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# **PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL**

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AGENDA

## **SPORT & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

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**2.00PM, WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2026**  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, FIRST FLOOR, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
32 THE SQUARE, PALMERSTON NORTH

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# MEMBERS

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**William Wood (Chairperson)**

**Leonie Hapeta (Deputy Chairperson)**

**Grant Smith (The Mayor)**

**Mark Arnott**

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## **SPORT & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

25 February 2026

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**1. Karakia Timatanga**

**2. Apologies**

**3. 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.

**4. 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.

**5. Public Comment**

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

- 6. **Sport Manawatū Charitable Trust - Six-month Report for July to December 2025** Page 5

Memorandum, presented by Ann-Marie Mori, Policy Analyst.

- 7. **Marriner Reserve - Proposal to Grant an Easement on Reserve Land to Powerco** Page 41

Report, presented by Perene Green, Property Officer.

- 8. **Committee Work Schedule - February 2026** Page 47

- 9. **Karakia Whakamutunga**

- 10. **Exclusion of Public**

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.

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Sport & Recreation Committee

**MEETING DATE:** 25 February 2026

**TITLE:** Sport Manawatū Charitable Trust - Six-month Report for July to December 2025

**PRESENTED BY:** Ann-Marie Mori, Policy Analyst

**APPROVED BY:** David Murphy, General Manager Strategic Planning

### RECOMMENDATION(S) TO SPORT & RECREATION COMMITTEE

1. That the Committee receive the Sport Manawatū Charitable Trust - Six-month Report to Palmerston North City Council for July to December 2025 (Attachment 1).

#### 1. ISSUE

- 1.1 The 2025-28 Strategic Partnership & Funding Agreement (the Agreement) with Sport Manawatū requires progress reporting to the Council on agreed outcomes at six-monthly and annual intervals.
- 1.2 Attachment 1 is Sport Manawatū’s six-month report to the Council for the period 1 July to 31 December 2025 (representing year one of the current Agreement).
- 1.3 Representatives of Sport Manawatū will be in attendance to present their report.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The current funding Agreement and Strategic Partnership Plan with Sport Manawatū was signed under delegation by the Chief Executive in July 2025 for a term of three years.
- 2.2 The value of the funding in the Agreement for the 2025/2026 financial year is \$673,800 (excluding GST). This is made up of:

Operational grant	\$337,667
Sports Event Partnership Fund	\$294,741
Community Sport Recreation Fund	\$29,415

Active Communities Fund	\$11,977
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- 2.3 Sport Manawatū manages the Active Communities Fund, the Sports Event Partnership Fund, and the Community Sport Recreation Fund on behalf of the Council, according to the Support and Funding Policy.
- 2.4 An additional \$80,000 operational grant for Bike Ready (a cycle skills education programme) is included in the Agreement, with specific performance measures set. This grant is subject to the Council’s annual budget process and cannot, therefore, be guaranteed for the full term of the Agreement.
- 2.5 The outcomes in the current Agreement reflect Council’s current Long-Term Plan strategic direction:
1. Palmerston North is recognised as one of the most active and healthiest communities in New Zealand.
  2. Sports events provide great experiences and significant economic benefits to our city, creating vibrancy and widespread social benefits.
  3. Palmerston North residents embrace active transport as part of their daily lives, to enhance their health and well-being while contributing to a more sustainable future.

### 3. CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE REPORTING PERIOD

#### Challenges

- 3.1 The shift to ‘results-based accountability’ within the Agreement also marks a move away from the previous approach to performance measurement. This change has required some adjustments; however, the six-month report demonstrates the value of highlighting not only how many activities have been delivered but also their impact on the sport and recreation sector and the wider community.
- 3.2 At the six-month period, funding is fully expended for the Active Communities Fund, and the Sports Event Partnership Fund (SEPF) is close to being fully allocated. This situation limits Sport Manawatū’s ability to support individuals and event organisers for the remainder of the year.

