Date: Tuesday 26 November 2019  
Time: 9:30am  
Meeting Room: Local Board Chambers  
Venue: 82 Manukau Road  
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Franklin Local Board  
OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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THE FUTURE OF OUR GAME IN FRANKLIN
OCTOBER 2009
• 2019 - Over 1000 Active Playing Members
• 2500 Total membership
• Expected growth to 1500-1800 in 12-18 months (Playing Members)
• October 2019, Franklin Basketball was granted official association status making Franklin Basketball a regional sporting organisation.
WHO PLAYS?

- Junior leagues from years 1-8
- High School Leagues years 9-13
- Franklin School Competitions year 5-8
- Girls only programs, in partnership with Youhtown and Basketball New Zealand
- Holiday Programs
- Representative programs and competition on a national level representing Franklin
- Elite Basketball programs
- 43 Referees
New Zealand Secondary School Participants in Sport 2001 to 2018

- Netball
- Basketball
- Rugby Union
- Football
- Volleyball
- Hockey
- Touch
- Athletics
- Badminton
- Cricket

Year
Attachment A

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PLANNING FOR GROWTH

We have grown from 600 players to 1000 in just 12 months
CATERING FOR GROWTH

FRANKLIN POOL AND LEISURE CENTRE

- Only existing facility in Franklin that can cater to the needs of basketball growth is the Franklin Pool and Leisure Centre.
- Only facility in Franklin that can provide 3 courts in one space.
- Other users will return as many have moved away from this space due to inadequate spaces.
MAXIMISING USE
WHO WILL BENEFIT?

- Franklin Basketball will be able to host BBNZ regional tournaments, local competitions and create new opportunities to grow the sport. (See usage numbers in your handout)
- Other sports such as Futsal, Netball, Volleyball will return to use the facility
- Existing sports like Basketball & Badminton will have floors that protect their players and reduce harm.
- Growth in the use of the facility by Community groups that work with people with disabilities, children’s groups
- See letters of support attached in your handout.
Attachment A

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

• Concern for players playing the current concrete surface.
• Breaks, dislocations, medical treatment
• Severity of injuries compared with other surfaces
• Over 30% of injuries in this venue come from these floors
• Concrete walls/run-off require padding
Attachment A

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- Franklin Pool and Leisure. The Home of the Franklin Bulls
- 9 x Home games from April to July 2020.
- All Games Broadcast Live on Sky Sport
- Professional players, Tall Blacks, Breakers, International elite players representing our region. These players will be part of our community and working with our players.
- An opportunity for local players to play semi-professionally at home.
- Expecting crowds of 1200-1500 people.
WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

- Upgrade of floors to timber sprung flooring in main stadium.

  Ideal Deadline - EARLY APRIL 2020
WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

- Upgrade the small sports hall to include other sports and flooring to FIBA approved sprung flooring to tier two standard.

Ideal Deadline - EARLY APRIL 2020
SUMMARY

- To ensure this facility can cater to the future of sport in our community, this upgrade is essential.
- This building is the only building that can cater to the considerable growth in Basketball in the Franklin region.
- In order for the NZNBL Franklin Bulls to be hosted in Pukekohe, the floor upgrade will need to be completed by the start of the 2020 season (April 2020). Otherwise alternative venues outside of the Franklin Area will be required.
- In your handout you will see letters of support for this upgrade. We also have support from funders willing to get behind this project.
- We need a commitment from the Franklin Local Board to bring funds forward to fast track this upgrade.
THE FUTURE OF OUR GAME
IN FRANKLIN
FRANKLIN BASKETBALL - DEPUTATION

Presented by:
General Manager, Jamie Reddish
Adviser to Bulls Basketball, Dillon Boucher
Community Partnerships Manager, Scott Kelso

Firstly we'd like to say a big Thank you to the local board for providing Franklin basketball a chance to discuss the future of basketball in our region. It's great to be here.

