



NEWSLETTER
THE SPORT AND ACTION TRUST
MORGAN PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE
January 2020

Chiefs Rugby Game

Friday 17th January, the Waikato Chiefs played the Auckland Blues in a preseason game, a sell out with 4000 spectators. Sport'n'Action Waihi provided parking on Morgan Park for the rugby game in the afternoon. Thanks to John Drent for marking out the parking areas, **our local community volunteers who helped marshal**, Waihi Lions for providing marshals and for Jo Heath for arranging everything.

Croquet Greens Development

Hydroseeding of the croquet green with an interim grass species has lasted well, and still provides for dust prevention over summer. This is a first step in the greens area settlement/ consolidation ahead of the formal construction of croquet greens which will involve extensive renovation and new turf species throughout 2020.

The exciting news we were notified of in January was that the Sport'n'Action Waihi Trust has received funding for the croquet green development of the following:

Trust Waikato	\$50,000
Lion Foundation	\$30,000

Netball and Tennis Court Fencing

This work is now complete with minor additional bracing work to strengthen this new fencing required as the wind break cloth attached to it acts a sail area and had been pulling and bending the fence lines.

Sports Hub Building Extension, conceptual plans

An architect is still underway with conceptual drawings for options regarding the sports hub building extension. This will be ready in April. A number of options are being undertaken for consultation with sports clubs as previously discussed with most codes already. More extensive discussion will occur as soon as the concept plans have been completed.

In the interim a quotation to relocate the Bowling Club owned building has been received to consider this option as well for a Sportshub, once the concepts are received for the new building option for the Sportshub.

Croquet Club House Relocation

This work has been fully quoted and we have a preferred contractor to undertake this work. This will be programmed with the croquet club as there is an agreement that the new croquet greens will be ready prior to the club house building being relocated. The Sport and Action Trust hold funds to undertake the croquet green construction and the relocation of the croquet club building. This work will proceed ahead of other funding being secured to complete the whole park development.

Funding Applications

Meeting with Lotteries

On Thursday 24 January, the Treasurer and Project Manager met with the Lotteries representative at site. This was a very constructive discussion as both an update and an open discussion about 2020 applications.

Meeting with the Momentum Trust

On Wednesday 23 January, The Project Manager met with the Momentum Trust CEO. The Trust have advised that grants for this type of purpose was not what they were focusing on at present

These funding applications have been submitted to undertake the balance of all works at Morgan Park. This work includes the new bowling green construction and Sportshub building extension and the balance of field works for rugby and football to be undertaken once croquet and bowls are relocated.

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

These are underway, 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.

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 will be a big year for the park and the respective clubs as 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.