaka Recreation Reserve	Cnr Linwood Road and Blackbridge Road, Karaka
Keri Downs Park (including BMX track)	200R Dominion Road, Papakura
Mansell Field	34R Marne Road, Papakura
Massey Park (including bowling club)	25R Marne Road, Papakura and 2R Ron Keat Drive, Papakura
McLennan Park	98R Arimu Road, Papakura
Opaheke Sports Grounds	165 Opaheke Road, Papakura
Prince Edward Park	21 Queen Street, Papakura and 1R Wharf Street, Papakura
Ray Small Park	31R Ray Small Drive, Papakura
Southern Park	44-58 Beach Road, Papakura
Smith's Reserve	18R Smiths Avenue, Papakura
Te Koiwi Park	29R Hunua Road, Papakura
Runciman Reserve (Runciman Tennis)	29R Pitt Road, Drury
Hingaia Park	189R Hingaia Road, Papakura
Green Street Reserve (Papakura Tennis Club & Papakura Bowling Club)	22 Green Street, Papakura
Papakura Club Incorporated (Working Men's Club bowling)	5 Croskery Road, Papakura
Mountfort Park (with respect to cricket wickets)	25R Dr Pickering Avenue, Manurewa
Rosa Birch Park (hockey & tennis)	Beresford Street, Pukekohe

**The study will encompass the following schools:**

Papakura High School
Rosehill College
AGC Strathallan
Alfriston College

**The study will encompass the following churches:**

Churches identified that participate in organised sport
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