



PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA

**PLAY, RECREATION & SPORT
COMMITTEE**

1PM, WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2021

COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR,
CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
32 THE SQUARE, PALMERSTON NORTH



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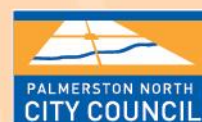
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PLAY, RECREATION & SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

24 February 2021

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Apologies

2. Notification of Additional Items

Pursuant to Sections 46A(7) and 46A(7A) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, to receive the Chairperson's explanation that specified item(s), which do not appear on the Agenda of this meeting and/or the meeting to be held with the public excluded, will be discussed.

Any additions in accordance with Section 46A(7) must be approved by resolution with an explanation as to why they cannot be delayed until a future meeting.

Any additions in accordance with Section 46A(7A) may be received or referred to a subsequent meeting for further discussion. No resolution, decision or recommendation can be made in respect of a minor item.

3. Declarations of Interest (if any)

Members are reminded of their duty to give a general notice of any interest of items to be considered on this agenda and the need to declare these interests.

4. Public Comment

To receive comments from members of the public on matters specified on this Agenda or, if time permits, on other Committee matters.

(NOTE: If the Committee wishes to consider or discuss any issue raised that is not specified on the Agenda, other than to receive the comment made or refer it to the Chief Executive, then a resolution will need to be made in accordance with clause 2 above.)

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Memorandum, presented by Julie Macdonald, Strategy & Policy Manager.

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12. Exclusion of Public

To be moved:

“That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting listed in the table below.

The general subject of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under Section 48(1) for passing this resolution

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public as stated in the above table.

Also that the persons listed below be permitted to remain after the public has been excluded for the reasons stated.

[Add Third Parties], because of their knowledge and ability to assist the meeting in speaking to their report/s [or other matters as specified] and answering questions, noting that such person/s will be present at the meeting only for the items that relate to their respective report/s [or matters as specified].

PRESENTATION

TO: Play, Recreation & Sport Committee

MEETING DATE: 24 February 2021

TITLE: Presentation - Greasy Chain Charitable Trust

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO PLAY, RECREATION & SPORT COMMITTEE

1. That the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee receive the presentation for information.

SUMMARY

Dr Steve Stannard, Gravel and Tar Race Director, and Matt van Wagtendonk, will speak to the Committee on the 2021 Gravel and Tar races and associated events.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

PRESENTATION

TO: Play, Recreation & Sport Committee

MEETING DATE: 24 February 2021

TITLE: Presentation - Netball Manawatu and Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club


RECOMMENDATION(S) TO PLAY, RECREATION & SPORT COMMITTEE

1. That the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee receive the presentation for information.

SUMMARY

Mr Chris Gunn, Netball Manawatu General Manager, and Prof. Andy Martin, on behalf of Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club, will make a presentation about a proposal to upgrade the current facilities.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposal - Netball Manawatu & Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club [↓](#) 

A STRATEGIC SUSTAINABLE APPROACH FOR MULTI-USE NETBALL & TENNIS FACILITIES

Sport Central

Palmerston North currently has 4 main clusters of sport and recreation facilities covering, which make the city an outstanding Central Hub in the Lower North Island region.

- Arena Manawatu
- Ongley Park, Fitzherbert Park (Lido, Cricket, Hockey, Tennis and PNGHS)
- Massey University
- Vautier Park, Skoglund Park (Freyberg Pool and School)

This proposal aims to enhance these significant assets and build on the latent demand for more indoor multi-use sport community facilities. Specifically, this initiative involves a covered 6 court facility at Vautier Park and a covered 4 court facility at the Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club on Fitzherbert Ave.

Background

Netball and Tennis have had a long association in the Manawatu region and continue to work together to provide two popular sports to a variety of ages and abilities. The ability to share courts and clubhouse facilities enables the use of resources 365 days of the year and a comfortable partnership of two participation friendly sports. Both Netball and Tennis promote competitive leagues for every level of play and promote an active and healthy lifestyle to its players along with a social aspect which is an essential part of an engaging sporting community.

Netball

Currently, Netball has over 5,000 players, coaches, umpires, and volunteers and provides a comprehensive Netball programme including club, schools and regional representative tournaments during the winter months and a summer programme for social players in the off-season. Netball is a popular sport within NZ and Netball Manawatu have strong ties to Netball NZ and encourage and promote the use of facilities within the region for regional and national tournaments. Currently Netball is based at Vautier Park and uses the Arena and Massey courts for Premier Leagues and some future FERNs play.

Netball currently is unable to get the indoor space it requires to deliver every level of competition and is unable to 'win' the opportunity to host U18 – Opens and above tournaments as we cannot guarantee an indoor venue.

Tennis

Tennis, operating mainly in the opposite season to Netball, provides an interclub league, business house leagues, representative programmes, coaching and a variety of local tournaments during the summer months. In winter, business house leagues, some tournaments and coaching continue. Currently Manawatu Lawn Tennis club on Fitzherbert Avenue, is the largest Tennis only facility in Palmerston North. Marist Tennis Club is based at Vautier Park and shares the facilities with Netball with court usage for 6 months of the year (Oct – March). Tennis attracts transient players who move through the region due to study, military, and



hospital commitments. It only takes a tennis racquet and an email to join a club and many social connections are made through club membership.

Tennis does not have any covered facilities and is subject to event cancellations due to weather. Our local tennis coaches also suffer with income loss due to weather conditions and the inability to offer services in the wet.

Enhancing community sport participation through indoor multi-sport facilities

Both sports continue to grow within the region, and both receive large levels of enquiries from new players demonstrating significant latent demand. As a grass roots sport community, we believe Netball and Tennis can grow and strengthen together by upgrading the current facilities we have. Both sports agree there is no need to add to the court space currently provided by the council, however, we believe it is essential to provide more covered courts for our players for a variety of reasons:

- **Sun and rain protection**– essential for increasing participation opportunities, and the health and wellbeing of players, volunteers and supporters.
- **Less pressure on the Arena** to provide greater court time for Netball
- **All year round play** for both sports. Less cancellations and more participation opportunities
- **Regional and National Tournaments** – regardless of weather

The Manawatu Region is a breeding ground for successful sportspeople through a community-led sport participation and development approach. Both sports take pride in also providing facilities that offer regional and national opportunities, a platform for our elite athletes and a foundation for our community of junior and adult grassroots social players.



VAUTIER PARK

Netball Manawatu have recently moved their offices into the Vautier Park pavilion, with the intention of making the Pavillion a community hub for Netball and Tennis, as well as a popular venue for local and regional events. Netball Manawatu recognises that currently Vautier Park facilities are under-utilized and an opportunity to make Vautier Park a more desirable national Netball and Tennis facility is achievable.

We propose 6 of our current outside courts be covered. This will enable all year usage for both sports (although limited for Tennis in the winter months, hence covered courts at MLTC) and protection of our players and sport community. Other benefits of covered courts at Vautier Park:

- Plenty of car parking, an inviting pavilion and can accommodate regional, national, and international competition Netball and Tennis events on a large scale.
- Enables local schools such as Freyberg, who have already shown interest, to use the facilities in bad weather for both sports as well as community activities such as markets and/or local events that require outside covered space and a function centre.

Current facility



Proposed covered facility at Vautier Park



MANAWATU LAWN TENNIS CLUB

Currently the main hub of Tennis in the Manawatu, Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club (MLTC) is the largest and only Tennis club in Palmerston North that provides Tennis opportunities all year round. When the tennis season finishes at Vautier Park, players move to MLTC for the winter months.

Sitting next door to the Huia Street reserve, which is under development discussion with PNCC council, MLTC provides 10 tennis courts and boasts a membership of over 200. The club has just installed a 'Book-a-Court' system that enables the community to book a court online and use the facility as a non-member, along with new LED lighting and intend on upgrading 5 of the older court surfaces.

After looking at other facilities within the lower North Island, MLTC recognise that an indoor facility on the empty section of land next to the club will take the bulk of the land space for only up to 4 covered courts. We appreciate this is not a viable option, understand the need for residential development and keeping the attractive nature of Fitzherbert Avenue, for which an indoor facility would not be complementary.

We propose a new clubhouse along the boundary of the current tennis courts, including up to 5 covered courts and a café on the Fitzherbert entrance.

Benefits include:

- A necessary boundary and division from future residential developments
- Tennis playing protection from sun and rain
- The opportunity to play tennis, including local, regional and national events, 365 days of the year (including the current coaching business operating out of the club)
- A commercial café opportunity on Fitzherbert Avenue.
- Enables local schools such as PNGHS, who have already shown interest, to use the facilities in bad weather for other sports, such as 'pickleball', as well as community activities and/or local events that require outside covered space and a function centre.

Current club rooms/courts



Proposed covered facility/club rooms/café at MLTC



OTHER SUPPORTERS OF THE VAUTIER PARK AND MLTC UPGRADE

Basketball, Badminton and Volleyball at an association level in the Manawatu, are supporters of the proposed development at Vautier Park and MLTC. The use of shared facilities at Vautier Park will free up space at CET Arena and offer opportunities for these sports to share the covered facilities at Vautier Park and potentially MLTC.



Basketball Manawatu – Mike Ryan

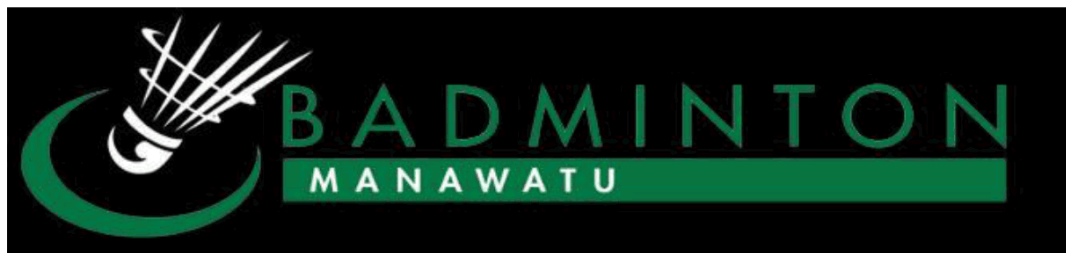
Basketball is one of the fastest growing sports in New Zealand and within the Manawatu this is certainly the case. Currently, Basketball participation in the Manawatu is being restricted due to not being able to access more court space within CET Arena.

Within Palmerston North there are no other venues that can accommodate the space required for the potential demand. It is not feasible to run basketball within school as they are proving more and difficult to get access to their courts because of the following:

- Schools' hire rates are too expensive.
- Schools' policies and practices do not allow non-school teams to play at their venues.
- The hours of competition do not fit into schools' provision for security (i.e., games going until 9-30 at night).
- Many schools' venues are being used by their own school teams in other codes because "basketball doesn't need the school's court - as they play at the Arena".
- School halls and gyms are not "spectator friendly" or just not up to scratch.

Basketball Manawatu support the proposed development at Vautier Park and would look at utilising this space as an additional basketball venue.





Badminton Manawatu – Sandra Lynch

Badminton Manawatu is keen to support this proposal of covering 6 courts at Vautier Park. Badminton in Palmerston North is growing exponentially in line with the current trend of growth in secondary schools (Badminton is top sport 10 nationally).

Participation numbers in our schools and coaching programmes reach 2500 annually and we are always looking for new facilities around the city to accommodate opportunities for indoor and outdoor badminton. The Badminton World Federation has just launched Air Badminton which is a specific outdoor version of the game and has its own shuttle. Vautier Park covered courts offers the perfect opportunity and catchment area to run Badminton. There are many schools and households in the vicinity that we could target and run badminton activity sessions. This in turn can take the pressure off the use of school facilities and enable more daytime/off-peak use of these courts.

Badminton Manawatu support the proposed development at Vautier Park and would look at using this venue for our competitions and development programmes.



Volleyball Manawatu – Natalya Taylor

Volleyball Manawatu is one of the fastest growing sports in our country and the demand is accelerating in Palmerston North. We have recently employed a paid staff member, and this has allowed us to really start to develop our offerings and meet the rising demand for our game. At our first Volley Fest in December our numbers were 95 and our recent event on February 13th, saw 210 players involved. We currently have 50 teams entered in the Secondary School League which is the largest number of teams involved in its history. Additionally, we have had to create a new Premier League for our top Secondary Schools and more space for our growing sport is required.

We support the proposed development at Vautier Park and look forward to increased opportunities for indoor sports both there and more availability at CET Arena.



PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee Meeting Part I Public, held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 The Square, Palmerston North on 16 December 2020, commencing at 9.00am

- Members Present:** Leonie Hapeta (in the Chair) and Councillors Brent Barrett, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Bruno Petrenas.
- Non Members:** Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Renee Dingwall, Lorna Johnson and Aleisha Rutherford.
- Apologies:** The Mayor (Grant Smith), Councillors Susan Baty (late arrival), Lew Findlay (early departure), Councillor Rutherford (early departure)

Councillor Susan Baty entered the meeting at 11.46am during consideration of clause 33. She was not present for clauses 32 to 33 inclusive.

Councillor Rutherford left the meeting at 12.19pm during consideration of clause 34. She was not present for clauses 34 to 37 inclusive.

31-20 Apologies

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Billy Meehan.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

The Committee resolved that apologies be received from Councillor Lew Findlay (early departure), The Mayor, Councillor Rutherford (early departure), Councillor Susan Baty (late arrival).

Clause 31-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

The meeting adjourned at 9.01am.
The meeting resumed at 11.10am.

32-20 Public Comment

Mr Craig McLay from Onboard Skate (charitable trust) made a public comment in support of an extension to the City's skateboard park to accommodate the increase in users.

Skateboarding is currently very popular and Onboard Skate runs school

programmes in several schools across the Manawatū to teach children skateboarding skills and build resilience.

Mr McLay suggested Onboard Skate could build an extension to the current skatepark with co-funding from Eastern and Central Trust.

Ms Jenine Scoon was unable to attend. Instead, the Democracy and Governance Manager read aloud Ms Scoon's statement on funding options for Memorial Park (attached).

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Billy Meehan.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

The Committee resolves that the public comments from Mr Craig McLay and Ms Jenine Scoon be received for information.

Clause 32-20 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

33-20

Presentation - Mr Nicholas Jessen

Presentation, by Mr Nicholas Jessen.

Mr Nicholas Jessen made a presentation on swimming facilities in the city, he raised the following points:

- The current swimming pools are fantastic but there are not enough facilities to meet the requirements for all users.
- The Lido's 25m pool is too shallow, and has no seating so cannot host national events. The 50m outdoor pool is only open four months of the year, it also has no seating so cannot host events.
- Freyberg pool has limited seating and recently lost the hosting rights to the North Island Secondary Schools' Swimming competition as the facilities are not good enough.
- He proposed that Council build an indoor 50m pool with a grandstand for spectators on the Lido site.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Aleisha Rutherford.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

That the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee receive the presentation by Mr Nicholas Jessen for information.

Clause 33-20 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

Councillor Susan Baty entered the meeting at 11.46am.

34-20 Sport Manawatū Annual Report (1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020) to Palmerston North City Council

Memorandum, presented by Julie Macdonald, Strategy & Policy Manager and Trevor Shailer, CEO Sport Manawatū.

The Chair thanked Sport Manawatū for all their hard work over the year.

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Billy Meehan.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

That the Committee receive the memorandum entitled 'Sport Manawatū Annual Report (1 July 2019 to 30 June 2020) to Palmerston North City Council' and dated 16 December 2020.

Clause 34-20 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

Councillor Aleisha Rutherford left the meeting at 12.19PM

35-20 Presentation - Philip Meads and Bill Anderson, Bowling Clubs Working Group

Presentation, by Mr Philip Meads (Takaro Sports Club), Mr Bill Anderson (Northern Bowling Club) and Mr Mark Noble (Bowls Manawatū).

Mr Philip Meads explained that the presentation was on behalf of the Northern and Terrace End Bowling Clubs and Takaro Sports Club. He read out the Bowling Clubs Working Group's submission (attached to agenda).

Following a successful consolidation of facilities, all clubs are now playing on the North Street bowling green. This is saving significant money in maintenance and green keeper fees.

The Bowling Clubs Working Group requested that Council consider funding \$50,000 for a feasibility study to determine the best location for a covered artificial green in Palmerston North which could be used for regional competitions and cater for the growing numbers of players in the city.

Bowls New Zealand and Bowls Manawatū support the proposal as there is no

covered bowling green in the wider region (Manawatū – Wanganui).

The bowling clubs assured Council that this funding request would be a one off, and all on-going maintenance of the facilities and future replacement of it would be paid for by the bowling clubs.

Moved Susan Baty, seconded Billy Meehan.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

That the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee receive the presentation by Philip Meads, Bill Anderson and Mark Noble for information.

Clause 35-20 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Bruno Petrenas.

36-20

Confirmation of Minutes

The Committee requested the following correction be made for accuracy:

In Clause 26-20 Petition: Construction of the Palmerston North Children's Skatepark – Remove the paragraph

The Committee agrees that mixing age groups is not the safest option and that a facility for younger children is worth considering in time to inform the Long Term Plan.

Moved Susan Baty, seconded Billy Meehan.

The COMMITTEE RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee meeting of 21 October 2020 Part I Public (as amended) and Part II be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 36-20 above was carried 12 votes to 0, with 1 abstention, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Bruno Petrenas.

Abstained:

Councillor Leonie Hapeta.

37-20

Colquhoun Park Refurbishment - Final Report

Memorandum, presented by Kathy Dever-Tod Manager - Parks & Reserves.

Moved Vaughan Dennison, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

That the Committee receives the report entitled 'Colquhoun Park Upgrade – Final Report' dated 16 December.

Clause 37-20 above was carried 13 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Bruno Petrenas.

38-20

Committee Work Schedule

Moved Leonie Hapeta, seconded Billy Meehan.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

That the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee receive its Work Schedule for December 2020.