#### Opportunities

- 3.3 Sport Manawatū staff have made good progress in updating the SEPF Attraction and Retention Plan, which was originally prepared as part of a 2021 review of the SEPF. Engagement on updating this Plan has also been valuable in supporting the review of the Council’s Support and Funding Policy.

- 3.4 Although not included in the six-month report, Sport Manawatū’s main investment partner, Sport New Zealand Ihi Aotearoa, led a planning initiative last year with Council and Sport Manawatū staff to improve operational efficiency in common areas of business: spaces and places (e.g., parks and facilities), play, approach to multicultural communities, and insights, monitoring, and evaluation. Staff from the three organisations meet quarterly to monitor progress in each of these areas.

#### 4. ACTIVITIES DEMONSTRATING GOOD CONTRIBUTION TO THE OUTCOMES

- 4.1 The following activities and insights are identified by staff as contributing to the outcomes prioritised by the Council.

#### 4.2 **Outcome 1: Palmerston North is recognised as one of the most active and healthiest communities in New Zealand.**

Active Age Games – a successful event supporting active ageing that was delivered to a high level of satisfaction for participants.

Active NZ survey 2024/25 results – This national survey, conducted by Sport New Zealand, found that about 76% of the region’s adults are active at least weekly, with walking the most common activity (emphasising the importance of walkable environments). This measure of activity is below the national average of 79.4%. The survey also showed that participation declines with age, that equity gaps remain, and that cost, time, and motivation are key barriers to physical activity.

Stakeholder engagement survey: Sport Manawatū ranked strongly in Partnerships (80%), Leadership (77%), and overall performance (79%), and outperforms other Regional Sports Trusts on these attributes.

Incorporated Societies Act 2022 readiness – Sport Manawatū have advised in its report that around 60% of sport and recreation societies have re-registered under the new legislative requirements; Sport Manawatū’s support to achieve high levels of compliance is ongoing through workshops and guidance.

Advocacy – Sport Manawatū has highlighted the impacts of the Online Casino Gambling Bill on community sport funding and presented its submission to the Select Committee.

#### 4.3 **Outcome 2: Sports events provide great experiences and significant economic benefits to our city, creating vibrancy and widespread social benefits.**

Sports Event Partnership Fund – To date, \$286,826 has been invested from the Fund in 24 sports events, which are estimated to generate \$10.56 million in economic value for the region.

Manawatū Secondary School Sports Awards: 72 students were nominated, with several winners from Palmerston North schools.

4.4 **Outcome 3: Palmerston North residents embrace active transport as part of their daily lives, to enhance their health and well-being while contributing to a more sustainable future.**

Bike Ready programme: to date, 746 participants across eight schools have received Bike Ready instruction, and the report notes strong progress in cycle confidence as a result. Sport Manawatū staff rode with 150 students from Winchester School on the City’s shared paths, indicating the success of the Bike Ready programme.

iMove (active transport) pilot: Planning is underway to reintroduce a successful initiative from over 20 years ago at two primary schools to encourage students to use active modes of transport to get to and from school.

**5. SUMMARY**

5.1 Sport Manawatū has supported a wide range of activities aligning with the outcomes set in the Agreement. The six-month report has shown:

- **Strong engagement** across the play, youth, and sports sectors of the community with meaningful progress in the areas of improving equity, active transport, and community-led activity.
- **Significant estimated economic return** from supporting 24 sporting events through the Sports Event Partnership Fund allocation to event organisers.
- **High satisfaction ratings** across events and programmes (see the Impact statements that show overall participant satisfaction, and Net Promoter Scores for some initiatives).
- **Growing leadership reputation** for Sport Manawatū (as evidenced by the Regional Sports Trust Stakeholder Engagement Survey).

**6. NEXT STEPS**

6.1 Council officers will continue to monitor progress for the next six months of the current period through regular check-ins with Sport Manawatū staff. A Council and Sport Manawatū staff hui was held in late January, building on a similar one held in October 2025.

