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AGENDA

PLAY, RECREATION & SPORT COMMITTEE

1PM, WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2022

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

MEMBERS

Billy Meehan (Chairperson)
Leonie Hapeta (Deputy Chairperson)
Grant Smith (The Mayor)

Brent Barrett	Patrick Handcock ONZM
Zulfiqar Butt	Karen Naylor
Vaughan Dennison	Bruno Petrenas
Lew Findlay QSM	

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PLAY, RECREATION & SPORT COMMITTEE MEETING

23 February 2022

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.)

- 5. **Presentation Manawatū Cricket Association** Page 7

- 6. **Presentation - Manawatū Rugby Union** Page 9

- 7. **Presentation - Sport Manawatū** Page 11

- 8. **Confirmation of Minutes** Page 19
 "That the minutes of the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee meeting of 20 October 2021 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record."

- 9. **Committee Work Schedule** Page 25

- 10. **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: 23 February 2022

TITLE: Presentation Manawatū Cricket Association

FROM: James Lovegrove - General Manager of Manawatū Cricket Association

RECOMMENDATION TO PLAY, RECREATION & SPORT COMMITTEE

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

James Lovegrove, General Manager of Manawatū Cricket Association (MCA) will update the committee on the work to upgrade the MCA facilities and will also briefly summarise the role of Cricket in the wider PNCC community.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

PRESENTATION

TO: Play, Recreation & Sport Committee

MEETING DATE: 23 February 2022

TITLE: Presentation - Manawatū Rugby Union

FROM: Andrea Jackson, Chief Executive

RECOMMENDATION TO PLAY, RECREATION & SPORT COMMITTEE

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SUMMARY

Andrea Jackson, Chief Executive of Manawatū Rugby Union will update the committee on the activities of the Rugby Union community.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

PRESENTATION

TO: Play, Recreation & Sport Committee

MEETING DATE: 23 February 2022

TITLE: Presentation - Sport Manawatū

FROM: Trevor Shailer, Chief Executive and Brad Cassidy, General Manager Partnerships

RECOMMENDATION TO PLAY, RECREATION & SPORT COMMITTEE

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

Trevor Shailer, Chief Executive and Brad Cassidy, General Manager Partnerships from Sport Manawatū will update the Committee on the work they have been doing.

ATTACHMENTS

1. STATE OF SECTOR UPDATE [↓](#) 

STATE OF SECTOR UPDATE

Executive Summary

The role of Sport Manawātū is to support Palmerston North City Council (Council) to achieve its aspiration of having a connected, vibrant, and thriving city, through the mediums of play, active recreation, and sport.

This state of sector update aims to provide a high-level overview of how our sector is responding under RED restrictions. In addition, we'll be sharing some recent Sport Manawātū updates covering activities over the past two-months.

COVID 19 Impacts

We begin this report sharing some insights from the global Covid-19 pandemic and its impact locally. During the last six months, a number of scheduled programmes were either cancelled or rescheduled due to the 2021 lockdown, which significantly hampered efforts to deliver activities promoting physical activity. Following lockdown, Sport Manawātū mobilised to support and advise our sector on the Covid-19 Protection Framework (otherwise known as the traffic light framework). This unpredicted and unscheduled work consumed considerable staff time and resourcing.

What's happening nationally and trends locally

Sport NZ commissioned a review in 2020 to understand the impact of the 2020 Covid-19 lockdown on physical activity participation. The findings indicated the following:

- There was an overall drop in number of activities and duration during the March 2020 lockdown (regardless of age).
- All participation dropped post-lockdown.
- There appeared to be early signs of recovery on participation from July to September 2020. However, in April 2021 a large deficit in all indicators persists.
- Inequities increased across older adults in higher deprivation areas.
- Sales in camping equipment increased.
- Sport participation and membership in tennis and golf increased.
- Sport participation across tamariki showed a slight decrease.
- Recreational activities like walking (29% to 47%), cycling (35% to 46%) and workouts (15% to 25%) showed marked increases.