Clause 38-20 above was carried 12 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Rachel Bowen, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Billy Meehan, Karen Naylor and Bruno Petrenas.

Against:

Councillor Lorna Johnson.

The meeting finished at 12.47pm

Confirmed 24 February 2021

Chairperson

SUBMISSION FROM CONSULTATION

TO: Play, Recreation & Sport Committee

MEETING DATE: 24 February 2021

TITLE: Hearing of Submissions - Draft Play Policy: Rēhia Papaioea! Play Palmy, Play!





RECOMMENDATION(S) TO PLAY, RECREATION & SPORT COMMITTEE

1. That the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee hear submissions from presenters who indicated their wish to be heard in support of their submission.
2. That the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee note the Procedure for Hearing of Submissions, as described in the procedure sheet.

SUBMITTERS WISHING TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF THEIR SUBMISSION

Submission No.	Submitter	Page No.
6	Jennifer Olsson	35
3	Memorial Park Sports Trust Board	29
2	Jessica Thompson	27
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1	Sport Manawatū	25
5	Heather Knox	33
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Submissions  
2. Procedure Sheet  

Draft Play Policy: Rēhia Papaioea! Play Palmy, Play!

Sub No.	Submitter	Contact
1	Sport Manawatu	Whitney Le Comte
2	Jessica Thompson	
3	Memorial Park Sports Trust Board	Sandy Nimmo
4	Palmy Dirty 30	Katherine Parlane
5	Heather Knox	
6	Jennifer Olsson	
7	PNCPA	Caroline Persson
8	Jonathan Persson	
9	DanceArts	Tania Kopytko
10	Sarah Goulter	
11	Cancer Society of New Zealand Manawatu Centre Inc.	Mrs Kerry Hocquard, Community Health Advocate

DRAFT PLAY POLICY SUBMISSION - 1-1

**Your Contact details****Name** Whitney Le Comte**Organisation** Sport Manawatu**Your feedback****1. Do you agree with the overall direction of the proposed play policy?**

Yes

Please explain your response

Play Policy looks to align with the Sport NZ Play Principles; as well as our Sport Manawatu approach to developing a regional play framework with councils in our region.

2. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy objectives?

In regard to the last objective around Council leading and co-create Play opportunities/Spaces/services, consider the language to be 'empowering' communities to take their own leadership when it comes to opportunities.

3. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy guidelines?

The guidelines provide reference to 'Play Spaces', however Play opportunities should be encouraged anywhere at anytime (Space, Time, Permission). Is the use of this terminology/language conducive to settings that aren't 'designated' play environments. For example, current play is often defined by green spaces, but is consideration taken for non-typical play settings such as streets/curbs/shop frontages?

In reference to Guideline 11, from our understanding of the definition of Play, does Nga Taonga Takaro better align within an Active Recreation context rather than Play?

4. Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Sport NZ Play principle states whenever possible, Play should include the opportunity to be Active. What is councils definition of Play? Does this include the opportunity for Play

DRAFT PLAY POLICY SUBMISSION - 1-2

that includes risk and challenge? And if not how might council promote this form of play yet mitigate situations that work against risk and challenge philosophy?

It doesn't seem clear how the guidelines will be implemented, is it fair to say this will be provided in the revised Active Communities Plan

Do you wish to speak on your submission ?

Yes, I'd like the opportunity to talk to my submission

DRAFT PLAY POLICY SUBMISSION - 2-1

**Your Contact details**

Name Jessica Thompson

Organisation**Your feedback****1. Do you agree with the overall direction of the proposed play policy?**

Yes

Please explain your response

I love the idea that Palmerston North is treated as one big play space. We have so much opportunity here, embracing it will help build on our community culture.

2. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy objectives?

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3. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy guidelines?

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4. Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Overall, I would like to see an increase in the awareness of sun safety in our play spaces. While appreciating the many improvements that have been made recently (e.g. shade sails at the esplanade), it would be great to extend this to some of our smaller spaces. Many of our neighbourhood playgrounds are placed in an open space in a reserve with little or no shade surrounding it (for example, Waterloo park, Hokowhitu Park). Our great playground in Milverton park is amazing, and I acknowledge there is some shade shelters and amazing trees, but while the children are playing they are fully exposed to the sun. While appreciating that this comes with cost, and logistics, it is crucial for the safety of our whole community.

I note one of the objectives is 'council is a play innovator and uses its expertise to inspire others'. I would love to see the council provide an environment where people are naturally safe from the sun through being in these spaces - e.g. shade, sunscreen dispensers, sun safety awareness. I see Palmerston North as an amazing place to play -

DRAFT PLAY POLICY SUBMISSION - 2-2

it would be even better if we didn't need to stop playing due to being out in scorching sun, or to find that our playing has had adverse health affects on us in the future.

Thanks.

Do you wish to speak on your submission ?

Yes, I'd like the opportunity to talk to my submission

DRAFT PLAY POLICY SUBMISSION - 3-1

**Your Contact details****Name** Sandy Nimmo**Organisation** Memorial Park Sports Trust Board**Your feedback****1. Do you agree with the overall direction of the proposed play policy?**

Unsure

Please explain your response

We weren't included in the initiative asking groups to share ideas (last year). One of our Trustees found this information on the Council web site. We note that Council is preparing to commit to a Play Policy which will "reflect a playful, fun and flexible approach in all (PNCC) public spaces, facilities, events and activities". This is a fine albeit lofty goal. Further, we note that "once approved, it will guide our operational staff in their day-to-day work across various areas of Council". This creates a potential problem for our group. We are a small, registered charity with multiple interests in the various technical components of Roller Sports. We have a Memorandum of Understanding with PNCC which is overdue for an upgrade. It provides for various components of responsibilities for the operation of the outdoor roller skating rink in Memorial Park. Our operational capability, probably similar to or identical with that of other similar groups in similar circumstances, is based on only volunteer support. As global popularity with Roller Sports grows considerably, we would like for this to be at least acknowledged but also understood in light of what we are able to contribute to supporting and even enhancing play initiatives.

2. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy objectives?

We don't really have any specific comments about the proposed policy objectives.

3. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy guidelines?

Yes. We believe there is a huge need for PNCC to explore, in concert with other similarly situated groups, how this future policy will impact on them. We are very interested in being able to provide for "play and playful" opportunities in and around the skating rink but we do need significant clarification of the impact this will have on our voluntary operations. It should be noted that we can't necessarily provide play spaces that are inclusive and accessible without support from PNCC to insure appropriate and safe play spaces are fully accessible to all.

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4. Is there anything else you'd like to add?

We must also request to be involved in any/all updates to the PNCC Active Community Plan as there are numerous items in that plan, potentially pertinent to us and how we operate, that need to be reviewed.

Do you wish to speak on your submission ?

Yes, I'd like the opportunity to talk to my submission

DRAFT PLAY POLICY SUBMISSION - 4-1

**Your Contact details****Name** Katherine Parlane**Organisation** Palmy Dirty 30**Your feedback****1. Do you agree with the overall direction of the proposed play policy?**

Yes

Please explain your response

Palmerston North having a specific policy to support play is a great step forward. It shows leadership and the desire to look out for the smallest members of our community (although play is for all ages!). I should imagine it will make decision making on things such as tree swings, forts, planting, playground development, bike trails and other play activities, more straightforward, which will be wonderful for our city. Great work.

2. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy objectives?

Play is very important, not just for children. It's great to see that the policy objective acknowledge that play is not limited by age.

It's wonderful to see the Council take leadership of providing inspiration and opportunities for play. We look forward to seeing the opportunities provided for the community to be involved in the creation of opportunities and spaces.

3. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy guidelines?

It's great to see the inclusion of supporting "free play". To us that means a number of things – most importantly, providing our tamariki (and those tamariki at heart) with limitless opportunities to engage in nature play. The Council has already supported the development of wild play spaces and we encourage the continuation of this work.

Free play also means free from requiring community members to pay for access. We support any activities that are free within our community.

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"Risky play" is a fundamentally important part of a child's development. It's great to see the guidelines will include "challenge and discovery" as fundamentals for our city's play spaces.

It's important that the community can understand and access information regarding their local parks/reserves development plans. We all live close to a park (we are so fortunate in this regard) and knowing when our local space was coming up for renewal would enable us to engage proactively and thoughtfully ahead of time. The opportunity for parents to be involved in the decisions for their tamariki will foster community spirit and a "Palmy Proud" attitude. If locals are involved in the decision making, they are more likely to take ownership of the final product.

It's important that information on how to access and navigate the process of speaking with Council officers who can engage, listen, support and advocate for play, is easily and publicly available with regular opportunities provided to engage via a range of media.

it's important for the Council's role also coordinate a register and information for play. Currently a large amount of promotion of play opportunities (free and otherwise) are undertaken by a small number of community members, who, while currently engaged and more than willing to undertake this type of work, may move on from play advocacy (ie, their children will grow and develop their own activity schedule). It would be a shame to lose the wonderful promotion that is undertaken by the likes of the Palmy Dirty 30 and of the Palmerston North Parents page on Facebook and not have it replaced with anything in house. Utilisation of the PNCC website and/or social media (a communications strategy) to support advocacy and promotion of play would be an easy win. The great places are already there, there are many families who already play there, take photos there, love their park so getting access to solid photo/information resources wouldn't be too difficult (photo competition/collaboration with #mymanawatu?). The more people that know about the awesome places to play, the more people who'll use them and be #palmypride.

4. Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Please don't put up too many fences. Spend the money on developing opportunities to play in safe, engaging spaces. Where fencing is needed, investigate natural planting first.

Do you wish to speak on your submission ? Yes, I'd like the opportunity to talk to my submission

DRAFT PLAY POLICY SUBMISSION - 5-1

**Your Contact details****Name** Heather Knox**Organisation****Your feedback****1. Do you agree with the overall direction of the proposed play policy?**

Yes

Please explain your response

Great to see a policy being put in place. I'm keen to see the actions that flow on from this.

2. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy objectives?

Play is very important, not just for children. It's great to see that the policy objective acknowledges that play is not limited by age. It's wonderful to see the Council take leadership in providing inspiration and opportunities for play. I look forward to seeing the opportunities provided for the community to be involved in the creation of opportunities and spaces.

I would like to suggest that wording related to the Council actively promoting play is added. Once play opportunities and spaces have been created, it is important that everyone in the city is well aware of these. This could be added in as "Council works across sectors to lead, co-create AND ACTIVELY PROMOTE play opportunities, play spaces and services". It would be great to see the Council creating a "Play Palmy" communications strategy and plan, including a space on the PNCC website dedicated to promoting the play opportunities here in Palmy.

3. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy guidelines?

It's great to see the inclusion of supporting "free play". This should include wild and natural play spaces, plus "free" in the sense of no cost. It is important that the city is full of no-cost play opportunities and that parents, in particular, are enabled to see value in free play. Parents are continually being marketed to and encouraged to spend money on "educational" activities for very young children. Free play is very valuable to young children and provides a range of benefits. Council, and others in the city, need to work

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together to actively market and promote all the free play opportunities that exist here (and there are a lot!)

“Risky play” is a fundamentally important part of a child’s development. It’s great to see the guidelines will include “challenge and discovery” as fundamentals for our city’s play spaces.

It’s important that the community can understand and access information regarding their local parks/reserves development plans. We all live close to parks here in Palmy (we are so fortunate in this regard) and knowing when our favourite local space is coming up for renewal would enable us to engage proactively and thoughtfully ahead of time. The opportunity for parents to be involved in the decisions for their tamariki will foster community spirit and a “Palmy Proud” attitude. If locals are involved in the decision-making, they are more likely to take ownership and use the final space.

It’s important that information on how to access and navigate the process of speaking with Council officers who can engage, listen, support and advocate for play, is easily and publicly available with regular opportunities provided to engage via a range of media.

I support formalising an approach to play streets. We have actively supported play on our street, but I have seen that others are keen to live in a street that supports play, but are not sure about how to go about achieving that outcome.

4. Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Please focus on natural materials over the use of plastic or artificial materials when creating new spaces! Recycle, reuse or repurpose materials for making play spaces wherever possible. The recent example of repurposing a retired plane into a play space is a perfect example of the type of thing that the city should do more of.

Do you wish to speak on your submission ?

Yes, I'd like the opportunity to talk to my submission

DRAFT PLAY POLICY SUBMISSION - 6-1

**Your Contact details**

Name Jennifer Ruth Olsson I would prefer if you Only used Jennifer Olsson on anything that is distributed

Organisation**Your feedback****1. Do you agree with the overall direction of the proposed play policy?**

Yes

Please explain your response

I believe you are on the right track but I would like to see how it works in a poractical way or whether when a suggestion is made the Council finds ways for the suggestion not to happen

2. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy objectives?

no

3. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy guidelines?

Under guidelines and point 14. In Halswell Cresc we have a cluster of houses where boys are predominant. They play bullrush, spotting with torches, basket ball etc on the front lawns of No 16, 14, and 12 Halswell Cresc. It would be much safer if on the entrance of Halswell Cres and Turakina street a sign could be evrected saying Children at Play and another firther down Halswell Cresc. These could follow the style of a stop sign. the group can be as large as 12 boys playing. It could be a temporary type sign(Pop Up style), that is given to one of the more reliable families to put out when the boys are there. Obviously they do not play in the winte months. The boys e had a basketball hoop at one point but that blew over. I amsure that on consultation with the families the placement of a hoop could be agreed to. These families are all housed in Housing New Zealand homes.

If you really do want children to play in their community aand streets like e did 70 years ago, please encourage these group of fun loving and exuberant boys.

4. Is there anything else you'd like to add?

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I would like to speak to my submission providing that on the day I am well and not in hospital.

Health varies on a day to day basis.

Do you wish to speak on your submission ?

Yes, I'd like the opportunity to talk to my submission



Your Contact details

Name Caroline Persson

Organisation PNCPA

Your feedback

1. Do you agree with the overall direction of the proposed play policy?

Yes

Please explain your response

My son uses the lagoon for his sport which is Canoe Polo, and would definitely be a disappointment if this was taken away from him and other players who need somewhere to play/train and practice.

2. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy objectives?

I think all parks and play areas be important and accessible to the public, we as adults and kids need places to play and have fun.

3. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy guidelines?

Keeping the upkeep on these places of play is important, if you created the places of play make sure you maintain them to standard and safety

4. Is there anything else you'd like to add?

I love Palmy because we are lucky to have places to play, take the dog, ride the bikes, but sometimes the poor maintenance of these places could be improved.

Do you wish to speak on your submission ?

No, I don't need to speak to my submission

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**Your Contact details**

Name Jonathan Persson

Organisation**Your feedback****1. Do you agree with the overall direction of the proposed play policy?**

Yes

Please explain your response**2. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy objectives?****3. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy guidelines?****4. Is there anything else you'd like to add?**

Im really keen to see the lagoon continue to be available for the best sport of all Canoe Polo! My concern is that policy changes could be made for environmental or other reasons that would unintentionally lead to restrictions on the recreational use of the lagoon. Some of the neighbours would like to put an end canoe polo being played there because they cant stand seeing others enjoying themselves. And want they want their properties to be seen to be more elite by not having sports played nearby.

Do you wish to speak on your submission ?

No, I don't need to speak to my submission

DRAFT PLAY POLICY SUBMISSION - 9-1

**Your Contact details****Name** Tania Kopytko**Organisation** DanceArts**Your feedback****1. Do you agree with the overall direction of the proposed play policy?** Yes**Please explain your response**

This is my second submission and an upgraded version. The first version send me a message to say there had been a submission error - Web Page Blocked

The policy is so high level it is difficult to see what activities and detail that PNCC might develop (or have already consulted on to develop this plan)

2. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy objectives?

My response in regard to performing arts and movement (such as dance, tai chi, martial arts) is in relation to and Savage Park

- People feel encouraged to use all public spaces and facilities (both outdoor and indoor) to play, express themselves and be active without fear of judgment.
- Council works across sectors to lead and co-create play opportunities, play spaces and services.

expression includes creative expression and generally this is not actively encouraged in public PN which encourages a culture of timidity or simply not seeing much of it in an accessible public space beyond a few annual organised festivals where people are generally audience. There is a fear factor in Savage Cres.

3. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy guidelines?

My response in regard to performing arts and movement (such as dance, tai chi, martial arts) is in relation to

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13. Provide play spaces for a wide range of play types that challenge, allow for discovery and creative expression, and offer an element of surprise.

Encouraging spaces for group movement – across cultures, physically safe, encouraging participation, excitement, innovation

Please include spaces where people can feel comfortable being creative and expressive (e.g. cultural and community dance/movement of vary many different forms, parour, tai chi, martial arts) providing surfaces/spaces/technical resources needed for safe movement (stages, rubberised/sprung surfaces)

encouraging such activity in the square/clocktower and Esplanade and other spaces to encourage activity, excitement, innovation and where such activities are seen and celebrated beyond specially created annual events. This will also encourage participation through exposure – and normalise such activity instead of it being hidden in halls, even when the weather is good.

Please consider a Dance-o-mat, which has been incredibly popular with a huge variety of communities, cultures and ages in Christchurch

Dance-o-mat <https://gapfiller.org.nz/project/dance-o-mat/>

14. Formalise an approach to play streets that empowers and encourages people to play in their streets and neighbourhoods.

Savage Cres park sits in the middle of a dense housing area where there are many refugee and migrant groups and also disabled people living in specific housing. There is also the usual range of families. There are also people living there who are under the supervision of Corrections. This at times has created fear. This is an area/park which does need PNCC encouragement and facilitation to come alive and become an active community. I have lived in the crescent so am aware of the neighbourhood and now still live nearby.

4. Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Did you consult performing arts groups/dance/movement/music etc groups in the process of this?