6.2 Later in the year, Sport Manawatū will present its Annual Report for the 2025/2026 financial year to the Committee.


**7. COMPLIANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Does the Committee have delegated authority to decide?	<b>Yes</b>
Are the decisions significant?	<b>No</b>
If they are significant do they affect land or a body of water?	<b>No</b>
Can this decision only be made through a 10 Year Plan?	<b>No</b>

Does this decision require consultation through the Special Consultative procedure?	No
Is there funding in the current Annual Plan for these objectives?	Yes
Are the recommendations inconsistent with any of Council's policies or plans?	No
<p>The recommendations contribute to:</p> <p>Whāinga 1: He tāone auaha, he tāone tiputipu Goal 1: An innovative and growing city</p> <p>Whāinga 2: He tāone whakaihiihi, tapatapahi ana Goal 2: A creative and exciting city</p> <p>Whāinga 3: He hapori tūhonohono, he hapori haumaruru Goal 3: A connected and safe community</p> <p>Whāinga 4: He tāone toitū, he tāone manawaroa Goal 4: A sustainable and resilient city</p>	
<p>The recommendations contribute to these plans:</p> <p>6. Mahere rēhia</p> <p>6. Recreation and Play Plan</p> <p>The objective is: Support and fund for-purpose organisations and community partners</p> <p>Relevant actions:</p> <p>Support the community-activation and needs assessment activities of the regional sports trust (Sport Manawatū)</p> <p>Support people to take part in sport and recreation through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active Communities Fund (Sport Manawatū)</li> <li>• Community Sport and Recreation Fund (Sport Manawatū)</li> </ul> <p>AND</p> <p>2. Mahere whakawhanake ohaoha</p> <p>2. Economic Development Plan</p> <p>The objective is: Attract and support major events and activities</p> <p>Relevant actions:</p> <p>Attract major events to the city, including national secondary school sports tournaments at Central Energy Trust Arena and other Council facilities</p> <p>Support major events in the city through the Major Events Fund, Arts Event Fund, Sports Events Partnership Fund (Sport Manawatū), Sponsorship Fund</p>	
Contribution to strategic	Sport Manawatū is a strategic partner of the Council that is

<p>direction and to social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being</p>	<p>essential for its contribution to all goals but particularly those outcomes related to Goal 2. To successfully implement the objectives and actions outlined in the Recreation and Play Plan, a collaborative approach with Sport Manawatū is necessary. As an organisation, they are well-positioned within the community to offer relevant activities and services on behalf of the Council that enhance social well-being</p>
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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Sport Manawatū Six-month report for the period 1 July to 30 December 2025 [↓](#) 

Palmerston North City Council  
**SIX-MONTH  
REPORT**

July 2025 - December 2025



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# SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY OVER THE PERIOD

1 July - 31 December 2025

	JUL 25	AUG 25	SEP 25	OCT 25	NOV 25	DEC 25
Rise & Thrive Summit			█			
MMC Pop Up Play				█		
Sport Manawatū Youth Advisory Panel			█	█	█	
Pounamu Project	█	█				
Youth Wellbeing Summit		█				
Active Age Games			█			
Rock around the Clock			█			
Regional Ki-o-Rahi Tournament				█		
Kind Hearts Events Collaboration		█				
Play Week Aotearoa 2025				█		
Palmy Play Festival				█		
Regional Sports Organisations Lead and Board Chair Dinner						█
Mana Taiohi Workshop				█		
Manawatū Secondary School Sports Awards				█		
Lower North Island Secondary School Sport Staff Conference			█			
What Moves You Campaign						█

## STRATEGIC PARTENERSHIPS OUTCOMES WITH SPORT MANAWATŪ AND PNCC

1. Palmerston North is recognised as one of the most active and healthiest communities in NZ.

### Objectives

- To maintain or increase physical activity level within the community
- To uphold the mana of Te Tiriti o Waitangi by building meaningful relationships with Māori, and to enhance the wellbeing of whanau hapu, and iwi through play active recreation and sport.
- To support the active recreation and sport sector, enabling the community to be healthy and active
- To establish and maintain a sustainable network of sport and recreational facilities throughout the city and surrounding region, through effective spaces and places planning.
- To strengthen and expand the existing play network within the city by engaging community play champions fostering collaboration among local organisations and ensuring accessible, inclusive play opportunities.