Fast forward to September 2021. Anecdotal feedback from school principals across our region suggests the following:

- Rangatahi participation in sport dropped sharply, with some students not returning to school following the 2021 lockdown.

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- The cancellation of high profile national secondary school events for a second year has negatively impacted on participation numbers across the region.
- The choice to not vaccinate has seen a decrease in sport participation by rangatahi and, in some cases, tamariki. This may be due to restricted spectator access.
- Rangatahi engagement in physical activity following the lockdowns is slow, with lack of motivation, being too tired, and lacking energy being cited as reasons.
- Concerns on the welfare of rangatahi (mental health issues and increased anxiety) have surfaced.
- There has been a decline in time (hours each week) spent being physically active.
- Regular sector updates from Sport NZ and Recreation Aotearoa on changing guidelines.

When analysing this information, the following commentary can be considered:

- The decline in physical activity for 18 to 34-year-olds, and existing high rates of adult mental illness, may increase the relevance and importance of physical activity interventions for this demographic.
- The reduction in activity of rangatahi 15 to 17-years-old requires further insights to understand what has impacted this change. From the Active NZ 2020 results we know that 46% of young people had a drop in an organised sporting context.
- Long-term changes in physical activity behaviours are less clear. Future insights captured regularly will help us to identify opportunities to sustain/mitigate inactivity.
- Going from no activity to some activity has well-evidenced wellbeing benefits. Therefore, the 2% increase of adults at a population level becoming active is important.
- Walking is low cost, has low barriers for participation, and has played an important part in individuals' physical activity through lockdown. The value of recreational facilities and outdoor recreation assets cannot be overstated.

Sport Manawatū activities impacted by the 2021 lockdown included the following:

- Cancelled:
 - the Governance breakfast in October
 - eight events supported through the Sport Event Partnership Fund (Marist FB, NZ Basketball x2, Softball Fast45, Sir Gordon Tietjen's rugby 7s, NZ Barbarians 1st XV, Lower North Island Hockey, and NZ-Muslim Inter-district championships)
 - the Everyone Active Festival as Sport Manawatū wants to understand the implications of supporting vaccine-only delivery, while considering how we achieve our vision of 'Everyone Active'.
- Postponed cycling skills delivery in schools.
- Rescheduled:
 - two pop-up play activations around the city
 - suburb engagement activities (stakeholder meetings with community groups).

In addition,

- Decreased number of applications to the Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa Fund
- Decreased number of applications to the PNCC Active Community Fund

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Safety plan reviews (code plans and assessing sporting events being hosted to the city)

Following on from our six-month report being presented in March, Sport Manawātū has continued to provide guidance to our sector in response to Return to Play guidelines and to provide sector guidance on code safety plans under the Government's traffic light framework. Our strategic partnership status with Council meant that we were to coordinate and review codes' Return to Sport safety plans moving from the four alert levels to the Traffic Light Framework. This enabled Sport Manawātū to assist codes where needed in the development of safety plans while also ensuring winter sports were 'game ready' to resume seasonal competition.

Here is a recent snapshot:

- 14 code safety plans reviewed (nine endorsed) in Jan/feb
- Indoor sport codes all operating with security measures/spectator restrictions easier to enforce
- CET Arena allowed codes to adapt under RED
- Significant challenges for codes to deliver programmes/activities to members under RED
- The impact on sporting events (national and local) has been significant on the city's economy

Cancelled				
NZ Marist Football 2021	Marist FC	\$291,900	800/250	
NZ SS Basketball Championships 2021	Basketball NZ	\$1,677,543	1865/1100	
Basketball NZ SS Premierships 2021	Basketball NZ	\$374,136	6601/100	
Softball Fast 45	Softball NZ	\$128,072	210/500	
Sir Gordon Tietjens Rugby 7s	PNBHS	\$163,318	508/2000	
NZ Barbarians National 1st XV Championships	NZ Schools Rugby Union Inc.	\$271,561	346/1000	
Lower NI Hockey	Hockey Manawatu	\$541,618	420/1932	
NZ (Muslim) Inter District Championship	NZCSNYSA	\$127,260	526/520	
Totals		\$3,575,408	5335/8402	

Staff Appointment

We welcomed Nigel Fitzpatrick into the role of Active Transport advisor in January. Nigel has a wealth of experience within local government and spent several years with the MidCentral Public Health unit. We're excited to see Nigel lead our Active Transport plan which will involve support, guiding and promoting active transport initiatives and strategies to increase participation.