A Brief History, Franklin Basketball started in October of 2009 with just a handful of players attending our first program. Today we have well over 1000 playing members. This number is growing every term and we expect this to grow to over 1500 in the next 12-18 months, provided we have the facilities to cope.

On October 1st 2019, Franklin Basketball was made an official Basketball New Zealand affiliated association, making us a regional sports organisation, representing Franklin, Auckland and North Waikato on behalf of Basketball New Zealand and FIBA our international body.

WHO PLAYS
Franklin Basketball runs programs that encourage participation for ages 5+, with Junior leagues, senior leagues, High School and school competitions. We also run girls only programs in partnership with Youth Town and Basketball New Zealand and run programs with other partners, including Belgravia leisure and CM Sport. We also have an emphasis on training and supporting officials, we currently have 43 referees at various levels.

GROWTH IN BASKETBALL INCLUDE BBNZ NUMBERS
We are experiencing significant growth! But we are at a stage now, where turning players away is become more common that we'd like.
As you can see behind me this is the growth of basketball across New Zealand in secondary schools. An increase of over 20% last year. We expect this to grow again this year and we also expect Basketball to become the most played sport in secondary schools in New Zealand in the next 12 months....

Franklin Basketball alone has grown from 600 to 1000 playing members in just 12 months.

FRANKLIN POOL AND LEISURE
We are here to talk about catering to this demand by asking you, our local board and our community, to help basketball and all sports that use indoor facilities, to upgrade the Franklin Pool and Leisure centre's playing surfaces.

This venue not only provides Franklin's only large scale indoor sporting venue, but it is also the one facility that has three courts in one building. These courts allow Franklin Basketball and others to grow significantly should they be improved.

Many sports and recreation groups have moved away from using this facility due to the playing surfaces, but sports like basketball, continue to use it because there is no other facility available that can cater to our needs.

WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS UPGRADE
We have illustrated to council officers that there will be significant increase in use by upgrading the main stadium and not just by basketball; and by adding a third adequate court, which currently is the small sports hall, we will increase that capacity by around 40-50% overall. Adding this court will increase capacity for all sports and provide huge benefit for existing users, like the women's and mixed netball groups. The usage of the small sports hall alone would increase by 200% for basketball.

The floor upgrade, for basketball alone, will mean that Franklin Basketball will be able to book and use this space for high level competitions which includes Basketball New Zealand events, Auckland Regional events, high...
school events and other competitions, like the NBL & WBC elite competitions which we are currently unable to host.

Other sports like Futsal, Netball, Volleyball have indicated that they will return to use this facility. And Existing sports like Basketball & Badminton will have floors that protect their players and reduce harm. There will also be growth in the use of the facility by organisations that work with people with disabilities and children.

You can read letters of support attached in your handout.

HEALTH AND SAFETY
We also see a major concern with the Health and well-being of our players who play on these courts. We see, what would usually be minor injuries on other wooden surfaces, are always more severe. Over 50% of the injuries from this venue occur on these courts. We also need to ensure the run-off on the baselines for the courts are padded, as we regularly have issues with kids colliding with the concrete walls. We have in past year had need for external medical attention from ambulance staff, due to severe injuries like breaks, dislocations etc.

FRANKLIN BULLS BASKETBALL
Finally, this upgrade will provide a home for our very own New Zealand National Basketball league team, the Franklin Bulls. This is the highest level of basketball that is played in New Zealand. We will be Auckland’s only nationally televised team in the league with regular games broadcast on Sky Sport Live. We will be hosting teams from around the country and players from the Australian NBL, Tall Blacks and also featuring our local elite players.

The Franklin Pool and Leisure centre is our only Franklin option for the Bulls team to play at home and our hope is to have our home base here in Pukekohe, honouring the immense support and passion from our basketball and wider community. We are a Franklin team.

We are already seeing an increase in media attention and a short form documentary produced by Sky Sport underway to tell the behind the scenes story of the Bulls franchise.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

Upgrade the Main Stadium Floors to FIBA Approved sprung timber flooring to a tier two standard. Ideally we need this completed by April 2020.