Do you wish to speak on your submission ? No, I don't need to speak to my submission



Your Contact details

Name Sarah Goulter

Organisation

Your feedback

1. Do you agree with the overall direction of the proposed play policy?

Yes

Please explain your response

Play is vital and the Manawatu still needs a lot of work in this area

2. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy objectives?

No

3. Do you have any specific comments about the proposed policy guidelines?

No

4. Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Do you wish to speak on your submission ?

No, I don't need to speak to my submission



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Organisation: Cancer Society of New Zealand Manawatu Centre Inc.
Representative Name: Mrs Kerry Hocquard, Community Health Advocate

Do you want to speak to the Council in support of your submission: YES.

ABOUT THOSE MAKING THIS SUBMISSION:

Cancer Society Manawatu is a non-profit organisation which is committed to reducing the incidence and impact of cancer in the Midcentral District Health Board region of Manawatu, Horowhenua, Tararua and Palmerston North.

We work with our communities to reduce the incidence and impact of cancer through prevention, raising awareness of the need for early detection and providing support. One of the aims of Cancer Society of New Zealand Manawatu Centre (CSNZ Manawatu) is to reduce the rate of cancers in the Manawatu region caused by harmful exposure to ultra-violet radiation (UVR) and harmful exposure to smoking, both active and second-hand exposure.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Palmerston North City Council plays an essential role in the health and wellbeing of our community.

The Cancer Society of New Zealand is working to raise awareness about the ongoing harms caused by smoking and over-exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR). We are aware that we are only one organisation in a complex environment where we need the support of Council, organisations in our city, and the community, to achieve our goal of improved health and wellbeing of New Zealanders. It is only by working together, using a health impact lens on our decision-making, that we can hope to make a real difference to the burden caused by smoking and over-exposure to UVR in our community and our country

The Cancer Society acknowledges the Council for its recognition of the vital role that Council plays in the health and wellbeing of our community. The supporting Active Community plan, and Connected Community Strategy give life to the vision of “Palmerston North residents being able to enjoy the benefits of living in a small city, with the advantages of a big city.” (1).

However, in reading the Draft Play Policy and associated health policies, strategies and plans, questions have arisen regarding the Draft Play Policy, and the essential connection needed between these documents, the PNCC Draft Play Policy does not list related Council health policies that need to be observed. (2-8) This omission means that these policies are not meaningfully reflected in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the PNCC Draft Play Policy.

If we are to strengthen our position as a healthy city, a Smokefree city, a SunSmart community, the associated health-related policies need to be part of the promotion to residents and visitors through existing Council plans and included in the proposed Draft Play Policy.

Parks and Reserves- Shade trees and playground development: -Has a shade audit of the community parks and reserves been conducted yet?

PNCC Sun Protection Policy (2010) states that shade audits will be carried out every three years with recommendations from the audit prioritised and incorporated into the Asset Management Plan process. (7)

What commitment has been made to planning of play spaces in our high deprivation areas in our community?



RECOMMENDATIONS

- While regular physical activity is associated with a reduced risk of most cancers, skin cancer is an exception. Sun protection is key if we are not to be creating play environments that lead to an increased risk of skin cancer. Physical activity promotion needs to be paired with sun protection messages, along with the planning of shade.
- Plans and strategies need to be evaluated in terms of what is working well and addressing the areas where policies are not meaningfully reflected in Council actions
- Shade audits are conducted of all and other outdoor facilities over time, prioritising shade in the design of new facilities and in planned upgrades.
- An equity lens be used in shade planning of neighbourhood recreational spaces
- Cancer Society Manawatu Centre recommends the prioritising:
 - Lower socio-economic communities.
 - Personal sun protection, such as sunscreen, is expensive and is a cost barrier for many families. Shade and water is free as long as it is available.
 - Play spaces used by teenagers, such as skate parks and parkour areas. Teenagers are more likely to get sunburnt than other age groups, and more sunburns increases the risk of skin cancer. Evidence from Australia indicates that teenagers will use shade if it is available.
 - High use play spaces so that when shade and water is available a higher proportion of people will likely to be able to use it.

The Cancer Society submission recommends that:

- That the Smokefree and Vapefree policy and Sun Protection Policy are promoted, with the following recommendations:
 - Ensure that smokefree and vapefree signage is in all areas identified as Council outdoor play spaces, venues and community events
 - Promotion of organised play activities and events either hosted or held at City council owned facilities during the high ultraviolet radiation season to promote the SunSmart and Smokefree messages.
 - Information & appropriate sun protection such as sunscreen and temporary shade be provided.
 - A SunSmart plan be a fundamental part of event planning for the high UVR months.



Rationale

Cancer is a leading cause of illness, disability and death in New Zealand. The number of new cases of cancer diagnosed nationally each year is expected to rise to around 50,000 by 2040-an increase of nearly 50% from 2018.

Tobacco smoking, excess weight, drinking alcohol, unhealthy eating, workplace risks, physical inactivity, chronic infection and harmful ultra-violet radiation (UVR) exposure are the leading preventable and modifiable risk factors for cancers (10).

Supporting Comments

The role of Palmerston North City Council

Palmerston North City Council plays an essential role in the health and wellbeing of our community. COVID-19 has further highlighted the importance of primary prevention methods taking place in the community to enhance community health and wellbeing, especially for those who are already disadvantaged, and reduce the burden on our health system.

Nationally, our Council is seen as a leader in the commitment to the goal of Smokefree 2025. The Council aspires to being a role model in healthy lifestyle choices. The progress we are making in reducing the incidence and impact of cancer, through the commitment made to Palmerston North community wellbeing, in the Auahi Kore Smokefree and Vapefree Policy 2020, the Sun Protection 2010 policy, the Active Community Plan, the Healthy Community Plan, and Connected Community Strategy, has put our region on the map for a healthy future.

In the PNCC Healthy Community Plan 2018-2021, Council recognised that it has an important role in building healthy communities, creating the conditions for people to make healthy choices and working with partners to promote health and well-being. (5)

Presently however, there is no mention made of any of the Council health related Policies, Plans and Strategies in the proposed draft Play Policy.

If we are to strengthen our position as a healthy city, a Smokefree and Vapefree city, a SunSmart community, these policies need to be included in the promotion to residents and visitors through existing Council plans and the proposed Draft Play Policy.

Shade

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Aotearoa, and along with Australia, we have the highest incidence and death rate in the world. Skin cancer is caused by overexposure to UV radiation and is 90% preventable. (11) Damage from UV radiation builds up across our lifespan. Preventing episodes of sunburn and overexposure to the sun's UV radiation in



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childhood and adolescence is crucial to reducing the incidence of skin cancer in later life. Using shade is one of the key recommendations to reduce our chances of developing skin cancer (12).

Playgrounds are important settings for shade, as they are spaces where children and their guardians can spend larger amounts of time during peak UVR hours. Children are perceived to be more vulnerable than adults to the adverse effects of UVR. Over-exposure to UVR in childhood is positively associated with both melanoma and keratinocyte cancer development in later life. (13).

The commitment to provide shade at local parks gives PNCC an opportunity to promote a healthier community and shows it believes safety is important for those using its recreation spaces.

However, if achieving city goals such as recreation for our community, active living and community health are to be encouraged through the use of outdoor spaces and facilities, during the hot summer months, then the adoption and implementation of policies to promote shade effectively need to be developed concurrently.

The Cancer Society recognises that it is not cost effective or desirable to cover all play equipment or play areas. Some sun exposure is important for maintaining healthy vitamin D status (14), and built shade can be expensive and potentially ineffective if not done correctly.

PNCC vision for the city's trees aims to create a citywide green network that celebrates our local and imported biodiversity and contributes to a healthy and attractive city, its surrounding villages, the Manawatū River and its green corridors. (4).

Trees are a lower cost way to provide shade and offer a long-term solution. They can add to a sense of place, improving the attractiveness of an area to socialise in, and add to the green space. Planting trees will not only provide some shade but will add a natural play element as well as help address the challenges of climate change.

An Australian 2020 study Exploring Children's perception on Park features described children's preference for: challenging and interesting adventure play equipment; a pond and water play area; trees/greenery and shade; open spaces, climbing spaces including trees, nature and rocks. Aspects that were not enjoyed related to the playground equipment. The children commented that the equipment was too small and not challenging or interesting enough and sometimes not well maintained. They also spoke about a general lack of amenities such as taps, toilets, and rubbish bins, too much empty space with not enough equipment or planting and overall poor maintenance in regards to the landscaping and presence of rubbish. (15).



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Anderson, Anderson, Jackson, Egger, Chapman & Rock (2014) highlighted the need for socio-economic status (SES) to be factored into shade audits of our community parks and reserves.

The study highlighted the disparities in the available shade in playgrounds in urban Sydney, leaving many families who use them without sufficient protection from the sun. The study drew attention to the inequities in shade availability for those living in lower SES areas. There was significantly more shade covering activity areas in playgrounds of higher SES areas, with these playgrounds making more use of natural shade than playgrounds in lower SES areas. Environmental sun protection is particularly important in lower socioeconomic status (SES) areas, as families on lower incomes can face economic barriers to improving personal sun protection such as the costs associated with buying appropriate sun protection. (16)

Water Fountains/Drink Bottle Re-Fill Stations

Supply of drinking water is both a civic and public health issue. Obesity is now the second leading cause of cancer death after tobacco. It is well established that excess sugar is a major contributor to weight gain, obesity, diabetes and tooth decay. Sugary drinks are the main source of sugar for children and young people. Sugary drinks are cheap, readily available and accessible, and are one of the most widely advertised products.

Provision of water fountains helps to address the obesogenic environment by providing our community with a cost-free alternative to the consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages, and they can also reduce the environmental and economic impact of packaged drink containers. Auckland City Council, in partnership with Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS), Auckland Transport and Watercare, have used water fountains and refillable water stations to encourage the use of reusable refillable drink bottles to also help turn the tide on Aotearoa's emerging plastic waste challenge. (17).

Recommendations

Looking at healthy food and active design principles can help with cancer prevention and living as a healthy cancer survivor. Actions the PNCC could consider, as part of the Play Policy and associated Council community wellbeing plans and strategies

- Taps, water fountains, or water bottle re-fill stations are made available in play areas.
- Consider a plastic-free natural play space based on indigenous traditional Māori games and play artefacts.
- Consider edible landscapes e.g. fruit trees near play spaces.
- Look at public and active transport availability to get to play spaces.



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- Children and young people, especially Maori and Pasifika, are protected from marketing of unhealthy products such as tobacco, alcohol, and unhealthy food and drinks. For example, no advertising in council property (buses, recreation centres, and parks).
- Palmerston North is promoted, as a healthy smokefree and sunsmart city, particularly to our community, organisers of play activities and in the spaces used for play activities.
- That the Smokefree and Vapefree policy and Sun Protection Policy is promoted, with the following recommendations:
 - Ensure that smokefree and vapefree signage is in all areas identified as Council facilities, venues and events
 - Events either hosted or held at City council owned facilities during the high ultraviolet radiation season to promote the SunSmart message.
 - Information & appropriate sun protection such as sunscreen and temporary shade be provided.
 - A SunSmart plan be a fundamental part of event planning for the high UVR months.

Conclusion

The Cancer Society of New Zealand works to raise awareness about the ongoing harms caused by smoking and over-exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR). By working together, using a health impact lens on our decision-making, we hope to make a real difference to the burden caused by smoking and over-exposure to UVR in our community and our country.

If we are to make real progress, related policies cited in the Healthy Community and Active Community Plans need to be reflected meaningfully in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the Draft Play Policy 2020; building on what is working and addressing what has not worked. (2-9)

Crucial to the success of this plan, is a Health Impact Assessment of all proposed Council policies, and an ongoing commitment to initiatives promoting healthy lifestyles, so that we can call Palmerston North a healthy place to live, learn, work and play.

The Palmerston North City Council offers a range of fantastic sporting facilities, community events, festivals and playgrounds. Wouldn't it be great to ensure residents and visitors can enjoy these facilities and community in the safest possible environment?

This is the time for our council to continue building on the sunsmart and smokefree commitment to reduce the incidence and tragic number of deaths from cancer in the Manawatu region. We all have a role to play in finding a solution, and the Cancer Society offers support to the Council to do this.

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PROCEDURE SHEET

HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS



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Presenting your submission

You have indicated a wish to present your submission in person before a committee of Councillors. You may speak to your submission yourself or, if you wish, arrange for some other person or persons to speak on your behalf.

We recommend that you speak to the main points of your submission and then answer any questions. It is not necessary to read your submission as Committee members have a copy and will have already read it.

Questions are for clarifying matters raised in submissions. Questions may only be asked by Committee members, unless the Chairperson gives permission.

Time Allocation

10 minutes (including question time) will be allocated for the hearing of each submission. If more than one person speaks to a submission, the time that is allocated to that submission will be shared between the speakers.

Who will be there?

The Play, Recreation & Sport Committee will hear the submissions. The Committee comprises of elected members as identified on the frontispiece of the Agenda.

There will also be other people there who are presenting their submission. The Hearing is open to the media and the public.

Agenda

An Agenda for the meeting at which you will be speaking will be forwarded to you once available. The Agenda lists the submissions in the order they will be considered by the Committee, although there may be some variation to this.

Venue

The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Civic Administration Building, 32 Te Marae o Hine | The Square, Palmerston North.

The Council Chamber will be set out with tables arranged appropriately. You will be invited to sit at the table with the Councillors when called.

Tikanga Maori	You may speak to your submission in Maori if you wish. If you intend to do so, please contact us no later than four days before the date of the meeting (refer to the "Further Information" section below). This is to enable arrangements to be made for a certified interpreter to attend the meeting. You may bring your own interpreter if you wish.
Visual Aids	A whiteboard, and computer with PowerPoint will be available for your use.
Final Consideration of Submissions	Final consideration of submissions will be at the ordinary meeting of the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee on Wednesday 14 April 2021. The media and public can attend these meetings, but it will not be possible for you to speak further to your submission, or participate in the Committee or Council deliberations.
Changes to this Procedure	The Committee may, in its sole discretion, vary the procedure set out above if circumstances indicate that some other procedure would be more appropriate.
Further Information	If you have any questions about the procedure outlined above please contact Susana Figlioli, Democracy & Governance Administrator, phone 06 356-8199 extension 7152 or email susana.figlioli@pncc.govt.nz .

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Play, Recreation & Sport Committee

MEETING DATE: 24 February 2021

TITLE: Draft Play Policy: Rēhia Papaioea! Play Palmy, Play! - Overview of Consultation Activities and Submissions

PRESENTED BY: Julie Macdonald - Strategy & Policy Manager

APPROVED BY: David Murphy, Acting General Manager - Strategy and Planning

RECOMMENDATION TO PLAY, RECREATION & SPORT COMMITTEE

1. That the memorandum titled 'Draft Play Policy: Rēhia Papaioea! Play Palmy, Play! – Overview of Consultation Activities and Submissions' presented to the Play, Recreation and Sport Committee on 24 February 2021 be received for information.

1. ISSUE

The Council carried out public consultation on the draft play policy and is holding hearings for those people who indicated that they wished to speak to their submissions. The purpose of this memo is to provide a brief summary of the consultation process and the number of submissions received. A more detailed analysis of the written and oral submissions will be prepared for the April meeting of the Play, Recreation and Sport Committee.

2. BACKGROUND

There was extensive informal engagement carried out to inform the development of the policy. This engagement was described in the earlier report. Consultation on the proposed policy resulted in significant informal engagement, but only a small number of formal submissions.

The draft Play Policy was approved for public consultation by the Council on 25 March 2020 (attachment 1). Consultation began on 7 December 2020 and written submissions closed on 18 January 2021. The delay in the consultation was due to the COVID-19 alert level 4 lockdown.

3. CONSULTATION ACTIVITIES

The key consultation activities were:

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- An online submission form on Council's website: <https://www.pncc.govt.nz/participate-palmy/have-your-say/draft-play-policy/>
- Social media posts on Council's Facebook and LinkedIn accounts with links to Council's website and online form.

Social media channel	Reach	Engagements
Facebook post – 7 December 2020	2,645	160
Facebook post – 4 January 2021	5,721	287

Engagements refer to how many people interacted with the post such as liking, sharing, commenting, clicking on the photo, clicking on the link to the website.

- Emails to 115 people/organisations that were involved in the policy drafting phase including to those who made comments through the Social Pinpoint engagement tool.
- Two opportunities at 'pop-up play' opportunities as part of the inaugural Play Week Aotearoa (7-13 December) alongside Sport Manawatū staff at Milverton Park (9 December) and Te Marae o Hine - The Square (11 December).
- Discussion at the Rangitāne o Manawatū bimonthly meeting on 15 December 2020.
- A movie night advertisement of the consultation opportunity at Skoglund Park on 18 December 2020.

4. OVERVIEW OF SUBMISSIONS

The Council received 11 submissions, with 7 submitters indicating that they want to speak to the Council about their submissions.

Ten submitters agreed with overall direction of the policy; one submitter was unsure. Some submitters acknowledged that the draft policy demonstrates leadership and one submitter noted that the policy aligns with Sport New Zealand's Play Principles. Feedback on the objectives included the need to empower the community and involve them in opportunities for play. Two submissions referenced the importance of sun safety, and one submitter suggested that the proposed policy needs to link to Council's other health-related policies.

5. NEXT STEPS

Deliberations and recommendations on the proposed Play Policy will be presented to the April meeting of the Play, Recreation and Sport Committee.

6. COMPLIANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Does the Committee have delegated authority to decide? If Yes quote relevant clause(s) from Delegations Manual 167.2	Yes
Are the decisions significant?	No
If they are significant do they affect land or a body of water?	No
Can this decision only be made through a 10 Year Plan?	No
Does this decision require consultation through the Special Consultative procedure?	No
Is there funding in the current Annual Plan for these actions?	Yes
Are the recommendations inconsistent with any of Council's policies or plans?	No
The recommendations contribute to Goal 2: A Creative and Exciting City	
The recommendations contribute to the outcomes of the Creative and Liveable Strategy	
The recommendations contribute to the achievement of action/actions in the Active Community Plan The action is: 'Play Policy' that outlines Council's commitment to provide for a range of play opportunities for different age groups	
Contribution to strategic direction and to social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being	The Council, through its Active Community Plan 2018, identified a need for a policy that outlines Council's commitment to provide for a range of play opportunities for different age groups. Without policy that offers guidance to reverse declining rates of play and addresses other play-related issues identified through research and community engagement, there are concerns that individual and community well-being, due to being less active, will be compromised

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Play Policy: Rēhia Papaioea! Play Palmy, Play! [↓](#) 

DRAFT PLAY POLICY 2020

RĒHIA PAPAIOEA!
PLAY PALMY, PLAY!

Play provides opportunities to improve both individual and community wellbeing.
Palmerston North City Council is making a commitment to reflect a playful, fun and flexible approach in all Council public spaces, facilities, events and activities.



NGĀ WHĀINGA O NGĀ KAUPAPAHERE
POLICY OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the policy is to provide guidance for Council decision-making to achieve the following objectives:

- Palmerston North is treated as one big play space, providing a vast network and testing ground for play opportunities.
- Everyone has opportunities to play.
- Council is a play innovator and uses its expertise to inspire others.
- Play spaces enable mana whenua and multi-cultural communities to play and participate in traditional games and recreational activities.
- Play opportunities reflect our diverse community needs, by being inclusive and accessible to all.
- People feel encouraged to use all public spaces and facilities (both outdoor and indoor) to play, express themselves and be active without fear of judgment.
- Council works across sectors to lead and co-create play opportunities, play spaces and services.

ARATOHU
GUIDELINES

Council will:

1. Advocate for play.
2. Introduce fun, playful and creative elements into public space development at early project planning stages.
3. Support community play champions and initiatives to access external funding for play resources in communities that need more assistance to play and be active.
4. Work with other organisations to achieve better play outcomes.
5. Develop a decision-making process to inform the renewal and development of Council's play spaces.
6. Engage with communities and listen to their ideas for play to inform decision-making.
7. Grow a network of play champions in the community.
8. Support "free play" in our parks, reserves and public spaces.
9. Provide play spaces that are inclusive and accessible.
10. Provide play spaces that are designed to cater for broad range of age groups and life stages.
11. Provide play spaces that express and provide for Rangitāne and Māori cultural needs, allowing ngā taonga tākaro (traditional games and sports) to flourish.
12. Encourage "pop-up" play opportunities.
13. Provide play spaces for a wide range of play types that challenge, allow for discovery and creative expression, and offer an element of surprise.
14. Formalise an approach to play streets that empowers and encourages people to play in their streets and neighbourhoods.

TE AROTAKI ME TE AROTURUKI
EVALUATION AND MONITORING

Progress towards implementing the Play Policy will be monitored and reported to Council in 2023.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Play, Recreation & Sport Committee

MEETING DATE: 24 February 2021

TITLE: Progress report: Sport Manawatū - Six month report (1 July to 31 December 2020) to Palmerston North City Council

PRESENTED BY: Julie Macdonald, Strategy & Policy Manager

APPROVED BY: David Murphy, Acting General Manager - Strategy and Planning

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO PLAY, RECREATION & SPORT COMMITTEE

1. That the Committee receive the memorandum titled 'Progress report: Sport Manawatū - Six-month report (1 July to 31 December 2020) to Palmerston North City Council' and dated 24 February 2020.

1. ISSUE

- 1.1 This memorandum provides an update on the first six months of the second year of the funding agreement between Sport Manawatū and the Council in July 2019. A strategic partnership plan forms part of this agreement and includes outcomes aligned to Council's strategic direction, particularly as expressed in the Active Community, Active and Public Transport, Events and Festivals, and Economic Development Plans. Six and twelve-month reports are required under the agreement.
- 1.2 Attachment 1 is Sport Manawatū's six-month report to the Council for the period from 1 July to 30 December 2020.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Sport Manawatū is an independent charitable trust and receives multiple and diverse sources of funding, including from Sport New Zealand, the Palmerston North City Council (approximately 20% of its total revenue) and other councils in the region, the MidCentral District Health Board, and community trusts. Sport Manawatū works towards meeting several different outcomes through its activities and, therefore, this report includes activities that aren't solely funded through Council's service contract.

- 2.2 Council has funded Sport Manawatū since the early 1990s. Over time the grant has increased as services were added, including strategic plan implementation, event support, and active transport promotion. Changes in the level of grant funding have reflected organisational changes by Council (such as fluctuations in in-house versus outsourced delivery models) as well as Council policy changes (including changes to community outcomes and the community funding policy).
- 2.3 The funding agreement outcomes stemming from Council's strategic direction are:
1. *Palmerston North has the most active community in NZ.*
 2. *People have the skills to safely and confidently cycle, and walk, on our active transport network and system (roads, footpaths, shared paths, cycleways).*
 3. *Everyone is encouraged to be active by playing and being active in sport and recreation facilities (places and spaces) across our City.*
 4. *Sports and community sport events create social and participation opportunities as well as economic benefits.*
- 2.4 The outcomes guide activities and are reflected in Sport Manawatū's report. It should be noted that many of the outcomes in the previous fee for service contract have been incorporated within the broader context of the new outcomes.

3. KEY ACTIVITIES CONTRIBUTING TO FUNDING AGREEMENT OUTCOMES

The following activities are examples that contribute to the outcomes sought by Council. Sport Manawatu's full report provides more detail.

3.1 Outcome 1: Palmerston North has the most active community in NZ.

- Sport Manawatū has demonstrated a wide range of sector leadership opportunities build the sector's capacity and capability to ensure a more active community. The Play, Active Recreation and Sport sector conference held in October 2020 explored the themes of 'Balance is Better' and 'Thinking Differently'. Council staff presented at this opportunity on the development of Council's play policy and the role of play-making in placemaking.
- Sport Manawatū administers the Active Communities Fund on Council's behalf and in this report highlighted that sixty-one residents received support to overcome financial barriers to being more active. Many of the recipients were referred by the Red Cross to attend a multi-sport holiday programme.
- Sport Manawatū recognises that in order to improve the activity levels in the City that it needs to understand the evidence collected through surveys such as the Active New Zealand survey commissioned by Sport NZ. Sport Manawatū has

presented some data insights that show 28.5% of Palmerston North residents are inactive (corresponding to between 28,000 and 32,000 people) based on the seven-day physical activity measure. This statistic is 1.6% higher than the national population and is 4.5% higher than the best performing Regional Sports Trust area (North Harbour). Insights covered in report will be used by Sport Manawātū to help target initiatives to sectors of the community, or to particular geographic areas, in order to improve activity levels.

- Sport Manawātū provides regional leadership for the development, rationalisation, or optimisation of sport facilities through the Regional Sports Facility Plan. As a result, there have been a number of proponent groups considering sports facility projects, with Sport Manawātū and Council staff working together to guide these groups through the investment decision-making process. Careful consideration of these proposals, and what the benefits they contribute to a more active community, are part of this process.

3.2 **Outcome 2: People have the skills to safely and confidently cycle, and walk, on our active transport network and system (roads, footpaths, shared paths, cycleways).**

- A key area of delivery for Sport Manawātū under this outcome is the national Bike Ready cycle skills programme. In this reporting period, nearly 1000 students from eight schools completed Grade 1 and 2 instruction. Staff note that internal and external review of this programme should assist in measuring the contribution of this programme towards more safe and confident cycling in the City.
- To complement the Bike Ready programme, Sport Manawatu organised a ‘Walk and Wheels’ week held in November. This had uptake from over 200 school children getting active by riding to school on the City’s active transport network. Targeted promotions such as this raise the profile of active transport modes and potentially lead to changing patterns of mode choice.

3.3 **Outcome 3: Everyone is encouraged to be active by playing and being active in sport and recreation facilities (places and spaces) across our city.**

- Six community Pop Up ‘Places to Play’ (aimed at promoting play and promoting local parks and reserves) were hosted by Sport Manawātū across the city. Two of these events were held during the inaugural Play Week Aotearoa and coincided with the release of Council’s proposed play policy offering an engagement opportunity. Increased awareness of these spaces to the community, and having them activated with staff and equipment, contributes to this outcome.

3.4 Outcome 4: Sports and community sport events create social and participation opportunities as well as economic benefits.

- Sport Manawātū noted in the report that the COVID-19 pandemic has posed on-going challenges for the delivery of many scheduled sports events and host organisations have needed to be creative in event delivery. Despite these challenges, ten national sporting events were supported through the Sports Event Partnership Fund (SEPF) over this period and these contributed an estimated \$1 million value add to the city's economy. It is anticipated that the sports events calendar will be further affected by consequences of COVID-19 and that economic benefits are unlikely to be as great as in previous reporting years. However, as more events are occurring at a regional or local level, there is likely to be more local social and participation opportunities sought by this outcome area.
- In October Council approved \$32,000 of unspent SEPF funds from 2019/20 to support the development of a sporting event attraction and retention plan. Sport Manawātū, in collaboration with council officers, has progressed planning for this work. This will be important work to ensuring that the sports events brought to the City continue to bring economic benefits signalled in this outcome.

4. NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 The twelve-month report will include more in-depth analysis of progress towards the outcomes sought in the funding agreement. This report will include Council staff reporting on the relevant measures that are monitored by Council at Plan level (currently being collated) as well as Sport Manawatu's own measures established in the funding agreement.
- 4.2 Council will continue to focus on the outcomes of activities undertaken by Sport Manawātū, and on evidence of the connection between activities and active community outcomes.
- 4.3 Council and Sport Manawātū will continue to work closely together on a wide range of activities and initiatives over the coming months.

5. COMPLIANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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If Yes quote relevant clause(s) from Delegations Manual clause 167.2	
Are the decisions significant?	No
If they are significant do they affect land or a body of water?	No
Can this decision only be made through a 10 Year Plan?	No

Does this decision require consultation through the Special Consultative procedure?	No
Is there funding in the current Annual Plan for these actions?	Yes
Are the recommendations inconsistent with any of Council's policies or plans?	No
The recommendations contribute to Goal 2: A Creative and Exciting City	
The recommendations contribute to the outcomes of the Creative and Liveable Strategy	
The recommendations contribute to the achievement of action/actions in the Active Community Plan	
<p>The action is: The action is: Contract Sport Manawatū to deliver sport and recreation services to meet a number of community outcomes sought by Council</p> <p>It also contributes to actions in the Active and Public Transport, Events and Festivals and the Economic Development Plans.</p>	
Contribution to strategic direction and to social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being	A strong working relationship with Sport Manawatū is essential in meeting a range of strategic outcomes sought by the Council. The delivery of actions, priorities and outcomes in the Active Community Plan requires close collaboration with Sport Manawatū who are well-positioned in the community to deliver relevant services. The new funding agreement and strategic partnership plan will assist future services and activities to be delivered to the community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Sport Manawatū six-month report to PNCC (1 July to 31 December 2020)



EVERYONE ACTIVE



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6 MONTH REPORT

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PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL 6-MONTH REPORT

01 July 2020 to 31 December 2020

Introduction

The role of Sport Manawatū is to support the Council to achieve its aspiration of having a connected, vibrant, and thriving city, through the mediums of Play, Active Recreation and Sport. This report presents progress during the past 6-months against the Sport Manawatū contracted key result areas for the Palmerston North City Council, with specific detail supporting our partnership agreement. Highlights of our achievements during this period include:

1. Palmerston North is the most Active Community in New Zealand

- Sport Manawatū played host to the inaugural Play, Active Recreation, and Sport (PARS) sector conference on 30 October with 65 people attending.
- 61 residents were supported financially through the Active Communities Fund.
- Sport Manawatū allocated \$249,000 from the Tu Manawatu Active Aotearoa fund to city-based schools, and sport and recreation groups.
- \$327,000 from the Community Resilience fund 2 was allocated to city based sport and recreation groups in response to the financial impacts of COVID-19.
- A total of 36,000 people visited the SM website during this reporting period. The homepage alone attracted 7,469 views.

2. People have the skills to safely and confidently cycle and walk on our active transport network and system

- 601 students completed Grade 1 BikeReady instruction while 362 students completed Grade 2 BikeReady instruction during the last reporting period.
- 205 primary school students took part in the inaugural Walk and Wheels week held in November with the initiative designed as a follow up to our cycle skills programme.

3. Everyone is encouraged to be active by playing and being active in sport and recreation facilities across our city

- Sport Manawatū have progressed the development of a Play Framework and recruited Whitney Le Comte as a Play Systems lead to support outcomes across the region.
- Six community Pop Up 'Places to Play' aimed at promoting play and promoting local parks and reserves were held across the city.

4. Sports and community sport events create social opportunities and economic benefits

- National Sporting events contributed \$1 million value add to the city's economy.

1. PALMERSTON NORTH IS THE MOST ACTIVE COMMUNITY IN NEW ZEALAND

Deliver training, seminars, and programmes to the sector

Sector Leadership – *supporting and growing Play, Active Recreation and Sport opportunities*

- We have been working with Regional Sport Organisations (RSO) GM group to establish a shared calendar of seasons expanded from the activity calendar that was put together as we came out of COVID-19 lockdown. This will be expanded in 2021 winter season in conjunction with the Secondary School principals group to look at shorter seasons and stricter start and ends to seasons. Consequences of not adhering to this has led to some discussion on forming a Collective Group with a Terms of Reference that will mandate and agree on principles to allow this to move forward.
- A Balance is Better (BiB) workshop was delivered to the RSO GM group (eight sporting codes on the group) supported by Manawātū Cricket Association GM James Lovegrove.
- Fortnightly meetings continue for the GM RSO group. The group is now an established network that collaborate and supports. An example of this was the July Holiday programme which is going to be repeated in January 2021 with 12 Sport and Active Recreation groups participating.
- Issues such as Indoor User concerns have initiated discussions with management of CET arena around access issues facilitated by SM.
- Kelly Curr from Sport New Zealand led a staff presentation on BiB of which Sport Manawātū staff will begin the process of facilitating workshops throughout the region to begin to influence the Balance is Better principals to volunteers and parents/caregivers through the RSO's and schools system.
- Professional development series has continued with the GM RSO group. This has been a partnership with Massey University School of Management. Topics that we have delivered include:
 - Organisational culture – building strong, cohesive, and productive teams- Dr Fatimia Junaid
 - Having difficult conversations- Phil Ramsay
 - Self Awareness and Leadership- Prof. Sarah Leberman
 - Attracting & selecting employees –Robyn Mason
 - Getting the best out of your employees/volunteers (motivation/engagement) Robyn Mason
- Targeted support was given to Rugby and Netball post lockdown and they are working with DCH and HR consultants to review their current operational situation. Sport Manawātū have met with the chair of Rugby Manawātū to discuss the way forward post the resignation of the CE of Manawātū Rugby. Manawātū Netball has completed a review of their staffing structure with the new structure now in place.

Sports Partnerships – *collaborating with sports to enhance the participant experience*

Manawātū-Whanganui Golf (MWG) has a long-standing relationship with SM, utilising shared services model as a tenant in the SM building. In more recent years a partnership with NZ Golf (NZG) with the Lower North Island regional manager based in the SM building. SM has worked on a case study aimed at highlighting the benefits of strong relationships and how SM supported several joint

initiatives that MWG and NZG developed and introduced to the region over the last 12-months. These initiatives included:

- She Loves Golf - This is an introduction programme for ladies who would like to give golf a go. SM supported this programme with promotion, and support through the SM Coaching Adviser for the coaches designing and delivering the coaching sessions.
- Super 6's festival - The Manawatū Golf Club hosted the Charles Tour Super 6's event earlier this year. The format of the tournament was completely unique as it is likely the first professional tournament in the world that had men and women competing against each other for the same prize money. After attending the SM Women & Girls breakfast earlier in the year NZG approached SM to partner not just with the tournament but with the Women & Girls week of golf activities that supported this event.

Governance – supporting codes in order to build strong foundations

- The GM Hockey Manawatū has completed the Sport Wellington Leading leaders training and has delivered his project to the group. This will be delivered in 2021 throughout the Manawatū with an intention to support club sustainability.
- A priority in the Hockey Manawatū Partner Plan was the appointment of an independent chair. An MOU was signed whereby SM employed Mark Cleaver as an independent Chair of the Board for a 12-month period with the project serving as a pilot for supporting governance across RSO's in the region. This to date has been hugely successful, highlighted with the support required for the newly appointed GM of Manawatū Hockey when COVID-19 hit. Sport Manawatū is currently drafting a case study with assistance from evaluators Allan and Clarke on the benefits of this programme and future recommendations.

Regional Leadership – Multisport Holiday Programme

Towards the end of 2019, Sport Manawatū started a General Manager's (GM) group for Regional Sport Organisation's (RSO) that had paid position within their organisations as a way of bringing the GM's together to address common themes and issues arising that could be worked through across the board instead of facing them alone. This group had been going for about six months before COVID-19, with meetings taking place once a month. When lockdown hit New Zealand in March 2020 those monthly meetings moved to once a week to keep up with the ever-changing world of sport we were living in at the time.

During these meetings discussions were had around the financial struggles RSO's were going through due to the loss of income with no competitions being held, who was receiving government wage subsidy, what competition could look like in the future, and anything else they were going through. As New Zealand started coming out of lockdown and back down the levels the idea of some sort of collaboration experience came up during these discussions, which is where the idea of a holiday programme came from. Manawatū Cricket were very proactive with sending through a proposal, and planning began quickly after that. With a short window from that proposal being sent on 19 May 2020, and the holidays starting 6 July 2020 there was not much time to organise the event.