Everyone Active

Planning is underway with our Recreation Advisor who will be developing a virtual event to encourage physical activity participation. This is in response to our RED restrictions and our decision to cancel the Everyone Active Festival which was scheduled in April. Virtual activities will promote community health, wellbeing and being active during the month of March.

Healthy Active Learning (HAL)

A new direction for Sport Manawatu and our approach to support inactive tamariki in the last six months is the Healthy Active Learning initiative, an action under New Zealand's Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy. It is a new joint initiative between Sport New Zealand and the Ministries of Health and Education with the intention of supporting schools, Kura, and early learning services to improve child and youth wellbeing through healthy eating and drinking, and quality physical activity. The criteria to become a Healthy Active Learning School during the initial phase of the initiative was to be a decile 1-4 primary or intermediate school.

Following a period of building relationships with the senior leadership team in each school that fit the criteria six schools in the Palmerston North region opted into the initiative:

- Awapuni Primary.
- Cloverlea School.
- Longburn School.
- Milson School.
- Te Kura o Takaro.
- Terrace End School.


The initiative will last a period of three years before the criteria expands to include more schools in the region.

Draft support and funding policy review

Late last year Sport Manawātū submitted on the Council's draft Support and Funding Policy review held in December 2021. Key points included Sport Manawātū supporting:

- the policy objectives and proposed principles
- the proposal to establish 'partnership agreements' with sector leads
- the proposal to direct funds from the strategic priority grants to fund partnership agreements.

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Sport Manawatū also supported the proposed criteria for the fund supporting major events. However, we feel that the selection of some of the major events (specifically those with a sport focus) cross over in areas that can also be funded through Sports Event Partnership Fund (SEPF). A Council officer appointed on the major funds committee and the SEPF committee would decrease the potential of ‘double dipping’.

Having said that, we believe that combining the funds under one administrative process would risk the SEPF being considered transactional by applicants. Sport Manawatū staff have been able to use the SEPF application process to contribute to the growth of local sporting associations capability and capacity. It has taken considerable time and energy to build and grow these relationships that, in some cases, have led to long-term legacy pieces including the Softball facility at Coronation Park.

Importantly to us, the fund is no longer viewed as simply covering event costs for some codes. Rather, it has enabled the committee to secure multi-year agreements, with provisions put in place that benefit our grassroots communities. The SEPF panel, which includes Council, CEDA, and Sport Manawatū, has made significant strides to align SEPF decisions to Council strategies, while key stakeholders i.e., facility managers have a better understanding of their role in helping to consider ‘value add’ models to attract and retain events to the city.

Sport Manawatū expressed concerns that the strategic opportunities created through the SEPF may be lost if it were to be pooled under the one funding administration. Our thinking considers the recommendations identified from the Sport Event Partnership Fund review which investigated the benefits and support for an attraction and retention plan.

The review also highlighted the need for the panel to take a more strategic approach to event attraction and retention with measures to be assessed as part of our up-coming contract renegotiation with Council. One of the most important retention tools we have is the ability to sign sports events under a multi-year agreement of which we’ve made some positive communications with Basketball, Volleyball and Badminton.

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 20 October 2021, commencing at 1.01 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Billy Meehan (in the Chair), The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Karen Naylor and Bruno Petrenas.

Non Members: Councillors Susan Baty, Renee Dingwall, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad and Aleisha Rutherford.

Apologies: Councillors Rachel Bowen and Aleisha Rutherford (for lateness, on Council business).

The Mayor left the meeting at 3.04 pm. He was not present for Clauses 20-21 to 21-21 inclusive.

14-21 Apologies

Moved Billy Meehan, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Play, Recreation and Sport Committee receive the apologies.

Clause 14-21 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Billy Meehan, Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor and Bruno Petrenas.