And upgrade the small sports hall to include other sports and flooring to FIBA approved sprung flooring to tier two standard. Also, ideally completed by April 2020.

Upgrading the courts will mean a safer and fit for purpose surface for all court sports to use.

SUMMARY
In Summary - To ensure this facility can cater to the future of sport in our community, this upgrade is essential. This building is the only building that can cater to the considerable growth in Basketball in the Franklin region. This upgrade will bring sports, who moved away from the centre, back and bring large events to the community, like the N2NBL Franklin Bulls. The floor upgrade will need to be completed by the start of the 2020 season, which is April 2020. Otherwise alternative venues outside of the Franklin Area will be required, as no other facilities can cater to the needs of events like the NBL.

In your handout you will see letters of support for this upgrade from supporters, who use or have sued this facility. We are asking for a commitment from the Franklin Local Board to being funds forward to fast track this upgrade.

We again would like to thank you for your valuable time and hope that we can work together in the upgrade.
Pukekohe Ladies Badminton
Franklin Pool and Leisure
29 Franklin Road
Pukekohe
20.11.19

FAO Franklin Local Board.

Pukekohe Ladies Badminton Club hires the badminton courts at the Franklin Pool and Leisure Centre all year round and has done so for over twenty years. Over this time our membership has fluctuated but has maintained a constant core as well as a recent increase in interest and membership, possibly due to expansion happening locally. We see the opportunity for a good future for the club on our purpose built courts but one main hindrance has always been the concrete court surface as it has a punishing impact on our players. Our members always struggle to cope with this high stress surface and over the years many of our members and casual players have moved on to other centres because of injuries sustained or the likelihood of such. A steady stream of players leave to play elsewhere (eg Papakura, Howick, Waiuku).

One of the reasons the Senior and Junior Clubs moved away to Pukekohe High School was to do with the unsuitable court surface. It would be good to have them return to Franklin Pool and Leisure Centre.

Other clubs are reluctant to come and play on our surface and for a number of years now, we have been unable to hold competitions here and had to host them elsewhere. We see the inappropriate flooring as one of the reasons that we struggle to grow as a club.

Over the years the possibility of a wooden sprung floor has been explored but never accomplished. It would be a huge improvement to have a suitable surface and allow us the possibility of hosting competitions, increase our exchanges with other clubs but first and foremost to grow our badminton club(s).

A wooden sprung floor is really an essential surface for a sports hall.

Yours sincerely,
Pukekohe Ladies Badminton Committee.
Christine Keown (President)
Liz Christie
Hi Judy

The benefits of a sprung wooden floor for our athletes are –

- Many of our athletes also have physical impairments in various parts of their body including spines, hips, legs, muscles and ligaments, ankles and feet. Concrete floors have always been a challenge for when our athletes train and compete.

- We host an annual SO Basketball event each year at the Franklin Pool and Leisure Centre with at least 12 teams attending from the greater Auckland and Waikato Regions and cater for over 100 players.

- Our sports programs cater for athletes of all abilities i.e., lower to very high functioning athletes. We have a number of athletes who have attended the Special Olympics World Summer Games in basketball.

- Concrete floors absolutely present no favours for our less able/functioning athletes let alone our more able athletes

- Futsal (indoor football) is another sport that is offered by us and the benefits are exactly the same as for our basketball players.

- The Special Olympics Counties Club very much support the sprung floor proposal for the stadium and would be delighted to utilise such a floor.

Regards

Rowena Massey
(Special Olympics Counties – Chair)

Dave Beattie
(Special Olympics Counties – Secretary)
Hi Judy,

Further to our conversation with regard to the floor sprung flooring, detailed are our reasons for accessing this resource.

As you are aware, our clients have physical disabilities and as such a sprung floor would immensely support their safety when accessing and participating in activities at the Recreation Centre.

Our clients have high physical needs: difficulty with movement, grading movements, fatigue and recurring injuries when being active.

A sprung floor would allow greater opportunities for our clients (and in fact the disability community within Franklin) to access different programmes safely. There is no other community facility in the area.