This initiative came about as a COVID-19 relief package to help RSO's and Active Recreation providers raise funds during this time and put sport back in the front of people's minds. With sport starting back up around this time it was a great way for kids to try out these sports before committing to them through school or club teams. Discussions quickly started with the idea of two holiday programmes being run at the same time; an indoor programme and an outdoor programme.

The outdoor programme involved Hockey Manawatū, Manawatū Rugby, Manawatū Cricket, Netball Manawatū, and Central Football. The outdoor program was the main event that required the most planning as it was the first big collaboration project Sport Manawatū had done with multiple stakeholders. Meetings started through zoom as we were still in Alert level 3 at the time, with the zoom sessions often having a better turn out than face to face meetings. The indoor programme was much of a copy of the outdoor, and involved OnBoard Skate, Badminton Manawatū, Volleyball Manawatū, and Basketball Manawatū.

One of the main goals for the programme was collaboration, between the codes and other providers, so GM's, coach developers and coaches could work together during this process as well as outside of the holiday programme. The other goal was based on participation, and diversity and inclusion, to provide young people with an opportunity to participate in a range of different sports rather than specialising in one or two sports, which fits nicely with the 'Balance is Better' philosophy. The programme was available to students from year 3 through to year 13. This was a big age range and not the original year groups we wanted to focus on but due to registration numbers we wanted to open it up to most ages of young people. The programmes were run on opposite weeks to provide the participants an opportunity to participate in nine different sports across the holiday period.



Photo: Children listening intently in MCA Operations Manager James Lovegrove

The RSO's had a goal of registering 250 Year 3+ young people for each of the holiday programmes. This was a big number and proved difficult to reach as we were short on time to promote the programmes. Communication was sent to all primary, intermediate, and secondary schools in the Mid-Central region, but there was not as much buy in from the schools as we thought there would be. There were a few different possibilities as to why this was; communication was not passed on by the schools, the window for promotion was not long enough to get the word out, it was the first holidays after COVID-19 restrictions were lifted so families were taking that opportunity to go on holiday outside of Manawatū, and it was right before calving season for the outlying Districts when most of them take that opportunity to travel away before their farming lives get busy again.

In the end, 117 registered for the outdoor (including 15 sponsored spaces), while 116 registered for the indoor (including 31 sponsored spaces) programmes. This was a manageable number of young people for the coaches to deal with when split into smaller groups, and if the numbers were any higher it would have been difficult for the coaches to handle within the sessions. More sporting options across two weeks meant more opportunity for children to gain a range of knowledge across the nine different sport and active recreation providers. We were also lucky enough to have CET Arena as a wet weather option for the outdoor programme, as on the last two days it was pouring down and would have been a miserable experience for the kids had we not had the indoor venue available to use. A survey was sent out to the parents and children who attended the programmes a couple of weeks after the holidays had finished. We had a lot of positive feedback, and many saying they would participate in the programme if it was run again.

Coach Development

- As part of the ongoing support for RSO's coach development programmes, Sport Manawātū continued to develop coach developers (the coaches of the coaches) which included individual support and workshops.
- The workshop's included a virtual workshop presented by Pat Barwick former NZ Women's Hockey team coach and Sport NZ Master Trainer on developing mentoring programmes for coaches. This was followed with a face-to-face session on unpacking the information and the practical applications of mentoring.
- Sport Manawātū were requested to support sport specific coach developer training which included a NZ & CD cricket coach developer training programme hosted in Palmerston North with three trainers and eight coach developers, and Golf NZ coach development programme in an advisory capacity.
- To support the collaborative holiday programme in partnership with RSO's partners & coach developers a workshop was delivered to support the coaches delivering the holiday programme activities, this session was attended by 20 coaches and five coach developers from the following RSO's. Topics included.
 - Ice breakers
 - Managing Groups
 - Generic coaching philosophy
 - Practical delivery

Sport Manawātū were requested to assist and deliver content for RSO coaching development workshops/courses which included:

- MCA development coaching courses attended by over 35 coaches.
- Supported Hockey Manawātū – delivered a coach development camp with 12 coaches and 30 players, which included players and Coach developers from other sports to support the coaches in practical delivery.
- Supported Hockey Manawātū – Cognitive coaching session delivered by Mark Borgers HNZ performance coach attended by eight coaches.
- Organising Kyle Mclean coaching consultant from "Thriving Kiwi Coaches" to deliver a session on games-based coaching, attended by 10 coaches from the following sports golf, table tennis, netball, rugby, Touch, football hosted at Massey SRI.
- Supported UCOL coaching paper consulted and delivered coach development session. Games based approaches eight students attended the practical session in delivering Games based approaches.

Secondary Schools

- Manawatū Secondary School Swimming Championships were supposed to be held in March 2020 however these were postponed and later held in July once restriction levels eased. Many schools from Palmerston North took part in this competition.
- Sport Manawatū hosted the third Sport Co-ordinator meeting of the year in September with Sport co-ordinators from Girls High, Boys High, Freyberg and Longburn Adventist College in attendance. The end of year Sport Co-ordinator function was held at Speights Ale House in December and had great attendance, with Girls High, Awatapu, Freyberg, Queen Elizabeth College, and Longburn Adventist College Sport Co-ordinators also attending.
- School Sport NZ hosted a national conference on 21-22 September which was available online to Sport Staff in schools across the country. Workshops were focused on Balance is Better, teacher coaches, reviewing School Sport plans, prioritising athlete well-being, and other focuses on rangatahi. These workshops are now available online for anyone that could not attend the conference on those dates.
- Freyberg started up their Sport Council again in September, the Secondary School Advisor went along to support the students and understand what their wants and needs are for the school and how Sport Manawatu can help.
- Sport Manawatu is putting a video together as part of a project for the Ministry of Youth Development. This video showcases youth participation in sport, active recreation and play. A project team has been put together from four different schools, including students from Awatapu, QEC, and LAC. The team have named themselves "Active Rangatahi" and will be gathering videos and images to put into one big promotion video to use in the Manawatu.
- Sport Manawatū in partnership with Manawatū Cricket Association hosted the inaugural Leavers Cup in October, which is a tournament that aims to provide a transition link for schoolboys with clubs in their final years at school. Manawatū local cricket clubs were umpires for the tournament which allowed the clubs to create a relationship with the schools. The teams that took part were school teams that do not normally have teams in any of the Manawatū Cricket Premier Men's Competition. Awatapu College and Cornerstone Christian School were two of the four schools involved in this tournament.
- The Secondary School advisor worked with all Sport Coordinators in Manawatū to gather data for the 2020 NZ Secondary School Sport Census. The census will give us an idea on how COVID-19 has impacted the participation of students and teachers involved in sport. This data is being collated from all schools across NZ and we will have access to it in the next few weeks. All 10 Palmerston North schools provided data for this.
- The Secondary School Advisor has also been gathering information around the state of school sport within each school. The bigger picture is to understand what secondary school sport looks like, and what we want it to look like going forward. Gathering this information from each school will help understand where they are at right now, where they would like to be, and how we help them get there. Most schools see sport benefiting students' wellbeing, providing opportunities for all student abilities, and having more intra-school opportunities. This is something we will be working towards in 2021.
- Sport Manawatū hosted the Play, Active Recreation, and Sport conference in October. One of the sessions was a Youth Panel that discussed topics such as their experience of sport and active recreation at school, how it has affected them, and what suggestions they have for organisations that are trying to engage more with youth. On the panel we had one student from Freyberg High School, another from Girls High, one from Feilding High School, and a couple that have already left school but are still considered "youth". The information these

students shared was very insightful, mainly around how much a coach can affect the enjoyment of that sport, and also how to use social media to engage youth.

- St Peter's College hosted the MISSA AGM for 2020, as MISSA did not go ahead for 2020 St Peter's College will be hosting again in March 2021.
- The Secondary School Advisor attended Longburn Adventist College sports prize-giving in November, and Queen Elizabeth College sport prize-giving in December.

Women and Girls Programme

The See Her Be Her programme is a multi-year programme focussing on inspiring, creating, partnering, and delivering quality opportunities in sport and active recreation for females. Below is more information about the overarching purpose and pillars of the programme.

Programme Vision

- Building stronger communities through diversity and inclusion in sport and active recreation.
- Te hanga hapori kaha ake | Building a stronger community.

Purpose

- More women and girls participating at all levels in sport and active recreation.

Focus area

- Diversity and inclusion

Three Pillars

1. Leadership | Hikitai Te Ha o Hineahuone (Uplift the presence of Hineahuone)
 - a. We will influence leaders within sporting organisations to develop quality experiences for all women and girls.
 - b. To develop female leaders in our sport and active recreation sector.
 - c. We will influence leaders within our sporting organisations and communities to get a gender balance on sporting boards.
2. Value & Visibility | Tau Ai Te Ha O Hineahuone (Make manifest the presence of Hineahuone)
 - a. We will influence leaders in the community to promote women and girls to be more visible.
 - b. We will provide role models (ambassadors) to influence the youth and community to increase value and visibility.
 - c. We will influence sporting organisations to have clear high-performance pathways.
3. Participation | Hapaitia Te Ha O Hineahuone (Take hold of the presence of Hineahuone)
 - a. We will influence sport and active recreation providers to provide equal opportunities.
 - b. To have women and girls active everyday through play, active recreation, and organised sport.
 - c. We will support and education staff, volunteers and sport and active recreation providers to deliver quality experiences.

Back in 2019, Sport Manawatū hosted the first-ever Festival for Women and Girls (W&G) in sport and active recreation which contributed to a multi-year commitment to plan and deliver W&G festivals. The 2020 festival was held 27 October to 01 November and involved interaction from 15 regional sporting organisations including active recreation facility operators with 'Have a go' experiences running throughout the week. The festival started with the launch of The Changing Room series, with local adventure racer Kym Skerman. This was followed by an 'engaging Youth breakfast' which comprised of three speakers in a panel style format. The next event was the relaunch of 'WICKED', the women in coaching programme with guest speaker Yvette McClausland-Durie sharing her journey as New Zealand Netball Coach. The festival was aimed at improving opportunities, experiences, and outcomes for young women and girls in sport and active recreation. The 2020 festival week overall was hugely successful. The festival week connected with over 100 women and girls across three different events. We received some fantastic feedback from participants including great ideas for future events.



Photo: SM staff and stakeholders with guest speaker Silver Ferns coach Yvette McClausland-Durie (centre).

Key learnings

Unfortunately, the 'have a go' experiences and the change of format did not hit our target market. This was debriefed and changes will be made for the future. In addition, the timing of the festival will need to be considered in more detail including a thought of moving from a week long event to a possible month long event as a way to engage and support more women and girls.

Coordinate an Active Community Forum

2020 Sector Conference

Sport Manawatū hosted the inaugural Play, Active Recreation and Sport (PARS) sector conference. Insight from stakeholders indicated that the following topics would be of interest:

- Sector overview
- Balance is Better
- Engaging Youth

- Sector Leadership
- Funding
- Wellness
- Future of Sport
- Facilities

The key themes for the conference included **Balance is Better** and **Thinking Differently**. A key PNCC outcome from the conference was for the sector to build its capacity and capability whilst becoming more self-sustaining. We were fortunate to secure the support of Rodney Wong, governance specialist to share his thoughts on planning for sport and futures thinking, and Dr Johanna Wood who shared her story as New Zealand Football President securing the FIFA Women's World Cup alongside Australia. We also had support from Keegan Aplin-Thane and Ann-Marie Mori who shared the council's approach to Play policy and integration.

Sector Impact

Anecdotal feedback and survey monkey results in general indicated the conference was well received, with a desire to hold these on an annual basis. 97% of respondents were either satisfied or very satisfied with their experience (NPS of 50 is excellent in terms of the rating system).

"I have been to most of the SM conferences over the last few years which have been really good, this year I was engaged all day. I really enjoyed it, and it was the best I've been too"
(MW Golf)



Photo: PNCC Officers sharing insights into the councils Play policy

Our target attendance for the conference was to engage over 100 stakeholders however we ended up with approximately 65 attendees on the day. There was a diverse range of people representing Sport, TA's, School, Clubs, Tertiary, Cultural and Active Recreation providers. On reflection, the project team felt there was some mitigating factors that had an influence on the small number of attendees, including time of year, competing activities including summer sport competitions, and a shortened working week with a public holiday scheduled on the Monday (Labour Day).

The community now has a broader understanding of the Balance is Better (BiB) approach, and the sector have indicated a willingness to collaborate to embrace the BiB principles. However, more work is needed in this area to get wider community understanding. Engaging youth to present or be part of the panel provided some powerful and unfiltered feedback to the sector on how they can engage and keep youth involved in sport and active recreation.

"The youth panel hit us between the eyes telling us what we have got wrong" (conference participant) **Thinking Different** We challenged ourselves to be different and offer a variety of experiences which included using technology to zoom in presenters. In addition, an activation session which was getting people out of the room and engaging in play like they were back in the school yard or hanging with their mates. The zoom presentations went well, and the activation was well received with everyone engaged in the opportunity to play and take a break from the conference room.

"Awesome to have a play section in between all the speeches" (conference participant)

Some highlights participants took away from the event:

"very strong consistent message throughout, but the two that stuck with me the most was the Rodney Wong presentation and the physical activity session".

"Skateboard Bailey was very articulate, and the Rodney Wong session was different and challenging and a strong finish with president of NZF".

"Interaction with different codes. Rodney Wong's presentation in understanding other people".



Photo: SM CEO delivering his opening address to conference attendees

Deliver activities that are complementary initiatives aimed at increasing community participation

Support an Active City

Sport Manawātū continues to gather play, active recreation, and sport insights relating to participation preferences across the city. As an organisation, we need to develop a deeper understanding of what people want, and why, Sport Manawātū is supporting the development of a sport and recreation sector that is adaptive and responsive to the needs of participants (participant-focused).

To be adaptive and responsive, the sector and our region needs to be able to:

- target participants with the right services and approaches to respond to the changing trends in participation;
- deliver quality experiences that engage our community in sport and active recreation for life.

The data provides us with a benchmark in which to assess current physical activity preferences. We would expect to see a decrease in resident inactivity through well planned and structured interventions. This outcome would allow us to achieve our vision of Everyone Active and contributes positively towards the council's goal of exceeding the national average for physical activity by 2021. The information comes from a range of data sources including:

- Statistics NZ.
- Active NZ survey (Sport NZ).
- School Sport New Zealand sports participation data.
- Ministry of Education.
- Ministry of Health.

The following tables represent a snapshot of resident behaviours over seven consecutive days and are disaggregated by key demographics to better illustrate how we might better prioritise resources. Importantly, we need to understand that any benchmarks differ across the demographics presented. Any targets set must consider natural limits or 'ceiling' effects, which will limit any gains that can be made or that it may take proportionally greater resources to affect any measurable improvement. Conversely, where there are substantial differences between Palmerston North/ Manawātū region, and national or the best-performing benchmarks, there is an opportunity to make more cost-effective improvements in physical activity.

Based on Table 1, 28.5% of Palmerston North residents are inactive, reflecting somewhat between 28,000 and 32,000 people (table 2). This is 1.6% higher than the national population and 4.5% higher than the best performing RST (North Harbour). However, this difference varies across the displayed demographic groups, with the gap in inactivity between Palmerston North and North Harbour being:

- better for the Tertiary population (4.5% lower)
- smaller for young adults (1.4% higher)
- moderately larger for primary aged children (3.9% higher) and young families (4.8% higher)
- much larger for older families (5.9% higher), secondary (7.2% higher) and older adults (9.1% higher)

% inactive	Palmerston North City	North Harbour	Total
Primary (5 – 12)	11.6%	7.7%	7.2%
Secondary (13 – 17)	17.3%	10.1%	10.8%
Young Adults (18 - 34)	27.2%	25.8%	28.0%
Older Adults (35 – 64)	35.5%	26.4%	32.8%
Tertiary (PTEs, ITPs, wānanga, uni, workplace training)	27.5%	32.0%	26.8%
Young Families	33.9%	29.1%	30.8%
Older Families	30.2%	24.3%	28.0%
Low (1-3)	28.4%	23.5%	26.9%
Medium (4-7)	28.7%	24.7%	26.9%
High (8-10)	28.3%	23.9%	26.9%
Total	28.5%	24.0%	26.9%

Table 1. % inactive across key demographic groups.

Palmerston North is between 4 and 4.9% more inactive compared to North Harbour across the three deprivation categories and between 1.4% and 1.8% more inactive compared to the national proportions (Table 1). While this suggests that there are stronger factors driving differences in inactivity than deprivation (age being a key driver), deprivation is a relatively crude indicator. Communities have greatly varying demographic characteristics (e.g. more younger families or economically vulnerable households) and more solutions need to be developed at the community level based on a better understanding of community characteristics.

% All ethnicity, all deprivation	Palmerston North City
Inactive	28.5
Walking for sport or leisure	50.9
Running/jogging	26.5
Gardening	20.0
Playing games	19.7
Individual workout	22.0
Cycling/biking	11.7
Swimming	10.6
Group exercise class	7.7
Playing	6.7
Dance	7.3

Table 2. Top 10 most popular activities

Table 3 and 4 summarises estimates of the inactive population size across four age groups and three deprivation categories. Given the small sample sizes of the Active NZ survey, a range is given rather than an actual number. It is likely that the values given here are conservative (ie too small) as the sampling error of the Active NZ survey for the inactive estimates in each age and deprivation category were not available when this report was compiled. More accurate estimates will be available in the future.