2. Sport events provide great experiences and significant economic benefits to our city, creating vibrancy and widespread social benefits.

### Objectives

- To form strong and collaborative partnerships with event organisers that host strategically important sports events in the city.

3. Palmerston North residents embrace active transport as part of their daily lives to enhance their health and well-being while contributing to a sustainable future

### Objective

- To promote/encourage residents to use active transport modes such as cycling and active wheeling

# OUTCOME 1

# PALMERSTON NORTH IS ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE AND HEALTHIEST COMMUNITIES IN NEW ZEALAND.

## Active Age Games 30 October 2025

Barber Hall was buzzing on Tuesday 30 October as more than 20 teams from local retirement villages gathered for the second annual Active Age Games. Delivered in partnership with the Lions Club of Palmerston North Clearview Park and Palmerston North City Council, the event celebrates active ageing, social connection, and fun through play.

The Games were initiated by Lions Club members Margaret and Gerald Gregory, who identified an opportunity to encourage older adults to stay active and socially connected. With support from Sport Manawatū and Palmerston North City Council, their vision has continued to grow, with strong participation for a second consecutive year.

Sport Manawatū led the delivery of eight play-based activation stations, supported by staff and community volunteers. Participants tested their skills, earned points, and enjoyed a highly social and inclusive experience.

A record 24 teams registered this year, including both kaumātua and matua groups, with 20 teams competing on the day. Cook Street Rest Home were crowned overall winners for 2025, with additional prizes awarded to the highest-scoring teams at each activation.

The Active Age Games align strongly with Sport Manawatū’s mahi to support an age-friendly city and promote play at every life stage, reinforcing that being active and connected is important at any age

## Impact

### What we did and why

We delivered the Active Age Games to provide older adults with a fun, inclusive opportunity to stay active, connect socially, and experience the benefits of play, supporting an age-friendly and connected community.

### How well we did

The event was delivered to a high standard, achieving an overall satisfaction score of 89 percent (with 99 percent of participants reporting they were satisfied or very satisfied) and an NPS of 70.



### What difference we made

Participants reported feeling welcomed, socially connected, and motivated to be active, with the event strengthening relationships with retirement villages and partners while reinforcing the value of play and active ageing for older adults.



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# OUTCOME 1

## Manawatū Multicultural Council Pop Up Play 30 September 2025

This culturally themed pop-up play event engaged approximately 300 tamariki from the 4412 community at Highbury Whānau Centre. Tamariki took part in a range of culturally based games and activities that encouraged movement, connection, and shared play.

The event brought together children from diverse backgrounds, creating opportunities to play together, experience different cultural forms of play, and strengthen social connection through active recreation.



## Whare Manaaki Munch and Move Pop-Up Play 8 July 2025

Around 50 local whānau came together at the Whare Manaaki community hub for an afternoon of active play, connection, and shared kai, with ice cream and a sausage sizzle generously provided by Y Central.

The event demonstrated the value of using trusted community spaces to engage whānau, strengthen local connections, and work collaboratively alongside community groups and the PNCC Play Advisor to support quality play experiences.



## Youth Wellbeing Summit 16 August 2025

The Palmy Youth Council hosted the Youth Wellbeing Summit at the Palmy Conference Centre in collaboration with local youth services, bringing providers together to showcase their mahi to rangatahi. Sport Manawatū delivered an interactive activation station with jump challenges, basketball hoops, and giveaways, generating strong engagement and repeat participation throughout the day.