Currently we use your facility for personal gym programmes and swimming and a small group for Ball Games. We would like to include our high physically compromised participants who cannot adequately participate on the hard surfaces. A sprung floor would allow for any shock absorption whilst moving and counteracts the fatigue and injuries to highly fragile limbs and joints.

We could also extend our usage by including Dance/ Movement into our programmes, Ball Games etc for all our participants.

Currently we have 30 clients who attend our programmes on a daily basis.

We would love the Rec Centre to be a one-stop-shop for us, as this then gives our participants a safe place in which to go to when they are not with us and to keep themselves active.

The sprung floor would open further opportunities for our clients' participation and further support their Health and Wellbeing.

Kind Regards
Karen Callaghan
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Hello Judy,

Thank you for reaching out, Brooke Dibley from Simply Speaking SLT mentioned you may email me. That is exciting you are looking into getting a sprung floor.

Connecting Together has children with mostly mental health and autism, and I do see a few children with hypotonia, and low muscle tone relating to their diagnosis.

The benefit would definitely be more accessibility, more exercise and physical movement options for children, including those with physical challenges and who may access the community in a wheelchair. It would mean easier transfer for the child in a wheelchair to a flat surface than a high one, depending on how client is transferred possibly eliminating need for use of hoist.

For those I see with low muscle tone and stability it could support reduced muscle strain doing activities on the sprung floor, which could support more gain in muscular strengthening.

I do have many children on my caseload with an intellectual disability ID, and research has shown that balance and motor output challenges can arise from some with a diagnosis that are inactive, so a sprung floor like this can provide movement led by them, and it can support their motor goals and balance.

I do not have an answer around the current floor not being suitable for families and children, as I as a service provider have not used this space as of yet. In attending the B-in touch expo this was my first time seeing the space and the floor.

If a sprung floor was available, I would be interested in talking with you around how I could use this with my families I see, as I currently provide in home, in school and holiday programme groups. I feel this would be great for the groups I see in the holidays.

I hope that helps, if you would like any more information please do not hesitate to ask.

Best of luck I thing getting on it the gym area is a great idea.

Melissa Walker-Tate

Occupational Therapist

Connecting Together Ltd.
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: FRANKLIN BULLS BASKETBALL (FBB)

This letter of support is intended to provide independent advice regarding the above-named entity.

I am aware that FBB has been granted the franchise license for the greater Auckland area for the season commencing March 2020.

There are certain undertakings that need to be completed as a consequence of that license being granted.

There is a requirement to upgrade the flooring from rubber skin to a high quality sprung wooden floor compatible with NBL regional competition specifications, there are 8 teams across NZ including the FBB. Should the funding for this work be approved, there are also future upgrades planned that will see modifications to the badminton court area to create extra basketball courts.

There is no other suitable facility in the Franklin/Counties region that can accommodate this regional sporting organisation. Alternative facilities are available at Bruce Pulman Park in Papakura, but this is outside the RSO boundary, and is in Counties Manukau (Auckland Basketball RSO) zone.

FBB membership has grown from 600 to 1000 in the past year, with a forecasted 1800 members next year that being a 200% increase.

The upgrade of the facility, coupled with live Sky TV/Prime TV broadcasts, will see an influx of visitors coming to Pukekohe with this nationwide competition.

The commercial gains will see “new money” coming into the region through an increase in business opportunities, a greater pathway for young people to participate in basketball as well as being able to see some of their “role models” playing live.

I understand from the draw, that the majority of the FBB games will be held on a Friday evening. This will also provide the community with the opportunity of being able to see sport live as something positive to do on a Friday evening with their family.

Counties Manukau Sport and the FBB share usage of the Council owned premises situated on Stadium Drive, currently operated by Belgravia Leisure, out of which FBB provides a free school holiday basketball program to the young people resident in Pukekohe.

Given all of the above, Counties Manukau Sport has no hesitation in providing this letter of support to the FBB.

If there is anything else I can assist with, please feel free to contact the writer.

Yours faithfully,

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