What these population ranges are useful for, is to give insights into what additional resources would be required for a given reduction in inactivity. For example, if we were to reduce the levels of inactivity reported for the 13- to 17-year-old age group by 3% there would be somewhere between 20 and 40 secondary more active (with a consequent larger demand on clubs, infrastructure, etc). If the 35–64-year-old population is targeted for a 3% decrease in inactivity (this group also had the largest difference when compared to North Harbour), there would be an additional 290 to 340 older adults impacting the sector. Overall, somewhere between 800 and 1000 people, based on Census 2018 figures and conservative population estimates, would enter the activity sector if a 3% target were achieved.

% inactive	Primary 5yo - 12yo	Secondary 13yo - 17yo	Young Adults 18 - 34yo	Older Adults 35 – 64yo	Total
Palmerston North City	11.6%	17.3%	27.2%	35.5%	35%
Active NZ sample	42	17	55	145	306
Error ²	13.4%	21.1%	11.7%	7.2%	5%
Population ³	9,087	5,739	23,613	29,529	85,716
Inactive range (95% CI)	913 – 1,195	783 – 1,202	5,671 – 7,174	9,728 – 11,238	28,501 – 31,501

Table 3. % inactive and estimated population size by age.

% inactive	Low (1-3)	Medium (4-7)	High (8-10)
Palmerston North City	28.4%	28.7%	28.3%
Active NZ sample	76	120	74
Error ¹	10%	7.9%	10.1%
Population ²	21,249	31,635	31,725
Inactive range (95% CI)	5,431 – 6,638 people	8,362 – 9,797 people	8,071 – 9,885 people

Table 4. % inactive and estimated population size by deprivation.

There is overwhelming evidence that indicates residents living in socially deprived communities are more likely to be inactive compared with residents from affluent communities. Initial investigations of communities across the city and examples where positive long term social benefits have been achieved indicate that community interventions must involve cross sector partnerships for example health, education, social development with community organisations/champions. Lessons learned examples from our attempts to employ this approach and progress developments locally are documented in our Roslyn project summary outlined following section.

Identify up to three priority suburbs to monitor and progress physical activity

Empowering Active Communities

We highlighted in our previous six-month report, a project targeting the Roslyn suburb aimed at increasing physical activity levels for residents who were not meeting the national guidelines. We discussed various intervention models and shared some of the challenges involved with the delivery of organisational lead programmes that fail to convert to long-term community owned successes.

Three stakeholder meetings have taken place, which have involved identifying key community champions and groups. The meetings originally led to the group landing on an initiative involving a Playstreets concept involving neighbourhoods facilitating 'play based' activities within cul-de-sacs. SM along with council staff from the placemaking team, and other local agencies planned to partner with the Roslyn Reach Group, Neighbourhood Support, and community champions to help test the model. Unfortunately, some local residents were not happy to play host to the concept, so the event was cancelled. Further to this outcome, we've gained some key learnings from our community stakeholders discussions including:

1. The stakeholders' agreement that Roslyn will be unresponsive to external influence.
2. The diversity of people that needs help.

Stakeholders unresponsiveness to external influence

The first and most important learning was that all the stakeholders we met with agreed to the proposition that the Roslyn population is highly unresponsive to "externals' influence". This meant that it didn't matter if we showed up to deliver programmes or even offer help, the community will simply not respond to us because "we are not one of them". Proof of this was the planned PNCC/REACH "Street Party" initiative that did not go ahead due to the neighbours' rejection and lack of interest.

The challenge imposed by this assertion is, in our informed opinion, the biggest one to overtake. The reason is that there is no trusting relationship (yet) with the community at large. There are two main ways we are approaching this challenge:

Building relationships and trust with the community

We have been achieving this by slowly offering services and options for entertainment that are free of charge and that come with no strings attached. An example of this is the successful Pop-Up Play initiative that we have held through term 4. These initiatives have allowed us to be seen in the community, to offer play opportunities to anyone that is interested and finally (and most importantly), to talk to people, while gathering important insights. This is a slow process, but it is basic to cement our presence in the community and to start building a trusting relationship with all stakeholders.

Leveraging already existing trust and relationships from already established institutions/stakeholders

This is an easier and faster way to achieve the same outcome, which needs to be taken with the utmost precaution. On the one hand, we want our presence and influence to change the behaviour of inactive community members. However, we must achieve this without compromising the trust that our potential proxies have built through much effort during the last several years. On the other hand, we must retain our identity and values throughout the process without compromising the quality of our services or the ideals that drive us to achieve our vision.

We have made a cautious approach to this method by leveraging existing trust to gather insights into the preferences of targeted communities within Roslyn. We will take the learnings from these insights and use them to start catering to larger pools of the population. The second finding from our conversations with stakeholders was the diversity of people who need help with getting active.

There are groups with different religious, socio economic, cultural, etc. backgrounds that are struggling with getting active. Three prime examples are: TPU, caregivers from the Playgroup on Vogel, and the many educational institutions in Roslyn.

- The TPU, (short for Teen Parent Unit) based in Vautier Park is struggling to get their students active. The TPU, which is attached to an early childhood centre, is an initiative established to promote the provision of ongoing education for young parents. The teachers who work at the local TPU are facing challenges related to the students' lack of physical activity, which translates into low academic performance, low engagement, and in some cases, depression.
- Caregivers from the Playgroup on Vogel have been identified as a segment of the Roslyn population that requires assistance to become active. This group has a wide range in ages, from young mothers to elderly grand mothers who take care of their grandchildren.
- We have started gathering insights via face-to-face conversations with more stakeholders and people from the community. This has been achieved through the facilitation of Pop-Up Play activations in different parks and reserves within Roslyn to continue building trust and acceptance within the local community. We hope to leverage the trust from our stakeholders to gather insights via surveys to people at public events like 'Movies at the Park' and 'Whacky Water Day'.
- There are five schools in Roslyn: three primary, one intermediate and one high school. We will support these schools in different ways. We will work with the primary and intermediate schools to implement the Healthy Active Learning initiative. This initiative, which focuses on ways to deliver quality physical activity experiences to students, will place us in an ideal position to cultivate good relations with teachers and school principals.
- We are continuing to work with Freyberg High School to gather insights into activity preferences, frequency and options for a selected group of rangatahi. These insights will allow us to understand what the market wants and how we can fulfil their needs for physical activity.

While the information above may appear challenging, it simply reinforces the need to spend time developing key relationships alongside community. We acknowledge that this is not an overnight fix, it would be easy for us to roll out an activity programme however the issue here is community ownership and sustainability. The organisation also needs to factor in how this approach will impact on staff time and resourcing and our ability to focus on long term outcomes rather than quick wins that don't translate to long-term outcomes. The approach however does provide us with a litmus of what we need to do going forward and how we integrate learnings when we start working with other priority suburbs.

Deliver Green Prescription and Active Families - *working with those most in need of physical activity*

The Green Prescription programme (GRx) is about engaging individuals who are currently inactive and would benefit from an increased level of physical fitness. The programme helps to support participants with their health and fitness goals by linking them to appropriate and sustainable physical exercise options, whilst giving them the skills and education to make healthy nutrition and lifestyle choices.

One component of GRx is to support sustained positive health outcomes for participants upon graduation from the programme. Education on the opportunities available in the community is key to supporting this outcome, and is achieved through collaboration with local health agencies, sports clubs, and recreation providers. Progress during the last 6-months includes:

- 466 participants living in Palmerston North were referred to the GRx programme during the past 6-months.
- 243 participants graduated from our initial 10-week GRx programmes. Graduates need to complete at least 50% of the term programme.
- We continue to work successfully alongside some key stakeholders to identify priority groups to develop specific GRx programmes.
- The GRx team continue to collaborate with Massey University to formulate workshops that focus on 'identifying and managing psychological barriers to lifestyle change'.
- Palmerston North participants continue to benefit from health education and nutritional guidance via GRx phone support.

New Kiwi's Healthy Lifestyle Programme

The GRx team united again with the Manawatū Diabetes Trust to deliver our fourth 5-week GRx/Healthy Lifestyle programme to local refugee learners at the ELP (English Learning Partners) school. The benefits of such a programme to this specific audience was initially identified through discussions with the Red Cross. The aim was to provide support to migrant refugees in the Manawatū by providing education around adapting to the kiwi way of life through healthy lifestyle choices. 76 former refugees participated in the 2020 programme.

Feedback received from programme participants shaped the content presented through the 5-weeks. New topics introduced were 'Sleep', 'Primary Health Services - Medications & your pharmacy', 'Oral health', and 'Mental Health and Wellbeing'. The Active team thoroughly enjoyed working with the group and based on feedback consider this 5-week program a great success. We look forward to watching the program participants flourish and better their health through healthier lifestyle changes.



Photo: Half of the new 'Kiwi' group celebrating their graduation

Programme impact snapshot

Surveys were conducted pre- and post-programme. Below are some of the results obtained:

- Pre-course knowledge 50.4% (average); Post-course knowledge 70.7% (average).
- Course participants were asked: Has your confidence increased in managing (your) health and well-being since attending the programme: 98.5% of participants responded with **YES**.
- Participants were asked things that they would like to change as a result of attending the programme. Common themes that came through were: More exercise, eat more vegetables, Drink water, Brush your teeth 2 times/day, check your medications, use lemon picture (visualisation & mindfulness), and cooking healthier meals.

Green Prescription Industry Training Solutions (ITS) classes

Over the past 6-months, the GRx team has delivered a condensed version of the GRx programme to ITS, a Private Training Establishment (PTE) working closely with Ministry of Social Development. Instead of the normal ten-week, ten-session programme, ITS sessions were presented with a six-session version over three weeks, with class delivery twice a week. Despite the various GRx programmes we deliver throughout the region having the same (or very similar) content based around helping participants make healthy eating choices and increasing their activity levels. Topics covered included:

- 25 participants registered.
- Course Outline/ Assessing needs/wants for programme/walk around Te Marae o Hine.
- Healthy Eating/Healthy Food Plate/ Yoga.
- Healthy Eating/Fat content of common foods/Resistance Bands.
- Healthy Eating/Weight Training (CLM Fitness Studio).
- Cooking Demonstration.
- Importance of Sleep/Sleep Apnea/Sleep Clinic.

ITS Relationship

Sport Manawātū has had a relationship with ITS for several years now. ITS runs a good programme and operates under a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, which was a pleasure to be a part of. All participants appeared motivated and showed a willingness to engage and share their experiences and opinions, and to take part in whatever exercise options we offered.

Green Prescription Maternal Programme

We continue to deliver a strong and effective GRx Maternal programme in Palmerston North. The program continues to grow in numbers which is reflected in the increasing support received from health care providers. We received a total of five new Maternal referrals during the reporting period. The programme continues to be a collaborative approach with the Diabetes Trust with a mutual aim to 'Improve women's health during pregnancy and the postnatal period through promotion of healthy eating and physical activity'.

Below is feedback from one of the Maternal GRx participants:

'I am so thankful for the opportunity of having Kat take me through some water fitness during my pregnancy. Not only was it nice to have someone encouraging but she is also a mother to two children and made things easy and relatable through the whole experience as she knew what it was like to be pregnant and she was always interested in how me and baby were tracking along. I was standing full time as a hairdresser and was finding it hard to find or

make time to do any exercises especially the further I got into my pregnancy with all the added weight. Doing the movement in the pool was the best thing I could have done as all the pressure was taken off my back and legs and I was able to keep fit while looking after my joints and baby. I would highly recommend this to any pregnant woman as it encouraged me to keep up with moving around all the way through till baby was born. Thank you for all your support through the pregnancy Kat you were very often the highlight of my day!

Ameka

Pickleball 'Have a Go'

In mid-November, we teamed up with a group of Pickleball representatives from Hastings to facilitate a 'Have a Go' session for our GRx participants at CET Arena. The morning was a great success, with well over 40 people over the age of 55 years in attendance. After the session, many participants enquired into how they could continue playing locally. We have directed them to the Massey club that runs sessions twice a week. Overall, it was a very successful event. Pickleball has proven to be a sport that accommodates a range of ages and abilities.



Photo: attendees during a Pickleball 'have a go' session

Active Families - Engaging whānau most in need of physical activity, sport, and active recreation

The GRx Active Families programme is a community-based health initiative designed to increase physical activity in children and young people, aged 4–17 years of age, and their whānau/family. The programme provides support, guidance, and opportunities for participants to create healthier lifestyle changes, through regular physical activity and healthy eating. This is achieved through education, nutritional guidance, goal setting and ongoing support. The programme provides support for a minimum of 90 children and young people and their families, for a period of up to 12-months. In the past 6-months:

- 11 children/youth and their whānau living in Palmerston North were referred to the Active Families programme in the last six months.

- Program delivery has centred on the targeted suburb of Roslyn, in addition to using great community facilities around the city. These included Terrace End School, Roslyn Scout Hall, Lido Aquatic Centre, Ongley Park, YMCA, Milverton Park, Colquhoun Park, and Takaro Park. We promoted the use of local parks, reserves, and playgrounds.

Active Families programmes

Active Families Palmerston North in Term 3 started off with a good group of families, but attendance dwindled off near the end of the term. Sessions were planned with activities that families could attempt with the programme first, and then continue with at home together. This included a PassSport session with recycled sports gear, an Aqua session in the pool, and fun backyard games. We were also very fortunate to attend a squash session at the Palmerston North Squash Club to trial the skills and fun of squash. This was to time in with the commencement of their Junior Squash programme so that if any child really enjoyed the session, they had a pathway into playing the sport outside of the programme.



Photo: Active Families attendees receiving squash instruction

Active Families returned late in Term 4 due to a change in advisors with the new personnel starting in late October. A small but committed group of participants took part in the last few weeks of the term with sessions planned with play in mind, allowing families to use the equipment available to them ensuring that they could continue at home. A Holiday Challenge programme was given out at the final session and thanks to Replay Sport for the donations of sports equipment our families will have several options to be busy and active over this summer period.

Home-Led support programme

The Home-Led support programme continues to be utilised as a stepping-stone for our graduate families from last year. Following on from the amazing progress they made over the year on the Active Families programme, we were able to continue to support these families but at less regular intervals to really encourage self-driven activity as a family. The Home-Led support programme was also used in Term 4 to help support families who were unable to attend weekly sessions. Contact was made via text and phone calls, resources were emailed or mailed out. A Holiday Challenge calendar and resources was developed to give whānau ideas and opportunities to remain active over the break.

REPLAY Pass-Sport

The Replay Pass-Sport's have been a great asset to help the families in our community to be active together. The Pass-Sports have been used in our Active Families sessions where equipment was laid out and families could use any of the equipment to work through the Pass-Sport or even use it to give initial ideas before going off on their own with the equipment. We have not quite been able to implement the equipment library as such where our families take a piece of equipment home each week and swap with another family the following week. They have also been featured at a few Pop-Up Plays out in the community where they have been available to both be used at the park, but also available to be taken away to use in their own time. As well as the Pass-sports, we have received sports equipment from Replay Recycled Sports Equipment that we were able to give away at these Pop-Up Plays should a family or child wish to take the piece of equipment home with them to continue to play with.



Photo: A child led activity using sporting equipment to improvise

EID Festival

The Manawātū Multicultural Council organised the Multi-Cultural EID ADHA Fair to celebrate and showcase the Muslim community in Palmerston North in August, with the festival hosted at CET Arena. The organising committee contacted SM to help provide active entertainment to the festival attendants. This was a great opportunity for SM and its sports/active entertainment partners to get involved and showcase their activities to a growing sector of the population that has not been fully explored or tapped into. Unfortunately, the event organisers were forced to limit sport/activity providers due to C-19 related regulations, which, by the time the organisers had to make a decision, limited the space for activities. SM, in conjunction with PNCC provided the festival with a Pop-Up Play station where participants (mostly tamariki) spent hours playing and having a good time.

Working with Rangitāne o Manawātū to develop a physical activity plan designed to encourage whānau to be more active

In March 2020, SM began working on a Māori Participation Framework to support Play, Recreation and Sporting aspirations for whānau, hapu, and iwi of our region. This framework supports our commitment to our Tiriti o Waitangi, and Diversity and Inclusion policies. The framework is intended to help shape the future direction to achieve mutually supportive outcomes in partnership with Rangitāne, including iwi from within our wider region. Initial investigations have provided a general view of Māori participation in physical activity at a broad national level, and we have begun the process of capturing participant feedback from whānau involved in our various programmes. The Board Chair and CEO have met with the Mana Whenua Hauora, which is convened by the Mid Central DHB. There is strong interest in a partnership approach between Mana Whenua and Sport Manawātū. However, the first step and commitment is Māori representation on the Board, this will be advised by the Mana Whenua Hauora at the beginning of 2021. It is anticipated, that Sport Manawātū will work closely with the Mana Whenua Hauora for ongoing support and guidance around our intent to value and appropriately resource our relationships with iwi, hapu, and Māori social services as partners in building a valued, connected, and resourced sport and active recreation sector.

Coordinate the Active Communities Fund

Established by the Council in 2018, the Active Communities Fund aims to remove financial barriers to enable individuals, families, caregivers, children, and youth the opportunity to be more active, more often. The fund aims to remove barriers to participation through the provision of:

- Activity related costs.
- Activity related equipment not provided through a club, school or activity provider.
- Activity uniform, clothing or footwear.
- Facility fees or Event costs.
- Access to one on one or small group coaching.
- Opportunities that support a life-long love of being physically active.
- Travel related costs to enable participation, and
- Funding may be given retrospectively on a case-by-case basis.

The panel assesses applications on a case-by-case basis and meet a minimum of four times annually. Sport Manawātū promote the programme through its website and social media platforms including

facebook. A promotional flyer was distributed earlier in the year and we have changed the application form to an online form, which makes it easier for applicants to apply. We also began carrying out reviews with groups and recipients to understand how the fund has made an impact on their lives.