The event supported connections between rangatahi and youth service providers, highlighting the value of collaboration and a holistic approach to youth hauora and wellbeing in Palmerston North.



## OUTCOME 1

### Tertiary Partnerships

*July - December 2025*

A partnership was established with UCOL's Creative Workhub to support Sport Manawatū and community sport events. Through this partnership, a UCOL photography student was engaged to capture images across a range of activities, providing valuable real-world experience for the student while supplying Sport Manawatū and local sports organisations with high-quality imagery.

Sport Manawatū also partnered with Massey University and UCOL to host interns studying within the sport and recreation sector. These interns were provided with exposure to a wide range of activities across the organisation and supported staff in the delivery of events and sector initiatives.

Some events supported during this period included the Manawatū Secondary School Sports Awards, tamariki rugby programmes, multiple cricket events, and a volleyball events.

It is great to be able to support the future sector leaders and establish partnerships within the tertiary sector.

### Youth Advisory Panel

*July - December 2025*

The Sport Manawatū Youth Advisory Panel (YAP) was established to embed rangatahi voice into organisational decision-making and day-to-day operations, supporting a culture of working alongside young people. The Panel provides advice on funding, event co-design, and Sport Manawatū initiatives.

An open expression of interest attracted 19 applicants, with 11 rangatahi appointed, including six from the Palmerston North City Council area. As of 1 December 2025, the Panel has held three meetings focused on whanaungatanga, capability building, and Tū Manawa Fund upskilling.

Further meetings and a 2026 work plan are planned, with continued development to enable the Panel to advise on Tū Manawa funding applications when the fund reopens.

### Rock Around the Clock

*29 September 2025*

The local play trailer was activated in The Square, engaging approximately 100 community members who enjoyed the equipment and interacted with Sport Manawatū staff. The activation generated strong interest in Green Prescription and Active Families and Teens programmes, with an anticipated increase in self-referrals following these conversations. Whānau particularly enjoyed the horizontal bungee, creating a fun and welcoming atmosphere that encouraged participation and connection.

### Pounamu Project

*12 July and 29 August 2025*

The Pounamu Project was a seven-month collaborative initiative focused on strengthening connections between youth service providers in Palmerston North through the kaupapa of "kaimahi by kaimahi". Youth Space, Palmerston North City Council, ACROSS Te Kotahitanga o Te Wairua, Sport Manawatū, Youthline Central North Island and Achievement NZ (Alternative Education) are the key partners with wider sector partners engaged in the group.

Five organisations shared a symbolic pounamu taonga to represent trust, shared contribution, and a collective commitment to rangatahi wellbeing. The project concluded with a hui at Youth Space, where participants reflected on the journey, the whakapapa of youth work, and the value of partnership between council, providers, and rangatahi.

Feedback highlighted increased confidence, stronger networks, and inspiration for new initiatives. There is strong interest in continuing the kaupapa through regular hui, broader collaboration, and increased youth and whānau voice, supporting a more connected and resilient youth sector.

















































## REPORT

**TO:** Sport & Recreation Committee

**MEETING DATE:** 25 February 2026

**TITLE:** Marriner Reserve - Proposal to Grant an Easement on Reserve Land to Powerco

**PRESENTED BY:** Perene Green, Property Officer

**APPROVED BY:** Glen O'Connor, Acting General Manager Infrastructure

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### RECOMMENDATION(S) TO SPORT & RECREATION COMMITTEE

1. That the Committee approve notifying the public of the proposal to grant an easement at Marriner Reserve, to convey electricity, in accordance with Section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977.
2. That the Committee note that the land area affected by the easement for Powerco is described as Lot 3 DP 29419.

