



NEWSLETTER
THE SPORT AND ACTION TRUST
MORGAN PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE
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Summary of current status.

Public access to courts:

It is council policy that all active reserve public courts be available to the public, given the community investment in this recreation infrastructure. In the case of Morgan Park this all courts with the current exemption of the specialist tennis court surfaced courts.

Council have reminded Morgan Park of its non-compliance in this regard, with our courts locked with padlocks and chain during the day. A likely change is a keypad entry arrangement which the trust is currently finalising. Until keypads are installed, further access facilitation is required and the Trust will be investigating what arrangements could be made during December/ January. This may take the form of a trial on leaving the gates open and depending on how this performs, arrange for securing the gates at night and unlocking in the morning, or continue unlocked gates as a trial.

Lighting improvements:

Lighting companies are working with the Trust to review the performance of lighting to a corner of the courts and to consider safety and security lighting generally at the park. Lighting quotes are being received for the completion of park lighting, park wide.

Croquet lawns construction:

Work will begin on this project in the New Year. A tender process has led to a preferred tenderer to be considered by the Trust.

The Trust is just awaiting confirmation from the irrigation installer as to when they can start and then the project can be programmed to follow. The lawns will take a couple of months of activity to fully install, then have an 18-month renovation and maintenance period, during which sometime, croquet may be able to transfer across, along with the

existing croquet building being relocated there. A new grounds maintenance shed for hazardous materials (In the main, small quantities of fuel) will be built as well as additional storage under the relocated club building.

Boundary fencing on the Northern boundary was completed in Spring and no lizards have been found in the vegetation at site.

Tree Maintenance Plan:

This consent requirement is now completed. This plan is to protect the peripheral trees during construction and related works.

Pump Track:

The Trust is working with council to consider the installation of a pump track on the former netball courts area near the state highway.

Squash building:

The report to council concerning the future use and occupancy of the building will now be presented to council in the New Year. A decision on the degree of fire compliance sought to match future use and respective commitments to investment will be made. The interim use of the upstairs room by the OSCAR Programme will conclude in January 2021. The building continues to be used by squash who will house their social needs in the hub building. Keypad entry locks have been installed on the building and theft and vandalism at the building has dropped away with the building being actively used again.

Hub extension:

The draft concept plans have been received from the voluntary architect. Meetings for January will be arranged with all users to discuss these in greater detail. These plans will be forwarded under separate cover.

One amendment discussed with council is to include an external access only single cubicle public toilet which would be maintained by council.

January meetings:

Meetings with all sports clubs will progress what clubs need from the hub extension to refine the concept.

Memorandums of Understandings between respective sports clubs and Sports and Action Trust

Some MOUs still require conclusion, with each club to have a specific agreement with the Sport and Action Trust for details particular to their club. There has also been a suggestion to seek from each club an open approach for some matters that relate to other clubs so that there can be a full disclosure of the timing and details of some of the relocation and development aspects of the programme, i.e., Hub extension matters, when SLAs will be considered again if need be.

Communications

The Sport and Actions Trust website is updated for all sports clubs and users of Morgan Park, as well as an irregular update for the public as work milestones are reached. The website will also act as a promotion of opportunities with sports clubs at Morgan Park for the community to join and undertake for pay for play recreation. 2020 was going to be a big year for the park and the respective clubs as once development got underway post consents, which are now in a protracted processing phase. Once development begins the other stages can follow for all clubs. The general

approach with croquet being relocated first allows other stages to be undertaken, pending funding being successfully secured.

Two requests have been received that this newsletter be directly emailed to clubs and then within clubs, to multiple email address, however, to prevent to previous problem we had of people always feeling that they were being left out or not receiving messages at the same time, please note this newsletter will continue to be only be posted on the Sport N Action Waihi website for clubs.

FUNDING

Morgan Park Shelters

Lion Foundation

The purchase and installation of these are part of a funding application, now due to be resubmitted in early 2021 to Lion Foundation.

One Foundation

Awaiting outcome of application.

Council Report and Council Presentation-Waihi Development Fund

To be presented along with draft hub plans and request for the \$500-\$700k from council to draw down on the fund balance in October 2020.

Lotteries-Trust Waikato Applications

To be made in early 2021 for the balance of funds required to complete project, hub extension included.