Nine applications were received during the six-month period seeking funds to support 61 individuals. They included:

Active Communities Fund Applications 01 July – 31 December 2020			
Applicant	Programme/Activity	Amount Funded	Participants
Kung Fu Academy	Sports Fess/uniforms	\$2,600	7
Red Cross	Equipment (BB shoes)	\$115	1
Red Cross	Equipment (BB shoes)	\$120	1
Gymsports	Fees, equipment, uniform	\$500	1
Green Prescription	Membership Fees	\$500	1
Holiday Sports Programme	Programme Fees	\$4,000	50
Totals		\$7,827	61

Active Communities Fund Recipient Story

The Kung Fu Academy applied to the ACF on behalf of seven participants. An impact statement is provided below:

"The fund has created a noticeably more positive lifestyle for the recipients. Their general health and well-being appear to have improved since receiving the fund. Their habits around sport have also improved due to the fund enabling our recipients to actively participate more in sporting activities (martial arts).



Photo: ACF recipients during a Kung Fu class

On average, attendance from the recipients of the Active Communities Fund has increased 39%. The flow on social, educational, and personal benefits from this increased participation has been previously highlighted, but it goes to show that for the recipients, the fund has achieved its goals of removing barriers to participation and keeping more Palmerston North citizens active. Other incidental outcomes include increases on the happiness scale, as those who have formed or strengthened relationships in our community have had added time to grow and strengthen these relationships, and also due to the decreased stress levels in the participants; happier Instructors, as they have more students participate regularly in their classes and the fund has relieved a lot of pressure on our business, particularly considering the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Sifu Anthony Chan,
The Kung Fu Academy Head Instructor.

Coordinate Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Funding

Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa provides funding for programmes or projects delivering play, active recreation, and sport experiences for tamariki and rangatahi. It is particularly focused on groups where barriers cause them to be less active. The purpose of the Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Fund is to provide quality experiences that are accessible, create a lifelong love of being active and meet the needs of tamariki and rangatahi. We have a particular focus on:

- Children and young people in higher deprivation communities.
- Girls and young women (5-18) and disabled children and young people (5-18).
- Demand/Needs led programmes.
- Local Led Delivery based, and
- Significant leveraging opportunities through collaborative partnerships.

The activation fund helps to cover programme or service delivery costs including:

- Programme or project delivery e.g. venue or equipment hire, transport.
- Equipment as part of the programme or service.
- Officials, where these are required for the delivery.
- Programme Delivery supporting staff wages e.g. activity leader, coordinator.

Sport Manawatū have an allocation of \$737,500 to distribute regionally.

Organisation	Project	Funding Granted
SnapBACK Gym	Tamariki / rangatahi toa Toe Fuatana o Tupulaga Talavou bringing strength to our youth	\$22,000
Te Aroha Noa Community Services	Te Aroha Noa Mentoring Academy - Sports Programme	\$10,000
Te Kura o Takaro School	Takaro BJJ/MMA Sport and Recreation Programme	\$10,000
Mana Tamariki	Te Kawa o te Ora	\$10,000

B12 Sports Club	Shelley Naylor Realty Touch Module - Encouraging girls & women to engage in Sport & Recreation	\$6,540
Church on Vogel Community Trust	CoV Table Tennis Club	\$1,943
Dsport Incorporated	Kids Get Active	\$2,940
Manawatu Afghan Society Inc	Young Afghan Sports Initiatives	\$4,500
Awatapu College: Special Needs s.n.A.a.p	s.n.A.a.p - Special Needs Awatapu activity programme	\$6,000
Special Needs Department, Awatapu College	Life Tasting Sports Programme	\$14,000
Surf Life Saving New Zealand	Extracurricular beach safety with High Dep Schools	\$9,995
Onboard Skate Inc	Jedi Skateboard Academy	\$12,000
Parafed Manawātū	Parafed Programmes	\$23,000
Manawātū Regional Volleyball Association	Kiwi Volley	\$20,000
Manawātū Cricket Association	Multiple Projects - Community Delivery and Activation	\$39,500
Manawātū Rugby Union	Manawātū Multi Sport Holiday Programme	\$22,500
Manawātū Badminton Association	Badminton Time	\$34,000
Total		\$248,918

Volunteer Appreciation Day

Volunteer Appreciation Day was celebrated in Palmerston North on 19 September. Our team went to PNCC parks and sports grounds to hand out a token of our appreciation to all those people who volunteer their time and effort so that people can continue enjoying their favourite physical activities throughout the year. Over 300 cookie time biscuits were distributed at grounds across the city. The following stories encapsulate the spirit of the day and encourage us to keep supporting our partners and stakeholders:

Community Group Strength and Balance

One of the ways SM is helping New Zealanders to live stronger for longer is by supporting the development of community group strength and balance exercise classes targeting those over the age of 65 years throughout the MidCentral Health region.

- There are 22 Strength and Balance classes and 12 providers endorsed on the 'Live Longer for stronger' website in Palmerston North city.
- We continue to connect and engage with existing exercise providers cross the city working with providers for community classes to be approved and available for elders in the area.
- We are continuing to work closely with stakeholders, the MDHB Safe Mobility Council, and the falls prevention team to promote the programme and to improve alignment of health clinicians within the DHB.
- We have entered into a new 18-month contract with ACC to support community group strength and balance in the Manawātū.

Maintain databases of clubs and facilities to ensure they are current

Code	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Netball	5,116	3,097	3,687	2,549	3,312	4,200
Manawatū Rugby Union	4,231	4,231	3,385	3,945	3,629	3,669
Central Football	4,003	4,052	1,969	2,223	2,686	3,200
Futsal			2,653	1,788	317	288
Manawatū Cricket	3,561	2,123	2,343	1,531	1,018	1,460
Golf	3,415	1,165	1,051	1,638	1,589	1,516
Touch Rugby	2,958	3,072	2,578	2,452	3,342	3,572
Hockey Manawatū	2,388	2,388	2,455	2,560	3,007	5,100
Basketball Manawatū	2,296	2,296	2,660	2,450	2,632	3,180
Central Squash	2,186	2,186	278	396	398	402
Swimming Manawatū Inc	775	775	441	544	860	676
Tennis Manawatū	732	450	450	299	401	244
Manawatū Gymsports	621	327	332	535	1,045	750
Rugby League (MRL)	577	667	320	502	646	698
Bike Road	300	550	278	168	134	151
Bike MTN			722	787	843	576
PN Athletic and Harrier	280	251	251	363	210	190
Special Olympics	275	177	259	173	277	147
Kiwi Canoe Polo Club	263	259	285	249	321	316
Triathlon	198	292	290	889	1,050	99
Badminton Manawatū	189	352	218	492	186	199
Manawatu Striders	184	184	191	176	133	100
Orienteering	50	42	30	43	43	22
Volleyball			1040	950	975	1,156
Softball Manawatū						1,327
Tae Kwon Do						200
Surf Lifesaving						82
Table Tennis						120
Bowls	735	664	332	309	309	272
TOTAL	35,333	29,779	28,498	28,011	24,982	33,912

Note: The club membership database will be updated to reflect 2020 data within our 12-month report due August 2021. We will also be looking to include code participation initiatives to give a higher-level overview of the reach sport and active recreation has across our city.

Community Resilience Fund 2.0 Administration

The Community Resilience Fund 2.0 (CRF 2.0) brought a much-needed support to organisations affected by COVID-19. Sport Manawatū administrated the CRF 2.0 on behalf of Sport New Zealand (SNZ), who, granted our region \$420,000 to support organisations. As the days and weeks elapsed, it was abundantly clear that those funds would run out and we would not be able to provide the support that organisations desperately needed. After receiving similar feedback from most RSTs, SNZ decided to open the wallet and top up the fund. This enabled us to provide help to all eligible

organisations that requested it. In the end, SM allocated \$489,743 to organisations within our regional boundary, \$326,813 of which supported city-based sport clubs.

Here is feedback from an organisation that received support through CRF 2.0:

On behalf of Takaro AFC I wish to thank you and Sport NZ for helping us out in these difficult economic times brought on by the COVID-19 crisis. This financial help is very much appreciated in enabling us as a Football Club to continue to serve the local community here in Palmerston North. Can you please convey our sincere thanks to Sport NZ in reaching out to Sports Clubs like ourselves to give this support at such a time as this!

Kevin Palfreyman

President – Takaro AFC

The following table outlines PNCC based organisations who were approved CRF 2.0 assistance:

Organisation	Amount
Ashhurst Bowling Club Inc	\$1,048
Ashhurst Scout Group	\$2,713
Basketball Manawatu	\$25,000
Bike Manawatu Inc	\$2,203
Freyberg Cricket Club Incorporated	\$5,297
High School Hockey Club PN Incorporated	\$8,714
Hockey Manawatu Incorporated	\$25,000
Ice Breaker Aquatics INC	\$9,851
Kiwi West Aquatics Incorporated	\$6,407
Manawatu Badminton Association Incorporated	\$4,970
Manawatu Cricket Association Incorporated	\$18,761
Manawatu Foxton Cricket Club	\$2,127
Manawatu GymSports	\$21,739
Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club	\$7,367
Manawatu Smallbore Rifle Association	\$1,232
Netball Manawatu	\$15,406
NZ Deerstalkers Association (Manawatu Branch) Inc.	\$1,840
Northern Club (Manawatu) Inc.	\$4,378
Old Boys Cricket Club (PN) Incorporated	\$4,792
Palmerston North End Association FC Incorporated	\$4,953
Palmerston North Golf Club Inc	\$24,174
Palmerton Cricket Club	\$3,590
Parafed Manawatu	\$1,630
PN Marist Football Club	22,500
Red Sox Sports Club Incorporate	3,000
Roslyn Scout Group	2,760
SANZ Milson Scout Group	3,299
Scouts NZ	3,000
Scouts NZ Camp Kilsby committee	2,095
SnapBACK Gym	3,750

Southern Cross Taekwon-Do Academy	2,000
Table Tennis Manawatu Inc	5,000
Taekwondo Manawatu	7,060
Takaro Association Football Club Incorporated	4,731
Takaro Sports Club Inc	3,836
Target Shooting New Zealand Inc	17,263
Tennis Manawatu Incorporated	1,846
The Marist Club (PN) Inc	8,478
The Palmerston North Squash Club Incorporated	25,000
United Cricket Club Incorporated	5,000
Total	\$326, 813

Provide Leadership advice on plans and projects that enhance opportunities for communities to be active and enhance decision-making

Work with Council staff and stakeholders including presenting to Councils Play, Sport and Recreation committee on issues /projects impacting the sector or community

Sport Manawātū were involved in the council's community workshop to express our views on sector priorities relating to the council's review of programmes relating to the up-coming 10-Year Plan. The council invited Sport Manawātū management including board members to outline their priorities for our sector and identify innovative options that would enable discussions and questions between all those stakeholder groups involved. Sport Manawātū will be involved with assisting council coordinate a 10-Year Plan consultation workshop with our sector groups.

CET Arena Masterplan

Sport Manawātū have in the last six months been involved on the CET Arena Masterplan Steering Group as a community stakeholder. Sport Manawātū's other role when required is to provide guidance on the RSFP investment decision making process and key work stages for sport facility developments. Our position becomes relevant should demand led projects require external investment. In addition, our role is to feedback on community utilisation of the facility.

Provide insights / research on local trends and issues impacting on Councils Spaces and Places

Aquatic Facilities

Sport Manawātū have facilitated a series of meetings between the council and aquatic groups to address concerns relating to facility access, demand challenges and the impact of local facilities not being fit for purpose to meet national standards to host events. Swimming clubs in particular have highlighted issues regarding pool scheduling. Proponents have suggested that while swimming membership numbers are positive, increasing numbers are prohibitive as facilities are struggling to cope with the current demand. The council are investigating the possibility of conducting a needs assessment of all council owned facilities including schools to identify whether future aquatic developments need to be brought forward in the 10-year plan.

CET Arena – the city’s major indoor sports venue

Sport Manawātū continue to engage with operations staff from CET Arena on a quarterly basis to discuss facility utilisation and address initiatives that support national sporting events and community sport. Topics discussed during this period included:

- Investigating how we might support regional sporting priorities to offset the cancellations occurring with national sporting events in the city (Volleyball, Basketball, etc) due to COVID-19.
- The management of activities under COVID-19 level 2 restrictions to maximise benefits to community sport. This included a roll in/roll out system that appears to be working well.
- John has worked with the Jets to limit the impact on the NBL competition affecting community sport in 2021. Negotiated nine home games with most fixtures to occur on a Sunday evening!
- Seasonal use on the outdoor spaces have reduced somewhat however there has been an increased use from Boys High and Manukura of the artificial turf. This increase is perhaps a reflection on the schools wanting to protect their playing facilities for regional/national fixtures.
- Discussed an outcome from the Regional Sport Facilities Plan steering group to undertake a user survey of the city’s indoor facilities.
- Facilitated an Indoor Sport user group meeting attended by sporting codes, and council representatives to address demand challenges.

Act as the ‘shop front’ for the community to better access sector opportunities

Maintain a website and social media presence that is up to date

Sport Manawātū provide information to our communities through a number of communication channels: website, Facebook, Instagram, and e-newsletter. The website continues to be a key avenue for providing information to users. A total of 36,000 people visited the site during this reporting period. The homepage alone attracted 7,469 views.

Alongside the website, we post regularly on Facebook, and we are working to increase our profile on Instagram. Our Facebook page has over 7,614 followers and grows weekly. We post a range of information from local clubs/organisations, to Sport NZ funding, to promoting local parks and reserves.

Maintain databases of clubs and facilities to ensure they are current

Sport Manawātū maintains a database of clubs on its website, ensuring our community can connect directly with our regional sport and activity providers. The site provides information relevant to specific groups including sports seeking assistance with governance training, parent and teacher support, and organisations seeking funds for programmes/initiatives.

Page Name	Total Views
Home	7,469
Multi-Sport Holiday Programme	2,514
Tu Manawa Active Aotearoa	1,543
Our People	1,209
Join GRx	1,033

Contact	689
Green Prescription	585
Vacancies	554
Basketball	534
Play, Active Rec & Sports (SPARS) Conference	514
Indoor Sports	498
Football	497
GRx Adults	482
For Health Professionals	455
Kickboxing & Brazilian JiuJitsu	425

This previous 'Find Your Sport' section (now 'Get Active'), is updated as and when a club or organisation notify Sport Manawatū of any updates to their details. Previously this section was heavily sport focussed, going forward this section will encompass play, active recreation, and sport opportunities across Palmerston North City, Manawatū, Tararua, and the Horowhenua.

Provide regional leadership for the development, rationalisation, or optimisation of sport facilities

Regional Sport Facilities Plan (RSFP)

Sport Manawatū believes it is fulfilling its responsibilities and demonstrating its value in delivering on the Implementation Plan that has been agreed by the RSFP Steering Group. Sport Manawatū is in a unique position to oversee a number of regional and sub-regional projects, share valuable learnings that are benefiting the sector long term, and crucially playing our part in making sure every Council dollar is invested wisely for maximum return in benefits to the community.

We have provided the following services in accordance with the agreed MoU actions:

- Developed an annual work plan following consultation with the RSFP steering group. The plan will set the agreed actions for the year. The document includes a review of RSFP recommendations/priority actions and confirms projects of regional significance.
- Facilitated a meeting with aquatic users in Palmerston North city who have expressed issues relating to facility access, losing regional events because facilities are no longer fit for purpose, and clarifying Service Level Agreements across council owned facilities. A proposed outcome may be a requirement for the council to complete a needs assessment of aquatic facilities as part of the LTP.
- Collated feedback from steering group members on the draft artificial turf needs assessment being presented to the PNCC play, recreation, and sport committee in October.
- Progressed the development of a Schools MoE facility partnership framework. This has involved assistance from our Insights and Evaluation consultant, with further support from Chris Moller (Chair of the Secondary School Sport Principals Group and the RSFP).
- Met with Bevan Trotman to discuss the RSFP investment decision making framework and how it relates to facility projects. This also included confirmation on our progress of developing a MoE Schools Partnership framework to help identify network gaps and opportunities.
- Funders forum was held in October involving seven funders, five council representatives and Sport NZ.

- Facilitated two RSFP steering group meetings to agree on annual priorities and provide a quarterly update on progress.

In addition, Sport Manawatū have worked with proponent groups:

- Provision of support including advice, guidance and evidence gathering for the development of feasibility assessments and business case reports to guide the successful execution of the decision-making framework. This will include consultation on local, district and regional facility hierarchy of needs. Examples of this work have been the coordination of merging three city-based bowling clubs.
- Share knowledge including resources specific to sector spaces and places – Sport NZ Visualisation Tool.
- Increase regional understanding and identifying better utilisation of spaces and places including providing regional sporting trend information, opportunities to benchmark outcomes and usage data, to better understand demand and inform decision making, for example with the Regions Secondary Schools Principles Group and Funders.

Manawatu Gymsports

Sport Manawatū facilitated a meeting with council and Kim Fenn, Facility Manager of Manawatū Gymsports on Malden Street concerning facility issues brought on by an increase in club membership. The facility has become too small and the club are wanting to know whether Gymsports are included within any future indoor sport development at CET Arena. The club are wanting to know whether they might be considered for any future indoor facility development and have been made aware that council have proposed a programme line as part of the 10 Year-Plan that would investigate indoor sport facility demands.

Manawatu Rugby League

Sport Manawatū worked with Manawatū Rugby League and the council on a proposed facility move. An agreement is being reached between Rugby League and Manawatū Cricket that would see MRL vacate the Fitzherbert Park site. The MRL District Manager has been working with council officers to discuss what assets they can take with them to Coronation Park. They have also spoken with Manawatū Rugby and Touch Manawatū regarding shared utilisation of Coronation Park and it being the home of Rugby League based on the parks geographical profile in the city. The stakeholders are currently working on a seasonal calendar to help progress developments of it becoming a multisport shared use facility.