### SUMMARY OF OPTIONS ANALYSIS FOR

<p><b>Problem or Opportunity</b></p>	<p>Powerco are planning to complete electrical upgrades within Marriner Reserve.</p> <p>While the current infrastructure is protected under Section 23 of the Electricity Act 1992, the proposed upgrades mean that Powerco will no longer be able to rely on these statutory rights. Therefore, a formal easement will be required to proceed.</p> <p>The Reserves Act requires that any utility services located on reserve land be covered by an easement.</p> <p>This report seeks Council approval to notify the public of Council's intention to grant an easement, in accordance with Section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977.</p>
<p><b>OPTION 1:</b></p>	<p><b>Notify the public of Council's intention to approve the proposal to grant an easement to Powerco at Marriner Reserve</b></p>
<p>Community Views</p>	<p>Community views will be sought during the public notification period.</p>
<p>Benefits</p>	<p>Registering an easement is considered good governance.</p> <p>The upgrades will enhance the reliability, capacity, and safety of the local electricity supply, benefiting the community and future-proofing</p>

	infrastructure.
Risks	Council may be criticised for allowing the services to be installed on a recreation reserve as opposed to in the road reserve. However, this risk is low as no feasible location in the road reserve has been identified.
Financial	There are no financial implications with this easement as all costs are met by Powerco as the owner of the services.
<b>OPTION 2:</b>	<b>Decline the proposal to grant an easement to Powerco at Marriner Reserve</b>
Community Views	Community views will not be sought.
Benefits	The area will remain unchanged, this is regarded as a minor benefit.
Risks	Unexpected outages and delays in restoration could damage Powerco's reputation and lead to customer dissatisfaction.  Council may be viewed as creating a barrier to Powerco mitigating unplanned power outages.
Financial	No costs would be incurred.

## RATIONALE FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

### 1. OVERVIEW OF THE PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY

- 1.1 Powerco are planning to complete electricity upgrades located within Marriner Reserve.
- 1.2 The Reserves Act 1977 requires that any utility services located on reserve land be covered by an easement. This report seeks Council approval to notify the public of Council's intention to grant an easement, in accordance with Section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977.

### 2. BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS COUNCIL DECISIONS

- 2.1 While the current infrastructure is protected under Section 23 of the Electricity Act 1992, the proposed upgrades mean that Powerco will no longer be able to rely on these statutory rights. Therefore, a formal easement will be required to proceed.
- 2.2 Powerco and Council officers explored locating the new infrastructure in the road reserve to avoid further impacting the reserve, but this was found to be unfeasible due to space constraints.

- 2.3 In general, Council encourages, wherever possible, service companies to locate their services in the road corridor. This allows service companies to operate under a standard roading corridor right-of-way.
- 2.4 However, as in this case where there is no suitable location within the road reserve, it is not always possible or an appropriate outcome, hence on occasion these utility services are required to be located within private property, including land owned by the Council.
- 2.5 The easement area is 15 square metres, which will include a power pole and underground cabling.
- 2.6 The location is shown in yellow on the aerial picture below in Figure 1.
- 2.7 Council officers sought feedback from Rangitāne at the Te Whiri Koko meeting held on 12 December 2025. Rangitāne supported the proposal but asked whether there were impacts of the proposed installation on the whenua. We have sought further information from Powerco which will be provided at the next Te Whiri Koko meeting. All feedback from Rangitāne will be included in the subsequent report.



*Figure 1: Aerial location*

- 2.8 Consultation feedback and a decision to grant an easement on reserve land will be brought to the committee in a subsequent report.

**3. LAND STATUS**

3.1 The legal description of the land to be subject to the easement and historic summary comments of this land are below:

Title	Reserve Status	Comment
Lot 3 DP 29419	Recreation Reserve	Subject to the Reserves Act 1977

**4. DESCRIPTION OF OPTIONS**

**Option 1: Notify the public of Council’s intention to approve the proposal to grant an easement to Powerco at Marriner Reserve**

- 4.1 Option 1 involves Council beginning the easement process by notifying the public of the Council’s intention to grant an easement in accordance with Section 48 of the Reserves Act 1977.
- 4.2 After the public consultation has concluded, submissions will be brought back to Council for consideration.
- 4.3 A Council resolution accepting the easement proposal would be required before an easement could be registered to Powerco.