15-21 Public Comment

Councillor Aleisha Rutherford entered the meeting at 1.28 pm

Mr Kyan Taylor, Manawatū GymSports Incorporated, made public comment regarding the latest achievements attained by the gym club at the national championships. There were six gymnasts competing with extremely good results, with various athletes medalling in events.

Two athletes were selected to trial for the Men's 360 squad. This programme seeks to develop gymnasts to the international level and is highly competitive.

Moved Billy Meehan, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the public comment from Manawatū GymSports be received.

Clause 15-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Billy Meehan, Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

16-21

Presentation - Sport New Zealand

Presentation, by Colin Stone, Regional Partnerships Manager, Central, Sport New Zealand.

Mr Stone made a presentation outlining the following:

- Overview of Sport NZ Strategy (2020-24)
- Outlined working relationship with Sport Manawatū and Palmerston North City Council

Moved Billy Meehan, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Play, Recreation and Sport Committee receive the presentation from Mr Colin Stone, Regional Partnerships Manager, Central, Sport New Zealand for information.

Clause 16-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Billy Meehan, Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

17-21

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved Billy Meehan, seconded Vaughan Dennison.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the minutes of the Play, Recreation and Sport Committee meeting of 14 April 2021 Part I Public be confirmed as a true and correct record.

Clause 17-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Billy Meehan, Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

18-21 Update on Manawatū GymSports Incorporated's Proposal for a New Gymnastics Facility

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

Moved Billy Meehan, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the report titled 'Update on Manawatū GymSports Incorporated's proposal for a new gymnastics facility' presented to the Play, Recreation and Sport Committee on 20 October 2021 be received for information.

Clause 18-1-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Billy Meehan, Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

Moved Billy Meehan, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

That the Chief Executive report back to the Play, Recreation and Sport Committee with options of suitable Council land for Manawatū GymSports to build on.

Clause 18-2-21 above was carried 14 votes to 1, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Billy Meehan, Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

Against:

Councillor Susan Baty.

19-21 Sport Manawatū - Annual Report 2020/21

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

Moved Billy Meehan, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Committee receive the report titled 'Sport Manawatū - Annual Report 2020/21' presented to the Play, Recreation and Sport Committee on 20 October 2021 be received for information.

Clause 19-21 above was carried 15 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

The Mayor (Grant Smith) and Councillors Billy Meehan, Leonie Hapeta, Brent Barrett, Susan Baty, Zulfiqar Butt, Vaughan Dennison, Renee Dingwall, Lew Findlay QSM, Patrick Handcock ONZM, Lorna Johnson, Orphée Mickalad, Karen Naylor, Bruno Petrenas and Aleisha Rutherford.

The Mayor, Grant Smith left the meeting at 3.04 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 3.04 pm.

The meeting resumed at 3.19 pm.

20-21 Sports Event Partnership Fund Review and Sports Events Retention and Attraction Plans

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

Moved Billy Meehan, seconded Leonie Hapeta.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the report titled 'Sports Event Partnership Fund Review and Sports Events Retention and Attraction Plans' including the 'Sports Event Partnership Fund Review – prepared for Sport Manawatū (June 2021) by Third Bearing Ltd' presented to the Play, Recreation and Sport Committee on 20 October 2021 be received for information.

Clause 20-21 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

21-21 Committee Work Schedule

Moved Billy Meehan, seconded Patrick Handcock ONZM.

The **COMMITTEE RESOLVED**

1. That the Play, Recreation and Sport Committee receive its Work Schedule dated October 2021.

Clause 21-21 above was carried 14 votes to 0, the voting being as follows:

For:

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

The meeting finished at 3.32 pm.

Confirmed 23 February 2022

Chairperson

COMMITTEE WORK SCHEDULE

TO: Play, Recreation & Sport Committee

MEETING DATE: 23 February 2022

TITLE: Committee Work Schedule

RECOMMENDATION TO PLAY, RECREATION & SPORT COMMITTEE

1. That the Play, Recreation & Sport Committee receive its Work Schedule dated February 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Work Schedule  