RSFP Roadshow

A Regional Sport Facility Plan District Roadshow was delivered in partnership with Ann-Marie Mori (RSFP steering group representative) at Fitzherbert Park in December. The event attracted 18 stakeholders representing 12 sporting codes with the presentation focusing on the roles of Sport Manawatū and PNCC when determining facility developments. The roadshow happened to precede the councils final Play, Recreation, and Sport committee meeting of the year in which two codes (Bowls and Aquatics) made presentations as part of the up-coming 10-Year Plan. Key stakeholders attending on the evening included the GM Netball Manawatū, Manawatu Lawn Tennis Club administrator, Squash Gym committee members, Aquatics, Operations Managers from Palmerston North Golf Club, Facility Manager from Manawatū Gymsports, and Tri Manawatū I Tired the Tri lead coordinator.

2. PEOPLE HAVE THE SKILLS TO SAFELY AND CONFIDENTLY CYCLE ON OUR ROADS, SHARED PATHS, AND CYCLEWAYS

Facilitate and promote cycle skills education programmes

Sport Manawatū and council have continued to progress actions within this outcome area relating to becoming an NZTA BikeReady national cycle skills region. The NZTA BikeReady programme centres on quality standards and measures which includes spending more instructional time with individual participants. The programme includes an increase in funding that will greatly assist with building local capacity (developing more quality cycle skills instructors and getting more children riding a bike).

Sport Manawatū with feedback from NZTA have prioritised Year 5 and 6 students believing they have the required maturity and mental acumen to benefit from the BikeReady programme. We have also gained valuable insights through school pre-programme surveys to support this rationale. The move to using student surveys has provided us with a tool to determine who we respond to and how our intervention best achieves both council and SM cycling outcomes.

We have begun to identify programme benchmarks in addition to developing a case study to assess students, teachers, and parents' attitudes and behaviours to cycling. The case study will be developed and presented at the review point of our three-year partnership agreement in 2022. Sport Manawatū in partnership with council are monitoring progress as part of a long-term study to address the decline of children riding a bike. 601 students completed Grade 1 BikeReady instruction while 362 students completed Grade 2 BikeReady instruction during the last reporting period.

The schools we partnered with during 01 July to 31 December included:

- Parkland school
- Riverdale school
- Longburn school
- Winchester school
- Somerset school*
- Hokowhitu school
- Ashhurst school
- College Street school

*Denotes schools that are in the process of or have developed School Travel Plans with assistance from the council and contractor Via Strada.

NZTA BikeReady programme review

Sport Manawatū hosted representatives from NZTA as part of a review of our BikeReady instruction in November. The review involved two and half days of observations assessing instructor delivery and student development. The review panel believed the programme was delivered by a great team of instructors who had good rapport with the students, the teachers, and each other.

Some of the highlights identified were:

- The groups were small with great instructor to trainee ratios.
- The programme was structured so that Grade 2 training was delivered in the morning slots to avoid having trainees on the road after lunch during the school pick-up time.
- Multiple sessions were delivered to each class allowing them to build on previously learnt skills.
- The team was very efficient in terms of organising the students, getting them out, and getting them going.
- Instructors checked that students had any medications needed on them before going out.
- The team made a real effort to learn and remember trainee's names.
- Instructors had a nice manner with the trainees, they were engaging and attentive.
- There was consistently a demonstration, discussion, drill, and feedback given for each outcome.
- In Grade 2 training, the three instructors worked very well together, always supporting each other and being very clear on their respective roles for the delivery of each outcome.
- Trainees received both individual feedback and feedback as a group.

Ensure there is coordination of walking and cycling related events and activities

Sport Manawātū have again partnered with the Greasy Chain Charitable Trust to deliver a community participation initiative alongside the Gravel n Tar UCU event scheduled in January 2021. The Family Fun Ride will look to take place from the He Ara Kotahi bridge, following the Bridle Track to Memorial Park where a variety of activities led by council will be in place. The event will be used to help celebrate the efforts of children who have been involved in our BikeReady programme, as well as encouraging families to enjoy our city's great recreational asset. We will also be encouraging parents to join in on the post ride activities, with a positive outcome being the completion of the Memorial Park playground development. Entertainment will include live music concert, food stalls, and children's fun rides.

Walk and Wheels Week 2020

What a fantastic week to walk or ride to/from school! The inaugural event was held 02 November and was aimed at encouraging children to either walk, wheel or cycle to school over five consecutive days.

The event attracted 205 Palmerston North school children with the initiative designed as a follow up to our cycle skills programme, which aims to get children active by riding to school while using the city's active transport network. Walk and Wheels week also provided children with an opportunity to become more independent (those walking or riding by themselves) and to strengthen parental relationships (those walking riding with their parents). Walk and Wheels week had the added benefit of working on increasing the children's resilience. Ms. Schreiber, a teacher from Ashhurst School commented:

"Many children decided to walk or ride even on the days it rained, and it was pretty cold out there".

Ms. Schreiber's class took second place with an 80% participation rate.

The weather was not the only challenge for children during Walk and Wheels week. Some children had to figure out how to participate when the distance or location would make it impractical. Ms. Hacking from Parkland School said:

"A few of these children live several kms. away from the school and would need to cross some high-speed roads. To get past this obstacle, these children made their parents get them

closer to school and allow them to ride/walk for a few kms. Some parents had to pack their kids' bikes in the car so that they could bike to school".

Ms. Hacking's class took first place with an impressive 90% participation rate! Students of these two classes will get to go to their local pool and have a great time as a reward for their fantastic effort throughout the first Palmy Walk & Wheels Week!



Photo: students from Parklands school holding up their participation certificate

Provide support for the Bikes in Schools programme

The cycle skills advisor works with teachers to support their professional development using Grade 1 skills instruction to get more children riding a bike.

- We have worked with senior classes and three teaching staff from Longburn School. The programme was delivered in November 2020. We aim to be back there to complete the on-road training component in the first half of 2021.
- We attended the opening of the Awapuni school track and aim to work with their teachers early in 2021 to get them upskilled to instruct using their track and bikes.
- We delivered a Grade 1 and basic Grade 2 instruction to Somerset Crescent Yr5/6 students which included teacher involvement to get them ready for Bikes in Schools.
- Somerset (Te Kura o Wairau) and Central Normal were selected for the Bikes in Schools programme. We will commence teacher training once the school have received their bike purchases.
- Russell Street school has been endorsed as having the Bikes in Schools in 2021. We will also be looking at including them on our BikeReady programme list.

3. EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO BE ACTIVE BY PLAYING AND BEING ACTIVE IN SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES ACROSS OUR CITY

Increase awareness of opportunities to be active in Councils sport and recreation facilities, parks, and reserves.

Develop a Play Plan to implement actions from the Council's Play Policy Play Framework

In 2019, Sport Manawātū conducted a survey to identify the behaviours of children and beliefs of teachers involved with a play-based learning model. In addition, further insights were gathered to help identify the importance of Play as a cornerstone to be physically active for life. Discussions with Council and our Regional Sport Trust network has supported the development of a draft Play framework. The framework looks at play for children and adults as a continuum, identifies focus areas including safe places, promotion, and advocacy. Most importantly, it encourages outcomes that require parents to give time, place, and permission for children to explore. We have recently agreed on an annual investment plan with Sport NZ and appointed Whitney Le Comte as a Play Systems Lead who will be responsible for Framework actions that deliver on regional play-based outcomes. We will be working with the Council and community on localised play initiatives including Pop-Up 'Places to Play' events that were being held earlier this year.

Pop-ups and Places to Play

As part of our Active for Life initiative, we have commenced planning for a series of city-wide 'Places to Play' pop up events. The initiative aims to highlight the great parks, reserves, and recreation spaces we have around the city, while encouraging families to be active together within these great spaces.

Pop-Up Play: Milverton Park

Teaming up with Replay Recycled Sports Gear, we set up at the park with sports equipment of all types for families to use to play together, while others enjoyed playing on the great playground. Sports equipment proved popular with everything from Hockey sticks to Cricket sets, balls of all types to Frisbees available to use. Then should any family have really enjoyed playing with a specific piece of sporting equipment, they were able to take it home to use as a family in the future. We also had available our PassSport fundamental movement skills and games booklets (reported earlier under Active Families) that families could work through.

It was great to see so many families attend and get involved. We had families playing catch, others learning to hit a ball, and children using their imaginations coming up with new ways to play with equipment. The Milverton Park venue offered a variety of play opportunities; and its central location ensured we were visible to passing traffic who may have seen us and stopped to play. For future Places to Play pop ups, we will look at identifying parks in the different suburbs around the city to highlight the great opportunities each suburb has to be active in their own neighbourhoods; while connecting families together in their areas. Close to 40 residents attended the Pop Up



Photo: Families engaging in activities held at Milverton Park

Pop-Up Play: Papaioea Park

Again, with the great support from Replay Recycled Sports Gear, we were able to set up a Pop-Up Play at Papaioea Park within the October school holidays. This park was chosen to allow the use of equipment on the big field, the existing playground, and the great outdoor gym for everyone in the family to come along and get active. The event allowed us to engage with those who attended, to gather insights into what physical activity they were currently doing or was available to them. Families took advantage of the equipment with some using the cricket cage, multiple games of catch, mini games of Football and Vortex, and great obstacle courses being created for all ages to complete. A highlight from the event was a reminder about sometimes it is just allowing the space for play rather than a huge amount of equipment; with one young lady ignoring all the available equipment and instead using cut grass to make bird beds and nests for all the birds around. A reminder that nature play is a vital type of play for our Tamariki and something to think about with future planning. Close to 20 residents attended the Pop-Up Play.

Pop-Up Play: Clyde St/Vogel St Reserve

As part of our target suburb project, we delivered a Pop-Up Play at one of the reserves within the Roslyn suburb as a chance to engage with the community. We used this as a chance to talk to the members of the community about their Play habits, wants, and motivations within their neighbourhood. This Pop-Up Play attracted mostly children from the neighbour and the youth group from the local Church, so the insights gathered were from the children's points of view. It highlighted simple barriers to ongoing play such as the Basketball Hoop in the reserve being too high for the children to play with, or the lack of water available should they want to stay and play for a while. After the popularity of the chalk obstacle courses drawn all over the footpath at the event, we then gave a couple of the children who lived by the reserve the challenge that if the rain washed the obstacles away, they could keep the chalk provided and come back out to draw up some more. Sport Manawatu staff drove past a week later after rain and new obstacles were drawn back out on the path by the reserve. Twenty residents attended the Pop-Up Play.



Photos: Clyde/Vogel Street Reserve Pop-Up

Pop-Up Play: Rangiora Ave Reserve

As a continuation of our Roslyn suburb project, we delivered a Pop-Up Play at another Roslyn park located centrally to the Rangiora neighbourhood within the suburb. With a playground and big open space, it allowed multiple play options for all ages to come along and play. We had families who had seen the Pop-Up Play advertised at the Roslyn Library come along, school children walking home, and neighbourhood children all come along to get involved. It was great to see the park being used by neighbourhood children who did let us know they do frequent the park quite often on their way home or after school. The pop-ups provide a great opportunity for children in the neighbourhood to play and connect with others in their community. Fifteen residents attended the Pop-Up Play.



Photos: Rangiora Ave Pop-Up

Pop-Up Play: Milverton Park

As part of the inaugural Play week at the beginning of December, we held a Pop-Up Play at Milverton Park as a promotion for Play and its importance especially in the development of our Tamariki. Scheduling of Play week coincided with the last week of school for the year, coupled with bad weather meant the attendance at this Pop-Up Play was low. This was a good learning for us around the perceived barriers of weather and outdoor play, as well as parent influence on play for Tamariki. This Pop-Up Play also provided an opportunity for Anne-Marie Mori to use the event as a gateway to engage with the community around the proposed draft Play Policy and was unfortunate this did not work out. We were able to show though that play can take place no matter the weather and that water play is a great type of play when the weather is not the best. Unfortunately, the weather had a major impact on attendees with less than ten residents braving the cold.



Photo: Braving the weather at Milverton

Pop-Up Play: Te Marae o Hine

Our final Pop-Up Play for the year and Play week was a lunch time in Te Marae o Hine. Setting up to make use of the existing Basketball hoop on one side of the square, we laid out a variety of equipment thanks to Replay Recycled Sports Gear. Again, this event provided an opportunity for Anne-Marie to come along and engage with those who were playing, and she was able to chat with a couple of groups around the draft Play Policy. We had a few groups of teenagers who were in town come through and play with some of the equipment, with an impromptu game of touch starting up. We also had a family who were waiting for the bus service that engaged also – showing a possible future opportunity. Foot traffic through the square was great with many people walking through on lunch breaks etc. a great learning for us to think about the Play opportunities for all ages and not just children. Close to 20 residents stopped by the Pop-Up Play.



Photo: Shooting hoops in Te Marae o Hine

4. SPORTS AND COMMUNITY SPORT EVENTS CREATE SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS FOR THE CITY

Build strategic partnerships with sport and recreation providers, organisations, and other stakeholders to successfully host national and North Island school sport events

Administer the Sports Events Partnership Fund on behalf of Council including the establishment of an advisory group comprising Sport Manawatū, PNCC, and CEDA representatives to assess and approve applications.

Sports Event Partnership Fund

A panel comprising representatives from Sport Manawatū, CEDA, and Council was established in July 2019 as a way to jointly make decisions on hosting sporting events in the city. The desired approach enhanced the existing administrative process to ensure that funding decisions were made within a strategic context and improve coordination among event funders. Events funded during the period included:

Sport Event Partnership Fund 01 July 2020 to 31 December 2020				
Organisation	Event	Amount Funded	Participants/ spectators	Economic Impact
Manawatū Gymsports	Various Regional Events	\$1,975	290/600	\$105,129
SquashGym	B Grade Nationals	\$6,658	126/200	\$149,464
Hockey Manawatū	Lower Island Secondary Schools	\$11,000	496/1992	\$261,904
Manawatū Triathlon	Jr Triathlon Festival	\$2,000		\$113,153
Basketball Manawatū	Regional Secondary Schools Championships	\$28,778	120/400	\$79,178
NZ Central Southern Muslim Youth & Sports Association	Muslim Inter District Games	\$4,000	160/400	\$161,980
NZ Men's & Mixed Netball Association	Game vs Silver Ferns	12,000	28/1800	*0
Manawatū Strength Club	Manawatū Strongest Man/Woman	\$465	20/1000	*0
SquashGym	SquashGym Summer Open and PSA	\$1,600	122/400	\$48,846
Manawatū Cricket Association	Various Events	\$20,696	Still in progress	\$122,330
Total		\$89,172		\$1,042,002

* Community events or events where the proponent group has made a profit that precludes SEPF support.

SEPF recipient feedback

COVID-19 posed great challenges for the delivery of events, especially under alert level two. Organisations had to get out of their comfort zones and become creative if they wanted to deliver the events in their calendar. A great example of this was SquashGym hosting the B Grade National event during the week that Auckland came down from alert level three to alert level two.

"The challenges we faced kept us scratching our heads for a while. For starters, Auckland started the tournament under alert level three, which meant we had to isolate them in such a way that they couldn't mingle with the rest of participants. We had quite a reaction from Aucklanders, but we acted in the best interest of the event by always following the Government's guidelines! A big thank you goes out the Massey Rec Centre that supported us with their courts and logistics. Without their support we couldn't have brought Auckland to the competition. The final challenge was to provide a player's party while including Aucklanders (who by the end of the competition were still at Alert level two, which meant that they could only attend gatherings with less than 100 people. To solve this, we had to partition the building into two and provide separate exits and facilities for the two groups. It was a logistical nightmare, but we pulled it off with the cooperation of players, organisers and team managers!"

**Ngakuira Osborne,
Tournament Director**

Ensure that for supported events there is improved experience for participants and visitors including through the use of tikanga and Te Reo Māori

Sport Manawatū for several years has progressed its partnership with Rangitāne (mana whenua in Papaioea) to ensure where appropriate tikanga Māori and Te Reo are incorporated into events in Palmerston North city. This has involved Rangitāne as mana whenua leading the powhiri process for Basketball Nationals, Volleyball Nationals, and more recently the 2020 World under 18 Softball Championships. Unfortunately, due to the impact of COVID-19 earlier in the year, several events previously supported by Rangitāne were either postponed for late 2021 or cancelled outright. Significantly, Sport Manawatū acknowledges the role of Māori culture, both from an events perspective integrating tikanga when welcoming sporting and non-visitors to the city and recognising Rangitāne's custodial position as mana whenua. Rangitāne will continue to play a critical cultural role when national sporting events resume here in the city.

SEFP Attraction and Retention Plan

Following council's approval during the reporting period \$32k of the fund to be committed to supporting the development of a Sporting Event Fund Attraction and Retention plan, Sport Manawatū in collaboration with council officers have progressed two planning workshops to discuss and capture key information required for the plans development. This has included teasing out our current challenges, examining what we have in place now and determining what we need to have in place moving forward. The next stage in early 2021 is to confirm the extent of the work to be undertaken and agree on the scoping outcomes. An agreed outcome of the plan will enhance the way that SM, PNCC, and CEDA partner collaboratively to support national sporting events here in our city.



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COMMITTEE WORK SCHEDULE

TO: Play, Recreation & Sport Committee


MEETING DATE: 24 February 2021

TITLE: Committee Work Schedule

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO PLAY, RECREATION & SPORT COMMITTEE

1. That the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee receive its Work Schedule dated February 2021.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Committee Work Schedule February 2021 [↓](#) 

PLAY, RECREATION & SPORT COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE WORK SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2021

Item No.	Estimated Report Date	Subject	Officer Responsible	Current Position	Date of Instruction/ Point of Origin
1.	2021	Memorial Park Update	Chief Infrastructure Officer	Officers to report progress.	