**Option 2: Decline the proposal to grant an easement to Powerco at Marriner Reserve**

- 4.4 While the area would remain unchanged, the associated risks significantly outweigh this minor benefit.
- 4.5 Declining the proposal could be seen as Council placing a barrier to Powerco’s intentions to reduce preventable power disruptions in the area.
- 4.6 Granting the easement proactively allows for planned, low-impact upgrades that mitigate risks.

**5. CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 Option 1 is considered good governance and will ensure the community views on the activity on the reserve are understood before the activity is formalised with an easement.
- 5.2 In addition, Powerco has agreed to meet all costs associated with this easement.

**6. NEXT ACTIONS**

- 6.1 Public notification of the proposal to grant the easement, seeking submissions and objections.
- 6.2 Provide the opportunity for any submitters that wish to be heard to speak to the Council.
- 6.3 Consider the objections and submissions and provide to Council on whether to accept, modify or decline the easement proposal.

**7. OUTLINE OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS**

- 7.1 Public Notice in Manawatū Standard and Palmerston North City Council website.

**8. COMPLIANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Does the Committee have delegated authority to decide?	<b>Yes</b>
Are the decisions significant?	<b>No</b>
If they are significant do they affect land or a body of water?	<b>No</b>
Can this decision only be made through a 10 Year Plan?	<b>No</b>
Does this decision require consultation through the Special Consultative procedure?	<b>No</b>
Is there funding in the current Annual Plan for these objectives?	<b>Yes</b>
Are the recommendations inconsistent with any of Council’s policies or plans?	<b>No</b>
The recommendations contribute to: Whāinga 3: He hapori tūhonohono, he hapori haumarū Goal 3: A connected and safe community	
The recommendations contribute to this plan: 6. Mahere rēhia 6. Recreation and Play Plan The objective is: Administering the Reserves Act 1977	
Contribution to strategic direction and to social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being	This action ensures Council decision making is consistent with the provisions of the Reserves Act 1977 with regards to reserves planning and legislative requirements for utilities sited in reserves.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Nil



## COMMITTEE WORK SCHEDULE

**TO:** Sport & Recreation Committee

**MEETING DATE:** 25 February 2026

**TITLE:** Committee Work Schedule - February 2026

### RECOMMENDATION TO SPORT & RECREATION COMMITTEE

1. That the Committee receive its Work Schedule dated February 2026.

### COMMITTEE WORK SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 2026

	Estimated Report Date	Subject	Officer Responsible	Current Position	Date of Instruction
1	<del>25 February 2026</del>	<del>Six Month Report: Sport Manawatū</del>	<del>GM Strategic Planning</del>		<del>Terms of Reference</del>
2	15 April 2026	Rural Games - Annual presentation			31 May 2023 Clause 88.11-23
3	15 April 2026	Te Āpiti Master plan - progress report	GM Infrastructure		26 April 2023 Clause 4- 23
4	15 April 2026	Hockey Turf – Annual Report	GM Infrastructure		
5	15 April 2026	Manawatū Athletics Track – Annual Report	GM Infrastructure		
6	15 April 2026	Draft General Policy Reserve Management Plan - Deliberations	GM Infrastructure		25 September 2024 Clause 34-24
7	12 August 2026	Play Policy Annual Implementation Monitoring Report	GM Customer & Community		Policy Action Plan
8	12 August 2026	Annual Report: Sport Manawatū 2025/2026	GM Strategic Planning		Terms of Reference

9	12 November 2026	PNCC Events - Annual Summary of Economic Impact and Benefits 2025/26	GM Customer & Community		25 October 2023 Clause 60-23
10	TBC 2026	Community Funding Allocation for sport groups - Annual Report.	GM Customer & Community		