

NEWSLETTER THE SPORT AND ACTION TRUST MORGAN PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE November 2019

Croquet Greens Development

Hydroseeding of the croquet green with an interim grass species have been completed. 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. See some photos below of the work being undertaken.



View of the croquet lawn area

**Interim ryegrass seed being
sprayed on**



Vandalism of Bowling Club

The Bowling Club was vandalised on Monday 11th November, overnight. The grounds were vandalised just before the first tournament of the bowling season. Seating, sun shelters and other equipment were thrown around the greens and lawns. Vandals also broke into the storage shed and threw sawhorses and other equipment on the greens further damaging them.

View of the greens



Some of the equipment that was thrown.



Another view of the damage

Netball and Tennis Court Fencing

This work is substantially complete with only minor additional bracing work to strengthen this new fencing remaining. This work will be completed by the end of November. The tennis court fencing has needed bracing 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. 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.

Former Netball Courts and Turf Rehabilitation

The remaining turf seeding work to fully remediate the old netball courts site will be undertaken once more soil is applied to this area, after the balance of debris is from the fill material is removed and recontouring of the site is complete. A quantity of topsoil will be spread over the site prior to grassing as a result of the croquet green redevelopment.

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

Funding applications were made to Trust Waikato, The Lion Foundation and ONE Foundation (formerly First Sovereign) in mid-October. Trust Waikato are due to release funding decisions in early December. Both The Lion Foundation and ONE Foundation receive applications continuously throughout the year and give a guide time frame of eight weeks minimum to make a decision. We do expect a decision pre-Christmas.

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. 2019/ 2020 will be a big 18 months 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.